



Greetings from the East

My Brothers -

I must confess, I spend a lot of time Googling things. For example, May 1st is the birthday of our Brother Senior Warden, Peter LaFauci. I went to Google to investigate or find a unique way to express a "Happy Birthday" wish to Brother LaFauci. What I discovered was that up until the late 1800's, birthdays were rarely celebrated or mentioned, except in the case of a prominent figure, such as George Washington. In fact, the "Happy Birthday" song was not written until 1859, and it was not a Birthday song. It was actually, "Good Morning to You", but around 1911 the word Birthday was being used in it. In 1924, "Happy Birthday to You" was written with the melody from "Good Morning to You". Birthdays were not celebrated because people in pre-industrial America seldom had clocks or any method of recording time. As the 19th century progressed, the widespread production of household clocks and pocket watches made it possible for Americans to constantly know what time it was. And as more people followed the schedules of factories, streetcars, and trains, they had more reason to watch those clocks. As Americans became more aware of time, they also became more aware of how it passed in their own lives.

I know, you are likely sitting there, and thinking, "This is all very nice, but what does this have to do with Masonry?". To the point then. In the modern industrial age, we view time as something we measure with, and hold ourselves accountable to. However, time is quite the opposite. Time is the marching band of existence and experience which never stops, but keeps marching forward irreversibly. Time is experience, and does not exist until it has happened. To say that something will happen tomorrow, is but a prediction, and not an actual fact. Time is the statement of fact of things that have happened, and from that, we might suppose what will happen in the future.

This concept is very important, particularly for Masons. Many of us are guilty of procrastination, and putting off the due attention our Masonic studies deserve, or require. We do this in the rationalization that we will have "time" tomorrow to cram these lessons. Time is what has happened and Tomorrow is the promise of what may be, but Now, is when we exist. So, I say to my brethren, strive to be here, now, and if you do this, your lives will be, as is stated in the Anchor and Ark, "well spent".

In closing, instead of wishing Brother LaFauci a "Happy Birthday", I wish him a life well spent. To all our Brothers in Ancient York and Freemasonry, I wish you each, a Well Spent Life.

Fraternally Yours,
Gary Waters

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Happy Birthday to the following Brothers Raised in May!

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| Lawrence Morrison | 67 Years | Wor. Kevin Carter, PM | 18 Years |
| Samuel Kinsman | 51 Years | Benjamin Wallace (Hon) | 16 Years |
| Robert Gidari | 40 Years | RW Christopher J. Busby, PM | 14 Years |
| RW Russell Lowe | 40 Years | Wor. Michael Mader, PM | 14 Years |
| RW Thomas Lowe, PM | 40 Years | Daniel Arcidiacono | 7 Years |
| Clifford Church | 38 Years | Peter LaFauci | 6 Years |
| Gerhard Coorsen | 24 Years | | |

From the West Gate

My Brothers,

Mentoring a new Brother is a very rewarding responsibility that every Master Mason has an opportunity to partake in.

Over the last month or so, Brother MacLean and I have had the pleasure of working with our two newest EA's. This is such a great responsibility!

Part of the reward in this work is reflecting on your own Masonic journey. We often forget that part of our journey, taking a moment to reflect on where we started. Reflection is an interictal part of growth, and one we step that we often neglect.

One of my co-workers often says "There can't be growth without reflection." I hear it all the time. But that's where our lessons come from. Not just from the words we read, but also reflecting on how they impact us.

So, my Brothers, if you ever get a chance to mentor anyone, take that opportunity. It's such a rewarding experience.

Peter LaFauci
Senior Warden

2023 LODGE OFFICERS

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| Worshipful Master | Gary D. Waters, Jr. |
| Senior Warden | Peter LaFauci |
| Junior Warden | Corey MacLean |
| Secretary | Christopher Busby, PM |
| Assoc. Secretary | Oliver Frates |
| Treasurer | Stephen Bahsler, PM |
| Assoc. Treasurer | Michael S. Henry, PM |
| Senior Deacon | Andrew Lane |
| Junior Deacon | Peter Daigle |
| Senior Steward | Christopher Fowler |
| Junior Steward | Julian Weiss |
| Chaplin | Michael Turilli |
| Marshal | Michael Mader, PM |
| Tyler | Lee Forrence |
| Organist | Brian Murphy |
| Historian | Ed Correa, PM |

Did you know...

The oldest known Masonic writing, the Regius Manuscript or "Poem of Moral Duties," was discovered to be a Masonic document by a non-Mason, J. O. Halliwell, in 1839. It was written about 1390 and was given the name "Regius" because it was found in the Royal Library of England. It is now a part of the British Museum. Some common Masonic Ritual terms in use today are found in it such as "So Mote It Be."(7)

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LODGE CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00 PM - Ancient York Stated Communication

Dinner at 6:00 PM Sharp; Please RSVP at ancientyork89.org

Opening Degree: Entered Apprentice

Who: All Masons in good standing

Attire: Dark Suit

Location: Nashua Masonic Temple, 200A Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060

Saturday, May 20th at 8:00 AM - Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Annual Communication

Who: Master, Wardens, and Grand Lodge Representative; any MM in good standing

Attire: Dark Suit and Regalia of your Office

Location: 1505 Elm St, Manchester, NH 03105

Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30 PM - Ancient York Officers Meeting

Open to all members of Ancient York

Who: Officers

Attire: Casual

Location: Nashua Masonic Temple, 200A Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060

Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 PM - Ancient York Stated Communication

Dinner at 6:00 PM Sharp; Please RSVP at ancientyork89.org

Menu: TBD

Opening Degree: Entered Apprentice

Who: All Masons in good standing; Attire: Dark Suit

Location: Nashua Masonic Temple, 200A Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060

Use the QR code to RSVP
for our next Stated
Communication



If any Brothers have something
to share with the Lodge, please
reach out. We love to share our
experiences with our Brothers.

Peter LaFauci
Sr. Warden and the Scribe for
this Trestle Board