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Grand Masters Day, Summer Solstice, Lazy Afternoons.... by Francis G. Way

*Summertime's here babe, need something to keep
you cool...* -- Van Halen

I would hazard a guess that if you asked most people back in the winter, when Mother Nature was dumping 17+ inches of snow on Connecticut, they would have said summer would never come. But, almost in the blink of an eye, summer is here and in session. The solstice was a little over a week ago, flipping the globe's axis and starting the journey back to shorter daylight hours, longer nights, and colder temperatures (but not all that fast, thank goodness). Astronomical summer has begun, and that will keep things warm for a good while. In Connecticut, that warmth comes with humidity, or as one Las Vegas weatherman put it: "air you can wear." Stay cool, brothers!

Before the Solstice occurred, the Craft in Connecticut enjoyed one of the highlights of the year – Grand Masters Day. It's truly a day for the fraternity to put their best foot forward, entertain the residents at Masonicare, and enjoy the fellowship and fun times of a good old-fashioned summer picnic, parade, and fair all rolled into one. I could make this entire article all about Grand Masters Day, but

a wise man once said "a picture is worth 1,000 words." As we have a plethora of photos from that day (perhaps not 1,000 but many, many) I will let them describe a great day.

Summer is noted for lazy afternoons, vacations, and outdoor activities. Lodge officers should especially make sure that their newest brothers and their families are included in all the great summer activities the lodge has planned. If a brother's family feels welcomed, that brother will be much more likely to remain and participate in the lodge.

And before you know it, August will give way to September, and Worshipful Masters will realize that they've rounded the final turn and are in the home stretch to the end of their term. It can be a surreal feeling that something so long planned can be so fleeting.

Until then, on behalf of all of us at Grand Lodge Publications, have a wonderful, safe, and enjoyable summer taking advantage of every warm and sunny day. There is no August edition, so as the old song says, we'll "see you in September."



Grand Masters Day

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Left to right: Brother and Private Josh Weiner, Captain John Calabrese and Sgt. Al Patterson of the Litchfield Artillery Company kick-started the parade with a canon blast.

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**CALL TO THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE
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October 17, 2026**

The 2026 Regular Semi-Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut will be held in the auditorium of **The Hartog Activities Center at Ashlar Village on the Masonicare Campus in Wallingford, Connecticut, on Saturday, October 17, 2026.** You will need to follow the instructions of the Security Staff for parking. You may enter from either Cheshire Road or from Masonic Avenue. Bus transportation will be provided as necessary. **Please note that the Masonicare Campus is a 100% smoke-free facility.**

The formal opening will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Recommended arrival time is 8:00 a.m. Please note it is anticipated that the session may run slightly beyond noon, but it will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

This **Regular Communication** is called for the purpose of electing Grand Lodge Officers for the year 2027. In addition, we will receive certain committee reports, act on any legislative changes that may be for consideration, and other issues, time permitting, as directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Shane Dufresne. Section 8203 of our Masonic Law does permit action on changes to the Rules and Regulations which are raised from the floor or motions presented in Committee Reports at the meeting without prior notice to the craft.

The Pending legislation items may be published in the September 2026 issue of CT Freemasons. Please bring the appropriate reference material with you to the meeting. Limited copies will be available. The current committee reports (October 2026) will be posted on the Grand Lodge membership system (Grand View).

Registration of delegates will begin at 8:00 a.m. **All Brothers attending must present a 2026 paper or virtual dues card upon entering the tiled lodge.** All voting delegates must register at the registration table. Registration will be by Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

Should you not be able to attend in person as a principal officer of your Lodge or should you wish to proxy your vote representing your Lodge so you can vote on your own behalf, if eligible, please fill out a proxy form that will be mailed to you under separate cover. If your proxy form is not properly filled out and signed by you, it will not be accepted at the session. Each officer, or his proxy, should bring the appropriate Apron and Jewel of his respective office. Sections 2300 and 2301 of our Rules and Regulations state that a Roll of Lodges will occur early in the opening of the session. **Proxy forms will be emailed directly to the lodge officers.**

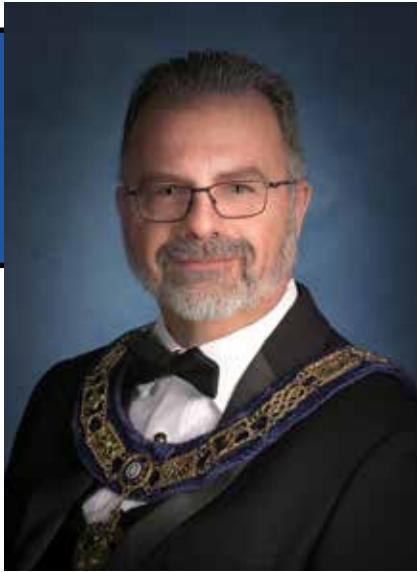
With my fraternal best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Anderson".

James M. Anderson
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Wallingford, Connecticut

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Grand Master's Message

by MWB Shane Dufresne

Summer is now in full swing. The picnics, cookouts, family gatherings, and vacations have begun. Because it is the 250th anniversary of our country, there will undoubtedly be more fireworks displays, which will likely be a little more grandiose. It is a time to reflect on our history and how far we have come in a short time to be one of the best countries in the world. A good part of that is because of Masons.

Among the notable Masons who signed the Constitution were George Washington and Ben Franklin, along with 11 other brothers. Nine Masons signed the Declaration of Independence. Among the notable were Franklin and John Hancock. Other early Masons like Paul Revere and John Marshall, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, had a huge impact on the forming of our country.

There are 14 confirmed Masons who were President of the United States. Automobile founders Henry Ford and Walter Chrysler were brothers. Business icons Dave Thomas (Wendy's), James Cash Penney (J.C. Penney), Colonel Harland Sanders (Kentucky Fried Chicken), Rowland Hussey Macy (Macy's), King C. Gillette (Gillette Razors), Steve

Wozniak (co-founder of Apple), Samuel Colt (Colt Firearms) and Frank G. Hoover (Hoover Vacuums) all knelt at the altar.

We have been entertained through the years by brothers Bud Abbott, John Wayne, Clark Gable and Ernest Borgnine, Richard Pryor, Peter Sellers, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Gene Autry and Brad Paisley.

We cheered on John Elway, Shaquille O'Neal, Arnold Palmer, Scottie Pippen, Ty Cobb, and hockey player Tim Horton (also founder of Hortons coffee franchise), Sugar Ray Robinson, and Jack Dempsey in their respective sports.

The point of this small list of prominent Freemasons, many of whom you were already familiar with, is to show that we were here before the formation of our country as we now know it and continue on till today. The first lodge, St. John's Lodge, was chartered on July 30, 1733, in Boston, Massachusetts. Here in Connecticut, Hiram Lodge No. 1 was chartered on November 12, 1750. Through this country's short history, we have been guided by great men in all fields. The lodge name or number doesn't matter. It's the work we do in our community and helping our brothers and the women in our fraternity.

A great example of this is something I recently learned from being part of the 200th anniversary of Hartford-Evergreen Lodge No. 88. The Grand Lodge officers were invited to do a rededication of their lodge in the afternoon. Afterward, we all gathered to continue the celebration with a program and dinner at the La Notte Banquet facility in East Windsor. As always, the best part was

being with brothers and their ladies, enjoying each other's company. But, through their history program, I also got a glimpse of how Hartford-Evergreen Lodge came to be over the years. I learned that Manchester Lodge No. 73, Hartford Lodge No. 88, Lafayette Lodge No. 100, Oriental Lodge No. 111, and Evergreen Lodge No. 114 all eventually came together to form Hartford-Evergreen Lodge.

I'm sure it was no easy task. There was no doubt that there were plenty of conversations, negotiations, and compromises. Understandably, brothers become sentimentally attached to their home lodge. But when Masonry started, we met in bars, restaurants, taverns, the Master's house, or some other "non-Masonic" building. At the end of the day, it's not the name on the building, the building itself, nor the number assigned to the lodge that defines who or what Masonry is all about. It's about the work we do. Hartford-Evergreen Lodge No. 88 is the perfect example. Over time, brothers from five lodges eventually came together. They do great work in their community; they look after one another and celebrate the women. I commend those brothers for subduing their passions and deciding what they thought was for the betterment of the fraternity. This is who we are. This is what we do.

May you all have a happy and safe summer. Don't forget to tend to your gardens, both the flowers and vegetables, but also our EAs, FCs, and new MMs. (See June's GM message.)

