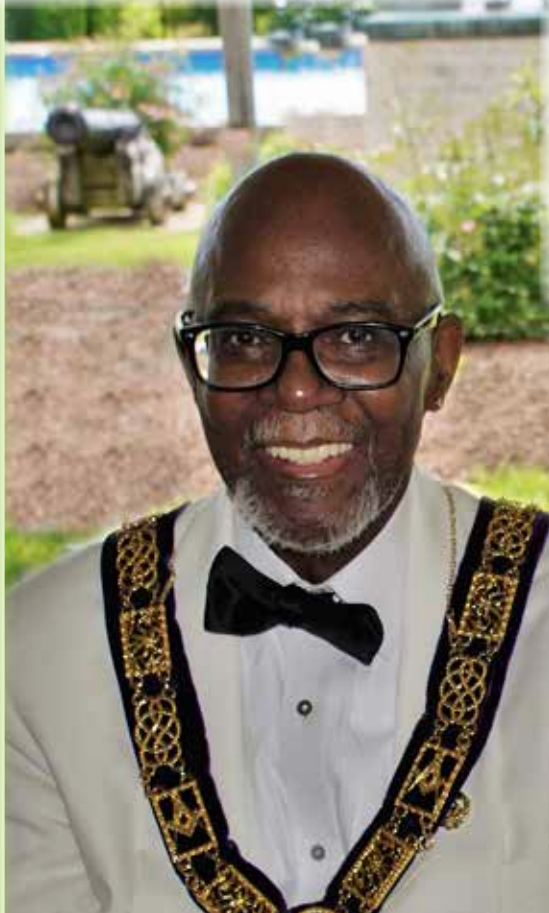




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## Vigilant Guards Still On Duty

**2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Light Dragoons, Sheldon's Horse, Guarded General Washington and Watch Over Grand Masters by Pat Kalinauskas**

Freemasons in Connecticut, although progressive and looking to the future, have deep traditions that go back to the beginning of this great country. One has but to travel around the state and stop at the town greens to read historical markers. Names like Trumbull, Wooster, Washington, Sheldon, Hale, Baldwin, Revere, Putnam, Sherman, Wadsworth, Wolcott, Kirby, Edwards and others are recognized as Patriots and many as Masons.

The honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of the State of Connecticut (1776-1784), included the 5th Connecticut Light Horse Militia, commanded by Major Elisha Sheldon, as part of the state militia contingent sent to General Washington in New York. At first Washington did not see the need for a mounted unit in his army but he changed his mind after the Battle of White Plains and requested Congress to authorize a mounted corps.

Sheldon's Horse became the 2nd Regiment Continental Light Dragoons and received its Congressional commission on December 12, 1776, by General George Washington. A Virginia regiment was designated the 1st Dragoons.

Although part of a mounted unit, Dragoon soldiers were also trained to fight on foot as infantrymen. Other duties included patrolling, intelligence gathering, messenger service, guarding supplies and supply routes, screening and skirmishing, espionage, guarding Washington, and serving on his staff.

In 1778, the British attempted to kidnap President Washington. The plan failed because "The 2nd Dragoons were always with him."

Charged with keeping the first President and the founding Father of this great Nation safe, the Dragoons are still on duty, silent and with vigilance. And, most notably, they have performed this duty on Grand Masters Day, keeping watch over Connecticut's Grand Masters, for nearly two decades.



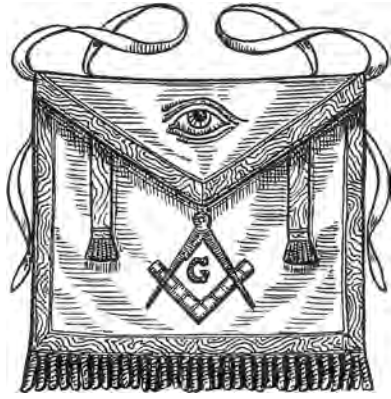
First introduced to Grand Masters Day organizers by MWPGM Stanley S. Sheldon, Jr., the Second Continental Light Dragoons, Sheldon's Horse, has a continuing presence at Grand Masters Day in Wallingford.

Sheldon's Horse is distinct in that it is a re-established military and historical organization that received official recognition from the 106th United States Congress as the modern continuation of the original 2nd Continental Light Dragoons. And, under the Governor's Powers of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sheldon's Horse is granted status as a reactivated "in service" military unit and representative of the State of Connecticut.

MWB Sheldon had a keen interest in the history of the Dragoons and the fact that Masons in Connecticut had taken up the reins to keep the Dragoons alive. Of notable interest is the fact that a current member of the Dragoons is Mark Sheldon, a member of Putnam Lodge No. 46, and grandson of MWB Sheldon.

Brother Sal Tarantino of Wooster Lodge No. 10, who is Captain of the Dragoons, cares for this elite mounted unit's horses in Colchester.

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# Grand Master's Trestleboard

## JULY 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Mon. 3	6 p.m.	Bedouin Shrine Club	Groton Townhouse 355 CT-12, Groton, CT	Tux	C
Tue. 4	9 a.m.	Nat'l SojournersParade	10 Water St., Stonington	Period Attire	S
Thu 6	9 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast	Groton Townhouse	Casual	S
Sat. 8	12 p.m.	Charity Lodge, RI	3965 S County Trail Charlestown, RI	Tux	S
Sun. 9	9:30 a.m.	DeMolay Conclave	CCSU, Stanley St., New Britain	Tux	C
Wed. 12	8:30 a.m.	Kiwanis Golf Tournament	Lyman Orchards Golf Club, Middletown, CT	Casual	C
Thu. 13	4:30 p.m.	N. Stonington Fair	33 Wyassup Rd, N. Stonington	Casual	C
Thu. 20	1:30 p.m.	Masonicare Bd of Trustees	New Haven	Business	S
Thu. 20	3 p.m.	Masonicare Bd of Trustees	Wallingford	Business	C
Sun. 23	5 p.m.	Queen of Pyremus Temple 82	59 Broad St. Milord	Tux	C
Sat. 29	8 a.m.	Freemasons Symposium	Ashlar Village, Wallingford	Casual	S
Sun. 30	10 a.m.	GL of RI Picnic	116 Long St., Warwick, RI	Casual	C

## AUGUST 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Tue. 1	6 p.m.	Bedouin Shrine Club	Groton Townhouse	Casual	C
Sun. 6	12 p.m.	Sojourner's Annual Picnic	623 Stonington Rd., Stonington Admiral Fife Picnic Grounds	Casual	C
Sun. 13	12 p.m.	Moosup VJ Day Parade	Moosup Lodge #113, 69 Prospect St, Moosup	Tux	S
Sat. 19	5 p.m.	Moosup Quarry MM Degree	Moosup Lodge #113, 69 Prospect St, Moosup	Tux	S
Sat. 26	12 p.m.	AASR Supreme Council	Rochester, NY		
Wed. 30	5 p.m.	Masonicare Bd of Trustees	Wallingford	Business	C
Thu. 31	5 p.m.	Masonicare Bd of Trustees	Wallingford	Business	C





# Grand Master's Message

by Theodore J. Nelson

## Annual Meetings & Anniversaries

Dear Friends & Brothers All!

