

# History of Kenduskeag lodge No. 137

## Introduction

In the fall of 1865, some of the Masonic Brethren, mostly members of Pacific lodge at Exeter, residing in the towns of Kenduskeag and Levant, initiated a movement to have a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons located at the town of Kenduskeag.

In the pursuit of this object(tive), they obtained from the town of Kenduskeag November fifth of this year a lease of a room over the town hall for lodge rooms for twenty five years on condition that they should finish the hall and anterooms.

This lease runs to Daniel E. Hall, Moses M. Hodsdon and R.M. Dolliver and their associates. The Brethren in Kenduskeag and Levant subscribed the needed amount and in the Spring of 1866 the hall was finished and ready for use.

A petition having been presented to the R.W.(M.W.) Grand Lodge of Maine, a Dispensation was granted, under which time the lodge has greatly prospered and till this time the utmost Harmony and Unity of feeling has prevailed among its members. As evidence of the virtue of those Masonic principles inculcated among us, and which have been cultivated by its members with fervency and zeal.

Kenduskeag April 24, 1872

Richard M. Dolliver

## Kenduskeag lodge

### Part First, 1866,

At a meeting of Masonic Brethren of Kenduskeag & Levant, held at Masonic Hall in Kenduskeag May 30, A.L. 5866, acting under Dispensation from Timothy J. Murray Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine by which Bro. Daniel E. Hall was appointed to be the first Master, Bro. Moses M. Hodsdon was appointed first Senior Warden and Bro. Isaac C. Ham was appointed first Junior Warden of Kenduskeag Lodge.

Opened a Lodge of Master Masons in Due and Ancient form. The Lodge proceeded to the election of all necessary Officers, and the following Brothers were declared elected/

Bros. Bradford Baston	Treasurer
Richard M. Dolliver	Secretary
John W. West	S. Deacon
John F. Dolliver	J. Deacon
Moses B. Watson	S. Steward
Francis Harvey	J. Steward

Bro. Charles A. Dolliver was appointed Tyler.

The above named Brothers were duly installed into their respective offices for which they were elected.

Brothers present at the first meeting,

Joseph P. Rowell  
Edwin G. Baxter  
Charles Hodsdon  
Jerimiah Haskell  
Charles Cressey  
Charles C. Cole  
William P. Young  
Alphonso Haskell

The first petition to the lodge for the Honors of Masonry was received from Mr. Edwin F. Stevens (a farmer by occupation) recommended by Bros Perley M. Mudgett.

Bros M.M. Hodsdon and Thomas J. Haines were chosen a committee to procure the officers jewels, three officers aprons and four ...?... common ones? also one ...?... & ...?...

Appointments were made by the master of Bros. Thomas G. Haines as Marshal and Ira H. Brown as Chaplain.

The second regular communication of the Lodge was held at Masonic Hall in Kenduskeag June 22, A.L. 5866.

Petitions were received for the second and third degrees in Masonry from Bros.

Sorevero A. Brawler  
William A. Dolliver  
Simon G. Gerrard

These Brothers having taken their first degree in Pacific Lodge at Exeter were permitted by that lodge to take the remaining degrees in Kenduskeag Lodge.

Petitions were received for the Honors of Masonry from A.W. Purinton, Albert Hodsdon, and George W. Read.

July 11, A.L. 5866

Special communication of the lodge.

Mr. Edwin F. Stevens being present was duly initiated as an entered apprentice.

August 1, A.L. 5866

Regular communication of the lodge.

A petition was received for the Honors of Masonry from Dr. Lowell Marston of Glenburn.

During the remaining months of the Masonic year there was nothing more than the usual routine of Masonic work.

The return of the Secretary to the Grand Lodge dated March 1, 1867 contains the names of sixteen initiates. (see table)

## 1867

April 24, A.L. 5867

Regular communication of the Lodge

Our Motions,

Voted: that the Master draw his order on the Treasurer for such sums as he may think necessary to pay for a Charter and other expenses to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

May 22, A.L. 5867

Regular meeting of the Lodge

The Worshipful Master reported his expenses while attending the Grand Lodge as being Forty-two Dollars (\$42.00 it being in part for a Charter)

Voted: That the Secretary correspond with R.W. John H. Lynde of Bangor, and Grand Secretary Ira Berry of Portland for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge.

Voted: That the Secretary be instructed to purchase a book for recording the By Laws of Kenduskeag Lodge.

June 19, A.L. 5867

A Regular Communication of the (Lodge) was held at the Masonic Hall in Kenduskeag at which officers present were Brothers D.E. Hall W. Master, M.M. Hodsdon S. Warden, T.G. Haines J. Warden,

Opened a Lodge of Master Masons in due form.

Our Motion,

Notice: to proceed to choice of officers for the ensuing year.

