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# Summer 2025 is Now in Session.

by Francis G. Way

*Then followed that beautiful season ... Summer... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay, as if new created in all the freshness of childhood. -- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

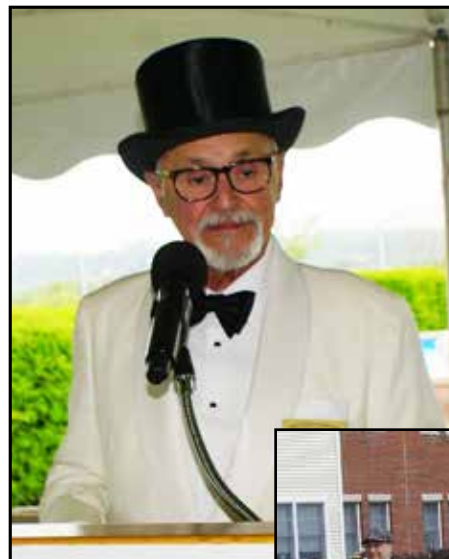
**T**his July edition, like every other July edition I have worked on since I started working on the Connecticut Freemasons, has received a plethora of submissions. At one point in time, I thought the large influx in July might be because everyone knows we don't publish in August and they're rushing to get all their articles in before the break. But lately I've also started thinking it might be that May and June just have a lot of events in which lodges participate parades, picnics, baseball games, Master Mason degrees, outings. It could be that there's just more news. But overall, I think it might be a combination of both.

While we can expand an edition when we're slammed with submissions by four, eight, or even 12 pages more than our usual 36 pages (increases have to be in increments of four due to the printing process), it does add cost to the paper, and after a certain point adding pages is not cost effective. So, we prioritize the articles that we receive. Aside from the four columns that always run (Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, Grand Historian and JP's Masonicare Message) we prioritize anything with a time sensitive nature (i.e., upcoming events), then lodge news, and finally opinion or non-dated material (e.g., an esoteric article). If we run out of room, we always try to carry articles over to the next edition if practicable. In short, if your submission didn't make it in, look for it in September.

This month's newspaper also features a very large number of photos of Grand Masters Day. If you didn't go to Grand Masters Day (and if you didn't, why not?) you can see what you missed – it really is a fun day. If you did, you could enjoy the photos, reminisce on your time there, and look forward to next year.

As previously mentioned, we don't publish in August. In light of that, we wish you an amazing summer, whatever you have planned, with brothers, friends and family.

Finally, as that old song by The Tempos says, "See You in September."



Grand Masters Day 2025







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Grand Master 2025

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Dear Brothers, Family, and Friends,,

June 16, 2025

We are taught that Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the foundational principles that unite us in this great fraternity. These principles are the basis for the formation of the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Inc., our 501(c)3 charitable arm. It is my honor this year to appeal to you to support the vital charitable activities of our foundation, by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Inc.

I have singled out three options for your special consideration. You may split your gift, if desired. Please check choices in the return section and indicate the amount of your gift that you desire to restrict to that category. A gift of any size is meaningful, so please consider contributing whatever is within your means. Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

- First is our Grand Almoner's Fund. We are reminded continually of the importance of providing for "the relief of poor distressed Master Masons, their widows, and orphans" Our Almoners provide a focus for ensuring this duty is carried out and the fund is an important element of that relief.
- Second is our Matching Grant Program. It is designed to encourage lodges to actively support charitable causes in their local communities by having the foundation match the cash gifts made by the lodges to those 501(c)3 charities. The size and scope of this activity will depend on the support you give to it in this appeal. The goal is to raise enough to match up to the first \$1,000, on the dollar that lodges gift to qualifying entities.
- Third is our General Endowment Unrestricted Funds Option which enables the Board of Directors to utilize the funds for any pressing circumstance which arises. In the past we have provided help to relieve human suffering caused by devastating hurricanes, tornadoes, and fires. We are one fraternal body, wherever so dispersed.

Fraternally,

Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr.  
M.W. Grand Master 2025

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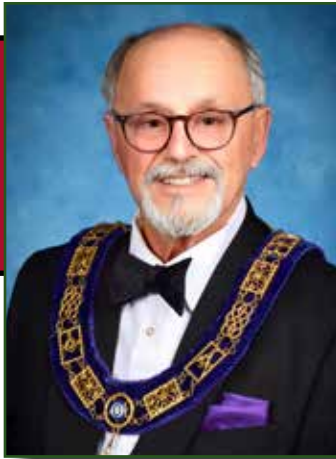
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# Grand Master's Message

by MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr.

Greetings to all,

First, I would like to mention that all of the District Deputy presentations have been held for the year. Congratulations to all my deputies and their AGMs! It was a pleasure to attend your celebrations, and I thank you and your lodges for your hospitality. To be of service is an honor for each one of us. We have a lot of work ahead of us this year. The work we do will determine the harvest we reap.

As I have stated previously, membership is my main focus for the jurisdiction. The vitality of our fraternity depends on continually bringing in good quality men, providing them mentoring, and helping them progress from degree to degree. Setting men to work and giving them good instruction for their labor is also key. Lodges that are involved in community action provide their members with worthy endeavors which keep brothers interested and motivated because they know that they are making a difference. To take a chair and move through the places and stations cannot be the only objective to look forward to for an up-and-coming Master Mason.

Lodge Prospect Managers for Blue Wave inquiries will be happy to know that the process has been fine tuned. New conditional forwarding has been established that routes known ineligible individuals to separate landing pages. Prospect Managers should see far fewer ineligible inquiries. In an effort to assist the broader Masonic family, those landing pages inform out-of-state inquiries to reach out to the state in which they live. Female inquiries are informed that our Masonic family is composed of many organizations, and each organization has its own specific eligibility requirements and practices. Our new conditional landing pages contain brief information that is presented regarding the Order of the Eastern Star, The Order of the Amaranth, and The Daughters of the Nile.

I am asking all Prospect Managers to make a diligent effort to acknowledge receipt of the inquiry within 24-48 hours of it being assigned to the lodge. The goal is to make an initial effort to communicate to the inquirer within 48 hours of them expressing interest. Many of you have stepped up the pace of acknowledging receipt of inquiries. Thank you for your efforts.

Please remember you don't have to limit the first meet and greet to an invitation to a pre-lodge meeting dinner. Grabbing a coffee

and a donut is a great ice breaker or meeting at any public place is an equally viable alternative. Interesting feedback from a prospect earlier this year was: "The dinner with a room full of strangers that all knew each other. It was a bit intimidating."

I am trying to convey the importance of being flexible and attentive to an individual who has expressed interest. To lose a prospect due to a long delay of a response would be a disservice to the lodge and the prospect. Let's reach back to these interested men in our communities as soon as possible.

Please remember to complete the 'Notes Section' in Grandview for every action done with a prospect's record. These notes are indispensable when I ask the District Grand Lodge Officer to review the status of the inquiries with me.

Keep the WAVE going!!

Fraternally,

Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr.

Grand Master



Grand Masters Day 2025





## Grand Chaplain's Message

Bro. John A. Garcia

**B**rethren, as the days lengthen and the warmth of the sun embraces us, I hope this season finds each of you in good health and spirits. May

you enjoy some well-deserved time with your families, finding rest and refreshment in their company. As we recharge our batteries and prepare ourselves for trips, cookouts, and just plain lazy days in the sun, I invite you to meditate on a passage from 2 Kings, Chapter 6, a profound account that resonates deeply with the tenets we hold dear as Freemasons.

