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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

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Dec. 07 (Wed) Rehearsal for EA degree/Inspection

Dec. 14 (Wed) Stated Meeting Supper at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Annual inspection in the Entered Apprentice Degree on one candidate by
DDGM Richard Kimball.

By vote of the Lodge at our Annual Meeting in November, Kennebec Lodge #05 will hold our meetings at Morning Star Lodge #41 located in Litchfield, Maine beginning with our March 8, 2023 Stated Meeting.

Kennebec Lodge #05 will be dark in January and February

Temple Lodge No. 25, Winthrop, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Master, 207-462-1593, cgparadis@yahoo.com

Wor. Joshua Hooper, Secretary, 215-6670, Joshhoopah@gmail.com

Dec 19 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business.

The secret of life is play, Play and humor are what refines and enhances our joy. *Susan Scott*

Hermon Lodge No. 32, Gardiner, Wor. Jake Coan, Master, 207-624-2299, jcoan@grplans.com

Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, hermonlodge32@gmail.com

Dec 6 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business.

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

Bethlehem Lodge No. 35, Augusta, RW Bob Stratton, Master, 207-462-5437, robert.d.stratton@gmail.com

Bro. Cal Yeaton, Secretary, 207-441-0182, calyeaton@aol.com

Dec 4 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Dec. 5 (Mon): Stated Meeting, Annual Inspection (EA degree) at 7:30 pm.

Dec 10 (Sat): Bethlehem Lodge family breakfast at 9:00 am; prep crew 7:00 am.

Please follow all current CDC Covid recommendations.

Without an active spirit of play your rocket never gets off the ground.

It fizzles and sputters around in the driveway. *Cy Eberhart.*

Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield, Wor. Steven Costello, Master, 207-656-7395, stevecostello@roadrunner.com

Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, charlesizzi@roadrunner.com

Dec 20 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Annual Inspection in the Entered Apprentice Degree by DDGM Richard Kimball with Worshipful Steve Costello in the East. No Refreshments.

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

Dec 5 (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. Jaison Hall, Master, 207-446-3576 (cell), jchall874@gmail.com
Wor. Mathew L'Italien, Secretary, 207-485-5469, mrlitalien@gmail.com

Dec 5 (Mon) Special. Installation of Officers, 6:00 P.M. Pot-Luck, 7:00 P.M. Installation, semi-public Meeting with M,W, Dave Walker and team installing the officers.

Dec 26 (Mon) Stated Communication. 6:30 P.M. Pot-luck and 7:30 P.M. Meeting.

We have changed our schedule for **2023 and will NOT be going dark in January and February**, but will take the summer months off.

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

Dec 19 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular Order of Business

Dirigo Lodge #104 will be dark in January and February

Monmouth Lodge No. 110, Monmouth, Wor. David Stevens, Master, 207-933-2143, dhstevens4995@gmail.com
M.W. David Walker, Secretary, 933-2862, dawalkerglme@gmail.com

Dec 12 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30, Regular Order of Business, Annual Meeting with Election of Officers.
Supper at 6:30 P.M.

***** Meetings for January, February and March will be held at Webster Lodge in Wales *****

Asylum Lodge No. 133, Leeds, Wor. Ty Barker

Wor. Matthew J. Sekerak, Secretary, 524-2076, matthew.sekerak@fairpoint.net

Dec 8 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

What is the difference between Freemason and Mason?

In the middle ages, the terms Masons and Freemasons were used to differentiate between the rank and file Masons, on the one hand, who were "rough masons," "row masons," setters and layers, and on the other hand, **Freemasons, who were more skilled and better paid.**

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)

Dec 7 Stated meeting and inspection in the MMM degree. 6:30 social hour with refreshments.

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

Dec 3 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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(Order of the Red Cross-Order of Malta-Order of the Temple)

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Charles Wadleigh, Recorder, 293-2308,
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Joshua Atkinson, Eminent Commander, (737-4094.)

Dec. 14th we will have our Christmas Observance at 7 P.M.
It is open to all Masons and their family.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF AUGUSTA

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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

Valley of Augusta is scheduled to be dark in December, but will have a make-up meeting **Dec. 1** to replace our November Stated which was cancelled due to bad travel conditions. Our next regular Stated Meeting will be our Annual Meeting **January 18** at 7:30 pm in the Prelate's Room at Augusta.

