

The Month's AYL Events

AYL Officer Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2016 7:00pm at Bro. Flynn's Home, Nashua

AYL Stated & Annual Communication Tuesday, January 12, 2016 Dinner at 6:30 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

AYL February Stated Communication Tuesday, February 9 2016 Dinner at 6:30 PM; Lodge opens at 7:30 PM

These dates and more are on our Google and Facebook calendars! Subscribe to get updates!

Your 2015 Officers

Worshipful Master Senior Warden **Junior Warden** Treasurer Associate Treasurer Secretary Associate Secretary Chaplain Associate Chaplain Senior Deacon Junior Deacon Senior Steward **Junior Steward** Marshal Organist Historian Tyler Trustee Grand Lodge Rep.

Christopher J. Busby Ryan J. Flynn Richard L. Jones Harold A. Brodell Stephen K. Bahsler, PM Thomas S. Lowe, PM vacant Michael S. Henry, PM Ronald J. LaTerza Christopher H. Fowler Michael R. Mader Gary D. Waters, Jr. Aaron P. Ladner Shane L. Bertrand Joseph R. Olefirowicz Edmund E. Correa, PM S. Jack Brenner Harold A. Brodell Adam J. Freiband

From The East

Brethren,
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season
with your family and that 2016 is off to a great
start!

I am proud to report that Ancient York Lodge won the Spooner Award for the 2015 2nd District Visitation season! A large part of the credit for us winning goes to Worshipful Bro. Michael Henry who helped substantially in getting the word out, and also by attending every visitation. Thank you also to Bro. Ron LaTerza for doing the same.

Traveling is one of the many ways in which we can show the district that Ancient York Lodge is vibrant and active. That said, it is my desire to do more traveling as a Lodge within the jurisdiction and without. That said, we are working on having our next degree occur at Jenks Lodge No. 24 in Rhode Island. This is pending dispensations from both Grand Lodges and more information will follow. The degree would be scheduled for a Saturday. Also, we will be traveling to spread the word about our 5th Annual Evening of Masonic Light which occurs on Saturday, June 11. Please purchase your tickets now on our website!

With this Trestleboard, you will receive a copy of my plan and areas of focus for 2016. We will have some great events and opportunities for Masonic Fellowship and Education, as well as opportunities to volunteer within the community. In order to make these events a success, we will need the assistance as as many of you as possible. No contribution is too small. Think about the event or area in which you may wish to get involved. Every Brother has something to offer!

Looking forward to a fantastic year of Masonry in our Lodge!

Fraternally,

W∴ Christopher J. Busby, *Master* (603) 809-3189; master@ancientyork89.org

Attest: **R**: W: Thomas S. Lowe, PM, Secretary (978) 210-8203; secretary@ancientyork89.org

2016 AYL Officers

The following Brothers were elected officers of

Ancient York Lodge for 2016:

Worshipful Master: W.: Christopher J. Busby

Senior Warden: **Ryan J. Flynn** Junior Warden: **Rick L. Jones**

Secretary: **R** : **W**: **Thomas S. Lowe, PM** Treasurer and Trustee: **Harold A. Brodell**

Associate Treasurer: W.: Stephen K. Bahsler, PM Grand Lodge Representative: Michael R. Mader

The Master has appointed the following officers:

Chaplain: W.: Michael S. Henry, PM Associate Chaplain: Ronald J. LaTerza Senior Deacon: Michael R. Mader Junior Deacon: Gary D. Waters, Jr. Senior Steward: Aaron P. Ladner Junior Steward: Jason J. Merrill

Tyler: **S. Jack Brenner**Marshal: **W**∴ **Oliver Frates**Historian: **W**∴ **Ed Correa**

AYL / 2nd District Upcoming Events

1/5 AYL Officers Meeting, Bro. Flynn's House1/12 AYL Stated & Annual Communication2/9 AYL February Stated Communication2/16 AYL Officers Meeting & Rehearsal

Dues Bills

Dues bills arrived with the November Trestleboard. The total dues bill for 2016 is \$160. It is requested that you submit your Dues as early as possible to our Secretary. Alternatively, you may pay your dues online at http://www.ancientyork89.org/members-info/. If you pay dues online, there is a 3.5% additional surcharge to cover our costs. Dues are officially due on or before 12/31. If any Brother is experiencing hardship, please contact W ∴ Busby or R∴ W∴ Lowe.

January Masonic Birthdays

Robert W. Fortnam, 58
Joseph L. Kenick, Jr., 50
William W. Gould, PM, 40
Everett A. Crosscup, PM, 38
George K. Perakis, 26
Andrew R. Hall, PM, 23
Jeffrey Meisler, 4

2016 Event Highlights

April/May - AYL Weekend Degree in Rhode Island (Tentative: pending GM dispensation)

June - 5th Annual Evening of Masonic Light (11)

July - Masonic Tour of Boston (Details to come)

August - Baseball Game

Late Sept. / Early Oct - Veterans at the Table

October - Oktoberfest Fellowship Event

November - Public event during Nashua Downtown Holiday Stroll

December - Holiday Party (17)

Throughout the year - Lodge visits and community volunteer opportunities.

Participate in Your Lodge Committees!

Lodge Education & Mentorship Bro. Ryan Flynn, (978) 996-8881

Community Relations Committee Bro. Mike Mader, (603) 661-8026

Masonic Fellowship Committee

Worshipful Bro. Oliver Frates, (603) 320-6676

Masonic History: The Bone-Bone Box

While Masons swear an oath not to reveal the secrets of the Craft, exposés of the ritual have been published over the centuries that provide a unique insight into early Grand Lodge-era Masonic ritual. One of the earliest and most famous was Samuel Prichard's, "Masonry Dissected" published in 1730. In it contains a unique exchange as part of a catechism, unused since the 18th century: "Q. Have you any Key to those Secrets? A. Yes. Q. Where do you keep it? A. In a Bone-Bone Box, that neither opens nor shuts but with Ivory Keys." The bone box represents the mouth, and the ivory keys the teeth. The key to the secrets, the tongue. - Sources: Prichard's "Masonry Dissected" and "Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry"