



Maine Masonic Mentoring Newsletter

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Masonic Rookie Recognition Banquet

The second annual Masonic Rookie Recognition Banquet will be held on Washington's Birthday: Sunday, February 22, 2015. All rookie candidates nearing completion of the Rookie requirements are urged to wrap up the program as soon as possible and have the form approved and submitted to the Grand Secretary to qualify for the upcoming banquet. Qualifying Rookies will be invited to bring a guest to the banquet.

"Quote of the Month"

Tony Dungy, *The Mentor Leader: Secrets to Building People and Teams That Win Consistently* (He guided the Indianapolis Colts to a Super Bowl victory in 2007.)



"Remember that mentor leadership is all about serving. Jesus said, 'For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.' (Mark 10:45)"

You Can't Do Everything, But You Can Do Something

Dear Brethren,

It seems that we may have become blind to the fact that our mentoring responsibilities do NOT die with Hiram after the Third Degree. Quite honestly our mentoring becomes significantly more important before the First and after the Third Degree. We have become so accustomed to memorizing ritual and regurgitating it the very best that we can (which is very important),

that our focus has become more about the ritual itself than of the lessons it teaches.

Our ritual is rich with meaning, however it is not who we are. Ritual is something we do; Masons are who we are, and Masonry **is how we live**. Masonry is what we bring to the table in everyday life: in our Lodges, homes and our places of worship; to our jobs, our communities and to humanity.

Mentoring is how our newer Brethren learn to become true Masons and live by the values of Masonry. It is up to us, as mentors, to teach them how to inculcate Masonry into their lives. As I alluded to in the last newsletter, it's the little things done consistently that mean everything. I challenge you to revisit your own reasons for becoming a Mason and then ask yourself the following few questions as you proceed to mentor your Brethren.

What good things are you going to do as a mentor today? What positive influence can you have on the Brethren around you? What significant need can you address? Who can you step up and help? You don't have to bankroll the construction of new Lodge to make a difference – just remember that more often than not, it's the smaller, more modest actions that add up to serve the greater good.

Your willingness to answer the call and find ways to teach your Brethren to make the world a better place is not trivial, nor should you think that because you can't do something monumental, you shouldn't do anything, because the reverse is true – it's the gentle, meaningful acts of concerned and committed mentors that shape the experience for the new Brethren in our fraternity. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to do good, not only because it comes back to you multifold, but because our world is in desperate need of good people doing good things. We are those good people!

Teach our new Brethren how to live as Masons. Engage yourself in the mentoring process and you'll see that all those Brethren with whom you spend time will learn by your example and most assuredly start to pave their own path to a better quality of life. It's those little deeds of love and caring that energize our new Brothers, and ultimately benefit the corrective movement in our world. You can contribute something to the mix if you decide to. Maybe you can't do everything, but you can certainly do something.

In closing, a New Year, like all things, is what you make it. There has never been more opportunity than we have available to us today, so it's up to us to decide to create the best year yet, for the betterment of

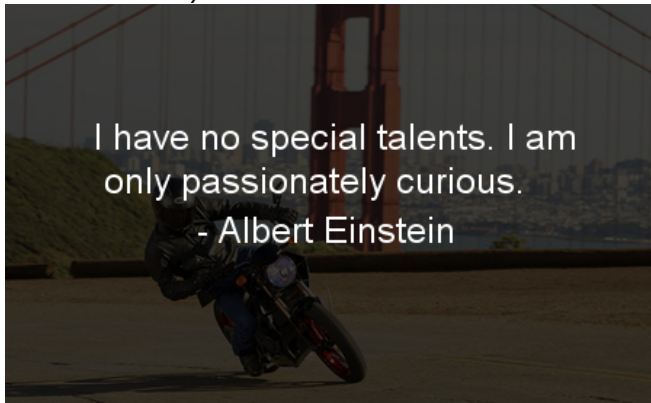
all concerned. Let's help as many people as possible, and be willing to accept the challenges and abundant rewards we deserve. Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
Richard M. Nadeau
Mentoring Coordinator, Grand Lodge of Maine
DER 23rd Masonic District



Curiosity: The Key Attribute for Achieving Success as a Mentor and Mentee

by R.W. Charles W. Plummer



Based on my experiences as a mentor to student teachers, first-year teachers, new Master Masons, and others, if someone was to ask me what the key attribute is for achieving success in that role I would have to answer "curiosity." That is also true for achieving success as a mentee.

