

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

1994-2002

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Date of Charter May 15, 1828

Stated Communication – Third Wednesday

1994

1994 started with the following officers being installed at the Stated Meeting in January:

Master	Rodney W. Ingraham
Sr. Warden	Paul R. Connelly
Jr. Warden	James A. Spaulding
Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Donald L. Spaulding
Chaplain	Albert E. Ingraham
Marshal	Bruce A. Hutchins
Sr. Deacon	Earl W. Littlefield (not present, installed in Feb,)
Jr. Deacon	Karl D. Julian
Sr. Steward	Robert M. Appleby
Jr. Steward	Ernest C. Rumney
Tyler	Herbert C. Abbott

The installing suite consisted of DDGM Edward Morin II and Wor. Richard Chase.

During the spring 1 candidate was accepted and 1 application was rejected. This was the first rejection in at least 20 years. There was discussion about the new hall being built by Star in the West Lodge #85 in Unity. Unity Lodge was offered the opportunity to share in the hall if we would pay \$25,000.00 of the cost.

The 56th annual Strawberry Festival was held on June 29 with 11 members and 56 visitors lead by MW Harland S. Hitchings. A 55 year star was presented to Bro. Herbert Leonard. RW Douglas B. Taylor sang and the Grand Secretary MW Anagnostis showed slides of his recent trip to Greece. The evening concluded with remarks by the Grand Master.

In Oct. the inspection was conducted by DDGM Richard Chase with a substitute candidate (a “dummy“ in our traditional – pre-Politically Correct – speech) being initiated.

In Nov. the Secretary and his wife used the hall for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

At the annual meeting in Dec. it was reported that the Lodge had a loss in membership for the year of 1 giving a total of 67 members of whom 2 were Honorary Members not subject to dues (\$20 per year). There was no degree work during the year.

The installation of officers for 1995 was held on Dec. 29, 1994 and was enjoyed by a much larger group than Unity Lodge is accustomed to seeing. There were 27 present – 11 members, 7 visitors, and 9 Ladies.

RW Richard Chase DDGM installed the new Master and Wor. Steven Bucknam, Master of Messalonskee Lodge in Oakland installed the remaining officers with Wor. Raymond Locke, District Representative as Marshal; Wor. Daniel Smith, Master of Siloam Lodge in Fairfield as Chaplain; Mrs. Marjorie Goodwin, Past Gr. Matron O.E.S. as Organist and Soloist; and Wor. William Haggerty, Past Master of Siloam Lodge gave the charges to the Wardens and Brethren

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Because of an ice storm no meeting was held in January, however the Sec. and Treas. met and paid 3 bills: Central Maine Power \$26.80, Grand Lodge per capita tax \$515.50, and relief to a Masonic widow (from Gr. Lodge Charity Fund) \$1321.65.

In February the candidate who was accepted last spring was available and was initiated as an EA. In March the same candidate who was rejected in 1994 was again rejected.

There was some discussion lead by Past Master Stanley F. McCorrison Sr. about finding a way to get water and sewer for the hall but the size of the lot makes most approaches impossible.

The annual Strawberry Festival was held on June 27, 1995 with MW Harland Hitchings, Grand Master and his suite present. RW Douglas B. Taylor sang, RW Wilbur Loveitt and Brothers from Solar Lodge put on a skit "You Can't Do that". Bro. Snowdale from Searsport played the organ and RW Edward I. Emery played the accordion. RW Royce G. Wheeler spoke on Masonry and the Church, RW Richard Chase made a few remarks and the Grand Master (quoting from the records) "finished off the evening and closed the Lodge."

In September Wor. Stanley F. McCorrison Sr. received his 50 year jewel. In Oct. 2 candidates were accepted and discussion continued about the new hall being built by Star in the West Lodge #85 in Unity.

On Oct. 24, Unity Lodge hosted a FC degree school with Assistant Grand Lecturer RW Charles Barker. 8 of our members attended with 5 from Waterville Lodge #33, 3 from Star in the West Lodge #85, 2 from Seabasticook Lodge #146, 2 each from Vassalboro-Neguemkeag #54 and Messalonskee Lodge #113 as well as RW Bro. Barker.

