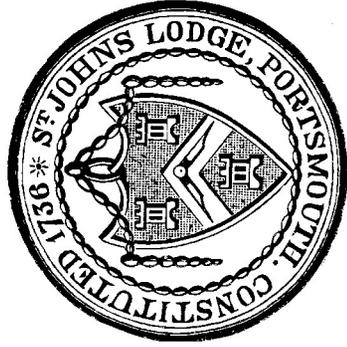
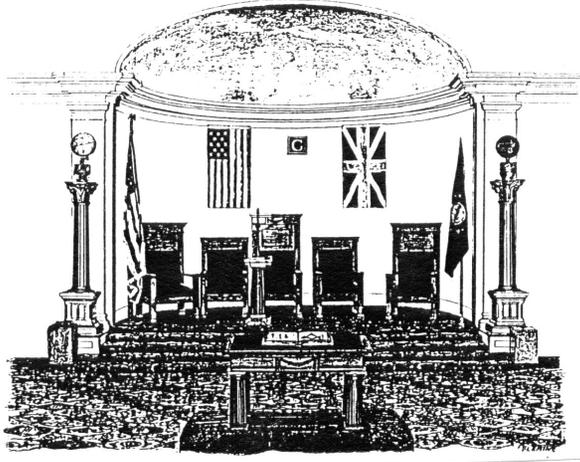


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# October 2022 Trestle Board

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# Veteran's Program



Harold Whitehouse, couldn't make it to our veteran's program back in August, so Most Worshipful Master, David S. Collins, along with our Secretary, past Master Thomas W. Haslam and other Grand Lodge officers drove to Harold's home to deliver it to him personally.



Wiskender Prophete received his Fellow Craft degree in September. Wis will receive his Master Mason degree October 24, in a joint degree with St. Andrew's



Most Worshipful Master, David S. Collins, meets the newly raised Master Masons at the Lodge of Instruction in September. There were nine new Master Masons in attendance, five of whom were raised in St. John's



Worshipful Charles Poltenson, of Woodstock Lodge, No. 31 (Brother Tim Niesen's mother Lodge), shared these pictures of their outdoor degree on the top of Owls Head Mountain in Quebec. They've been performing this degree every year since 1857. Attending the degree required a trip up the ski lift and an additional difficult hike beyond that. Notice both the US and Canadian flags hanging in the left picture.



Davy Crockett remains one of the best known American folk heroes. Although commonly referred to in popular culture as “King of the Wild Frontier”, he was much more. He served as a Congressman, representing Tennessee. He was also a key figure in the Texas Revolution and died heroically at the Battle of the Alamo.

Crockett gained his reputation as an outdoorsman and adventurer growing up in eastern Tennessee. His larger-than-life exploits were chronicled during his own lifetime and continue to this day to be celebrated in American culture.

After serving as a colonel in the Tennessee militia and in a stint in the state legislature, he was elected to the US Congress in 1826. During his tenure in Washington, Crockett was initiated into Freemasonry and became a Master Mason.

Although initially elected to Congress as a staunch supporter of President Andrew Jackson (also a Freemason), Crockett came to oppose several of Jackson’s initiatives, which eventually caused him to lose his seat in Congress due to the popularity of President Jackson.

Crockett immediately took up the cause of Texas independence and set out with a company of men from his Tennessee home in November 1835. Before leaving, he entrusted his Masonic apron to his local Lodge, where it remains to this day. His daughter, Matilda, later recalled the last time she saw her father, “he was dressed in his hunting suit, wearing a coonskin cap and carried a fine rifle presented to him by friends in Philadelphia... he seemed very confident the morning he went away that he would soon have us all to join him in Texas.” Crockett arrived in Texas after a two month journey and immediately enlisted as a volunteer. Just a few short weeks later, he arrived at the Alamo in San Antonio just before the epic battle against the Mexican army of Santa Anna laid siege. Davy Crockett lost his life in that battle along with other brave men, many of them Freemasons.

Davy Crockett lived his life as the embodiment of the American spirit of freedom and justice. Although his life was cut tragically short, his legend shall endure forever.

