



Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

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December 2025

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The Master's Message

Brethren,

I went to the December Stated Meeting at Blazing Star Eureka. On my way over there, I was wondering what delightful meal Brother Perry Barnett and the other brothers there would put together. I anticipated a Christmas ham, to be honest, and that was fine by me! I am a big fan of ham. What I got was completely unexpected. They served the most tender brisket, Latkes, and Kugel. In addition, they had cinnamon applesauce, Jewish bread, carrots that were probably the best I had ever had, and to top it all off, there was butter-scotch banana bread.

The brisket speaks for itself. If you like beef, this brisket would have made it into your dreams for quite a while! But a number of you might be wondering about Latkas and Kugel. I personally had heard of Latkas but had never had any. Kugel was a complete mystery to me. Latkes are kind of a cross between potato pancakes and hash browns. They are fried shredded potatoes shaped into flat circles. Kugel is a kind of "Jewish lasagna" (according to RW Paul Gross) that is made with egg noodles, apricots, and cottage cheese.

My thoughts of ham disappeared as I enjoyed this wonderful meal. Everyone seemed very pleased with it all, as evidenced by the fact that there was little left over. As I sat down in the lodge room waiting for the meeting to start, it struck me that I had just enjoyed a truly traditional holiday meal, and it was largely new to me. And it made perfect sense that it happened in a Masonic temple because as Masons, we are charged to accept people of all faiths, and this opens us up to new experiences... and flavors.

My family tradition is to say "Merry Christmas" with "Happy Holidays" as an afterthought. But this marvelous meal encouraged me to emphasize "Happy Holidays" as a way to embrace all the faith traditions of my brothers, while still holding on to my "Merry Christmas" for my family and friends. It may seem a small change, but little changes can have great meaning.

So...Happy Holidays, everyone!

And...Merry Christmas as well.

Fraternally,

Craig Cabot Willis
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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	2	3	4 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	5	6
7 4:00–9:00 p.m. William Pitt Tavern staffed by HCL	8 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	9	10	11 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	12	13
14  <i>First Day of Hannukah</i>	15 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	16	17	18 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Holiday Sweater Stated Meeting	19	20 7:30am Community Breakfast at HCL 
21	22 9:00–11:00am Coffee social  <i>Last Day of Hannukah</i>	23	24	25  <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27
28	29 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	30	31			



Living Past Masters

George A. Langwasser	1977
Terry S. Gregg	1979–1980
Dale C. Nudd	1981–1982
Sumner Goldman, PGSB	1989–1990
Albert W. Fifield	1991
Fred W. Courser III	1992–1994
Mark C. Roth, PDDGM, PGC, PGP	1994–1995
Herbert S. Carpenter IV, PDEO	1996–1997
Dana B. Reddish	1997–1998
Robert S. Hansen	1998
Gary E. Roy, PDDGM	1999–2000
Andrew F. Lane	2003–2004
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., PGM	2005–2006
Donald H. Wheeler, Jr.	2006–2007
Robert C. Lethbridge, PDDGM, GC	2008
Peter D. Crouch, DDGM	2008–2009
David A. Hardy, PDDGM	2010–2011
Louis M. Corson	2011–2012
Joseph A. Hardy	2012–2013
Brian Stiles	2013–2015
Jason M. Valley	2014
James M. Triacca, Honorary	2015
Karl R. Olson, GH	2016–2018
Michael A. Drotar, PGS	2016
Glenn A. Patterson	2017
Rodney W. Sewall, Jr.	2018–2019
Andrew J. Bennert, JGW	2019–2020
Wilmer J. Nemchick	2020–2021
John E. Glover, DDGL	2022–2023
J. Scott Nichols	2024

Brothers Raised in December

Leo F. Degreenia, Jr.	December 16, 1964
Ronald H. Ford	December 16, 1965
Terry S. Gregg	December 11, 1969
David C. Nudd	December 11, 1969
Dale C. Nudd	December 3, 1970
Lawrence P. Clement	December 12, 1973
John P. Heffernan	December 8, 1977
Alan D. Lugg	December 7, 1978
Clark N. Lindley	December 16, 1980
William R. Weir, Jr.	December 8, 1982
Fred W. Courser III	December 22, 1982
Bruce R. Eldridge	December 10, 1986
Daniel L. Creighton	December 10, 1986
Arthur W. Hicks, Jr.	December 10, 1986
Russell E. Breck, Jr.	December 10, 1986
Robert B. Berube, Jr.	December 1, 1988
Dana B. Reddish	December 12, 1990
Peter H. Shephard II	December 30, 1993
Charles W. Rice	December 27, 1995
Michael D. Cutting	December 27, 1995
Louis M. Corson	December 2, 1997
Matthew M. Atkinson	December 2, 1997
George C. Cummings	December 2, 1997
Robert A. Downing	December 10, 2008
David M. MacAllen	December 13, 2012

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