As I have moved through the Masonic community over these past 30 years, I discovered each year more and more annual

meetings. It seems like I can't get past a week or two when another annual meeting is upon me. While, holidays, birthdays and wedding anniversaries come to the minds of most of the rest of the world and us too, it's that next annual meeting that we as Masons prepare for. So I thought I would jot down a short list of the annual events that we prepare for in case our wives weren't aware already... Lodge Annual meeting; Grand Lodge Annual and Semi-Annual meetings; Grand Chapters, Councils and Commanderies; Council of Deliberation; St. John's Day; Robert Burn's Night; Shriners Ceremonials; OES Grand Chapter; Grotto; Amaranth; Tall Cedars; National Sojourners; National Traveler Campers; etc just to name a few. Then of course anniversaries of Lodges, buildings and Chapters. The 50th, 75th, 100th, 150th and now the 300th over in London, England.

They are all important and all are steeped in traditions and values that we hold dear and connect us to the generations that have passed before us. In speaking engagements over the past two months I have mentioned my own personal anniversaries this year. Forty year High School graduate, 30 years as a mason, 150th anniversary of my lodge, 15 years as a 33rd° Scottish Rite Mason. As time passes, I look back with fond memories of those events and what they meant to me then and now.

I hope that you are also celebrating some wonderful annual events this year. Please avoid looking on the event as somewhat of a chore but rather an opportunity to meet with old friends and brothers and reminisce about times gone by and plan for a glorious future together. Isn't that what it is all about? Family, friends and brothers!

Now for some thanks and advertisements. I have been going to Grand Masters Days now for over 15 years. This year the day fell on a warm and sunny morning and best of all, the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, Most Worshipful Brother Ellis Simpson was with us under the big tent. I was blown away when I opened my envelope of lunch vouchers to find Grand Master Dollars with GM Simpson's portrait and mine in the center of every other bill. I begged anyone who would listen not to spend these bills off campus or GM Simpson and I may be spending time with the US Secret Service explaining why we had bills with our faces on them. The parade attendees were great and most importantly the residents of our facilities at Masonicare enjoyed a fun filled day with music, kids and clowns.

The very next day, my Worshipful Master, James A Moran, Jr., hosted the 150th anniversary of Brainard Lodge No. 102 on the exact anniversary day we were chartered. He arranged for this event to be a Ladies at Table so that we could honor our present wives and girlfriends that supported our Masonic efforts. He had our oldest living Past Master and Historian WB Ken Wade read incremental pieces of our history from our founding in 1867 and major events like the purchase

of our old temple at 157 Green Street in New London in 1896, our 50th anniversary celebrations and our 100th anniversary celebrations. He was assisted by WB Roger Daboll and combing through our archives for photos from the past including that of our first Worshipful Master, Edward Roe along with group photos of Officer Installations and the Acacia Club Drama Teams in full regalia.

If you have yet to attend our Esoteric Seminars at the Masonicare Campus, you owe it to yourself to "take a deeper dive" as the Committee on Masonic Education puts it. This year the key note speaker is WB Andrew Hammer who is a nationally known Masonic author. All this and more on Saturday July 29. On Sunday August 13th in the village of Moosup, they celebrate the conclusion of WWII as one of the last parades in the country for V-J Day. We meet at Moosup Lodge for breakfast and just before noon we are transported by bus to the starting point about a mile and half up the hill and we finish back at the lodge. On the following Saturday the 19th of August, Moosup will once again perform the Master Mason degree in a local sand and gravel quarry which they refer to as the Quarry Degree. Again if you haven't seen it, please mark your calendar and contact a member of the lodge for a reservation.

Have a safe summer.

God Bless. See you in Lodge!

## We Welcome Our New Brothers to the Fraternity



Nathan W. Beaulieu	Compass Lodge No. 9
Jules R. Martin	Compass Lodge No. 9
Ismail A. Tezcan	Evening Star Lodge No. 101
Joseph W. Yankus	Evening Star Lodge No. 101
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Thomas J. Hartlett	Hiram Lodge No. 18
Robert J. Gorman	Jerusalem Lodge No. 49
Joe Peres	Jerusalem Lodge No. 49
Gavin W. Von Loeser	Jerusalem Lodge No. 49
Bengamin D. Laplante	Purity Lodge No. 150

# Committee On Community Action (COCA)

by Perne R. Maynard

As the Chairman of the Committee On Community Action (COCA) and the AGM of District 9B, this summer we will begin to establish new COCA programs. I want to expand on the winter "Hockey Night" program to also include a "family night" at the Yard Goats and other sporting venues around the State. Let Masonry begin to have FUN while supporting our local sports teams with "Family Nights" for Brothers, their families and friends.



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Beginning in September, the District Officers in 9B will be rolling out our programs for the coming year. As you watch the 9<sup>th</sup> District Making A Difference, it is my hope that each District will "See the Light" and that your AGM will embrace the idea of becoming your conduit to help develop Community Family Action programs at your District lodges. On the COCA website, there will be instructions on all the COCA programs that should be linked to every lodge's website footer. This program can move forward with hard work and the generosity of the brethren in our communities. Go to the 9<sup>th</sup> District article this month to read how we will begin our journey.

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## Vigilant Guards *Continued from page 3*

The Dragoons work exclusively with rescued horses, are a non-profit and welcome donations, especially for the care of the horses. The Dragoons appear at many reenactments of Revolutionary War battles where they wear period dress, including the tack on the horses and the weaponry carried by the military during that time.



*Reenactment of a Cavalry charge at the Battle of Flockey*

Freemasons were there for the founding of this unit and 241 years later Bro. Sal is just as passionate about the Sheldon's Horse as if the commission was just received.

On Grand Masters Day 2017, bringing up the rear of the parade, Captain and Bro. Sal and his mounted unit helped keep history alive. Although the duty no longer includes protecting a President, the Dragoons enjoyed being part of the 2017 celebration with Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Theodore J. Nelson and Ellis G. Simpson.

These two Grand Masters care for the brothers under their charge as General Washington cared for his Army. They make decisions that will affect the future of the Craft, they are custodians of the 25-plus year bond between the two Grand Lodges, and they focus on the Fraternity's well-being. In these duties, on Grand Masters Day at least, these two Most Worshipful Brothers are guarded by Sheldon's Horse, a historical unit whose origins lie in the founding of the country, a country the Freemasons helped to create.

