MOSES PAUL LODGE #96
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Special Issue

Dedicated to Worshipful John Taylor

Free and Accepted Masons
Dover, N. H.
April 2013

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MASTERS MESSAGE

Brothers:
March began with a presentation by Worshipful Kris Furtney on his experiences in the Coast Guard during the “Perfect Storm”. He was accompanied by Brother Dave Akridge who prepared a southern style Catfish fry, with the fish making a special trip all the way from Mississippi! During this time I was away on vacation in Utah, where I was able to attend a degree at Gateway Lodge #29. It was very interesting, and my host from Twin Peaks Lodge #32 was incredibly hospitable. I would urge anyone travelling to go through the effort of visiting a lodge; it is interesting to see the similarities and differences of how the work is done away from home.

We have a centenarian among us; Brother Willis Marshall turned 100 in March and will be presented with a special 100 year award by Past Grand Masters Jack Marden and Dave Lamprey. They are going to personally make this presentation to him in Florida. Brother Marshall was raised on June 7, 1945, and received his 60 year Veterans pin in 2005 - Congratulations Brother Marshall!!! At our Stated Meeting Brother Jim Lewis took his first step in Freemasonry, welcome to the craft Brother Lewis. During the degree we had visitors from Star in the East #59, Strafford #29 and St. Johns #1, and we were happy to have them all with us. The officers did a fine job and continue to excel in their new positions.

April is shaping up to be active. Please see the calendar, but notable events include: a visit to Evergreen Place Masonic Home in Manchester NH, our annual DARE Breakfast fundraiser, a DARE Recognition night, and a Past Masters Night with a Master Mason Degree. In addition, Brother Bob Canney is putting together a raffle for a custom made guitar; more details will be forthcoming on this endeavor.

On a more solemn note, our lodge lost its most senior Past Master, Worshipful Brother John Taylor. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the service and visit John earlier this year. He was a generous man, a community leader, and a faithful brother. Many of you knew him personally and he will be missed by all. Be sure to read his history by our Historian Dave Akridge in this Trestle Board

If you need a ride to lodge or any event, please do not hesitate to call me or any of the officers.

Fraternally and respectfully,

Attest

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Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt

By
Pat M. Armstrong

Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took an obligation
today I'm closer to my God
and I'm a Master Mason

Tho' heretofore my fellow men
seemed each one like the other
today I search each one apart
I'm looking for my brother

And as I feel his friendly grip
it fills my heart with pride
I know that while I'm on the square
that he is by my side

His footsteps on my errand go
if I should such require:
His prayers will lead in my behalf
if I should so desire

My words are safe within his breast
as though within my own
his hand forever at my back
to help me safely home

Good counsel whispers in my ear
and warns of any danger
By square and compass, Brother now!
Who once would call me stranger

I might have lived a moral life
and risen to distinction
Without my Brothers helping hand
and fellowship of Masons

But God, who knows how hard it is
to resist life's temptations
knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took that obligation.
Secretary’s Desk

This month my son John will kneel where Hiram knelt and become a Master Mason. This will be a proud day for his Grandfather and me as we become a three generation family. This poem is dedicated to him and to all new Master Masons everywhere, and is to remind us all of our obligation as we remember when we knelt where Hiram knelt.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

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April District Calendar:
Monday April 15th: Exeter Rainbow Visitation Challenge, at Star in the East Lodge #59, 7:00pm
Saturday April 20th: Masters Class 9-11 am Gideon Lodge #84 Kingston
Saturday April 20th: 39th Anniversary of Triple 8 Travelers #23, 6:00 pm.
Wednesday April 24th: 1st District MM Degree at St. Johns #1. Dinner at 6:30 pm, Degree work at 7:30 pm.

Please visit both our website www.nhfreemasons.org and the District Webpage at http://firstmasonicdistrictofnh.com for upcoming events.

Webmaster: dovermasons@nhfreemasons.org
NOT RECEIVING THE TRESTLE BOARD BY EMAIL???
If you would like to get it as soon as it comes out and save the Lodge a stamp send your email address to bears123@comcast.net
A Brother in Savannah, Georgia reported this story of Civil War soldiers from his Masonic lodge records.
It was a time not long after Fort Sumter, and the War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still want to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah folks didn’t mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they’d never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn’t have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag. It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree, and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree. One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines, and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah, where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree, and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

It clearly demonstrates that, at the darkest period in our Nation’s history, when brothers were killing brothers, Brothers could still be Brothers.

Sources: Georgia Masonic Messenger article by John Hohenstein, Zerubbabel Lodge No. 15, Savannah, Georgia; reprinted by Southern California Research Lodge in August 2008; published online by Sanford Holst on www.MasonicSourcebook.com, 5 February 2009.
Worshipful Brother John Andrew Taylor
Born August 3, 1917
Entered April 16, 1942
Passed May 21, 1942
Raised June 18, 1942
Worshipful Master Moses Paul Lodge 1958, 1959
70 Year Veterans Medal November 29, 2011
Called from Labor to Rest March 17, 2013

THE CLOCK OF LIFE.

The clock of life is wound but once,
and no man has the power,
to tell just when the hands will stop,
at late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own,
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow,
the clock may then be still.
Worshipful John Andrew Taylor
By Brother Dave Akridge Lodge Historian

As many of you know Worshipful Taylor was called from Labor to Rest on March 17, 2013. Our oldest living Past Master, Worshipful Taylor was a devoted member of Moses Paul Lodge #96 for well over 70 years. Worshipful Taylor’s petition was read in Lodge on January 15, 1942. The presiding Master was William Carswell Sr.