The prophet Elisha, a man of unwavering faith, found himself and his servant in a perilous situation. Surrounded by the Syrian army, sent to capture Elisha, the servant was overcome with fear, seeing only the vast host arrayed against them. "Alas, my master! How shall we do?" he cried, his voice heavy with despair. How often, my brethren, do we find ourselves in similar straits, looking at the challenges before us and feeling utterly outnumbered, overwhelmed by the apparent strength of the forces arrayed against our endeavors?

But Elisha, a true exemplar of faith, remained calm. He did not succumb to panic or doubt. Instead, he uttered a simple, yet profound prayer: "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see." And the Lord, in His infinite mercy, answered. The servant's eyes were opened, and he beheld not the menacing Syrian army, but a sight of unimaginable glory: "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

This, my brethren, is a potent lesson in faith. The visible world, with its trials and tribulations, often blinds us to the unseen realities. The servant saw only the physical threat, but Elisha, through his spiritual vision, understood that the forces of righteousness, though unseen, were far greater. As Freemasons, we are constantly reminded to look beyond the superficial, to cultivate an inner sight that discerns the spiritual truths underlying the material world. Our faith in the Grand Architect of the Universe is not a passive belief, but an active trust that even when the path seems darkest and the odds insurmountable, His divine providence is ever at work, guiding and protecting those who strive to do His will.

This narrative also speaks powerfully to perseverance. Elisha did not falter in his duty, even when faced with overwhelming odds. He stood firm, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to his divine calling. In our Masonic journey, we too encounter

obstacles and moments of discouragement. It is in these times that our vows of perseverance are truly tested. Do we falter, or do we, like Elisha, stand firm, trusting that our labors, performed with integrity and dedication, will ultimately be crowned with success, even if the immediate outcome is not apparent?

Furthermore, this passage underscores our duty and honor to the Lord above all other things. Elisha, though a prophet in a land governed by kings, placed his allegiance squarely with God. His actions were dictated not by political expediency or fear of earthly power, but by his unwavering commitment to divine truth. As Freemasons, we are taught to be loyal citizens and to respect the laws of the land. Yet, our ultimate allegiance, our highest duty, is to the principles of morality and virtue, to the Great Light that guides our path. When there is a conflict between the dictates of man and the divine imperatives, our honor demands that we choose the latter, ever mindful that our Craft is founded upon the most profound reverence for the Creator.

So, brethren, as we return to the world with all its beauty and splendor to create cherished memories beyond the lodge, let us carry with us the spirit of Elisha. Let us cultivate a faith that sees beyond the immediate challenges, a perseverance that stands firm in the face of adversity, and an unwavering duty and honor to the Lord above all else. For truly, when our eyes are opened, we too may find that the mountains are indeed full of unseen forces, working for our good and the glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Que Dios los bendiga. Stay well my brothers, stay safe.



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## Grand Historian's Corner

Bro. David J. Stewart

**I**t was 1775 and the American Revolution was to be fought in hopes of bringing about the union of the 13 colonies under self-government and

casting off tyranny. The colonies had a common heritage of race and a common tongue, the bulk of the colonists were of Anglo-Saxon origin, the English Bible lay on every altar, and in every home, and English customs, laws and culture were the basis of colonial life.

The Masonic lodge was the same throughout the colonies; through its fraternal mediation they all met on a common footing, in harmony and goodwill.

This condition holds as true today as it did in Revolutionary times. Under Masonry's banner men of all political shades and faiths, races and creeds, beliefs and stations in life, meet on the level of the Masonic lodge, so that Masonry's stabilizing influence is still an important factor in national life and a priceless heritage that must be preserved inviolate and handed down to our children's children.

RWB Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., wrote on the 150th anniversary of American independence, this gem of Masonic literature, under the caption "The Drums of '75."

"What emotions, what historic memories are awakened in our hearts by the anniversary of the first scenes of the American Revolution. An oft-told story, it still stirs us like a drumbeat in our blood, like a singing memory in our souls. To England it was an episode; to us it is an epic period. Time does not tarnish its thrilling events, nor distance dim the glory of days that tried the faith and fortitude of our fathers.

The Boston Massacre; the Tea Party planned in old St. Andrew's Lodge; the fight on Lexington green; the stand at Concord bridge, and the "shot heard 'round the world"; the fall of Warren at Bunker Hill; the genius of Washington; the great Declaration; the dark days at Valley Forge; the crossing of the Delaware; the coming of LaFayette; the final scene at Yorktown-it is a drama of history, but it reads like the record in our family Bible!

Goodwill to men! America was born-the last great hope of humanity, in which the will of the Grand Architect and the heroism of a man united to create a nation "conceived in liberty" and dedicated to the inalienable rights of manhood. Holding in his hand the old musket

that fired the first shot, LaFayette exclaimed: "This is the alarm gun of liberty." Its flash divided the story of a man into before and after, and its echoes will never die while men love freedom.

Over all, through all-gentle, wise and strong-the spirit of our ancient Craft presided in the birth hour of our republic, as it guards its sanctity today; and if it is worthy of its obligations and opportunities, it will keep that which our fathers entrusted to our care, shaping the greater America of tomorrow after the pattern wrought of the Grand Architect and the courage of consecrated men."

At a time and place long forgotten, WB George Washington gave a Masonic address:

"No institution was ever raised upon a better principle or more solid foundation than our beloved fraternity. I therefore feel that the newly-born American Nation of 1776, dedicated to Liberty and equal rights of man, can in no better way make sure of a permanent existence as a Nation, consecrated to the upbuilding of righteousness in the world, than by reading into its constitution and symbolizing in its banner those principles which have made Freemasonry an eternally great and good force in the affairs of mankind."

What will you be doing in the days leading up to and including July 4, 2026? Let us all help celebrate our 250th birthday. What can we as Masons in Connecticut do?

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The application can be found in the Resources section on GrandView. We look forward to recognizing YOUR Hometown Hero in the near future!

## Tall Cedars of Lebanon to Portray Live Degrees

For the first time in almost 40 years Nutmeg Forest No. 116, Tall Cedars of Lebanon International will be portraying the Tall Cedars Prologue and Royal Court Degree - live!



Join us on Saturday, September 23, 2025, at 10 a.m., at the Scottish Rite Valley of Hartford Cathedral, 207 Demming Road, Newington, CT.

Whether you are a new brother or a salty one, come enjoy the Tall Cedar Degrees. Learn more about the building of King Solomon's Temple and the role that the Tall Cedars played. Candidates membership will be in either Nutmeg Forest No. 116 in Glastonbury or Laurel Forest No. 130 in Wallingford.

Contact: Grand Tall Cedar Eric Pogg at 860-803-0784 ejpogg@gmail.com or Scribe David LaFargue at 860-402-7265 slafargue1@gmail.com. It's \$90 for the degrees, your Pyramid, and name badge. The meal is \$10 per person.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!

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# From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

## President & CEO of Masonicare

Our region experienced its 15th consecutive rainy Saturday on June 14. But that wasn't going to stop Masonicare from celebrating another Grand Masters Day Family Festival on our Wallingford campus, where it was my honor to welcome Bro. Rinaldo Magliano, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut A.F. & A.M., and the Honorable Most Worshipful Bro. Daniel Blackmon, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Last month was also the annual conference of the Masonic Communities and Services Association (MCSA). This year's conference was held in Arlington, TX, not far from some of the communities being managed by our consulting firm, Long Hill. It was fitting, then, that Bro. David Lawler, Masonicare CFO and President of Long Hill, and other members of our consulting team joined us at the event.