*Ed. Note: Anyone interested in being part of the unit is encouraged to contact Sal at [sh2ldhg@erols.com](mailto:sh2ldhg@erols.com). Please visit the web site [www.dragoons.info](http://www.dragoons.info).*

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# The Masonicare Experience

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

## The Man Who Gave Masonicare its Name

by Adam Raider

Remembered as a gentle, gracious man with a warm smile, Bro. Matthew Campione, MD (1925-2006) was also a beloved surgeon, generous donor to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, and longtime board member dedicated to the residents and patients of Masonicare Health Center.

Matt's wife of 50 years, Lee Campione, knows that her late husband would take great pleasure in seeing how our organization has grown over the last decade.

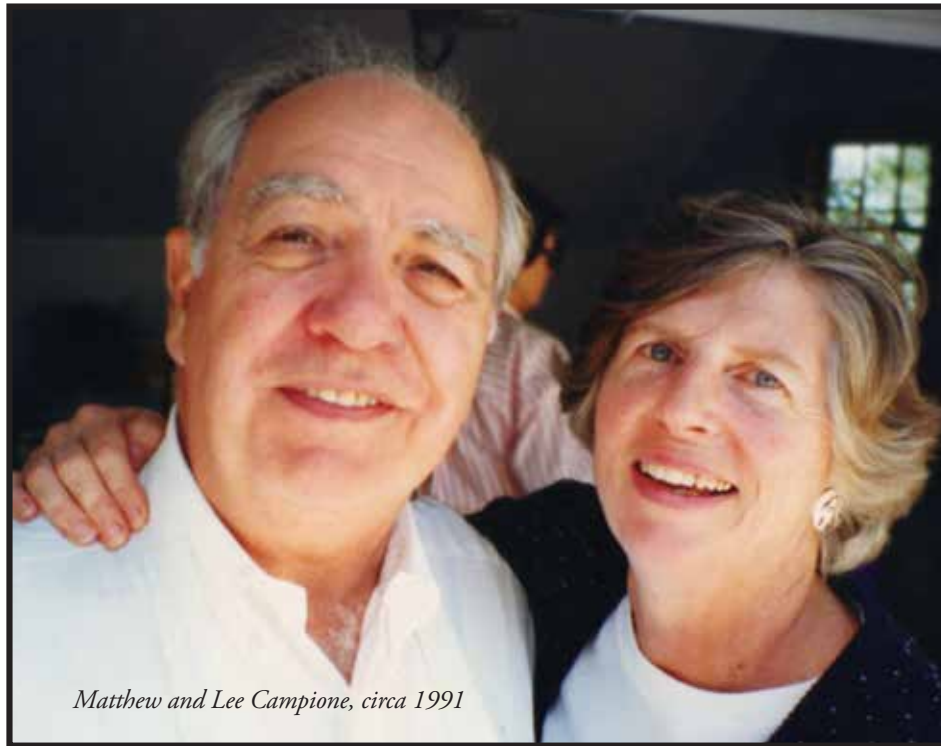
A Canadian by birth, Lee grew up in an English-speaking part of the predominantly French-speaking province of Quebec. After college, she took a year to travel Europe. That's where she met Matt, at the time attending medical school in Lausanne, Switzerland. They married in 1956, but not before Lee's father voiced some concerns about the couple's cultural differences.

"When he found out that Matt was an Italian Catholic from Brooklyn," Lee said, "he panicked. But later, my father would say, 'Lee has married the most wonderful husband that a woman could ever wish for.' Matt won him over."

After Matt completed his residency in New York City, the Campiones hopped in their car and headed north to Connecticut – Connecticut being just a bit closer to Lee's family in Canada – to find a hospital in need of a surgeon. A short time later, Matt started his own surgical practice in Waterbury.

In 1966, the Campiones moved to Meriden so that Matt could become a founding partner of CBS Surgical Group (CBS standing for Campione, Badner and St. James). CBS joined the consulting staff of what was then known as the Masonic Home and Hospital in Wallingford. Matt saw the way that staff treated the residents in their care, and it had a profound impact on him.

"Matt came home from work one day," Lee recalled, "and said, 'I want to become a Mason. I'm on the staff of the best home and hospital I've ever seen in my life and I want to be able to live there one day.' At that time, it was not yet open to non-Masons. Matt, from the very beginning, was incredibly impressed with the quality of healthcare at that facility.



*Matthew and Lee Campione, circa 1991*

He'd been to a lot of nursing homes, but he'd never seen anything like the Masonic Home and Hospital. It really wowed him."

Matt was raised as a Master Mason at Meridian Lodge No. 77, Meriden, in November 1973. Twenty-seven years later, the Scottish Rite conferred upon him the 33° in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Freemasonry and the community.

Masonicare at Ashlar Village resident and fellow Foundation Benefactor Bro. Carleton Erickson got to know Matt well from their time

serving together on the Masonicare Board of Trustees. For a portion of Erickson's 17-year turn as Chairman, Matt was Vice Chairman.

"Matt was fairly quiet," Erickson said, "but when he spoke, you listened. He was a brilliant person and I was very comfortable having a person of such quality sitting with us on our board. Coming from a medical background, he could offer insights into things that other board members couldn't."

Retiring from CBS Surgical in 1990, Matt was grateful to be able to continue his relationship with Masonicare as a trustee. It was an exciting time for the organization, and Matt – a 1992 recipient of the Luke Lockwood Medal for outstanding service to Masonicare – relished having more time and energy to devote to this new chapter of his career in healthcare. In fact, Matt is credited with coming up with the name "Masonicare."

"It's a simple story, really," Erickson said. "Our organization was growing and expanding and we needed to come up with a new name. Our executive committee was sitting around one night discussing ideas. We wanted to convey that we had Masonic ties and that were a caring organization, but all the names we came up with were too complicated. Then Matt says, 'Why don't we just call it Masonicare?' We kicked it around a bit, played with it, and came to realize that it represented everything we're doing."

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## From the Desk and Bench of the Grand Chaplain/Organist

by Rev. Carl H. Anderson

Summer is often a time to get caught up on rest, take vacation, or spend time away from the work place with family and friends. With children out of school and most Masonic lodges not meeting for business or degrees until September, there is time that opens up on one's calendar that could be set aside for rest.

From a spiritual perspective, our soul needs "down time" to rejuvenate and recharge. While it is easy to fill every minute, which is what I tend to do, finding time for "rest" and "refreshment" as the Masonic Working Tools

suggest, is vital for nourishing one's soul and spirituality. We might leave the work day for a brief vacation, but we also need to avoid just filling our time off and not using these moments for the soul to be replenished.

This is also true for those who are retired from the formal workplace. I often notice people who are retired say they are so busy that they wonder how they ever had time to work. Indeed, we are all so busy that we all fail to take time for, what many call, self-care. We all need to find quiet moments to reflect, where we look to the Grand Architect of the Universe for direction and inspiration.

All too often these days, with all of the things to do, places to go, phone calls with their constant messaging, emails and Facebook posts, it is easy to lose sight of the teachings in Masonry of the need for rest and refreshment. Taking time to engage in spiritual reflection and meditation requires divesting one's mind of all the things that distract us from God. This is really hard to do in today's fast paced world, but is essential to one's spiritual and physical well-being.