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Shane Dufresne
Grand Master 2026



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My Brothers, Family, and Friends,

June,1 2026

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 the 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 that 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,

Shane Dufresne
M.W. Grand Master 2026

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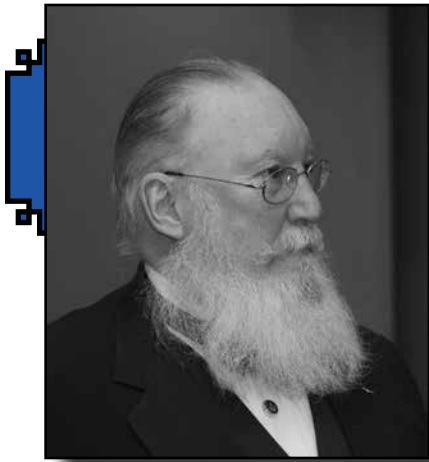
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The Grand Chaplain's Message

by WB Harold A. (Hal) Elwell

This month we have reached the focal point of our semiquincentennial celebration. "Semiquincentennial." It

sounded odd the first time I heard the word, but it sums up where we are pretty nicely. We, the United States, have attained our 250th birthday. Half (semi) of five (quin) hundred years (centennial). July 4, 1776, to July 4, 2026.

Many countries and empires lasted a lot longer. Consider the Chinese, Babylonian, Indian, or Egyptian cultures, but others have been short-lived, like that of Alexander the Great (only decades) or Austria-Hungary (roughly 50 years). Some scholars (John Bagot Glubb) have pegged the average lifespan of an empire at 250 years. Given the wide range of longevities, I'd like to consider semiquincentennial to be optimistic for us. I see it as indicating that we are halfway to a five-hundred-year celebration. I am hopeful that we, as a country, can achieve this, and that we as a fraternity can be instrumental in making it happen.

I know that much of what I am about to say has already been said before, within these pages and by others wiser than me, but I believe it bears repeating. We can't be reminded too often of who we are, what we stand for, and what we are capable of. When our country was founded 250 years ago, it was influenced greatly by the principles of Freemasonry, with many Masons among the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. Since our beginning, we have been seen as an experiment in democracy and have grown and evolved into a model for all to emulate. We have become the city on the hill described in the Sermon on the Mount. The example that can't be hidden. Not only are we visible on the symbolic hill, but we are also lit from within by the light that is not to be hidden under a bushel.

To extend the analogy, the United States is the city, and Freemasonry is the lamp. We have been exhorted to "Be the Light." As individuals, we make this happen when we honor and live up to our Masonic obligations and charges. Collectively, we can provide the direction required to reach our potential.

Mixing my metaphors, beautiful crystals can be grown from a saturated solution, but they need a surface or a seed to grow on. Our Masonic precepts provide that seed, but they must be

introduced to the general public in order to develop a crystal like the United States. It is up to us to ensure that Freemasonry is seen as a foundation or framework upon which to build our future.

Unfortunately, not all crystals grow successfully. Sometimes, imperfections develop in the solution. On our recent tour of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we were told that some of the lodge rooms contain intentionally designed flaws. The purpose is to point out that no matter how hard we try, we are human, and mistakes will be made. In the vast room that we were visiting, the design on the floor was divided into hundreds of squares, all but one of which has a star in each corner. There is one with only three stars, while all the rest have four. The difference is hardly noticeable, but when pointed out, it provides a stark reminder that while we may and should strive for perfection, it is an impossible goal to achieve. There will always be room for improvement. Our country has not been perfect, but just as each Mason labors to transform the rough ashlar of his character, throughout our history, we as Freemasons have recognized our nation's flaws and worked diligently to correct its shortcomings and lead us forward on our path toward our highest ideals.

In closing, let me offer a toast to our semiquincentennial. With gratitude to the Almighty for supporting us, guiding us and granting us 250 years of amazing history; and with hope and confidence that with continued Divine inspiration our fraternity will be the seed upon which the future of our country, and even the world will grow, may we continue to be that light which will be the beacon leading us through the second 250 years to the celebration of our glorious full quincentennial. Cheers brothers!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!



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Grand Historian's Corner

Bro. David J. Stewart

It's Only Two Seconds

Did you know that it only takes two seconds to extend a hand to someone? Two seconds is such a small amount of time that most people consider it insignificant. Yet throughout history, lives have been changed, hearts have been healed, and destinies have been altered in moments shorter than two seconds.

We have all witnessed people moving through life as though they have never experienced hardship, disappointment, loneliness, or struggle. Yet every person carries a burden that may not be visible. Sometimes all that is needed is that simple little gesture. Two seconds to offer a handshake and ask, "Are you doing okay?" Two seconds to pull a dollar from your pocket and help someone in need. A small act of kindness may be forgotten by the giver but remembered for a lifetime by the receiver.

The Good Samaritan did not need a lengthy committee meeting before helping the wounded or the troubled traveler. He simply stopped, saw a need, and acted, while others who passed by had the same opportunities to help but chose not to. The Samaritan's decision likely took only a moment, a brief lean toward compassion instead of indifference – a touch that healed, a word of encouragement, even a look restored hope. The lesson is clear; the Grand Architect often works through ordinary people willing to take a few seconds to care.

In Freemasonry, we are taught Relief, Brotherly Love, and Truth, Faith, Hope, and Charity, among others. Relief is not always measured by the size of a gift but often by the willingness of the heart. The distressed brother may not need a large sum of money. He may simply need to know that someone cares. The widow may not need a speech. She may need a phone call. The young Mason may not need a lecture but just encouragement. A lonely brother may not need advice, but simply companionship. Freemasonry teaches us to be builders, not merely of structures, but of people. Every kind word, every helping hand, and every act of compassion delivers and places another stone in that spiritual temple we are all building.

With a two-second lean, consider these thoughts: Every great act of service begins with a lean. Before a man extends his hand, he leans. With that, he embraces a friend, comforts a widow, or assists a brother. That lean represents a choice. A choice to move toward someone rather than away from them, a choice to care rather than ignore, choosing to serve rather than stand idle. The difference between indifference and compassion is often no more than a two-second lean.

Every day we encounter opportunities to make a similar impact upon others: a kind word, a helping hand, a smile, a moment of encouragement. Those little things require only seconds, yet their influence may echo for years.

When you began your journey, you were instructed to give three knocks on a barrier that you met but could not see. In Freemasonry, it only takes two seconds and three knocks to change a life. Your knocks upon the door symbolize more than a request for admission; they represent a desire for light, knowledge, and self-improvement. But the lessons learned will last a lifetime.

The world does not always need grand gestures; it simply needs men willing to lean toward kindness, charity, better understanding, your family, and your brothers. Lean toward those who are struggling in silence; it only takes two seconds to make a difference.

Just as the three knocks that began your Masonic journey that lasts a lifetime, your two-second lean may be the very thing that changes someone else's life forever. May we never be too busy, too proud, or too distracted to take those two seconds. Because sometimes the smallest gesture carries the greatest weight.



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From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

I was in Southern California last month for the annual conference of the Masonic Communities and Services Association (MCSA), a national group of Masonic-sponsored human service organizations and charities, of which Masonicare is a member. The event was hosted by the Masonic Homes of California.

On the first day of the conference, everyone was shuttled out to the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center in Irvine, CA, for dinner and a tour of a two-level museum containing one of the largest Shelby car collections in the world ... including quite a few Mustangs. As a Mustang owner myself, I was in heaven. The museum and everything in it, from the cars to the vintage gas pumps and signage, are owned by Bro. Ted Segerstrom, a 32nd Degree Mason, and his wife, Rae, who is also a member of the Masonic Family. If you're ever in the area, I encourage you to check it out.

What I heard over the course of the three-day conference reaffirmed for me that Masonicare is a leader and an innovator. You should be proud to know that we are a shining star, providing guidance and inspiration to other Masonic-affiliated providers in the senior care industry.

Masonicare's Chief Financial Officer, David Lawlor, joined me and Terry Quigley, CEO of the Masonic Homes of California, for a conversation about how two legacy organizations – Masonicare and United Methodist Homes – sparked up a relationship that culminated with last year's historic merger. We talked about how mission-based organizations need to adapt, evolve, and collaborate to position themselves for long-term success in a rapidly changing industry. Ann Collette, Masonicare's Chief of Strategy, and Kimberly Magalhaes, Vice President of Residential and At Home Services, were also guest speakers at an event that was a great showcase for all the good that Masonicare is doing in our industry and for Masonry.

I want to thank everyone who joined us in Wallingford for the Grand Masters Day Family Festival, including Most Worshipful Grand Master Shane Dufresne, the Honorable Daniel L. Blackmon, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, F. & A.M., all the Grand Lodge officers, and other members of the Masonic Family. And, as always, I hope you'll join me in acknowledging Rev. and RWB Carl Anderson, Masonicare's Vice President for Fraternal Relations, for all his hard work in organizing this year's event.

