

GRAND LODGE

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8th Masonic District

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Living Past Masters

Bro Richard L. Lesure	1961 - 1962
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Bro Kenneth F. Carpenter	1977 - 1978
Bro Robert G. Coonan	1983 - 1984
Bro Paul E. Bacon	1987 - 1988
1. Bro Ian F. Smith	1989 - 1990
Bro Michael L. Denyou	1990 - 1991
Bro Stephen W. Ingraham	1992 - 1993
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Bro Gary W. Younger	1997 - 1998
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1. Past District Deputy
2. Past Grand Master of Vermont

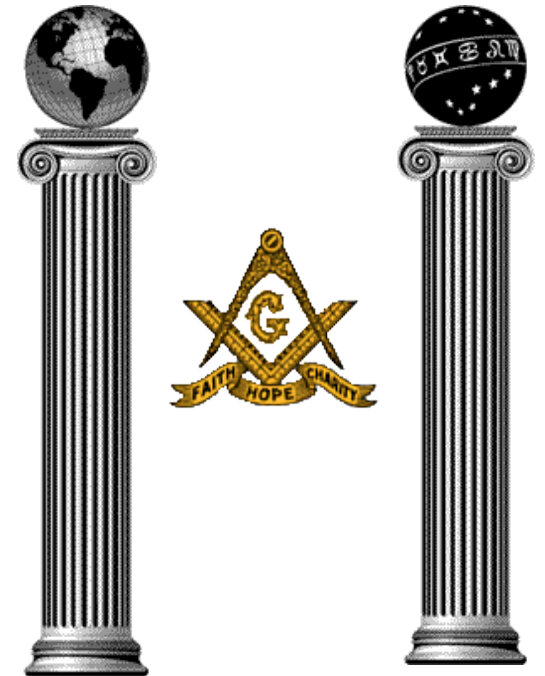
*Lest we never forget those who have laid down their
working tools and have entered the celestial lodge
above.*



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~ November 2014 ~

Chartered A.L. 5881

Meets in Masonic Hall on
Third Thursdays at
Six Thirty P.M.

*Brothers in good standing always
Welcome!*

www.brattleborolodge102.org

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**REGULAR COMMUNICATION
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

Lodge opens at 6:30pm. Read Correspondence, pay bills and conduct any other business that shall come before the lodge.

**Dinner at 5:30pm
Suggested Donations \$8.00**

Reservations are requested

RSVP by 10/13/2014

J.W. Ed Morse
(802) 257-2645 Home
(802) 257-4566 Work

Lodge Opens at 6:30pm

Closing Collation

NOVEMBER'S CALENDAR

6th 6:00PM Lodge of instructions
6:30PM 3rd Degree Rehearsal

13th 6:00PM Lodge of instructions
6:30PM 3rd Degree Rehearsal

20th 5:30PM Dinner
6:30PM Regular Meeting

27th Happy Thanksgiving

If you live local and want to attend Lodge, but have no transportation, please call the Master or one of the Wardens and we will arrange to have someone pick you up and get you home.

FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

I want to thank all the brothers for the great turn out at the district meeting in Chester. We brought home the attendance award for the greatest number of members present.

This month we have a lot of work going on, primarily rehearsal for the upcoming 3rd degree planned for December 4th. We also hope to get the roof repaired before snow flies.

We are now in the holiday seasons, so let us not forget about any of our fellow brothers or there widows. Anyone knowing of a masonic family needing help, please let me know. To all of you, *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

I encourage all Brothers to reach out to non active members and invite them back to see and feel the high energy level filling the rooms of our Great Lodge.

Another reminder is, HELP IS NEEDED for Monday Night Bingo Dinner. This function is helping us to meet our lodge expenses.

May God Bless Us All,

Fraternally Yours,

Wor. Jonathan Hall
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Presiding Master

MASONIC HISTORY

Masonic history may roughly be divided into three periods: Legendary, Medieval and Modern.

The Medieval Period

The generally accepted origin of Freemasonry, until recently, has been in the stonemason's guilds of the Middle Ages. The term "free" in Freemason indicated that the Mason was not bound to the land as a serf, or otherwise restricted as in villeinage or socage, but was free to travel about the country, as was necessary for one whose trade might require construction in many different locations. This was remarkable in an age when almost no one traveled more than twenty miles from his home during his entire lifetime.

Masons in the Middle Ages constructed many edifices, but particular attention has always focussed on the great cathedrals built during that period. In order to construct such marvels, it was necessary to have considerable education in the principles of geometry, arithmetic, and engineering, and the guild of stonemasons, including the architects, became one of the few repositories of learning outside the clergy.

As the wave of cathedral building ebbed and the Renaissance began, it is supposed that the Freemasons of the time sought to maintain their organizations by accepting into membership for discussion of the philosophical and other knowledge of the Lodge, certain gentlemen and members of the upper classes who were not actual workers in stone. It is this process of acceptance, along with the original freedom, that the term "Free and Accepted Masons" comes from. These lodges are then supposed to have evolved into the modern, purely philosophical (or "speculative," as the Masonic term has it) Lodges.

However, two other theories of the mediaeval origin of Freemasonry have recently been advanced. One, whose best known advocate was the late John Robinson (author of *Born in Blood*), suggests that the Masons were descendants of the Knights Templar. The Templars were a powerful and wealthy order of knights during the Crusades who were suppressed by the King of France and the Pope during the early 14th century. Many Templars were put to death, but some survived. Some of the Masonic degrees and orders deal with these events. It is hypothesized that the former Templars preserved their fraternity by disguising it in the form of Freemasonry.

An even more recent theory traces the origin of Masonry not to the stonemason guilds, most of which appear to have simply ceased to exist, rather than converting into speculative lodges, but to persecuted Catholics of the conflict that raged in England during much of the 17th century. Cyril Batham, of the famous Quatuor Coronati Research Lodge in England, suggests that these individuals founded Lodges as a way to preserve their contacts while hiding from the Anglicans during the various Jacobite upheavals. The lengthy hostility of the Catholic Church to Freemasonry would appear to cast doubt upon this thesis, but Batham's reputation is so prodigious that his work deserves serious consideration.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The dinning hall and kitchen are no longer being offered for private or public functions, only Masonic functions. The Lodge trustees have entered into an agreement with the Brattleboro Historical Society for the use of this space for museum displays.

For information regarding these changes, please call at (802) 254-4801.

Fraternally Yours

R.W. Brian L. Carley
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Secretary

DUES BILLS

If you haven't paid your dues for 2013, you are now in arrears. If there are extenuating circumstances please notify the secretary in writing.

Grand Lodge Dues are \$15.00
Lodge Dues are \$55.00
Total of \$70.00

Payable to:

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FROM THE WEBMASTER

Brothers,

Send any thoughts or comments you would like to see in the *Notice* or on the website. WE NEED YOUR help to keep the lodges history accurate. Send your e-mail to:

webmaster@brattleborolodge102.org.

And don't forget, you can also get any prior notice from the website by going to the Trestle Board Section and clicking on the notices.