So let's take time this summer to find some moments for rest and reflection that nourish the soul. Let us being willing to unplug and disconnect ourselves from the many things that distract us from experiencing God's presence in our lives. Let us trust that we can step away from the busyness of life and allow ourselves to experience "rest and refreshment." By so doing, we will be better enabled to serve others as men and as Masons. Amen

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## The Masonicare Experience

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And if there would be no Masonicare without Matt Campione – at least, not by the name we know it today – there would surely be no Masonicare if not for the generosity of our many donors. Benefactors of The Masonic Charity Foundation want to know that the mission of Masonicare will endure well beyond their lifetimes. The Campiones became Benefactors in 1973 with an outright major gift.

"Matt and I inherited some money," Lee explained. "We knew we wanted to give it away, and we focused on four areas: healthcare, education, welfare and the arts. In considering who should receive the healthcare portion, Matt immediately said he wanted it to go to Masonicare. We were glad to make that initial gift, and I continue to give to the Annual Appeal."

Lee plans to move to Masonicare in the event that she can no longer care for herself, or if maintaining her own home becomes too difficult.

"There are fine retirement communities popping up all the time," she said, "and Connecticut has quite a few of them. But I truly feel, as Matt did then, that I've never seen a better one than Masonicare. Ever. It would never have entered my mind to go anywhere else."

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# Grand Historian's Corner by Gary A. Littlefield

This Grand Historian usually shudders when he hears that lodges are going dark for the summer months. The terminology "going dark" should only refer to lodges that cease to exist or surrender their charter or warrant. Just because most lodges in Connecticut do not meet in the summer months, they are still working as a lodge at refreshment. There are summer picnics or other social gatherings where lodges and brothers meet in the bonds of fraternal friendship. They gather for Masonic burials, summer parades or other ceremonial or historic events. Brothers are at refreshment but, as a lodge, we must always be ready to convene to render assistance to those who are in distress, to aid the widow or orphan, or just to gather around the BBQ or grille and eat traditional picnic foods. So for the lodges that are in existence today, just because you do not meet during July and August, you don't go dark, you are at a longer period of refreshment. Many lodges in Connecticut did actually go dark during the anti-Masonic frenzy that circled around the state during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century although not entirely. Almost every lodge, if not all, did actually go dark in the state of Vermont. As lodges consolidate, we do regret to see lodges ceasing to exist and our goal is to see those lodges revitalized again as our membership increases and we need more lodges in our various communities. Let us all work together to rid the notion of "going dark for the summer" as there is no such thing.

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One of Connecticut's Masonic Governors was Marcus H. Holcomb. His home is now the meeting place of Friendship Lodge No. 33 in Southington. Holcomb was born in New



Hartford in 1844 and was probably a graduate of Wesleyan University. He contracted sunstroke and was forced to sever his education. He was, however, admitted to the bar in Litchfield County in 1871 and in 1915 was granted an honorary degree of law from Trinity College, in 1917 from Wesleyan and in 1921 from Yale. He married Sarah Bennett in 1872 and she assisted in his law practice. He was Judge of Probate in Southington, State Senator, Speaker of the House, Treasurer of Hartford County and a judge of the Superior Court. In 1914 he was elected Governor and was reelected in 1916 and 1918 (when Governors served a two year term). Brother and Governor Marcus Holcomb was a political conservative and was opposed to change. He didn't get the approval of women, for in the discussion of women voting he said, "It would be better for the country if we could cut the vote we have in two rather than to add women to it." That quote was found in Herbert Jannick's book *Connecticut from 1914 to the*

*Present*" Women obtained the right to vote during his third term despite his objections. Holcomb, however, led Connecticut through the First World War and worked to secure men eligible for the armed forces. He was raised in Northern Star Lodge No. 58 on January 21, 1867 and was Worshipful Master in 1872. In 1875, he demitted from Northern Star and affiliated with Friendship Lodge No. 33 and remained active until his death on March 5, 1932. In 1933, the Masonic Temple Corporation of Southington purchased his home in the center of Southington and the dedication occurred on October 21, 1936. In 1984, a renovation and addition was made to modernize the temple.

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Some of our "lost lodges" make interesting history. When lodges folded, some affiliated with stronger lodges and became valuable members while others faded into the Masonic dark hole. Their stories are all interesting as they were important members of their communities. A lot of resources are now available on the internet to help guide Brothers who are researching, but don't believe all you see on the internet. The information can give you a guide to printed resources, cemeteries, vital records and church records which are sources for garnering more history. Look well, to the North, South, East and West for these little scraps of information. A story can come from 10 little scraps of information.



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# More Light Offered During the Summer

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

Your Consistory will be offering more light this summer as it plans to present two live degrees – the 5th and 8th on the morning of Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. If you are interested in starting your own journey down the Scottish Rite path, you can also take in the 4th degree before these two degrees, by calling the Consistory office and making arrangements to view this initial degree.

There are six core values that the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite promulgate, namely Reverence for God, Integrity, Justice, Toleration, Devotion to Country and Service. By attending all of the degrees, the candidate obtains a deeper understanding of the underlying essence of the three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry. The 5th degree illustrates two of these core values, namely, the Reverence for God and Integrity. This is time well spent on a summer Saturday morning.

The 5th degree, Perfect Master, and the 8th degree, Intendant of the Building, will be presented live, with a luncheon following in the Shrine Building next door to the Leo H Lorman II, Scottish Rite Theatre. Reservations are highly recommended. Please call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064. The theatre is air conditioned, and located a few hundred feet away from the Stratford Metro North train station, making access to this degree a breeze.

The Consistory is also planning a multitude of Family Life activities this summer, along the other eight inches of the 24 inch gauge, namely that of Refreshment. Trips are being planned to Port Jefferson via ferry from Bridgeport, also to Tanglewoods in the Berkshires for the annual John Williams concert, with a side trip to a local winery before the concert. The annual August Clambake will be held in Stratford's Boothe Park, as well as the Stamford Cigar and Scotch Night, and finally, the September trip to the Big E on Connecticut Day. Details and reservation information can be found in the Lafayette Consistory News supplement which is included with this issue of the CT Freemason!

The unhappy events transpiring in the streets of London, and elsewhere, these past several weeks profoundly illustrate the need for the wide dissemination of the underlying principles conveyed by our symbolism. Never has the need for Masonic Light been more urgently needed by a society that has seemingly lost its vigilance, and is drifting aloof without direction..

"No genuine Mason, imbued with the spirit of liberality will treat any religion with derision and contempt, or exclude from fellowship any Brother who believes in the existence of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul... True Masonry has, for ages, held aloft the torchlight of Toleration, Equity and Fraternity. The bigoted sectarian, whoever he

may be, divides the world into two classes: those who, with zeal and blind faith, accept his dogmas and those who do not. In its ritualism and lessons, Masonry teaches nothing in morals, in science, in religion or in any other department of human knowledge or human interest not taught elsewhere. In these directions it has no secrets of any kind. It is in the ancient symbols of Freemasonry that its real secrets lie concealed, and these are densely veiled to the Mason as to any other, unless he studied the science of symbolism in general, and Masonic symbolism in particular."