Albert Einstein, who was awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics, was quick to point out that his successes as a physicist were not because he had a "special gift" but because he was "passionately curious."

Like Einstein, I have never thought of myself as possessing any special gift and I, too, have been passionately curious and that started at a very early age. I never was one to take everything that I was told at face value whether it came from a teacher, college professor, or someone else and was driven to ask questions. I will admit that they were not always well-received and, at times, I was viewed as a pain-in-the-neck to put it kindly, but I have never regretted asking them because they enhanced my personal growth and understanding of what it means to be a human being and the kind of life I should live. Likewise, I did not take everything I read at face value, and for that matter, I still don't.

Curiosity is a positive engine for personal growth in many ways which include the following: first, by being curious we explore possibilities; second, by exploring we discover new understandings; third, when we explore and discover new understandings we are more likely to repeat it; fourth, by repeating it we develop competency and mastery; fifth, by developing competency and mastery our knowledge and skills are en-

hanced; sixth, as our knowledge and skills are enhanced, we stretch and expand our understanding of who we are and what life is all about; seventh, by dealing with novelty we become more experienced and intelligent and infuse our lives with meaning; eighth, curiosity begets more curiosity – the more knowledge we acquire, the more details we attend to and the more we realize that there is much more to be learned. One might ask the question, why is this so? The answer is because when we embrace the unknown our perspectives change and we begin to recognize the gaps, both literal and figurative, that were not apparent before.

Thus it is that I have come to the conclusion that the place a mentor should guide his mentee toward is that of being curious and always asking questions because that is an important factor in maintaining an open mind to new possibilities. It is that which opens the door to broadening one's learning and self-understanding as it relates to leading a meaningful and productive life as compared to maintaining a closed-mind system.

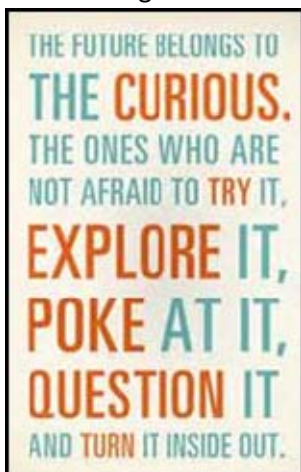
Curiosity is also an important attribute in developing a positive working relationship with one's mentee because it fosters positive communications between the mentor and his mentee through the asking of questions. It is through the asking of questions that one develops an enquiring mind and curiosity is an attribute that can be developed in a relatively simple way which is by turning verbal and written statements as well as one's thoughts into questions. I would add that the asking of questions should be a two-way street between the mentor and his mentee.



As an example of turning written statements into questions, a short time ago I reviewed our Masonic ritual focusing on statements contained in the lectures for the purpose of enhancing my understanding of the lessons they were designed to impart. Some were not historically true, some were legends, some were veiled in allegory, some were mythological, and some were metaphorical but all were designed to teach powerful truths about morality and ethics.

The following are five of the questions I wrote down for the purpose of gaining a deeper understanding of their meaning: one, why is our ritual a rite-of-passage as compared to other types of ritual?; two, what is the "Great Book of Nature?"; three, why are the four virtues called cardinal virtues?; four, what is the difference between an emblem, a sign, and a symbol?; five,

what do the words “exoteric”, “esoteric”, and “monitorial” mean? Again, I cannot overstate how important it is to inculcate the asking of questions into the mentoring process. They are a source of power for extending one’s understanding of the lessons that our Masonic degrees are designed to teach. They help us to gain new knowledge and understanding in our search for “more light.”



