



Newsletter

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Successful Open House



*Outside Quincy
Masonic Building on
a bright, wintry
day:*

*L-R Bro Todd Raabe,
Bro Brian Sullivan,
Wor Graeme
Marsden (in 18c
clothing).*

*In rear: Bro DJ
Ballantine.*

*Photos:
Wor Don Mallett*

*The same quartet as seen from
across Hancock Street*

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Cradles to Crayons Campaign Starts Saturday 24th

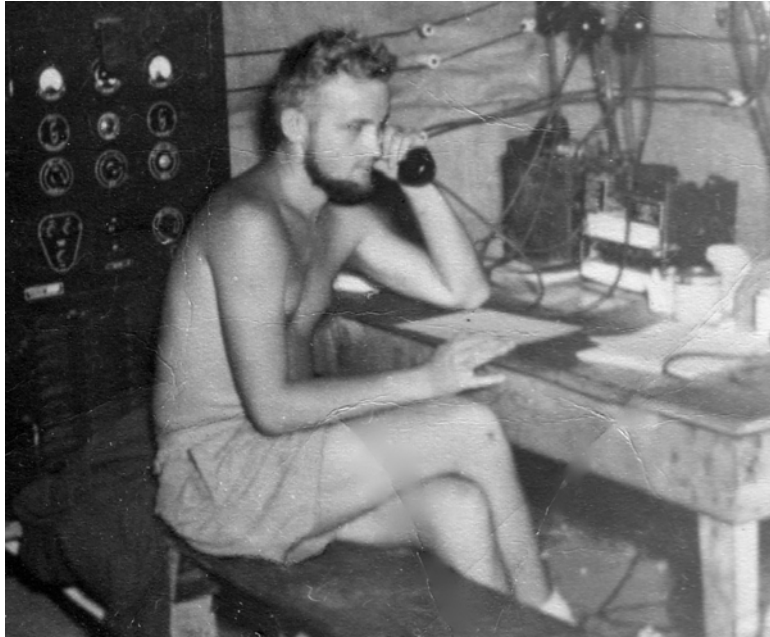
**Cradles to Crayons
Charity Drive**
Donate your kids' used clothes
Sat., March 24 12-2 PM
Wed., March 28 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat., March 31 12-2 PM
Tue., April 3 5:30-7:30 PM


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**Masonic Building
1170 Hancock St.,
Quincy**

Come along and join in!

Who Is It?



Take a look at the old black and white photo. A young man sits in a radio shack. The equipment is certainly 1940s vintage. We can't divine from his clothing whether he's in the armed forces, but it does tell us he's in a warm climate. Could it be the Pacific theater? Mm - but that beard doesn't look regulation issue...

This man is one of our brethren - somebody who's sure to be there at all of our regular communications. See later in Newsletter to find out more.

Masonic Fellowship Night – This Saturday: All welcome!

Our second annual inter-lodge Fellowship Night (some people call it 'The Masonic House Party') will be held at the Old Colony Club on Court Street Plymouth.

It's sponsored this time by Rural Lodge, Corner Stone Lodge in Duxbury and Adams Lodge in Wellfleet. But if you're a Mason of any lodge, wheresoe'er dispersed, you are welcome! Bring your lady and bring a prospective candidate. Bring snacks to share. Cash bar. 6:00-10:30pm.

Driving directions are on the accompanying flyer.

DDGM AT St Paul's-Algonquin

Members of the DDGM's suite were presented lapel flowers at the Fraternal Visit to St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge on 8 March. Later in the proceedings, the Master presented flowers to those whose Masonic anniversary fell in March. Wor Steve Cooper (13 years) was a double-dipper!



*Left: The District Awareness Officer
Wor Steve Cooper
with Wor Jerry Jenkins, PM of Pea Ridge
Lodge #119 Brightwater AR*



*Right: Acting Master Wor Joe Hilchey
presents flowers to the birthday boys.*

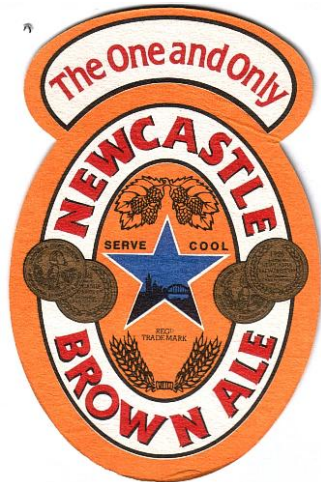
Beer Styles

There are lots of them!

In preparation for our **Beer-Tasting at Rural Lodge on April 5**, here's info on a few types... just to whet your appetite, so to speak.

Brown Ale

An English ale known for its somewhat sweet, caramel-like flavor and moderate alcohol content. There are three main styles: English Mild, English Brown Ale and American



Brown Ale.

