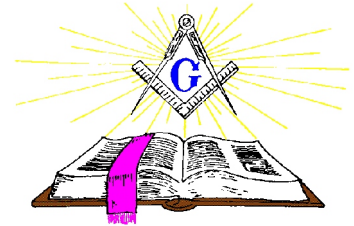




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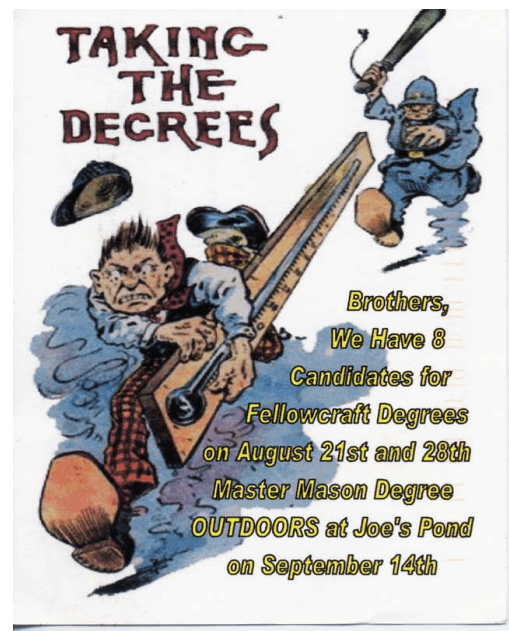
NEXT :

**SEPTEMBER 16TH TUESDAY
MARBLE LODGE #76
DANBY
SUPPER AT 6PM
MEETING TO BEGIN AT 7PM**

The idea of attending a Masonic meeting is, unfortunately, something of a chore for too many Vermont Masons. Oh no, is it time to go again? This is not the member's fault, but the result of boring meetings, long over labored minute readings, holding committee meetings in the midst of a Lodge meeting, and too often a lack of the cement of Brotherly Love, causing the stones of the edifice to become loose and knocked out of place.

We are trying to serve as an example of how this need not be the case! Masonic meetings should focus on Masonry, not business details, and that is precisely what our meetings strive to do. And this meeting will be no exception! If Jack remembers to bring the power point projector this time (LOL) we will have a really great talk and presentation of Mason Pratt's collection of antique Masonic postcards. Their history, what they reveal about attitudes and feelings about Masonry by Masons and non Masons alike, and the statements they make about American society, are most revealing and educational. And most of all: it is not boring! It is about Freemasonry! And it will

be worth your while to put on a tie, drive down the road and attend.



The icing on the cake is that Joe Dion, our Grand Historian, has promised to bring some of his collection of original antique Masonic postcards also. This should add up to a really fascinating view of our Society through the eyes of this picturesque American art form.

DON'T MISS IT!

SAINT JOHN FESTIVE BOARD

On June 24th, the feast day of Saint John the Baptist, sixteen members of our Lodge met at the South Station restaurant in Rutland for the second of our St John's Festive Boards, this one for the Baptist, as symbolizing the full Sun of midsummer. This event was

chaired by Brother Steve Cosgrove, who set up the venue. This restaurant is a really great place to eat or hang out, and I recommend it if you are in the Rutland area. We were given a nice private room in a library type setting, which was perfect for a research group, and seated all together at a great long table, medieval style.

The meal was opened by the traditional prayer of a festive board, and wine was served for the toasting. I think all of us suffered from lack of familiarity with this type of Masonic event, but toasts were made, either traditional or free style. The word "toasting" by the way comes from the old practice of floating a piece of toast on the top of one's ale to draw bitterness off. I guess it was the charcoal that did that. Anyway, this gave rise to the phrase.

I have been interested in these old toasts for some time, and had a few ready that have been passed down for generations among Masons. Several noted they had never heard these before. All the more reason for having festive boards.

The meal itself was wonderful. I had steak, and they brought out the thickest piece I have ever been served, which needed only the edge of my fork to cut. Amazing, and I definitely went off the diet on that one. The evening ended with Bro. Jack Campbell giving the famous "Tiler's Toast". All in all, everyone had a great time, a wonderful meal, and brought back a bit of an old Masonic tradition. A huge thank you to Steve Cosgrove for working on this project. I am certainly looking forward to the next St. John's on December 27th. And, we are searching for a good venue for this event- any ideas? Let me know.