I would also like to congratulate the Complementary Therapists at Masonicare Hospice on receiving the Connecticut Home Care Association's HEART Award for their work in creating the hospice

art show, "Completing the Journey: The Art of Hospice Care." This traveling art exhibit, which debuted at Masonicare Health Center and is now moving to each of our communities, captures how hospice care can positively impact our patients near end of life. It includes artwork created with, for, or inspired by hospice patients, as well as photographs of our Complementary Therapists working with patients to create artwork, receive massage, and connect through music. The art show received coverage in the Hartford Courant and on WTNH, among other news outlets.

While visiting Masonicare at Greenridge Place in Rocky Hill recently to present a pair of ICARE employee recognition awards, I was struck by something one of our honorees, Receptionist Elaine Hinds, said when we surprised her with the award.

"Change can be scary," Elaine said, "and we didn't know what to think when Masonicare bought Greenridge Place. But we are so happy here."

It shows. There's a feeling that people get when they walk through the doors of a Masonicare community – a feeling of belonging. Team members like Elaine make that possible every day by treating everyone with kindness and respect, from the longtime resident to the private duty aide visiting for the first time.

It's a reminder that for all the great attention Masonicare is receiving in the media and across our industry, it's the commitment to our mission and each other that drives our success.

Yours fraternally,



Jon-Paul Venoit



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Masonicare's Kevin Currie

Manager of Sales Kevin Currie today and (below) moving into his assisted living apartment at Ashlar Village in August 2017

Masonicare's Students-in-Residence program began in 2016 as a partnership with nearby Quinnipiac University that places undergraduate or graduate students to live in an independent, assisted living, or memory care community for an academic year.

Designed to help fill a growing need for young professionals to work in senior services, bridge generational gaps, and reduce age discrimination on all sides, the program has since expanded to include the University of Hartford and the University of New Haven.

One of the earliest Students-in-Residence, Kevin Currie, returned to Masonicare at Ashlar Village in April as the new Manager of Sales for Assisted Living.

"I love getting to be a face of

the organization," Kevin said from the Private Dining Room at Pond Ridge, the assisted living community he called home during the 2017-18 academic year. "I love what I'm doing. I really believe in what we do at Masonicare. I've believed in it since I first walked in here almost 10 years ago."

Kevin was pursuing his MBA at Quinnipiac when he received an email from the school teasing the opportunity to receive free housing for a year.

"It sounded too intriguing to pass up," he recalled.

After submitting his



application, he was invited to Ashlar Village for an interview. He remembers how a Masonicare staff member introduced him to a group of residents, then took a step back to watch and listen.

Comes Full Circle

This, it turned out, was the interview. And Kevin nailed it.

"I love talking to people," he said. "It just comes naturally to me. Speaking to those residents felt just like speaking to my grandmother, who lived with us for the last 10 years of her life and was a big influence on me. I enjoy that camaraderie, listening to their stories, learning about their life experiences."

Kevin felt right at home at Pond Ridge, balancing his studies with planning and leading activities with the assisted living residents who were now his neighbors. He incorporated music whenever possible, earning major street cred by being the rare Millennial who has actually heard of Lawrence Welk.

"It was an incredible, life-changing experience," he said. "I had these two neighbors. One was 103 and the other was 99. They would Uber out to different places. It blew me away how they didn't let age - a number - deter them from staying active."

Kevin's year in residence would ultimately set him on a new career trajectory. He went on to gain valuable experience at a skilled nursing facility in West Hartford and an assisted living community on Long Island. He returned to Masonicare with a deeper understanding of where assisted living fits in the broader continuum of care.

"What I tell prospective residents and their adult children is that this isn't a

place to just live out your remaining years," he said.

"It's a place to thrive. And you can't fully appreciate that until you experience it."

Which, of course, he has. ■

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Frequently Asked Questions About Publication Changes to Connecticut Freemasons

What Is Changing?

The paper is moving to a hybrid publishing model: Six issues will be hard copy (Jan., March, May, June, Sept., Nov.) and five will be digital-only (Feb., Apr., July, Oct., Dec.). This is part of a 3-year plan to eventually go all digital. This was voted at the Annual Session and has since been announced at recent Blue Lodge Council meetings.

Why This Change?

Printing and mailing costs are the biggest expense for the paper and have gone up exponentially in recent years. Moving to a digital-only model will allow for all the same great and timely content 11 months a year without the printing and mailing expenses.

How Can I Access The Digital Issues?

All issues (all the way back to 2007 – nearly 20 years!) are available online at <https://ctfreemasons.net/ct-freemasons-magazine/>. Just scroll past the Booster Form at the top of that page. The most recent issue will post to that page on, or just before, the 1st of the month.

Issues are in PDF format and can be downloaded to your computer, phone, or tablet. A phone app is also coming soon to allow even easier reading.

If you have a valid email on file with Grand Lodge (in Grand View), the issue will be emailed to you when it is available. **Make sure you update your email in Grand View or speak with your lodge secretary, who can help you ensure you have an up-to-date email address.**

What Are The Advantages of Publishing Digitally?

Aside from cost, there are several other advantages.

While the PDF can be printed after download (we'd hope you'd save a few trees and not do that), if reading on a computer, phone or tablet, the file can be zoomed in. Readers who have issues with font size can easily scale up the print to enable comfortable reading.

And issues that are digital only are not necessarily bound by the 4-page rule. Printed issues must have page counts divisible by four (32, 36, 40, 44) to accommodate printing. Digital issues are not bound by such rules, so it will be less necessary to hold over articles that might not fit in a given month.

Finally, issues can be shared with anyone just by emailing it. Have a brother from another jurisdiction that might be interested in seeing what your lodge did? Email them a copy. Have a friend who might be interested in joining the fraternity? Email them a copy – we specifically try to avoid giving too much information about degrees or secret work, as anything publicly published can usually be read by anyone.

Are Submission Deadlines or Guidelines Changing?

No. All submissions are still due by the 10th of the month before publication (i.e., June 10 for the July issue).

All submissions should be via email to submissions@ctfreemasons.net. The written content should be in .docx or .txt format, attached to the email (**NOT WRITTEN IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL**). All photos should be in .jpg or .png format, at the highest resolution possible, and attached to the email.

Photo captions, if provided, should be at the bottom of the written content .docx or .txt file.

Why Eleven Issues, Why Not Fewer Issues by U.S. Mail?

Over the years we have heard time and again from brothers all over the state that the lodge news (along with Craft At Labor/Refreshment) is the most important part of the paper for them. Timely lodge news would not be possible in a quarterly publication or even a bimonthly publication – we've surveyed all the quarterly Grand Lodge publications across the U.S., and very few of them have lodge news, and if they do, it is minimal and often outdated. And while some savings would be realized in printing and mailing costs by going quarterly, it would still be a large amount of expense.

The *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper is unique in the U.S., both in the frequency of publication and the amount of content in each issue. While two or three Grand Lodges have monthly publications, they are small, and often more of an events calendar publication than any real news. Connecticut stands alone in frequency and amount of content.

More Questions?

Just ask. We always enjoy hearing from those who read the *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper, whether it be good (we love it), the bad (we'll try to address it), or just questions (we'll always try to answer them).



MASTER THE PASSIONS

by John A. Amarilios, membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

As the summer rolls on, the long days and typically slower pace of life provide us with additional opportunities to implement Masonic science into our daily lives. It is also an excellent time to join our brothers in rest and relaxation and take advantage of the many Family Life events the Consistory organizes for its members!

- August 7: our semi-annual Cigar Night at the Stamford Cigar Bar.
- August 9: the opera Tosca at the Morgan School in Clinton, followed by dinner at the Café Allegre in Madison.
- August 15: annual Clambake picnic in Orange.
- September 12: annual installation dinner at the Riverview Bistro in Stratford.

For more details, payments, and reservations, please contact the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.

Fall degrees will start on the evening of Monday, September 28, as the 6th Degree will be performed live, followed by a video rendition of the 7th Degree. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. at the Shrine next door. Please check the adjacent ad for additional dates and degrees later this season!



The work we are asked to undertake at the time one becomes an Entered Apprentice centers around the subduing of the passions. This is a huge undertaking and requires an understanding of how one might actually do this. Emotions and passions are wild beasts within and require a steady will to overcome them. As in all endeavors that are difficult to achieve, parsing the entire problem can lead the candidate seeking to accomplish this work to a systematic and successful outcome.

Bro. Piers A. Vaughan recently translated Gérard Encausse's *Elementary Treatise on Practical Magic*, where Encausse spends considerable time discussing the issues related to will and self-control. He uses an illustration of a Hansom cab, a horse, and a driver. If the goal is to move the Hansom cab from point A to point B, clearly the driver cannot do so alone. He must use the brute muscular power of the horse and control that power through the proper use of the reins by which he can stop, start, and direct the action of the horse's brute force.