I suspect that at the outset of a new mentoring relationship, both the mentor and his mentee may be thinking about the same question and that is “What are we going to be talking about?” As a mentor, one should understand the importance of creating a comfort level for the mentee so that he can feel free to ask all kinds of questions, not for the purpose of having his mentor

provide the answers but to explore the answers together. I believe strongly that that is at the heart of gaining new insights into the meaning of the lessons that are such an important part of our Masonic degrees.

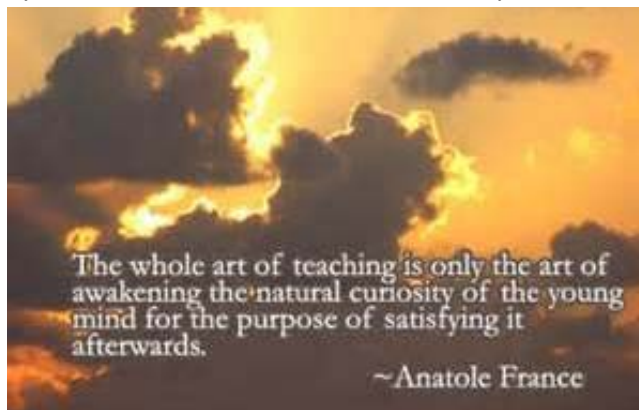
As a mentee, I would write down a list of questions I would want to ask my mentor at our first meeting and these are a few of them: first, have you ever mentored before or is this your first time?; second, have you ever had a mentor yourself?; third, what are some of the questions you have asked about our Masonic ritual?; fourth, in what ways might I be of assistance to you in your quest for more light in Masonry?

Likewise, as a mentor I would write down a list of questions I would want to ask my mentee and these are a few of them: one, what do you expect of me as your mentor?; two, what are some of the outcomes you would like to achieve by having me as your mentor?; three, do you think of yourself as having a curious nature?; four, what outcomes might I gain by having you as my mentee?

Studies have revealed that the greatest opportunities for joy, purpose, happiness, and personal growth in life happens when we are mindful of the world around us, when we explore what is new or novel, and when we live in the moment and embrace uncertainty. Positive events last longer and we can extract more pleasure and meaning from them when we remain open to new experiences and value the unknown.

Curiosity offers us a tool for building lasting and meaningful relationships, for improving both our mental and physical health, for increasing our creativity, and for boosting our productivity. The ultimate goal of curiosity is to add to the knowledge, skills, and compe-

tence that we already possess and by doing so we develop a better understanding of ourselves and the outside world, we can better cope with the challenges we face in everyday life, and we can improve our ability to handle difficult situations when they arise.



In closing out this article, I would share with you, the reader, two more of my favorite quotes which I believe sum up all that I have written about the ways that curiosity can enrich our lives as Freemasons. Again, one is by Albert Einstein and the other is by Arnold Edinborough who was an author, broadcaster, promoter of the arts, and director of The International Scholarship Foundation in Ontario, Canada prior to his death in 1990.

Einstein made a profound statement when he said, “The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.”

Edinborough’s statement was not only a profound one but a thought-provoking one when he said “Curiosity is the very basis of education and if you tell me that curiosity killed the cat, I say only the cat died nobly.”

I leave you with this question to think about: Just what did he mean when he said “the cat died nobly?”

RW Bro. Plummer is a leading Masonic historian and educator within Maine Freemasonry and a frequent presenter at the Maine Masonic College.



Best Advice Pick Your Moments, Take Stock, Then Take Action

by William Savastano, Marketing Consultant, Senior Copywriter, Content Creator and Technical Writer
(from *Linkedin.com*)

That was an amazing year! There really is no other way to put it. I don't mean to talk about the hot butter on my breakfast toast by any means, but I am truly hoping that each of you had the same fantastic 2014 that I did and are also looking at an even better 2015.

I know that each of us take moments in time to take stock – for some it is a day like December 31st or January 1st, for some it is a birthday, or an anniversary of some sort. While each new day can always bring new possibilities, we all know that these moments in time – these milestones – somehow make it easier or more poignant to reflect, take stock, and hopefully, prepare an action plan.



