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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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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.

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

Jan 8 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Jan 18 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Annual Meeting with election of officers.

When making your choice in life, do not neglect to live. Samuel Johnson

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 3 (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

Jan 9 (Mon) Stated Meeting, Annual meeting, election of officers, 7:30 P.M.

Jan 22 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Please follow all current CDC Covid recommendations.

There are only two ways to live your life.

One is as though nothing is a miracle. The is as though everything is a miracle. Albert Einsten.

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

Jan 17 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Annual Meeting with election of officers. No Refreshments.

Jan 29 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

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

Jan 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

Jan 23 (Mon) Stated Communication. 6:30 P.M. Pot-luck and 7:30 P.M. Meeting. We are **no longer 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

Mar 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

Jan 9 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30, Regular Order of Business, Short Education Program.
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

Jan 12 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

The widows and orphans of a mason are only those who hold these relations legitimately under the laws of the state. [1879, p. 10] When a Masonic widow remarries and the man she marries is not a Mason, she is no longer entitled to any Masonic benefits. However, when her husband that was a Mason died, she was entitled to receive a Widow's Pin. Even though one was not presented at that time, she is still entitled to receive one in memory of her then Masonic husband.

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)

Jan 4 Stated meeting with regular order of business. 6:30 social hour with refreshments.

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

Jan 5 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Llewellyn Manter will set as High Priest in place of Greg Chapman for this meeting

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.)

Jan 25 Stated communication. Regular order of business.

Feb 22 Annual Meeting. Election of officers

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF AUGUSTA

Robert L. Smith, Secretary 207-778-3066

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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 Scottish Rite Bodies will meet January 18 in the Prelates Room at Augusta for their Annual Meeting. Meeting time will be 7:30 pm as usual.

Have a great year in 2023. Brother Ron Emery

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Jan 25 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
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Brotherly Love

When a known brother or "stranger" enters the lodge building, especially a first-time visitor – each visitor is greeted at the door by several of the officers and members – absolutely no one enters without a proper greeting and introduction to the brethren of the lodge.

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

First, I want to wish the brethren and their families a Very Happy and Prosperous 2023.

As we start a new year in our Lodges, I would like to suggest that each lodge consider enrolling in the "Masonic Excellence Award" program. The Award is designed to encourage and recognize Lodges, their Officers and members for efforts to define and pursue their vision for their Lodge, a shared vision that leads to excellence in Masonry. I will be talking to each Lodge about this as I visit your Lodge in the next couple of months.

See procedures for Togus visitations on last page

Fraternally,
RW Bro Richard Kimball - DDGM/D11

WHO IS A FREEMASON?

A Freemason is one who owes obedience to the Masonic Order and to the laws of his or her country. He must live honorably, practice justice, love his neighbor, work unceasingly for the true happiness of Humanity, and help human beings to emancipate themselves from the thralldom of passion and ignorance.

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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)

Jan 25 Stated Communication. Regular order of
business.

The 33rd Degree

The 33rd degree is a supreme honor
bestowed only on those who have
demonstrated outstanding service to the
Brotherhood, as well as professional and
personal accomplishments.

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 January/February
Jean McKenna – 480-1751 – (1st Tues)
Secretary, Email: r_mckenna@msn.com

Mystic Chapter No. 69, Litchfield (1st Mon)
Recessed for January
Paula Nicholas – 622-0381
Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

Abenaki Chapter No. 116, Winthrop (2nd Fri)
Recessed for January
Kelly Hooper – 377-2040
Secretary, Email: kelly.hooper@gmail.com
Meeting in Readfield (2nd Fri)

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157, Weeks Mills
Recessed January/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**

Masonic Relief

Masonry is a community of like-minded men who want
to improve themselves in any number of ways. As a
fraternity, we do our best to improve ourselves and see
that we are better individuals, partners, husbands,
fathers, leaders, and friends through what Masonry
teaches us. But as we all know; life can often not go as
we have planned. Through job loss, a health issue, or
other unforeseen factors, we may from time to time
need the assistance of those with whom we share a
fraternal bond.

When a Brother comes upon hard times, he may often
look to his lodge for assistance and guidance. His Blue
Lodge will undoubtedly do the best it can to assist
within its means, and with discretion. For the times
when a lodge feels that more needs to be done than it
has the means to do, the Masonic Charitable
Foundation has a **MASONIC RELIEF
GRANTS** program that has helped a great number of
men and their families over the years. This program is a
direct extension of the lessons in the Masonic degrees
that urges us to do what we can to help those in need.

We encourage all Lodges in Maine to reach out to the
Foundation for assistance to ensure any Maine Mason
(including his family, widow and/or children) receive the
assistance they need if they have fallen on hard times.
There is an application that needs to be completed,
which is available for [download here](#). All information is
kept confidential. The completed application should be
emailed to the Grand Secretary
at grandsecretary@mainemason.org and/or to the
Executive Director at director@MaineMCF.org.

The application can be completed by anyone but it
must be submitted by the Master or Secretary of a
Lodge.

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.