Mild Ale is deep brown in color, very low in alcohol and hop bitterness, with almost fruity undertones. English Brown Ale is more alcoholic, fuller-bodied, and hoppier than Mild, possessing a mellow, roasted malty taste.

American Brown Ale is a new interpretation of the English tradition, featuring a more pronounced roasted malt flavor, higher hop bitterness and brewed from American hop varieties. There is a variant style from Belgium known as Flanders Brown Ale that is a sour beer, perhaps the closest beer style to the original London Porter formulation.

Corona

A brand of low-grade Mexican beer that was originally cheaply brewed so that peasants could afford it. It was discovered in

America when folks started adding a wedge of citrus to it. The same company, Grupo Modelo, makes a very fine Vienna style beer, Negro Modelo.

Cream Ale

Originally a blend of ale and lager unique to North America. It is somewhat dry with mild malt flavor and very little hop aroma. Closer to Kolsch in style than any other, Cream Ale has light body, moderate alcohol content, and is very pale in color.

Dortmunder Export

A medium to full-bodied pale lager originating in what is now Dortmund, Germany in the fourteenth century. Its taste falls between a Pilsner and Munchener Helles in having a medium maltiness balanced by medium hop bitterness. It was traditionally brewed for a slightly higher alcohol content to enhance stability in shipping.

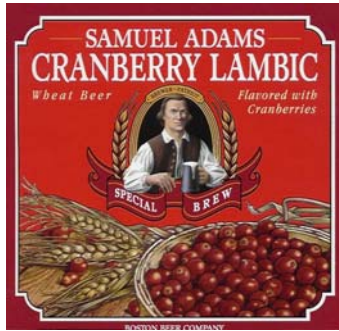
Kolsch

A pale blond German-style ale, first brewed in Koln (Cologne), Germany. Moderately high in alcohol, dry and fairly bitter, this beer is rarely imported into the US.

Lager

A generic name for pale, cold-fermented, cold-aged beer. Lagers differ from ales because they are fermented with bottom-fermenting yeasts at much colder temperatures, over longer periods of time (months as opposed to weeks). Long cold storage, or cellaring, of beer is called "lagering."

The most popular American brands are lagers, which feature a minimalist approach to beer character and flavor, and are generally valued more for being a refreshing and predictable drink (like Coca-Cola), rather than being valued for taste. The minimal flavor remains unaffected by refrigeration, whereas chilling destroys the full flavor top-fermented beer (just as it kills the flavor of tomatoes and many cheeses).



Lambic

Spontaneously fermented, sour Belgian wheat beer. Not everyone's taste. You can get a Samuel Adams Cranberry Lambic in most stores.

By Belgian law, it must contain a minimum of 30 percent wheat. Lambic is lightly hopped (due to the use of deliberately aged hops), and can be flavored with fruit. Traditionally brewers have used raspberries or cherries, but new flavors such as peaches, pineapple or plums are now seen. The fruit flavor is attained by adding macerated fruit during the secondary fermentation. Lambic is considered a "wild" beer because the fermentation process begins after exposing the naturally occurring wild yeasts and bacteria to the air. This entire process can take up to two years, thus accounting for the high price of this beer.

Lite Beers

These are light-flavored lager beers that have water added to them, but are sold at the same price as the undiluted kind. They are *ipso facto* lower in calories and flavor, and *ipso facto* are favored in the US.

Time To Unload!



Rainbow is collecting pennies! It's time to round up all that unwanted metal and bring it in to Lodge. Wor Arthur Dunham will collect it from you and pass it to Rainbow.

Left: One thousand pennies

Now check your powers of observation - without looking at a penny, let's see if you can recognize a real penny from all the bogus ones. It's harder than you might think! ...Click on the link.

http://www.exploratorium.edu/exhibits/common_cents/index.html

Spec. Comm.



At a Special Communication of Rural Lodge on 12 March, Bro Paul Burgoyne was raised to the sublime degree.

Bro Paul had been unable to take his third degree earlier this year as his wife was having a baby! Congratulations to Bro Paul for both occasions!

Mass. Masons Visit Louisiana

By Bro Jason Fossella



The idea for the trip to Louisiana arose during a conversation at the Land Ho in Orleans MA between me and RW Herb Kinney PDDGM. I had moved to Ruston LA several months earlier to study civil engineering at Louisiana Tech University. Ruston is a charming little town of 20,000 in Northern Louisiana, approximately 30 miles from the Arkansas border. After arriving, I immediately became involved with Ruston Lodge #106 F&AM.

The Ruston Masonic Temple is in the middle of downtown.

The sign lights up when the lodge meets- the younger guys call it the 'bat signal'

In December I returned to the Cape for the

Christmas holiday, and over the course of a dinner with Herb we discussed him visiting Ruston. We thought it would be interesting if several Masons from Universal Lodge in Orleans made the trip. I left the idea in the back of my mind.