On Oct. 30 the annual inspection was held with 2 candidates being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. There were 7 members and 3 visitors present. W. Ray Locke acted as Sec. For the evening as Wor. Bro. Spaulding was in the hospital.

1996

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Chaplain	Albert E. Ingraham
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Installation was held on Jan. 16. RW Richard Chase installed the Master and Wor. Steven Bucknam installed the rest of the officers. Wor. Raymond Locke was Installing Marshal and RW Bruce Hutchins Installing Chaplain. 8 members present plus 4 visitors and 4 ladies.

In Feb. a candidate was accepted, our "perennial" unwanted candidate was rejected again and a FC degree was worked with 7 members and 16 visitors present.

At the April stated among the bills was Insurance \$466. and Central Maine Power \$16.70. A reinstatement was approved and the brother's son was passed to the degree of FC. It appears that Unity Lodge had previously acquired the 12th District traveling gavel as it was turned over to Central Lodge #45 of China who had 8 Master Masons and 2 Fellowcrafts present to outnumber Star in the West #85 and Seabasticook #146 who had 6 and 1 present respectively. There were 11 members of Unity Lodge there.

On April 20 Wor. Norris J. Dwyer of Ancient York Lodge #155 headed the B.I.W. degree team to confer the MM degree on Bro. Lynn Poulin who works at B.I.W. there were 7 members and 20 visitors. The ladies of O.E.S. served a turkey supper.

On June 27, 1996 the Strawberry Festival found RW Walter M. Macdougall and a suite of 30 past and present Grand Lodge officers at Unity Lodge. Bro. Joel Wentworth, a blacksmith from Union, showed different things he had made with iron. Wor. Clayton Giggey and Wor. Donald Maxim were given their 40 year pins by MW Bro. Macdougall who gave a talk on Masonry. There were a total of 10 members and 57 visitors. A fifty-fifty raffle netted the lodge \$35.

In September it was voted not to try to move to the new hall in Unity.

At the Dec. Annual Meeting the Secretary's report showed 2 raised and 1 reinstated but 5 deaths dropping membership to 65.

The Installation of Officers for the year 1997 was held on Dec. 27, 1996 with 7 members, 4 visitors and 6 ladies in attendance. RW Raymond Locke, DDGM, installed the officers with assistance from RW John Greenleaf; RW Richard Chase, Marshal; and Wor. W. David Cairnie, Chaplain.

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Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Donald L. Spaulding
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During the spring part of the roof was shingled and some windows repaired.

The Strawberry Festival was held on June 18th with 9 members, 14 visitors and 11 Grand Lodge officers. The early in the month date may have affected the attendance? Wor. Karl Julian gave a talk on his travels and Masonic experiences around the world in the navy and merchant marine. RW Richard Chase spoke on the District Deputies Association and the evening concluded with a talk by MW Grand Master Macdougall.

In October Unity Lodge again hosted a FC School of Instruction with a total of 15 present. A Seafood Chowder preceded the meeting.

At the Annual meeting the Wor. Master reported on his recent trip to England and Scotland where he has relatives. Membership was unchanged and there was no degree work during the year.

Installation was held on Dec. 29. RW Raymond Locke installed the Officers assisted by RW Richard Chase and Wor. Steve Bucknam. 8 members, 5 visitors and 4 ladies present.

1998

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Master	Karl D. Julian
Sr. Warden	Paul R. Connelly
Jr. Warden	Russell S. Higgins
Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Donald L. Spaulding
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There are no minutes for a January meeting probably because of the massive Ice Storm of 1998.

The Wor. Master instituted a practice this year of having a Pot Luck supper before every meeting rather than having some meetings with suppers and some with refreshments.

In June the Lodge voted to buy shingles for the back of the building. It seems that in 2003 they have not yet been applied to the building.

The Sixtieth Annual Strawberry Festival was held on June 23, 1988 with 10 members, 40 visitors and 40 Grand Lodge officers attending. The increase from last year was heartening.

RW Bruce A. Hutchins received his 25 year pin and Bro. Lewis Cole his 40 year pin from MW Bro. Brian A. Paradis. RW Douglas B. Taylor sang and RW Steven Bucknam played the organ. Grand Master Paradis gave a talk.

The December annual meeting reported 2 dimitted and 1 death during 1998 and again there was no degree work for the year resulting in membership of 63. This does not match with the prior reported figures.

