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

Temple Lodge No. 25, Winthrop, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Master, 207-462-1593, cgparadis@yahoo.com
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Mar 21 (Mon) 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business.

**Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is
By spending oneself that one becomes rich.** Sarah Bernhardt

Hermon Lodge No. 32, Gardiner, Wor. Jake Coan, Master, 207-624-2299, jcoan@gosline-murchie.com
Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, hermonlodge32@gmail.com

Mar 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
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Mar 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.

**There was never yet an uninteresting life.
Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dullest
Exterior there is a drama, a comedy and a tragedy.** Mark Twain

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

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

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

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

Note: Lafayette Lodge Hall is now handicapped accessible.

Patrick's Day **observes of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.** The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green.

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

Mar 26 (Sat) Special at 9 A.M. Master Mason Degree. Breakfast at 8 A.M.

Mar 28 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular Order of Business. Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Mar 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

Mar 10 (Thur) Stated at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. (2nd Thursday).

QUORUM

We have reference in our ritualistic work that "three made a Master Mason's Lodge." However, Secs. 94 and 132 of the Constitution provide that no ballot shall be taken for initiation or membership, unless there are at least seven members of the lodge present. The Constitution provides that all general business should be done in a Master's lodge and at least seven members must be present A decision passed in 1868, page 200, states that a quorum for a lodge to do business is seven. [1955, p. 519]

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)

Chapter in Recess – Officers holding positions
in Alpha Council No 3 - Hallowell. Next Chapter
Meeting in September.

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

Mar 3 (Thur) Supper at 6 P.M. Past Master
Degree at 7 P.M. Most Excellent Master Degree
at 7:30 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
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(Order of the Red Cross-Order of Malta-Order of the Temple)

Maine Trinity Commandery No.1, Augusta,

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Moosemaster1940@yahoo.com

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March 23th Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in Augusta.

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

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

Special Meeting on March 21 (Mon)
15th degree live with supper at 6:30 P.M.

Robert L. Smith, 33° MSA, Secretary

Valley of Augusta A.A.S.R.

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DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Mar 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 March 28, 6:00 P.M. meeting at the Abnaki Club.

REINSTATEMENT

A petition for reinstatement requires no special form but takes the same procedure. [1922, p. 207]

If the applicant for reinstatement is rejected, he cannot apply again for reinstatement [1931, p. 461]

The St. Patrick's Day tradition was popularized by Irish immigrants in the United States, who believed that wearing green made them invisible to leprechauns—the classic fairy creatures who pinch anyone they can see.

Remarks from V.W. Richard Kimball DER:

March 8 (Tues) - Master Mason School of Instruction, 7:00 P.M., to be held at Dirigo Lodge No. 104, Weeks Mills. No meal, light refreshments.

April 12 (Tues) - Non-Ritual School of Instruction, 7:00 P.M., to be held at Kennebec Lodge No 5, Hallowell. No meal, light refreshments.

Past Master's Degree
Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 P.M. Temple Lodge in Readfield. Any Past or Present Master is invited to attend. If you have not received the Past Master Degree, please plan to join us. This is a very important event. Also, if you have never received your Past Masters Certificate and have completed at least one term as master of your lodge. Please contact me at 207-441-8843 so that we can get it for you.

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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 2 (Wed) 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting. Nomination of Officers for April's Election. Discuss rehearsal dates for Inspection in the Royal Degree. Officers parts in Royal Degree. Please bring your books. Meeting in Kennebec Lodge Hallowell.

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

Mar 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

Stated Mar 3rd - Annual Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

Jean McKenna – 480-1751 – (1st Thur)

Secretary, Email: r_mckenna@msn.com

Marion Chapter. No. 63, Gardiner

Merged with Mystic Chapter #69

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

Stated Mar 7th – Annual Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: mprnic@roadrunner.com

Abenaki Chapter No. 116, Winthrop

Stated Mar 11th Annual Meeting – 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 Mar 17th Annual Meeting – 7:30 P.M.

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

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **March 21**. 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**

PROXY

When a Master or either of the Wardens registers, he is considered present for the whole session, unless excused.

If a proxy has been duly appointed and the Master and Wardens are excused, the proxy has the right and duty to act on their behalf.

The proxy does not have the power to act if the W. M. and Wardens leave the Grand Lodge, but are still in the building, in the corridor, or the men's room.

There is absolutely no reason for all three to be absent at one time. Furthermore, if only one is present it is his duty to represent his lodge. The area extends to the city in which Grand Lodge is held. The W. M. and Wardens know the time and place of the Grand Lodge sessions and should be there during the meeting. If this were not the case it could be that weak-minded officers might always leave controversial issues to a proxy and not accept their rightful duty for which they have been appointed.

If the W. M. and Wardens must leave in case of an emergency, the proxy has the duty to act.

An "emergency" is an illness under a doctor's care or a death. To return to one's occupation cannot be considered an emergency. Grand Lodge session is only one and one-half days and when a W. M. or Warden goes to that session he should have made preparation well in advance. To go one-half day and collect travel mileage is a disgrace to himself as well as his lodge and to go to Grand Lodge only for a "trip" or "excursion" is even worse.

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.