

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



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To the Brethren of Unity Lodge #58, AF & AM

On going over our membership I have noticed a significant decline. Our membership as of Jan. stands at 45. Of these 45 I counted 5 affiliates, 1 from Belfast, 3 from China, and 1 from Brooks. All of whom set chairs and assist at other duties. That leaves 6 chairs held by brethren raised in this lodge.

I need not remind you that it takes 7 to vote on business. So I would ask you to take the time to ask yourself where would this lodge be without our affiliates? Without participation as brothers we would all be going down the road kicking a rock and talking to our lunch boxes.

As master of this lodge I understand how easy it is to find a reason not to go. I will let you think up your own reasons, I certainly have mine,

Brethren, I and the lodge thank you for your prompt dues payments, this keeps us financially afloat, but we as a lodge cannot survive without participation. The officers make the meetings, the members on the sidelines make the lodge. THIS IS WHERE WE STAND AS A LODGE.

This is also to inform you that on Feb 1st at 9 am we will be rehearsing the MM degree for Bro, Shawn Bristol in preparation for the MM degree to be held Feb. 8th with a 12 o'clock lunch followed by the degree at 1 o'clock. If anyone is available and would like to take part we are in need of ruffians, speaking FC and extras. If you are interested in any of these parts give me a call: 437-2655. If not your presence at rehearsal or degree or both would be greatly appreciated. Remember the more the merrier, and it also makes a better impression on the candidate.

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mayo Cookson Jr". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Worshiup[ful Mayo Cookson, Jr.

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/>

<<Raised this month wording>>

Upcoming events:

Feb 1 MM degree rehearsal Thorndike, 9AM,

Feb 8 MM degree Thorndike noon,

Feb. 10 EA degree at Waterville, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Feb 13 Installation of Officers at Brooks 6:15 supper, 7:00 meeting,

Feb 18 FC degree at Oakland, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Feb. 19 Unity Lodge, Thorndike, Stated Communication, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting

Feb. 22 EA degree at Clinton, 5 pm supper, 6 pm degree

Thank you to those who have paid their dues.

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1998256393798057/>

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

Please notify the secretary if your address changes.

From The Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA) EMESSAY NOTES

Decline and Fall

This short excerpt was written many years ago by acclaimed Masonic author Joseph Fort Newton, but has enduring importance to our society and Fraternity today.

Edward Gibbon, in "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," gave five reasons for the collapse of that civilization which plunged the world into the Dark Ages. It was a great empire, perhaps the greatest the world has ever known, when the genius of the Caesars picked up the jigsaw puzzle which Alexander the Great had left, and made a Roman Empire. It was the first time the world had unity based upon law and not merely upon force. Whenever the Roman legions went they made roads, they set up scouts; and to this day their jurisprudence is a precious legacy of our race.

Why did the Roman Empire collapse? For five reasons, as Gibbons read the record.

First, the rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, the basis of human society.

Second, the higher and higher taxes and the spending of public moneys for bread and circuses.

Third, the mad craze for pleasure; sport becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

Fourth, the building gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, in the decadence of the people.

Fifth, the decay of religion, faith fading into a mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it.

It looks like an untouched photograph of much of our time, does it not, brethren?

Where to search for Lost Items

There is an old story about Mulla, an ancient Indian, who was searching with his fingers in the dirt beside the road.

A friend came by and asked, "What are you doing?"

Mulla replied, "I lost the key to my house."

The friend said, "I will help."

Then, together, they searched the dirt for the key to the house.

Finally, the friend said, "Are you sure you lost it here?"

Nulla replied, "No, I lost the key in the house... but there's more light for searching here."