

Unity Lodge #58, A.F. & A.M. Thorndike, Maine



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February 15, 2019

Greetings Brother:

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February 20, 2019, Our stated communication. 6:30 Potluck Supper, 7:30 Meeting, Entered Apprentice degree if enough members and the candidate attend.

Coming events:

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Feb. 21, Siloam Lodge in Fairfield EA degree. 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Feb. 24, \$4:30-6:30 Benefit Spaghetti Supper for the son and daughter-in-law of Brother Ed Knight, Treasurer of Star In The West #85 in Unity. Location: 327 Main Street, Unity

Masters and Wardens meeting Feb, 27 at Seabasticook Lodge in Clinton. 6:30 pm.

Central Lodge in China MM degree Feb. 28. 6:30 supper and 7:30 pm meeting. They have the Traveling Gavel.

We have some new ways to keep in touch now: Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1998256393798057/>

Grand Lodge has started "Our Lodge Page TM": <https://58-me.ourlodgepage.com/>

Please notify the secretary if your address changes.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues.

Stated meeting are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 with a 6:30 supper
Bruce Hutchins, Secretary, 1053 Halldale Rd, Montville ME 04941. tel/fax 382-6226, email bruce@hutchinsbrothers.com
District Calendar <http://east.our.calendars.net/glme/glmedist12>
<http://unitylodge.hutchinsbrothers.com/>



KEEPING YOUR LODGE ALIVE



A Masonic Leadership Seminar

- **Network with Masonic leaders from around Maine**
- **Participate in roundtable discussions**
- **Learn tips and tricks for building your Lodge**
- **Learn more about membership growth & retention**
- **Training on becoming a more effective Lodge leader**

Saturday March 16, 2019

9:00am to 3:00pm

Fireside Inn & Suites

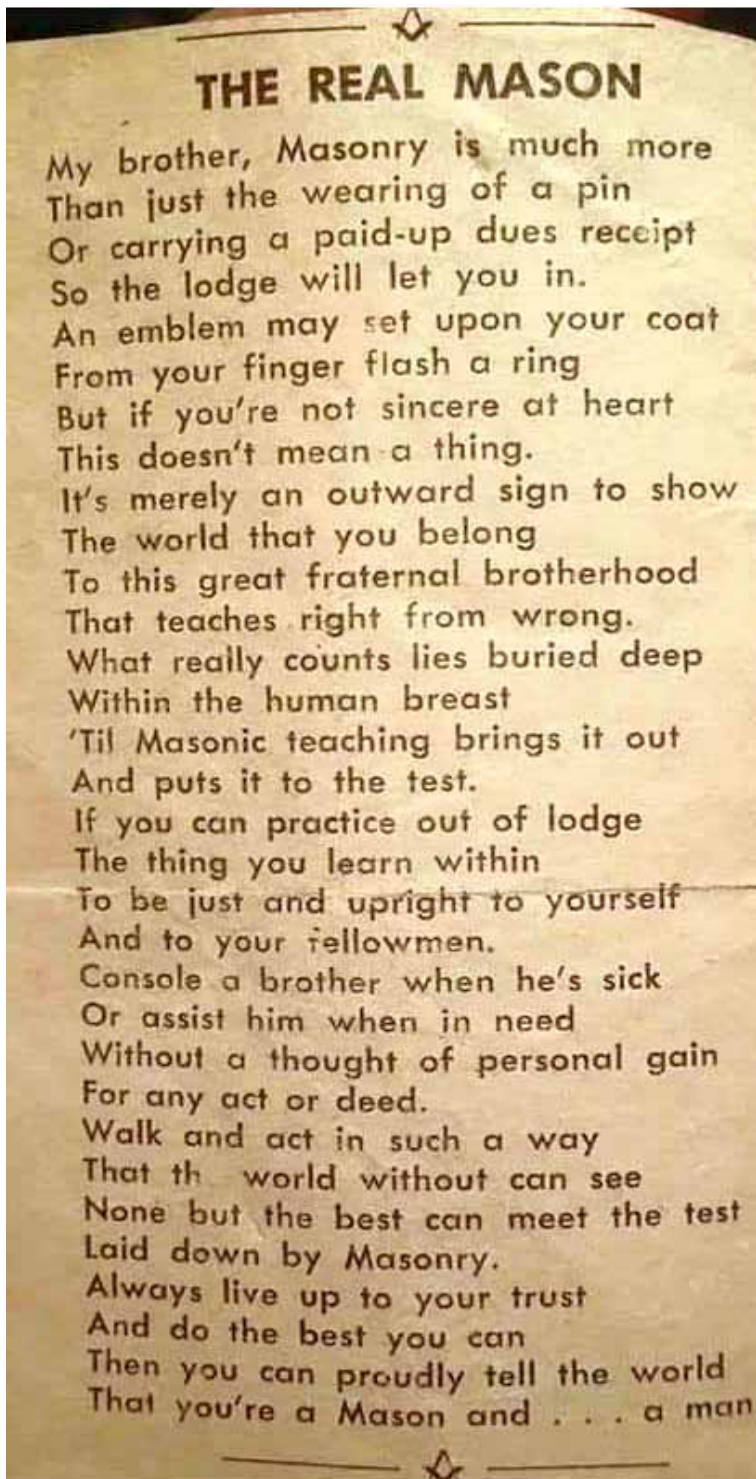
**376 Main Street in Waterville
(Just Off Exit 130)**

