



## From the East

Brethren,

Let me start by saying thank you. Thank you so much for electing me Worshipful Master for another year.

I've talked with my predecessors, and something they all have told me was "If I had another year I would have done something different."

Having served these last two years as Master, I truly appreciate what they were saying. Nothing prepares you for the role of Master. No matter what you think you know or do, you're going to be surprised by something that comes your way.

As I enter my third year in the East, I'm taking a more purposeful approach to the year. I'll be working with our Senior and Junior Wardens on setting up some processes which will help them as they go through their Masonic journey.

I've asked them to take on specific responsibilities that I've been carrying over the last few years. This is in an attempt to free to become more of the head of the Lodge, representing and spreading the word of Ancient York.

I'm looking for additional opportunities to get our names and faces out into the community, not only Nashua but the surrounding communities.

I've been a big proponent of us practicing Masonry outside the Lodge, and letting the world see the goodness in what we do.

If we are able to leave our Lodge and truly follow our closing charge, we have an opportunity to bring goodness into our community.

Fraternally Yours,  
Peter N. LaFauci  
Worshipful Master

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**Happy Birthday to all our Brother Raised in January!**

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| George Perakis       | 36 Years |
| Wor. Andrew Hall, PM | 33 Years |
| Wor. Robert Herd     | 28 Years |
| Wor. Oliver Frates   | 20 Years |
| R.W. Jeffry Ross     | 16 Years |

## LODGE MEETING CALENDAR

### **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - Ancient York Lodge Family Dinner Night**

**Time:** 5:00 PM until the last person leaves

**Who:** All members of Ancient York Lodge, family, friends

**Dinner:** Chili Dinner

Please RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, January 7th.

### **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Ancient York Lodge Stated Communication**

**Time:** Dinner: 6:00 PM Meeting Start: 7:00 PM, Opening Entered Apprentice

**Who:** All members of Ancient York Lodge

**Dinner:** TBD

**Dress:** Dark Suit

**Education:** Brian Smith discussing the connection of "York" to Masonry

**\*Note:** This is also our Annual Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Ancient York Lodge Annual Inspection**

**Time:** 7:00 PM, Inspection on the Fellow Craft Degree

**Who:** All Fellow Crafts and Master Masons of Ancient York Lodge

**Dress:** Dark Suit

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**Time:** Dinner: 6:00 PM Meeting Start: 7:00 PM, Opening Entered Apprentice

**Who:** All members of Ancient York Lodge

**Dinner:** TBD

**Dress:** Dark Suit

**Education:** TBD

**Please RSVP for all meals utilizing the QR Code below, or through [ancieintyork89.org](http://ancieintyork89.org)**

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, Master

## From the South

*"In the middle of winter I at last discovered that there was in me an invincible summer."* – Albert Camus

Brethren,

As I write this, the nights of Winter have begun to grow shorter. This is the first sign of a coming Spring where the days are longer and when we can go to bed while it is still light out. Speculative Masonry thrives in Light. But it is of a different nature.

In Masonry, the light we seek represents Truth or Knowledge. To come out of the darkness of ignorance and have our eyes opened to enlightenment. This is experienced during our first time in the lodge when we become Masons.

Light is a recurring theme in our lives. We are born in the light and each day we awaken to it. Light makes us feel safe. There are medical reasons why we feel better in the light. Sunlight gives us vitamins that makes us feel better. It warms us. It causes fog to lift, dries the rains, and melts away the ice and snow.

But darkness is different. It causes fear of the unknown, it conceals. The shadows are cold and when it is dark for too long, we become depressed and the things that make us feel better are gone. In Masonry, the darkness represents our old lives before we entered the lodge. In the Summers, when the lodge is closed, we say it is "dark."

When we open lodge, we open the Lights (physical representations of an idea) so we may receive Light (the intellectual concept of an idea). The thought of light as knowledge is not restricted to just Freemasons, there are many others who use the metaphor in the same way.

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## From the South (Continued)

So what happens in late December? There are a series of celebrations that revolve around light! From the Hindi Festival of Lights, Diwali to the Jewish Festival of Lights, Channukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and older celebrations like Winter Solstice and Yule and several others! Most of these occur around the same time, sometimes overlapping one another. Their motifs are similar as well: hope, knowledge, a triumph over ignorance, and a balance of the seasons.

As the Winter Solstice passes, the days will become longer, and the cold, grey days of winter will transform into the bright, warm days of Summer before the cycle continues once again.

The winter solstice is met with St. John's Day. A Christian day of celebration for St. John the Evangelist. Among other things, chiefly, he is the patron saint of loyalty, friendship, insight and learning—or Light. It is no wonder he is celebrated as the days begin to lengthen.

So if you're like me and get the winter doldrums, try to remember that the days will get brighter and we will become better if we allow ourselves to receive the coming Light.

Fraternally Yours,  
Bro. Peter Daigle  
Senior Warden

## 2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master - W. Peter LaFauci

Senior Warden - W. Oliver Frates

Junior Warden - Peter Daigle

Treasurer - W. Stephen Bahsler, PM

Secretary - R.W. Christopher Busby, PM

Chaplin - W. Gary Waters, PM

Senior Deacon - Andrew Lane

Junior Deacon - Chirstopher Fowler

Musician - Brian Murphy

Historian - W. Edmund Correa, PM

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## *Love is in the Air*

January 24, 2026

Brethren ,

As a proud member of Ancient York Lodge No. 89, I'd like to invite you to join me in supporting an important community initiative.

Date: Saturday, January 24th

Purpose: Celebration of healthy, respectful relationships of all kinds. Proceeds support over 2,000 survivors annually as they seek safety, healing, and a brighter future.

As Brothers, we uphold the values of respect, compassion, and community service. This event offers us a tangible opportunity to embody those values by supporting our community's most vulnerable.

Tickets are \$150, your participation will make a difference.

Thank you for considering joining me in this worthy cause. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,

*Wor. Peter LaFauci*

Worshipful Peter LaFauci  
Ancient York Lodge No. 89



## Brothers on the Move

Brethren,

Bro. Daigle, Bro. Weiss, and I had the opportunity to visit the United Brethren Lodge in Marlborough, MA to see our very own Bro. Geoffrey Crowther be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

First, it was a great honor to be invited by Bro. Crowther to witness this once in a lifetime event. Being the Brother who was in the East when he was made a Mason, it was such an incredible experience to see him become a Master Mason.

It was also great to visit a new Lodge and create some new relationships. He has joined a great Lodge and I look forward to seeing his journey as a Massachusetts Mason (though we know we're better!).



## Congratulations Brother Crowther!

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## What a December!

Scenes from our December Stated Meeting