After returning to Ruston in January, I was appointed Master of Ceremonies of Ruston Lodge (the MC is a position found in French lodges, responsible for preparing and introducing candidates) and we began the busiest period Ruston Lodge had seen in half a century. In 2006 we performed 14 EA, 7 FC, and 8 MM degrees.

Massachusetts Brothers with candidates: L-R top row: RW Herb Kinney PDDGM, Wor Jim Bennette PM, Bro Jason Fossella. Bottom row: Wor Bill Reade PM, Bro Malcolm Colvin, Bro Weston Colvin, Wor Roger Gardiner PM



Louisiana degree team: L-R back row: Bro Stephen Johnston, Bro Brandon Davis, Bro Jason Fossella. Front row: Wor Joe Gaido PM, Wor Charlie Edwards PM, Wor Dick Ambrose PM, Bro Malcolm Colvin, Wor Ed Moseley PM, Wor Jay McCallum PM

We performed at least two degrees each month, and we believe we set a record for most raisings in a single year in Ruston. Approximately two thirds of our petitions have come from students at Louisiana Tech. The influx of young members has had an enormously positive effect on our lodge. Our meeting attendance is up 50% over the previous years; the lodge library is being renovated; and the local Chapter and Council which had been inactive for several years are being reinvigorated by younger members interested in the York Rite. Our officer line for 2007 has an

average age of 29. Even though it is only January now, we can see that 2007 will be just as busy as last year- we have already performed two EAs, with a FC schedule for February and several petitions on the secretary's desk.

With all of this degree work being done, I thought it would be interesting to have a degree team from Massachusetts come to Louisiana to raise one of our candidates. Louisiana Masonic Law is much more flexible than Massachusetts regarding ritual; we have several craft lodges that work the Scottish Rite, and exchanges with lodges in Arkansas and Texas have been performed in the past. We took advantage of this quirk and requested dispensation from the Grand Lodges of both states to perform a Master Mason degree on one of our candidates, using Massachusetts ritual.



Everyone present the second night: Back row: Wor Joe Moser PM, Bro Keith Elliot, Wor Charlie Edwards PM, Wor Jim Bennette PM, Wor Stephen Yeich PM, Wor Sam Williams PM, Bro Newroth, RW Herbert Kinney PDDGM Middle Row: Bro Marcus Bailey, Bro Jim Mise, Wor Dick Ambrose PM, Wor Ray Harris PM, Bro Jason

Fossella, Wor Ed Collins DDGL

Front Row: Bro Weston Colvin, Bro Malcolm Colvin, Bro Charlie Gullatte, Bro ER Ambrose, Bro Stephen Johnston, Wor Roger Gardiner PM, Wor Mike Coyle PM, Wor Ed Moseley PM, Wor LJ Gardebled PM, Bro Paul Meyeur, Bro Brandon Davis

In the spring I wrote to Universal Lodge with my idea, and received an enthusiastic response. RW Truman Henson PDDGM, secretary of Universal Lodge, who arranged dispensation from Massachusetts Grand Lodge while Ruston's secretary Wor. Dr. HE Moseley requested the same from Louisiana. Over the summer, I spoke about the trip at the 21st District LOI, and at two meetings of Universal Lodge.

In September, we knew we had four Massachusetts Masons coming for the trip: RW Herbert Kinney PDDGM, Wor Jim Bennette PM, Wor Roger Gardiner PM, and Wor Bill Reade PM. Ruston Lodge paid for lodging for the four brothers and Mrs Reade, and set up a gumbo dinner for our Yankee guests.



*Massachusetts degree team: Back row: Bro Stephen Johnston, Wor Charlie Edwards PM, Wor Jim Bennette PM, RW Herbert Kinney PDDGM, Bro Jason Fossella, Wor Roger Gardiner PM
Front row: Bro Malcolm Colvin, Bro Weston Colvin, Wor Bill Reade PM, Wor Mike Coyle PM, Wor Ed Moseley PM, Bro Brandon Davis*

The four brothers arrived October 27, and that night Ruston Lodge put on the Master Mason degree with Louisiana Ritual, on Malcolm Coy Colvin. The evening of October 28, the four Massachusetts brothers, with the assistance of Brothers Jason Fossella, Stephen Johnston, Malcolm Colvin, Brandon Davis, Charles Gullatte, LJ Gardebled, and Wor HE Moseley put the MM degree with Massachusetts ritual, on Weston Cash Colvin. The two candidates are brothers, and we felt it would very exciting for them to receive the two different degrees.

