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Association



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NHJPA Events

We have two Meetings a year that provide information about the association.

- 2018 -

Annual Meeting
Sunday, March 18, 2018

Educational Meeting
Fall 2018



SAVE THE DATE !

Annual Member Meeting

Sunday, March 18

Join us for round table discussions and network with fellow NHJPA members



NHJPA's Martha Clement will be presenting a "[Hand Fasting](#)" ceremony - a Celtic tradition

Location: [Fratello's Italian Grille](#)
155 Dow Street
Manchester, NH

Time: Noon

[Click here for Directions](#)

(When you turn at the light onto Bow Street, watch for the sign "Fratello's Restaurant" on your right. You will need to go up a steep driveway to get to the restaurant. You will not see the restaurant from Bow Street.)

Cost: Lunch at \$18 per person (cash or check made out to NHOA) (includes your choice from a selected menu and beverage at check in)

There will be a charity raffle to benefit a local New Hampshire Charity



Contact John Scuto to register at blueskyweddings@comcast.net

Check our website for updates—www.nhjpa.org

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Welcome

A hearty welcome to NHJPA's newest members William Adams of Pittsburg and Arica Gee of Chester.

Membership

Make your check Payable to NHOA and mail to:

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NHJPA Mission Statement

The New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association promotes Professionalism and Integrity by requiring members to comply with a Code of Ethics and provides Education through meetings, workshops and networking.

Member Benefits

The New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association (NHJPA) was established in October 2014. It is registered in Concord as the New Hampshire Officiants Association (NHOA). It was established to support and educate Justices of the Peace in New Hampshire. All Justices of the Peace are welcome.

Members have the following benefits:

- Listing on 2 Websites www.nhjpa.org and www.findajp.net
- Referrals from other Members
- Professional Support from other Members
- The opportunity to help the organization become stronger by serving on the Board
- Information such as presented in this newsletter
- Information regarding changes in the law
- *Annual Meeting is held in the Spring. This meeting provides networking opportunities, meaningful ceremony inclusions, and NHJPA organization updates.
- *Educational Seminar with Guest Speaker is held annually.
- JP services such as witnessing, notarizing and New JP application signatory and being sworn in.
- Facebook & LinkedIn
- Meetings, Seminars and Workshops are free—attendees responsible for the cost of Lunch



TYING THE KNOT

FISHERMAN KNOT CEREMONY

- as demonstrated by Susan Miele, NHJPA

NHJPA's Secretary Susan Miele demonstrated The Fisherman Knot ceremony at the November Educational Meeting and shared the wording with us.

<Bride and Groom Names> have just sealed their relationship with the giving and receiving of rings. Today their relationship will be further symbolized by the tying of a Fisherman's Knot; a true lovers knot, for it is the strongest there is; its bond will not break, but actually, becomes stronger under pressure. These two cords represent each of you as individuals and the unique people you are and your special gifts you will bring to your marriage. As you fasten your pieces together, these actions represent the joining of your two lives into one common purpose. The completed knot represents your future, secure in the knowledge your relationship will continue to be strong, despite the inevitable changes life brings. Although the Fisherman's Knot is one of the simplest to tie, it is also one of the sturdiest. As stress is applied, the knot becomes ever stronger. It is the goal of marriage to achieve a blending of hearts and lives, but like the spaces between these cords formed by the knot, let there also be spaces in your new life together, so each may encourage and nurture the individual growth of the other.

I ask that you now pull on this rope to see it strengthen under pressure while still allowing us to see the individual cords – just as your support of one another as beautiful and blessed individuals strengthens your union.

As you hold one another in mutual concern and shared respect, may you continue holding each other tightly in your hearts and form a strong bond, now and forever.

Let this knot indicate the strength of your love and be a symbol of your unity from this day forward.



Click on this link to view: [How to tie a Fisherman's Knot](#)

Click on this link to view: [Fisherman's Knot Ceremony Example](#)

My Favorite Weddings



Mom Stands Tall

- written by Bob Bates, NHJPA



One evening I got a call from a tiny-voiced young woman who wished to be married. As I started to jot down some notes of stuff to work into their ceremony, it dawned on me that this was Olivette, the daughter of a close friend of ours – who was also a JP!

I carefully asked her if, in her heart of hearts, she'd like to have her Mom do the wedding. "Yeah," she replied, "but it was Mom who gave me your calling card."

With her consent, I called her Mom and learned that she had never done any weddings, that she acquired her JP solely to perform some of the other judicial functions. She was terrified at the prospect of officiating at *anybody's* wedding, especially her daughter's.

I suggested that Mom and I work together. The wedding took place a week or so before Christmas at an Inn on the seacoast, in a small function room. There were perhaps a dozen of us altogether before a flickering fireplace, her family, his, and Mrs. Bates and me. Mrs. Bates was the photographer. Her Mom stood beside me as I did all the introductory words, the vows and rings and so forth, and Mom uttered the clincher, "By the authority vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, I hereby declare that you are husband and wife." It was a thoroughly beautiful wedding!

Members Only Benefits



NHJPA members can get a FREE hearing test at [New England Radiology](#). They have offices in Manchester and Concord. To make an appointment call 603.856.8275 and say that you are a New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association member.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT OFFICIANT?

Good Public Speaking, Good Listening, Organization, Resourcefulness, Reliability, Patience, Humor, and Flexibility. A good knowledge of wedding styles, choices and laws are necessary, too. Our Association provides information in these areas. How can we help You?



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