

**MOSES PAUL LODGE #96**  
**DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**Free and Accepted Masons**  
**Dover, N. H.**  
**May 2018**

**Organized Under Dispensation**  
**December 20, 1889**  
**Chartered May 21, 1890**

## May Calendar

**Event: Square and Compass,**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm

**Dress Code:** Casual

**Cost:** Usually less than \$10.00

**Description:** Fellowship dinner with our Brothers at Strafford Lodge and the Grange. Strafford Lodge is host this month.

**Who can attend:** All Masons and guests.

**Event Dine A Round Club,**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Patty “B” Italian Restaurant on Dover Point Road.

**Dress Code:** Casual

**Cost:** Order from Menu <http://www.pattybs.com/menu/>

**Description:** Dine with your Brothers and friends outside of the Lodge, A great time to introduce a friend to Masonry

**Who can attend:** All Masons and guests.

**Event: Stated Meeting**

**Date and Time:** Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> Lodge opens at 7:30 pm

**Dress Code:** All Jacket and ties

**Cost:** Donation for collation

**Description:** Monthly Business meeting and discussion of unification of Strafford Lodge and Moses Paul Lodge.

**Who can attend:** Master Masons

**Event: Special Communication**

**Date and Time:** Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> Lodge opens at 7:00 pm

**Dress Code:** Officers Tux and Gloves, All others Jacket and ties

**Cost:** Donation for collation

**Description:** Fellow Craft Degree for Brother David Baylor

**Who can attend:** FC's and above

## District Calendar

**Event: Strafford Lodge Stated Communication**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> Lodge opens at 7:00 pm

**Dress Code** All jacket and tie

**Cost:** Donation for collation

**Description:** Monthly Business meeting and program

**Who can attend:** EAs and above

**Event: Winnepesaukee Lodge Breakfast Buffet**

**Date and Time:** Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> , 7:30 am-11:00 am at Winnepesaukee Lodge in Alton NH

**Dress Code:** Casual

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Description:** Famous Breakfast Buffet

**Who can attend:** Public event All are welcome!



## A Masonic Thought

**A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about.**

**Woodrow Wilson**

**Moses Paul Lodge #96, Dover, NH****Officers & Appointments for 2018****Worshipful Master:** Wor. John T. Pond, Jr. 603-978-8940**Senior Warden:** Wor. William D. Akridge 603-781-4453**Junior Warden:** Richard Lapointe 603-905-9953**Treasurer:** Sanford Salava 603-743-4247**Secretary:** Daniel Hanson 603-770-8584**Representative to Grand Lodge:** Christopher J. Pond 603-978-3805**Chaplain** Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603-776-1235**Asst. Chaplain****Senior Deacon:** James E. Lewis 603-767-8698**Junior Deacon:** John T Pond, III 603-973-3003**Senior Steward:****Junior Steward:****Marshal:** David Martinelli**Tyler:** Wor. James S. Miller 603-742-6691**Organist:****Lodge Ambassador:****Historian:** Wor. William D. Akridge**Finance Committee:****Trustees of Charity Fund** Wor. James S. Miller 2018

Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 2018, &amp; 2019

Richard LaPointe 2018, 2019, 2020

**Widow's Program Chairman:** Vincent R. Puleo 603-491-1639**Gates:** #1-, Richard Lapointe

#2-,

#3-John T. Pond, III

**Representative to Evergreen Place:****Building Committee:** Chairman: Wor. David Akridge 603-781-4453

Recorder: Wor. John T. Pond, Jr. 603-978-8940

Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603-776-1235

Robert Steele 603-742-1716

Sanford Salava 603-743-4247

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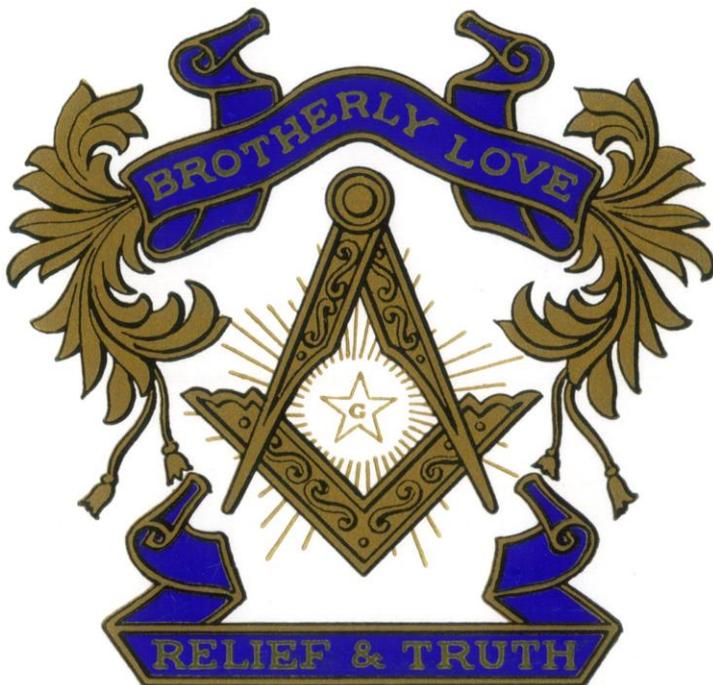
## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

This month is the start of an important time in the life of Moses Paul Lodge. As you know Masonry in Dover has a long history starting in 1790 with the first petition of Federal Lodge #5 That Lodge met until 1798 when they surrendered their Charter voluntarily because of low attendance. Strafford Lodge was chartered in 1817 and except for a short period around 1840 has operated continually to today. Moses Paul Lodge broke off of Strafford Lodge in 1890 and has operated continually today. Until 1992 both Lodges met in the same building in Dover. In 1992 the building on Washington Street was sold and the two Lodges went their separate ways. So, that's a quick history of the Lodge. In 2017 Moses Paul was forced to sell the Building on Pearl Street due to declining membership and revenues. The City laid a huge tax burden on the Lodge and we were not able to raise the capital to fund that bill, the Grand Lodge Assessment, and upkeep of the building. Our Brothers from Strafford Lodge stepped up and offered us a place to meet in their building on Sixth Street. This is where we are now. Over the years there have been several attempts to unite the two Lodges into one, but sadly that has not happened due to many unforeseen obstacles. Strafford Lodge and Moses Paul Lodge are again going to try to unite as one Lodge. Both Lodges have formed a committee to work on this. This will not be a merger where one Lodge absorbs the other but a unification of the two Lodges under a new name. The name chosen by the committees will be Federal Lodge #5 the first Lodge in Dover, NH. I believe that both Lodges are excited for this to happen. All the details are still being worked out, but we should have most of them ironed out by the May Stated. There will be a discussion of the unification at that time. This is the meeting that all members of Moses Paul Lodge should be present to express their thoughts and concerns. Remember our opening charge, ***“let all private animosities, if any unhappily exist, give place to affection and brotherly love”***

**It is the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master that all Master Masons of Moses Paul Lodge be present at the May Stated Communication on May 17<sup>th</sup> to hear the proposal of the unification of Strafford Lodge #29 and Moses Paul Lodge #96 and voice their thoughts and concerns. A vote will be taken at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting. All brothers take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.**

Fraternally and Respectfully,  
Worshipful John T. Pond, Jr.  
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PH. 603-978-8940



# SENIOR WARDEN

From the West

April 2018

I am thankful for the new energy in our Lodge. It is great to see so many attending our Stated and engaging in meaningful Masonic discussion, but also traveling to seek Light in and out of the District. I hope that each of us are able to attain to what we aspire. More importantly, enjoy the journey.

Hopefully, now that the weather is improving, some of you may choose to join us in our Dine-Around. Wives and or friends or welcome. This is also a great way to create the environment to “Ask” for potential new Masons in a casual setting. Our next Dine-Around will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Patti B’s. I challenge you to invite a guest and attend. The food is great and the company better.

May is also our Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This year, all four required attendees (WM, SW, JW and GL Representative) will be present without the necessity of a proxy. I would like to remind you that Grand Lodge is open to ALL Master Masons. If you have never been and would like to attend, we have a great breakfast before, a lunch place that is off the radar from most attendees with the best pastrami sandwich I have had in New Hampshire. More importantly, I think that attending this event will allow you to see Masons from all over New Hampshire and experience the new energy that is taking place not only in our Lodge but throughout the State of New Hampshire.

Finally, if you have not been to Lodge in while and need a quick refresher on steps, signs etc., reach out. Happy to meet you before the meeting or some other time convenient for you and provide that for you. I don’t want anyone to not attend because they are concerned they forgot some meeting essential.