In this example, the driver represents the principle of intelligence and human will; it governs the entire effort toward a desired goal and, as such, is known as the directing principle. The cab is inert and mindless, seen as the driving principle. The horse represents energy and, in essence, is an intermediary that is obedient to the driver and acts upon the cab in accordance with the driver's directing principle. Energy is employed by the directing principle to accomplish this goal – that of moving the cab to point B.

We can now subdivide the driver into two categories: if the driver is an impulsive man, he obeys the first impulse in response to a change in

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his environment. The horse is unleashed without intention. If he is a reasoning man, he reflects before acting, and his act is a manifestation of a thought or judgment and not of an idea or sensation. He has not let go of the reins but continues to direct the horse with intention.

Let's say someone slaps you in the face or verbally denigrates you in front of others. The impulsive man will typically instantly react, trading slap for slap or some other form of lashing out before reflecting otherwise. The reasoning man controls his impulse to react, hands out his card, and establishes witnesses to the affront which just took place.

If you, as a driver of a Hansom cab, intend to reach a destination of light consciousness (or any other material goal or destination), you must intentionally transform yourself from an impulsive man to a reasoning man.

Our Entered Apprentice degree sadly only alludes to this exact process. This process requires that the candidate develop within himself a desire to elevate his consciousness and then direct the attendant emotions which are engendered by daily life. While all this might appear simple and intuitive, I suspect many of our candidates have not reasoned or thought through the process on their own. If there is one instruction which is difficult but invaluable to the quality of life of all our members, it is to learn to subdue the passions and to leave the impulsive man behind, donning the mantle of the reasoning man.

FIAT LUX!

WB Glenn E. Studwell Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze



WB Glenn Edward Studwell was born on June 10, 1954, to RWB Edward and Vivian Studwell in Port Chester, New York. His siblings are Lynne Giesing and Margaret Matzdorff. His family moved to Groton, and WB Glenn attended Norwich Regional Technical High School, graduating in 1973 with training in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

He began his career at Pfizer in its Engineering Department and worked there for 32 years. He left Pfizer and worked for an HVAC contractor on the Naval Submarine Base in Groton for three years before retiring.

During his high school years, WB Glenn joined the Center Groton Fire Department at age 16. During his volunteer years at Center Groton, he served as a Lieutenant, Engineer, Captain, and finally as Deputy Chief. He was selected as the company's Firefighter of the Year twice.

WB Glenn married his wife, Patty, and they have two daughters, Nicholle and Meagan, and four grandchildren.

WB Glenn was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on January 20, 1976, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 17, 1976, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 16, 1976, all in Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72 in Mystic. He helped charter Purity Lodge No. 150 on May 8, 2014, serving as its Senior Warden. In December 2014, WB Glenn was elected as Worshipful Master of Purity Lodge and served in the East for 2015, 2020, and 2021. He currently serves as Junior Warden.

In addition to Purity Lodge, WB Glenn is a member of Union Lodge No. 31 (serving as Marshal), Brainard Lodge No. 102, and Wooster Lodge No. 10 (serving as Chaplain).



WB Glenn is a Senior DeMolay and a member of the Sphinx Shrine. He personally contributes his time to supporting the 8th District Food Share/Packaging Programs, the various food drives in the district, the annual district Thanksgiving breakfasts, and the food booth at the North Stonington Fair, run by the Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich.

WB Glenn faithfully and honorably served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as an Associate Grand Marshal for the 8th Masonic District from November 21, 2013, to April 13, 2015.

In recognition of his service to our fraternity, his lodges and community, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut is pleased to present Brother Glenn E. Studwell the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for distinguished Masonic service.



RWB Jonathan E. Wilson Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze



RWB Jonathan Wilson was born on August 14, 1960, to Hartwell and Michie Wilson in Hanford, California. He is the third of four children. An Air Force family, they moved to Hawaii when Jonathan was a year old, then New Mexico at age three. He stayed in New Mexico until age 18, when he moved to Texas. There for two years, he joined the Navy and was sent to San Diego, California, for boot camp and initial training in electronics before transferring to Groton for Submarine School and Advanced Electronics and Gun/Torpedo Fire Control Training.

Upon graduation from Submarine School, Jon was promoted to the grade of 3rd class petty officer and reported for duty aboard the USS Queenfish (SSN 651) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. What followed was an illustrious 21-year career where he was assigned to the USS Pargo (SSN 650), Mobile Technical Unit FOUR as a fleet troubleshooting technician, USS Archerfish (SSN 678) all in Groton, the Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Team in Norfolk, Virginia as an Atlantic Fleet tactics and weapons handling instructor and inspector, and back to Submarine School in Groton, to be the contracting officer's representative, where he retired from the Navy in March 2000, as a Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In the summer of 1989, while stationed on the Pargo, Jon became certified as an Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter; he is still currently certified and active. He joined the Chesterfield Fire Company in Montville and, after moving to Groton, the Center Groton Fire

Company. While stationed onboard the Archerfish, he assisted the ship's Hospital Corpsman to train a team of crew members to become certified in basic first aid and CPR to be first responders as backup assistants to the corpsman. In 2014, Jon joined the Mystic River Ambulance Association as an EMT and driver. He has subsequently been elected to their Board of Directors, additionally serving as Treasurer, and celebrated over 36 years as an EMT.

Always civic-minded, Jonathan has served as a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader, an officer of multiple parent/teacher organizations, a founding officer of a military youth sports organization, and was elected to two terms as a member of the Groton Representative Town Meeting, the final town government budget-approval group. He also assisted numerous organizations with filing for and receiving IRS 501(c) (3) non-profit determination.

Jon married the love of his life, Donna, on July 25, 1992. He has a son, Christopher, three daughters, Jennifer, Samantha, and Cathryn, and five grandchildren.

RWB Wilson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on June 13, 2003, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on September 16, 2003, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 21, 2003, all in the former Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72 in Mystic (now part of Coastal Lodge No. 57). Moving quickly through the chairs due to necessity, he was installed as Worshipful Master of Coastal Lodge on January 13, 2007. After completing a successful year as Master, he was elected to serve on the temple corporation, where he was instrumental in obtaining, installing, and training other brothers to use automated external defibrillators (AEDs). He helped charter Purity Lodge No. 150 on May 8, 2014, serving as its Junior Warden. In December 2015, RWB Jon was elected as Worshipful Master of Purity Lodge and



served in the East for 2016. He currently serves as Secretary. He is Secretary and a Trustee of Estuary Lodge No. 43.

He is a member of Sachem Chapter No. 57, Order of the Eastern Star and the Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich, having served as Sovereign Prince of Van Rensselaer Council and Thrice Potent Master of Solomon Lodge of Perfection.

He is a member of the National Sojourners, Incorporated chapters Narragansett Bay No. 14 in Rhode Island, Hartford No. 56 and New London No. 58 in Connecticut, West Point/Knickerbocker No. 13 and Long Island No. 87 in New York. His participation with the National Sojourners goes beyond being a member of five chapters. First appointed Regional Representative for Connecticut by its National President in September 2010, Brother Jon was relieved of Connecticut to be appointed Regional Representative

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RWB Jonathan E. Wilson Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze continued from page 15

for Rhode Island in February 2011 and then concurrently Area Representative for Southern New England in January 2013. The Area Representative position locally represents the National Officers and oversees Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Southern New York. RWB Jon continues to serve in this capacity.

RWB Jon faithfully and honorably served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as Associate Grand Marshal for District 7A from April 2011 to March 2012, Associate Grand Marshal 7B from September 2011 to April 2013, District Deputy 7B from November 2013 to April 2015, and Special District Deputy at Large for District 8 from July 2023 to April 2024. His appointment as a Special District Deputy was made to allow him to assist the Deputies and lodges with the Blue Wave. He provided training on Blue Wave information related to inquiries, Grand View operations, and other issues that arose. He continues to offer aid to other District Deputies who have issues with Grand View operations.

RWB Jonathan has served on the Grand Lodge Child ID, Sessions, Action Programs, Membership and Retention, EMR, and E-Communications committees. While on the Child ID committee, in the early years of the CHIP program (as it was called then), Brother Jonathan served as the equipment quartermaster for

the 8th District. It was his responsibility to ensure the equipment was operational, supplies were kept stocked, and to provide training to the volunteers (brothers, sisters, and others) on all the equipment and processes of the program. He often towed the trailer of equipment and supplies (which was bigger than the Dodge Neon he drove) to various sites in southeastern Connecticut for the events.

He served as Assistant to the Grand Master from April 2025 until April 2026. He assisted in the maintenance of the Grand Master's calendar and ensured multiple lines of communication were available for the Grand Master. He was also appointed to the Membership Task Force to assist with vetting and handling Blue Wave inquiries that had been resurrected from the lost contact category to become viable Entered Apprentice candidates.

