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All Stated Meetings will be held at 7:30 and will include Business, Reception of Petitions, and Refreshments (unless otherwise noted).

All V.A. Togus Hospital Visitations are held at 9:00 A.M. on the Second Floor NHC Unit. (BLDG 207)

Kennebec Lodge No. 5, Hallowell, Wor. Mike Kimball, Master, 207-480-9561, Michael.t.kimball1973@gmail.com V.W. Richard Kimball, Secretary, 207-441-8843, noprwk@gmail.com

Apr 12 (Wed) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular Order of Business. Supper at 6:00 P.M. Discussing the upcoming Annual Communication, review the proposed changes to the Constitution, a proposed change to our own by-laws and, setting a date for a Fellow Craft degree and rehearsals.

(All Meetings will be held at Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield)

Temple Lodge No. 25, Winthrop, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Master, 207-462-1593, cgparadis@yahoo.com Wor. Michael Easterby, Secretary, 207-991-1221, temple25secretary@gmail.com

Apr 9 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Apr 17 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business.

Live as if you would die tomorrow ... Learn as if you were to live forever. Mahatma Gandhi

Hermon Lodge No. 32, Gardiner, Wor. Jake Coan, Master, 207-624-2299, <u>jcoan@grplans.com</u>
Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, hermonlodge32@gmail.com

Apr 4 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. Fellowship Degree.

Brother Skip Havey will be in the East. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Apr 16 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

(All Meetings will be held at Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield)

Bethlehem Lodge No. 35, Augusta, Wor. Lewie Manter, Master, 207-557-4114, Lewie@manterprop.com. Bro. Cal Yeaton, Secretary, 207-441-0182, calyeaton@aol.com

Apr 3 (Mon) Stated meeting, regular order of business, 7:30 pm.

Apr 10 (Mon) Fellowcraft Rehearsal at 6:30 P.M.

Apr 23 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Apr 24 (Mon) Fellowcraft Rehearsal at 6:30 P.M.

Please follow all current CDC Covid recommendations.

Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry. Mark Twain

Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield, Christopher D. Jones, Master, 207-215-4249, mrchristopherjones@me.com Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, charlesizzi@roadrunner.com

Apr 18 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Lafayette Lodge No. 48, Readfield, Wor. Brian Farrington, Master, 207-458-5608 (cell), brianfarringtonf@aol.com R.W. John E. Lord, Jr., Secretary, 207-685-4266, jlordjr48@gmail.com

Apr 6 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business.

Note: Lafayette Lodge Hall is now handicapped accessible.

Rural Lodge No. 53, Sidney, Wor. Wayne Ireland, Master, 207-215-6249, waireland53@gmail.com Wor. Mathew L'Italien, Secretary, 207-485-5469, mrlitalien@gmail.com

Apr 24 (Mon) Stated Communication. 6:30 P.M. Pot-luck and 7:30 P.M. Meeting.

Dirigo Lodge No. 104, Weeks Mills, Wor. Leonard Goodine, Master, (H) 207-445-5667 (C) 207-458-9871 RW Michael Kimball, Secretary, 207-480-9561, Michael.t.kimball1973@gmail.com

Apr 17 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular Order of Business. Entered Apprentice Degree with our new candidate. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Monmouth Lodge No. 110, Monmouth, Wor. Neal Coro, Master, 207-312-3982, Neal.coro@yahoo.com M.W. David Walker, Secretary, 933-2862, dawalkerglme@gmail.com

Apr 10 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30, Regular Order of Business, Fellowcraft Degree. Wor. Ryan Allen will be in the East for the Fellowcraft Degree. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

***** The Meetings have now returned to Monmouth Lodge *****

Asylum Lodge No. 133, Leeds, Wor. Mike Letalien, Master, 207-897-4057, smartenergy.mike@outlook.co Wor. Matthew J. Sekerak, Secretary, 524-2076, matthew.sekerak@fairpoint.net

Apr 13 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS-CAPITULAR DEGREES

(Mark Master-Past Master-Most Excellent Master-Royal Arch Mason)

Winthrop Chapter No. 37, Readfield, Ex Mike Letalien, smartenergy.mike@outlook.co, High Priest. (1st Wed)

Winthrop Chapter is now dark until September 6.