It was interesting to see how the brothers from each state reacted to the others' degree work. Louisiana ritual allows a lot of room for improvisation, with some sections being entirely mutable. The Massachusetts brothers commented on how heartfelt and personally meaningful several sections of the Louisiana work seemed. On the other hand, the Louisiana brothers were impressed with the formality and tradition of the Massachusetts work, particularly "skinning the cat" and the Canadian Charge. ...

I was personally very pleased to see the immediate camaraderie between the brothers from the North and South. You would have thought they'd been in the same lodge for 100 years! The members of Ruston Lodge are already clamoring for a trip up North "in the warmer months, if they have any".

Ed: By all means contact Bro Jason, whose diligence and love of the Craft are to be commended. Jason Fossella jcfossella@gmail.com.

Ruston Lodge website:

<http://www.mastermason.com/ruston106>.

Bro Jason's Masonic blog:

<http://tidingsfromthewest.blogspot.com/>.

Part Five of Nine Parts

Fraternal Societies

After the Civil War

The Civil War is often used to divide American history neatly between its agrarian, colonial, and "new republic" periods and the increasing industrialization and urbanization that took place in the late 19th century. Tremendous changes in American society wrought by the war and the industrial revolution are reflected in the development of an unprecedented number of fraternal organizations through the 1920's. As one author described it, "The number of these organizations is increasing with the growth of civilization and the wants and necessities of mankind." New organizations were formed to address new problems, and older organizations adapted to changing conditions.

Freemasonry experienced a dramatic increase in membership in the years surrounding the Civil War.

Between 1826 and 1832, anti-Masonic sentiment had intensified during the so-called Morgan affair in Batavia NY in which William Morgan, a Mason of dubious standing, mysteriously disappeared after he threatened to expose Masonic secrets. The Masons of the area were accused of having murdered him.

The furor over this episode seriously reduced Masonic membership, particularly in areas of New York and New England. By 1828, it became an issue of national politics when the newly-formed Anti-Masonic Party nominated William Wirt for president. By 1832, the anti-Masonic movement had lost its momentum and Freemasonry gradually regained membership. During the Civil War, the popularity of military lodges as a haven for soldiers far from home was probably an important factor in the renewed strength of the fraternity.

The revival of Freemasonry in the second half of the 19th century was also marked by subtle changes that echoed shifts in American customs and attitudes. Influenced by the Temperance Movement, Freemasonry ceased to resemble an 18th-century men's club,

and carefully separated its ritual meeting from banquets and social functions. Still sensitive from the criticism of clergymen during the anti-Masonic period, the emphasis of Freemasonry's teachings moved further from the 18th-century Enlightenment philosophy and deism to more closely parallel established 19th-century religion.

Many new organizations grew directly out of the divisiveness of the Civil War experience. The Knights of Pythias was organized in 1864 by a group of federal clerks



in Washington DC, who felt that the nation urgently needed to rekindle a brotherly spirit. Justus H. Rathbone designed the ritual, which is based on the 4th century BCE story of the friendship of Damon and Pythias. Rathbone was a Freemason and a Red Man, and incorporated aspects of these organizations into his new ritual. The society's motto is Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

Another less altruistic organization also grew out of the turmoil of the civil War. The Ku-Klux Klan, originally founded by Confederate Army veterans in Pulaski TN for amusement and fraternal companionship, soon became a vehicle for disenfranchised white vigilantes to reassert their influence during the social and political upheaval of the Reconstruction era in the South. The name is a corruption of the Greek word "kuklos", meaning circle. Members,

dressed in sheets, rode at night to intimidate carpetbaggers and former slaves. These activities escalated to lynchings and floggings. The Klan was formally disbanded in 1869, but as late as 1871 the Ku-Klux Act empowered the President to use federal troops to abolish this "conspiracy against the federal government."

The 20th-century revival, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, traces its inspiration more to the intolerance of Know-Nothingism than the Ku-Klux Klan of Reconstruction. It was founded in 1915 by William J. Simmons to foster white supremacy, anti-Semitism, and anti-Catholicism. The organization has gone through a number of cycles of gaining and losing membership. It was particularly strong in the 1920s, followed by decline in the 1940s, reviving again in the 1950s in response to civil rights activities, then declining in the 1960s, and finding new life in the mid-1970s and 1980s. In 1965, the Committee on Un-American Activities reported that "the traditional ugly image of the Ku Klux Klan is essentially valid - preaching love and peace, yet practicing hatred and violence;

claiming fidelity to the Constitution, yet systematically abrogating the constitutional rights of other citizens."

To be continued in the next issue of Rural Lodge Newsletter.

Seen on the sidelines



RW Arshag "Archie" Gechjian and Wor Bernie Schnaper at the 1 March Regular Communication of Rural Lodge

DD announces Free Coffee all day Wednesday

Yup, we know the DD is a generous man, but free coffee for all?