MCSA draws Masonic-sponsored human-service organizations and charities from across the country, some of which are facing significant economic challenges. As you can imagine, Masonicare's successful merger with United Methodist Homes continues to be a source of great interest among industry peers, especially since the merger greatly increased our capacity to assist and advise other providers through a variety of consulting services. When our phone rings – and we know that it will – the first piece of advice we will offer other Masonic service providers is this: Don't be afraid of change. Be afraid of not changing.

On June 12, our residential community in Rocky Hill, Masonicare and Greenridge Place, hosted a grand opening celebration for residents and staff. Under the leadership of Executive Director Ashley O'Brien, we are continuing to make improvements to the property. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by and see it for yourself! As with other Masonicare communities, special discounts are available to members of the Masonic family.



As this is the last issue before Connecticut Freemasons takes its summer hiatus, I wish you all a happy Fourth of July and I look forward to reconnecting with you in September!

Yours fraternally,



***We offer our condolences to the family and friends of those brothers who have been called by The Grand Architect of the Universe.***

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# Hamilton Council No. 9 Donates to Medical Research Foundation

by Mark A. Orsini

On Saturday, June 7, during the Grand Council session in Cromwell, Mark A. Orsini, the Thrice Illustrious Master of Hamilton Council No. 9 in Meriden, presented a check for \$1,118 to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

The donation represents the proceeds from Hamilton Council No. 9's Annual Robert J. DiPasquale Steak and Shrimp event. The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is dedicated to funding research focused on finding cures and alleviating medical conditions stemming from vascular diseases.



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# Bedouin Shrine Club of New London Collects Can Tabs

by Ray Geer

The Bedouin Shrine Club of New London collect aluminum can tabs to benefit the Shriners Children's Hospital. In May 2025, the Connecticut Chapter of National Camping Travelers donated well over 50 pounds of tabs to the Bedouin Shrine Club at their monthly meeting. The Shrine Club's regular meeting night is the 4th Monday of the month at the Groton Towne House in Groton. All tab donations are greatly accepted.



(l-r) Nobles Marvin Troelsen, Ted Nelson, Mike Tranchida, and Glenn Studwell.



RWB Ray Geer



# AWAKENING THE LIGHT WITHIN

by John A. Amarilios, [membership@lafayetteconsistory.com](mailto:membership@lafayetteconsistory.com)

The Great Light reminds us "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1. The Valley of Bridgeport will embark on a series of Family Life activities which will serve to reinforce this thought as we traverse the summer months. The fun begins with a boat tour of a number of lighthouses off the coast of Connecticut on July 19. A Cigar and Scotch Nite follows on August 8, at the Stamford Cigar Lounge. On Sunday August 10, we will be attending a performance of the Johann Strauss II operetta *Die Fledermaus* at the Andrews Memorial Theater in Clinton followed by dinner at the Café Allegre in Madison. The last family event of the season will be the Annual Clambake Picnic, which will be held at the Orange Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 16.

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We've been talking about the ever-mentioned search for light that drifts in and out of much of Masonic literature and of course is ever present in the ritual. By now it must be clear that the search is not a casual endeavor and requires a level of devotion that very few, if any, of our contemporaries have attained, let alone undertaken. The path to personal transformation is rigorous and involves a deep ever-present desire to attain.

Clearly, reading philosophy or religion is not enough, as the process, facets of which are both mental and physiological,

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demands a rigorous and ever-present conscious desire. Freemasonry sets the initial foundation for this process by instructing its members to engage in hard work, education and diligent effort to begin to remove the rough edges in one's proverbial ashlar. The decision to make only moral decisions in one's life, to commit to acts of love or service, will help the lower self in laying an initial basic foundation.

It is necessary to work this system in silence because the vast population is riddled with corruption and will seek to dissuade one from this purpose. There are very many tiers to the work, and very few manage to truly accomplish the transformative work that is offered in the Blue Lodge. Those who maintain an enthusiasm, thirst, and drive to accomplish more can seek "More Light" in the appendant bodies. Thereafter other venues exist.

If one takes his degrees seriously, he will find that the school of life will give ample opportunity to make use of the tools that have been given in each of the degrees. These tools are not only symbols, but actual mechanisms that will enable one to

face and overcome the spiritual simulation that is daily life.

We have previously spoken about the unity of body and spirit in homo sapiens. These are two bodies which all carry about themselves. The physical body is created as per Genesis 2:7, while the creation of the spiritual body is alluded to in Genesis 1:26-27. Both bodies bear their own consciousness. The physical body brings daily normal workaday consciousness. The spiritual body (soul) gives a subliminal consciousness that is typically buried below the threshold of the ordinary consciousness.

This summer you might want to explore J. Milne Bramwell's *Hypnotism: Its History, Practice and Theory*. None of this is productive and elevating however, unless you master and accomplish the smoothing out of your own Rough Ashlar first. Remember that the fate of the three Ruffians actually depicts what happens when one attempts to jump ahead before having completed the preparatory work. This requires patience and honest effort that no one can do for you, and which no one but yourself can evaluate the verity of your achievement. Enjoy your summer!

Fiat Lux!

*As always, the Valley of Bridgeport, stands ready to help further your understanding of the Three degrees of Freemasonry. Should you have questions about the Scottish Rite, please feel free to contact me at the email address above, or call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.*

# Who, What, When, Where, (we know the) Why -- You Choose the Order by Francis G. Way

Any great newspaper article, even any passable newspaper article, or for that matter just any credible piece of non-fiction writing, includes the above very important points. What the thing was, when the thing was, who did the thing, and where the thing was. Why the thing happened is also important, but for a lot of articles that appear in the *Connecticut Freemasons* the why is usually "because they're Masons and they do what Masons do." Those five Ws (sometimes spiced up with an H for how if it's needed) are the engine that makes any article run.

Now, imagine portraying an Entered Apprentice Degree and not giving the charge or working tools. Or, worse, not doing the obligation. Aside from quite possibly having conducted an invalid degree, you haven't given the whole story – how can a man truly be an Entered Apprentice when he hasn't been properly instructed? In a sense, when you leave out any of the Five Ws, that's essentially what you're doing to your article.

Let's say your lodge does something worthy of an article. It could be something regular, like the aforementioned Entered Apprentice Degree, or something special, like hosting a car show or an event for local students to get school supplies. A well-constructed article will inform that user what the event was about ("the lodge solicited donations of school supplies and then went to AB School on May 3, to distribute them to the students"), which covers what, when and where. Who went? ("WM Joe Mason and three of his officers took time off from work to bring the supplies during the school day.") In two sentences all of the important information is put out there for the reader.

If the "why" is more special than "Masons doing what Masons do," then include that as well. As in, "The lodge takes a special interest in the local students because the brothers believe they are the future of the community," would be a perfectly valid why statement.

If the article is not about a newsworthy event, for example, an esoteric subject or a piece on the symbolism of the working tools, the five Ws are obviously more relaxed and may be completely replaced by the exposition of the subject. But they're still there working behind the scenes.