Fraternally

Worshipful Brother Dave Akridge

# May Birthdays



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

Albert Buffum  
Walter Crabtree  
Mark Peicker  
Paul Ruel  
James Lewis

Steven Glen  
Stanley Joy  
Kenneth Myhre  
Anthony Retrosi



## Secretary's Desk

Thank you to all who have paid their dues on time! Please make every effort to pay these quickly as the Lodge depends on this money to be able maintain our building and pay the bills. If you can't afford your dues or have other issues preventing you from paying them please contact me or any officer, we may be able to work out a solution.

When was the last time you came to a meeting? We as your officers know that your time is valuable and should not be wasted! The meetings are fun and informative. Can't remember the signs or you don't feel you know anyone, don't worry, we are all brothers and will greet you with open arms.

Something as Masons that we all need to think about! Have you made your wishes known to your family about a Masonic Service when you are called from labor to rest? Does your family know who to contact? Does your family know where you keep your white apron? These are important things to take care of!

This month's education article is **"The Cable Tow"**

Please visit our website [www.nhfreemasons.org](http://www.nhfreemasons.org) for upcoming events.

**The District 5 Calendar at:**

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5thmasonicdistrictofnh%40gmail.com>

**NH Grand Lodge Web site at:** [www.nhgrandlodge.org](http://www.nhgrandlodge.org)

**Webmaster:** [dovermasons@nhfreemasons.org](mailto:dovermasons@nhfreemasons.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/MosesPaulLodge96](https://www.facebook.com/MosesPaulLodge96)

**NOT RECEIVING THE TRESTLE BOARD BY EMAIL???**

If you would like to get it as soon as it comes out *and* save the Lodge a stamp send your email address to [bears123@comcast.net](mailto:bears123@comcast.net)



## THE CABLE-TOW

by: Unknown

The Cable-Tow, we are told, is purely Masonic in its meaning and use. It is so defined in the dictionary, but not always accurately, which shows that we ought not depend upon the ordinary dictionary for the truth about Masonic terms. Masonry has its own vocabulary and uses it in its own ways. Nor can our words always be defined for the benefit of the profane.

Even in Masonic lore the word cable-tow varies in form and use. In an early pamphlet by Pritchard, issued in 1730, and meant to be an exposure of Masonry, the cable-tow is called a "Cable-Rope," and in another edition a "Tow-Line." The same word "Tow-Line" is used in a pamphlet called "A Defense of Masonry," written, it is believed, by Anderson as a reply to Pritchard about the same time. In neither pamphlet is the word used in exactly the form and sense in which it is used today; and in a note Pritchard, wishing to make everything Masonic absurd, explains it as meaning "The Roof of the Mouth!" In English lodges, the Cable-Tow, like the hoodwink, is used only in the first degree, and has no symbolical meaning at all, apparently. In American lodges it is used in all three degrees, and has almost too many meanings. Some of our American teachers - Pike among them - see no meaning in the cable-tow beyond its obvious use in leading an initiate into the lodge, and the possible use of withdrawing him from it should he be unwilling or unworthy to advance.

To some of us this non-symbolical idea and use of the cable-tow is very strange, in view of what Masonry is in general, and particularly in its ceremonies of initiation. For Masonry is a chamber of imagery. The whole Lodge is a symbol. Every object, every act is symbolical. The whole fits together into a system of symbolism by which Masonry veils, and yet reveals, the truth it

seeks to teach to such as have eyes to see and are ready to receive it.

As far back as we can go in the history of initiation, we find the cable-two, or something like it, used very much as it is used in a Masonic Lodge today. No matter what the origin and form of the word as we employ it may be - whether from the Hebrew “Khabel,” or the Dutch “cabel,” both meaning a rope - the fact is the same. In India, in Egypt and in most of the ancient Mysteries, a cord or cable was used in the same way and for the same purpose.

In the meaning, so far as we can make it out, seems to have been some kind of pledge - a vow in which a man pledged his life. Even outside initiatory rites we find it employed, as, for example, in a striking scene recorded in the Bible (I Kings 20:31,32), the description of which is almost Masonic. The King of Syria, Ben-hada, had been defeated in battle by the King of Israel and his servants are making a plea for his life. They approach the King of Israel “with ropes upon their heads,” and speak of his “Brother, Ben-hadad.” Why did they wear ropes, or nouses, on their heads?