1999

The 4 officers present were installed at the January stated by RW Steven Bucknam, DDGM with the assistance of RW Raymond Locke, RW Richard Chase, RW Stewart Himers and VW Karl Julian. Others were installed later.

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Jr. Warden	Gerald Spaulding
Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	
Chaplain	Albert E. Ingraham
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On January 23, 1999 Wor. Bro. Donald L. Spaulding passed to the Celestial Lodge above after a long illness which had not stopped him from attending faithfully including the Dec. 1998 stated communication. He had been Secretary since April of 1982 assuming the office after the previous Secretary resigned. He also knew and performed a lot of the ritual of the lodge and traveled to many other lodges' functions. Over 65 Brothers attended the Masonic Memorial service which was held Jan. 25. His widow Winona (Betty) was presented her widow's pin at the April stated communication.

At the stated communication in May the Grand Master, MW Brian A. Paradis visited the lodge to offer his assistance in reversing the problem of very low attendance which had been evident for several years. No candidate had been raised for 3 years.

In June the EA degree was conferred on 2 candidates neither of whom has returned for further advancement. Also there was discussion on the deteriorating condition of the building.

On June 30th the Strawberry Festival was held with 4 members and 79 visitors present. A special visitor was Bro. John Schulz of Southern Gate Lodge 235 WAC, Albany, West Australia. He had been attending a medical conference in Waterville and visited several lodges in the area while here.

Bro. Bill Allen of the Maine State Warden Service gave an excellent presentation on the activities of the Warden Service and retrieving victims out of lakes or rivers – often frozen over – as a diver. RW Bro. Steven Bucknam acted as organist for the evening.

There were remarks by MW Peter C. Schmidt and MW Brian A. Paradis who closed the lodge in due and ample form.

In Sept., after the summer recess, a note was read from Star in the West Lodge #85 declining to rent their hall for our use. Star in the West Lodge voted on the question again in Dec. 2002 with the same result.

The annual inspection by RW Bro. Steven Bucknam, DDGM, was held in Oct. with 9 members and 4 visitors present. Work was exemplified in the FC degree with a substitute candidate as has frequently been necessary in Unity Lodge.

The continuing decline in membership and attendance was making it very difficult to maintain the hall. In November two representatives of MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assoc.) looked at the building to consider moving it to the Common Ground Fair Grounds. The idea being that we would give them the building, they would renovate it and allow us to use it. As of 2003 this is still a (remote) possibility.

The Secretary's report for 1999 showed 2 deaths and 1 suspension for a membership total of 60.

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Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Karl D. Julian
Chaplain	Albert E. Ingraham
Marshal	Earl W. Littlefield
Sr. Deacon	Bruce A. Hutchins
Jr. Deacon	Mayo Cookson, Jr.
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Installation was held January 13, 2000, with RW Steven Bucknam, DDGM, as Installing Officer. RW Bruce Hutchins acted as Chaplain and VW Karl Julian as Marshal. 7 members and 2 visitors were present.

At the February meeting it was voted to change the stated communication night to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm instead of the 2nd Thursday. The old night conflicted with the meetings of the Waldo County Shrine Club and Marsh River Lodge in Brooks.

The Strawberry Festival was held June 29th with 8 members and 84 visitors. MW Wayne T. Adams, Grand Master, presented 50 year medals to Bro. Fred Drake and to RW Frank Leonard DDGM of the 4th District. Bro. John Ford from Star in the West Lodge #85 gave a great talk on his experiences as a game warden and sheriff. The Grand Master finished the evening with his remarks on concern for the future of Free Masonry and especially our declining membership.

In September Unity Lodge lost another long-time supporter when Wor. Bro. Stanley Frye McCarrison, Sr. passed away. He was raised in 1945, was Master in 1952, attended regularly when he was not at his winter home in Florida, and often used his business and social accumine to the advantage of Unity Lodge.

The October Stated was attended by only 3 members, but the November inspection by RW Bro. P. Davis Couture was attended by 12 members and 11 visitors. The MM degree was exemplified on a substitute candidate.

