

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



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

**January 2012**

Organized Under Dispensation

December 20, 1889

Chartered May 21, 1890

## Message from the East

Greetings Brethren,

I write this message with mixed emotions. After twenty-one editions of writing a Message from the East this will be my last. As you probably know Brother Vincent Puleo was elected to be the Master of Moses Paul Lodge for 2012 at our Annual Business Meeting and I know you join me in wishing him well as he becomes the 70<sup>th</sup> Master of Moses Paul.

I have been honored to serve as your Master over the past two years and have learned a lot about myself as well as a lot about masonry in that time frame. I hope the team of officers that served with me during that time will remember what we accomplished together. I believe we did good work for the lodge, for masonry and for our community.

We raised seven new Master Masons, welcomed three petitioners who affiliated and have currently three brothers working towards their FC degree.

In addition, we reconnected with the community and provided numerous opportunities for the brethren as well as the general public to join together within the walls of the lodge.

As we move into the New Year we will get right into some degree work and of course the month of January will be highlighted by our Installation on Saturday Jan 14th at 2:00 PM. In addition to installing the officers for 2012, we will take the opportunity to recognize some Brothers of the past as well as the present who invested in the lodge, most recently with the voluntary assessment which raised nearly \$12,000.00 dollars, defraying almost the entire cost associated with the installation of a new heating system.

Finally brethren, I want to personally wish you all the happiest of Holy Days (Holidays), and hope you will be able to enjoy it with family and friends. See you in 2012.

Fraternally and respectfully,  
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# Calendar of Events

## January 2012 Calendar:

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** – Square and Compass 6:30 PM

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** – Special Communication Fellow Craft Degree (by the 2011 officers). Lodge opens at 7:00 PM with collation to follow Officers Tux.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** - Installation of Officers for 2012 - 2:00PM - All members invited to attend. All Officers being installed requested to arrive no later than 1:30PM.

Join all after the ceremony for a Collation of Hors D'oeuvres and Soups .

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Communication Lodge opens at 7:30 PM, Officer Dress Jacket and Tie - Recognition of Furnace Donors and Dedication of Plaque

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>** – Optional Practice – 6:30 PM – MM degree, second section

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** – Annual meeting of Building Association and Finance Committees – 7:00 PM



**Jan 21<sup>th</sup>:** Masters Class 9:00 -11:00 AM, Star in the East #59 Exeter NH. Dress: casual

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>:** Masters and Wardens – Supper 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:15 Location TBD. Dress: casual

Please visit both our website [www.nhfreemasons.org](http://www.nhfreemasons.org) and the District Webpage at <http://firstmasonicdistrictofnh.com> for upcoming events.

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**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)

## **From the West:** Brethren of Moses Paul Lodge:

I am truly honored to be elected as Worshipful Master of Moses Paul Lodge for 2012. Being a relatively new member, I haven't been able to meet many of you, but hope to in the coming year. I am from a long line of Masons, primarily in the Laconia and Alton area. My father, Rick is a Past Master and my grandfather was a Potentate of the NH Shriners in the early 1990s. Going back further, we can trace Masons in our family back to Civil war times. This rich Masonic history was a part of led me to join the Fraternity, but not the only reason. I appreciated the idea that any man, despite race or religion can join, and that has been the Masonic "policy" for a long, long time. It a very progressive idea when you think of all the historical strife that has occurred in modern history. Some more about me: I work as an Analyst for Liberty Mutual in Dover. I studied Mechanical Engineering at UNH and after working as an engineer for a couple years in Durham, I went on to get an MBA from UNH. I'm an avid skier and am working on finishing my NH 4,000 foot peaks with my **fiancé**, Rachel! My goals for the year are simple: (1) continue doing good degree work, (2) continue the events that we have become known for that support the Lodge and community - DARE breakfast, Veterans Program, Past Master's night, (3) improve the way we manage the Lodge and Building Association and (4) try some new events. We recently held a 2012 planning meeting to discuss the above goals, and to generate/prioritize more ideas of things we want to try in in the coming year. The following *prioritized* list was created by the group:

- Visiting lodges in our district and state
- Hosting a Special Ladies night
- Hosting a kid's movie/activity night
- Having a degree at the Pitt Tavern in Portsmouth
- Technology improvements (PA system, Projector upgrade)
- Hosting a Table Lodge
- Officer Step-up night
- Special Square and Compass night where brothers bring 2-3 non-Mason friends
- Recognition of our Lodge's Hallmarks
- Continuing to have interesting presentations at Stated and Square and Compass meetings
- Group visit to Evergreen Place (AKA the Masonic Home)
- Establish a Traveling Gavel
- White Apron Night
- Rusty Nail night
- Outdoor Degree