Cushnoc Chapter No. 43, Augusta, Ex. Gregory Chapman, High Priest. (592-2259) ggc8697@yahoo.com (1st Thur)

April 6 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

INFORMATION / QUESTIONS FOR THE EDITOR

We will not be using PO Box 201 in Augusta. Please forward information/questions to my email at this time until we decide the best approach for a 11th Masonic District email address. My email is E-mail: ronaldemery@gmail.com.

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The George Washington Memorial

-- Our Vision --

To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues. character, and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason, and the father of our country.

COMMANDERIES OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHIVALRIC ORDERS

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Maine Trinity Commandery No.1, Augusta, Charles Wadleigh, Recorder, 293-2308, Moosemaster1940@yahoo.com Joshua Atkinson, Eminent Commander, (737-4094.)

Apr 1 (Sat) Order of the Temple 10:30 A.M. Chamber of Reflection at 11:A.M. Apr 26 (Wed). Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Rehearsal of floor work.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE **VALLEY OF AUGUSTA**

Robert L. Smith, Secretary 207-778-3066 augustavalleysecretary@gmail.com Kennebec Valley-Lodge of Perfection - 14th degree Gerald W. Gilman 32* MSA, Thrice Potent Master Augusta Council Princes of Jerusalem - 15th degree Edward M. Brownell 32*, Sovereign Prince **Emeth Chapter of Rose Croix - 18th degree** Gary L. Gagnon 32*, Most Wise Master

April 2 Maundy Thursday Memorial Service at Waterville Lodge 3:00 P.M.

April 19 Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M. in the Prelate's Room, Augusta Masonic Temple

April 24 Rose Croix Spring Reunion, Augusta Masonic Temple: 17° (video) and 18° (live) with 4° on video if needed. Registration-5:30 P.M. Supper at 6:00 P.M. Degrees begin at 7:30 P.M.

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Apr 26 at 7:30 P.M. - Masters' and Wardens' meet at 7:30 P.M. at the Abnaki Club Room, Augusta Temple. All Masters and Wardens should make an effort to join us. Please report any illness or hardship of a brother, his wife or widow, to the Chairman of your Lodge's Care and Share Committee. Your support is greatly needed. All Masons invited.

Please remember that Masters and Wardens meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Abnaki Club located at the Augusta Masonic Center. Masters and Wardens of each lodge should be present at these meetings. Don't let two or three lodges make all the decisions on what is happening in our district.

R.W. Richard Kimball

KENNEBEC VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

No meetings until further notice.

Masters and Wardens Association Officers

President: Mike Kimball Vice President: Chris Jones michael.t.kimball1973@gmail.com chris@cdj.me
Treasurer Don Damon Secretary: Steven M. Costello stevecostello@roadrunner.com 6655.

Notes from R.W. Richard Kimball

First, I would like to thank VW Charles Izzi and his crew for the wonderful meal that they prepared for our District 11 Table Lodge which was held Saturday March 25th at Morning Star Lodge in Litchfield. Honoring RW Michael Philbrick and RW Robert Haigh A job very well done! Also, a thank you to the brothers that served the meal and all of those that were in attendance.

Second, a reminder that the mailing for the 204th Annual Communication being held at Anah Shrine, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, Maine on May 2, 2023. Instruction for signing up for hotels, Banquet, Men's and Ladies Luncheon (note this is due with payment by April 15, 2023 ans is done exclusively online at www.tinyurl/2023GLOM.

A dues card will be required to check in.

Third, As constitutionally required in section 71.1, your lodge must elect a proxy even if the Master or one of the Wardens plans on attending.

