

Upcoming Events AYL April Stated Communication

Tuesday, April 8, 2014Dinner 6:15 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

AYL Special Communication, EA Degree

Tuesday, April 22, 2014 Dinner 6:15 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

AYL Reading & Discussion Club Meeting

Friday, April 25, 2014Brother Busby's Home; Start time 7:00 PM.

AYL Officer Meeting (Mandatory)
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
6:45 PM Start Time

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From The East

Brethren,

I was talking to an American Legion Commander about the fact his post is the second best kept secret. Masonry is the first. We aren't promoting ourselves enough. We have a rich history, but is that enough to keep going forward? We need active Brothers if we are going to help ourselves and help our communities.

The Brothers have been strongly promoting April 5th. Some of us went to Tilton, others have gone to other lodges such as Goffstown, Manchester, Pelham, Nashua, and Salem. We have covered it all. It looks like we will have about 55 Brothers there.

Veterans Night is on Sat. May 3. I will be sending out letters and hope we can get a lot of brothers there. There will be some older brothers there. I have been talking to some already.

News from the Grand Lodge: Our Masonic Districts are being realigned. In District #2, Milford, Wilton, New Ipswich and Candia will be going to other Districts. Jewel Lodge No. 94 in Suncook is being added to our District.

The lodge will be conferring an Entered apprentice degree on April 22th for two men, please come and support the lodge and our new members.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

W∴ Michael S. Henry, Master

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April Masonic Birthdays
Walter D. Alcox, Jr., PM, 43
David H. Henry, 40
Donald R. Crerie, PM, 38
Mark A. Patterson, 38
Howard W. Matchett, Jr., 26
Douglas D. Mercier, 21
George W. Stanley, 16
Lester E. Johnson, 16
Robert F. Richfield, Jr., 14

Additional Upcoming Events

Sat. 4/5 3rd Annual Masonic Speaker Night
Thu. 4/24 2nd District Master's Class
Sat. 5/3 AYL Veteran's & PM Program
Sat. 6/7 Pulpit Rock "Ladies at the Table"
Sat. 6/28 AYL Ladies at the Table

AYL Reading & Discussion Club

Brethren, for those of you who could not make it and would like to attend the next meeting, we have decided to read two short books for our next club event. "Foreign Countries" by Bro. Carl Claudy and "The Craft And It's Symbols" by Bro. Allen E. Roberts. Both books are available on Amazon and the latter is available as a Kindle book.

Our next meeting is on Friday, April 25th at Bro. Busby's house. If you wish to attend, you may contact him at (603) 809-3189. Hope to see you there!

About Our April Stated

During our Stated Meeting in April, Dr. Elaine Holden, State Director of the National Right to Read Foundation and member of the Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Nashua, will speak to the Lodge about dyslexia and its effects and the importance and mission of the Center.

Also joining us will be Bro. Steve Trachtenberg, Junior Deacon of Rising Sun Lodge who will be with us to discuss the Bikes For Books program and will talk about ways that Ancient York Lodge can help.

Pulpit Rock Lodge No. 103 Ladies at the Table - Call for Assistance

Brethren, we have been asked by Bro. Michael Yannetti, Junior Warden of Pulpit Rock Lodge, to assist them in putting on a "Ladies at the Table" on Saturday, June 7. They are expecting around 40 in attendance. We will need Brethren to assist in the kitchen, serve and clean up. It is anticipated that we will require approximately 7 folks to assist. Please contact Bro. Busby if you are able to assist.

Masonic Light - Why is the "Blue Lodge" blue?

"This is emphatically the color of Freemasonry. It is the appropriate tincture of the Ancient Craft Degrees. It is to the Freemason a symbol of universal friendship and benevolence, because, as it is the color of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole globe, we are thus reminded that in the breast of every brother these virtues should be equally as extensive. It is therefore the only color, except white, which should be used in a Master's Lodge for decorations. Among the religious institutions of the Jews, blue was an important color. The robe of the high priest's ephod, the ribbon for his breastplate, and for the plate of the miter, were to be blue. The people were directed to wear a ribbon of this color above the fringe of their garments; and it was the color of one of the veils of the tabernacle, where, Josephus says, it represented the element of air. The Hebrew word used on these occasions to designate the color blue or rather purple blue, is tekelet; and this word seems to have a singular reference to the symbolic character of the color, for it is derived from a root signifying perfection; now it is well known that, among the ancients, initiation into the mysteries and perfection were synonymous terms; and hence the appropriate color of the greatest of all the systems of initiation may well be designated by a word which also signifies perfection." - from "The Encylopedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences" by Bro. Albert Mackey