



Grand Lodge of New Hampshire
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Grand Master 176

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

My last correspondence was sent in early September. During that month: I attended the initiatory degree at the Webster lodge. And attended the Grand Lodge of Connecticut Annual session on September 22 and 23rd. It was a good experience for me to visit another jurisdiction and network with Odd Fellow officers.

The service at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery honoring our men and women who have served our country was held on September 24th. Attendance was improved from last year – but more of us should attend.

October is always a busy month with orchestrating schedules for installations of lodge officers. My sincere thank you to each of the district deputy grand masters: Stephen Allen, Leroy Simond, Walter “Sonny” George, Jerry Flanders, and Paul Taylor.

Congratulations to all officers new to their position, and a thank you to those who continue to serve in previously held ones. I attended the joint public installation of the Beaver Brook and Harmony Lodge in Keene. I applaud our Grand Warden and PGM Kevin Taylor for his direction of the installation as he assisted DDGM and PGM Paul Taylor.

Before we turned the clocks back and the sun was still out, I visited the Maplewood lodge in Bethlehem. A great lodge with a great turn out. The lodge to visit before the snow flies!

The joint installation of Rebekah lodges held at the Ivy Green lodge in Epsom was well set up and well attended.

DGM David Kilian, and I, assisted district deputy grandmaster /PGM Jerry Flanders with the Evergreen installation and also at the Kearsarge lodge installation. At Kearsarge it's my honor to be with our Dean of PG Masters, Tom Johnson Jr.

The Grand Lodge of Maine held their session in Waterville on October 20 -21. It was fun and informative. Tragically, a few days after the Lewiston shooting occurred. Unavoidable evil is in the world.

Webster lodge held a first-degree meeting for two new candidates.

DDGM/PGM Walter “Sonny” George and I attended the Heidelberg New London installation. The installation was brief as all officers were returning to their offices. They hold their Annual Auction on December 14th.

November. Congratulations to newly installed NG Mike Huse of the Sullivan Lodge in Claremont.

The Mascoma Lodge installed their two new officers: NG Ray Pettersen and VG Teresa Estrada. Forest lodge in Marlow, installed new NG Kevin O’Brien and Vice Grand Barry Corriveau. Congratulations to them.

Chocorua, Laconia installed its new NG Peter Karagianis. NG Peter will have a great year with PG Art Peron installed as his Right Supporter.

I had a fun visit to the Cardigan Lodge in Bristol as their officers were previously installed by DDGM Stephen Allen.

Fidelity Lodge #51 in Wolfeboro’s meeting included dinner, and the awarding of IOOF Veteran pins to several members including a 55-year pin to PGM Earl Kenniston. I presented Brother Earl with a framed photo of him receiving the Meritorious Service Award two years ago presented by GM Paul Taylor, DGM Dennis Couturier and me as Grand Warden

A visitation to the Beaver Brook Lodge in Keene with the Grand Warden Kevin Taylor will end November. Visitations will continue in December and beyond.

GM Project update. I am beyond grateful for all the support the Grand Master’s Project is receiving. Several lodges have made sizeable donations to the cause. Additionally, on December 2nd, we will have the **Christmas Blue Grass concert** in Laconia. All proceeds go to the Grand Master’s project - the Granite State Children's Alliance - Alicia fund. A big thank you to Past Grand Chaplain George Roberts for initiating and organizing the event.

On January 27th the second annual IOOF New Hampshire **Bowling Tournament** will take place in Concord again. All proceeds go to the Grand Master’s project. Team reservations should be submitted by December 15th. Thank you to DGM David Kilian for organizing the event. We anticipate a greater turn-out and so tensions are high wondering if Maplewood lodge can hold onto the trophy, they won last year.

Please visit the newly operational **New Hampshire Independent Order of Odd Fellows web page** at www.nhioof.org. Our thanks to PGM and Grand Rep David Lent for his work to make the page happen.

Annual Reports are due end of November if you need assistance in completing the reports simply contact the Grand Lodge (603) 224-0121.

It is truly my honor to serve the NH IOOF community. I sincerely wish everyone a healthy and joyous holiday season. I’m looking forward to meeting further with you all.

Stay healthy. Be safe.

Blessings in Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Ken