If the proxy will attend to represent your lodge, make sure they have a signed Form 11 with your lodge's seal and signature of the Master and Secretary when they arrive.

In closing, I would like to thank Morning Star, Hermon, Lafyette and Rural Lodges for all their help in facilitating the movement of tons of furniture involved in Kennebec Lodge moving to Morning Star and Hermon Lodges in Litchfield.

Thank you very much to each of you.

Fraternally, RW Bro Richard Klmball - DDGM/D11

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COUNCILS OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS CRYPTIC DEGREES

(Royal Master-Select Master-Super Excellent Master)

Alpha Council No. 3, Hallowell, Leo Bellemare, Illustrious Master (1st Wednesday) – Meeting in Lafayette Lodge, Readfield

Apr 5 (Wed) 7:30 P.M. Annual and Stated Meeting. Election and Installation of Officers. Rehearsal in the Select Degree. Refreshments.

Adoniram Council No. 12, Augusta, Joshua Atkinson, Illustrious Master. (737-4094.) (4th Wednesday)

Apr 26 (Wed) Stated Communication at 6:30 P.M. Regular order of business.

What a black Masonic ring means is largely a matter of personal interpretation. Wearing a Masonic ring generally signifies that **a person is a member of a Masonic order**. Some people believe that the black onyx used in most black rings represents discipline and strength.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR DISTRICT NO. 7

All Chapter Meetings start at 7:30 Unless noted below

Queen Esther Chapter No. 10, Hallowell

Apr 4 – Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M. (now meeting at Masonic Hall in Augusta)

Apr 29 Installation of Officers (following Blessing of Faith and Peace Grand Family at 1:00 P.M.)

Jean McKenna – 480-1751 – (1st Tues, 7:00 P.M.) Secretary, Email: r_mckenna@msn.com

Mystic Chapter No. 69, Litchfield (1st Mon)

Apr 3 at 7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting with Installation and "Something Special".

Paula Nicholas - 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

Abenaki Chapter No. 116, Winthrop (2nd Fri)

Apr 14 at 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Kelly Hooper – 377-2040

Secretary, Email: <u>kelley.hooper@gmail.com</u> Meeting in Readfield (2nd Fri)

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157, Weeks Mills

April 20 at 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Secretary Carol Thomas – 445-2633 - (3rd Thursday)

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Apr 24.** The lodge with the most members visiting Rural **Lodge No. 53 stated meeting in April** will take home the traveling gavel. This is a great opportunity to visit with fellow Masons. Just remember a minimum of **three members** from one lodge is required.

The Traveling Gavel is now at Rural Lodge No. 53
MEETING IN SIDNEY

George Washington and Freemasonry

The two Lodges most closely associated with George Washington are Fredericksburg Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia (his Mother Lodge) and Alexandria-Washington Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia, where he was elected Charter Master under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. No precise date can be found when the Lodge at Fredericksburg began. The date of its first meeting is usually found as September 1, 1752, under a dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Colony of Massachusetts. The Lodge was granted a charter on July 21, 1758, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Brother Washington received his Masonic degrees over a nine-month period. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752, passed to Fellow Craft on March 3, 1753, and raised to Master Mason on August 4, 1753.

The Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia, was first warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on February 3, 1783, as Lodge № 39. George Washington attended a St. John the Baptist Celebration of the Lodge in June 24, 1784, where he was later made an honorary member of the Lodge. On April 28, 1788, the Lodge received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia as Alexandria Lodge № 22. The Lodge asked Washington to be its Charter Master under the Virginia Charter and he agreed. Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789, while holding the office of Master of Alexandria Lodge. In 1804, the Lodge petitioned the Grand Lodge of Virginia to change its name to Alexandria-Washington Lodge № 22, in memory of Washington. That petition was granted in 1805.

Any Brother serving as an officer of his Lodge is to be addressed as "Brother (name of station)" or Brother Senior Warden or Brother Marshal. This holds true even if the Brother occupying the station is a Past Master or Grand Lodge Officer.