

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



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October 12, 2018

Greetings Brother:

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Coming events:

October 17, Stated Meeting of Unity Lodge. A candidate will be initiated as an Entered Apprentice. This will be our annual inspection. 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Oct. 18 Central Lodge #45 China. 2 EA Degrees. 6:00pm supper 7:00pm Degree work. China has the Traveling Gavel.

Oct. 20, Family Life Night. Central Lodge #45 China.

Supper at 5:00pm. Magic of the Steelgraves starting at 6:15pm. This is a no cost event. Who can attend: All Masons their family and friends and the general public at large. This event is sponsored by the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite.

RSVP required contact Gary Gagnon at 649-2953 or 437-2487 or email [garygagnon6969@hotmail.com](mailto:garygagnon6969@hotmail.com)  
Give name and how many will be attending.

Oct 22 Waterville Lodge, MM degree, 6:00pm supper 7:00pm Degree work.

Oct. 24, 12th. District Masters and Wardens Association Meeting at Messalonskee Lodge 113, Oakland.  
Starting at 6:30pm.

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](mailto:bruce@hutchinsbrothers.com)  
District Calendar <http://east.our.calendars.net/glme/glmedist12>  
<http://unitylodge.hutchinsbrothers.com/>

## The Drama of Freemasonry

Masonic ritual is a full-body experience, offering total sensual immersion. The initiations are not unlike visiting a modern-day IMAX theatre; however, the latter experience is synthetic, whereas Masonic immersion is organic. Dramatists of the ancient world understood this principle: that theater was not about entertainment but initiation, religion, catharsis, and psychological development. The creators of Masonic ceremonies also understood this, and they succeeded in converting the theater into a Masonic temple. French occultist Édouard Schuré calls this the “Theater of the Future” in an essay from 1922 entitled “Le Théâtre de L’Ame,” and he closes his book *The Genesis of Tragedy* with the following evocative passage:

“The light of the Divine is not dead in this world, though it now seems powerless because it is scattered and divided. Once more Dionysus has been rent and dismembered by the Titans. He awaits the liberator who will restore him to life. Faith is crystalized Love; let us have Faith. Let there be shining within us the torch of Enthusiasm, which can be lit by none but ourselves—and the spiritual sun will rise on the horizon. It may be, at the present time, that this is the only way to prepare, in view of a still uncertain future, the coming of that theater where the human soul, at present crippled and abased, will recover its might and employ its sacred rights in the advancement of synthetic art—of redemptive and initiatory drama.”

[Edouard Schure, *The genesis of tragedy and the sacred drama of Eleusis*, (London: R. Steiner Publishing Co., 1936), 264.]

### AN ANCIENT MASONIC SONG

This song was first published in 1756  
From *The Freemason*, London

‘Tis Masonry unites mankind,  
To gen’rous actions, forms the Soul;  
In friendly Converse all conjoined,  
One Spirit animates the whole.

Where’er aspiring Domes arise,  
Wherever sacred Altars stand;  
These Altars blaze into the skies,  
The Domes proclaim the Mason’s Hand.  
As passions rough the Soul disguise,

Till Science cultivates the Mind;  
So the rude Stone unshapen lies,  
Till by the Mason’s art refin’d.

Tho’ still our chief Concern and Care  
Be to deserve the Brother’s Name:  
Yet ever mindful of the fair,  
Their kindest Influence we claim  
Let wretches at our Manhood rail;

But they who once our Order prove,  
Will own that we who build so well,  
With equal energy can love.

### Little-Known Facts About The Freemasons

By Chrissy Stockton, October 16th 2013

<https://thoughtcatalog.com/christine-stockton/2013/10/25-little-known-facts-about-the-freemasons/>

1. The Freemasons are not a secret society. A Mason can freely tell people they are a Mason. They just can’t reveal the secrets of the order.
2. Our founding father and first president, George Washington, was a Freemason.
3. It’s estimated that there are six million Masons in the world today.
4. In the type of Freemasonry practiced in the U.S., members are required to believe in God, though the interpretation of this is left up to the individual member.
5. In the type of Freemasonry practiced in the U.S. (Anglo-American) female members are not allowed, whereas in the type practiced in Europe (Continental), women are generally allowed to be initiated.
6. Another difference between American and European lodges is that in the U.S. political discussion is banned, but allowed in other sects.