

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



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June 9, 2020

To the Brethren of Unity Lodge #58, Thorndike

Due to the Covid Virus Grand Lodge put a mandatory halt to all Masonic activities until further notice. As of June 1st we will be allowed to again hold meetings with strict guidelines.

On Wednesday, June 17th, 2020, we shall hold a short meeting starting at 7:30 pm to discuss the direction this lodge is headed.

Option #1: accept Star in the West's offer to rent space in their building which would still leave us with a building to maintain and insure.

Option #2: Put a foundation under our building. On speaking with Jonathan Ibram who was working on the Farwell building he worked up a price of \$34,000. This includes crushed stone, a full pad and 2' wall around the building. This also includes jacking and setting the building.

I'm not sure of our finances at this time or how to make up any shortfall we may have with this social distancing.

I hope to see all interested parties on the 17th and if unable to attend feel free to give me a call to voice your opinions. (437-2655).

Fraternally,

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

Worshipful Mayo Cookson, Jr.

<<Raised this month wording>>

Upcoming events:

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/>

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.

There was no meeting in February as there were not enough members present for a quorum. The March, April and May meetings were cancelled by order of the Grand Master due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

A Lesson in Geography

The late Most Worshipful Brother Donald G. Ingalls, Grand Master of California in 1978-79 once compared the two seas in the Holy Land.

One of these seas is fresh and filled with fish. Its banks are green and trees spread their branches over it and plunge their thirsty roots into its waters. The River Jordan fills this sea with sparkling water from the hills. Men build homes near it, and birds their nests, and life is happier on its shores.

But, the River Jordan flows south into another sea. Here there is neither fish, nor trees, nor song of birds, nor children's laughter. The air hangs heavy above its waters and neither man, nor fowl, nor beast will drink of it.

What makes this difference in these two seas fed by the same river?

The Sea of Galilee passes on that which it receives. For every drop of water that flows in, a drop of water flows out. The other sea has no outlet, it keeps what it gets. It stagnates and is called the Dead Sea.

This comparison illustrates that to give is to live - and our gift to give, this special gift called Freemasonry, is a way of life and a willingness of the heart. We must act to pass on to our neighbors, our friends and nation these precious gifts of right living which our Craft has so generously bestowed on us.

Masons Making a Difference

Geary F. Laird, Grand Master of Kentucky, selected "Masons Making a Difference" as his theme this year. He explains it in this way:

Brothers, I know that each of you possess a unique talent. Your specialty may be conferring the degree work, cooking for meetings and special events, washing dishes, mowing the grass, or maintaining your lodge. We should not only make a difference in our Lodges, but also in our communities, Masons - at work in the community, volunteering, hosting a blood drive, supporting youth organizations and random acts of kindness - can make a difference.