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August, 2009

Calendar	
Aug 06 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Dinner Stated Meeting
Aug 13 7:30 PM	(Thursday) Third Degree M. Mckeithan
Aug 20 7:30 PM	(Thursday) 1st Degree Nicholas Schilling
Aug 27 6:00 PM	(Thursday) OAM Friendship 210 Funeral Service & Objections
Aug ??	Lodge Picnic Paradise Park Santa Cruz



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**Masons Night at AT&T Park—August 26th**

The fun begins at 5:30 pm ~ Grand Master presents check at 7:00 pm

Come out and support Masons Night at AT&T Park! Show how Masons are making a difference in our communities—and cheer on the Giants against the Diamondbacks! If you haven't bought your mitts for the Junior Giants, don't forget to do it soon!



We will all sit in the bleachers. Bring your family — tickets are only \$12 each! Purchase tickets at [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org) and pick them up at Will-Call Windows (main entrance at King & 3rd Streets) on the day of the game. Buyer photo ID required. The more of us the better!

There are two important times to remember:

- 5:30 pm Pre-game party with the Grand Master at the Scoreboard Plaza.
- 7:00 pm Be in your seats for the Homeplate check presentation by the Grand Master to the Junior Giants. Our gift will be announced throughout the entire ballpark with the video on the scoreboard! We need you to be there and cheer us on!

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The Junior Giants, a program of the Community Fund, serves more than 15,000 children and has more than 5,000 volunteer coaches. Started in 1994 to teach confidence, integrity, leadership, and teamwork to at-risk youth, the Junior Giants now has more than 70 leagues of boys and girls ages 5 to 18, from Stockton to Eureka. The Junior Giants can leverage their buying power to purchase great baseball mitts for \$20 each. If 2,000 of the 10,000 Bay Area Masons make a personal \$20 gift, we can achieve our goal. [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org)

From the East

Brethren, The last of June was a wonderful time. Wor. Jr. past Anastole, Wor Jr, Jr, Jr, past Morgan. Wor. Jr, Jr, Jr, Jr, past Downey and myself had fabulous time in the Baltic. Thank you Wor Bud Ramsey for the service for bro. Cooper

Your officers have been working at getting their advanced stations down for next year.

The Lodge Picnic will be at Paradise Park Santa Cruz. Brother Howard will fill in the details.

We will raise Brother Matthew McKeithan on Aug. 13th and initiate Mr. Nicholas Schilling on Aug 20th. We may have a first on the 27th of Aug.

The year is almost over and I wish to thank all the brother's that joined in assisting your officers.

Fraternally, Jim Dingman Master

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Masonic Hall in AuSable Forks converted to Tahawus Lodge Center

The historic Masonic Hall in AuSable Forks hamlet will be turned into a cultural and community hub called Tahawus Lodge Center. Foundation representatives said the three-story building is in need of extensive repair, and the New York City-based group will undertake a capital campaign to raise funds for the \$1.2 million renovation.

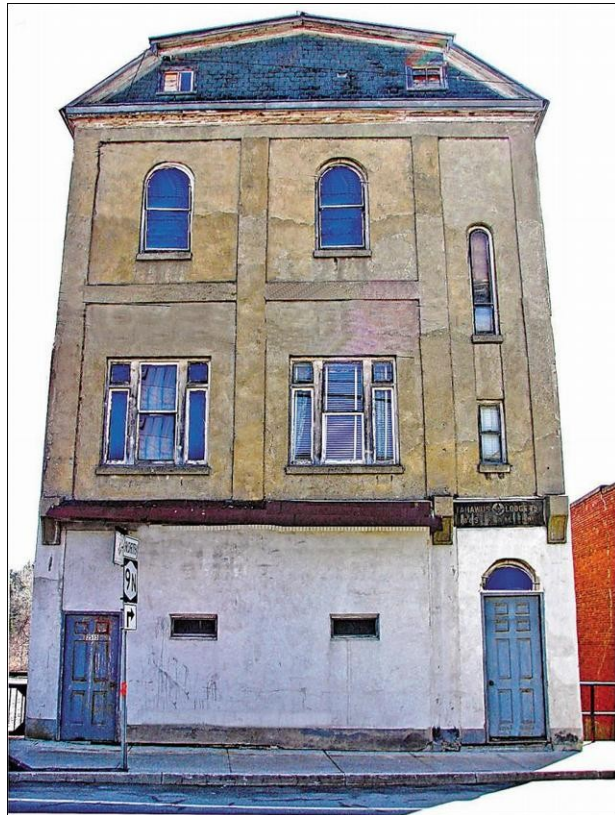
"The restoration and re-use of this building on Main Street in the business district of AuSable Forks is a clear signal that revitalization efforts are at work," said Craig Brashear, executive director of the Appleby Foundation and Rebecca Kelly Ballet. Brashear said it will "create a home for a wide network of organizations, artisans, schools, museums and local businesses, services and entrepreneurs." Retail and craft shops will be leased space in the building, which is expected to be ready in 2011.

