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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

Jan 10 (Wed) Stated Meeting **7:00 P.M.** with Regular order of business. Supper at 6:00 P.M.

(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

Jan 7 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Jan 15 (Mon) Stated/Annual 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

Jan 2 (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.

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

Jan 8 (Mon) Stated meeting, regular order of business, 7:30 P.M.

Jan 21 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Jan 30 (Tues) Special at 7:30 P.M. Fellowcraft Degree. Supper at 6:30 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

Jan 16 (Tues) Stated/Annual Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. No Supper.

Jan 28 (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

Jan 4 (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, mritalien@gmail.com

Jan 22 (Mon) Stated Meeting with Regular order of business at 7:30 P.M. Fellowcraft Degree to follow. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

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

Dark for Jan and Feb Wor Michael Falla, Secretary, 207-692-7418(H), 207-692-7419(C), falla@gwi.net

Mar 18 (Mon) **Recessed for January** Stated Meeting with Regular order of business.

**I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget
what you did, but people will never forget how you made feel. Maya Angelou**

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

Jan 8 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business, 4th Night Program. Supper at 6:30 P.M. All new Master Masons are especially welcome.

***** Our Meetings for January, February and March will be at Webster Lodge in Wales *****

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

Jan 11 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business..

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 3 (Wed) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Annual Visitation, Inspection in the MEM Degree.
Social Hour with Refreshments at 6:30 P.M. followed by M.E.M Degree.

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

Stated Meeting on Jan 4 (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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A note from David Fairbairn

"Hiram, what is a 'COWAN'?" Old Scotch for mason without the word; unskilled laborer in wall building and stone work; one who builds walls without mortar. In Freemasonry an uninstructed Mason; an initiate who has not yet learned his work. No longer a term of reproach, while *eavesdropper*, meaning one who tries to hear Masonic work or unlawfully gain entrance to a lodge at work is such a term. *Cowan* appears in print and writing as early as 1598. It appears in organized Grand Lodge Masonry in print in the 1730's. Universally used in English-speaking Grand Lodges as the name of one who cannot be admitted to a lodge.

**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 24, Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Dark for June, July and August

**ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
VALLEY OF AUGUSTA**

Bruce F. Rueger, Secretary 207-314-1617
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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

Jan 17 - Valley of Augusta – (Annual Meeting).
Dark for June, July and August

A note given me by David Fairbairn (one of the three who started the Trestleboard, with Charles Barker, and Ronald Emery)

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in 'good faith' becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed or birthplace of origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American ... there can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag – the American Flag. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English Language. And we have room for but one sole loyalty, and that is a loyalty to the American people." **Theodore Roosevelt – 1907**

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Jan 24 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.

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.

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A 33° Mason is a Master Mason who has exhibited knowledge, passion and sacrifice to his craft. The Supreme Council awards the 33° as a way of honoring outstanding and selfless work performed in the Rite or in public life. At its annual session the Supreme Council elects members of the Rite to receive the degree.

Notes from R.W. Richard Kimball

DDGM Notes

Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and wishing you and your family a Happy New Year.

We still have two annual inspections to do in our district and I would like to get those scheduled as soon as possible.

Don't forget that the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be upon us very soon. Please start planning who will be representing your Lodge. Each lodge is required to be represented.

Let us all be careful in our travels, as snow is going to surprise us most any day now.

And remember "Deer hurt and Moose kill!"
Fraternally.

R.W. Richard Kimball DDGM/D11

I decided long ago never to look at the right hand of the menu or the price tag of clothes – otherwise I would starve, naked. Helen Hayes

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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)

Jan 24 (Wed) 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

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

Feb 6 – Stated. Happy New Year

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)

Mar 4 at 7:00 P.M. Happy New Year.

Recessed for **January** and February

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

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

Jan 12 at 7:30 P.M. Meeting – “Surprise Night”

Kelly Hooper – 377-2040

Secretary, Email: kelly.hooper@gmail.com

Meeting in Readfield (2nd Fri)

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157, Weeks Mills

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

Happy New Year.

Recessed for **January** and February

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

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Jan 8**. The Lodge with the most members visiting **Bethlehem Star Lodge No. 35** **stated meeting in January** 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**

To enjoy life more fully you must keep reminding yourself that life is too short to waste on unhappiness. Sol Gordon and Harold Brecher

“The Fourth Night Program” is intended to provide a most friendly and unthreatening means of learning and practicing essentials in the new master mason’s continued Masonic experience and service to his lodge and the brethren. As it takes place in open lodge, the program represents the opportunity for the new mason to feel a growing familiarity with his own immediate body of the Craft while emphasizing the lodge’s interest in its new brother as a person. The program can accommodate a number of new master masons at one time. Such a “class” will greatly enhance the feeling of the individual brother that he is a part of a band united in purpose and in brotherly love.

While any such program remains in the hands of the lodge’s educational coordinator under the direction of the worshipful master, there is a possibility that lodges within a Masonic district may join resources to present the “Fourth Night Program”. There are many advantages in such a united effort. One of these is the opportunity for the new master mason to meet other new masons from neighboring lodges while gaining a better conception of the work of the Craft at large. In districts where such a joint enterprise is organized, the participation and coordination activities of the District Representative will be essential.

Do I need to apply to take part in Maine Masonic College programs?

Absolutely NOT! While we use the name ‘College’ and operate with many of the conceptual ideas of a higher learning program, all of our programs (except those specifically noted) require nothing more than an inquisitive mind and a willingness to learn. Whether you’ve got three or four advanced degrees or never made it through high school, you’ll benefit from our programs. What’s more, you’ll find other attendees just like yourself so you won’t ever be embarrassed.