

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



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March 10, 2017

Greetings Brother:

From WM Mayo Cookson

*Welcome to Spring.*

A few thoughts on where we are headed as a lodge:

As a lodge we have a good core. Our members are keeping us strong with their prompt payment of dues and I thank you for that.

Business this month to be discussed: wire and plug in for chair lift, Grand Lodge proxy (Grand Lodge meeting will be May 2-3 at Point Lookout in Northport this year), Master Mason degree (who does which parts, tentative date March 25, 2017), getting new faces giving lectures, charges etc.

Increase cash flow—How? Any ideas? Possibly a raffle at our meals, not necessarily a 50/50 but potential prize; possibly one Sunday a month set up a hot dog stand 11-1. I will expand on my thoughts at Lodge. Remember whatever we decide takes time and manpower. One final thought: “You only fail if you quit.”

<<Raised this month wording>>

There was no meeting in February because of a storm on the 3rd Wednesday.

Coming events:

March. 15, 2017 Stated Communication, Unity Lodge. Regular business and planning for future events.

March 16, FC degree at Clinton 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

March 18, 2017 - World Religions

A highly important and timely subject and open to all. By studying the religious traditions of the world, we will better understand our world and our neighbors, and because religions deal with the fundamental questions of human existence, understanding religion will help us to better understand ourselves as Freemasons who profess to be linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection and who regard the whole human species as one family. Instructor: RW Charlie Plummer Location: Messalonskee Lodge, Oakland 9AM-12PM Meal to follow.

Stated meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 with a 6:30 supper

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District Calendar <http://east.our.calendars.net/glme/glmedist12>

<http://unitylodge.hutchinsbrothers.com/>

March 22, Masters and Wardens Association meeting at Central Lodge in China. 6:30 pm. All Master Masons are invited. Plans are being made to have a Ritual Competition on April 15th 10 am to 1 pm at Central Lodge in China.

Please notify the secretary if your address changes. With our 48 current members I have been getting at least 1 address change per month and currently do not have working addresses for two members- Preston Cole and Gregory Carver.

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## Two Questions

Ronald A. Seale, 33<sup>o</sup>

Upon first entering a lodge – not yet clothed with the title “Entered Apprentice” and still known only as “the candidate” – an individual is posed two fundamental questions that will define the rest of his Masonic journey. Indeed the answers will determine in large part if the journey is to continue at all.

The first question:

**“In whom do you place your trust?”**

Above all else, upon whom or what do you rely? What do you know for sure, are you willing to bet your life on, are you willing to take a beating for? In the final analysis, this question seeks to know upon what the candidate relies as ultimate truth, that upon which his life is grounded.

The second question:

**“What do you most desire?”**

In the vernacular: What are you doing here? What are you looking for? What do you hope to find. Even though prompted by a faithful brother, the returned answer is always the same – wisdom, truth, knowledge, metaphorically identified as Light. And thus having answered, the candidate, now a brother, begins his Masonic journey. For many of us who have spent a lifetime in Masonry, the night we answered those questions so long ago is but a distant memory. For others, a more recent event may be inscribed upon their memories. More importantly, perhaps, is when each of us **last** answered those inquiries, so essential to maintaining our character and status of a Mason.

Have our **life** experiences or our Masonic experiences, both positive and negative, altered our perception and our answers to those inquiries? I sometimes wonder if the Craft and each individual would be better served to periodically return to the Lodge, dressed in the garb of the candidate, and again hear the questions propounded and be called upon to respond.

In whom do you place your trust, Now?

What do you most desire, Now?

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## Ten Master Masons



Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine  
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late  
One didn't like the Master, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven  
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks  
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive  
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more  
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be  
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?  
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done  
One said What's the use, then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother true!  
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore  
Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate  
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen  
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true  
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door  
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

Don't fuss about the programs or the Master in the East  
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

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