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Dec 28 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
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While Freemasonry is not itself a religion, **all its members believe in a Supreme Being, or "Grand Architect of the Universe."** Members come from many faiths, but one denomination in particular bars any crossover.

Notes from R.W. Richard Kimball, District Deputy Grand Master – District 11

See procedures for Togus visitations on last page

2022 Schools of Instruction for District 11

Dec 13. Non-Ritual School of Instruction at Monmouth Lodge. Rusty Nail Degree.

Supper 6:00 P.M. School 7:00 P.M.

The "Order of the Rusty Nail" is a **short program for use in a tiled lodge to refresh the memories of Brethren holding a valid dues card who are not regular in their Lodge attendance.** The Order of the Rusty Nail refreshes the memory regarding the passwords and signs of the three Blue Lodge degrees.

I would like to wish all the Brethren and their families of the Mighty Eleventh District a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
RW Bro Richard Kimball - DDGM/D11

"Peace and joy to you and yours this Christmas season."
"Wishing you a very merry Christmas and the chance to do lots more fishing in the new year!" "Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing your family an extra measure of comfort, joy and hope this Christmas." "Have your best Christmas ever!"
Wor. Ron Emery

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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)

Mar 1, 2023 (Wed) 7:30 P.M. Stated and discussion
for work this year. Please read the notes from Leo as
decisions are being made for Alpha Council future.

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

Nov 23 Annual Visitation at 7:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
Inspection in the Royal Degree with Illustrious Joshua
Atkinson in the East.

In the Order of the Eastern Star there are only five
degrees, known as **Adah, the daughter; Ruth, the
widow; Esther, the wife; Martha, the sister; and
Electa, the mother.**

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR DISTRICT NO. 7

All Chapter Meetings start at 7:30
Unless noted below

Queen Esther Chapter No. 10, Hallowell

Stated Dec 6 (Tues) at 7:00 P.M.

Spirit of Christmas

Jean McKenna – 480-1751 – (1st Tues)

Secretary, Email: r_mckenna@msn.com

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

Stated on Dec 5. Maine-ly Harmony Singing from
from 6:00-6:45 P.M. Stated at 7:00 P.M.

Together at 7:00 P.M.

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

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

Stated Dec 9 Christmas Night at 7:30 P.M.

Kelly Hooper – 377-2040

Secretary, Email: kelly.hooper@gmail.com

Meeting in Readfield (2nd Fri)

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157, Weeks Mills

Stated Dec 15 (Thurs) at 7:30 P.M. Merry Christmas

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

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Dec 19**. The lodge with the most
members visiting **Dirigo Lodge No. 104 stated
meeting in December** 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
Dirigo Lodge No. 104
MEETING IN WEEKS MILLS**

December 10, 22 – Symbols, Who Needs Them

Location: David A. Hooper Lodge #201 – Sullivan
Time: 9:00 A.M. Instructor: Eric Kuntz

Note: Coffee & Donuts will be provided before and
lunch will be provided after.

This course will help establish a foundation of
understanding for several Maine Masonic College
courses dealing with Masonic and other forms of
symbolism, allegory, myth and philosophical
expressions of belief. It was developed from a
psychological and practical perspective which
examines the use of dynamic roles of symbols as
instruments of understanding and vehicles of
exploration both in our personal lives and in our
mutual and significant inter-relationships with
others.

The lecture portion of this course explores the
use of certain symbols of the Masonic degree
experience. Participants will be divided into groups
and given practical; exercises in which to explore
the significance and efficacy of symbols in the
process of developing individual and group insights
in their encounter with human situations and in
their search for greater understanding. This is a
practical applications course and is critical for
mentors of any organization in which symbolism
plays and important role.

Please pre-register for this event by emailing
mainemasoniccollege@gmail.com with your name,
Lodge/Jurisdiction (if applicable) and if you plan to
attend lunch.

Togus VA would like the Masons to review our Wheel/Patient to Chapel Program on Sundays

Some of the new procedure requirements

1. We will enter building #207 at the end of the
complex as before.
2. There, we will be examined with questions
and temperature taken.
3. Patients will be brought to us at that
location.
4. We will be introduced to each of them by a
one-on-one procedure.
5. Transport of patients to the Chapel, in the
Chapel and their return to 207 will be one
with social distancing.
6. Masks must be worn at all times and are
provided by Togus.
7. It is requested that we all have had covid 19
shots.
8. Arrival time should be at 9:00 A.M.