In recognition of his life of service to his country, community, our fraternity, and his lodges, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut is pleased to present Right Worshipful Brother Jonathan Eric Wilson the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for distinguished Masonic service.

Fraternal Visit to Muncy Lodge No. 299 in Pennsylvania

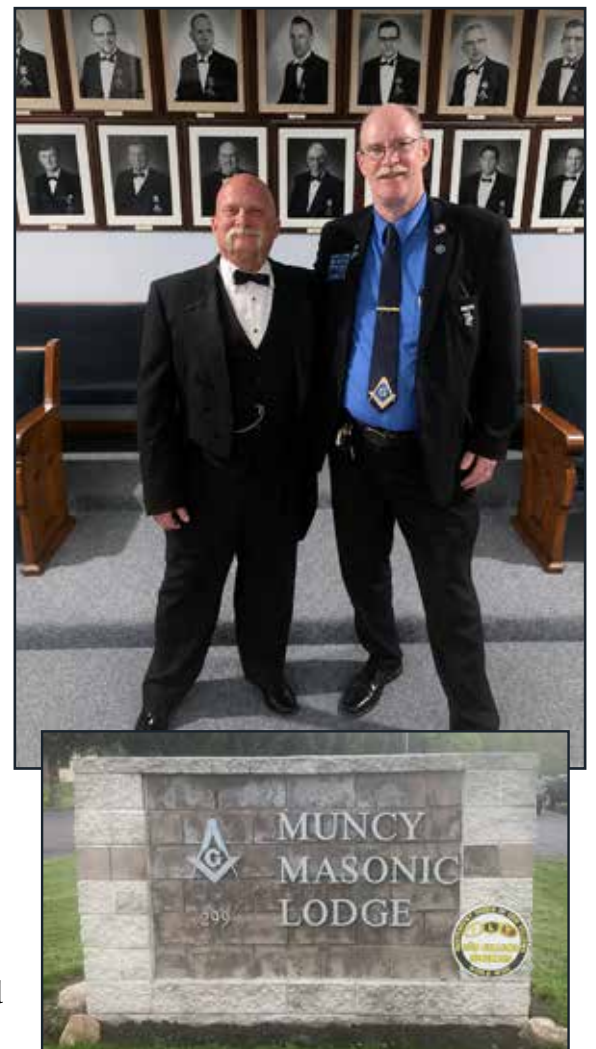
by Greg Webster

I recently took the opportunity to visit Muncy Lodge No. 299 while on a short trip to see family in Pennsylvania.

The evening began with a hearty meal in an open family-style gathering. During this meeting, the lodge awarded scholarships for leadership to three Muncy High School students. Their families and friends were present, and approximately 60 people attended the award ceremony.

The brothers retired to the lodge for a tiled communication. Being duly prepared with my dues card and letter of introduction from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I was thoroughly examined and pronounced "passed" into the Lodge. I found it very interesting and informative to see how things were done in a Pennsylvania lodge. They use the ritual that originally came from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which began with the Grand Lodge of England. It is different from Connecticut. However, the brothers warmly welcomed me and answered my many questions as I tried my best to keep up!

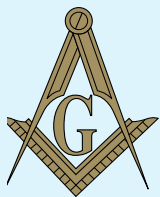
Through the courtesy of Worshipful Master Shannon C. Prutzman, I presented a short historical piece on one of St. James Lodge No. 23's Charter Members and Past Masters, General and WB Samuel Mott, of Preston. A Revolutionary War veteran, WB Mott was a good friend of Bro. George Washington, and they enjoyed fellowship as Washington traveled from Norwich through Preston to Newport, Rhode Island.





Grand Masters Day

June 13, 2026



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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Composite Lodge No. 28

District 1

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



District 1 District Deputy Presentation by Kraig Gray

On May 31, Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 in Easton hosted the District 1 District Deputy Presentation. The ceremony recognized the dedication and hard work of those called to serve the Craft in these important leadership roles.

RWB Christopher Holms, District Deputy for District 1B, was presented, along with the two District 1 Associate Grand Marshals, WB Dave Gianetti (1B) and WB Dean Buzzell (1A). MWB Shane Dufresne attended, along with family, friends, and brethren from across

the district. RWB Mark Hawkins served as Master of Ceremonies, and WM Bob Curwen of the lodge proudly hosted. During his remarks, RWB Christopher Holms expressed his gratitude for the confidence placed in him and reaffirmed his service as a servant leader to the Craft and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

RWB Hawkins reflected on the occasion: *"It was truly inspiring to see the lodge filled to capacity as we witnessed this morning's ceremony of the District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals. The 1st District is fortunate to have such dedicated and capable leaders serving in these important roles, and I am confident that their guidance will greatly benefit our lodges in the year ahead. Their commitment to excellence in ritual, fellowship, and Masonic education will strengthen our Craft and enrich the experience of every Brother they serve. I look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will undoubtedly make throughout the district."*

The entire event was a wonderful blend of dignity, ritual, fraternity, and good-hearted fellowship. The positive energy throughout the day reflected the strength of District 1 Masonry and helped set the tone for a great weekend for everyone who attended.



Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Raises Three Master Masons *by Kraig Gray*

On a bright and very warm Saturday morning, June 6, Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 in Easton was filled with the spirit of fraternity as three brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brothers enjoyed a delicious and hearty breakfast prepared by the Worshipful Master's wife, Cathy Curwen, who graciously stepped in for the Junior Warden, who was unfortunately unable to attend.

The ceremony was a testament to Masonic tradition, led by the lodge's core ritualists and supported by dedicated brethren from across District 1. Bros. Thomas Pitera, Matthieu Regney, and Exel Rivera were provided a memorable experience. The lodge was also honored to have several essential parts performed by brothers from Daytime Lodge No. 144, Temple Lodge No. 65, Corinthian Lodge No. 104, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, and Union Lodge No. 5. Their experience and commitment enriched the degree work.

This successful degree not only welcomed new Master Masons into the Lodge but also underscored the power of mutual support among the lodges of the district.

Congratulations to all who participated, and a special welcome to the newly raised brothers, Brothers Pitera, Regney, and Rivera.



District 3

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



Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78 Initiates Two Entered Apprentices *by Miguel Thompson*

On Tuesday evening, May 26, Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78 initiated two candidates. Bro. Bradley Gray, from Bristol, and Bro. Aidan Pasley from Seymour.

RWB Kenneth Tarwood, District Deputy of Masonic District 3B, and his Associate Grand Marshall, WB Matt Kuhr, attended this event.

The new brothers witnessed a well-performed degree, and the lodge wishes to thank all the officers who took part.



Bro. Paisley (center left) and Bro. Gray (center right)

Brother George Washington Visits King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 by Steve Lewis

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Masons of King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 in Woodbury planned to march in the Woodbury Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 24. However, like many other parades in the state, it was canceled due to the intense weather.

Freemasonry was established in Woodbury in 1765, 11 years before the Declaration was signed. The modern-day brothers planned to dress in colonial attire. Acknowledging Freemasonry's place in American history, a special member was highlighted: George Washington. Bro. John Novak, well known among Connecticut Masons for his historical knowledge and a master ritualist, portrayed the first president. In spite of the weather, and never one to let a good opportunity pass by, Bro. George Washington himself paid a visit to the lodge to discuss his historical involvement in Masonry.

Bro. Washington began his Masonic career at the age of 20 in 1752 when he joined Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Virginia. Records also show he paid 2 pounds, 3 shillings, and no pence when he joined. He was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 3, 1753, and on August 4, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Bro. George Washington remained a member of Fredericksburg Lodge until his death. The Grand Lodge of Virginia's Annual Proceeding of 1800 lists Washington among the recently departed in the necrology. Washington passed away on December 14, 1799, at the age of 69.

Beginning in 1778 and through the remainder of his life, Washington was a frequent participant in Masonic ceremonies. The Bible he used during his inauguration as the first President of the United States on April 30, 1789, was loaned to him by a local Masonic Lodge, St. John's Lodge No. 1. That Bible has also been used in the inaugurations of Presidents Warren G. Harding, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, and George H.W. Bush.

Another of his prominent Freemasonry activities took place on September 18, 1793, when Washington, in full Masonic regalia, directed the ceremonial placement of the United States Capitol's cornerstone. It is generally accepted that Washington wore an embroidered silk Masonic apron and sash given to



Bro. John Novak portrays Bro. Washington in his Masonic regalia

him by Elkanah Watson (an American) and Francis Corentin Cossoul (a Frenchman), who were commercial agents in Nantes, France. In 1812, Lawrence Lewis, Washington's nephew, gave it to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, in Alexandria, Virginia. The apron remains in the lodge's vault within the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

On December 18, 1799, Founding Father George Washington was buried at Mount Vernon with Anglican Christian Burial rites and a Masonic funeral ceremony.

