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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 9:30 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](mailto:Michael.t.kimball1973@gmail.com)  
[www.hallowellmasons.org](http://www.hallowellmasons.org) V.W. Richard Kimball, Secretary, 207-441-8843, [noprwk@gmail.com](mailto:noprwk@gmail.com)

Mar 9 (Wed) 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting. Regular order of business.

**Dark February**

**Temple Lodge No. 25**, Winthrop, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Master, 207-462-1593, [cgparadis@yahoo.com](mailto:cgparadis@yahoo.com)  
Wor. Joshua Hooper, Secretary, 215-6670, [Joshhoopah@gmail.com](mailto:Joshhoopah@gmail.com)

Feb 21 (Mon) 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business.

**Life is a do over. Just because you screw up once  
doesn't mean you don't get a second chance. Barry Wishner**

**Hermon Lodge No. 32**, Gardiner, Wor. Jake Coan, Master, 207-624-2299, [jcoan@gosline-murchie.com](mailto:jcoan@gosline-murchie.com)  
Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, [hermonlodge32@gmail.com](mailto:hermonlodge32@gmail.com)

Feb 1 (Tues) Stated 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](mailto:robert.d.stratton@gmail.com)  
Bro. Cal Yeaton, Secretary, 207-441-0182, [calyeaton@aol.com](mailto:calyeaton@aol.com)

Feb 1 (Tues) Special Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Two Candidates for Master Mason Degree, 2021 Annual  
Inspection with Wor. Jason Carey in the East. No Dinner.

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

Please note: **face masks are required** to be worn in Bethlehem Lodge at all times.

Please do not attend if you have tested positive for Covid within the last 10 days; have been in close contact  
with someone who has Covid within the last 7 days; are experiencing Covid-like symptoms. Thank you.

**Morning Star Lodge No. 41**, Litchfield, Wor. Steven Costello, Master, 207-592-6655, [stevecostello@roadrunner.com](mailto:stevecostello@roadrunner.com)  
Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, [charlesizzi@roadrunner.com](mailto:charlesizzi@roadrunner.com)

Feb 15 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. No Refreshment.  
Masks are appreciated and recommended

**Life is like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you  
represents determinism; the way you play it is free will. Jawaharlal Nehru**

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

Feb 3 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments.

**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'Italian, Secretary, 207-485-5469, mrlitalien@gmail.com  
**Dark February**

**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  
Mar 17 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular Order of Business.  
**Dark 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  
Feb 14 (Mon) 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting with educational program and refreshments to follow.  
**\*\*\* Meeting for March will be at Webster Lodge #164 in Wales \*\*\***

**Asylum Lodge No. 133**, Leeds, Wor. Ty Barker  
Wor. Matthew J. Sekerak, Secretary, 524-2076, matthew.sekerak@fairpoint.net  
Feb 10 (Thur) Stated at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. (2nd Thursday).

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**-- STANDING REGULATIONS --**

32. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Master and Wardens of every lodge to see that a ballot box, when presented for use, shall contain as many white balls as there are members of the lodge present, and in addition at least six black cubes.

**-- COMMUNICATION --**

A communication held as a stated meeting upon a wrong day is void; and the business done thereat must come up again as if it had never been acted upon. [1875, p.528]

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**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. (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)

Feb 2 (Wed) 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. Please come and support the officers.

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**Cushnoc Chapter No. 43**, Augusta, Ex. Gregory Chapman, High Priest. (592-2259)  
[ggc8697@yahoo.com](mailto:ggc8697@yahoo.com) (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)

Feb 3 (Thur) Stated at 7:00 P.M. Regular order of business. Mark Master Degree.

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**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](mailto:ronaldemery@gmail.com).

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[Moosemaster1940@yahoo.com](mailto:Moosemaster1940@yahoo.com)

Llewelyn C. Manter, Commander, 557-4114

February 23<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in 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

**Stated** meeting will be on Wednesday, February 16 (Wed) at 7:30 P.M. in the Prelate's Room at Augusta.

**Special** Meeting on February 21 (Mon)

4<sup>th</sup> degree live and 9<sup>th</sup> presented as table degree.

Robert L. Smith, 33° MSA, Secretary

Valley of Augusta A.A.S.R.

P.O. Box 324, East Wilton ME 04234

## DISTRICT DOINGS (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

Feb 23 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.

### KENNEBEC VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

Monday February 28, 6:00 P.M. meeting at the Abnaki Club.