Bros. Daniel E. Hall	was	chosen	W.M.
M.M. Hodsdon	"	"	S.W.
Isaac O. Ham	"	"	J.W.
Bradford Baston	"	"	Treas
Richard M. Dolliver	"	"	Secy
Albert Hodsdon	"	"	S.D.
John F. Dolliver	"	"	J.D.
Francis Harvey	"	"	S.S.
Edwin C. Hodsdon	"	"	J.S.

After which the M.W. Grand Lodge was duly notified that Kenduskeag Lodge was ready to be constituted.

The Grand Lodge entered and the Ceremonies of Consecration commenced.

Our Charter was presented and the Lodge was duly consecrated by R.W. Grand Master John H. Lynde acting Grand Master assisted by Deputy Grand Master Geo. W. Snow

and other Past Masters and members of the Grand Lodge according to ancient usage. After which the officers were installed into their several offices and the Grand Lodge retired.

The following appointments were made by the Master

Bros. Thomas G. Haines      Marshall

Levi F. Fowle                      Tyler

Our Motion,

Noted that the Lodge procure a seal.

We now pass to a regular communication of the Lodge held January 14, A.L. 5868.

Our Motion,

Proceed to discuss the question of holding a Lever the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the purchase of a carpet for the Masonic Hall.

The Lodge decided to hold a Lever and the following Brothers were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

S.G Gerrard

M.M. Hodsdon

I.O. Ham

R.M. Dolliver

G.P. Rowell

And Thomas G. Haines

Our Motion,

Voted: That this committee have full power to act as they see fit in carrying out the wishes of the Lodge, and that they have power to draw on this Treasurer for a sum of money not to exceed one hundred dollars.

At a Regular Communication of this Lodge held at Masonic Hall Feb. 13, A.L. 5868, The Committee on Lever reported and this report was accepted.

Voted to hold a Grand Sociable at the Town Hall in Kenduskeag and that we open Masonic Hall for our guests on that occasion.

### **1868**

May 6, A.L. 5868

Regular Meeting of the Lodge at the meeting the Secy & Treasurer made their annual reports which were accepted.

The Secretary reports that there have been initiated within the last two years thirty, Crafted thirty-one, Raised; twenty-eight.

Money received for Degrees conferred and dues six hundred and four dollars (\$604.00), paid to the Treasurer five hundred and fifty-nine dollars, eighty-nine cents (\$559.89).

June 10, A.L. 5868

Regular Communication of the Lodge

Moses M. Hodsdon	Master
Isaac C. Ham	S.W.
Albert Hodsdon	J.W.
Bradford Baston	Treasurer
Richard M. Dolliver	Secretary
John F. Dolliver	S.D.
Francis Harvey	J.D.
Edwin C. Hodsdon	S.S.
Edwin F. Stevens	J.S.

# 1869

A note of thanks was extended to Bro. Averill for his services as installing officer.

## 1870

By a vote of this Lodge and the sanction of the Grand Lodge this time for holding the annual meeting for the election of officers was changed from May to December

Jany, 19 A.L. 5870

Regular meeting of the Lodge for the installation of officers.

Brothers Installed:

Isaac C. Ham	Master
Albert Hodsdon	S.W.
David Fletcher	J.W.
Francis Harvey	Treasurer
R.M. Dolliver	Secy.
Edwin F. Stevens	S.D.
M.E. Batchelder	J.D.
David Stockbridge	S.S.
Peter Barker	J.S.

Number of initiated returned March 1, A.L. 5870- 12

No. of Members- 56

December 21 A.L. 5870

Special meeting for the installation of officers

D.D. Grand Master Geo. W. Whitney of Bangor assisted by Bro. John Callirt(?) of Bangor as Marshall appeared and installed the following officers

Bros. Albert Hodsdon	WM
David Fletcher	SW
Edwin F. Stevens	JW
Francis Harvey	Treas.
Simon G. Gerrard	Secy.
Moses E. Batchelder	SD
Charles A. Sleeper	JD
Peter Barker	SS
Silah H. Batchelder	JD

Feby. 12 A.L. 5871

The lodge attended the funeral of Brother Sammuel Roby who departed this life full of years and honors.

This is the first death that has occurred among our members since the organization of this Lodge.

Number of initiates returned March 1, A.L. 5871 9

Number of members returned 81

## 1871

The officers elected and installed for the ensuing year are as follows.

Bros.	Albert Hodsdon	Master
	David Fletcher	SW
	John F. Dolliver	JW
	Francis Harvey	Treas.
	Crosby Clements	Secy.
	Moses E. Batchelder	SD
	Charles H. Sleeper	JD
	Peter Barker	SS
	William K. Nason	JS

Appointments by the Master.

Bro. Robert Blacker?	Chaplain pro-tem?
Bro. Levi F. Fowle	Tyler

And they were duly installed.