Dr Buck continues in his Mystic Masonry, "Few Masons up to the present time have had the interest or the patience necessary to such investigation as might bring revelation... If lacking a knowledge of the profound meaning of Masonic symbolism and its transcendent interest and importance, Masons have allowed the whole organization not only to fail in all real progress but to degenerate..."

The real benefit to the individual Mason and to the society he participates in, can only be derived by understanding and absorbing the lessons contained in the Symbolism of Freemasonry. The changes that this understanding will effect in the individual brother will affect, in varying degrees, all who come into contact with him. This

is illustrative of the so called Butterfly Effect whereby a very small change sets into motion a series of changes which have an eventual massive effect. If every one of our brothers took the time and effort to make our symbolism theirs, to live and act in accordance with the underlying teachings illustrated thereby, I question whether the mayhem in our society could actually exist after a generation or two.

An excellent text which tackles the topic of our symbolism is Albert G. Mackey's Symbolism of Freemasonry. The concepts contained therein are as valid today as they were when this was written right after the Civil War. Nothing of lasting value can be obtained without effort. Perhaps this summer your investment in time in exploring our symbolism will help you effect a meaningful change in the quality of your life, as well as the well being of those around you. Are you prepared to undertake the construction, adornment and completion of your spiritual temple?

*As always, your Consistory 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.*

## LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY



### Attention all Master Masons!

The **5th Degree** and **8th Degree** are being presented on **Saturday, July 22nd at 11 a.m.** in **Stratford** followed by a collation at about 1:30. New candidates begin at 10 a.m.

**R.S.V.P. required** for the collation. Please email: [Office@LafayetteConsistory.com](mailto:Office@LafayetteConsistory.com) or call 203-375-0064.

Those desiring to start their **Scottish Rite** journey should notify the Consistory Office so arrangements may be made for the video of the 4th Degree prior to the 5th Degree.

**Contact the Consistory Office to arrange for seating and meals for any of the degree events.**

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# From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

Grand Master's Day 2017 was a great day for one and all – and a terrific tribute to MWGM Theodore J. Nelson and MWGM Ellis G. Simpson, as well as Masonicare's patients and residents. We were blessed with sunshine for the first time in a few years and people really seemed to enjoy all the festivities and food trucks. The occasion also included the bestowing of a Luke Lockwood Award on a very surprised Bro. Thomas Gutner, Vice President for Healthcare Services at Masonicare. The only award given by the Masonicare Board of Trustees, the Lockwood Award recognizes outstanding service to Masonicare. Congratulations, Bro. Tom.

I would also like to congratulate former Masonicare Chairman and Trustee Emeritus Carleton Erickson who was honored recently as one of "Sixty Over Sixty" recognized by Duncaster Retirement Community in Bloomfield and featured in The Hartford Courant. There were hundreds of nominees statewide, and we were proud to nominate Bro. Carleton for all his service – past and present – to Masonicare.

And we have one more achievement to celebrate: Masonicare at Newtown has received Medicare's highest rating for quality – Five



Stars. Congratulations to administrator Elyse Dent and her staff. This designation speaks volumes for the staff's dedication to their residents and patients every day.

Last month I wrote about the challenges Masonicare faces as we assess the present and look to the future. The Connecticut state budget is still an unknown, making it more challenging than ever to project our revenues. One thing we know for sure: with the evolving environment both in healthcare delivery and with the state and federal budgets, change is on the horizon. Organizations that resist change run the risk of not surviving. The Masonicare Board and management are working hard to ensure a sustainable future for our organization and its mission.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Jon-Paul Venoit*  
President & CEO of Masonicare



*At the May meeting of the Masonicare at Ashlar Village Residents Association, Carleton Erickson (third from left) was congratulated by Alan Zakrzewski (Assoc. Executive Director), David Gessert (Chair), Jon-Paul Venoit (CEO Masonicare), Hilde Sager (VP Residential Services) and Frank Manfredi (Association President) on being named among the Sixty Over Sixty Connecticut seniors honored by Duncaster Retirement Living for their "ageless" contributions to society.*

# Valley of Hartford, AASR

## Blue Lodge Mason or Scottish Rite Mason

by David R. Blythe, Sr.

**B**lue Lodge or Scottish Rite Mason, all are the same in the eyes of the Fraternity – a Master Mason. Yet there are some differences.

In Blue Lodge, the degrees numbered one through three, while the Scottish Rite degrees are numbered 4 through 32. In either case the degrees are meant to teach lessons. In the Blue Lodge, the candidate takes part in the degree. In Scottish Rite, the candidates are part of a class who view the degree, performed on stage in dramatic performances, often in period costume.

In Blue Lodge, the candidates must take all three degrees. In Scottish Rite, a candidate need only view the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 32<sup>nd</sup>, and three additional “core value” degrees.

In Blue Lodge, a new brother hopefully returns often to enforce the lessons learned. In Scottish Rite a new brother hopefully returns to see the remaining degrees.

In the Blue Lodge, one needs to take all three degrees, where as in the Scottish Rite a candidate only needs to see the 4<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees plus any additional 3 core value degrees.

In the Blue Lodge a candidate then hopefully returns time and time again so as to enforce the lessons learned. In Scottish Rite, the new brother returns to see the other degrees that he missed or to see the previous degrees again. But unlike Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite degrees are not repeated several times a year but are spread out over a period of several years.

In Blue Lodge, brothers are either officers, or help out when needed in other ways.

In the Scottish Rite brothers are not only encouraged to take an office but can also become members of any degree cast, with a speaking or non-speaking parts or work behind the scenes on the stage crew; assist with make up or costumes, work in the lighting and sound booth or act as greeters or members of the hospitality staff after the degrees. Brothers can also serve on committees that promote the family life programs, fund raisers to support charity efforts, or as part of the Blue Lodge Ambassador program.

By now it should be clear that the success of Blue Lodge or Scottish Rite rests in the hands of the brothers. Hopefully this article as re-awakened your interest in both Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite, and you are inspired to become active again. One way to help is to find some good Master Masons to join Scottish Rite. If you are a Master Mason who belongs to Scottish Rite you know how to do this.

If you are a Master Mason who wishes to join Scottish Rite, you need to simply ask for a petition and know that Scottish Rite answers many questions raised in the Blue Lodge. It can provide a better understanding of the meaning of Freemasonry and its principles though the use of drama and appeals to the eye as well as the ear. The Scottish Rite degrees strengthen the Core Values of life, namely: **Reverence** for God; **Devotion** to Country; **Integrity**; **Justice** for all; **Tolerance**; and **Service** to Humanity and Youth.

