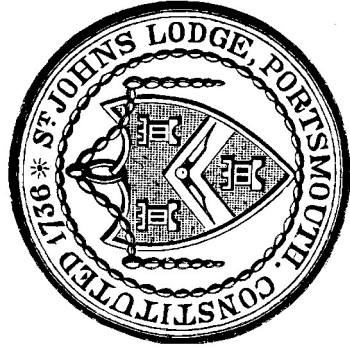
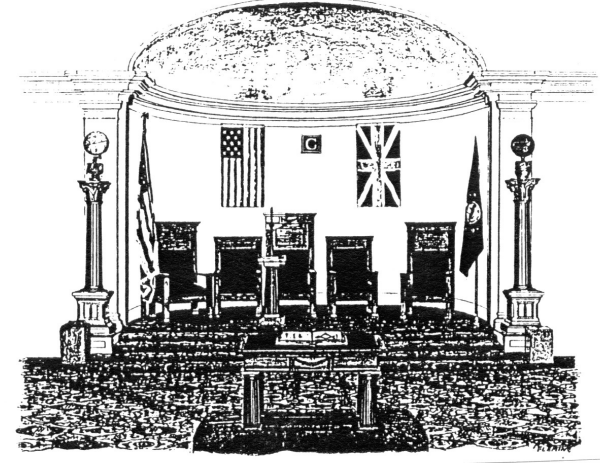


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351 Middle St
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April 2023



April 2023 Trestle Board

St. John's Lodge No. 1
Portsmouth, NH



In case you don't know, Brother Daniel Silverman gets paid \$75 each time he plays the keyboards for a degree night. Brother Silverman generously donates that money back to the Lodge to be placed in a brotherhood fund—to be used for the benefit of the brothers of the Lodge.

On Saturday, February 25, the brothers pictured above went to Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club to see Peter White for our first brotherhood night.

The concert was great and being in the company of brothers was even better.



Ward / Day Education Scholarship

Hurry! Still accepting applications until April 19th

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

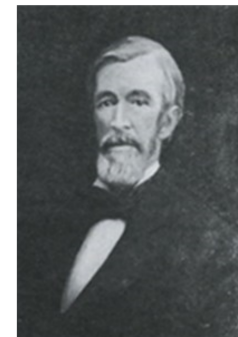
Applications can be found at portsmouthfreemasons.org and can be mailed to the lodge at

351 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

“Portsmouth suffered a great loss Wednesday afternoon when the hand of death struck down without warning a native son and one of the most popular young lawyers in the state, when Albert R. Hatch was called to the world beyond. There are lawyers of all sorts and types in the state, but there were none with more sincere friends than "Pete" Hatch possessed. One always felt certain that his or her interests were honestly guarded if Lawyer Hatch was in charge. He would not stoop to anything but what was honest and above board and he guarded well any assault upon the character and standing of all citizens. He disliked politics and preferred to deal in a friendly spirit with everyone. There was something about Hatch that everyone liked. He was good company and liked a hearty laugh. He liked to serve his fellowman, not for what he could get out of them, but that he liked to be of service. He came from a family of the old stock, hard-headed Americans, and his father was also an able lawyer. No young man will be more sincerely mourned and missed than he. Portsmouth needed young Hatch because he could be depended upon to see that right prevailed. Many will mourn his death that had never met him but because they have heard others praise him. He was a real man.”

I'll tell you some more about the Hatch's next time.

**Alan M. Robinson, PM
Historian**



Photos are of Wor. Albert Ruyter Hatch (1817 – 1883) and Bro. Albert Ruyter Hatch (1882 – 1923)

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He made friends easily even though he was delightfully frank, and he was one of the most popular men in the city. He was a Republican in politics and was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Warwick Club, Portsmouth Country Club, and Portsmouth Athletic Club. He married Rosaline F. Littlefield of Greenland on January 10, 1906, and they had two children: Harris and Francis March Hatch. Like his parents, he was a very active parishioner of St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth and lived in Greenland.

Albert was a true sportsman and enjoyed playing baseball in Greenland, and with the Exeter Clippers and Portsmouth Athletic Club. He was a coach for his sons' teams and was also one of the best handball players in the seacoast. Shortly after 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, 1923, he met up with Ralph Brackett to play handball at a court on Daniel Street in Portsmouth. They completed a game and Albert suggested they play another, but Ralph had to leave in order to catch a train. Another friend, Sherman Newton, was there and agreed to play and started to dress. Albert and Sherman walked out of the dressing room and onto the court and a second later, Albert collapsed onto the floor. Sherman immediately attended to him while summoning for help. Dr. Tredick and Dr. Carty responded to the scene along with a pulmotor (a mechanical device for artificial respiration) from the Portsmouth police station, but it was too late, Albert was dead of a heart attack; he was only 40 years old when he died. His passing stunned the local area. He left behind his wife, Rosaline, and their two sons, Harris, a junior at Portsmouth High School; and Francis, an eighth grade student at the Portsmouth Junior High School. He is buried in the Hatch family plot at Hillside Cemetery in Greenland.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Albert was a good man, a good husband and father, an active and successful citizen, and a Freemason. Brother Albert was Raised in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in Portsmouth on May 15, 1915.