Actually what we mean is free coffee for all comers at all DDs (Dunkin Donuts.) A couple of snags, though: it's at all *participating* stores, and the coffee is cold. Cold?

Here's part of the press release...

CANTON, Mass., March 1 PRNewswire -- Dunkin' Donuts, the largest coffee and baked goods chain in the world, wants to help customers put winter "on ice." On Wednesday, March 21, the official first day of spring, Dunkin' Donuts will host its first-ever all day, nationwide "Free Iced Coffee Day."

For 24 hours on **March 21**, customers can visit any participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurant in the country and receive a free 16 oz. cup of Dunkin' Donuts' premium iced coffee, which is double-brewed to ensure full flavor with every cup.

"We look forward to treating everyone to a free cup of our delicious, freshly brewed iced coffee to celebrate the arrival of spring," said Robert Rodriguez, Dunkin' Donuts brand president. "As the category leader, Dunkin' Donuts has been brewing iced coffee

for more than 25 years and we are thrilled to be kicking off another iced coffee season with this all day, nationwide event."

Iced coffee is fast becoming as "hot" as the classic cup at Dunkin' Donuts. While iced coffee sales typically spike in summer months, Dunkin' Donuts has seen rapid growth year-round, including during the winter months. Iced coffee is the second most frequently sold product after hot coffee at Dunkin' Donuts.

Lots of factoids for facts geeks:

Americans drank more than 450 million servings of iced coffee in restaurants in 2006 (a 16 percent increase from 2005) and Dunkin' Donuts sold more than 150 million iced coffees last year.

Founded in 1950 in Quincy Massachusetts, today Dunkin' Donuts is the number one retailer of hot regular coffee-by-the-cup in America, selling 2.7 million cups a day, nearly one billion cups a year.

Dunkin' Donuts is the largest coffee and baked goods chain in the world and sells more hot regular coffee, iced coffee, donuts, and bagels than any other quick service restaurant in America.

Dunkin' Donuts has more than 7,200 restaurants in 30 countries worldwide.

Based in Canton, Massachusetts, Dunkin' Donuts is a subsidiary of Dunkin' Brands, Inc.

Conspiracy Theory

We are told that nature abhors a vacuum, so when we are faced with the inexplicable, we tend to invent a reason for it that sounds logical. In the following case, maybe a creative person came up with an idea that the second person passed on as being true.

One of the puzzles that has taxed our orderly minds for hundreds of years is why the neatly laid out grid of numbered and lettered streets of our national's capital is lacking a 'J' street. None of the numbered streets appears out of sequence; none of the other letters of the alphabet is passed over. Why, then, the seemingly arbitrary gap between 'I' and 'K' streets?

Surely it wasn't an oversight, so it must have a rational explanation. Or does it?

“Washington DC has no 'J' Street because city designer Pierre L'Enfant bore a grudge against Chief Justice John Jay.”

Let's look into this commonly believed assertion.

After the fledgling USA replaced the Articles of Confederation with a new Constitution in 1788 to create a stronger federal government and "form a more perfect union," one the tasks that befell its First Federal Congress and its first President, George Washington, was to create the national capital called for in Article I of that Constitution.

The new nation was to have a new capital, built from the ground up. The final choice in 1790 was a site on the Potomac River was the product of many years of political

wrangling that began well before the adoption of the Constitution and the first in a series of political compromises between the commercial North and the agrarian South.

The task of designing, laying out, and building a national capital from scratch was a daunting one, and President Washington's first and only choice for the job was Pierre L'Enfant, a French-born artist, architect, and civil engineer who had served with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. L'Enfant began surveying land in the new federal district in March 1791 and soon completed plans for a city featuring "a system of radial avenues imposed on a grid of streets." That grid, when finally built, would lack a 'J' Street, giving rise to the legend that L'Enfant deliberately left the street off his plans because he bore a grudge against someone whose name began with J.



John Jay by Gilbert Stuart

Could it have been Brother John Jay, who was named the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by President Washington in 1791 and was elected Governor of New York in 1795? Or maybe it was Jefferson?

Actually, no. There's a simple explanation. J Street was probably omitted because the letters I and J were often indistinguishable from each other (especially when handwritten), and in 18th century English they were still largely interchangeable. The 1740 "New General English Dictionary" published in London had a single section for I and

J, and the standard identification Thomas Jefferson used on his personal possessions was T.I.

Having both an "I" and a "J" street would have been redundant at best and confusing at worst. Indeed in some alphanumeric numbering systems used today, both "O" and "I" are often omitted to avoid confusion (with numbers 1 and 0).

Well, it's a rather sanguine explanation, and totally lacking in the intrigue that entertains us so much - but there we have it!

But then we of all people shouldn't be surprised. After all, isn't Freemasonry a worldwide conspiracy that's about to overthrow the government? That's one reason people make up stories - To fill the void that's between their ears.