In addition to playing a predominant role in the establishment of the United States of America, George Washington was

influential in the development of Freemasonry in the new country. In commemoration of this quintessential Mason, a portrait of him appears in most, if not all, of the Masonic Lodges in the U.S.



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King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 Raises Six Master Masons

by Steve Lewis

On May 9, King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 in Woodbury conducted a Master Mason degree, raising six brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. Thomas Williams, Michael Plank, Clayton Gustafson, Paul Gonzales, Jeffrey Reignier, and Justin Roberts experienced a Saturday they will never forget.

When asked why these outstanding men made the conscious decision to pursue Masonry, they provided a variety of responses:

"I have been asked many times to consider Masonry. It wasn't until my friend, and now my brother, sponsored me at the ripe age of 69 that I chose to join. After my initiation as an Entered Apprentice, I quickly found a fellowship of brothers who mentored me and taught me well."

"Some of the greatest influencers in my life suggested I go knock on the door of my local lodge. The brothers inside welcomed me in with open arms. My association has given me incredible opportunities to learn and to improve myself."

"I found the environment of tutoring, mentoring, and good-natured humor during the initial investigation wonderful and led me to quickly decide I wanted to be a part of this fraternity."

"This has been the best decision I have made. I should have done it sooner."

"Knowing there had to be a better and more simple way and higher path onward in this Life, yet being skeptical of many religious experiences, I became aware of the fraternity and Masonic belief in the Supreme Architect... of all places in a hardware store. That conversation piqued my interest."

"By nature, I have always been inquisitive, seeking solutions to everyday problems, looking for the rationale of mankind's whys and ways, and moreover thoroughly enjoying solving extraordinary riddles. Masonry offered an opportunity to find some answers."

"Freemasonry seemed to me to be a safe haven where I could truly belong. A place where I am accepted, supported, and surrounded by men who I am proud to call my brothers."

"Nary a day would pass without judgment – of people. Armed with Masonry tools and developing skills – my journey toward peace without judgment begins without a need for acknowledgment or favor."

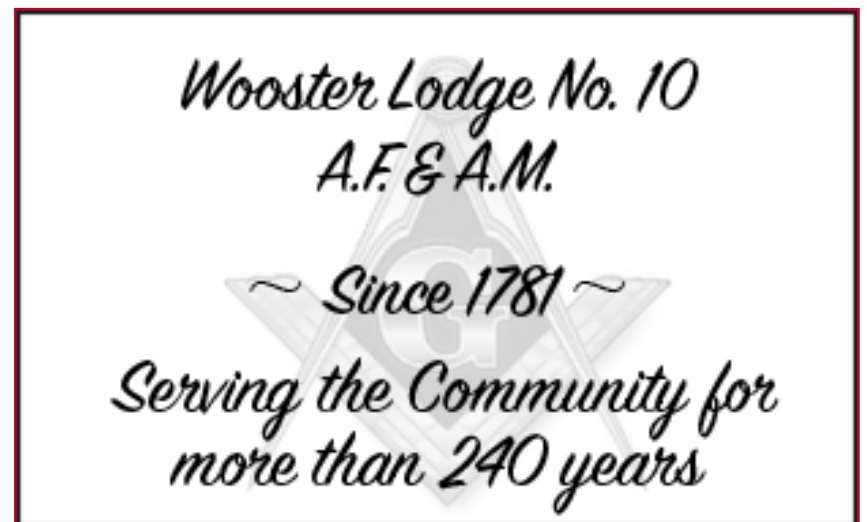
"I joined Freemasonry because of its rich history and the sense of brotherhood it offers. To me, very few organizations can match



Bros. Williams, Plank, Gustafson, Gonzales, Reignier, and Roberts..

their historical legacy, and I was thrilled by the opportunity to become a part of that."

King Solomon's Lodge extends a warm welcome to these newly raised brothers and wishes them joy, adventure, knowledge, fraternity, and inner peace as they continue their journey into the light.



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June 13, 2026**



District 2

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



St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Welcomes Two New Entered Apprentices *by Peter Cleary*

On Tuesday, June 2, the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 in New Milford gathered to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree upon Roy Mutsikwi and Darren Trim.

WM Daniel Whelan presided over the degree, assisted by numerous officers and brethren who participated in the ritual and lectures. The evening was well attended and included visiting brethren from neighboring lodges, reflecting the spirit of fellowship and unity so beautifully expressed in Psalm 133.

St. Peter's Lodge continues to benefit from the Grand Lodge's Blue Wave Initiative, as both candidates first learned about Freemasonry through the program. Their initiation marks the beginning of an important Masonic journey, and the brethren of the lodge extend their warmest congratulations and welcome them into the Craft.



District 4

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



Who Would Have Thought! *by Bill Roots*

WB Victor Barile, Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No. 70 in Windsor and a residential contractor, was recently renovating a mid-1800s house in Madison and opened up a wall in the kitchen. There he found a small, strange silver medallion. Examining the medallion, he saw that it was created for the 50th Anniversary of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 of Milford, in 1909.



The medallion.

WB Barile set about arranging to return the "lost" medallion to the lodge bearing its name, and on June 5, at the stated communication of Ansantawae Lodge, he presented the medallion to WM Jeff Scepanski.

After 117 years, the medallion returned home.

As a famous Fellowcraft once said, "It is a singular circumstance."



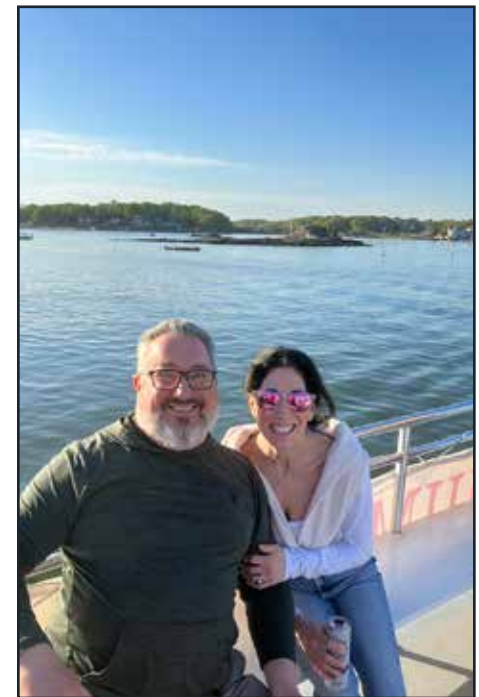
WM Barile (left) presents the medallion to WM Scepanski (right).

Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Annual Thimble Island Cruise by David Cole

On Saturday, May 16, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Fellowcraft Club held their 8th annual Thimble Island cruise aboard the Sea Mist. The weather was warm and sunny with blue skies, and the sunset and subsequent stars at night were spectacular from the top deck.

This was far from the lodge's typical cruise, which has a history of rain and fog. The lodge is now on a consecutive positive weather event streak. To say there is confusion would be an understatement.

Brothers from multiple other lodges joined, including St. Alban's Lodge No. 38, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, Estuary Lodge No. 43, Harmony Lodge No. 42, and Annawon Lodge No. 115. It is always a joy when brothers can share in harmony.



District 6

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



Awards Night at Columbia Lodge No. 25 by Arnie Grot

On Wednesday evening, May 20, WM Christopher Gness opened the Awards Night program and welcomed all the guests. Dignitaries attending included MWB Shane Dufresne, RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., RWB Robert Dodge, Bro. Jeremy Gaffney, Jr., RWB Christopher Ramsey, and WB Deepak Saluru.

Washington Commandery No. 1 KT presented the Colors, led by Past Commander Eric Hoy. WM Gness then turned the program over to Awards Committee Chairman Bro. Brian Dikun. Bro. Brian thanked the kitchen crew for an excellent dinner, introduced the members of his committee, and mentioned that the award plaques were donated by Quality Nameplate of Glastonbury, as they have for many years.

Bro. Dikun began the awards by presenting the Community Service Award to Mr. Robert Lopa, whose service is especially focused on veterans. WB Walt Grube presented the Emerson C. Reed Award to WB Chris Gness. And WB Deepak Saluru received his Past Master's jewel and apron.

Service Pins were presented to Bro. Mike Lombardi (5 years); Bro. Jeff Spooner (15 years); RWB Jeff Flynn and WB Mike Hudson (20 years); Bro. Charles Holmes (35 years); Bros. Gil Spencer and Roger Knickerbocker (65 years).

