

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

2006

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Date of Charter May 15, 1828

Stated Communication – Third Wednesday

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

## 2006

January 18 was supposed to be the Stated Meeting and Installation of Officers but due to high winds which were knocking down trees and power lines the Installation was postponed to Jan. 25. RW Karl D. Julian, DDGM, installed Mayo Cookson Jr. as Master. Wor. Bro. Cookson then installed Kenneth Overlock as JW. RW Bruce Hutchins installed RW Bro. Julian as Secretary, Norman Vashon as SD, John Billings as JD and was installed as Chaplain by RW Bro. Julian. The Charges to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were given by RW Bro. Hutchins, Wor. Bro. Cookson and Wor. Bro. William Haggerty (from Siloam Lodge in Fairfield) respectively.

Feb. 15. After a Pot Luck supper the Lodge opened with the following present:

Mayo Cookson WM, W. Clyde Rolerson SW, Kenneth Overlock, JW, W. Harold Emerson Treas., RW Raymond Locke as Marshal, RW Bruce Hutchins Chaplain, Norman Vashon SD, VW Michael LeClair (from Siloam Lodge) as JD, Charles Denis (from Siloam Lodge) as Tyler.

RW Clair H. Lewis, W. Edgar Rhoades (from Siloam Lodge), W. John McCutcheon, (from Siloam Lodge), Paul Dunbar (from Siloam Lodge).

There was discussion on a program for the Strawberry Festival; Mayo will check on a speaker on the topic of Shriner's Hospitals. The 12th District Traveling Gavel was turned over to Siloam Lodge as they had five members present.

April 17, 2006. RW Karl Julian, W. Clayton Wentworth and W. Geo. Merry went to Enfield and presented a 40 year pin to Bro. Wayne Packard who is in a nursing home.

May 17. Voted to make a \$250.00 donation to Jessica Emerson a Colby College student who is part of a group going to Africa to help fight malaria. Two envelopes that were originally mailed to Unity Lodge were returned to the Lodge by someone in Ohio who had found them.

On May 27 the front doors were sanded and re-stained.

June 17. After several rainy weekends, had a workday at which a little paint was touched up, one front window replaced completely and one partially, and a combination of rods and cable installed to help keep the walls from spreading and support the center of the building. Mayo Cookson, Norman Vashon, Kenneth Overlock, Clyde Rolerson, Karl Julian and Bruce Hutchins participated and Peter Quimby donated sodas.

June 21 Stated meeting. Received a check for \$1000.00 dollars from Beulah Fortier to be used for building maintenance in memory of her husband (Leo Fortier) and her father Howard Harmon.

June 29. The 68th annual Strawberry Festival. About 75 at the meal, 65 at the meeting, 24 in the Grand Lodge Suite. A 25 year pin was presented to Bro. Michael L. Giggey by the W. M. Mayo Cookson and the Grand Master MW Gerald Leighton presented 50 year Medals to Michael's father Wor. Clayton "Buddy" A. Giggey and Wor. Donald W. Maxim. A program on the Shriner's Children's Hospital at Springfield Mass. was presented by W. Alton Kenney of Belfast Lodge.

Profit was to be split between Lodge and the Eastern Star: \$87 each. Not accounting for the \$150 rent on the Porta-potty that WM Cookson has paid from his own pocket for several years.

Sept. 20, 2006. Voted to send \$25 to the Rainbow Girls for their annual fundraising ball. Five brothers from Neguemkeag/Vassalboro Lodge #54 were present to claim the 12th district Traveling Gavel.

Oct. 18, 2006. Wor. Bro. Allen Downer was present and received his 40 year pin. Voted to contribute \$22.50 (40 cents per member) to Seabasticook Lodge which is hosting the 12th district meeting in exchange for the supper at the District Meeting being free of charge. There was discussion on having an open house in December. This has been recommended by the Grand Master. Also discussion on putting the Permanent Charity and Building Funds in Certificates of Deposit.

Nov. 15, 2006. Our annual inspection with no candidate and 11 present. The first section of the FC degree was exemplified. Discussion on having an Open House (as the Grand Master had requested

each lodge do) from noon to 3 pm on Dec. 3.