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### Stated Communication Semi-Public

#### Presentation of a check to Lydia’s House of Hope Wednesday, October 7, 2022

(4:45—SJMA Meeting)  
(Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00)

**Dinner—Lasagna**  
**Officer dress—White Tie and Tails**  
**Collation to follow**

### Special Communication Joint Degree with St. Andrew’s Lodge Master Mason Degree

**Wiskender Prophete**  
**Monday, October 24, 2022**  
(Dinner 6:00PM, Open 7:00PM)  
**Dinner—Shepherd’s Pie**  
**Officer dress—White tie and tails**

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## St. John's Lodge

## Historical Sketch

### Stanley P. Batchelder

Adolph Zukor was a film industry pioneer and founder of the Paramount Pictures Corporation. He was born in Hungary on January 7, 1873 and immigrated to the United States in 1889 when he was 16 years old. He was an apprentice furrier and eventually owned his own successful fur business. He got into the moving picture industry in 1903 and founded Paramount in 1912 in Hollywood, California. Today, his company is one of the oldest and most successful film studios in the world.

Under the Paramount Pictures umbrella was a company called Paramount News that produced and distributed short news stories. Two newsreels per week were sent to theaters around the country and they ran for seven to nine minutes with the average news story lasting 40 to 90 seconds. They typically began with a hard news item followed by softer news, and they usually ended with a recap of recent sports events. Adolph Zukor appeared on camera in many of the newsreels over the years, and behind the scenes there were some very talented journalists, cameramen and sound engineers. One of the best sound engineers in the business was a young man named Stan Batchelder.

Stanley Parkman Batchelder was born in Stratham, New Hampshire on October 31, 1900, the eldest of three children of Edward Chapman and Nellie E. (Parkman) Batchelder. His father was the superintendent of a paper mill. Stanley grew up in Stratham and graduated from Portsmouth High School with the class of 1919. He continued his education at the University of New Hampshire and in 1924, earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in electrical engineering. Soon after graduating from UNH, Stanley accepted an electrical engineering position at WBZ radio in Boston and married Beatrice Sarah Waldo in Springfield, Massachusetts.

In 1930, when sound was added to their newsreels, Stanley accepted a position as a sound engineer at Paramount News. At that time, he and Beatrice were living in North Bergen, New Jersey. On May 7, 1937, they welcomed their first son, David Waldo Batchelder, into their family. In 1940, the family returned

to the seacoast where Stanley began a career at the Portsmouth Navy Yard working as an electrical engineer and Quartermaster in the Electronic Shop, Shop 67, and in the Design Division. They lived at 308 Washington Road in Rye, New Hampshire and it was there in March 1942 that they welcomed their second son, Peter Richard Batchelder, to the family.

Stanley was elected and served as the chairman of the Rye School Board for two terms, and for many years was very active at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth where he served as senior warden. He was also a proprietor of the Portsmouth Athenaeum and a member of the Warner House Association.

Stanley died at the Portsmouth Hospital on November 29, 1967; he was only 67 years old. He was survived by his mother, Nellie; his two sisters, Eleanor and Edna; his wife, Beatrice; and their two sons, David and Peter. He is buried in the family plot at Rye Central Cemetery.

Stanley Parkman Batchelder was a good man, a good husband and father, a dedicated, hard-working and popular citizen of the seacoast; and yes, a very active Freemason. Brother Stan was Raised a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 1 in Portsmouth on June 7, 1946. He was also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Portsmouth and Dover, and New Hampshire Consistory, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree of Nashua. His funeral service at St. John's Church was attended by more than 150 people and his Masonic service at Buckminster Chapel the evening prior was presented by Wor. Calvin C. Wilder and the officers of St. John's Lodge.

By the way, Adolph Zukor was also a Freemason. He was a member of Centennial Lodge No. 763 (now Munn Lodge No. 203) in New York City, and was awarded a 50-year pin by the Grand Lodge of New York, F&AM. He died on June 10, 1976 at the age of 103.

**Alan M. Robinson, PM  
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