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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

Mar 8 (Wed) Stated Meeting Supper at 6:30 P.M. meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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.

V.W. Richard Kimball, Secretary, 207-441-8843, noprwk@gmail.com

Kennebec Lodge #05 will be dark in February

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

Feb 20 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business.

The great business of life is to be, to do, to do without, and to deport. John Morley

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

Jan 29 (Sun) Enter Apprentice Rehearsal at 9:00 A.M.

Feb 5 (Sun) Enter Apprentice Rehearsal at 9:00 A.M.

Feb 7 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. Enter Apprentice Degree. Supper at 6:30 P.M. Degree starts at 7:30 P.M.

(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

Feb 4 (Sat) - Family paint afternoon 12:30-4:30 pm, contact Bob Descoteaux (207) 621-3700.

Feb 6 (Mon) - Stated meeting, installation of officers, regular order of business, 7:30 pm. Please follow all current CDC Covid recommendations.

Living is an art, not a science

. You make it up as you go along. Al Hirschfeld

Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield, Christopher D. Jones, Master, 207-212-4249, chris@myjones.me Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, charlesizzi@roadrunner.com

Feb 11 (Sat) Installation of Officers. Lunch at 1:00 P.M. Installation at 2:00 P.M.

Feb 21 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Refreshments after meeting.

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

Feb 2 (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

Feb 19 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Feb 27 (Mon) Stated Communication. 6:30 P.M. Pot-luck and 7:30 P.M. Meeting.

We are **no longer going dark** in 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

Feb 26 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

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

Dirigo Lodge #104 will be dark in February

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

Feb 13 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30, Regular Order of Business, Entered Apprentice Degree, Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Mar 5 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

***** 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

Feb 9 (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)

Feb 1 Stated at 7:30 P.M. Past Master Degree will be performed. Refreshment.

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

Feb 5 (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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COMMANDERIES OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHIVALRIC ORDERS

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

Maine Trinity Commandery No.1, Augusta, Charles Wadleigh, Recorder, 293-2308, Moosemaster1940@yahoo.com Joshua Atkinson, Eminent Commander, (737-4094.) Feb 22 Annual Meeting. Election of officers

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

Feb 15 (Wed) Valley of Augusta Stated Meeting 7:30 Prelate's Room at Augusta Masonic Temple

Feb 20 (Mon) Kennebec Valley Lodge of Perfection Spring Reunion Augusta Masonic Temple 4° & 11° 5:30 pm Registration 6:30 supper 7:30 Degrees

Enjoy that white stuff. Brother Ron Emery

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Feb 22 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. **Table Lodge Discussions**

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

Table Lodge information from DDGM

District 11 will be holding their Table Lodge honoring PDDGM R.W. Michael Philbrick and PDDGM R.W. Robert Haigh on Saturday March 25, 2023 at Morning Star Lodge #41 in Litchfield, Maine at 6:00 p.m. Ticket information will be going out shortly.

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

I would like to welcome the first time Worshipful Masters in the Eleventh District;
Morning Star Lodge #41 Christopher Jones
Rural Lodge #53 Wayne Ireland
Monmouth Lodge #110 Neal Coro

Also V.W. Charles Izzi and myself presented a Fourth Night Program at Rural Lodge recently. This was very well received and resulted in some excellent questions from the Brother's. If any other Lodge's would be interested in this program, please contact Very Worshipful Charles Izzi for scheduling information.

Please remember to look out for our Brother's and Widows during these cold winter days and storms. This is especially important with the snow/wind storms we seem to be having leading to loss of electricity for extended periods of time and with the high costs for heating. There are many people in our communities who are having to make a choice between food, medicine and heat.

Remember that the Lodge can apply for a Brotherhood Relief Grant to aid our Brethren who may be in need. Be safe out there.

Fraternally,

RW Bro Richard Klmball - DDGM/D11 See Table Lodge information left column.

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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) Feb 22 Stated Communication. Regular order of business.

MASONIC COURTESY

Masonry is distinguished by a Masonic Etiquette that is all its own. A Mason is first a gentleman. The charm of good manners, the use of politeness, the expression of gracious behavior and those amenities indicated by word and by action, which characterize you as a Mason and a Gentleman, will continually serve as an inspiring example to your Brethren. This is the code by which gentlemen of the world govern their conduct, and in Masonry it directs itself to an evident respect for the craft and a courtesy to the individual Brother.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR **DISTRICT NO. 7**

All Chapter Meetings start at 7:30 Unless noted below

Queen Esther Chapter No. 10, Hallowell

Recessed February

Jean McKenna – 480-1751 – (1st Tues, 7:00 P.M.)

Secretary, Email: r_mckenna@msn.com

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

Meeting Feb 6 at 7:00 P.M. Valentine's Party.

Paula Nicholas - 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

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

Meeting Feb 10 7:30. Valentine's and Slipper Night Kelly Hooper – 377-2040

Secretary, Email: kelley.hooper@gmail.com

Meeting in Readfield (2nd Fri)

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157, Weeks Mills

Recessed February

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

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for Mar 19. 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**

REDEDICATION TO FREEMASONRY

On May 3, 1978, at the Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge, our new Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Roger P. Shelling, proclaims an Act of Rededication to Freemasonry and invited all Maine Masons to rededicate the themselves to country and to Freemasonry. (This model came from The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, August 15, 1975).

2. Rededication Ceremony, adopted for local lodge use: Procedure:

A. The Marshal will assist the Worshipful Master and the Chaplain to the altar.

B. As many brethren as possible are asked to join the Worshipful Master and the Chaplain at the altar and to kneel on the left knee with the right knee extended, as in the E. A. Degree. Brethren unable to find a place to kneel, or if kneeling presents a hardship, are asked to stand and place your right hand over your heart.

D. When everyone is in place, the Chaplain shall lead the brethren in

"The Rededication to the Tenets of Freemasonry".

3. THE PLEDGE OF REDEDICATION

I, (Give your name in full and repeat after me) I, in the presence of Almighty God! and my ..assembled brethren/conscious of the deep/and abiding heritage/ which we have each received/and grateful for the inspiration/of those who have preceded me/along this road/do hereby dedicate myself again/to the principles and purposes set forth/in our most ancient/and honorable fraternity/and I commit myself once more/to the power of/the one Supreme Being/ to the founding principles/which undergird my nation/, and to the light and knowledge/I received in the symbolic degrees/of Freemasonry/. With great sincerity of purpose/I now renew my promise/to do all within my power/to be diligent/in support of my Lodge/and of my brethren. /to be faithful to my nation/and to all my fellow men/. and to be courageous/ in my concern/for what is good and holy/, so help one God/, and keep me steadfast in this/my pledge of rededication./Amen/

4. THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER:

Almighty God, author of our lives, guardian of our hopes and witness to all our best intentions, be present with us now and in all times to come to confirm in heaven what we seek to do on earth. And go forth with us from this moment of rededication to make it live in all we think and say and do, now and evermore. Amen.