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*For more information on how to join the 2017 Fall Class, contact me at the Valley of Hartford Office (860) 666-0712 or via email at [set@snet.net](mailto:set@snet.net). We will be glad to talk to you or send you more information. We also have Scottish Rite informational DVD's available so you can learn more why so many Masons have joined us over the years.*

Congratulations  
to our  
50-Year Brother

Herbert E. Coon  
Coastal Lodge No. 57  
June 1, 1967



### Grand Master Takes New England Masonry to New Heights

*At the Knights Templar Ascension Day service, at Hillside Cemetery in Torrington, MWB Ted Nelson revealed, with graphic evidence, the common goal of the six Grand Masters of the New England states. With his mystical Grand Master powers, MWB Ted assisted in that goal by merely raising his hand.*

**“...Mystical powers...”  
Really?**



# From the Valley of New Haven *by Charles H. Tirrell*

The Scottish Rite Valley of New Haven held its Annual Meeting this past May. At this meeting, we had the pleasure of electing our officers to lead our Valley for the ensuing year. On behalf of the Valley, we would like to publicly thank our outgoing presiding officers, Brothers Wayne T. Murray and Very Reverend Joseph R. Krusienski, and all retiring officers for all that they have done for the Rite and Freemasonry.

The following Brothers were elected to serve as presiding officers for 2017-2018. We wish these brothers the best in leading our Valley for the ensuing year.

- Thrice Potent Master  
Charles H. Tirrell, MSA, 33°
- Sovereign Prince  
Kirk C. Trofatter, Jr., MSA, 32°
- Most Wise Master  
Bradley K. Cooney, 33°

On Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m., the Valley of New Haven will hold our annual Joint Summer Picnic with the Dusis Society of Greater New Haven. Bring your family and especially bring the children. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required. Reservations must be made before July 12 with Brother Jim Kleinkauf (203-453-9536 or e-mail [jkleinkauf@comcast.net](mailto:jkleinkauf@comcast.net)).

On Monday, August 28, the Valley will kick off our Fall Reunion with a Masonic Education Night for brothers who are interested in joining the Rite. This will be followed by a New Mason Night held on Friday, September 8. If you or a brother you know is interested in joining the Scottish Rite, contact Brother Kirk Trofatter for more details about these events ([kirk\\_trofatter\\_jr@yahoo.com](mailto:kirk_trofatter_jr@yahoo.com) or 203-710-7782).

• The Valley Executive Committee has selected the following fantastic degrees and dates for our upcoming Fall Class.

- 5th Degree - Monday, October 2
- 13th Degree - Monday, October 16
- 28th Degree - Monday, November 6

If you'd like to assist in the portrayal of one of these degrees, please contact Brother Brad Cooney ([brad.cooney@comcast.net](mailto:brad.cooney@comcast.net)) and Brother Charles Tirrell ([chtirrell@gmail.com](mailto:chtirrell@gmail.com)), as soon as possible. We're looking for all levels of involvement, including large speaking parts, small speaking parts, non-speaking parts, stage crew, and costumes/make-up. If you share your level of interest, we'll find a job that is right for you!

The camaraderie and fellowship shared by brothers during rehearsals and degree-work is one of the best parts of the Scottish Rite. We hope that you'll come and participate in this excellent labor of love!

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**Grand Masters Day  
June 10, 2017**

**Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88**  
**Bissell Ferry 5K Annual Scholarship Fun(d) Run**  
*All proceeds to benefit the Hartford Evergreen No. 88 Scholarship Fund*



**Save the Date**  
**September 10, 2017 - 9 a.m.**  
 Rain or Shine



**COST** Runners: \$20 (includes race bib with timer) Walkers: \$15

- All participants with race and bib number are entered into a random drawing for 4 New York Yankee tickets
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# Pyramid Shriners 'Clown Around' for Children at the Founder's Day Festival

by Donald M. Casey, Jr.

Master Masons from the Pyramid Shrine Temple participated at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Seymour, Connecticut Founder's Day Festival. The clowns dazzled patrons with balloon twisting animals, hats, and rockets. In addition, the clowns collected donations. All funds will be used to assist needy children receiving medical care at the Shriner Hospital.

## District 2

Lodges 13, 18, 21, 39, 40, 48, 49, 61



## Housatonic Lodge No. 61 50-Year Pin Presentation

by Ricky McDonnell

RWB Ricky McDonnell, District Deputy of Masonic District 2A and Worshipful Master of Housatonic Lodge No. 61 took great pleasure in presenting WB Wayne Jenkins his 50-year pin. In checking WB Jenkins' Masonic history, RWB McDonnell discovered that he had been Senior Warden seven times in Western Star Lodge No. 37, and is currently serving an eighth term as Senior Warden (this time in Housatonic Lodge No. 61). RWB McDonnell said that WB Jenkins is "a pleasure to have in Lodge and a great brother to know."



(below) WB Jenkins with the attending brothers

(above) WB Jenkins with his family.





## Hiram Lodge No. 18 Presents Scholarships

Hiram Lodge No. 18, chartered in 1791, was honored to present two outstanding Newtown High School seniors with the Hiram Lodge No. 18 Masonic Scholarship.

The scholarship awards were presented by Past Master Bill Hillman to Ms. Jillian Milano and Mr. Grant Larson at the Newtown High School Annual Awards Night, May 31.

The award, given to Newtown High School Seniors, was established by Hillman in 2011. Recipients are selected by NHS staff without regard to affiliation with any Masonic organization.

The recipients of this year's awards both aspire to enter the medical profession.

Hiram Lodge No. 18 is part of the world's oldest and largest fraternity. Located in Sandy Hook, CT since 1905, its members are active in the community, and sponsor the Child ID Program, which offers parents an opportunity to retain positive DNA identification, dental impression, and a video of their children free of charge. For more information about Freemasonry in CT, go to [ctfreemasons.net](http://ctfreemasons.net).



*Scholarships presented to (l) Grant Larson and (r) Jillian Milano \ by WB Bill Hillman (center) Hiram Lodge No. 18*

## Housatonic Lodge No. 61 Fundraiser For An Injured Brother

*by Ricky McDonnell*

On a beautiful June Saturday, Housatonic Lodge No. 61 hosted a fundraiser for Brother Mike Fraser. Brother Mike was recently in a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. Being part of the Fraternity, and especially the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association, it didn't take long for Mike learn what can be done when one has the backing of his Brothers.

Brother Luis Saravali supplied food, and Brother Roberto Medeiros supplied the beer, and those who attended not only enjoyed the ride

through this beautiful state but also great hospitality, camaraderie food and beverage. The brotherly love was evident throughout the afternoon and into the night with Brothers in trailers, tents, cars and even some who stayed in the Lodge building so as to not drink and drive or ride.

The Lodge, and Worshipful Master RWB Ricky McDonnell, on behalf of Mike and his family want to thank all who contributed to this great cause, including those who could not attend but contributed monetary donations. Donations are still continuing to come in.