Deputy Grand Master RWB Heinrich presented a 50-year pin to Bro. Keith Carlough and then presented the Trestleboard of Excellence Award to the lodge. He also presented the Master's Achievement Award to WB Deepak Saluru and the Perfect Ashlar Award to Bro. Jesse Gay.

WM Gness thanked the Awards Committee for their work and the Grand Master for attending. RWB Jeff Flynn then delivered the benediction.

The lodge was brought to labor, and MWB Dufresne received Grand Honors. RWB Heinrich said it was a pleasure to attend and congratulated all the award winners. MWB Dufresne is a history buff and said it was amazing to sit in lodge with two 65-year Masons. He also referred to the 250th anniversary of U.S. independence and noted that the Masonic fraternity predates it. The Grand Lodge is forming a special 250th-anniversary lodge. Brothers who receive all three degrees during this year will automatically become honorary members of that lodge. Finally, MWB Shane noted that brothers should always strive to strengthen the fraternity, and he would like lodges to specifically focus on three areas: ritual education, ladies programs, and Call them All – contact all lodge brothers.

The lodge was closed in ample form by the Grand Master.

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Presentation of the Colors by Washington Commandery No. 1, KT



(l-r) MWB Shane Dufresne, Robert Lopa and wife Diane.



WB Grube presents the Emerson C. Reed Award to WM Christopher J. Gness.



WB Grube presented a Past Master jewel and apron to WB Deepak Saluru.



RWB Heinrich presents the Trestleboard of Excellence Award to Columbia Lodge Secretary Walter Grube.

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RWB Heinrich presents a Perfect Ashlar Award to JS Jesse F. Gay.



RWB Heinrich presents the Master's Achievement Award to WB Deepak C. Saluru.



Bro. Dikun presents a five-year pin to Bro. Michael M. Lombardi.



Bro. Dikun presents a 65-year pin to Bro. Roger Knickerbocker.



Bro. Dikun presents a 20-year pin to WB Mike Hudson



Bro. Dikun presents a 20-year pin to RWB Jeff Flynn.



WB Gil Spencer admires his 65-year pin.



MWB Dufresne congratulates Bro. Keith Carlough on his 50-year pin.

Columbia Lodge No. 25 Awards Scholarships To Glastonbury High School Seniors by Arnie Grot

Worshipful Brothers Jack Rainey and Juan Diaz presented the Columbia Lodge No.25, AF & AM Scholarship checks to seniors Jackson Ennis and Abigail Matthew at the Senior Scholastic Awards Program in the Glastonbury High School auditorium on Thursday evening, May 21. The award amount commemorates the lodge's 1793 charter date. Proceeds from the lodge's Annual Wine Tasting Festival held on the first Saturday in October support the Scholarship Fund.

WB Juan Diaz (center) flanked by seniors Jackson Ennis (left) and Abigail Matthew (right).



Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 Celebrates 200 Years of Brotherhood and Friendship by Pat Jones



On Saturday, June 6, more than 60 brothers and significant others gathered for a rededication ceremony of Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88. MWGM Shane Dufresne honored the lodge by attending and conducted an inspirational ceremony that reinforced Masonic principles and values. He captivated the guests with an interesting presentation

that emphasized the importance of family and Masonry in their lives. He also applauded the efforts of WM Duane Mason and the brothers of Hartford Evergreen Lodge in furthering the values of brotherhood and fellowship. Numerous Grand Lodge officers joined the Grand Master, including Deputy Grand Master RWB F. Matthew Heinrich Jr., a member of the lodge.

The impressive color guard of Washington Commandery No. 1, KT, set the appropriate tone of respect, honor, and patriotism, highlighting the event. Mayor Craig Zimmerman of the Town of South Windsor and State Representative Tom Delnicki were important participants on this memorable day. They presented the lodge with a proclamation that recognized its public service accomplishments. After the rededication ceremonies, the festivities continued with presentations and dinner at a local restaurant.

WM Duane Mason appointed a committee that worked tirelessly to make this event one that will not be forgotten: WB Tad Bistor, chairman, WB Alex Prague, WB Dave Prior, and Bros. Donald Robertson, Pat Jones, Randy Cote, Roland Mason, Eli Johnson, and Rafael Miranda.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Bro. Daniel Jacques, one of the lodge's newest Master Masons, who handled the responsibility with aplomb.

WM Duane Mason offered a toast to all the Masonic wives who have been so supportive through all the brethren's endeavors. One of the highlights of the evening was his recitation of a Masonic poem entitled "Meet On the Level." He also designed the Hartford Evergreen Lodge challenge coin, which was presented to all guests.

An important part of the ceremony was a succinct and informative history of the five lodges that comprise the current Hartford Evergreen Lodge, written for the occasion by Bro. Donald Robertson, Historian. At various times over the past 200 years, five lodges merged: Hartford Lodge No. 88, Lafayette Lodge No. 100, Oriental Lodge No. 111, Evergreen Lodge No. 114,

and Manchester Lodge No. 73. He also found that the lodge has produced eight Grand Masters in its history. Historical presentations were also made by Bro. Dan Jacques, RWB Greg Stump, RWB Heinrich, and Bro. Donald Robertson. Especially rewarding was a personal Masonic account by Deb Stump, wife of RWB Stump

Bro. Lou Lamphear came all the way from North Carolina to join in the ceremonies. Using a 3D printer, Brother Lou and WB Chip Elliott, Past Grand Chaplain and a member of Putnam Lodge No. 46, made beautiful plastic coasters embossed with the Masonic Symbol, which all guests received.

The evening was marked by much fellowship and camaraderie that will be long remembered.

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Milford Assembly IORG Portrays Fathers' Degree

by Bill Roots

Milford Assembly No. 4, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, presented its Fathers' Degree on June 5 at Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 in Milford.

All Master Masons who attended were given roses at the conclusion of the very touching ceremony.



District 7

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



7th District Brothers Place New Flags for Memorial Day

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

Through the dedication of RWB James H Landry and some wonderful brothers, new American Flags were placed on the grave of veterans in Center Cemetery in Portland during the week leading up to Memorial Day. The conflicts and wars they fought in ranged from the Revolutionary War to the War of 1812, WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.

Bro. Brian Gilman (Warren Lodge No. 51), WB Stan Mackiewicz (Washington Lodge No. 81), and WB Brett Braccidiferro and his family (St. John's Lodge No. 2) traversed the cemetery, placing flags of honor as they went.



Masonic District 7 Portrays Past Master Fellowcraft Degree **by Jerry Nero**

The 7th District Blue Lodge Council held its regular meeting on Friday, May 29, at Granite Lodge No. 119 in Haddam. The highlight of the evening was a strong Fellowcraft Degree portrayed by Past Masters from across the district. Every station was filled with Past Masters, and only the Middle Chamber was delivered by a brother who had not passed the Oriental Chair.

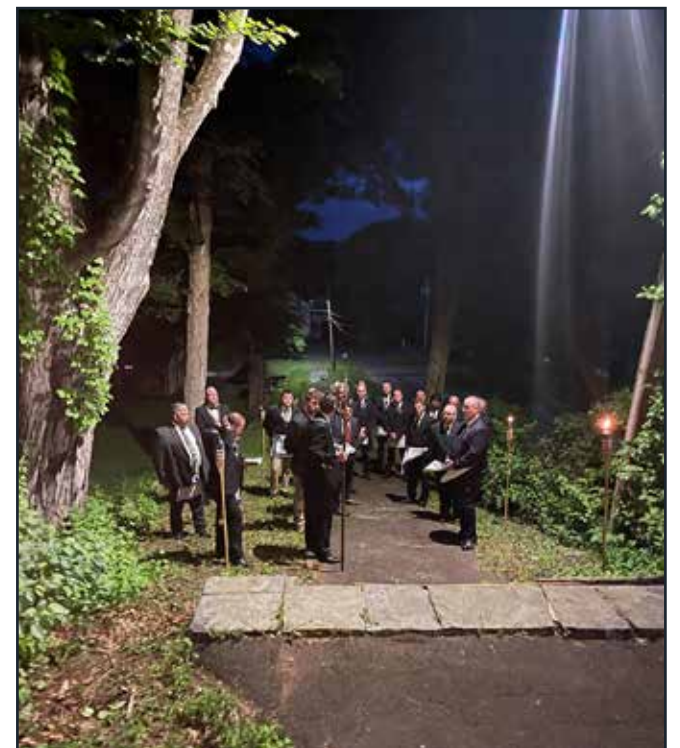
RWB Mike Masselli served as Worshipful Master, RWB Dave Mosher as Senior Warden. RWB Mike Schaffer served as Junior Warden. WB Jerry Nero filled the Senior Deacon office, and RWB James Anderson served as Junior Deacon. RWB Bill Field and WB Mike Jascot were Senior and Junior Stewards, respectively. WB Mike Cooley served as Marshal, and WB Seth Lee acted as Chaplain.