Again in Dec. a quorum was not present, however, RW Charles Ridlon, Deputy Grand Master; RW Fred Campbell, Senior Grand Warden; RW Davis Couture, DDGM; RW Raymond Locke, 12th District Ritual Instructor; VW Randall Burleigh, 19th District Representative; and VW Clair H. Lewis, Jr., 12th Dist. Rep. were present "to offer help and suggestions to assist Unity Lodge to set up possible programs for our survival". The membership dropped by the 1 death that took place during the year.

2001

Since there had not been a quorum for the Annual Meeting a dispensation was obtained to have the Annual Meeting in January. There were 11 members and 9 visitors present including 6 from the 8th District.

Installation was held on January 24. At 6:30 a collation was catered and served by members of Belfast Lodge #24 including a cake made by Linda Rolerson. RW Steven Bucknam was joined by RW Daniel Pratt, RW Douglas B. Taylor, RW Bruce Hutchins, RW Raymond Locke, VW Karl Julian and VW Clair Lewis in performing the installation. RW Bro. Taylor entertained with a few of his favorite songs. There were 12 members and 20 visitors present.

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Sr. Warden	Earl W. Littlefield
Jr. Warden	Ernest C. Rumney
Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Karl D. Julian
Chaplain	Bruce A. Hutchins
Marshal	Clayton H. Wentworth
Sr. Deacon	Mayo Cookson, Jr.
Jr. Deacon	Richard A. Johnson
Sr. Steward	John Littlefield
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Throughout the spring of 2001 Unity Lodge was attended regularly by several visitors from the 8th District including RW Kenneth Hall, RW William Grosser, VW Carroll Warren, Wor. James Hussey, Wor. Clyde Rolerson, and Wor. Henry C. White in addition to RW Raymond Locke, VW Clair Lewis, RW Steven Bucknam.

In March encouraging activity took place as an application for affiliation and an application for degrees were accepted. VW Bro Lewis presented a video on proper Masonic protocol. Another application was accepted in April.

The annual Strawberry Festival was held on June 28 with 11 members and 84 visitors. MW Wayne T. Adams, Grand Master and his suite – including four Past Grand Masters – conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother John Keithan Jr. who gave an excellent lesson on the FC degree. The GM presided over the first section and the Deputy GM presided over the second. This was the first Bro. raised in Unity Lodge in 5 years.

With Bro. Roland Reid was raised in Sept. and two deaths Unity Lodge actually gained 1 member for the year.

2002

The officers for 2002 were installed Jan. 16th by RW Raymond Locke with the assistance of RW Bruce Hutchins, RW Steven Bucknam and VW Clair Lewis.

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Sr. Warden	Clyde A. Rolerson
Jr. Warden	Mayo Cookson, Jr.
Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Karl D. Julian
Chaplain	Bruce A. Hutchins
Marshal	
Sr. Deacon	John Keithan
Jr. Deacon	Clayton H. Wentworth
Sr. Steward	John Littlefield
Jr. Steward	Roland Reid
Tyler	Herbert C. Abbott

At the February meeting VW Clair H. Lewis, Jr. Presented Wor. Bro. Albert E. Ingraham with his well deserved 50 year medal. He was raised in 1952, was Master in 1959, was installed as Chaplain in 1961 and held the office for all but a very few years until 2000. He attended nearly every meeting of the lodge during that time.

During the winter and spring of 2002 we were still receiving a lot of much appreciated support from members of the 8th Masonic District lead by RW Kenneth Hall and VW Carroll Warren. The EA and FC degrees were worked on one candidate and another was initiated.

June 27, 2002, was a special evening for Unity Lodge. The Maine State Police Degree team was on hand at the Strawberry Festival. Due to the large crowd that might be expected to attend Wor. Bro. Connelly made arrangements to hold the meeting at Mount View High School.

RW Claire V. Tusch, Deputy Grand Master, presented a 50 year medal to Bro. John W. Ingraham, Jr. and a 40 year pin to Wor. Clayton H. Wentworth prior to the degree work. The team lead by PDDGM RW John Cousins then raised Bro. Mark R. Coleman to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason with 18 members and 108 visitors recorded.

The annual inspection was held in October with RW Clair H. Lewis, Jr., DDGM, as Inspecting Officer. Bro Victor Vigue gave an excellent FC lesson and the 7 members and 6 visitors present raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At the end of 2002 total membership dropped to 56 as the 2 raised were offset by 3 deaths and 3 suspensions for non-payment of dues. 6 of the 56 are honorary or life members not subject to the \$20 per year dues. However there were some encouraging signs as we had several younger and newer members who were showing an interest in Masonry and Unity Lodge. We can hope that our low point has passed and an upswing has started.

