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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. Donald Damon, Master, 207-557-9840, donunpc@aim.com

Dark for July and August. R.W. Richard Kimball, Secretary, 207-441-8843, noprwk@gmail.com

Dec 13 (Wed) Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Meatloaf Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Note: Stated Meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. starting in January.

(All Meetings will be held at Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield)

Temple Lodge No. 25, Winthrop, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Master, 207-462-1593, cgparadis@yahoo.com

Dark for July and August. Wor. Michael Easterby, Secretary, 207-991-1221, temple25secretary@gmail.com

Dec 18 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business.

(All Meetings will be held at Lafayette Lodge No. 48, Readfield)

Hermon Lodge No. 32, Gardiner, Wor. Jake Coan, Master, 207-624-2299, jcoan@grplans.com

Dark for July and August. Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, hermonlodge32@gmail.com

Dec 5 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business and Master Mason Degree.

Wor. Jake Coan will be in the East. Supper at 6:30 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.

Dark for July and August. Bro. Cal Yeaton, Secretary, 207-441-0182, calyeaton@aol.com

Dec 3 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Dec 4 (Mon) Stated meeting, regular order of business, 7:30 P.M.

Please follow all current CDC Covid recommendations.

Morning Star Lodge No. 41, Litchfield, Christopher D. Jones, Master, 207-215-4249, mrchristopherjones@me.com

Dark for July and August. Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, charlesizzi@roadrunner.com

Dec 19 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. No Supper.

Dec 31 (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

Dark for July and August. R.W. John E. Lord, Jr., Secretary, 207-685-4266, jlordjr48@gmail.com

Dec 14 (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, wairland53@gmail.com

Dark for July and August. Wor. Mathew L'Italien, Secretary, 207-485-5469, mrlitalien@gmail.com

Dec 18 (Mon) Stated Communication at 7:30 P.M. Installation of Officers (a week earlier than usual due to Christmas). RW Richard Kimball will be installing the officers. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Dirigo Lodge No. 104, Weeks Mills, Wor. Jason DeMerchant, Master, 207-680-0541(H), steelsamara@yahoo.com

Wor Michael Falla, Secretary, 207-692-7418(H), 207-692-7419(C), falla@gwi.net

Dec 18 (Mon) Stated Meeting with Regular order of business.

Monmouth Lodge No. 110, Monmouth, Wor. Neal Coro, Master, 207-312-3982, Neal.coro@yahoo.com
Dark for July and August. M.W. David Walker, Secretary, 933-2862, dawalkerglme@gmail.com

Dec11 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Annual Reports and Election of Officers. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner for the lodge members at Monmouth Memorial School from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. The meal will be put on by the Monmouth VEX Robotics Team in recognition of Monmouth Lodge's ongoing support of their program. Members will then retire to the lodge for the stated Meeting.

*** The Meetings have now returned to Monmouth Lodge ***

Asylum Lodge No. 133, Leeds, Wor. Mike Letalien, Master, 207-713-5733, smartenergy.mike@outlook.co
Dark for July and August. Wor. Matthew J. Sekerak, Secretary, 524-2076, matthew.sekerak@fairpoint.net

Dec 14 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Moose Stew meal to be served.
Dec 31 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

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)

Stated Meeting on Dec 6 (Wed) at 7:00 P.M.
Rehearsal in the MEM Degree for inspection in January, and RAC opening and closing.. all officers bring your books. Refreshments

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

Stated Meeting on Dec 7 (Thur) at 7:00 P.M.
Dark for June, July and August

INFORMATION / QUESTIONS FOR THE EDITOR

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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Interesting Things

SEC. 130. No candidate shall receive the Entered Apprentice degree unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since he was accepted. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this State unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefore, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time.

**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.)
Dec 16, Christmas Observance at 4:30 P.M.

and is a semi public event. I look forward to seeing everyone in attendance at our Christmas Observance. If you would like to bring a small dish of snacks or appetizers, please do and let me know what you would bring.