And lastly, here's a bonus tip: don't bury your lead. If your article is about a lodge event, don't wait until three paragraphs down to divulge what the event was. It doesn't need to be in the first sentence (nor do all 5 Ws for that matter) but it should be in the first paragraph. Ideally you hook your reader right there and they're drawn in to find out more about the event. If the event is a Hawaiian shirt cookout and there are four paragraphs discussing the history of the Hawaiian shirt and its significance in late spring Masonic cookouts before finally that the cookout was at Mountain Springs Lodge No. 1234, many readers might just say "next," and be on to the next article quicker than Bill Belichick was on to Cincinnati.

In short, you don't have to be Ben Bradlee, Grantland Rice, Damon Runyon, Carl Bernstein, or even Hunter S. Thompson to put out a great article. Just start by including the five Ws and see where that takes you...

## Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association Recognizes Three New Eagle Scouts by Jonathan Glassman

Congratulations to Jordynn McGuire of Troop 179, Carson Cook of Troop 32, and Owen Herz of Troop 15, new Eagle Scouts who were each, at their respective Courts of Honor, presented the Connecticut Masonic Eagle Scout Commendation on behalf of the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association and Grand Lodge of Connecticut!





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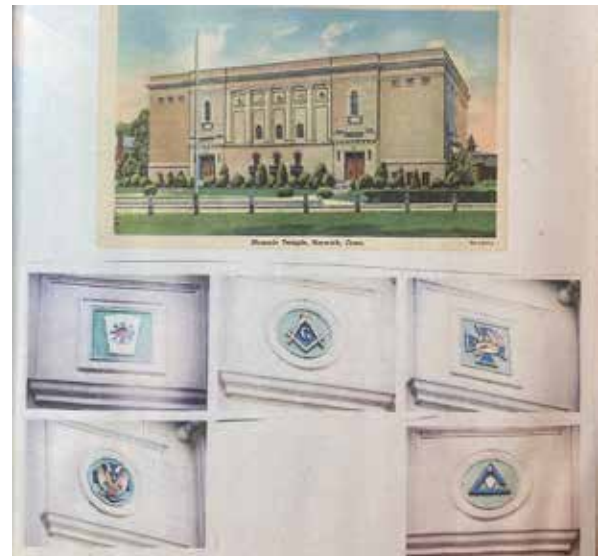


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## Norwich Masonic Temple Facade Tablets by Greg Webster

Built in 1928, the Norwich Masonic Temple at the corner of Washington Street and Sachem Street had five Masonic ornamental facade tablets secured to the outside upper portion of the front wall of the Temple. The tablets included the Blue Lodge Square and Compasses, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the York Rite Chapter, Council, and Commandery.

In 2006, this beautiful Masonic Temple was demolished, and sadly, the Council and Commandery tablets did not survive. Only three remain. The three pictured here have recently been cleaned up, repainted, and partially rebuilt to repair damage. They now are on display in the foyer of Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34 in Preston.



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# District 1

Lodges 3, 5, 6, 8, 19, 65, 67, 85, 104, 107, 142, 144, 149



## Fidelity St. John's Lodge No. 3 Supports Ukrainians With Medical Equipment Donations **by Mark Agnew**

Compassion for the millions of Ukrainians suffering from the Russian Ukrainian war was on the minds of 20 brothers and friends from Fidelity St. John's Lodge No. 3 in Fairfield, who recently filled two box trucks with medical equipment bound for Ukraine. There were 25 wheelchairs, 22 walkers, 11 Hoyer lifts, 10 electric scooters, 5 commode chairs, 14 beds, canes, and other assorted equipment. The lodge has been sending equipment to Ukraine for over a year.



WB Adam Plotnick created the event by contacting The Greens, an assisted living and memory care facility in Wilton. Brother, Mark Yurkiw, a Ukrainian living in Westport, had organized a system to move medical and other equipment to Ukraine by filling partially empty containers bound for Poland. The equipment is then trucked across Poland and into Ukraine. Brothers and friends from three lodges — Fidelity St. John's Lodge, Corinthian Lodge No. 104, and Temple Lodge No. 65, as well as Wilton's Boy Scout Troop 20 — provided moved the equipment from the attic of the facility to the shipment facility in Ridgefield.



Thank you to the brothers and others who participated:

MacPherson, RWB Mark Agnew, Craig Grannan, Kayla Grannan, Harrison Hinkley, Fred Hobbs, Bryan Sample, Mark Morehouse, Gregory Mason, Sridhar Subramanian, and Dennis Rodrigues.

WM Barry MacDonald, WM Ashante

Brothers can reach out to their local assisted living facilities, many of which have excess medical equipment, and then fill up trucks and drive them to Ridgefield. Used medical equipment is often discarded because it is not covered by insurance, and there are many caches to be found. For more information, contact Brother Mark Yurkiw at (646) 873-0050.

## America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 Hosts Flea Market

**by Ray Benson**

On May 10, the brothers of America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 in Stratford, hosted their first Masonic Flea Market. Vendors began loading in as early as 6 a.m. and there was plenty of activity well before the 9 a.m. start time!

The flea market was different from a lodge tag sale as it was for Masonic items only. While the event was open to the public, items being sold had to be Masonic in nature. There was something for every brother, from cufflinks and pins to custom aprons, hand-drawn artwork to books from

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antiquity, antique furniture to hand-made leather ritual book covers. There were even doorknobs featuring the square and compasses!

The vending area was full, and foot traffic was steady throughout the day. There was much buying, selling, and trading but also plenty of fellowship and laughter!

The lodge would like to thank all the vendors who participated, everyone that showed up to support the event, and all of the brothers from America-St. John's Lodge that helped make this event such a success.

If you missed this event, mark your calendars for the lodge's 2nd Annual Masonic Flea Market on May 9, 2026.



## America St. John's Lodge No. 8 Awards Night by Gavin Forrester, III

On the evening of June 3, America St John's Lodge No. 8 of Stratford recognized those brothers who have achieved milestones in years of service. The ceremony was preceeded by a dinner attended by friends and families. The brothers recognized this evening included members with five to 70 years of service to the fraternity and they received their pins from WM Vincente Diaz.

The highlight of the evening was RWB Mark Hawkins, Grand Junior Warden, presenting a 50-year pin to WB William Stone. WB Bill was raised in Temple Lodge No. 127 in 1975 and became Master, serving in that capacity from 1981 and 1982. When Temple Lodge No. 127 consolidated with America St. John's Lodge, he then served as Secretary for nine years from 2008 until "retiring" in 2017.

The evening was a great success and well attended and the lodge thanks the Grand Lodge dignitaries who took time from their schedules to honor the brethren.



## Harmony Lodge No. 67 Celebrates 200th Anniversary

Harmony Lodge No. 67 of New Canaan was granted its charter on May 30, 1825. On May 31, the lodge celebrated its 200th Anniversary, at the New Canaan Historical Society. MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr. and his suite of officers, MWPGM Stephen Petrie, and many visiting brothers all attended. It was a public celebration, and wives and family also attended — about 75 people in all.

New Canaan First Selectman Dionna L. Carlson, accompanied by other local dignitaries, presented a Proclamation to WM James Mitchell.

The event included a cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing with a live band.





# Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Hosts Third Annual Concert for Ukraine by Kraig Gray

Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 once again proudly opened its doors to the Easton community hosting the 3rd annual Concert for Ukraine. The concert was on the lawn on a surprisingly chilly June afternoon and brought together neighbors and supporters, including Town of Easton officials First Selectman David Bindelglass and Selectman Nicholas D'Addario, to raise funds and awareness for those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. WB Eric Farrell of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge participated in the concert, playing drums with one of the bands.

Gale Papageorge, one of the event's organizers, expressed heartfelt thanks for using the space and the lodge's continued support of this important cause. Bro. Mark Yurkiw of Temple Lodge No. 65 in Westport, a committed advocate for humanitarian relief in Ukraine, connected with Gale, recognizing a shared passion for service and charitable outreach, particularly for the Ukrainian people.

The brothers of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge demonstrated a commitment to the Masonic principles of charity, community, and brotherly love.



## Washington Lodge No. 19 News

Washington Lodge No. 19 in Monroe has been very active. Thanks to all the brothers who have made the lodge very active in the community and created lots of fun. It was a great time at the Monroe Memorial Day parade, the Masuk High School Masonic Award, and assisting with security and tickets for the Barnum Festival weekend events.

The brethren congratulate Masonic award winner Jocelyn Allen and wish her much success in her future.

The lodge was happy to help lodge member Bro. Greg Gnant with Barnum Festival weekend events. Bro. Greg is this year's ringmaster and is focusing on Children Charities. The Barnum Festival organization has already donated to Shriners New England in Springfield. Washington Lodge is very proud to help.



*Jocelyn Allen, her parents, and WM Jonathan Redwood.*





# Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Visits Mark Twain House by Kraig Gray

*Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. – Mark Twain*

On June 7, brothers and friends of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 in Easton traveled to Hartford to visit the Mark Twain House & Museum, the beautifully preserved Gilded Age home of Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. Twain made his home in Connecticut for many years, and during his time in Hartford, he was at his most productive, writing *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, and many more.

Guided by a talented historical interpreter who remained in full period character throughout the tour, the group explored the ornate Victorian mansion. The living history tour guide offered historical insight and brought the Clemens household to life, room by room and floor by floor. The visit provided a glimpse into Twain's daily life and a deeper understanding of the man behind the legend.

The outing was organized in anticipation of Worshipful Brother Christopher Holms's upcoming Masonic education session, which will explore Twain's relationship to Freemasonry. Several brothers had revisited Twain's works in preparation, enriching the experience as they reflected on the deeper meanings within these classics, which they had not read in years.

After the tour, the group enjoyed a fellowship lunch at Salute, a well-known restaurant a short distance away. They enjoyed the excellent food and relaxed atmosphere. The entire day blended history, literature, and brotherhood, laying an excellent foundation for further light in Masonry.



## Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107 and Union Lodge No. 5 March in Darien Memorial Day Parade

On Memorial Day, brothers from Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107 and Union Lodge No. 5 proudly participated in the Darien Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Marching side by side in Masonic lodge polo shirts behind a banner, the brethren represented the Fraternity with dignity and unity, joining the community in remembrance and gratitude. The event drew large crowds and beautiful weather helped make the morning a meaningful occasion for all involved.

Following the parade, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107 hosted its traditional post-parade picnic at the lodge. This long-standing tradition brought together Masons, family members, and friends for a relaxed afternoon of fellowship, food, and reflection. The picnic served as a fitting close to a day devoted to honoring the nation's fallen heroes.

The lodges thank all who participated and attended and look forward to continuing this shared tradition in the years to come.





# Two Brothers Initiated at Union Lodge No. 5 by Stephen Petri

On Wednesday, June 4th, Union Lodge No. 5, of Darien welcomed two new brothers into the Craft, initiating Gary P. Castelli, Jr. and Aaron E. Grovehill. The Entered Apprentice Degree took place during the Lodge’s annual evaluation by the new District Deputy for District 1A, RWB Wally Jimenez.

Junior Warden WB David Cooper presided in the East for the degree, displaying steady leadership. WB Silas Mante of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107 served as Senior Deacon, performing the ritual work with precision and care. Following the degree, the lodge gathered for refreshment, where a birthday cake was presented to Brother Grovehill, who turned 22 on the day of his initiation.

Union Lodge extends its thanks to all who participated and attended and offers a warm welcome to the new brothers as they begin their Masonic journey. The brethren look forward to supporting them in their growth in Freemasonry.



## District 2

Lodges 13, 18, 21, 39, 40, 48, 49



# Ark Lodge No. 39 and Union Lodge No. 40 March in Memorial Day Parade by Alex Maldonado

On Monday, May 26, Ark Lodge No. 39 and Union Lodge No. 40, both of Danbury, joined forces to march in the Memorial Day parade in Danbury.





## St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Marches in Memorial Day Parade **by Peter Cleary**

The brothers of St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 in New Milford honored all who have given their lives for freedom and this great nation by marching in the New Milford Memorial Day Parade. Gathering at the lodge for breakfast, WM Dave McClain inspired the brothers with a reading of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Led by AGM Matt Fitzgibbons, the brothers, along with RWB Nathan Schoonover, proudly represented St. Peter's Lodge No. 21.



*WB Matt Fitzgibbons, Bros. Michael Horton, Glenn Titus, Joe Cats, Tyler Androvet, Rob Trezza, Peter Harrington (and son, Weston), Brother Peter Cleary, RWB Nathan Schoonover, and RWB David McClain.*

## Hiram Lodge No. 18 Inspection and Entered Apprentice Degree **by Fred Marotti**

On May 7, at Hiram Lodge No. 18 in Sandy Hook, WM Stephen DelGiudice and his officers performed a flawless Entered Apprentice degree for their annual inspection and brought Bro. Kurt Lang into the Craft. RWB Robert Gorman, District Deputy District 2B and his AGM WB Charles Ruiz attended to inspect the lodge. Brothers from Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 in Easton visited for the degree. Brotherly love prevailed and everyone enjoy a good time.



## Hiram Lodge No. 18 Makes Donation to Food Pantry

On May 6, Hiram Lodge No. 18 presented a donation to FAITH Food Pantry in Newtown. Bros. Andy Engels, Alex Pashaian, Tony Neri, and WM Stephen DelGiudice presented a check to Lee Paulsen and Jill LeBlanc of the food pantry.

The donation supports MWB Rinaldo Magliano, Jr.'s program for lodges to support local food pantries.

*(photo from Newtown Bee by Shannon Hicks)*



## Hiram Lodge No. 18 Welcomes Four Past Grand Masters to a Production of Martin & Max **by Fred Marotti**

On May 21, WM Stephen DelGiudice welcomed four Past Grand Masters to a stated communication at Hiram Lodge No. 18 in Sandy Hook. The program of the evening was a presentation of *Martin & Max* for the Craft.

MWB Gary W. Arseneau directed the presentation, He was joined by MWB George S. Greytak, MWB Thomas M. Maxwell, III; and MWB Joseph J. Porco, all members of Hiram Lodge. It was a quite an honor and a treat to have these distinguished brothers at the lodge on the same evening. WB Bob Buntin and WB Larry Baker starred in a fabulous production of the Masonic play.

*(l-r) MWB Gary W. Arseneau, MWB George M. Greytak, MWB Thomas M. Maxwell, MWB Joseph J. Porco, and WM Stephen DelGiudice*





# District 3

Lodges 7, 11, 12, 42, 47, 55, 64, 78



## King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 Marches in Woodbury Memorial Day Parade by Steve Lewis

On May 24, brothers from King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 in Woodbury marched in the Woodbury Memorial Day parade and paid respects to those soldiers who defended American freedoms by making the ultimate sacrifice.