Brief Biographies of Recent Masters

Rodney W. Ingraham

Grew up in Knox, Maine. Raised in Unity Lodge in 1975. Wife: Debbie. Manages Ingraham Equipment Co., a farm equipment sales and service business.

Paul R. Connelly

Born and raised in Bangor, Maine. Educated at University of Maine and University of Hawaii. Worked for DelMonte in Southeast Asia and Africa He and his wife, Louise, raised 2 daughters and 1 son. Following retirement, he purchased a small greenhouse in Thorndike and over the years enlarged it into one of the largest in the state. He has been active in various horticultural societies and the MSAD 3 School Board. He was raised to the Master Mason degree in Unity Lodge in 1990. He is active in O.E.S. and several other Masonic bodies.

Karl Douglas Julian

Born: 15 October 1937 Detroit, Michigan, Raised Northern Indiana, Graduated Lowell Dist. H.S. 1953 at age 16. In the same year earned his AirCraFt Pilots License, and enlisted in the US Navy. Retired with 24 years at the Rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Following retirement from the military, he was employed by Sun Transport Co., sailing as a Coast Guard licensed Chief Engineer on Sun Ships for fourteen years. Mr.and Mrs. Julian raised a daughter and son in Rhode Island moving to Maine the Fall of 1983. (Lost their son, a Marine, in Lebanon at the Beirut International Airport 23 October 1983). In 1996 Mr. Julian started in the business of Selling, Servicing and Processing ATM's (Asynchronous Transfer Mode Machine), commonly known as Automated Teller Machine or ATM..

Work for 1994-2002

Name	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Occupation
Rolerson Clyde A.			11/16/1972	State DOT
		Affiliated 3/21/2001 Dual Member with Belfast Lodge #24		
Julian Karl D.			6/28/1968	Retired navy, Merchant Mariner, atm machines
		Affiliated 3/14/85 Dual Member with St. John's Lodge #1, Newport RI		
Storer Keven	2/9/1995			
Poulin, Sr. Lynn R.	10/30/1995	2/8/1996	4/20/1996	Bath Iron Works
Shute Allen M.	10/30/1995			Plumber
Littlefield Ronald Allen	3/14/1996	4/11/1996	5/9/1996	
Keller Kevin Everett	6/10/1999			
Thomas Kirk Philip	6/10/1999			Electrician
Keithan, Jr. John W.	4/18/2001	5/16/2001	6/28/2001	Contractor
Reid Roland G.	4/18/2001	6/20/2001	9/19/2001	farmer, beef, dairy & chickens
Coleman Mark R.	4/17/2002	5/15/2002	6/27/2002	State police
Vigue Victor John	6/19/2002	9/18/2002	10/16/2002	Millwright

Deaths 1993-2002

Bartels Ernest J.	Deceased 1-25-2002
Burnham John C.	Deceased 11-03-1994
Clark Kenneth P	Deceased 1-07-1996
Eldredge Wilfred F.	Deceased
Elkins Lawrence Dean	Deceased 12-12-2001
Flye Cecil L.	Deceased 5-27-1993
Ingraham Richard W.	Deceased 6-06-2001
Larrabee Lee A.	Deceased 2-15-1993
Leonard Herbert	Deceased 11-07-1996
Littlefield, Jr. John Frederick	Deceased 3-20-2002
Littlefield, Sr. John Frederick	Deceased 1-23-1996
McCorrison, Sr. Stanley Frye	Deceased 9-19-2000
Overlock Roland D.	Deceased 2-21-1999
Pottle, Sr. Lawrence	Deceased 12-18-2002
Shane Charles	Deceased 3-30-1996
Sparrow Roy M.	Deceased 2-05-1993
Spaulding Donald Lester	Deceased 1-23-1999
Ward Frederick A.	Deceased 4-09-1998