On April 16, 1942, at age 25, Worshipful Taylor took his Entered Apprentice Degree, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on May 21, 1942, and was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on June 18, 1942.

A review of the minutes of the Lodge indicates regular attendance and participation in the affairs of Moses Paul Lodge except for the time when his work took him to Herkimer, NY from 1944 thru 1946. His participation in the chairs began with his appointment to Senior Steward on March 16th, 1950. He served in this chair for two years. He was appointed thereafter to be Senior Deacon on March 20th, 1952, serving two years. The minutes of the Lodge show that he was actively participating in the line as he served as acting Junior Warden on more than one occasion. Thereafter he followed the progression of the line and was elected Master on March 20th, 1958 and served for two terms.

A review of the activities of the Lodge shows that the Lodge was extremely active, performing degree work and the making many new Master Masons. Worshipful Taylor was an extremely fair but exacting Master during his terms. He governed his Lodge with great leadership and exacting standards for his Officers and demanded members to follow and adhere to the tenants of Masonry.

Following his tenure as Master, Worshipful Taylor continued to be active in Lodge. He was active in Officer’s Club and according to many of the Past Masters was the Dean of Past Masters. Worshipful Taylor continued to exert his high standards on the Lodge and exert his influence and guidance to many Masters. All the while he continued to serve in leadership roles outside of the Lodge. He was named President of the Morley Company in 1962 and continued in this office until the sale of the company in 1988. True to form, he participated in professional and community organizations, usually in a leadership capacity. His service and leadership to Moses Paul was continuous for 72 years.

Worshipful Taylor’s last visit to Moses Paul Lodge was on November 29th, 2011 for Veteran’s night. On this occasion, Worshipful Taylor was presented with his 70 year pin by New Hampshire Most Worshipful Grand Master, Paul Leary. On this night Most Worshipful Leary commented on the uniqueness and rarity of being able to present 70 year pins noting that in his time as Grand Master he had only had the honor of presenting a few. Our Lodge is 123 years old and Worshipful Taylor was among us for 72 of those years.

Fosters Daily Democrat proclaimed in a front page headline on Wednesday November 30th 2011, “A Lodge Legend”. Moses Paul Lodge has known and benefited from this legend for 72 years and will forever feel the loss of this Brother. However, his memory and his contribution to our Lodge will never be lost.
Calendar of Events
April 2013 Calendar:

Event: Past Masters Rehearsal  
**Date and Time:** Tuesday April 2nd **7:00pm**  
**Dress Code:** Casual  
**Description:** Practice for April 25th degree  
**Who can attend:** Past Masters, Officers, Master Masons

Event: Square and Compass Evergreen Place Visit  
**Date and Time:** Thursday April 4th meet at Lodge at **5:00 pm** to carpool, Drivers needed.  
**Dress Code:** Casual  
**Cost:** $5-$6 for pizza  
**Description:** Pizza and tour of Evergreen Place in Manchester  
**Who can attend:** Any Mason, and spouses, RSVP Br. Phelps at 603-969-9500 for pizza count

Event: Rehearsal-EA Degree  
**Date and Time:** Thursday April 11th **7:00 pm**  
**Dress Code:** Casual.  
**Description:** Practice for May 9th EA degree  
**Who can Attend:** Officers and any Masons

Event: DARE Breakfast  
**Date and time:** Saturday April 13th, **6:30 am set-up, 7:30-10:30 Breakfast**  
**Dress Code:** Clothes for cooking  
**Description and cost:** Annual fundraiser for the Dover DARE program $6 for adults, $3 for children and seniors  
**Who can attend:** Public-invite everyone you know!

Event: DARE Recognition Night and Stated Meeting  
**Date and time:** Thursday April 18th, 6:30 pm, Officers please arrive by 6:00pm.  
**Dress Code:** Suits for officers, business casual for visitors  
**Description and cost:** The Most Worshipful Grand Master of NH will be in attendance while we recognize DARE. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Stated meeting will follow refreshments.  
**Who can attend:** Semi Public for DARE program, Masons only at Stated Meeting.

Event: Past Master Rehearsal  
**Date and time:** Tuesday April 23rd **7:00 pm**  
**Dress Code:** Casual  
**Description:** To be held only if needed  
**Who can attend:** Past Masters, Lodge officers and Master Masons

Event: Past Master Night and MM Degree  
**Date and time:** Thursday April 25th Dinner at **6:00 pm**, Rainbow Fundraiser, Degree work following dinner approx. 7:00 pm.  
**Dress Code:** Past Masters dark suits or Tux, Officers Suits, visitors business casual  
**Description:** MM Degree by Past Masters of the Lodge, Dinner and Fundraiser by Rainbow girls.  
**Who can attend:** Past Masters, Lodge officers and Master Masons.
Moses Paul Lodge #96
Living Past Masters

Gerald E. Brown..................1965
Robert D. Sylvester..............1966, 67
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Jay A. Edgerly...............1997
William C. Hill, HPM...........2003
Michael J. Mawson..............2005
George M. McGee III............2006
Christopher Piehler.............2007, 2008
Robert D. Berry................2009
Bruce G. Staples, HPM ..........2010
Kristopher G. Furtney.........2010, 2011
Vincent R. Puleo...............2012