The local architectural team Premises, headed by Bryan Burke and Beverly Eichenlaub, has been selected to design the building renovation. Premises, based in Essex, has a background in design for communities, cultural centers and green technology.

The new cultural and multi-purpose center will serve the community and create jobs, adding to the revitalization movement already under way in the town.

When the building was a Masonic Hall, it was known as the Tahawus Lodge, so Brashear and Kelly said they decided to incorporate that into the name of the new center.

http://www.pressrepublican.com/homepage/local\_story\_183233007.html?keyword=topstory



August Birthdays

- Garret W. Lenz 1
Harvey A. Kolstad 2
Frank F. Palacio 2
John F. Ziegler 5
William P. Ward 7
James W. Bell 8
James F. Wigington 8
Raymond J. Kaleda 9
Stanley H. Konar 9
Paul J. Ouellet 10
Theodore E. Schenk 11
Stephen G. Wozniak 11
Daniel A. Lockie 13
Jack P. Viramontes 13
Charles L. Williams 13
Sherman R. Bohn 14
Dennis P. Anastole 15
Martin R. Hopper 15
Pomphilo T. Contestable 16
Bora M Turan 16
Gary P. Kankel 18
Richard D. Mercer 19
Ronald A. Breckler 20
George I. Souza, Jr. 20
Klaas B. Bol 21
Robert G. Wason 21
David A. Ferril 22
James V. Dingman 25
Charles C. Kennedy 25
Robert W. Knopf 26
Oren R. Stalker 27
Phillip F. Howard 28
Hiram G. Cheney 29
Joseph H. Field 29
Albert T. Leatherman 29
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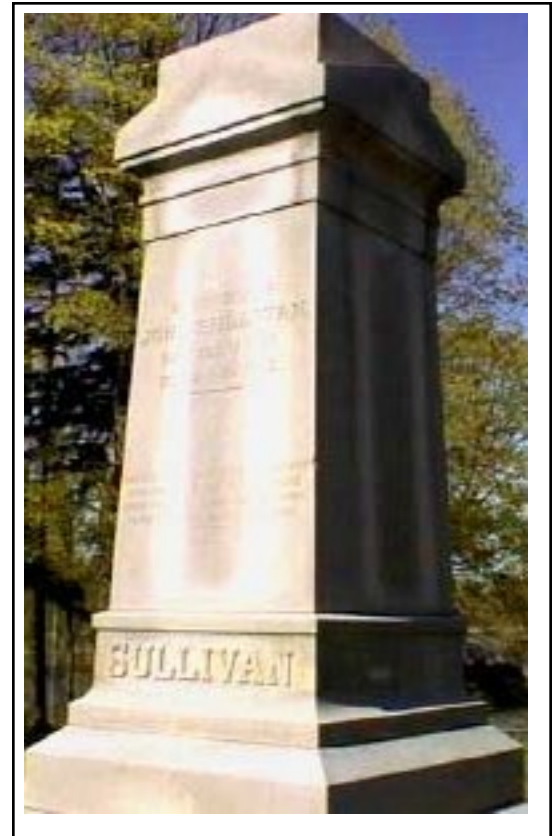
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## Major General John Sullivan Honored New Hampshire Mason



Sullivan's Masonic career commenced in old St. John's Lodge Portsmouth, NH on March 19, 1767. That evening the lodge held a regular communication in the house of Isaac Williams of Portsmouth. The minutes of that meeting, in part: "This evening proposed by Br. Hall Jackson, Mr. John Sullivan, who was balloted for, and unanimously agreed to be made this evening and acquainted him the result of the Lodge, he was ready and according was made a Mason this evening." It would be twenty-two years before the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire would be established, but of the first officers chosen in 1789, four were present March 19, 1767. John Sullivan, Hall Jackson, George Turner and Joseph Bass. John Sullivan received the degree of Master Mason December 28, 1768, in the Master's Lodge at Portsmouth.

On this date the lodge room was located in the new Earl of Halifax Tavern, owned and operated by Brother John Stavers. Although the name of the tavern had been changed to Pitt Tavern during the Revolutionary War, it was in the same building that deputies from Masonic lodges met July 8, 1789 to organize the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. From 1768 to 1774 the minutes record the occasional presence of John Sullivan, but since his home was about twelve miles from the lodge room it is to be expected his attendance was not as regular as of those living in close proximity to it. On November 22, 1775 the St. John's Lodge minutes record that Major Joseph Cilley was made a Mason gratis "for his Good Services in Defense of his Country." Brigadier General John Sullivan was present this evening.