I, for one, am very thankful for this particular part of our human nature, though I will be the first to admit that there have been times when at these moments of taking stock I have not been better off, or necessarily happier, or maybe even better off financially than I was at the previous moment of taking stock. But, I will say this – I have definitely not let too many of these moments of taking stock pass me by without at least trying to make some type of change. I encourage each of you to do the same. By regularly reflecting and taking action, you will find that over time, you're going to be happier and better off in so many ways.

While you can read the titles on my LinkedIn profile and clearly see that I don't consider myself a life coach or a Tony Robbins of any sort, I do know that some of my greatest successes in life have come from simply observing and learning the course of action that others in a similar situation have taken, or not taken. For that reason alone, coupled with the fact that I know a large number of you are using today and tomorrow to take stock, I thought I'd share my method of reflection with you. There is nothing groundbreaking, nothing that you don't already know yourself, but sometimes seeing it in writing can really help you get started. And, if I can humbly be a part of any positive change in anyone's life by simply sharing my experiences, then I feel I am using my talents for good.

So, to break it down, there are only three steps: choose your moments of reflection, take stock, then do something about it.

You can **choose moments** that occur annually on the calendar, such as your birthday, your wedding an-

niversary, etc., but I recommend that you conduct this reflection more often than just once a year. Maybe choose the first of every month, or the first Monday of every month, or find some reoccurring event in your life that can act as a great point in time for you to reflect.

Every six weeks, I get my haircut - like clockwork, every six weeks. My appointments are scheduled three deep and no matter what happens in the world and in my life, I know that if I'm still able to get out of bed in the morning and I'm still conscious, I am going to need a haircut. This makes it very easy for me to take a quick moment while I'm driving to my haircut, while I'm sitting in the chair, or at any time that day, really, to take a look at where I am and determine if I am better off that day than I was during my previous haircut. Find your haircut – find your regular rhythm with some regular event in your life and at every interval, you have a perfect opportunity to remember to reflect, take stock and then, take action.

Once you've chosen your moment, then every time it rolls around, you can **take stock of the relationships in your personal life**, the relationships in your professional life (including your job or your business), the relationship you have with your finances, or any other relationship in your life that needs attention. If you're on the right track, this might not take long. It could be just a few moments of reflection to know that you're in a better job than you were last year, or that there is more money in the bank this year than last year, or that there is less debt weighing you down than last year, or that you are closer and not more distant from the loved ones in your life. Granted, you may find yourself in a spot where some of these reflections are not going to be just a quick moment, but might take some actual in-depth thought and analysis. Either way, make sure that you take the time that you need to sort through what needs to be sorted out.

Lastly, once you've reflected, it is time for you to actually **do something about it**. Hopefully, you will find yourself in a spot where all you need to do is keep doing what you're doing. Hopefully, you can just stay the course because everything is going great and you find yourself better off than you were at the previous moment of reflection, and hopefully, a number of consecutive previous reflection moments as well. But, if you don't find yourself better off in any way, it is the perfect time for you to do something about it. It is as simple as **creating a plan and then following through with it**.

While it may take you a little while to get in the groove of conducting these regular reflections on your relationships, your career and your finances, I can only suggest that you give it a try and see how it works out for you because those haircut moments have worked wonders for me.

Dirigo Leadership Seminars

The Dirigo Leadership Seminar program is being offered by the Grand Lodge of Maine in several locations over this Masonic year.

The registration form for the following seminar is attached to this Mentoring Newsletter.



Kennebunkport on Saturday, January 13th

The session will begin with registration, coffee and donuts from 8-9 am and end with a luncheon around 1 pm.

If your Lodge would be willing to host the seminar for Brethren in your District and surrounding Lodges – at no cost to your Lodge – please contact the seminar series chairman, RW Jeff Sukeforth, at (207) 691-2270 or jandc@myfairpoint.net. The Dirigo sessions may be held in the evening or on a Saturday.



Grow in Masonry through courses offered by the Maine Masonic College



Please email your intentions to attend any of the courses to the College registrar, Theresa Hatch at Grand Lodge, at GrandLodge@MaineMason.org or 855-843-1086. The College generally does not require that one register for classes and events. However, to be assured a place at lunch or to be notified of changes in schedules participants do need to register.