This year, the lodge had the joy of adding two clowns to the festivities. The children along the parade route were delighted. Bros. Josh Dummitt and Joe Mangini donated their time and talent to this event. It was Bro. Mangini's first time, and he did a splendid job.



*(l-r, rear) Bro. Rich Miska, Bro Anthony Migliarese, Bro. Steven Morrone, Bro. Bruce Morrone, Bro. Mark Cohen, Bro. John Stack, and Bro. Dennis Huebner. (l-r, front) Bro. Josh Dummitt and Bro. Joseph Mangini.*

# District 4

Lodges 1, 9, 16, 22, 30, 38, 63, 66, 77, 79, 87, 89, 97, 115, 125, 332, 401, 500



## Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Hosts Celtic Fest by David Cole

On Sunday, June 1, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 in Branford held their first Celtic Festival. Organized by WM Randy Frazier and an untold number of brothers. The festival was held at the Stony Creek Brewery which has a beautiful waterside view. Representatives from Clan Donald and Clan Donnachaidh were present. There was also a representative from The Litchfield Highland Games, Cathy Sutherland.

Vendors included: Metal & Pieces, which by the skillful hand of Melissa, the owner makes handmade jewelry out of bullets and chainmail; The Scotland Shop, which specializes in all Scottish attire has a shop in Edinburgh as well as Albany; Celtic Wares which had a variety of Celtic jewelry, treasures, and gifts, flawlessly run by Evie and her husband. Their knowledge of Celtic wares is equal to none.

Entertainment was provided by a local Irish dancing school, the Brennan-Lucey Irish Dance School from Orange, led by owner Meghan and seven of her students. They did an amazing job and showed amazing courage and skill. One student, Nora, stayed after their performance and danced while Jesse Ofgang, a local bagpiper, played the bagpipes along with his guitarist and singer Steven. Jesse holds a Master's Degree in Scottish music and bagpiping from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Drumkit.

The festival went on for eight hours and numerous brothers and their families attended. All proceeds will benefit local youth sports.

Because it was such a success, Widow's Son Lodge is already planning a bigger and better event for next year.





# Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Celebrates 200th Anniversary

by David Cole

On May 5, 1825, brethren from Branford asked the approval of Hiram Lodge to form a lodge in Branford. Gaining approval, the petition was sent to the Grand Lodge, and on May 12, 1825, the petition was granted, and a Charter was ordered. The new lodge set to work on September 27, 1825. The first Master of Widow's Son Lodge was Merrit Foote (1795-1876) an affiliate of St Albans Lodge No. 38.



On May 17, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 celebrated its 200th Anniversary at the Woodwinds in Branford. The gala was well attended by brothers of the 4th Masonic District, as well as two brothers from Lithuania who were in the United States on business. They had seen news about the event and asked if they could attend. The answer was a resounding "Yes!"

At the gala Bros. Harold Mancusi Ungaro, Jr. and Joe DeRienzo were presented their 50-year pins by RWB Nick Ives. Brother Harold was pinned by his grandson while Bro. Joe was pinned by his granddaughter.



Family and fellowship are alive and well in Branford. Here's to another 200 years!



# Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Represents Masonry at Branford Memorial Day Parade

by David Cole

On Monday, May 26, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 of Branford marched in their town's Memorial Day parade.

*(l-r) Bro. George Zinyecz, WB Richard Memmott, Bro. Isaiah Simmons, Bro. Ray Lafarier, WB Randy Frazier, WB Mike Ganci (St. Albans Lodge No. 38), Bro. Joseph Capozzo, and Bro. Leo Calonico.*





# Trumbull Lodge No. 22 Confers Honorary Membership on Navy Veteran **by Grant Gould**

On May 1, Trumbull Lodge No. 22 of New Haven conferred the title of honorary member on WB Steve Lechner, USN (Ret). WB Steve joined the Navy at the age of 17, embarking on a 33-year career, attaining the rank of Master Chief, and a rating of Master Diver. While stationed at the Groton Submarine Base as Master Diver in the 1980s, he worked closely with the Connecticut State Police Dive Team and was instrumental in their obtaining surface supplied air equipment establishing them as one of the premier dive operations in the country.

He was raised a Master Mason in then-Somerset Lodge No. 34, (now Somerset-St. James) on February 20, 1985. He has maintained his membership since, serving as Junior Warden in 1990, at which point the Navy transferred him away from Connecticut. He is also a Past Master at Key West Lodge in Key West, Florida.

Welcome to Trumbull Lodge, WB Steve.

*MWPGM Marshall K. Robinson presenting the certificate of honorary membership to WB Steven R. Lechner..*



## Ashlar Lodge No. 332 – A Daytime Lodge Alternative **by Garret Post**

Do you ever find it difficult to attend evening lodge meetings? Are you unable to drive at night, do you work an evening shift, or do a million other things interfere with your attendance at your home lodge? Ashlar Lodge No. 332 offers a great solution.

Ashlar Lodge meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the lodge room at Ashlar Village, on the Masonicare Campus, 74 Cheshire Road, Wallingford 06492. This exquisite lodge room is on the ground level of Bridge House at Ashlar Village. The room is worth the visit, but any visit to Freemasonry's campus in Wallingford is a treat.

The meetings are frequently attended by one, two, or three Past Grand Masters, a bevy of Past District Deputies, and Grand Line officers, Past

Masters from all over the state, and at least a half dozen Pierpont Edwards Medal recipients. No other lodge usually hosts as many years of Masonic service as Ashlar Lodge.

Good fellowship is always on the calendar. "Coffee and," is served from 9 a.m. on in the adjoining room. The fellowship shared is worth the trip itself.

Further, a visit to the Grand Lodge office and library, or the Masonicare Health Center, while on campus will round out a day of Masonic experiences.

Call Secretary WB Russ George (203) 258-1088, or Junior Warden WB Gary Post (203) 768-4177 for more information.

## Past Masters Raise Two Brothers at Compass Lodge No. 9

On May 19, Compass Lodge No. 9 was filled with light, legacy, and fraternal pride as the Sublime Degree of Master Mason Degree was conferred upon Bros. David Lawlor and Noah Cutler. The degree was delivered by the lodge's Past Masters, recreating the exact officer line from the year 2015.

This rare reunion of former leaders brought a unique depth and unity to the evening, as each station was filled by a brother who had once guided the lodge through its own season of growth. Their familiarity with the ritual and one another brought a polished precision and heartfelt sincerity that resonated throughout the room.

The degree was a heartfelt celebration of tradition—honoring shared ritual, the wisdom of the Past Masters, and the joy of welcoming two new brothers fully into the Craft.





# Compass Lodge No. 9 Walks with Purpose on Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, the brothers of Compass Lodge No. 9 proudly marched in Wallingford's annual parade, joining fellow citizens in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country. Wearing aprons and with banner in hand, the lodge showed respect, gratitude, and a strong Masonic presence in the heart of the community.

It was more than just a parade. It was a moment to reflect on the freedoms enjoyed and the cost at which they came. Compass Lodge continues to uphold the Masonic values of service and remembrance, and Memorial Day was a chance to express that visibly and meaningfully.