Suspensions and Dimits

Higgins Basil E.	Dimitted 6-11-1998
Merry George W.	Dimitted 9-10-1998
Eldredge Wilfred F.	Suspended 12-09-1999
Higgins Russell Scott	Suspended 12-31-2001
Poulin, Sr. Lynn R.	Suspended 12-31-2001
Turner, Jr. Meldon	Suspended 12-31-2001

Living Past Masters 2002

Claude L. Bessey, Jr.	1958
Albert E. Ingraham	1959
Clayton A. Giggey	1962
Donald W. Maxim	1963
Paul E. McFarland	1965
Clayton H. Wentworth	1967
§George W. Merry	1969, 72
Allen Collins Downer	1970
§Clayton K. Downer	1971
Bruce A. Hutchins	1976-79-82-91-92, 03
Al Lawrence Chase	1977
Raymond B. Marks	1978
James A. Spaulding, Jr.	1983
Harold W. Emerson	1984, 85, 86
Stanley Frye McCarrison, Jr.	1987, 88
Earl Warren Littlefield	1989, 90
Rodney Wayne Ingraham	1993-94
Paul R. Connelly	1995, 96, 99, 00, 01, 02
Karl D. Julian	1997, 1998

§ Dimitted

Current Members 2002

Name	Raised	Occupation
Herbert C. Abbott	4/10/1980	Highway Dept
Robert M. Appleby	6/13/1991	retired banker
Ithamar M. Bellows	6/26/1947	retired
David L. Bennett	2/12/1987	
Claude L. Bessey, Jr.	12/14/1950	Beef cattle grower
Gregory G. Carver	1/9/1986	lawyer
Robert L. Charles	12/2/1971	
Al Lawrence Chase	12/9/1971	Science Teacher
Lewis M. Cole	6/26/1958	
Mark R. Coleman	6/27/2002	State Police
Paul R. Connelly	3/8/1990	Greenhouse operator, retired pineapple & tea expert
Mayo Cookson, Jr.	3/14/1985	Mason
Kenton Frank Cunningham	3/12/1981	
Allen Collins Downer	5/14/1964	Retired teacher & coach, Antique dealer
Fred A Drake	2/9/1950	
Harold W. Emerson	12/8/1977	Backhoe, gravel, contractor
Clayton A. Giggey	5/10/1956	retired Chicken farmer
Michael Loren Giggey	12/11/1980	Electrician
John W. Hall	5/22/1952	
Bruce A. Hutchins	6/14/1973	Self-employed printer
John E. Hutton	3/11/1982	Engineer DOT
Albert E. Ingraham	1/10/1952	retired carpenter, parts man
George A. Ingraham	6/8/1989	Milk hauling, truck driver
John W. Ingraham	1/10/1952	Farmer, equipment sales

Rodney Wayne Ingraham	1/9/1975	Farm Equipment sales
Richard Arthur Johnson	3/8/1990	Building Contractor
Karl D. Julian	6/28/1968	Retired Merchant Mariner, navy, atm machines
John W. Keithan, Jr.	6/28/2001	Contractor
Gilbert J. Keller	6/27/1952	Retired truck driver, farmer
Edwin W. Knight	12/10/1970	
Charles R. Knowlton	4/13/1961	
Michael Lowell Knowlton	4/22/1982	Storekeeper
Earl Warren Littlefield	12/10/1983	Driver. mechanic
Roger Allen Littlefield	12/10/1983	Rural Letter carrier, gravel, contractor
Ronald Allen Littlefield	4/9/1996	
Terry Lyle Littlefield	12/10/1983	
Raymond B. Marks	2/13/1969	School Administrator?
Donald W. Maxim	5/10/1956	Potato farmer
Stanley Frye McCorrison, Jr.	5/14/1981	Storekeeper
Paul E. McFarland	6/11/1959	Store clerk, retired
Carl Lee Moody	2/9/1967	
David K. Oliver	1/9/1986	Landscaping
Kenneth R. Overlock	6/11/1987	
Wayne S. Packard	2/10/1966	Teacher, retired
Lawrence Pottle, Jr.	5/13/1965	
Roland G. Reid	9/19/2001	farmer, beef, dairy & chickens
Clyde A. Rolerson	11/16/1972	State DOT
Ernest Clyde Rumney	4/8/1993	School Maintenance
Preston N. Sargent	6/13/1968	Retired cattle dealer
William D. Schoolcraft	6/13/1968	
Gerald R. Spaulding	5/12/1977	
James A. Spaulding, Jr.	5/12/1977	Highway dept.
Victor John Vigue	10/16/2002	Millwright
Boyd A. Ward	1/24/1963	
Clayton H. Wentworth	5/10/1962	chicken farmer retired
Roger L. Wingate	4/13/1961	

Rogues Gallery



From left: Mrs. Lona Ingraham, Wor. Bro. Albert E. Ingraham, Wor. Bro. Rodney W. Ingraham, Master in 1993 & 1994, with daughter, Mrs. Amy Ingraham, Bro. Richard W. Ingraham.