Evidently to symbolize a pledge of some sort, given in a Lodge or otherwise, between the two Kings, of which they wished to remind the King of Israel. The King of Israel asked: “Is he yet alive? He is my brother.” Then we read that the servants of the Syrian King watched to see if the King of Israel made any sign, and, catching his sign, they brought the captive King of Syria before him. Not only was the life of the King of Syria spared, but a new pledge was made between the two men.

The cable-tow, then, is the outward and visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged his life, or has pledged himself to save another life at the risk of his own. Its length and strength are measured by the ability of the man to fulfill his obligation and his sense of the moral sanctity of his obligation - a test, that is, both of his capacity and of his character.

If a lodge is a symbol of the world, and initiation is our birth into the world of Masonry, the cable-tow is not unlike the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth; and so it is usually interpreted. Just as the physical cord, when cut, is replaced by a tie of love and obligation between mother and child, so, in one of the most impressive moments of initiation, the cable-tow is removed, because the brother, by his oath at the Altar of Obligation, is bound by a tie stronger than any physical cable. What before was an outward physical restraint has become an inward moral constraint. That is to say, force is replaced by love - outer authority by inner obligation - and that is the secret of security and the only basis of brotherhood.

The cable-tow is the sign of the pledge of the life of a man. As in his oath he agrees to forfeit his life if his vow is violated, so, positively, he pledges his life to the service of the Craft. He agrees to go to the aid of a Brother, using all his power in his behalf, "if within the length of his cable-tow," which means, if within the reach of his power. How strange that any one should fail to see symbolical meaning in the cable-tow. It is, indeed, the great symbol of the mystic tie which Masonry spins and weaves between men, making them Brothers and helpers one of another.

But, let us remember that a cable-tow has two ends. If it binds a Mason to the Fraternity, by the same fact it binds the Fraternity to each man in it. The one obligation needs to be emphasized as much as the other. Happily, in our day we are beginning to see the other side of the obligation - that the Fraternity is under vows to its members to guide, instruct and train them for the effective service of the Craft and of humanity. Control, obedience, direction or guidance - these are the three meanings of the cable-tow, as it is interpreted by the best insight of the Craft.

Of course, by Control we do not mean that Masonry commands us in the same sense that it uses force. Not at all. Masonry rules men as beauty rules an artist, as love rules a lover. It does not drive; it draws. It controls us, shapes us through its human touch and its moral nobility. By the same method, by the same power it wins obedience and gives guidance and direction to our lives. At the

Altar we take vows to follow and obey its high principles and ideals; and Masonic vows are not empty obligations - they are vows in which a man pledges his life and his sacred honor.

The old writers define the length of a cable-tow, which they sometimes call a “cables length,” variously. Some say it is seven hundred and twenty feet, or twice the measure of a circle. Others say that the length of the cable-tow is three miles. But such figures are merely symbolical, since in one man it may be three miles and in another it may easily be three thousand miles - or to the end of the earth. For each Mason the cable-tow reaches as far as his moral principles go and his material conditions will allow. Of that distance each must be his own judge, and indeed each does pass judgment upon himself accordingly, by his own acts in aid of others.



**Moses Paul Lodge #96**  
**Living Past Masters**



Gerald E. Brown.....	1965
Ronald C. Bartlett.....	1968
Donald S. Meserve.....	1972
Raymond E. Allen.....	1975
William H. Carswell, II.....	1976, 77, 78
David R. Spiller.....	1984, 85
Edwin F. Mitchell, Jr.....	1986
Anthony Zizos.....	1989, 90
James S. Miller...1991, 98, 01, 02, 03, 04	
John F. Torr.....	1993, 94, 99, 00
Stephen E Wawrzkievicz.....	1995
Robert H. Stewart.....	1996
Jay A. Edgerly.....	1997
William C. Hill, HPM.....	2003
Michael J. Mawson.....	2005
George M. McGee III.....	2006
Christopher Piehler.....	2007, 2008
Robert D. Berry.....	2009
Kristopher G. Furtney.....	2010, 2011
Vincent R. Puleo.....	2012, 2013
Robert J. Corsetti.....	2014, 2015
William D. Akridge.....	2016, 2017