Readers Write...

I noticed your bit on the Roman names of the months- you're missing a few. Here are the ones you missed, with some extra info on March.

Martius

Means the month of Mars, because this was the month when the mountain snows had melted and the Roman army could march out to war again. Military campaigns traditionally began in March.

Aprilis

From aperire, to open, because the buds on trees and flowering plants opened.

Maius

Named for Maia, Greek goddess of fertility.

Junius

Named for Juno, wife of Jupiter. It was traditionally unlucky to wed in June, because Juno would be jealous and sabotage your marriage. **Ed: Wow! Moon and June and weddings seem to go hand in hand in the US!**

Februarius

From februum, purification, because the purification rite of Februa was held in this month. In the second scene of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, when Caesar and Calpurnia are watching Mark Antony run in the race, it's a part of the rite.

- JC Fossella

Who Is It?

That young man in the radio shack?

That was Bro Dick Sheaff, seen here in the East of Rural Lodge earlier this year receiving his 60-year pin from RW David Elsner, and the Master of Rural Lodge, Wor Ron McKim.



The old black and white picture dates from 1943.

Dick is shown in a radio shack at the airstrip on Vela La Vela, one of the Solomon Islands situated 200 miles north of Guadalcanal. Dick was an Navy Aviation Radioman at a US Navy fighter pilot base.

Hailing originally from Portland ME, Dick moved with his family to Wakefield at age 12. He was part of a family of three boys and three girls - Dick was the youngest boy. He fondly remembers his time in the



Melrose DeMolay. His two brothers were in the US Naval Reserve, and Dick joined the US Navy at the outbreak of war.

Dick now lives in Quincy with his wife. Before he retired, he worked at the Charles Stark Draper Labs of MIT in Cambridge. Dick worked on the NASA Apollo mission and on the Navy Submarine Missile program from Polaris to Poseidon.

Left: The Solomon Islands

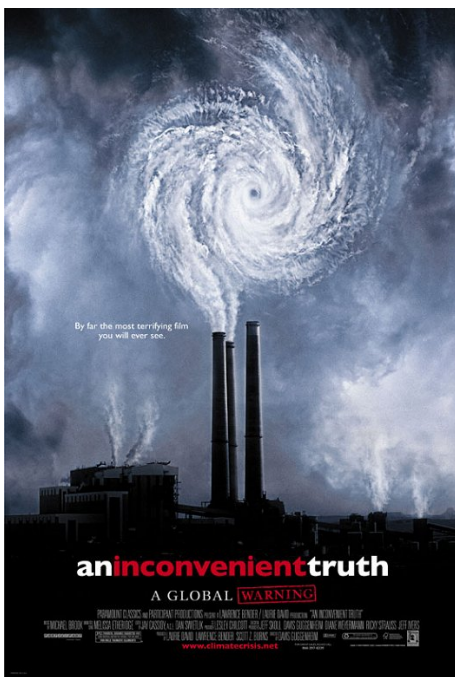


A US Navy Corsair, such as the ones at the Solomon Island airstrip.

Check out an underwater Corsair wreck:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23871

Documentary Screening: An Inconvenient Truth



Still wondering whether global warming is myth or reality? Or convinced there's a problem but not sure what you can do about it? Come to a free screening of the critically acclaimed documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" on Sunday 25 March at 1:30 pm. Thomas Crane Public Library. Following the movie, stay for a discussion with local officials and environmental activists and find out how your community is responding to the situation and how you can help - and also save on your energy costs!

In this Academy Award nominated film, former Vice President Al Gore presents an eye-opening and compelling view of the future of our planet, cutting through myths and misconceptions about global warming and urging that we act now to save the earth.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library and the Quincy Environmental Network, in cooperation with the Quincy City Council Environmental and Health Subcommittee.

Readers Write...



Graeme, just a note to say hello to all. I have attached a picture of a few guys you all might know that we found sitting on a porch outside a restaurant in Plant City, FL.

Sorry to hear that the weather has been so cold up north this past week. We have enjoyed some of the most beautiful weather of the whole winter - sunny and in the 70 - 80's. See you in the Spring.

Jane & John

Editor: Thanks, RW John Sutterley. We know time passes slowly in the South, but isn't it time to change the date on your camera?

United Methodist Bishop Carl Sanders dies at 94

9 March 2007

United Methodist News Service

Retired United Methodist Bishop Carl J. Sanders, 94, died March 7 at Fairhaven Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., after a brief illness.



