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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

Feb 14 (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. Joshua Hooper, Master, 207-215-6670, joshhoopah@gmail.com

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

Feb 19 (Mon) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Regular order of business. Refreshments after.

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

Hermon Lodge No. 32, Gardiner, Wor. Carlton Harvey, Master, 207-620-6279, carltonharvey26@gmail.com

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

Feb 6 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. No refreshments.

(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

Feb 5 (Mon) Stated meeting, regular order of business, 7:30 P.M.

Feb x (-----) Special at 7:30 P.M. Master Mason Degree. The date has not been set for the degree.

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

Feb 4 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Feb 20 (Tues) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Regular order of business. No Supper.

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

Feb 1 (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, mrilitalien@gmail.com

Feb 25 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

Feb 26 (Mon) Stated Meeting with Regular order of business at 7:30 P.M. Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Mar 4 (Mon) Special at 7:00 P.M. Master Mason Degree. Supper at 6:00 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 3 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2nd Floor Dining Hall.

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

I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, and racked with sorrow, but through it all, I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing. Agatha Christie

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

Feb 12 (Mon), Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM, Regular Stated, Inspection in the FC Degree, 6:30 Supper
***** 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

Feb 8 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. w/ Regular order of business. Baked ziti Supper at 6:30 P.M.

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)

Feb 7 (Wed) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Closed until September.

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

Stated Meeting on Feb 1 (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 an 11th Masonic District email address. My email is **E-mail:** ronaldemery@gmail.com.

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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 who 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.

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 greatest pleasure in life
Is to do what people say you cannot do.**

Walter Bagehot

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.)

Feb 28 Stated and Annual Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Reading of all reports, Election of Officers, and Closed Installation of Officers.

(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

Feb 21 (Wed) Stated Meeting. Prelates Room

Feb 26 (Mon) 4 and 12 Degrees).

Registration at 5:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Dark for June, July, and August

VISITATION

The right is not absolute or inalienable.

No visitor should be admitted against the objection of a member, although no reasons therefore are given

It is a sufficient reason for refusing to admit a visitor that he had been rejected by the lodge and had never received its consent to be made in another lodge. [1866, p. 156]

A Master may call off his lodge and examine a visitor in the presence of the members, for instruction, using due care. [1871, p. 224]

The right of objection to a visitor is personal, and can be exercised only by one present at the lodge, and before the lodge is opened or before the introduction of the visitor. [1882, p. 16]

A member coming into the lodge after it is opened cannot exclude a visitor who has been already admitted. 1882, p. 16]

Objection to a visitor must be made before the meeting opens or the visitor is introduced. Visitation is a right, subordinate to the right of the member in his lodge. Objection must be made at each

DISTRICT DOINGS (4th Wednesday)

Feb 28 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 are 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.

Masters and Wardens Association Officers

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WARDEN

Can a Warden preside and open a lodge in the presence of the Master? The answer is not as Warden, but the Master may call upon any brother to preside in his presence and under his direction, he being responsible for all that is done in the same manner as if he were actually in the chair.

Masonic Titles:

- 1. Brother:**
 - a. Entitled after taking Entered Apprentice obligation
 - 2. Worshipful**
 - a. Entitled after the installation as Worshipful Master
 - b. Entitled to all appointed Grand Lodge Line Officers
 - 3. Very Worshipful**
 - a. Entitled –District Education Representative
 - 4. Right Worshipful**
 - a. Entitled- Elected Grand Lodge Officers: DGM, SGW, JGW, GT, GS
 - b. Appointive: DDGM and Grand Lecturer
 - 5. Most Worshipful**
 - a. Entitled- Grand Master
 - 6. Past Officers**
 - a. Highest attained is retained for life except appointed Grand Lodge Line Officers.
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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 on March 6, 2024

Alpha Council will be Dark until March

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

Feb 28 (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

Recessed in **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)

Feb 4 (Mon) at 7:00 P.M. Valentine's Day.

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: mpnic@roadrunner.com

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

Feb 9 (Fri) at 7:30 P.M. Meeting – “Valentine's and
Slipper 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 **February**

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

THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Feb 5**. The Lodge with the most members visiting **Bethlehem Star Lodge No. 35** **stated meeting in February** 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**

**We are here to add what we can,
not to get what we can from, life.**
William Osler.

Grand Lodge of Maine Constitution

Standing Regulations

25. Resolved, That any Master Mason raised in any lodge in this state after May 4, 1999, shall within ninety days after receiving the Master Mason degree (unless time is granted by the Worshipful Master) pass an examination to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master on the lecture of the first section of that degree, and so much of the second section as relates to the signs, grips, and words, and it shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master, to inform each brother of this requirement and advise him as to how instruction may be obtained, unless for good and sufficient reason a brother may be excused from this requirement by the Worship Master or the Grand Master.

37. Resolved, That a Master Mason who has voluntarily remained for more than one year without being affiliated with some regular lodge shall not of right be entitled to any of the benefits or privileges of Masonry, and shall be under the same disabilities as if under suspension for non-payment of dues.

71. Resolved, That any dual member, having been suspended, [non-payment of dues], from one of his lodges in this jurisdiction, shall not be issued a dues card in any other lodge in this jurisdiction even though his dues be current in that lodge, until his dues shall be paid up in the lodge from which he has been suspended; furthermore he shall be prohibited from attending any lodge meeting in this jurisdiction until his outstanding dues obligation has been met. [2004, pg. 880]

DIGEST of DECISIONS ADVANCEMENT

See Cons. 115, 120, 124(2), 126, 129, 130, 132. Advancement denotes the reception of a degree after the first has been conferred.

It is the right and duty of the Master to determine when a candidate shall be advanced, except when an objection has been made. [1915, p. 192]

When objection is made to the advancement of a candidate who has received a part of the degrees, the candidate has no right to appear to defend himself; nor to any information as to the reasons for the failure of the lodge to confer the balance of the degrees. [1915, p. 192]

While a candidate must appear for the E.A. degree within one year of the date of election, there is no limitation of time within which the second or third degree must be taken. [1901, p. 198]