### STANDING REGULATIONS

71. *Resolved*, That any dual member, having been suspended, [non payment of dues], from one of his lodges in this jurisdiction, shall not be issued a dues card in any other lodge in this jurisdiction even though his dues be current in that lodge, until his dues shall be paid up in the lodge from which he has been suspended; and furthermore he shall be prohibited from attending any lodge meeting in this jurisdiction until his outstanding dues obligation has been met. [2004, pg. 880]

## NOTE FROM R.W. MICHAEL PHILBRICK, DDGM

The following is a list of the dates of the schools of Instruction and other important dates to place on your calendar:

**Note from DER VW Richard Kimball.** Please inform your lodge officers and members that the school of instructions for December and January have been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule for **April thru June** (dates to TBA).

Master Mason School of Instruction. Temple Lodge No. 25, Winthrop. Supper at 6:00 P.M. Program 7:00 P.M. – **Date TBA**

Non-Ritual School of Instruction – Kennebec Lodge No 5, Supper at 6:00 P.M. (Smothered Beef) Rusty Nail Degree at 7 P.M. – **Date TBA**

(**Date TBA**) Table Lodge – Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield - **Cancelled for this year.**

### Masters and Wardens Association Officers

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mpnic@roadrunner.com KB1PHS@gmail.com

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## MASTER

The powers of the Master of a Lodge are much different from those exercised by the head of any other society. The presiding officer of most societies is chosen by the members of the organization, and can usually be removed by that body. A Master is elected by his Lodge, but can only be removed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. The presiding officer of other organizations are usually bound by certain rules of order, and a code of By-laws. A Lodge cannot enact By-laws to alter, amend, or curtail the powers of a Master. While lodges have By-laws they cannot in any way infringe upon the ancient prerogatives and powers of the Master of a Lodge which are derived from the old charges and the ancient uses of the Order. The authority of a Master is absolute, subject only to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

## PAST MASTER

A Brother served his lodge as Junior Warden for a period of nine months in the absence of the duly elected Warden who was absent and not available to fulfill his obligations to that office. The brother who served went on to be elected and installed Worshipful Master of the lodge and served one term. Is he a Past Master and is he entitled to the title of Worshipful never being ELECTED a warden of his lodge? Answer – The Constitutions state that, “to be eligible for the office of Master, a brother must have served as a Warden.” It is not stated that he must be ELECTED and INSTALLED. Service to the lodge as a Warden, although not duly elected, is sufficient in this case and that brother is a Past Master and entitled to the title of Worshipful. [1999, pg. 611]

Under our constitution a Past Master, in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, may open the lodge and preside at the transaction of any business properly before the lodge. If all are absent and no Past Master present, members can fill the chairs according to seniority and merit.

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Help – I am trying to put together all the issues of the Trestle Board since I have retired. Any issues prior to June of 1993 would be appreciated. I will make copies and return your copies. Thank You.

Ronald Emery

## COUNCILS OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS CRYPTIC DEGREES

(Royal Master-Select Master-Super Excellent Master)

**Alpha Council No. 3**, Hallowell, Leo Bellemare,  
Illustrious Master (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

Alpha members should support Winthrop Chapter members from October to February.

Dark until March 2022

**Adoniram Council No. 12**, Augusta, Joshua Atkinson,  
Illustrious Master. (737-4094.) (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

**Feb 23** (Wed) Stated Communication at 6:00 P.M.  
at Augusta Masonic Building

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR DISTRICT NO. 7

All Chapter Meetings start at 7:30  
Unless noted below

Not all District #7 Chapters have meetings scheduled,  
please contact the Chapter Secretary for further  
information.

**Queen Esther Chapter No. 10**, Hallowell  
Recessed for February - Tues - 7:00 P.M.  
Jean McKenna – 480-1751  
Secretary, Email: r\_mckenna@msn.com

**Marion Chapter. No. 63**, Gardiner  
Merged with Mystic Chapter #69

**Mystic Chapter No. 69**, Litchfield  
Stated February 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday – 7:00 P.M.,  
Paula Nicholas – 622-0381  
Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

**Abenaki Chapter No. 116**, Winthrop  
Stated February 11<sup>th</sup> – Slipper Night – 7:30 P.M.  
Kelly Hooper – 377-2040  
Secretary, Email: [kelly.hooper@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.hooper@gmail.com)  
Meeting in Readfield (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri)

**Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157**, Weeks Mills (3<sup>rd</sup> Thur)  
Recessed for February - Thursday – 7:30 P.M.  
Carol Thomas – 445-2633 Secretary

## THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **March 17**. The lodge with the most members visiting **Dirigo Lodge No. 104 stated meeting in March** 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**