

Greetings from the East

Greetings Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well. I have the pleasure of welcoming our newest members of the fraternity to Ancient York, Brothers Brian Murphy and Peter Daigle received a wonderful degree and will be fantastic members for years to come.

Now that we are in the later part of the year, the weather will be changing and the colder weather is here in NH. With the change of the weather comes the changing of the Guard for Ancient York.

December 14 we will be having the 2022 election of officers and, sadly, my time in the East will come to a close. I have had a fantastic time as Worshipful Master of our lodge and I hope I was good while I was there. My journey toward and in the East was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. I met a lot of new Brothers and was fortunate to perform all 3 Degrees along the way. My time started with a quick installation and was almost immediately shut down due to the pandemic. I had a lot of fear in the beginning that we would get used to not being in lodge and find other activities to fill the void. I am extremely proud of your officers and the work they all did to assist me in not letting that happen, And we were able to keep everyone together. I believe that we may have been the first lodge to meet Virtually on April 17, 2020 and we had a great bunch of virtual meetings. Although we were able to see each other, there is nothing better than shaking a Brother's hand and giving a hug. We were also one of the first lodges to meet in person after the "stay at home" order was lifted, and I was very pleased with the amount of brothers who made the journey to join us at our first meeting back.

Although my time in the East is at its end, I am not done. I like to think I am just getting started. I spoke with the incoming Master (if so elected) and he and I will be very well connected. I want to start putting together fun lodge activities and doing more fundraising. Stand by!

I say a heartfelt goodbye from the East and a big thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve our lodge. It will no doubt be the greatest accomplishments of my life and I will forever be proud of being a Past Master of Ancient York No. 89.

Thank you and God bless you all! Mike Mader (Proud) Master Ancient York Lodge No. 89

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers Raised in December!

Irving C. Cable, 64 Years Eduardo J. Lopez-Reyes, 19 Years E. Oscar Alleyne (Honorary), 12 Years Shane L. Bertrand, 11 Years Lee Forrence, 8 Years Corey R. J. MacLean, 4 Years

2022 Dues

Brethren, you will be receiving dues bills either in the mail or via email in the coming days. Dues for 2022 as voted on at our September Stated Communication will continue to be \$200 (\$145 Lodge, \$45 Grand Lodge Assessment, \$10 Masonic Building Association Assessment). If you are able, please remit your dues as early as you can before December 31. Save a stamp and pay online at https://www.ancientyork89.org/pay-dues/ (PayPal's fees are included in the total). If you anticipate any problems in paying dues, please contact me at secretary@ancientyork89.org or the Master at master@ancientyork89.org as soon as you are able.

2022 Elections

Brethren, our December Stated Communication will include the election of our Lodge Officers for the 2022 year. Brethren, we encourage you to come and support the lodge by giving your vote to the officers you feel are worthy to serve you for the year. If you are interested in serving the Lodge as an Officer, please let your Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Secretary know.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots is an annual toy drive that is run by the US Marines. They take in toy donations and give them to underprivileged children who might not otherwise have an opportunity to receive a gift during this season. Your Ancient York officers will once again be asking for any toy donations that Brothers are able to give. Any and all help is appreciated. This can be a wonderful way to make the holiday season special for a child.

LODGE CALENDAR

Rising Sun Master Mason Degree- December 8

Nashua Masonic Temple

Degree first section starts at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, 2nd section at 7:30.

December Stated Communication- December 14

Nashua Masonic Temple

Dinner at 6:00pm sharp.

Lodge opens at 7:00pm on the Entered Apprentice degree.

Ancient York Stated and Annual Communication- January 11

Nashua Masonic Temple

Dinner at 6:00 sharp.

Lodge opens at 7:00pm on the Entered Apprentice degree.

Ancient York Officer Installation- January 22

Nashua Masonic Temple

Installation at 3:00pm, socializing and meal to follow.

