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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](mailto:donunpc@aim.com)

*Dark for July and August.* R.W. Richard Kimball, Secretary, 207-441-8843, [noprwk@gmail.com](mailto:noprwk@gmail.com)

Mar 13 (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](mailto:joshhoopah@gmail.com)

*Dark for July and August.* Wor. Michael Easterby, Secretary, 207-991-1221, [temple25secretary@gmail.com](mailto:temple25secretary@gmail.com)

Mar 18 (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](mailto:carltonharvey26@gmail.com)

*Dark for July and August.* Wor. Mark Mansir, Secretary, 207-576-7327, [hermonlodge32@gmail.com](mailto:hermonlodge32@gmail.com)

Mar 5 (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](mailto:Lewie@manterprop.com).

*Dark for July and August.* Bro. Cal Yeaton, Secretary, 207-441-0182, [calyeaton@aol.com](mailto:calyeaton@aol.com)

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

Mar 11 (Mon) Special at 7:30 P.M. Master Mason Degree. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Mar 26 (Tues) Special at 6:30 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](mailto:mrchristopherjones@me.com)

*Dark for July and August.* Wor. Charles J. Izzi, Jr., Secretary, 207-740-1150, [charlesizzi@roadrunner.com](mailto:charlesizzi@roadrunner.com)

Mar 19 (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](mailto:brianfarringtonf@aol.com)

*Dark for July and August.* R.W. John E. Lord, Jr., Secretary, 207-685-4266, [jlordjr48@gmail.com](mailto:jlordjr48@gmail.com)

Mar 7 (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](mailto:wairland53@gmail.com)

*Dark for July and August.* Wor. Mathew L'Italien, Secretary, 207-485-5469, [mrlitalien@gmail.com](mailto:mrlitalien@gmail.com)

Mar 25 (Mon) Stated Meeting with Regular order of business at 7:30 P.M. Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Apr 15 (Mon) Special at 7:00 P.M. Master Mason Degree with RW Mike Philbrick in the East.

Supper at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Mar 3 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dining Hall.

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

**Life is so precious. Please, please, let's love one another, live each day,  
reach out to each other, and be kind to each other. Julia Roberts.**

**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

Mar 10 (Sun) Togus Visitation at 9:00 A.M. Building 207 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dining Hall.

Mar 11 (Mon), Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM, Regular Order of business. Educational Program, 6:30 Fish Chowder Supper.

\*\*\*\*\* Our Meetings for March will be at Webster Lodge in Wales \*\*\*\*\*

**Asylum Lodge No. 133**, Leeds, Wor. Mike Letalien, Master, 207-713-5733, [smartenergy.mike@outlook.co](mailto:smartenergy.mike@outlook.co)

*Dark for July and August.* Wor. Matthew J. Sekerak, Secretary, 524-2076, matthew.sekerak@fairpoint.net

Mar 14 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Annual Inspection. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Mar 24 (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](mailto:smartenergy.mike@outlook.co), High Priest. (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)

Winthrop Chapter Dark until September 4, except for specials.

**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 7 (Thur) Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mark Master Degree Rehearsal.

Apr 4 (Thur) Mark Master Degree at 7:00 P.M. Supper at 6:30 P.M.

*Dark for June, July, and August*

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### 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](mailto:ronaldemery@gmail.com).

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### Grand Lodge of Maine Constitution

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Interesting Things. (I knew that. I didn't know that.)

SEC. 85. Should any lodge neglect to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for the space of two years, the Master and Wardens of such lodge shall not be permitted to attend, in their official capacity, any meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments are made. Should the delinquency continue for three years, the charter, funds, and regalia of such lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

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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 27 (Wed) Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with Full Form Opening rehearsal.

*(Dark for June, July, and August)*

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### ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF AUGUSTA

Bruce F. Rueger, Secretary 207-314-1617

[augustavalleysecretarybfr@gmail.com](mailto:augustavalleysecretarybfr@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 20 (Wed) Stated Meeting. Prelates Room

Mar 25 (Mon) 15 Degree.

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

*Dark for June, July, and August*

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SEC. 116. A petitioner for the degrees whose application has been rejected by a lodge shall not be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, within five years from the date of such rejection, unless the lodge having jurisdiction recommends him to another lodge by a unanimous secret ballot. A mason knowingly assisting or recommending for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any person rejected aforesaid, shall, if a member of a lodge under this jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled as may be determined after charges and due trial.

SEC. 117. No petition for the degrees shall be received by any lodge from any candidate who has been rejected in that lodge within less than six months after the rejection.

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

**Mar 27 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**

President: Mike Kimball      Vice President: Chris Jones  
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**Note from District Deputy Grand Master**

I want to remind everyone that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine is being held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. It is being held at Kora Temple in Lewiston. Remember that each Lodge needs to pick a proxy to represent their Lodge if the regular officers cannot be present. Every Lodge needs to be represented at the Annual Communication, even if your Stated meeting is on that night. Also if your Lodge has not sent in their Annual History Report yet it is "OVERDUE" and you are being fined by the Grand Lodge.

Spring is almost here"  
R.W. Richard Kimball  
DDGM/C11

When the Senior or Junior Warden is called to the East to work a degree, they shall wear the regalia of their office and not that of the Worshipful Master.

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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) – Meeting in  
Lafayette Lodge, Readfield

Stated Meeting on March 6, 2024

*Alpha Council will be Active from March thru June*

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

Mar 27 (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

Mar 5 (Tues) – Stated. Annual Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Apr 6 (Sat) – Open Installation of Officers at 7:00 P.M.

(meeting at Masonic Hall in Augusta)

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

Secretary, Email: [rmckenna442@gmail.com](mailto:rmckenna442@gmail.com)

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

Mar 4 (Mon) at 7:00 P.M. Annual Meeting.

Mar 9 (Sat) at 7:00 P.M. Installation of Officers

Paula Nicholas – 622-0381

Secretary, email: [mpnic@roadrunner.com](mailto:mpnic@roadrunner.com)

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

Mar 8 at 7:30 P.M. Annual Meeting

Mar 9 at 1:00 P.M. Open Installation of Officers.

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

Mar 15, 7:30 P.M. Annual Meeting.

Mar 30 at 7:30 P.M. Open Installation of Officers.

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

## THE TRAVELING GAVEL

Mark your calendar for **Mar 4**. The Lodge with the most members visiting **Bethlehem Star Lodge No. 35** **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  
Bethlehem Star Lodge No. 35  
MEETING IN AUGUSTA**

Life without love is like a tree  
Without blossoms or fruit.  
*Kahlil Gibran.*

## District Deputy Grand Masters: Integral to the Fabric of Freemasonry

The vision of Maine Freemasonry is: Enriching Lives through Education, Charity and Spiritual Growth. This aspirational goal can be achieved throughout our Grand Jurisdiction with the leadership of the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters (District Deputies) and the resources they provide. This noble desire will only be attained by adding VALUE to the Masonic experience through the works of dedicated Lodges and Brethren who influence positive change and growth in themselves, their Brethren and our Lodges.

The mission of a District Deputy is to create an attitude and atmosphere that fosters a strong District as well as vibrant Lodges, and that inspires the individual Brethren and groups of Masons to inculcate Masonic principles and teachings into their daily lives. To fulfill this mission, he will build and engage a District team; effectively employ the resources available from the Grand Lodge, Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation and the Maine Masonic College; and pursue opportunities to create enthusiasm and advance Masonry throughout his District.

The successful District Deputy should possess certain requisite knowledge, skills and abilities: 1) strong written and verbal communication ability; 2) effective negotiation / conflict resolution skills; 3) work habits and perspectives organized for success; 4) a forward-looking vision-focused orientation; 5) a curious and inquisitive mind; 6) an amiable personality; 7) a sound grounding in the Grand Constitution; and 8) a comfortable use of computers and email.

With the exception of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, District Deputies are the most important officers in Grand Lodge – they are the field generals: assessing needs and nurturing talent; requesting, organizing and deploying resources; communicating visions, opportunities, and plans; and recommending initiatives to Grand Lodge officers and committees that will benefit District Lodges and Brethren.

**GRAND LODGE OF MAINE A.F. & A. M. M.E.A.L.S.  
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