

# TRESTLE BOARD

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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](mailto:Michael.t.kimball1973@gmail.com)

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Mar 20 (Mon) - Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular Order of Business.

1st Stated Communication at Morning Star Lodge, located at 2422 Hallowell Road, Litchfield  
Discussion of impending furniture move.

**Temple Lodge No. 25**, Winthrop, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Master, 207-462-1593, [cgparadis@yahoo.com](mailto:cgparadis@yahoo.com)

Wor. Michael Easterby, Secretary, 207-991-1221, [temple25secretary@gmail.com](mailto:temple25secretary@gmail.com)

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

**You nourish your soul by fulfilling your destiny.** *Harold S. Kushner*

**Hermon Lodge No. 32**, Gardiner, Wor. Jake Coan, Master, 207-624-2299, [jcoan@grplans.com](mailto:jcoan@grplans.com)

Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, [hermonlodge32@gmail.com](mailto:hermonlodge32@gmail.com)

Mar 7 (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, Wor. Lewie Manter, Master, 207-557-4114, [Lewie@manterprop.com](mailto:Lewie@manterprop.com).

Bro. Cal Yeaton, Secretary, 207-441-0182, [calyeaton@aol.com](mailto:calyeaton@aol.com)

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

Mar 6 (Mon) Stated meeting, regular order of business, 7:30 pm.

Mar 13 (Mon) Special at 7:30 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree. Wor. Jason Carey will be in the East.  
Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Mar 27 (Mon) Fellowcraft Rehearsal at 6:30 P.M.

Please follow all current CDC Covid recommendations.

**Lives, like money, are spent. What are you buying with yours?** *Roy H. Williams*

**Morning Star Lodge No. 41**, Litchfield, Christopher D. Jones, Master, 207-215-4249, [mrchristopherjones@me.com](mailto:mrchristopherjones@me.com)

Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, [charlesizzi@roadrunner.com](mailto:charlesizzi@roadrunner.com)

Mar 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](mailto:brianfarringtonf@aol.com)

R.W. John E. Lord, Jr., Secretary, 207-685-4266, [jlordjr48@gmail.com](mailto:jlordjr48@gmail.com)

Mar 2 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business.

**Note: Lafayette Lodge Hall is now handicapped accessible.**

**Life will have just as much meaning for you as you put into it.** *Will Durant*

**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

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

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

**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

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

Mar 13 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30, Regular Order of Business, Refreshments

\*\*\*\*\* Meeting for 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

Mar 9 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Mar 19 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dining Hall.

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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)

Winthrop Chapter is now dark until September 6.

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

Mar 2 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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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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The **Masonic gavel** is used by the Master of the Lodge. It is a sign of authority, and it is used to show the executive power of the Lodge Master over the general assembly. The Masonic gavel helps to maintain order during meetings.

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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](mailto:Moosemaster1940@yahoo.com)  
Joshua Atkinson, Eminent Commander, (737-4094.)  
Mar 22 (Wed) Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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### ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF AUGUSTA

Robert L. Smith, Secretary 207-778-3066  
[augustavalleysecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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  
Mar 15 (Wed) Valley of Augusta Stated Meeting  
7:30 Prelate's Room at Augusta Masonic Temple  
Mar 20 (Mon) Spring Reunion for Augusta Council  
Princes of Jerusalem. Augusta Masonic Temple 15°  
& 4° 5:00 pm Registration, 6:00 supper, 7:30 15°  
Degree followed by the 4° Degree on video if needed.  
It's not too late to sign up new candidates, so let's get  
the word out!

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**To enjoy life more fully you must keep reminding  
yourself that life is too short to waste on  
unhappiness.**

*Sol Gordon and Harold Brecher – Eat desert first.*

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

**Mar 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  
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### Table Lodge information from DDGM

March 25, District 11 Table Lodge being held at Morning Star Lodge, Litchfield, Me 04350 at 6:00 P.M. Honoring RW Michael Philbrick and RW Robert Haigh. For tickets contact Wor. Steven Costello at (207) 592-6655.

