

The Beehive

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Nashua, New Hampshire

My Brothers,

I have the honor of writing to you all as Master of Ancient York Lodge for the first time, and I want to again thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me. Ancient York might be small, but we are strong, proud and growing steadily. We have many candidates progressing through their degrees. More importantly, they are all to be enthusiastic and willing to learn. This is key. We must always remember that quality is more important than quantity. We want our Brothers to enquire and dig deeper. We must encourage the development of their unique view of Freemasonry as well as their unique contributions to our Craft. Each of us, whether we are presiding in the East or sitting on the sidelines, is a mentor to our candidates and can aid in their catechism.

With the progression of our candidates, the officer line must remember how important it is to not only learn ritual, but to understand it. Work with other officers over the next month and learn your ritual. We have such an amazing line of officers in this Lodge, and have the ability to perform our ritual on a level that will leave a deep and lasting impression on our candidates. That being said, if you are not an officer, and are interested in participating in degrees, please reach out to any of our officers. Participation is not just for the officer line: any Master Mason can join in the ceremonies of our lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Wor. Ryan J. Flynn

2016 Lodge Officers

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	<i>Ryan J. Flynn</i>
<i>Senior Warden</i>	<i>Michael S. Henry, PM</i>
<i>Junior Warden</i>	<i>Michael R. Mader</i>
<i>Treasurer / Trustee</i>	<i>Harold A. Brodell</i>
<i>Associate Treasurer</i>	<i>Stephen K. Bahsler, PM</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Oliver P. Frates, PM</i>
<i>Associate Secretary</i>	<i>Thomas S. Lowe, PM</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Ronald J. LaTerza</i>
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	<i>Gary D. Waters, Jr.</i>
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	<i>Aaron P. Ladner</i>
<i>Senior Steward</i>	<i>Tyler R. Crosson</i>
<i>Marshal / Historian</i>	<i>Christopher J. Busby, PM</i>
<i>Tyler</i>	<i>S. Jack Brenner</i>

February Masonic Birthdays

Ray A. MacDonald, 73
George H. Dooley, 71
Leonard D. Lavoie, 69
Frederick H. Hebert, 66
John G. Senter, 62
Gary A. Hughes, 45
Robert A. Fellows, 45
Thomas J. Streck, PM, 45
Frank M. Twardosky, 44
Arthur L. Hebert, PM, 43
Benjamin Feldman, PM, 40
Norman E. Hall, 37

Upcoming AYL Events

AYL Officers Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 7PM
Wor. Flynn's House



AYL February Stated Meeting / Family Dinner

Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 at 7:30pm

Due to our stated meeting falling on Valentines Day, Wor. Flynn will be cooking dinner for the brethren and their significant others. Lodge business will be tabled till March. Dinner: \$10 per person
RSVP is Needed by 2/10/17!!!!



Officers Meeting / Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 7th, 2017
7:00pm - Lodge

We will be Rehearsing Opening/Closing and the Master Mason Degree



AYL March Stated Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

Dinner at 6:30, Lodge opens on EA 7:30pm
Presentation By Bro. Brodell on the roles of both the Trustees and the Building Association. Bro. Brodell is the President of the Building Association and our Trustee.
Social Hour to Follow



Officers Meeting / Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017
7:00pm - Lodge



AYL March Stated Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

Dinner at 6:30, Lodge opens on FC 7:30pm
The lecture of the evening will be on the symbolism of the Middle Chamber Lecture, followed by open discussion which will be continued during social hour.

Many hands make light work...

Ancient York has a lot of events planned for the upcoming year. We have our annual Evening of Masonic Light (the date of which should be secured in the next few days), a couple of charity events and a degree involving lodges from 3 different states, followed by a dinner with our wives. The latter will fall on the 300th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

With all these events, we will need Brethren to help out in the planning and running of these events. Please reach out to the Master if you are interested in helping out. These events will strengthen our ever-growing relationships with Jenks Lodge in Pawtucket, RI and Ezekiel Bates Lodge in Attleboro, MA.

Quote of the Month

"Let some holy ambition invade our souls, so that, dissatisfied with mediocrity, we shall eagerly desire the highest things and shall toil with all our strength to obtain them, since we may if we wish."

-Giovanni Pico della Mirandola

Degree Participation Welcomed

Do you have a favorite part of ritual that you are interested in performing during degrees? Tell us! Ancient York has strived for meaningful degrees for our candidates, and having more members participating in them is a way to help our Lodge make a deep and lasting impression on the mind of our candidates. We are especially looking for participants in the second section of the 3rd degree. If you are interested in joining the fun, just ask!

Masonic Trivia of the Month:

This Republic had a total of four presidents and all of them were confirmed Freemasons.

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