Upcoming Maine Masonic College Courses

Updated listings of upcoming courses for the 2014 – 2015 Maine Masonic College year will be available in upcoming Mentoring Newsletters and on the MMC website: www.MaineMasonicCollege.com. Please contact Theresa Hatch to be considered as a possible host Lodge for a College seminar.

The upcoming 2015 schedule includes the following courses, most of which already have specific dates and locations.

• **Curiosity: The Key Working Tool for Speculative Masons: January 10, 2015**

Presenter, RW Charles Plummer

Tuscan Lodge, 325 Water St, Addison

9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.

Open to non-Masons

Recommended for mentors. When one mentions the word “curiosity,” often people conjure up the image of a dead cat. But far from killing anything,

curiosity breathes new life into almost everything it touches and has proven to be a powerful tool for enriching one's life in many positive ways. Drawing on science, stories and practical exercises, the course instructor will provide participants with a blueprint on how to become a “curious explorer.” In essence, a curious explorer is one who is comfortable with risk and challenge, has an open mind, strives to build more lasting and meaningful relationships, wants to increase his or her productivity in life, and wants to enhance his or her mental and physical well-being. Curiosity offers us the tool for realizing these personal benefits. Are you curious to learn more?

Right Worshipful and Doctor Charles Plummer has built this new opportunity in response to a general demand and as called by his own conviction that curiosity is a necessary human characteristic. RW Brother Plummer brings his well-known and admired scholarship and scope to this important consideration. Curiosity has always been a way of way of life for Brother Plummer, and we all look forward to the insights he will bring to us.

• **Speech, February 7, 2015** **Instructor from the University of Maine** **Communications Department**

Bangor Masonic Center, 317 Water St

9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.

Open to non-Masons

This course on public speaking – with an emphasis on informative and persuasive speaking – will benefit all Masons and others who are called upon to speak in lodge or in other venues.

• **Critical Thinking/Logical Systems: Feb. 28, 2015** **Instructor, Sam McKeeman**

Bethlehem Lodge, 317 Water St, Augusta

9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.

Open to non-Masons

Recommended for mentors. Clear thinking is desperately needed in every aspect of today's world. This course looks at critical thinking and how this skill set should be incorporated into our daily work life. The topic is explored in detail using short class exercises and discussions to dig into the operational side of thinking critically. The class challenges participants to exercise judgments and to abandon patterns of faulty reasoning in favor of asking a few more question in the elusive search for truth.

Sam McKeeman is a regular and greatly valued faculty member for the Maine Masonic College. He is presently Program Manager for the Maine Bureau of Human Services. He previously was Director of Organization Development and Training at the Maine Department of Transportation. In his lifetime

of teaching and as chief planner for the Justice System in Pennsylvania and in New South Wales, Sam has become an engaging expert in making courses in ethics, critical thinking and organizational leadership vital and close-to-home experiences. You will find Sam McKeeman a wise, witty and widely informed instructor who listens as well as he teaches.

• **Bonds of Fellowship and Spirit: Feb. 28, 2015**
Presenter, RW Mark E. Rustin

Oxford Lodge, 9 Temple St., Norway
9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.
Open to non-Masons

• **Bonds of Fellowship and Spirit: March 14, 2015**
Presenter, RW Mark E. Rustin

Alna-Anchor Lodge, 525 Main St., Damariscotta
9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.
Open to non-Masons

The purpose of this workshop is to express the basic and central nature of the spiritual life of the local Lodges as the foundation upon which Freemasonry is properly built. The workshop will accomplish its task in a one-day format. It will present information to the Masters, Chaplains, Brethren, and non-masonic attendees, provide the opportunity for discussion and explanation, and utilize the true nature of the fraternity as an ongoing resource for continued education and goal realization.

• **Ethics: March 14, 2015**
Instructor, Sam McKeeman

Bethlehem Lodge, 317 Water St, Augusta
9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.
Open to non-Masons

Veteran instructor Sam McKeeman brings to this course a wealth of real life issues along with an analytical approach to a fair and rational response. Sam has been responsible for ethical training seminars for state personnel for a number of years and is a master of the interactive learning opportunity. Come prepared to be challenged and to have your participation honored.