The Portsmouth Herald ran this testimonial of our brother the day after he died:

April 2023

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Stated Communication

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

(4:45—SJMA Meeting)

(Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00)

Dinner—Ham with Pineapples and Cherries

Officer dress—White tie and tails

Collation to follow

Special Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

(Dinner 6:00PM, Open 7:00PM)

Dinner—Chicken Marsala & Linguini

Officer dress—White tie and tails

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The Hatch Family

A couple years ago, I wrote an article about Albert Ruyter Hatch who was born in Greenland, New Hampshire, on October 10, 1817. As you may recall, Albert graduated from Bowdoin College in 1837 and went on to be a highly respected attorney in Portsmouth. He served as Clerk of the U. S. Court for the District of New Hampshire and as Rockingham County Solicitor from 1849-1856. He was elected several times to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and served as Speaker of the House in 1874. He was Raised a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 1 in Portsmouth on October 6, 1842 and was elected Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1845-47. He was the first of several members of his family to be a member of our lodge.

Both of Albert's sons: John Harris Hatch and Francis March Hatch were highly distinguished attorneys and amazing public servants. Francis was famous for having served as vice president of the provisional government of the Republic of Hawaii and led the negotiations for Hawaii's annexation to the United States. That was a huge deal in 1897 and would not have occurred but for the work of Francis Hatch. He was not a Freemason but he certainly lived his life as one! His brother John, however, was a Freemason.

John Harris Hatch was born on January 1, 1849 in Portsmouth. He attended public schools in Portsmouth and St. Paul's School in Concord. He was one of the best known men in the state and was a highly regarded attorney in Portsmouth. He was the Greenland Town Treasurer and represented the Town of Greenland in the New Hampshire House of Representatives (1879-82). He also served as a New Hampshire State Senator in 1885, and in 1893, was appointed a member of the Bank Commission. He married Alice Caroline Benton and they had six children. He was Raised in Winnicut Lodge, No. 92 in Greenland on July 31, 1884 and served as Master of the lodge in 1888-89. He received the 33rd Degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite on September 19, 1893. He died of heart disease on March 16, 1904 in Portsmouth; he was 55 years old. He is buried in the Hatch family plot at Hillside Cemetery in Greenland.

John Knight Hatch was born in Greenland on April 20, 1877, the eldest son of the aforementioned John Harris and Alice Caroline (Benton) Hatch. He graduated from Portsmouth High School and studied Dentistry at Harvard until bad eyesight caused him to change his career path. Following in his father's footsteps, he became a lawyer and served as Treasurer of the Strafford Savings Bank in Dover. For many years, he was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the seacoast area. He married Evelyn M. Philbrook and they had five children. He was Raised in Winnicut Lodge, No. 92 in Greenland on July 20, 1899 and served as Master in 1902-03. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District of New Hampshire in 1904. He affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 1 in Portsmouth on August 10, 1904. He received the 33rd Degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite on September 16, 1924. He was Commander of St. Paul's Commandery, Knights Templar, in Dover and served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, Knights Templar in 1898. He died from a heart attack on November 3, 1924; he was 47 years old. He is buried in the Hatch family plot at Hillside Cemetery in Greenland.

John Harris and Alice (Benton) Hatch had another son whom they named Albert Ruyter Hatch after John's father (the first name mentioned in this article). Albert, the grandson, was born on August 10, 1882 in Greenland. He graduated from Portsmouth High School and then Dartmouth College with the class of 1904, where he played baseball and football. He studied law at Harvard Law School and graduated with a law degree in 1907. That same year, he was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar and joined the law firm of John W. Kelley in Portsmouth. He was a highly respected attorney and soon became a partner in the firm Kelley & Hatch. He served as the City of Portsmouth and Rockingham County Solicitor, and was the attorney for the Boston & Maine Railroad. His law practice was large and very successful. He took pride in the fact that he occupied the same quarters in the Exchange Block Building on Pleasant Street in Portsmouth as where his father and grandfather had carried on their successful law business.

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