Dark for June, July and August

**ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
VALLEY OF AUGUSTA**

Bruce F. Rueger, Secretary 207-314-1617
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

Valley of Augusta – Dark in December.

Dark for June, July and August

What are the beliefs of the Scottish Rite?

A member of the Scottish Rite seeks to: Aid mankind's search for identity and destiny in God's universe. Produce wiser men in a wiser world, happier men in a happier world, and therefore better men in a better world. Promote the dignity of every person and the humanity in all activities.

Why become a Scottish Rite Mason?

So what makes the Scottish Rite so special? In a word: more. More light in Masonry, more educational opportunities, more opportunities for fellowship, more opportunities for service, more opportunities to practice charity, and more role models and mentors from whom to learn.

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Dec 27 at 7:30 P.M. - (Canceled) 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
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Notes from R.W. Richard Kimball

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of District 11 for the support that you have all shown to me during the past year.

Also a thank you to Brother's and their Ladies that made the Annual District meeting such a success this year.

Remember that the **Non-Ritual School** of Instruction is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Being held at Litchfield Masonic Center, hosted by Morning Star Lodge. Supper at 6:00 p.m.. SOI at 7:00 p.m. presented by VW Charles Izzi.

In closing, I wish you and your family's a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

R.W. 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 (1st Wednesday) – Meeting in
Lafayette Lodge, Readfield

Stated Meeting in March 2024

Alpha Council will be Dark until March

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

No Meeting in December

Dark for June, July and August.

Thanks to all for your well wishes and prayers. Ron

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

**All Chapter Meetings start at 7:30
Unless noted below**

Queen Esther Chapter No. 10, Hallowell

Dec 4 – Stated. “Honoring Protem Officers & Merry
Christmas” Recessed in January and February.
(meeting at Masonic Hall in Augusta)

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

Secretary, Email: rmckenna442@gmail.com

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

Dec 4 at 7:00 P.M. “Holiday Treats”

Recessed for January and February

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

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

Dec 8 at 7:30 P.M. Meeting – “Bring Gifts for Kids”

Kelly Hooper – 377-2040

Secretary, Email: kelley.hooper@gmail.com

Meeting in Readfield (2nd Fri)

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157, Weeks Mills

Dec 21 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting.

“Music Night/Merry Christmas”.

Recessed for January and February

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

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Dec 4**. The Lodge with the most members visiting **Bethlehem Star Lodge No. 35** **stated meeting in December** 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
Bethlehem Star Lodge No. 35
MEETING IN AUGUSTA**

**The secret of man’s being is not only to live
but to have something to live for.**

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Apprentice Degree Toolbox Item (Part 2)

Mentor:

Sure you are, especially if you remember and try to practice the lessons that we teach during the three degrees. As far as I know, there are no Masonic Saints but we are expected to believe in a Supreme Being, Treat others as we would like them to treat us, Obey the laws of the Land and continually strive to be a better man in all respects.

New Brother:

One of the lectures defined the meaning of a lodge and that really confused me. Isn’t the lodge building considered to be the lodge?

Mentor:

I can see why that would be confusing to you. Although Masonic lodges as we know them, usually meet on a regular basis in a building that they refer to as their lodge. Masons have been known meet in places other than traditional lodge buildings due to the circumstances that they are in. For example, it is very common to learn that military personnel who are Masons, have held Masonic meetings aboard ship or in a tent or even in trenches during wartime.

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How can Masonic meetings be held in trenches etc. when there are non-Masons present? Mentor: Good question. They can’t. A Masonic lodge shall never be opened and business/degrees conducted in the presence of non-Masons no matter what the situation is. It is the responsibility of every Mason to ensure that the mysteries of Masonry are preserved and that cowens and eves droppers are not permitted to observe a lodge meeting.

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Have a great year in 2024 – Hope for more members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – Ron Emery