While it may not be possible to tackle every single item listed, it helps immensely to give guidance on what's important to the Lodge and where to focus our efforts. If you have an idea not listed, please let me know about it. Furthermore, we need members who are willing to take the lead on some of these events, it can't all be on the shoulders of one Brother. Brother Wayne Rocky is an excellent example – he is the lead for the DARE breakfast and

makes it happen each year with the assistance of many. If you want to take the lead on organizing an event, or would like to lend a helping hand, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

In regards to item 3 (improve the way we manage the Lodge...) above, I would like to: (1) distribute a survey to the membership in February to see why local Brothers do not attend meetings and act on the results, (2) form a Fundraising committee, (3) determine a Lodge budget, (4) increase our visibility through the Public Affairs Officer and (5) have biographical information about our newly made Masons included in Trestle Boards.

Please take a look at the events coming up in January. I would like to personally invite you all to the Installation of Officers on Saturday the 14 at 2:00PM. We have a degree happening on the 11<sup>th</sup> and it would be great to impress our candidates by having many Brothers on the sidelines. At the Stated Communication we will be recognizing those Brothers who donated to the Lodge's new Heating System and dedicating the new Plaque, all Donors are invited to attend. Please contact me if you need a ride to any of the above events.

Again, I thank you all for your continued support and efforts. A special thanks to Worshipful Furtney for leaving the Lodge in such great condition. I look forward to an active and fun year!

Fraternally,  
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### **Meet our new Senior Warden Robert Corsetti:**

I was born in Winchester Ma. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1957. I grew up in Woburn Ma. and graduated Woburn High School in 1975. Played most sports but was better a football player and received a full Scholarship to Northeastern University to play for the Husky's. (As a side note they discontinued their football program a few years ago.) Graduated NU in 1980 and went to work for the Commonwealth Gas Co. Selling Natural gas to new condo projects and commercial and industrial users. I married Julie A Fentross in 1980. We have been married for 31 yrs, and have one Son Alexander who is 24.

After working for the Gas Company for 5 years I went to work for myself building new homes and subdivisions. While involved in the residential construction industry I moved to Dover in 1987 and was building homes out on Tolend road, so I kept one for myself.

It was at this time I started R J Home inspections Inc, which was a business of inspecting homes for people before their purchase. This company has been in business over 25 yrs. and has completed over

50,000 inspections in the New England area. Being in the construction and inspection business offered an inside look at what the biggest issue facing people in their homes would be and that lead me to Indoor air quality. We started Aspen Environmental LLC, in 2006 as an environmental indoor testing and mold remediation company. We focused on solving indoor air quality so that we could address and correct people's issues inside their homes and businesses.

I was raised in Moses Paul #96 in March of 2008. I'm a 32nd degree mason in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Portsmouth Dover. My great grandfather was a mason and a great man whom I learned much from.

Fraternally  
Brother Robert Corsetti

### **Now a word from our two most respected members**



### **Thought for the month:**

"The Old Master's Wages"

I met a dear old man today, who wore a Masonic pin.

It was old and faded like the man; its edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat, to give the old brother his due.

I said, "I see you've traveled East". "He said, "I have, have you?"

I said, "I have, and in my day, Before the All Seeing Sun,  
I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum."

He shouted, "Don't laugh at the work my son,  
It's good and sweet and true. And, if you've traveled as you said,  
you should give these things their due."

The word, the sign the token, the sweet Masonic prayer,  
the vow that all have taken, who've climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold,  
but the gain comes from contentment when you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations for almost fifty years.  
It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears.  
Now I'm losing my mind and body; Death is near but I don't despair.

I've lived my life upon the level, And, I'm dying upon the square.  
Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew,  
and the old man in the park today has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers, the only secret is to care;

May you live your life upon the level,

May you part upon the square.

## America's Symbol

This eagle named Challenger has also flown before 4 U.S. Presidents!

'Challenger' is his name (in honor of the lost space shuttle crew) & is cared for by the non-profit American Eagle Foundation (AEF).

He's a 'human-socialized' bird accidentally raised by the people who rescued Him - after being blown from a wild Louisiana nest in a storm as a baby in the late 1980's. Declared 'non-releasable' by federal and state wildlife Authorities, he was trained by the AEF to perform educational free-flight demonstrations at high profile public events.