**Long Drive?
Stay the night
for \$89.00**

Register by March 11 & Get Free Lunch!

Send an email to grandlodge@mainemason.org
or register by phone at (207) 843-1086

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THE REAL MASON

My brother, Masonry is much more
Than just the wearing of a pin
Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt
So the lodge will let you in.
An emblem may set upon your coat
From your finger flash a ring
But if you're not sincere at heart
This doesn't mean a thing.
It's merely an outward sign to show
The world that you belong
To this great fraternal brotherhood
That teaches right from wrong.
What really counts lies buried deep
Within the human breast
'Til Masonic teaching brings it out
And puts it to the test.
If you can practice out of lodge
The thing you learn within
To be just and upright to yourself
And to your fellowmen.
Console a brother when he's sick
Or assist him when in need
Without a thought of personal gain
For any act or deed.
Walk and act in such a way
That th world without can see
None but the best can meet the test
Laid down by Masonry.
Always live up to your trust
And do the best you can
Then you can proudly tell the world
That you're a Mason and . . . a man

The Three Lesser Lights

Sun-worship played a prominent part in the religion of the ancients and was introduced into the mysteries, says [Bro. Albert] Mackey, not as a material idolatry, but as a means of expressing an idea of restoration to life from death, drawn from the daily reappearance in the East of the solar orb after its nightly disappearance in the West. The Gnostics derived many of their symbols from the Mithraic initiations, in which sun-worship played an important part. These again exercised their influence upon the medieval Freemasons. Thus it is that the sun has become so prominent in the Masonic system; not as an object of worship, but purely as a symbol, the interpretation of which is presented in many different ways. As the source of material light the sun reminds the Mason of that intellectual light of which he is in constant search. But it is especially as the ruler of the day, giving to it a beginning and end, and a regular course of hours, that the sun is presented as a Masonic symbol. Hence, of the three lesser lights, we are told that one represents or symbolizes the sun, one the moon, and one the Master of the lodge, because as the sun rules the day and the moon governs the night, so should the Worshipful Master rule and govern his lodge with equal regularity. And this is in strict analogy with other Masonic symbolism. For if the lodge is a symbol of the world, which is thus governed in its changes of times and seasons by the sun, it is evident that the Master who governs the lodge, controlling its time of opening and closing, and the work which it should do, must be symbolized by the sun.

[Bro. Wildey E. Atchison, "The Symbolic Lights," *The Builder*, September, Vol. IV, №9, 1918, 269-70.]

The Three Pillars

The universe is the temple of the Deity whom we serve: Wisdom, Strength and Beauty are around his throne, as pillars of his works; for his wisdom is infinite, his strength is omnipotent, and his beauty shines forth through all his creation. . . . Every lodge must be supported by three grand shafts, or pillars—Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Wisdom constructs the building, Beauty adorns, and Strength supports it; also, Wisdom is ordained to discover, Beauty to ornament, and Strength to bear. He who is wise as a perfect Master, will not be easily injured by his own actions. Hath a person the strength which a Senior Warden represents, he will bear and overcome every obstacle in life. And he who is adorned, like the Junior Warden, with humility of spirit, approaches nearer to the similitude of God than another. But the three pillars must be built upon a rock, and that rock is called Truth and Justice.—Gadicke

[Robert Macoy, *General History, Cyclopedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry*. (New York: Masonic Publishing Co., 1872), 325, 615-616.]