



January 2024



Thanks to Thomas Hurd for the donation of the sign, created by Lyman signs of Phillipston and framed by Tom. It is fitting to finally hang a sign on the building since we are so close to finishing the work. Soon it will be open and buzzing with activity other than construction.

If you are one of the few who have ventured into the kitchen over the past 20 years, you wouldn't recognize the space, it held two stoves, a refrigerator, 50 chairs, flag poles, boxes, sink, and counters filled with more than I could describe. It is now cleaned out in preparation for insulation, wiring, and floor plan design for a caterer's kitchen for the coming events to be held here.



And yes, there is a mountain of tables, show-cases, chairs, and artifacts stored in the main room on the first floor. The walls are done and as you can see, we have lights! Better yet, we have heat in this main room, the cellar, both bathrooms and the entrance hallway. What a thrill to enter the building with heat and light, last year we would see frost on the walls.

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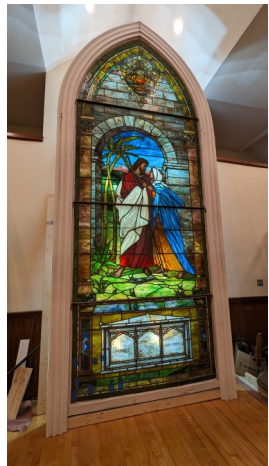
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Second floor at the Grange hall

Over the past few weeks, mostly on Tuesday night, we have moved some of the table top showcases upstairs out of harms way as our workers continue downstairs. While they are up there, we have cleaned the glass, oiled the wood, and added stain to hide the scratches. They are shaping up very nicely and will soon be filled with artifacts from days gone by in Templeton.



We also found time to finish the work on the light box and stained glass window. The saved framework in Amy's barn was taken down, stripped and sanded and painted with the first coat over a month ago, it's been waiting on the stage for the window to be set. The last few Tuesday nights we fitted the framework around the window making a few adjustments and securing it in place. It adds so much more to an already magnificent display. Lumber is delivered to create the sides and install the panels to close it off and finish it. Each panel is made to be removed for light replacement. This should all be done in the next few weeks. The cutting, fitting and painting is all that's left to do.



We will then be ready to start setting up the pews and deciding how they will go, and which ones will not be needed. A plan to sell or auction off the pews is being discussed but nothing has been decided yet. We can then move the chairs off the stage and bring over the Civil War Memorial tablets and insert them into the frames on the stage. These pieces now restored and ready to be reunited have been separated for almost 5 decades. It's such an honor to be the team who finishes them off. Just like the Window which has been in storage for about the same time.

If not for the forward thinking of those before us, those who did what was needed at the time to save each of these important artifacts for us to preserve and display, imagine how simple and common our Museum would be. We are all so lucky to have the "Best of the Best" when it comes to this great collection of Templeton artifacts. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and prepare to be amazed as we uncover more hidden gems in our two buildings. See you all in the spring.



"A moment in time"

By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

MORE TEMPLETON FIRE LOSSES

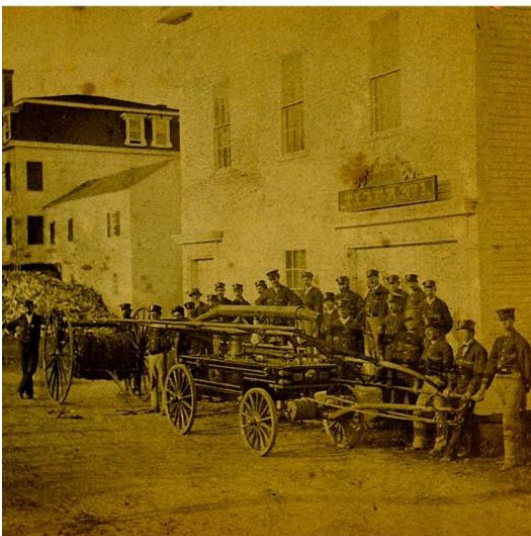
In the early 1900's, Templeton suffered the loss of three fire stations between 1906 and 1919.

The first fire was in August 1906 when the Otter River station was destroyed. The engine named the Oregon and the hose reel was saved but the station was a total loss. In September 1906, a new station was built at a cost of \$1400.00. This station continued to serve the town until 2005 when it was closed and sold to a private party. The building still stands today.

In 1908, the station in Baldwinville called Union Hall which stood next to the Otter River was destroyed by a fire. In 1909 the town voted to build a new station out of brick at the same location. It is assumed that much of the equipment was destroyed although; I believe Steamer NO.1 was saved as I have seen a photo of it in front of the new station. This station still stands today and is used by the CERT Team as their headquarters.

In February 1919 the fire station in East Templeton which housed Steamer NO.2 was destroyed along with its contents. The building and equipment were declared as a total loss. In March of 1919 the town voted to spend \$5000.00 to purchase the land next to the destroyed station and build and equip a new station. This station was also closed in 2005 and sold to a private party and still stands.

Shown below are Union Hall and the new station in Baldwinville .



President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



You would think that during the holidays it would slow down and shift the focus on other things, but nothing could be further from the truth. We had crews working right up to Christmas and started up soon after the new year began. Walls were torn down, items moved upstairs, small jobs finished or continued in the hall with the window, the Civil War frames, and just organizing the rooms for work to continue without stalling out. The heating units were installed, new wiring and lights finished, and soon we'll have two new windows in the bathrooms. The butterflies are starting as the final stages of work are in the process. Preparation for the lift, and the last room, the kitchen. Tom Royer, Karen Osterberg, and Terry Fougere are helping with making sure we have what is needed in our new kitchen. Tom provided a drawing for the layout for the kitchen with appliances and work stations and C.M. Chartier is doing everything they can to make it a reality. Work is feverish at times with daily visits both morning and evening to ensure we are on track and doing what is needed.

Our team of volunteers continue to amaze and also save us thousands of dollars which gives us the opportunity to do more with the money we've raised.

For those that don't know, I officially retired and sold my business to my Son, Seth a few weeks ago. This gives me more time to spend with my family as well as more time at the Grange to get this project completed. I plan on fishing a lot and taking some well earned time to travel with my very patient wife.

If you see our vehicles out front, stop in and see what's going on, small projects are continuing and so many more are on tap. Organizing, cleaning, sorting, scanning, and making new displays to show off our vast collection.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised

*Tuesday nights in the Museum from 6-8 closed for winter.
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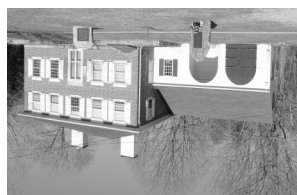
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