*Widows Sons from NY, MA and CT who made the journey with Mike's wife Karen and son Nicholas in center.*







## The Blind Men and the Elephant

by Michael Calderone

Three blind men come across an elephant, a creature they never encountered before. They decide to find out about the animal by their sense of touch and approach the beast from all sides. The one holding the trunk proclaims that an elephant is like a snake. Another, feeling its leg, disagrees and believes an elephant is like a tree or pillar. Finally, the one holding the tail insists that an elephant is some kind of rope. The three are steadfast in their beliefs and angrily depart no longer friends.

All men approach Freemasonry, quite literally, as blind men, and through its rituals understand more and more about our beloved fraternity. However, is what one learn in our individual lodges the full scope of Freemasonry? Moreover, while not our own experiences, are the ritual and customs of other lodges and jurisdictions inherently wrong?

On May 23, Adelpic Union Lodge No. 14, working under the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York hosted a deputation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West's Scottish Degree Team. The Scottish Brothers presented an amalgamation of the various Entered Apprentice rituals in their province. I was thrilled first at the differences in protocol of our Prince Hall Brethren and then marveled at the explanations and lessons of the Scottish ritual.

I encourage all brothers to travel to AF&AM and PHA Connecticut Lodges and experience the subtle differences of customs and rituals as formerly undiscovered aspects of Masonry. Furthermore, if possible, visit lodges outside of Connecticut. You will be welcomed as dear Brothers of this great fraternity and, if you have eyes to see, may also receive even more light in Masonry.

*Photos: (top) Scottish Degree Team and WB Michael Calderone; (center) The Scottish Degree Team; (bottom) Assembled Brethren*



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## Historic First for 'Masonicare Degree Team' by Charles W. Yohe



*Degree team, new brothers and all who were present.*

Monday evening, June 12, witnessed another 'first' for Masonicare. It marked the first time that a degree team consisting of Masonicare employees, board members and Ashlar Village residents portrayed the Entered Apprentice degree for two Masonicare employees who have petitioned Compass Lodge No. 9. In October, 2016, MWB Theodore J. Nelson suggested the idea to the newly appointed Masonicare CEO, J.P. Venoit. The degree, held in the Knapp Auditorium at Ashlar Village, was coordinated by Rev. and RWB Carl Anderson.

Those taking active roles in the degree included Brothers from throughout Connecticut, who despite the nuances introduced by the individual traditions upheld in the various Lodges, performed a very memorable and well executed degree. Especially notable were the contributions by RWB James

Spencer, and Worshipful Brothers Ken Duncan, Robert Simon and Robert Polito. RWB Spencer executed a flawless long form apron presentation, presented the newly admitted Brothers with the working tools and, together with WB Duncan, imparted an excellent 1st section lecture. WB Simon delivered the 2nd section lecture and included some points of basic instruction to the new brothers. The obligation was administered by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, WB Robert Polito.

Other Brothers taking part in the degree included: MWB Charles W. Yohe, Worshipful Master, RWB Marshall K. Robinson, Sr. Warden, RWB Jason Rieger, Jr. Warden, RWB William Deickler, RWB Newton Buckner III, Treasurer, RWB Greg Whitehouse, Secretary, Sr. Deacon, Bro. David Gessert, Jr. Deacon, RWB Irving Pease, Sr. Steward,

WB J.P. Venoit, Jr. Steward, MWB Theodore J. Nelson, Chaplain, RWB Melvin Johnson, Marshal, Rev. & RWB Carl Anderson, Organist, and WB Jack Stevens, Tiler.

Newly admitted Brothers Brian Richard and Michael Charland received the charge from MWB Yohe. The opinion was offered that since the degree was performed so well, perhaps future degrees could be done in a similar manner from time to time.

A very special 'thank you' goes out to the Worshipful Master, Joseph A. Kurcaba, and members of Compass Lodge No. 9 for allowing Masonicare the opportunity to conduct this historic degree and to Rev. & R.W. Brother Carl Anderson for his efforts to fill all the roles and execute the logistics involved in recreating the Lodge environment in the auditorium.



*Grand Masters Day  
June 10, 2017*





# One of the Finest Days of the Year Grand Masters Day ~ June 10, 2017







# Sunshine, Smiles and the Masonic Family Grand Masters Day ~ June 10, 2017







## Never Again – the Precursor – Armenian Night at Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140

by Chuck 2.0 Landau



Ed Hadigian and his sister Louise Hadigian

Did an ignored atrocity in the early years of the 20th century predict the Holocaust and the Second World War? Worshipful Brother Ed Hadigian, Treasurer Larry Siedman and the Cultural Food Committee presented both a cultural experience and historical perspective on the massacre of the Armenian people during World War I (1914–18).

To the melodious strains of Scheherazade and Armenian folk music, the Chefs Supreme of Sequin-Level worked with Ed and his sister Louise Hadigian on creating a series of dishes from the Armenian cuisine. An appetizer of grape leaves, and assorted goodies set the tone, and a toast of flavored yogurt surprised the senses. A spicy soup, herb & tomato salad, and stuffed peppers completed the meal.

The evening started with a prepared lecture on the ancient people of Armenia, their acceptance of Christianity, fame as traders and horse breeders. They lived in peace with their neighbors in the Ottoman Empire, until it was dissolved during the First World War. The radical New Turks who swept into power, desperate for money to rebuild the now broken country, turned a covetous eye to their neighbors in Armenia and attacked.

As the movie *The Promise* dramatizes, families had to flee with what they could carry, often being set upon and murdered as they fled. The Hadigians, Ed and Louise's parents, were some

of the lucky ones who made it to America and safety. They were poor refugees, and America opened its arms and took them in. Within our sheltering system of tolerance of all cultures, they raised two sets of twins to become responsible, productive citizens, two of them serving the Fraternity as Worshipful Masters of their Lodges.

WB Ed pointed out that, by ignoring the Armenian genocide, the world set the stage for Hitler in Germany and the horrors of the Holocaust and World War Two. With no worldwide response, the Germans, also desperate for money to rebuild and pay reparations, targeted the Jews to finance their ambitions, just as the Young Turks targeted the more prosperous Armenians. Their organization proved even more effective than the terror of that earlier, ignored slaughter and Hitler felt confident enough in the world's lack of concern to build death factories.

Sequin-Level Lodge has taken the opportunity of breaking bread together to learn more about the world around us and the many cultures, the variety of people who make up the Family of Man under the watchful eye of God. Not only does it enhance our understanding of the world, and makes us better people, we can once again realize the privilege of living in America, the Land of the Free.

## For Our Children...For Ourselves by William R. McDonald

Village Lodge No. 29 on River Road in Collinsville is the place and Saturday, August 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the time when the Freemasons of Village Lodge will present "For Our Children...For Ourselves," an event for the community to benefit local institutions.