Elected to the episcopacy in 1972 by the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Sanders served the Birmingham area for eight years before retiring. At the time of his election, he was the only episcopal candidate elected on the first ballot in the history of the jurisdiction. Born in Star, N.C., on May 18, 1912, he attended Wofford College, where he graduated in 1933, and received a bachelor's degree in divinity from Candler School of Theology in 1936. He was ordained an elder in 1938 and joined the Virginia Annual Conference, serving a variety of appointments at churches through 1955. From 1955-71, he was district superintendent for the Petersburg, Richmond and Norfolk districts. Sanders was president of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, vice president of the Board of Global Ministries from 1972-76 and was a member of the board of trustees of various colleges and universities. He also served as a delegate to the United Methodist General Conferences of 1960, 1964, 1968 and 1972.

He was active in Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. An oil portrait of Sanders hangs in the Scottish Rite Architects Hall of Honor at the House of the Temple in Washington.

Harmony Lodge in Need

Harmony, NC

There is a Lodge here in North Carolina, Harmony Lodge #299, that sustained a good bit of damage from a fire in December. The total amount was \$32,000.00. They did not have proper insurance as a lot of small Lodge don't, after the insurance company finished with them they received \$17,000.00 dollars. This left them far short of what was needed. A lot of Lodges in North Carolina have come to their aid. My home Lodge, Statesville Lodge #27 will be have a Donor Banquet and Auction of May 12th. Could you reach out and see if members of you list might have some Masonic Items that they would be able to donate for the auction. We are only looking for Masonic Items only as only Masons and their wives or OES members will be in attendance. The only way to get into the banquet, which is a Prime Rib dinner is to make a donation in the amount of \$50.00 or if you want your spouse, a donation in the amount of \$100.00. We are sending tickets to those that donate and they are invited to the Honors Banquet. You can't buy a ticket, you get it free for the donation.

If anyone would like more information they can go to www.30district.ncmason.org and their is a webpage for it. We need more items for the auction. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to them would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Joseph Link

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8th Masonic District Calendar

8th. District Lodge of Instruction is held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Candidate instruction: 6:00pm

Lodge Opening: 6:30pm

Dinner: 6:45 - 7:30pm

Speaker: 7:30pm

Close: 8:30pm

Master: Wor Paul Ricciardi alacante@aol.com

MARCH 2007

Saturday 17 March

Monday 19 March

Tuesday 20 March

Thursday 22 March

Saturday 24 March

Saturday 24 March

Tuesday 27 March

Tuesday 27 March

Wednesday 28 March

Thursday 29 March

Saturday 31 March

Saturday 31 March

Fellowship Night at Old Colony Club, Plymouth

Delta Lodge Blood Drive 10:00am-4:00pm at KofC Hall

Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication & Fraternal Visit

Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm

Cradles to Crayons Drive. Quincy Masonic Building 12-2

Rural Lodge outing to The Tomb

Delta Lodge Regular Communication

Macedonian Lodge Regular Communication & Fraternal Visit

Cradles to Crayons Drive. Quincy Masonic Building 5:30-7:30

Exemplification of FC Degree at Quincy Masonic Building

Dinner 6:00pm; Work 7:00pm

Cradles to Crayons Drive. Quincy Masonic Building 12-2

District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am Quincy Masonic Building

APRIL 2007

Tuesday 3 April

Wednesday 4 April

Thursday 5 April

Thursday 5 April

Friday 6 April

Wednesday 11 April

Thursday 12 April

Thursday 12 April

Friday 13 April

Saturday 14 April

Tuesday 17 April

Thursday 19 April

Friday 20 April

Friday 20 April

Tuesday 24 April

Tuesday 24 April

Thursday 26 April

Saturday 28 April

Saturday 28 April

Cradles to Crayons Drive. Quincy Masonic Building 5:30-7:30

Lodge of Instruction: Open to all.

Dinner reservations are required from constituent lodges. Send headcount to the JW of the LOI, Wor Dave Smith dsmithsci@aol.com.

Speaker from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

Rural Lodge Regular Communication

Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building

South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building

Norfolk Union Lodge Regular Communication

St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Regular Communication

Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm

Milton Lodge Regular Communication

Master's Path Course at Brockton Masonic Building

Recent attendance at a MP Course is now a requirement before a brother can become Master of his lodge.

Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication

Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building

Grotto

South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building

Delta Lodge Regular Communication

Macedonian Lodge Regular Communication

Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm

District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA

Grand Master's Ball in Boston

MAY 2007

Wednesday 2 May

Thursday 3 May

Thursday 3 May

Friday 4 May

Lodge of Instruction: Open to all.

Dinner reservations are required from constituent lodges. Send headcount to the JW of the LOI, Wor Dave Smith dsmithsci@aol.com.

Speaker from USN or NASA.