Installing Suite 1995

Front from left: RW Richard Chase, Wor. Daniel Smith, Wor. William Haggerty. Back row: Wor. Steven Bucknam, Wor. Raymond Locke, Wor. Paul R. Connelly, Master of Unity Lodge for the first of many years.



Officers for 1995

Front: Karl D. Julian, Russell S. Higgins, Wor. Albert E. Ingraham, Wor. Rodney W. Ingraham. Back: Wor. Harold W. Emerson, Bro. Herbert C. Abbott, Wor. Paul R. Connelly, RW Bruce A. Hutchins



Installing Suite 1996

From left: Mrs. Marjorie Goodwin, Wor. Bro. Bucknam, RW Richard Chase, Wor. Bro. Connelly, RW Bro. Hutchins, Wor. Bro. Locke.



Officers 1996

From left: Bro. Gerald R. Spaulding, Bro. Russell S. Higgins, RW Bruce A. Hutchins, Wor. Donald L. Spaulding, Wor. Harold W. Emerson, Wor. Stanley F. McCarrison, Jr., Bro. Karl D. Julian, Wor. Paul R. Connelly.



Installation 1997

Front: Bro. Lynn Poulin, RW John Greenleaf, Bro. Russell S. Higgins, Bro. Ronald Littlefield. Second row: Bro. Herbert C. Abbott, RW Raymond Locke, Wor. Karl D. Julian, Wor. W. David Cairnie, RW Richard Chase. Back row: Wor. Harold W. Emerson, Wor. Paul R. Connelly, RW Bruce A. Hutchins, and Wor. Donald L. Spaulding at the Secretary's desk.



Wor. Bro. Spaulding and his wife Winona (Betty) and Bro. Lynn Poulin



Upper left: Wor. Bro. Harold and Gertrude Emerson; lower left: Wor. Bro. Paul and Louise Connelly; above: Wor. Bro. Karl and Joyce Julian.



Installing Suite 1998
Wor. Steven Bucknam, RW Raymond Locke, Wor. Karl D. Julian,
Wor. David Cairnie, RW Richard Chase.



RW Bruce A. Hutchins and Joan Sheldon



Donald Spaulding's widow Winona being presented with her widow's pin by her son Lee (a member of Star in the West Lodge) April 8, 1999.



Long time Treasurer Wor. Harold Emerson and Secretary Julian dealing with the Lodge finances in 1999.



Installing Officers for 2000
VW Bro. Julian, RW Bro. Bucknam, RW Bro. Hutchins



Officers installed January 2000
Front: RW Bro. Hutchins, Bro. Mayo Cookson, Jr., Wor. Bro. James A. Spaulding.
Back, Wor. Bro. Connelly, Wor. Bro. Albert E. Ingraham, VW Karl Julian



Installing suite for 2001

From left: RW Steven Bucknam, VW Karl Julian, RW Daniel Pratt, RW Bruce Hutchins, VW Clair Lewis, RW Raymond Locke, RW Douglas B. Taylor.



Wor. Master Connelly with RW Steven Bucknam at the Altar with other 2001 officers waiting on the sidelines to be installed. Front row from left: Bro. Richard A. Johnson, Bro. Mayo Cookson, Jr., Wor. Clayton H. Wentworth, RW Bruce A. Hutchins, VW Karl D. Julian, Wor. Harold W. Emerson, Bro. Clyde E. Rumney, Wor. Earl W. Littlefield. Back row includes, from right: RW Douglas B. Taylor, Bro. Michael Murphy, RW Carroll Warren, Wor. Clyde Rolerson, and others unclear.