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

Don't forget the 2023 New England Brotherhood Gathering. Sat. March 18, 2023, 7:30 A.M. thru Sun, March 19, 2023, 9:00 A.M. Being held at 250 Haskell Rd, Bangor, Me 04401  
Room reservations call (207) 262-0099.

### "Masonic Excellence Award"

"What came we here to do?" Now is an excellent time to undertake the Masonic Excellence Award program. In these times of decreasing membership and financial problems within our lodges, we all need to step back and take a look at what we are doing in our lodges. So many of us seem to be stuck in the same old rut. Our stated meetings are to read the minutes, pay the bills and wonder if we have enough money to keep going. We never stop and think about what we should be doing. We overlook asking several questions, such as:

**See Table Lodge information left column.**

**DDGM notes will continue on last page**

Fraternally,  
RW Bro Richard Kimball - DDGM/D11

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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 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

**Mar 1, 2023** (Wed) 7:30 P.M. Stated and we will meet  
at Lafayette lodge in Readfield. All officers to bring their  
books. Discussing officer parts and dates for  
rehearsals for Select Degree.

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

**Mar 22 (Wed) Stated Communication at 6:30 P.M.**  
Regular order of business.

Beauty, left alone and unprotected by  
Wisdom and Strength, gets assaulted,  
destroyed and buried in Rubbish by those  
who seek but are unworthy to possess it.

- author unknown

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR DISTRICT NO. 7

All Chapter Meetings start at 7:30  
Unless noted below

**Queen Esther Chapter No. 10**, Hallowell

Mar 7 - Annual Meeting (now meeting at Masonic  
Hall in Augusta)

Jean McKenna – 480-1751 – (1<sup>st</sup> Tues, 7:00 P.M.)  
Secretary, Email: r\_mckenna@msn.com

**Mystic Chapter No. 69**, Litchfield (1<sup>st</sup> Mon)

Mar 6 at 7:00 P.M. Annual Meeting.

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

**Abenaki Chapter No. 116**, Winthrop (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri)

Mar 10 at 7:30 P.M. Annual Meeting

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

March 21 at 7:30 P.M. Annual Meeting

Secretary Carol Thomas – 445-2633 - (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

## THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Mar 20**. 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**

## Continue - Note from RW Bro Richard Kimball - DDGM/D11

What value does the Lodge provide to  
Brethren, their families and the community?

How does being a Lodge member afford  
opportunities for Brethren to improve themselves?

Is the Lodge attractive, warm, engaging ... THE  
place where people WANT to be?

What is the public awareness and perception  
of the Lodge, if they even know it exists?

What will the Lodge look like and be doing just  
ten years from now?

Addressing these questions and many others is  
essential gauging and enhancing the vitality of a  
Lodge and Maine Freemasonry overall. By  
addressing these questions and many more, our  
Lodges may discover the things we need to be  
doing to bring in new members, retain the present  
membership and keep everyone active.

As DDGM I would like to see each Lodge in the  
"Mighty Eleventh " undertake this program this  
year. I will be bringing more information to our  
Lodge meetings in the next couple of months.

## An email From Away

I have been meaning to tell you how much I still  
enjoy getting my Trestle Board via on-line with the  
ability to scroll back through the archived issues.  
In 2019 I moved to Florida and do miss my friends  
and Brethren of Bethlehem Lodge and the district.  
The archive function is most useful when I view a  
current copy of the Trestle Board and realize that I  
had forgotten to read the previous months.

For some folks the Trestle Board is the "same old-  
same old" but as someone who is now From-  
Away, it's good to be able to keep up with who is in  
the East of the 10 Lodges and what district wide  
programs are coming up. I hope all our Brethren  
who are also From Away appreciate the online and  
archive feature of the Trestle Board.

That's it in a nutshell.

Take care, Ron.

Fraternally

Steven Mairs, Bethlehem Lodge No. 35

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A skirret is **an archaic form of chalk line**. It is a  
wooden tool shaped like the letter "T", historically  
used to ensure the foundation of a building was  
straight by laying down string as a marker. Today it  
is obsolete and little known, save for its use in  
some Freemasonry ceremonies.