He's the first Bald Eagle in U.S. History that learned to free-fly into Stadiums, arenas and ballrooms during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. The celebrity eagle has appeared at numerous major sporting events like the World Series, Pro-Bowl, All-Star game, BCS National Championship, Fiesta Bowl, Men's Final Four, etc.

[Click here: YouTube - Bald Eagle Music Video "This Is America" \(AEF\)](#)

## Masonic Seek and Find

C Z T I C S N X G C P C D L C  
S G F N P O M O H M A V E E Z  
E R A U Q S M A R N L F A W G  
O B R P V L P P D P E R C E L  
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ALTER  
APPRENTICE  
APRON  
BELLYMASON  
CANDIDATE  
CHAPLAN  
COMPASS  
DEACONS  
FELLOWCRAFT  
FREEMASON  
GAVEL  
JEWEL  
LAMBSKIN

LEVEL  
LODGE  
MASTER  
MOON  
PETITION  
PLUMB  
SQUARE  
STEWARDS  
SUN  
TABLELODGE  
TEMPLE  
TYLER  
WARDEN

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

William Ainsworth  
Richard Clark  
Walter Cummings  
Edward Harrity  
Clarence Kyreages  
Christopher Pond  
John Pond Jr.  
Robert Skiles  
Costas Stamnas  
James Varney

## Moses Paul Lodge #96, Dover, NH

### Officers & Appointments for 2012

<b>Worshipful Master:</b>	Wor. Vincent R. Puleo 603-491-1639
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Robert J. Corsetti 603-969-8378
<b>Junior Warden:</b>	Wor. Stephen E. Wawrzkievicz 603-332-1427
<b>Treasurer:</b>	James E. Phelps 603-969-9500
<b>Deputy Treasurer:</b>	Jean L. LaBrack 603-743-4066
<b>Secretary:</b>	John T. Pond, Jr. 603-978-8940
<b>Deputy Secretary:</b>	Wor. James S. Miller 603-742-6691
<b>Representative to Grand Lodge:</b>	Richard Lapointe 603 749-3147
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Senior Deacon:</b>	Michael J. Stacy 603-394-6455
<b>Junior Deacon:</b>	David Akridge 603-343-1388
<b>Marshall:</b>	Wor. Robert D. Berry 978-922-4951
<b>Senior Steward:</b>	Elie Khoury
<b>Junior Steward:</b>	David Martinelli
<b>Asst Steward:</b>	Jean LaBrack
<b>Tyler:</b>	Richard Lapointe 603-749-3147
<b>Asst. Tyler:</b>	
<b>Historian:</b>	David Akridge
<b>Finance Committee:</b>	Jean L. LaBrack Timothy Granfield 603-343-5926
<b>Trustees of Charity Fund</b>	David M. Goldsmith- 2012 Wor. Donald S. Meserve - 2012, 2013 Wor. Stephen E. Wawrzkievicz- 2011, 2012, 2013
<b>Widow's Program Chairman:</b>	Wor. James S. Miller Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney
<b>Gates:</b>	#1-Richard Lapointe, #2-Wor. Robert D. Berry, #3-Wor. Donald S. Meserve
<b>Representative to Evergreen Place:</b>	James E. Phelps
<b>Building Assoc. Representatives:</b>	Wor. Donald S. Meserve Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney Richard Lapointe Eli Khoury John T. Pond, Jr
<b>Public Affairs Officer:</b>	Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603-664-7920
<b>Lodge Care Taker:</b>	Wor. Donald S. Meserve
<b>Web Master :</b>	Kyle Parent 603-292-5331

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



John Taylor.....	1958, 59
Gerald E. Brown.....	1965
Robert D. Sylvester.....	1966, 67
Ronald C. Bartlett.....	1968
Donald S. Meserve.....	1972
Raymond E. Allen.....	1975
William H. Carswell, II.....	1976, 77, 78
Stephen J. Regoulinsky.....	1981, 82
David R. Spiller.....	1984, 85
Edwin F. Mitchell, Jr.....	1986
Anthony Zizos.....	1989, 90
James S. Miller...1991, 98, 01, 02, 03, 04	
Leigh F. Ivey, Sr.....	1992
John F. Torr.....	1993, 94, 99, 00
Stephen E Wawrzkieicz.....	1995
Robert H. Stewart.....	1996
Jay A. Edgerly.....	1997
William C. Hill, HPM.....	2003
Michael J. Mawson.....	2005
George M. McGee III.....	2006
Christopher Pehler.....	2007, 2008
Robert D. Berry.....	2009
Bruce G. Staples, HPM.....	2010
Kristopher G. Furtney.....	2010, 2011