WE SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS

Following up on the suggestion from Brother Joe Dion we set up a table outside the meeting room of the Grand Lodge at the Annual meeting at the Sheraton in Burlington on June 11th. Brother Kevin Newton used his father's large printer to

produce a beautiful copy of our new Lodge logo which gave our display a snappy presence. We had our new petitions at hand which are also visually dynamic- visit our website and take a look at them. All this helped to attract the attention of the stream of passing Masons. Eight Brothers filled out the petitions and became new members, and many more carried them away with new knowledge about us and our role in the Vermont Masonic scene.

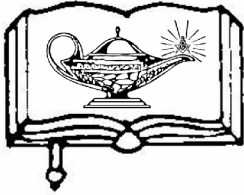
Why don't you look around your Lodge room and think about Brothers who would profit from learning more about Masonry and have insights to share with us? Bring them to a meeting of our Lodge. Together we can light the way to Masonic excellence in Vermont. And a big Thanks to Joe and to Rich Hildebrand, our secretary, for their work at this table.

YOUR KEYBOARD MAKES A DUES CARD
Brothers, remember that under our new rules the submission and acceptance by the Lodge of only two papers entitles you to free dues for the year, and also free admission to our Festive Boards, etc. Such a deal. The papers do not need to be long or involved, just a few of your thoughts and can be on any subject which interests you.

If we are to keep our Research Lodge vital, we must attract men who want to communicate with each other about Masonry and other interesting subjects. And we also have a golden opportunity to experiment with the Lodge meeting format and serve as a model for what a Masonic meeting can be. Thus, teaching by example, we can bring up the standard of all the Masonic work in our State. But brothers, it is not up to me, or to them, to do this. It is up to YOU. No one else is going to do it. You joined because you saw in Masonry something of great interest, something worth your while. It is still there. Let's share that with each other, and with a new generation of Brothers.

OFFICERS 08-09

W. MASTER.....ERIC GINETTE
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J. WARDEN.....WINFRED PIKE
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SEC'RY.....RICHARD HILDEBRAND
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J. DEACON.....MASON PRATT
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J. STEWARD.....STEVE COSGROVE
CHAPLIN.....EVERED HINKLEY



**2007 Short Papers Competition Rules for
Symbolic Lodge members
Sponsored by the Edward J. Wildblood VT
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**Closing Date: The Closing Date for
submissions is June 1, 2009**

**Submission method: Your paper should be
sent as an email attachment to
aeion@fairpoint.net or
richkay58@msn.com by the closing date.
The e-mail to which the paper is
attached should list your name, Masonic
affiliations, email address, postal mail
address and telephone number.**

**Length: 500 words is the maximum length
of papers, about one page of typescript
which takes about 5 minutes to read
aloud.**

**Format: Please submit your entry in the
form of a Word document (.doc) or a .pdf
file. If you have difficulties in providing
your paper in these formats please contact
us at the above email address and we will
try to arrange a suitable alternative. Please**

**put your name and email address
into the header or footer of the page so
any confusion is avoided. Should your
paper be published, your email address will
be removed.**

**Style: Because papers are intended to be
read aloud they should be written as a
script. Please use bold or underline to
indicate emphasis, for example. While
correct spelling will be appreciated
punctuation will be considered flexible and
the judges will accept variation from
established norms provided these help the
paper deliver its message when read aloud.**

**Content: The content must have Masonic
relevance and be of educational value.
Beyond this there is no constraint on the
subject matter. Controversial material is not
unwelcome provided that it is presented in
a fair and balanced way. Papers containing
material which the judges consider
offensive or otherwise unsuitable will be
eliminated.**

**Online publication: All papers selected by
the judges as worthy of publication will be
published online by VT Lodge of Research
thus creating a resource for use by other
Masons for use in Lodges. The winning
paper will be selected from the group of
published papers. The top paper will
receive as a prize a valuable Masonic book,
presented personally at the Grand Lodge
Annual by the VT Lodge of Research. The
selected papers will be published online in
Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) and will
include the authors name. It will not
include any other personal details. By
entering the competition you agree to
publication of your entry and its further use
by other Masons.**

**Originality: Your paper must be your own
original writing.**

**References: We do understand that
you may have drawn upon various works
before creating your paper. Please let us**

know what these sources are in the form of references. References are not counted as part of the 500 words.

Please note that my email address has been changed recently to aieon@fairpoint.net or to eginette@hotmail.com.

Thank you my Brothers:
Eric Ginette WM