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UP COMING EVENTS

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October 8, Saint Andrews Stated Communication. Past master's night! Meeting will start at 7:00, preceded by Dinner at 6:00.

October 11, Visitation - Star in the East #59. Dinner at 6:30pm, Open at 7:15pm

October 15, Officers Assemble! Degree Team Assemble! Rehearsal for the upcoming MM degree. Time, TBD

October 16, Visitation - Tucker #99. Dinner at 6:30pm, Open at 7:15pm

October 20, Masonic Open House

October 22, Visitation - Saint James #102. Dinner at 6:30pm, Open at 7:15pm

October 29, Master Mason Degree! Please join us in the raising of our Brother, Stephen Browne to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! Dinner at 6:00pm, Degree at 7:00pm



I would like to start off by thanking all the Officers and Brothers on a great turn out and superb job at our Visitation. It makes me very proud to be a member of Saint Andrew's Lodge!

We have an exciting month coming up in October. On our Stated, October 8th, we will be treated to an excellent night of work. It is our Past Master's night. Our secretary, Craig Brown PM, has been hard at work putting together, a full slate of PM's for the evening and we will be treated to a program by RW Rod MacDonald our Lodge Historian.

On October 29th we will have a special communication for raising our Brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I know I am looking forward to that night and I hope that we can get a great group on the sidelines as well. Rehearsals will be on the 15th and 27th or 28th depending on need. If you would like to take part in the degree, please let me know as we can always use the extra help.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, I hope that you will consider coming back. We will all be very happy to see you and catch up. If you need transportation, please reach out to me or any officer so that we can make arrangements for you.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Daniel Perry, WM

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

MORE LIGHT

An Anniversary You Should Not Forget !!

St. John's Lodge performed an E.A. Degree last Wednesday evening, September 19th. In his remarks, at the degree's end, the DDGL asked if anybody knew what rather important anniversary had been celebrated the day before. When the question was posed, the first thing that probably flashed through the minds of our members was, the date of their own wedding anniversary or family member's birthdays - then once they realized neither had been forgotten, or it did not occur on the 18th of September, or was not coming up for some time- they could focus on what else might have happened on this date. Having been a U.S. History teacher for 36 years, my mind has been conditioned to "run in reverse" when I am asked about anniversaries. When asked, the first thing that runs through my mind is "what historic event took place on that date?" Only after I've eliminated the date having any historic significance, will I start to think in terms of personal dates, like wedding anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Now you might think I get in trouble with this once-in-awhile, but it has actually worked to my advantage: I've never forgotten our wedding anniversary because it takes place on the same day the Battle Of Lexington-Concord took place in 1775.

Thus when, the DDGL asked about the anniversary that had recently passed, I was pretty sure he was making reference to the 225th Anniversary of the laying of the U.S. Capitol building's corner stone. I did not want to say anything, because I curious to see how many present might be aware of the date or the role Masons played in it. Nobody offered an answer to his inquiry, so he had to finally give the answer to those assembled - sure enough it was the anniversary of the laying of the capitol cornerstone. This led me to wonder, how many in St. John's or St. Andrew's may not aware of the date, and how many brothers may also be unaware of the level of Masonic involvement in the original event?

Well, here goes.....

In 1791 Brother George Washington, President of the newly formed United States, selected an area bordering northeastern Virginia and southern Maryland to serve as the "District" for a new Federal capital. At the same time, he established a three man commission to survey the area and layout plans for a new capital city. The commission turned to a French engineer, Pierre L'Enfant (who recently discovered evidence indicates was probably a Mason) to develop the plans for the capital city which included a U.S. "Capitol" Building. L'Enfant selected an area known as "Jenkins Hill" for the Capitol Building, but for some reason stalled on architects plans for the building itself. After repeated attempts to get "plans-on-paper" from L'Enfant failed, the commission dismissed him, and turned to a "design contest" offering \$500 for a "winning design" for a "Capitol Building". To the commissions dismay, of the seventeen plans submitted, non were deemed acceptable. Shortly after, the commission received a letter from a Dr. William Thornton asking to submit a design even though the contest deadline had already passed. With few other options available, the commission agreed to accept Thronton's "late plan" for consideration. Washington, who personally viewed the plans, encouraged the commissioners to approve Thronton's design - which they did. After some disagreements with and the "firing" of the first architects appointed to carry out Thronton's design, Irish immigrant and freemason James Hoban, the architect already commissioned to design the "President's House" (*a.k.a.* White House), was designated to see the first phases of the Capitol Building project through to completion.



At 10:00 a.m. on the morning of September 18, 1793, President George Washington, in Masonic regalia, led a procession made up of Masons from nearby Virginia and Maryland lodges, an artillery company, and the commissioners of the newly created Federal District to “Jenkin’s Hill” and there, along with the Masters of three Masonic lodges, including the Grand Master of Maryland, conducted the Masonic cornerstone ceremony for the U.S. Capitol Building.

Off course as we recognize today, no Masonic event, is a truly Masonic event without food being served in some way - and the 1793 cornerstone laying was no exception. As reported by a local newspaper - after completing the ceremony, President Washington and all other Masons and attending dignitaries, “retired to a barbecue that served a 500 pound oxen and was celebrated by every abundance of other recreation”.

Rod MacDonald, *Historian*

Note: the 225th anniversary of the Capitol cornerstone’s setting, was celebrated on September 18, 2018 with a special ceremony in the U.S. Capitol’s Statuary Hall with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia performing the cornerstone laying ritual. You can watch the 55 minute long observance by going to:

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4749982/225th-anniversary-laying-capitol-cornerstone>

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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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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