Bro. Michael Murphy, Wor. Bro. Clyde Rolerson and VW Carroll Warren prepared the supper for Unity Lodge Installation in Jan. 2001



RW Douglas B. Taylor and his wife Alice



Installing Suite 2002

From Left: RW. Bro. Locke, RW. Bro. Bucknam, Wor. Bro. Julian, RW. Bro. Hutchins, VWor. Bro. Lewis.



Officers for 2002

From Left: Bro. Roland Reid, Bro. Cookson, Wor. Bro. Julian, Bro. Keithan, Wor. Bro. Rollerson, RW. Bro. Hutchins, Wor. Bro. Wentworth.



Newly raised Bro. Mark Coleman with RW John Cousins of the Maine State Police degee team. 27 June 2002

2003

The Installation of Officers for 2003 was held on the Stated Communication in January. The officers elected and appointed were:

Master	Bruce A. Hutchins
Sr. Warden	Mayo Cookson, Jr.
Jr. Warden	Clayton H. Wentworth
Treas.	Harold W. Emerson
Sec.	Karl D. Julian
Chaplain	Paul R. Connelly
Marshal	Clyde A. Rolerson
Sr. Deacon	John W. Keithan
Jr. Deacon	Victor Vigue
Sr. Steward	Mark R. Coleman
Jr. Steward	Ronald A. Littlefield
Tyler	Herbert C. Abbott

Involved in the Installation were RW Clair H. Lewis, Jr., DDGM, RW Raymond Locke, Asst. Gr. Lecturer and PDDGM, RW Steven Buckman, PDDGM, RW Douglas B. Taylor, PDDGM, and VW Karl D. Julian, Dist. Representative.

At the February meeting the Master showed a video he had acquired several years before at the gift shop at the Masonic Temple, Great Queen St., London, England. The video gave an introduction to Masonry in England. A number of members of Star in the West Lodge were present to claim the traveling gavel. April and June each saw a new candidate taking the EA degree.

During the spring Bro. Mayo Cookson spearheaded several work sessions in addition to many hours of his own time to work on projects such as stabilizing the timbers under the building; moving the oil tank outside; painting the dining room; replacing railings by the steps and the two posts on the porch; renovating (and adding the blue background to) the Square and Compasses sign on the front of the building. Others involved included John Keithan, Clyde Rolerson and Victor Vigue.

The 65th annual Strawberry Festival was held on a very hot (90°) June 26th. The Grand Master MW Charles E. Ridlon and a large suite of past and present Grand Lodge Officers were received in due form. About a dozen brothers were first time visitors. Bro. Scott Truax was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason by officers of Unity Lodge with the very necessary assistance of a number of visiting brethren. A 25 year pin should have been presented to our Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Harold Emerson, who was present but somehow it was forgotten. Attendance was about 80.

For the possible benefit of future planners – we started with 150 quarts of Strawberries which Wor. Bro. Connolly acquired from a grower in Benton who seemed to be the only source in the state who had berries ready after a cool spring season. The picked berries cost \$3 per quart. 12 dozen bisquits from Weaver's bakery in Belfast appeared to be a dozen or two too few. 7 half-gallons of half & half cream and 3 pounds of butter disappeared. Also a couple of cakes and some coffee, iced tea and lemonade. The record high price of \$8 was charged for the banquet which with the good (by current standards) attendance left a small profit to be divided between the Lodge and Josiah H. Drummond Chapter O.E.S. which did the work of hulling berries, setting tables, serving, and cleaning up afterwards.

Wor. Bro. William McKenzie of Central Lodge donated the use of a portable toilet for the evening.

Bro. Mark Coleman informed us that his National Guard unit was being deployed to Cuba for a year. The duty would be primarily guarding prisoners from Afghanistan housed there.

Work for 2003-

Name		Initiated	Passed	Raised	Occupation
Truax	Scott Alan	4/16/2003	5/21/2003	6/26/2003	
Jordan	Peter Sherwood	6/18/2003			Painter



Installing Suite 2003

From left: Karl Julian, Clair Lewis, Raymond Locke, Steven Bucknam, Douglas Taylor.



Officers for 2003

Front: Victor Vigue, Karl Julian, Clayton Wentworth. Back: Harold Emerson, John Keithan, Mayo Cookson, Bruce Hutchins.