Dec. 3 Five members and two of their ladies spent a few hours waiting to give visitors an introduction to Masonry but no one showed up.

Dec. 20 Annual meeting. Voted to suspend Scott Truax for NPD unless he paid by the end of Dec.

Elected

WM

Mayo A. Cookson, Jr.

SW

Kenneth R. Overlock

JW

Norman R. Vashon

Sec.

Karl D. Julian

Treas.

Harold W. Emerson

Finance Committee

Harold Emerson, Bruce Hutchins and Norman Vashon

Trustees of Building Assoc.

Karl Julian for 2 year term

Installation planned for Stated Meeting in Jan at 6:30 follwed by refreshments and a short business meeting. \$20 was donated by those present for the Masonic Service Association.

**Biography Mayo Allen Cookson Jr.**

Master of Unity Lodge #58, A.F. & A. M. 2004 and 2005.

EA 11/10/85, FC 2/14/85, MM 3/14/85.

Born 9-15-1957 in South Freedom, Maine, Paternal Grandparents: Silas Lynn Cookson a MM in Central Lodge #45 in China and Lizzie Cookson. Maternal grandparents: George Overlock a MM in Liberty Lodge #111 in Liberty and Florence Overlock.

A graduate of Lawrence High School in Fairfield. Was a dairy farmer for the first 20+ years on the family farm then did construction for Lee Bros. of Albion for several more years.

Went to MMI (Motorcycle Mechanics Institute) 1985-1986 in Phoenix. Tried Motorcycle Mechanics for three years. Went into the plumbing trade after that mostly residential + a short stint for Preble Plumbing doing Commercial Plumbing. Switched to operative masonry around 2000 until the present (2005).

Married April Spencer 2001 - has two step-children Sarah & Justin George.

Hobbies Hunting and fishing, planting trees and enjoying God's handiwork.

**Deaths 2006**

Packard

Wayne S.

Deceased 8-23-2006

**Work for 2006**

Name

Initiated

Passed

Raised

Occupation

None

## Living Past Masters 2006

Claude L. Bessey, Jr.	1958
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
Mayo Cookson, Jr.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

§ Dimitted

## Current Members 2006

Name	Raised	Occupation
Herbert C. Abbott	4/10/1980	Highway Dept
Ithamar M. Bellows	6/26/1947	retired
David L. Bennett	2/12/1987	
Claude L. Bessey, Jr.	12/14/1950	Beef cattle grower
John Tarelson Billings	6/30/2005	Mason
Gregory G. Carver	1/9/1986	lawyer
Al Lawrence Chase	12/9/1971	Science Teacher
Lewis M. Cole	6/26/1958	Retired
Mark R. Coleman	6/27/2002	State Police
Paul R. Connelly	3/8/1990	retired Greenhouse operator, 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	Retired
Harold W. Emerson	12/8/1977	Backhoe, gravel, contractor
Robert Stewart Gerry	9/21/2005	Painter
Clayton A. Giggey	5/10/1956	retired Chicken farmer
Michael Loren Giggey	12/11/1980	Electrician
John W. Hall	5/22/1952	College Professor
Bruce A. Hutchins	6/14/1973	Self-employed printer
John E. Hutton	3/11/1982	Engineer DOT
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
Peter Sherwood Jordan	4/21/2004	Self employed Painter
Karl D. Julian	6/28/1968	Retired Merchant Mariner, navy, atm machines
John W. Keithan, Jr.	6/28/2001	Contractor
Edwin W. Knight	12/10/1970	
Charles R. Knowlton	4/13/1961	School Bus Driver
Michael Lowell Knowlton	4/22/1982	Storekeeper
Earl Warren Littlefield	12/10/1983	Driver. mechanic, gravel pit
Roger Allen Littlefield	12/10/1983	Rural Letter carrier, gravel, contractor
Ronald Allen Littlefield	4/9/1996	Truck Driver
Terry Lyle Littlefield	12/10/1983	
Raymond B. Marks	2/13/1969	School Administrator, retired
Donald W. Maxim	5/10/1956	Potato farmer, retired
Stanley Frye McCorrison, Jr.	5/14/1981	Storekeeper, retired
Paul E. McFarland	6/11/1959	Store clerk, retired
Carl Lee Moody	2/9/1967	
David K. Oliver	1/9/1986	Construction Contractor
Kenneth R. Overlock	6/11/1987	Construction Project Manager
Lawrence Pottle, Jr.	5/13/1965	Retired
Peter Quimby		Real Estate Agent Dual member
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, Bus Driver
William D. Schoolcraft	6/13/1968	School Teacher
Gerald R. Spaulding	5/12/1977	Trucking
James A. Spaulding, Jr.	5/12/1977	Highway dept.
Scott Alan Truax	6/26/2003	
Norman R. Vashon	4/21/2001	Drywaller
Victor John Vigue	10/16/2002	Millwright
Boyd A. Ward	1/24/1963	
Clayton H. Wentworth	5/10/1962	chicken farmer retired (and sailed on MMA training ship)
Roger L. Wingate	4/13/1961	Retired

