

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



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June 14, 2019

Greetings Brother:

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Coming events:

June 18, 2019: RSU #3 is holding a special presentation for Masons and others who help provide the Bikes for Books program in the RSU #3 schools. 1:30 pm at Mt View School in Thorndike.

June 19, 2019, Our stated communication. 6:30 Potluck Supper, 7:30 Meeting, No degree.

June 20, Seabastcook Lodge in Clinton. Past Masters Night, Steak supper, EA degree.

May 22, Masters and Wardens Assoc, 6:30 pm at Central Lodge in China.

June 22, Central Lodge Golf Tournament.

June 22 2010; 11:00am - 2:00pm DeMolay Initiation. Bill Barteaux Chapter, Meeting at Waterville Lodge; Location: 250 County Rd, Waterville, Contact: Michael Theriault 431-0294, Degrees of Initiation Maine DeMolay, 11:00 - Initiatory Degree, 12:00 - Lunch, 1:00 - DeMolay Degree, All boys ages 12-21 eligible, Parents always welcome to attend.

June 24, Waterville Lodge Fellowcraft degree, 6:00 supper, 7:00 degree.

June 26, Unity Lodge hosts the 12th district Masters & Wardens Assoc. for the first time in over 30 years. We need to supply snacks. All Master Massons are encourage to attend. .6:30 pm.

June 29 2019, 7:00am - 2:00pm Golf Tournament - Cedar Springs GC in Albion. SSeabastcook Lodge will hold it's annual golf tournament at Cedar Springs GC in Albion. It will be a 8:00am shotgun start with food at the turn. Please email wtv129@gmail.com for registering your team or sponsoring a hole.

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/>

St. John's Day, Masonic feast

Freemasons historically celebrate two feasts of saints who are both named John. The feast of John the Baptist falls on 24 June, and that of John the Evangelist on 27 December, roughly marking mid-summer and mid-winter. During the Eighteenth Century, the Premier Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland favoured the day of John the Baptist, while the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Antient Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of All England at York installed their Grand Masters on the feast day of John the Evangelist. The United Grand Lodge of England was formed on 27 December 1813.

The first Grand Lodge was formed on 24 June the feast day of John the Baptist in 1717.[1] This may arise from a very old tradition, since the Baptist appears to have been regarded as the patron of stonemasons in continental Europe during the Middle Ages. The guild of masons and carpenters attached to Cologne Cathedral was known as the Fraternity of St. John the Baptist.[2] The earliest surviving record of Grand Lodge of Ireland installing a Grand Master is dated to 24 June 1725.[3] As records of individual lodges appear in Ireland and in the Antients' in England, it seems many of them met to install a new master twice a year, on the feast days of both the Baptist and the Evangelist.

The Evangelist is particularly associated with Scottish lodges. The Lodge of Edinburgh was associated with the aisle of St. John the Evangelist in St. Giles Cathedral from the 15th century.[4] The Grand Lodge of All England, and its predecessor, the Ancient Society of Freemasons in the City of York, elected and installed their President, then from 1725 their Grand Master on the day of the Evangelist,[5] and in London the Antient Grand Lodge of England elected their new Grand Masters on the same day.[6] When the Antients and the Moderns (the Premier Grand Lodge) eventually came together in the United Grand Lodge of England, it was on the Feast of the Evangelist in 1813..

Let's Go To Lodge Tonight

My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight;
You haven't been for years.
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,
to climb those creaky stairs;
I know it'll be a thrill for me
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
and though he'll hesitate,
we'll hear him say just as before,
"Come in or you'll be late."

I'd like to get out on the floor--
Come on, let's get in line;
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap
the Craftsmen to attention
and see the Master don his cap;
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
or your wrestling bout or fight;
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

(author unknown)