Whole? No. of initiates returned for the Masonic year ending Mar. 1, AL5872	7
No. of members returned	89

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# Part 2

## Table First

Showing the names of Charter Members

1	Richard M Dolliver ✓	15	Charles C Cole ✓
	Vason Robinson * ✓	16	P M Mudgett ✓
2	Daniel E Hall + ✓	17	Saml. Robey (died July 10 1871)
3	Francis Harvey ✓		E. P. Kane *
	John W West * ✓	18	William B Boston ✓
	Hudson Sawyer * ✓	19	Thomas J Haines ✓
4	Bradford Boston ✓	20	John A. Haseltine ✓
5	W M Tibbitts ✓		
6	Charles Hodsdon ✓		
	Edwin C Baxter * ✓		
7	J C Fraskell ✓		
8	Alphonso Haskell ✓		
9	J P Rowell ✓		
10	Isaac C Ham ✓		
11	Charles A Dolliver ✓		
12	M M Hodsdon ✓		
13	John B Dolliver ✓		
14	Moses B Watson ✓		
	W A Mayo * ✓		
	Preston B Wing * ✓		

\* Non-affiliating Members  
+ granted admitt Mar 22 1870





The first hall on the corner of Stetson Rd. and Townhouse Rd.

Source: Facebook. James Smith. <https://tinyurl.com/k8s9rauu>

Name <i>Hall Daniel E</i>		
Lodge No. <i>64 Pacific to 137 Kenduskeag to 24</i>		
Initiated <i>8-2-1865</i>	Dimitted <i>6/12/67 #64</i>	Official Record <i>Dr. M 1866-67-68</i>
Passed <i>8-30-1865</i>	Suspended <i>3-23-1870 #137</i>	<i>to Auburn</i>
Raised <i>8-30-1865</i>	N. P. D. }	
Affiliated <i>11-22-1871 #24</i>	Deprived N. P. D. }	
Reinstated	Suspended }	
	U. M. C. }	
Restored	Expelled	
Remarks <i>Charter member of 137</i>		
Died <i>2-? 1876 in Auburn. The</i>		
<i>9-5-1875</i>		
<i>Is this the same man? He was supposed to be</i>		

The first Master of the lodge

Name <i>Hodsdon Moses (M)</i>		
Lodge No. <i>64 to 137 Kenduskeag</i>		
Initiated	Dimitted <i>6-12-1867 #64</i>	Official Record <i>at 1866</i>
Passed	Suspended }	<i>Dr M 1867-68</i>
Raised	N. P. D. }	<i>Dr M 1869</i>
Affiliated	Deprived }	<i>28 1874</i>
Reinstated	N. P. D. }	<i>for 1 year</i>
Restored	Suspended }	<i>JS 1877</i>
	U. M. C. }	
	Expelled	
Died	<i>8?</i>	
	<i>11-7-1880</i>	
Remarks <i>Charter member of 137</i>		
<i>1866 #64</i>		
<i>Cmduy # 3</i>		

The first Senior Warden

Source: <https://www.mainemason.org/genealogy-family-information/>



Name		Ham, Isaac C	
Lodge No.		64 to 137 Kenduskeag	
Initiated	Dimitted	Official Record	
	6/12/67 #64	J M 1866-67-68	
Passed	Suspended }	J M 1869-73	
	N. P. D. }	Or M 1870	
Raised	Deprived }		
	N. P. D. }		
Affiliated	Suspended }		
	U. M. C. }		
Reinstated	Expelled		
Restored	Died		
	5-31-1883		
Remarks	1866 #64		
Charter member #137 says lodge history but charter book does not give him as such			

The first Junior Warden

Source: <https://www.mainemason.org/genealogy-family-information/>

Name <u>Holliver, Charles A</u>		
Lodge No. <u>64</u>		
Initiated <u>10-5-1859</u>	Dimitted <u>6/12/67</u>	Official Record <u>J 19 1861</u>
Passed <u>11-9-1859</u>	Suspended }	<u>Is this he of 137</u>
Raised <u>1-4-1860</u>	N. P. D. }	
Affiliated	Deprived }	
Reinstated	N. P. D. }	
Restored	Suspended }	
Remarks <u>1866</u>	U. M. C. }	
	Expelled	
	Died	

Name <u>Holliver Charles A</u>		
Lodge No. <u>137</u>		
Initiated	Dimitted <u>8-13-1873</u>	Official Record <u>Tyler 1866 (1st)</u>
Passed	Suspended }	<u>Is this he of #64</u>
Raised	N. P. D. }	
Affiliated	Deprived }	
Reinstated	N. P. D. }	
Restored	Suspended }	
Remarks	U. M. C. }	
	Expelled	
	Died	

Rested as member in 1868 but no dates of degrees given - Lodge history calls him Charter member but Charter Book does not

1st Secretary

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