Tenets and Cardinal Virtues: March 28, 2015
Instructor, Reginald Wing

Bethlehem Lodge, 317 Water St, Augusta
9:00 am to 2:00 pm. \$5.00 for lunch.
Open to non-Masons

Freemasonry is not a revealed religion. It is, however, as are all great human searches after what is truly significant. Instructor Reginald Wing leads us in such a search for the interrelated significance of the Cardinal Virtues and the Tenets of our profession not only as Freemasons but as human beings. Brother Wing course is intended for participation and is supported by excellent hand-out material. You will leave with a new understanding of

the importance of our tenets and cardinal virtues.

Other Upcoming courses include:

- **Fifth Annual Celebration of the Arts and Sciences;** April 11, 2015, Bangor Masonic Center
- **Understanding World's Religions,** May 16, 2015, Meridian Splendor Lodge, Newport
- **King's Speech,** June 23, 2015, Arundel Lodge, Kennebunkport
- **Convocation: "Civility and Harmony, More Especially Ours,"** October 17, 2015, Bangor



**Begin your new Masonic Brother
on a path to become a Maine
Masonic Rookie!**



**A proven approach to bonding new Masons to their
Lodge and Fraternity!**

"Building the Bonds of Brotherhood"

The Masonic Rookie Form is attached.



The Maine Masonic Mentoring Program

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Assistance Offered – Volunteers Sought

Brethren, if you or your Lodge would like support or training for your mentoring efforts, or would like to volunteer to assist on the Grand Lodge mentoring initiative or host a training program at no cost to your Lodge, please contact the Grand Lodge Mentoring Coordinator at his points of contact listed above.



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R.W. Richard N. Bergeron Jr., Chairman
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The Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine is pleased to announce our new "Master Mason Rookie Award" as part of a new, focused commitment to membership engagement and getting our new members involved in their respective blue lodges.



Criteria for Earning Maine's Masonic Rookie Award
Eleven items must be accomplished within the first year after being raised:

Required:

1. Attend the conferral of each blue lodge degree at least once, by your own or another lodge
2. Attend at least one stated or special communication of another lodge in the district
3. Attend at least seven stated or special communications of the lodge
4. Work on at least one lodge / building association social activity or fund raising event
5. Assist lodge officers at least once in setting up the lodge room and preparing / serving the lodge dinner or collation

Alternates (choose six of the following):

1. Sponsor at least one candidate into your own or another lodge
2. Participate in the conferral of a blue lodge degree or the delivery of the candidate charge
3. Work on a lodge open house or fellowship night
4. Organize or work on one lodge public service event, e.g. Bikes for Books, Angel Fund, MyCHIP Program, Blood Drive, Food Drive
5. Attend district schools of instruction
6. Attend a Masonic memorial service
7. Serve on at least one committee of inquiry
8. Assist or visit a non-related shut it / hospitalized lodge brother or widow
9. Attend a meeting of the Masonic building association
10. Submit a Masonic or lodge related article for publication in the Maine Mason
11. Attend an educational program sponsored by the Maine Masonic College
12. Join with other Masons in a Masonic activity approved in advance by the Grand Master

The future of our fraternity and our ability to continue to grow our membership is highly dependent on being able to engage and integrate our new members into the activities of the lodge. When new members become involved and active in their respective lodges they become the best prospects for new candidates for that lodge.

The Master Mason Rookie Award is an official means by which we can achieve these membership goals. Attached is a checklist for the Master Mason Rookie Award. Once it has been completed and signed off by the Master of the lodge and Ambassador, it is to be submitted by the Lodge Secretary to the Grand Master's Office for his review and approval. Once approved, the recipient can receive his award (Grand Lodge Certificate signed by the Grand Master and affixed with the Grand Lodge seal and Master Mason Rookie Award lapel pin) at the next visit of the District Deputy Grand Master.