## District 6

Lodges 4, 25, 28, 70, 73, 88, 145, 400



## Baseball and Wedding Vows at Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88! by Pat Jones

### Yard Goats Ball Game in May

It was the bottom of the ninth and the home team was down by 12. Approximately 90 Masons and their significant others from Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 in South Windsor were there at Dunkin' Park to "root, root, root for the home team." The lodge sponsored a night at a Yard Goats baseball game and the response was great. There was a threat of rain on this otherwise beautiful, cool, May night, but nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of this group. Fun, food, and fellowship enlivened a disappointing outcome for the home team. Fireworks followed the game. WM Khamp Phimvongsa "took us out to the ball game" and "no one cared if they never got back."

### A Wedding At The Lodge

On a Saturday morning in May, Bro. Bart Blonstein and Jane Kinsley were joined in marriage at the lodge by WB David Prior, a Justice of the Peace. Bart is the lodge photographer, and he has been a Mason for almost 25 years.

The lodge was the most appropriate site for this joyful service as the two met in the lodge room for the first time a few years ago at an Award's Night. Several years passed before Jane graciously accepted an invitation by the Master of the lodge to teach brothers and their families how to make chocolate candies. At the end of the evening Bart helped Jane load her equipment into her car. They had a great conversation while doing so and exchanged phone numbers. It was "sweet success" when Bart and Jane met for their first date which took place with the Shriner's at the Mystic parade. Bart is a member of the Sphinx Motor Patrol. Many adventures followed. The brothers of Hartford Evergreen Lodge were delighted that they chose the lodge for such an important and happy occasion.

It is well known that Masonry brings people together to make lives better. This was certainly true at Hartford Evergreen this spring.





## Washington Lodge No. 70 News by Patrick J.W. Chagnon

On April 22, Washington Lodge No. 70 had its largest blitz to date visiting Composite Lodge No. 28 in Suffield. Twelve brothers marked an exceptional turnout showcasing the lodge's continued commitment to camaraderie and shared Masonic experiences during their Bicentennial Celebration.

Four days later, on April 26, the lodge enjoyed a reception for newly appointed District Deputy RWB Robert C. Dodge and his Associate Grand Marshall Bro. Jeremy Gaffney. Over 80 family, friends and brothers attended, and the ceremony included presentations by MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., Grand Master, and RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., Grand Senior Warden.

Finally on May 1, Washington Lodge No. 70 organized a blitz and visited Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 in Newington. Six brothers were treated to Sequin-Level Lodge's awards night. There were several 10, 15, and 20-year pin presentations but certainly the most memorable was the 50-year pin presentation to WB Gary F. Lee!



## Brothers of Masonic District 6B Place Flags at East Hartford Hillside Cemetery by Arnie Grot

Brothers from the lodges of Masonic District 6B honored veterans by placing American flags on their graves in the East Hartford Hillside Cemetery on Saturday May 17. WB Don Wills (a member of all three lodges in District 6B) recruited brothers from Columbia Lodge No. 25 and Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88. In addition, three brothers brought their children to teach them this civic lesson.

*(l-r) WB Don Wills, WB Brian Warren and his three children, Bro. Philip Crump and his daughter, WM Deepak Saluru, Bro. Mike Kebayas holding the flag, Bro. Mike McClellan, Bro. Chris Gness and his son.*





# Columbia Lodge No. 25 Celebrates Awards Night by Arnie Grot



*Community Service Award recipient Susan Karp with WM Deepak Saluru.*



*Susan Saluru and husband WM Deepak Saluru, who received the 2025 Daskam-Knott Award.*



*WB Walt Grube Presented Keith Carlough with the 2025 Emerson C. Reed Award for Excellence.*

On Wednesday May 21, Columbia Lodge No. 25 held its Awards Night. MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., RWB Shane Dufresne, RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., RWB Robert Dodge (District Deputy 6B), Bro. Jeremy Gaffney, Jr. (AGM 6B), and WB Donald A. Wills (Past District Lecturer) all attended.

Washington Commandery No. 1, KT presented the Colors, with REPGC Michael Seamon giving the flag speech, PC Arnold Grot carrying the flag and SKs Duane Mason and Louis Lamphear as color guards. WM Saluru then turned the program over to Awards Committee Chairman Erik Roberts.

Bro. Roberts presented the 2025 Community Service Award to Mrs. Susan Karp.

WB Walt Grube presented the Emerson C. Reed Award to Br. Keith Carlough, and the Daskam-Nott Award to WB Deepak Saluru.

Service Pins were presented to Bro. Mark Roscio (10 years), Bros. David LaFargue and David Lockard (15 years), Bros. David Burr and Jon Beatty (20 years), Bro. John Nave (25 years) and Bro. Herbert Grommeck (35 years).

RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., Grand Senior Warden presented a Lewis Jewel to Brother Jesse Gay, which includes the names of his grandfather and great grandfather, who were Masons in Maine, the Trestleboard of Excellence Award to Columbia Lodge, Perfect Ashlar Awards to Bros. Brian Dikun and Jason Felber, and a 50-year pin to Bro. Bruce Hanson.

RWB Heinrich and MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., offered congratulations to all the award recipients, including Community Service Award winner Susan Karp. Susan said she was honored to receive the award and pleased to learn a little bit about the Masons.



*Community Service Award recipient Susan Karp (center) with Marilynn Larson, Margaret Wilcox, Allen Karp, Susan Karp, Julie Thompson, and past recipients Chip Beckett and Lynn Damon.*



*50-year member Bruce Hanson, MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., WM Deepak Saluru, and 35-year member Herb Grommeck.*



*Brian Douglas Dikun, left, and Jason Samuel Felber, right, received Perfect Ashlar Awards from RWB Heinrich.*



*RWB Heinrich presented WM Deepak Saluru with the Trestleboard of Excellence Award.*



*RWB Heinrich presented Jesse Gay with a Lewis Jewel.*



# Columbia Lodge No. 25 Celebrates The Feast of Saint John With a Table Lodge by Arnie Grot

The Feast of Saint John Table Lodge on Wednesday, June 4, at Columbia Lodge No. 25, in South Glastonbury was attended by 32 brothers, with five brothers serving as the kitchen crew. MWB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., RWB F Matthew Heinrich, Jr., RWB John DiCiccio, Jr., WB Jeremy Gaffney, Jr., 6th District Lecturer WB Donald A. Wills and 6th District Associate Grand Almoner Richard E. Berson all attended.

A Table Lodge is an excellent means for building fellowship among brothers and has been celebrated since the ancient days of Masonry. The Feast of St. John, a Masonic holiday, is traditionally celebrated on June 24. It serves as a renewal and strengthening of fraternal ties and functions as a connection between the past and the future. It presents the balanced dualism of John the Baptist on one side and John the Evangelist on the other. Together they represent the balance of passionate zeal and learned knowledge of faith forming a space to reflect on and to channel one's passion as well as one's education/ knowledge. Individually strong, together they stand as a harnessed focus of zeal and knowledge, not just necessary to Freemasonry but to all areas of life.

The lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree in the lodge room and went immediately to refreshment. The brothers gathered downstairs, and the MWB Magliano opened the table lodge. Following the conclusion and closing of the table lodge, lodge brothers returned upstairs to resume labor and close the Columbia Lodge. Many stayed to help clean up.