Rural Lodge Accelerated Degree Program: FIRST DEGREE

Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building

South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building

Saturday 5 May	Scottish Rite One Day Class at Grand Lodge
Wednesday 9 May	Norfolk Union Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 10 May	St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 10 May	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Friday 11 May	Milton Lodge Regular Communication
Saturday 12 May	Rural Lodge Child ID Program at Wollaston Childcare 9-12noon
Tuesday 15 May	Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 17 May	Rural Lodge Accelerated Degree Program: SECOND DEGREE
Thursday 17 May	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 18 May	Grotto
Friday 18 May	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Tuesday 22 May	Delta Lodge Regular Communication
Tuesday 22 May	Macedonian Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 24 May	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Saturday 26 May	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA
Wednesday 30 May	June Lodge of Instruction: Open to Masons Installation of RW Arthur Sharp as Master. The meeting features Claudy's much-beloved play <i>The Rose on the Altar.</i>
Thursday 31 May	Rural Lodge Accelerated Degree Program: THIRD DEGREE

JUNE 2007

Friday 1 June	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
3 rd to 9 th June	Taleb Grotto at Niagara Falls.
Wednesday 6 June	Lodge of Instruction: Date has moved to 30 May!
Thursday 7 June	Rural Lodge Regular Communication STEP-UP NIGHT
Thursday 7 June	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 8 June	Milton Lodge Regular Communication
Saturday 10 June	Grand Master's Fair at Charlton
Wednesday 13 June	Norfolk Union Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 14 June	Grand Lodge dedicates new Bunker Hill facilities
Thursday 14 June	St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 14 June	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Friday 15 June	Grotto
Friday 15 June	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Saturday 16 June	8 th District marches in Quincy Flag Day Parade
Tuesday 19 June	Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 21 June	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Tuesday 26 June	Delta Lodge Regular Communication
Tuesday 26 June	Macedonian Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 28 June	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
June	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA

JULY 2007

Saturday 28 July	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA
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AUGUST 2007

Monday 20 August	Grand Master rededicates the Provincetown Memorial on its 100 th birthday
Saturday 25 August	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA

SEPTEMBER 2007

Wednesday 5 September	Lodge of Instruction
Thursday 6 September	Rural Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 6 September	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 7 September	Rural Lodge Pre-Installation Reception with the MW Grand Master
Friday 7 September	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Saturday 8 September	Rural Lodge Installation
Wednesday 12 September	Norfolk Union Lodge Installation
Thursday 13 September	St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Installation
Thursday 13 September	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Friday 14 September	Milton Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 20 September	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 21 September	Grotto
Friday 21 September	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Saturday 22 September	Weymouth United Lodge Installation
Tuesday 25 September	Delta Lodge Regular Communication
Tuesday 25 September	Macedonian Lodge Installation
Thursday 27 September	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Saturday 29 September	Delta Lodge Installation
Saturday 29 September	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA

OCTOBER 2007

Wednesday 3 October	Lodge of Instruction
Thursday 4 October	Rural Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 4 October	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 5 October	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Wednesday 10 October	Norfolk Union Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 11 October	St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 11 October	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Friday 12 October	Milton Lodge Installation
Saturday 13 October	Statewide Square & Compasses Day
Tuesday 16 October	Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 18 October	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 19 October	Grotto
Friday 19 October	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Tuesday 23 October	Delta Lodge Official visit
Thursday 25 October	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Friday 26 October	Macedonian Lodge Regular Communication
Saturday 27 October	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA

NOVEMBER 2007

Thursday 1 November	Rural Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 1 November	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 2 November	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Wednesday 7 November	Lodge of Instruction
Thursday 8 November	St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 8 November	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Friday 9 November	Milton Lodge Official visit
Wednesday 14 November	Norfolk Union Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 15 November	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building

Friday 16 November	Grotto
Friday 16 November	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Tuesday 20 November	Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication
Tuesday 27 November	Delta Lodge Regular Communication
Tuesday 27 November	Macedonian Lodge Official visit
Saturday 24 November	District Breakfast 8:00-11:00am, location TBA

DECEMBER 2007

Wednesday 5 December	Lodge of Instruction
Thursday 6 December	Rural Lodge Official visit
Thursday 6 December	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 7 December	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Thursday 13 December	St Paul's-Algonquin Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 13 December	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm
Wednesday 12 December	Norfolk Union Lodge Regular Communication
Friday 14 December	Milton Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 20 December	Wollaston Assembly Rainbow Girls 7:15 at Quincy Masonic Building
Friday 21 December	Grotto
Friday 21 December	South Shore Chapter of DeMolay, at Weymouth Masonic Building
Tuesday 18 December	Weymouth United Lodge Regular Communication
Thursday 27 December	Old Colony Chapter DeMolay, Quincy Masonic Building 7:30pm

Delta Lodge Regular Communication - date is likely to be changed by dispensation
Macedonian Lodge Regular Communication - date is likely to be changed by dispensation
No District Breakfast will be held in December, as the end of the month is a busy time for all.

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