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MASTER MASON ROOKIE AWARD - CHECKOFF LIST

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Applicant's Mother Lodge: _____

Date of Raising: _____

Required (All five are required):

Dates Accomplished

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| 1. Attend the conferral of each blue lodge degree at least once, by your own or another lodge | _____ |
| 2. Attend at least one stated or special communication of another lodge in the district | _____ |
| 3. Attend at least seven stated or special communications of the lodge | _____ |
| 4. Work on at least one lodge / building association social activity or fund raising event | _____ |
| 5. Assist lodge officers at least once in setting up the lodge room and preparing / serving the lodge dinner or collation | _____ |

Alternates (choose six of the following twelve):

Dates Accomplished

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| 1. Sponsor at least one candidate into your own or another lodge | _____ |
| 2. Participate in the conferral of a blue lodge degree or the delivery of the candidate charge | _____ |
| 3. Work on a lodge open house or fellowship night | _____ |
| 4. Organize or work on one lodge public service event, e.g. Bikes for Books, Angel Fund, MyCHIP Program, Blood Drive, Food Drive | _____ |
| 5. Attend district schools of instruction | _____ |
| 6. Attend a Masonic memorial service | _____ |
| 7. Serve on at least one committee of inquiry | _____ |
| 8. Assist or visit a non-related shut it / hospitalized lodge brother or widow | _____ |
| 9. Attend a meeting of the Masonic building association | _____ |
| 10. Submit a Masonic or lodge related article for publication in the Maine Mason | _____ |
| 11. Attend an educational program sponsored by the Maine Masonic College | _____ |
| 12. Join with other Masons in a Masonic activity approved in advance by the Grand Master. | _____ |

We affirm that the above items have been accomplished on / by the dates specified.

Masonic Rookie Award Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Lodge Secretary / Master: _____ Date: _____

Send a completed form, along with a cover letter, stating why the proposed candidate for the Rookie Award is worthy of receiving this award, to: The Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, Holden, Maine, 04429-0430.

The Rookie Award was presented to the brother on the following date.

By DDGM or other Grand Lodge Officer: _____ Date: _____

The awarding officer shall give a copy of this completed form to the lodge secretary and return a signed copy to the Grand Secretary.

Dirigo Masonic Leadership Seminar

Kennebunkport, Jan 17th

What core physical, educational and personal fulfillment needs of your brethren does your lodge satisfy? What is the image of your lodge, as viewed by your brethren and the community? What do you want your lodge to emphasize in terms of: being a close, warm fraternal body; having fun; involving families; helping members; widows and the community; and, instilling in our daily lives the values and teachings of our ritual? Does your lodge have the resources it needs to fulfill the expectations of your brethren?

These are but a few of the questions to be raised in the Dirigo Leadership Seminars for officers of our Masonic lodges and appendant bodies, or any brother interested in pursuing new perspectives on how to renew our lodges and other Masonic organizations.

The seminars are held at multiple locations statewide each year, with offerings in seven locations in the past year. 217 Masons from 90 lodges have attended the seminar so far or have registered for the upcoming seminars, and the reviews have been very encouraging for Maine Freemasonry. If your lodge would like to host a future offering of this seminar, please contact RW Jeff Sukeforth, the seminar chairman, at 207-691-2270 or jandc79@myfairpoint.net

**What course will
your lodge set?**



The Dirigo Masonic Leadership Seminar modules cover a variety of topics, including:

- Envisioning Our Future
- Setting the Craft at Work
- Grand Lodge Support of Lodges
- Lodge Governance
- Program Budgeting
- Sharing the Gift of Freemasonry
- Mentoring

The seminar begins with registration, coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m., with the seminar starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending by 3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend the seminar that will definitely benefit your lodge and your role as a Masonic leader.

To ensure that we have sufficient food and program materials, all lodge officers and other Masons interested in attending one of the seminars are asked to return the following form to the program leader or send the requested information to him by email as specified below.

Dirigo Leadership Seminar Registration			
Name:		Office Held:	
Lodge Name & No.:		Located At:	
Preferred Tel.:		Email:	
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