## District 7

Lodges 2, 43, 51, 81, 95, 112, 119, 131, 151



# Warren Lodge No. 51 Honors Veterans and the Fallen by Jeffrey A. Blayman

Warren Lodge No. 51 in Portland has an annual tradition to honor those who served the country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Organized by RWB James H. Landry, a group of brothers placed more than 150 flags on the graves of fallen veterans in Center Cemetery on Fairview Drive. This simple act of reverence is meant to honor them and express the nation's gratitude.





# District Deputy Celebration in the 7th Masonic District

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

It was a slow, sunny, Sunday morning when family, friends, and brothers from around the state converged on Warren Lodge No. 51 in Portland to honor RWB Michael S. Masselli and WB Robert J. Grismer on their installment as District Deputy and Associate Grand Marshall for Masonic District 7B. After everyone took their seats and numerous Grand Lodge officers were received, Saint Elmo's Commandery No. 9 KT and New Haven Commandery No. 2 KT presented the Colors.

Members of Grand Lodge took turns presenting the brothers with the aprons and jewels of their office. Touching felicitations were offered by friends and brothers, which echoed the sentiments of the assembled guests.

As the ceremonies of the day drew to a close, group pictures were taken, and a celebratory cake was enjoyed during the social hour that followed. It was indeed a fine way to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon



# A Fraternal Feud at Warren Lodge No. 51

by Jeffrey A. Blayman



After dinner at the Portland Ale House, WB Andrew J. Pedro II provided the evening's entertainment at Warren Lodge No. 51. He created an epic educational opportunity by skillfully engineering the Masonic equivalent of Family Feud.

The two youngest brothers in the lodge room picked teams, alternating as in gym class in school and once the teams were assembled each side was given a chance to answer a question. If they failed to do so within 10 seconds, the other team was given a chance to steal.

The questions were designed to elevate knowledge with tests of Masonic literacy, proficiency and the obscure meaning of common Masonic phrases. What started off with quiet consultations among



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team members whispering mouth to ear, evolved into entire teams passionately shouting out answers to beat the 10 second buzzer. As the two teams enjoyed the battle of wits, the game became tied with only one question left to answer. The blue team led by Bro. Richard Galbo emerged victorious as Bro. Brian Gilman's gold team fell short and would live to do battle another day.

To have a "fraternal feud" at your lodge, reach out to:  
WB Andrew J. Pedro II (860) 222-1716.



## District 8

Lodges 10, 31, 34, 57, 102, 116, 150

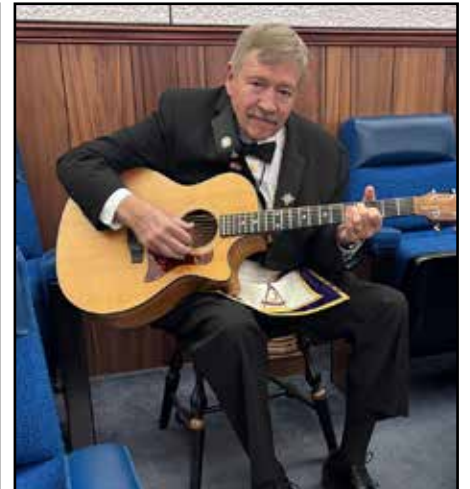


### A Master's Journey – Four Master Masons Raised At Brainard Lodge No. 102 by Jeffrey A. Blayman

On Tuesday, May 27, Brainard Lodge No. 102 in Niantic raised four brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. Dylan Flynn, Matt Dougherty, and Dean Long of Brainard Lodge, and Bro Brian Gilman of Warren Lodge No. 51 were raised by an excellent degree team with a wonderful portrayal of the Master Mason degree.

"The trials and tribulations of becoming a Master Mason are nothing short of transformative but the process of taking a man from his initiation to his raising is as much about the lodge as it is about the candidate," said MWB Theodore J. Nelson, noting the leadership of RWB James A. Moran and RWB Craig E. Pedro who had transformed Brainard Lodge No. 102. RWB Bill Field, Grand Lecturer for District 7 remarked, "It was one of the finest degrees I've ever seen."

The power and proficiency of the brothers portraying their roles was evident as they delivered every line with thoughtful execution. SD Richard Galbo, JD Michael Matovic, and JS Michael Cantwell performed with clear precision and the added emotion and nuance of a well-rehearsed play. The degree was fluent, passionate and with a sense of pride for the fraternity. As WM Craig E. Pedro delivered the obligation with reverence and authority, it was as if everyone present was retaking their solemn vow.



A hearty congratulations is due to the brothers who are the four newest Master Masons, a heartfelt thank you to WM Pedro and the brothers of Brainard Lodge for the hospitality and courtesies of this unforgettable evening.



# Union Lodge No. 31 Celebrates 230th Anniversary

by Greg Webster, Dave Stewart, and Ray Geer

On November 5, 1794, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut granted a dispensation authorizing PM Eliphalet Buckley of Wooster Lodge in Colchester to congregate the brethren of Union Lodge and install their officers. On the following day, November 6, 19 brethren assembled and elected William Richards as Worshipful Master, Elijah Bingham as Senior Warden, and Robert Allyn as Junior Warden. On May 20, 1795, the Grand Lodge assembled in Hartford and granted the full Charter to Union Lodge No. 31.

On the evening of May 22, Union Lodge hosted a very memorable event to commemorate their 230th Anniversary. This night encompassed fine fellowship, fine food, and an excellent presentation on the history of the lodge given by RWB Ray Geer, Historian for Union Lodge.

It was also a memorable, and notable evening, as the gathering was honored to have three very worthy Grand Historians attend, RWB Walter H. Hunt (Grand Lodge of Massachusetts), RWB Ray Geer (Grand Lodge of Rhode Island), and RWB David J. Stewart (Grand Lodge of Connecticut).

It was a fine evening to commemorate this historic milestone for Union Lodge.



(l-r) Bro. Greg Wester, RWB Walter H. Hunt, RWB David J. Stewart, RWB Ray Geer, and MWB Theodore J. Nelson.



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# District 9

Lodges 15, 24, 46, 60, 69, 110, 113, 122



## A Past Master Returns to Putnam Lodge No. 46

by Robert Eubanks

Saturday, May 10, was a special day at Putnam Lodge No. 46 in Putnam. Several weeks earlier WB Barry Shead and Bro. Chris Bowen visited WB Dana Basto at a nearby nursing facility. WB Basto was happy to greet his brothers and although he had been away from lodge for many years, he still held the fraternity dear to his heart.

WB Dana expressed his deep desire to return to lodge one more time. It would be quite an undertaking, as he had mobility issues. Bro. Bowen arranged the visit. He arranged transportation by ambulance, the appropriate medical safety protocols, and obtained the permission of both WB Dana's family and the nursing facility staff for the day's visit.

Although WB Dana hadn't been in lodge for many years, he was still familiar with the procedures. The lodge hadn't changed much since 1977 when he sat in the oriental chair. The brothers welcomed him with open arms, and there was a deep sense of friendship, fraternity, and brotherly love throughout the event. It was heartwarming for the members, and they were very appreciative of WB Basto.

It was a day to remember, and a great day of Masonic fellowship!



“When the British retreated after a skirmish in the revolutionary war, American troops found Masonic regalia and a book of constitutions left in the encampment the British had abandoned. General Washington himself returned the Masonic artifacts to the British troops, under a flag of truce, accompanied by an escort and a guard of honor.”

— Steven L. Harrison, *Freemasons: Tales From The Craft*







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