This date was during the period in which General George Washington had ordered Brigadier General Sullivan to Portsmouth to check harbor defenses. The records show that Major General John Sullivan on the evening of March 27, 1777, proposed that Major Winborn Adams be made a Mason. It was done. Unfortunately, Lt. Col. Adams was killed less than six months later leading his regiment into battle at Bemis Heights. While General Sullivan was in charge of the campaign to secure Rhode Island he visited the Providence Lodge of Freemasons frequently. When he was ordered to depart from Rhode Island, the Providence Lodge voted that a committee present an address "to our worthy Brother Major-General John Sullivan, in behalf of this lodge . . ." It was published in the Providence Gazette of March 27, 1779. The message extends "most cordial Thanks, for the particular Honor you have done them, in so frequently associating with them in Lodge;". It is a touching tribute. General Sullivan's reply to the address is also interesting for it shows clearly his knowledge and approbation of Masonry. In 1788 St. John's Lodge adopted its fourth set of bylaws. At the end of the bylaws, as was the custom, each member signed his name. The well-known signature of "jno Sullivan" appears, in his own handwriting, to this set of laws.

In the spring of 1789 several New Hampshire Masons were promoting the establishment of its own Grand Lodge. The first meeting was held in the Pitt Tavern July 8, 1789. Sullivan, then President of New Hampshire, was elected the first Grand Master. He was absent, but at the second meeting, held July 16, 1789, he was present to accept the office. Because he had not served as a Worshipful Master of a symbolic lodge, there was a delay in his installation as Grand Master. It was arranged for him to be elected Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge at its next annual meeting.

On December 3, 1789, St. John's Lodge held its annual meeting and elected Sullivan Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. He was duly installed as Master of his lodge December 28, 1789, and conducted his first meeting January 4, 1790. On April 8, 1790, plans were completed for the elaborate installation ceremonies of the Grand Lodge officers for the first time in New Hampshire. The event was held in the Assembly Hall on Vaughan Street because the crowd was too large for the lodge room. Brother and Doctor Hall Jackson, the oldest Master in the chair, installed John Sullivan into the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in and for the State of New Hampshire. Grand Master Sullivan then proceeded to appoint and install the other officers who would serve with him during the ensuing year.

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/framers/sullivan.html>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sullivan\\_Expedition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sullivan_Expedition)



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### From the Secretary's Table

Brethren, It is hard to realize that the year is over one half over. Time flies!

Still, there are a number of Brothers who have not paid their 2009 dues. It will not be long before the 2010 dues notices will be issued. I know times are hard. The Secretary is willing to work with you in paying your dues. Dues can be paid semi-annually or even quarterly, if that will help you. It is very hard to have to suspend a Brother for non-payment of dues. That happens for dues that are two years in the arrears.

Gordon Markley *Secretary*

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### From the West

Brethren, As the year starts to head into the second half, a well run Lodge needs to think about its line for the next year. Mt. Moriah is no exception.

Each year, there are always several positions that open up. As a Lodge that is very active in the Concordant Bodies, it is somewhat difficult for Blue Lodge Masons to volunteer their time.

A Lodge that is well run, with lots of support, should have several positions open that address this thorny issue. There are committee positions that might meet once or twice a year, organizing a single event. There are Committee positions that meet more often, informally, at the Committee member's convenience. And, there are Committees that meet on the same night as the Stated Meeting. All told, there are many volunteer positions open to all members, who truly want to help Mt. Moriah be the best Lodge it can be.

Give me a call if you are interested in any of these positions. If you indicate how much time you can give to the Lodge, I'd be glad to steer you in a direction where the position is truly a joy, instead of drudgery.

Many hands make light work. May we count on your support?

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### From the South

**Brethren**, the stated meeting dinner will be something tasty price is \$10 with RSVP, \$12 without. Please RSVP no later than the preceding Tuesday) to hdyamaha@sbcglobal.net or 408-363-3616.

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A LEWIS is a simple but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of dressed stone into place. It consists of three metal parts: two wedge-shaped side pieces, and a straight centre piece, that fit together (tenon). Once set in its place in the structure, the lewis is removed leaving the upper surface smooth with no clamp or chains on the outside to interfere with the laying of the next course.

Our ancient operative brethren used this tool as early as the Roman era. Stones with the mortised cavity for the insertion of a lewis have been found in Hadrian's Wall built c. 121-127 CE. Archaeologists have found further evidence of its use by the Saxons in England in buildings constructed in the 7th century. The origin of the term 'lewis' for this device is uncertain. Some authorities trace its etymology to the French levis from lever – to lift, hoist, raise; and louve – a sling, grip or claw for lifting stones.

