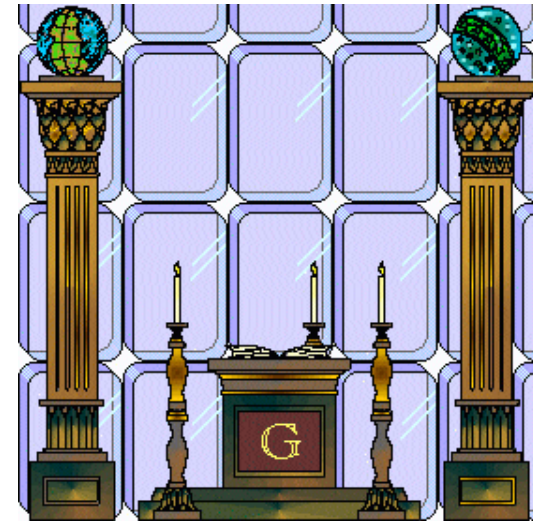


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Kingston, NH

February 2013 Trestleboard



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142 Years of Masonry in Kingston

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Message from the East

Newly elected and appointed officers were installed on the 19th of Jan. 2013. We would like to thank R.W. DGM Stew Aronson and his installing suite consisting of R.W. DDG Robert Southerland, and RW P Masterson for an outstanding installation.

2012 was a very busy year for our officers and lodge members. We finally have a clear title to the lodge building and all the boundaries are clear. We will be having it painted. Brethren, please come to our meetings and give us some of your advice how we can fund some of the expenses that we will be encountering. This is OUR lodge. We have a beautiful Lodge and it has a lot of history. **Let's Keep It!!!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Parziale,
Worshipful Master

Elected Officers for 2013

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Junior Steward	James Dobson
Marshal	Jim Alexander
Tyler	Mitch Veroneau
Public Relations	Jim Alexander

Dates to Remember

Jan. 31, Thursday Masters and Wardens Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. at **St. Johns Lodge in Portsmouth.**

Feb.5, Tuesday. Building association meeting at 5:45 p.m. at our Lodge (before stated meeting)

Feb. 5 Stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and **reservations** can be made by calling WM at **(603) 382-8479.**

Feb. 10, Sunday. Rehearsal for degree work. It will start at 6:00 p.m.

If you have not paid your dues, please send your check to Secretary **Tim LAvallé**

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If you have paid your dues, your dues card should read: **paid through Dec. 31, 2013.**

Masonry is a secret society. What can be told and what cannot?

Masonry is not “a secret society” but “a society with secrets.” A secret society is one of which the membership, aims and ideals are unknown. There is no secret about who is, and who is not, a Freemason. Lodges publish their rosters. Many Grand Lodges publish the names of their members in annual *Proceedings*. The world at large knows that the aims and ideals of Freemasonry are religious, charitable, friendly and fraternal.

What *is* secret in Freemasonry is well phrased in the Ninth Landmark as adopted by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

“the legend of the third degree; the means of recognition; the methods of conferring the degrees, the obligations of those degrees and the ballot of every brother are , and must continue to be, inviolably secret.”

Taken from: **One Hundred one Questions About Freemasonry**

New Hampshire MasoniCare and Evergreen Place

By Stew Aronson

It's been almost three years now, since the decision was made to reorganize the business we now call New Hampshire MasoniCare.

At the time of the change, the business was known as The Masonic Home which started in 1904 with 25 million dollars. The "Home" had undergone many changes since its humble beginnings as a home for widows and orphans, where there was no real "care" provided, and the residents actually performed all the work in the home, such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, etc. Approximately 20 years ago, the decision was made to accept people as residents who had no specific tie to the Fraternity. (A change was necessary. Even the change did not change the belief that in order to be admitted to the home, you must have a Masonic connection.)

Needless to say, years of using the endowment to fund operations, combined with the tremendous financial failures centering around 2008, have left a quarter of that amount. The endowment, when it was created, was there to support the Masonic Home, and no legal actions have taken place to change that. Certainly, laws surrounding charitable endowments in 2012 are far different than they were in 1904, and as is clear in our annual independent audits, we remain true to both the intent of the endowment and the current laws that govern its use.

It is still "Not for Profit". It is still a business and is not intended to lose all its money. We have one overriding tenet by which this business is run-within the

bounds of the law, if it's good for the residents we do it, if it's bad for the residents, we don't do it.

Some facts:

Several years ago, the Home had "Nursing" beds. We no longer have them. The Board of Trustees decided to terminate the use of "Nursing" beds. Subsequently, we are and remain, a Supported Assisted Living facility. Within that framework, we cannot legally render care for residents requiring a higher level of care, referred to as Nursing Care or Skilled Nursing.

In 2009 our facility became qualified to accept Medicaid payments. Hence, the need to provide "free" care for destitute residents is no longer applicable. Anyone who is destitute applies for Medicaid, and payment is then made for their care.

The act of changing the name of the business from The Masonic Home to New Hampshire MasoniCare, with the building at 813 Beech Street known as Evergreen Place, was a necessary strategic decision in order to rebuild a viable business.

An excerpt taken from the article written by Stewart Aronson. More coming next month.