#### Building Fund

Date	Amount	Donor	In Memory of
Oct. 19, 2005	\$ 250.00	Bruce Hutchins	Wor. Alden W. Hutchins
June 21, 2006	1000.00	Beulah Fortier	Leo Fortier (Husband) & Howard Harmon (Father)

#### Charity Fund

Date	Amount	Donor	In Memory of
Oct. 19, 2005	\$ 250.00	Bruce Hutchins	Wor. Donald L. Spaulding
Dec. 20, 2006	\$ 250.00	Bruce Hutchins	Rt. Wor. Isaiah J. Jackson

The By-Laws provide that each of these funds be increased by \$2 per member per year plus donations.

## WAYNE STANTON PACKARD

HOWLAND - Wayne S. Packard, 79, died Aug. 23, 2006, at a Howland health-care facility. He was born March 28, 1927, in Hancock. He was a graduate of Howland High School, Class of 1944. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operations from 1945 to 1947. He attained the rank of sergeant as a department head at the headquarters of a disciplinary training center in Italy. He graduated from Husson College, majoring in business education and did advance degree work at the University of Maine. He was a member of Mu Sigma Chi and Kappa Delta Phi fraternities. He set the business department up at Walker High School in Liberty and after consolidation finished his teaching career at Mount View High School in MSAD No. 3, retiring from teaching in 1978. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 58 in Thorndike and also served on the board of directors of the Penobscot Valley Kennel Club. Wayne was also a member of The American Legion, Post 178, of Waterville. Two of his greatest pleasures were riding horses and showing his dogs. He loved his family very much and enjoyed doing things with them and for them. He was highly respected as a schoolteacher by his students and staff as well as all who knew him. He was predeceased by his parents, Oveid B. and Marie (Grant) Packard; and his brother, Verle A. Packard, all of Howland. He is survived by his two sisters, Joyce Drost and her husband, Duane, of West Enfield, Carol Kearney and her husband, Raymond, of Howland; two nephews, Kevin Drost and his wife, Cindy, of Lincoln, Kenton and his wife, Lorna, of Howland; four nieces, Janna Whitney and her husband, Kirby, of Chester, Tammy Whitney and her husband, Blaine, of Corinth, Jolayne Mason and her husband, Scott, of Howland, Tetia Hanscom and her husband, Nathaniel, of Enfield; several great-nephews and great-nieces; a very special friend and colleague, George Merry of Smithfield. Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Road, Lincoln. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at the funeral home. Interment will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter, with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Donations can be left at the funeral home. For an online register book, go to [www.clayfuneralhome.com](http://www.clayfuneralhome.com)







Clyde Rolerson working on a window



Norman Vashon preparing a replacement window





Mayo Cookson and Kenneth Overlock position the rods and cable under the hall while Clyde Rolerson passes them tools



Mayo and Ken tighten the turnbuckle to pull the sides of the hall inward and the center timber upward.



Eating at the Strawberry Festival June 2006





Donald Maxim receiving his 50 Year Medal from GM Leighton and WM Cookson



Clayton Giggey receiving his 50 Year Medal from GM



Michael Giggey –25 year pin recipient and his father  
Clayton –50 year Medal recipient at Strawberry festival  
June 2006



MW Gerald Leighton and Wor. Mayo Cookson, June 2006