

APRIL 2026



# ANCIENT YORK LODGE N<sup>o</sup> 89

## From the East

As I reflect on our work this month, my mind keeps turning to the time we spend away from the Lodge – specifically, the hours we share with our families and our closest friends.

### **Bringing the Tools Home**

In our meetings, we talk a lot about using symbolic tools to be better men. But the real test of a Mason isn't how well he performs a ritual; it's how he treats the people under his own roof.

- Our Families: They are our true foundation. When we make time for our partners, kids, and parents, we are practicing the "Brotherly Love" we talk so much about.
- Our Friends: These are the people who keep us grounded. Spending time with them reminds us that Masonry is about building community and being a person others can rely on.

### **Work and Rest**

We often say we are "called from labor to refreshment." This doesn't just mean grabbing a snack after a meeting. It means taking a real break from the stresses of life to recharge with the people who matter most.

A man might be an expert on Masonic history, but if he's too busy for his family, he's missing the biggest lesson of the Craft. Masonry should make us better parents, better partners, and better friends. If it doesn't do that, we're just wearing an apron for show.

### **My Challenge to You**

This month, I'm asking you to focus on the "architecture" of your personal life:

- Be Present: Put the phone away and really listen to your loved ones.
- Make Plans: Don't just wait for a holiday; reach out to a friend you haven't seen in a while.
- Show Gratitude: Let your family know that they are the reason you strive to be a better man.

The Lodge is a wonderful place, but our homes are where our hearts truly live. Let's make sure we are building something beautiful there, too.

Fraternally Yours,  
Peter N. LaFauci  
Worshipful Master



Please join us on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, for Ancient York's Table Lodge  
Doors at 6:30 pm; Lodge begins at 7 pm

The menu will consist of 5 courses to include: Broccoli Cheese Soup,  
Caesar Salad, and Dessert

**Main Entree:**

Roast Pork Loin with Apricot Glaze, Potatoes, and Vegetables

\$40 per person (Transaction fee applies)

Purchase tickets now at <https://www.ancientyork89.org/product/table-lodge-2026/>

If you have a specific dietary needs, please email ASAP:  
[secretary@ancientyork89.org](mailto:secretary@ancientyork89.org).

Ticket sales close on **Wednesday, April 22**. Hope to see you there!

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## Happy Birthday to all our Brother Raised in April!

Wor. Walter Alcox, PM	55 Years	Robert Richfield	26 Years
Wor. Donald Cerie, PM	50 Years	Jason Borrelli	15 Years
Howard Matchett	39 Years	Joseph Caouette	4 Years
Douglas Mercier	33 Years	William Murphy	4 Years

## LODGE MEETING CALENDAR

### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>- District 2 Town Hall

**Time:** Light Refreshment at 6:30 PM, Start at 7:00 PM

**Where:** St. Marks, 58 E. Boradway, Derry, NH

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

**Dress:** Casual

### Tuesday, April 14- 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:** An Easter feast

**Dress:** Dark Suit

**Education:** Come learn about the Dyslexia Center from Wor. John Woodrow

### Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>- Ancient York Lodge Degree Inspection - FC

**Time:** Meeting Start: 7:00 PM, Opening Fellow Craft

**Dinner:** None

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

**Dress:** Dark Suit

### Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ancient York Table Lodge

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00

**Who:** Master Mason and distinguished guests

**Dinner:** Apricot Pork Roast

**Dress:** Dark Suit or Tuxedo

**Cost:** \$40 per person

\*Purchase tickets by April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 West

“525,600 minutes - how can you measure the life of a woman or man?”

- Jonathan Larson

Spring has sprung, and with it, we lost an hour with our old friend Daylight Saving Time. This made me think about our Masonic friend, the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge:

“The twenty-four inch gauge...is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day...eight for the service of God...eight for our usual avocation, and eight for refreshment and sleep.”

Why do we use this tool as a Masonic metaphor? We use it because all Masonic tools have been absorbed in our fraternity as a method to teach us something about ourselves, if not the world around us. The twenty-four-inch gauge isn't just Masonic, it was used by other crafts as well and was just as common a tool in the Twentieth Century as well as in the time of King Solomon. (Pictured is a twenty-four-inch gauge that belonged to my father.) And because it is divided into the same number of hours as the day, we can use it to measure ourselves metaphorically.

So how should we measure our time if not our lives? We need time to work. To sleep and eat. And we should spend time in the service of God. The first two parts make sense to us. Avocation simply means our vocation, our occupation, our jobs. It can also mean a diversion or distraction. When you're not at work, you should take time out to find something that relaxes you. Our ritual is telling us to practice self-care. Then we say you should spend time on refreshment and sleep. Again, spend time taking care of yourself. Eat! Relax. Sleep. Take time out of the day to wind down and recenter yourself.

What about the last part? “Eight for the service of God.” Should we be spending a third of our day in prayer? No. You should spend it in the service of God. By helping others without want of reward. Raising a family. Helping a friend or a stranger. The smallest acts can change a person's day. By gaining knowledge and sharing that light with others. By not hurting them. Offering aid in all its forms. By doing all these things, and by also giving praise to your God. Your actions can be just as prayerful as your words.

I know we all do these things daily, but there are times when we falter or forget to do some of it. We don't always get enough sleep (I know I don't), we don't find time for taking care of ourselves. We even forget to give service to God. That's why we are still Rough Ashlars. And that's okay. We can try again the next day, and the one after that.

Fraternally Yours,  
Bro. Peter Daigle  
Senior Warden

## From the South

Greetings Brethren!

I'd like to start with another tidbit from this month in Masonic History. The First Grand Master of New Hampshire, Most Worshipful John Sullivan was installed on April 8th, 1790.

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. For Christian Brothers, a lot of us have fasted, which in modern times may mean seafood on Fridays for Lent. And for our Jewish Brothers celebrating Passover, traditionally, the firstborn will fast the day before. If Passover falls on Shabbat, it is typically moved to the Thursday before.

Every family has their traditions, and their differences are amazing and should be learned and celebrated. With family, with friends, and more particularly, Brother Masons. (See what I did there?)

Fraternally,  
Andrew Lane  
Junior Warden

### 2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master - W. Peter LaFauci

Senior Warden - Peter Daigle

Junior Warden - Andrew Lane

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Senior Deacon - Christopher Fowler

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