WB Francis Millares presented the Working Tools. RWB Jim Landry explained the Letter "G." RWB John Main asked the questions, and WB Brett Braccideferro gave the answers in the Stewards Lecture. WB Jason Conroy delivered the Charge.

Bro. Zach Merrill earned plenty of compliments for stepping up and delivering an outstanding Middle Chamber lecture. Performed outside and incorporating the 3, 5, and 7 steps to the lodge building, it was definitely one of the highlights of the night.

Nights like this are what Masonry is all about: good ritual, real brotherly support, and friends coming together to make something special happen. A big thank you to all the brothers who participated and helped make the Blue Lodge Council meeting a success.

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Grand Masters Day June 13, 2026



Warren Lodge No. 51 Honors the Fallen, in Memorial Day Parade **by Jeffrey Blayman**

The brothers of Warren Lodge No. 51, a fixture in Portland since the early 1800s, braved the chill rain and marched proudly alongside their neighbors in the Portland Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 24. Many other organizations braved the inclement weather as well, like the Shriners Motor Patrol with their fantastic miniature cars, the Boy Scouts of America, the Portland Fire Departments, the American Legion, and Saint Mary's parish, to name a few.

This Memorial Day parade was even more special with the country celebrating its 250th anniversary, which added to the annual commemoration and giving thanks for those who gave everything. Although many people were involved in the planning and organization of the parade, special thanks go to Mrs. Sara Rutter and her husband, WM Dave Rutter, Jr., for all their dedication and commitment to supporting the city of Portland and the civic organizations they love so much.



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

Estuary Lodge No. 43 Hosts Festive Board **by Jeffrey Blayman**

On Wednesday, May 20, the brothers of Estuary Lodge No. 43 in Old Saybrook hosted a Festive Board with good food, great fellowship, and meaningful conversations. WM William Stokes welcomed a number of brothers from Masonic District 7 as well as a contingent of Grand Lodge officers.

No table lodge would be complete without the stories told by Estuary Lodge's own, RWB Lloyd D. Drager, now nearly 96 years of age. The evening was a wonderful occasion to recall the traditions of old and to raise a glass in honor of the brethren.



District 8

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



When Montville Calls, Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116 Answers

by Daniel Frechette

Freedom Village is one of the two senior housing complexes in Montville. Nestled in Oakdale, it features 40 units designed for adults aged 62 and older and for disabled adults aged 21 and above. Recently, the community faced a pressing challenge when lead was found in the water from the local well. In response, the town initiated plans to replace the outdated water supply system, but it was essential to ensure residents had access to safe drinking water in the meantime. In addition to water supplied from Montville's social services, the Mohegan Tribe generously donated several pallets of bottled water. However, assistance was needed in distributing it to the residents.

Kathleen Doherty-Peck, director of both Montville Social Services and the Montville Senior Center, reached out to Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116. Without hesitation, the brothers met with Kathleen and arranged to deliver a case of water to every resident at Freedom Village. Additionally, they committed to supplying the necessary manpower to continue delivering water to residents over the next two months while the town works to resolve the issue with the community well.



Purity Lodge No. 150 Awards Night and Dinner

by Jon Wilson

Purity Lodge No. 150 of Mystic held its Awards Dinner at Buon Appetito Ristorante in North Stonington on May 31. There were 26 brothers, ladies, and guests who attended. Distinguished guests included MWB Shane Dufresne and RWB James Moran, Grand Junior Warden.

Recognized this evening for their service were WB Graig Rinaldi (10 years), Bro. Michael Devine (15 years), and MWB Ron Magliano (25 years).

WB Shane Devine presented a certificate to WB Bruce Pendleton and his lady, Betty, recognizing the thousands of dollars raised for the New England Donor Services and the many years of support for its Blue/Green Walk.

RWB Jon Wilson presented RWB Glenn Studwell with his past District Deputy Jewel. This jewel originally belonged to RWB Glenn's father, the late RWB Edward Studwell, Past District Deputy of Masonic District 8B. RWB Glenn had presented it to RWB Jon in 2015, who safeguarded it until now.

MWB Magliano made the final presentation of the evening when he presented the Pierpont Medal in Bronze to RWB Jon Wilson for a life of community service, military service, and particularly, 20-plus years of distinguished service to Connecticut Freemasonry.



MWGM Dufresne, RWB Moran and the members and ladies of Purity Lodge.



WB Pendleton presenting Br. Michael Devine his 15-year pin.



RWB Wilson presenting MWB Rinaldo Magliano his 25-year pin.



RWB Wilson presenting RWB Glenn Studwell his father's Past District Deputy jewel.



MWB Magliano and RWB Wilson after receiving his Pierpont Edwards Medal.

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First Thursday of the Month, 8th Masonic District, Groton, 9 a.m., *Groton Townhouse Restaurant*

Third Saturday of the Month, Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 8 a.m., *Uncle Bob's Ham & Eggers, 2 Linden Street, Plainville*

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Sat., July 18, 1 p.m., Putnam Lodge No. 46, Putnam, 225th Anniversary Lodge Picnic

Sun., July 19, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, Annual Picnic

Sat., July 25, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, Masonic Paint Ball, 677 Riley Mountain Rd, Coventry
\$50 all inclusive, contact the lodge for more info.

Sat., July 25, Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149, Stratford, Annual Picnic

Wed., July 29, 6:30 p.m., Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton, Full Moon Fellowship

Fri., July 31, 6:30 p.m., 4th Annual Masonic Family Day Ball Game, Dodd Stadium, Norwich,

Sat., Aug. 1, 12 p.m., Seneca Lodge No. 55, Winsted, BBQ & Hot Wings Challenge

Fri., Aug. 7, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, Music In The Park

CRAFT AT REFRESHMENT

Fri., Aug. 28, 6 p.m., Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton, Full Moon Paddles
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Thu., Sept. 10-Sat., Sept. 12, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Bicentennial Celebration, Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebeth Dr, Cromwell
Contact James Whitaker, jaywhit0302@gmail.com for more info.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Lodge Picnic at Ashlar Village, Wallingford

Sun., Sept. 27, 1 p.m., Wolcott Lodge No. 146, Wolcott, Scholarship Golf Tournament, 141 East St., Wolcott
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Tue, Sep 22, Acacia Lodge No. 85, Cos Cob

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From the Quarry: Standing Upright by Paul A. Ladd

Integrity is rarely tested in moments of great decision. More often, it reveals itself in the quiet choices no one else sees. Most men can recall a moment when doing the right thing required courage. Those situations tend to stand out because they are obvious and difficult. They demand a clear decision, and the consequences are easy to recognize.

Yet those moments are not where character is most often shaped. More often it is formed in the ordinary decisions that pass almost unnoticed. A promise kept when breaking it would be easier. A word spoken honestly when silence might protect one's pride. A choice made carefully even when no one else is watching.

These smaller moments appear day after day. Over time they reveal the true direction of a man's character. The Craft offers a simple symbol for this idea: the Plumb.

To an operative mason, the plumb ensured that a wall rose straight and true. Even a small deviation at the base could cause serious problems as the structure grew taller. The builder relied on the plumb line to keep the work aligned from the very beginning.

That same principle applies to the structure of a life. Integrity is not built through occasional acts of courage. It develops through steady alignment between what a man believes and how he behaves. When those two remain close together, character grows strong. When they drift apart, the structure begins to lean.

Many thoughtful men have experienced the quiet discomfort that comes when their actions do not fully match their principles. It may

appear as a moment of hesitation after a careless remark. It may follow a decision that seemed convenient in the moment but did not feel quite right afterward.

Those moments are worth paying attention to. They often reveal the places where the line has begun to tilt. The plumb line does not correct the wall by itself. It simply shows the builder where the work must be adjusted. In much the same way, reflection allows a man to examine whether his actions still align with the principles he claims to value.

Recognizing those moments requires honesty. Responding to them requires discipline.

And if he is honest, nearly every man can recall a time when he sensed that quiet tension between what would be easy and what would be right. Sometimes he handled the moment well. At other times he may look back and wish he had responded differently.

Those experiences are part of the work. A builder does not abandon a wall because a stone needs adjustment. He simply realigns the course and continues building.

The same patience applies to character. A man who wishes to live upright learns to notice the small decisions that shape his conduct. Over time, those choices create a life that stands straight and true.

Reflection

When you consider the choices you made this past week, where did your actions most clearly reflect the principles you intend to live by?



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Residential Living



Healthcare Services



No two
people
are alike.

Neither should their
senior living options be.

Most communities are built to fit a model.
We built ours to fit people.

Independent Living | Assisted Living | Specialized Care

Different lifestyles.
Different needs.
Different expectations.
Not one path.
Not one experience.



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