This event started three years ago when WB George Frascarelli decided to hold a tag sale and teacup auction at the Lodge and donate all proceeds raised to the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department. Village Lodge earned and contributed one thousand dollars.

At approximately the same time, Amos Beecher Lodge No. 121 in New Hartford, merged with Village Lodge and extended the community. Village Lodge brothers have embraced the members of Amos Beecher, and are becoming more involved in the New Hartford Community as well.

Added to this evolving mix was the inspiration received by watching Seneca Lodge No. 55 in Torrington present the Masonic CHIP program each year at the Warner Theatre children's event and thoughts began to start percolating. This year the goal was to increase Village Lodge's involvement in the community through service, and thus began the evolution of the event.

The core component of the event is the Masons CHIP Program that will be available in the Lodge dining room, free of charge for all families that desire to participate. There will also be an ice cream social hosted by the Pleasant Valley Children's Center, a non-profit pre-school in New Hartford. All proceeds from the social will go to the school.

Outside under their personal tent will be those two dynamic children's entertainers,

Presto Pete and Chris, of Pete and Chris Amusements of Waterbury. They will perform their own unique brand of entertainment and magic for the kids, and between performances will host games and other activities. The local duo have performed throughout the region.

Other children's activities will include an interactive dance program for all ages led by Ms. Charissa, of DBA Dance of New Hartford, face painting, henna tattooing, balloon animals and more. The local Collinsville Fire Dept and Ambulance Service, with their mascot Sparky, will be making an appearance as well.

For the adults, with the aid of Sequin Level Lodge No. 140 and their tent, Village Lodge will hold an outdoor tag sale, hosting at least 20 tables, which

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can be rented for \$25 a table to anyone within the community. There will also be farmers market tables from local farms like Bristol Farms of Collinsville, where fresh vegetables and other farm fresh goods may be purchased. These tables are available for \$15.00.

Village will again oversee a teacup auction with contributions generated from local vendors and friends. There will also be food of course, and perhaps a blueberry pie eating contest.

Three local institutions will benefit from this event: PVCC as already mentioned, the Children's Department of the Licia & Mason Beekley Community Library of New Hartford and the Collinsville Historical Society. All proceeds to go these three organizations.

At the end of the day Village Lodge will hold its Annual Family Picnic and Awards Ceremony.

It is hoped that this event will expand awareness of Village Lodge within the

community and those values Masonry holds dear...Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth expressed by a day dedicated for children, from a school that teaches them, to a library that offers enlightenment to them, to a society that teaches everyone to remember the lessons of the past. What more could we ask for our children, or for ourselves on such a day. And who knows, maybe we will meet some new Brothers as well.

## District 7

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



## Wooster Lodge No. 10: A Brother Comes Home

*by Andrew Warren*

Brother Theodore C. Volkert, RW District Deputy Grand Master from Ostego-Schoharie District in New York, returned to his mother lodge to visit and partake in a Fellowcraft Degree for Bro. Robert Labbe on May 19. RWB Ted brought two brothers with him from New York. One was a Past District Deputy Grand Master, and the other a newly passed Fellowcraft. Wooster Lodge No. 10 portrayed the degree in typical Wooster Lodge fashion with the inclusion of the Middle Chamber lecture by Bro. Tom Mumford from Warren Lodge No. 51 in Portland.

WB Keith Wakelee and RWB Ted, who were shipmates in the US Navy, portrayed the Steward's Lecture. This was meaningful as RWB Ted and WB Kieth used to be on Submarine Base Degree Team, and often performed the Steward's Lecture together. WB Kieth commented it was just like old times.

After the degree, Worshipful Master Frank Rich invited RWB Ted to introduce his traveling companions, Brothers Roy Bilby Nathan Davis, both from Cobleskill Lodge No. 394, to the lodge. By far, the most impressive part of the evening was when RWB Ted had his traveling companions portray the New York version of the Steward's Lecture. Brother Nathan did an excellent job reciting the ritual and obligation, and made a lasting impression.

Many Brothers were pleased to see RWB Ted sitting in Wooster Lodge once again. It is a face that has been missed, and all were certainly glad he had a chance to come for a visit.



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# District 8

Lodges 10, 31, 34, 57, 102, 116, 120, 150



## Brainard Lodge No. 102 Celebrates 150th Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, members, ladies, and guests of the Grand Master's Lodge, Brainard Lodge No. 102 congregated at the Great Neck Country Club to celebrate the occasion of the Lodge's 150th anniversary. Arriving guests were greeted by the Worshipful Master, WB James Moran, Jr. Each lady was presented with a long-stemmed red rose and each Mason received a forget-me-not. A table displaying photographs and other memorabilia from Brainard Lodge was displayed to the side of the entrance into the dining room.

The afternoon began with a social hour featuring cheeses, crackers and veggies. At 3 p.m., acting Worshipful Master, RWB Richard Miller, officially welcomed those present and opened a special Ladies at Table tribute to all the generations of Masonic Ladies whose contributions of time, talent and cooperation have been offered in support of Brainard Lodge.

The program consisted of a seven course meal interspersed with ceremonial toasts and the sharing of brief historical vignettes in 50 year intervals commencing with the formation of Brainard Lodge in 1867. A number of presentations were made during the course of the afternoon. Among them was the unveiling of a new Brainard Lodge standard with a purple background to denote that in this present year, the Grand Master of Connecticut Masonry hails from Brainard Lodge.

The keynote address for the event was a presentation by Mrs. Wendy Memmott, the wife of RW Grand Secretary, Richard C. Memmott, Sr. Mrs. Memmott shared her experiences regarding what it means to be the wife of a Mason and spoke about Masonry from a non-Mason's perspective.

Most Worshipful Brother Theodore J. Nelson was escorted west of the altar and presented with several gifts of appreciation to mark the occasion and in honor of his attainment of Grand Master. Worshipful Brother Moran presented a beautiful

carved wooden plaque listing the years that MWB Ted served as Master of Brainard Lodge as well as his year as Grand Master. MWB Ted was also presented with a contribution from the Brothers of Brainard Lodge to help defray the costs involved with traveling as Grand Master. Finally, in recognition of his efforts and encouragement to establish a "life membership" in Brainard Lodge, the Grand Master was presented with a paid life membership.

A cake was commissioned for the occasion and the staff at Great Neck Country Club did a marvelous job of providing efficient service throughout the afternoon. After all appetites were fully sated, the acting Worshipful Master, RWB Miller, closed the festivities with an appropriate prayer and guests mingled prior to going their separate ways.



Photos: (above) RWB Richard Miller, MWB Ted Nelson, and WB James Moran, Jr.; (below l-r) Grace and Theodore J. Nelson enjoy social time; Mrs. Wendy Memmott, speaker; the plaque.







## Ionic Lodge No. 110 Recognizes Students for Good Citizenship *by William L. Greene*

On June 8, Ionic Lodge No. 110 in North Windham, presented four local high school graduates with the “William L. Greene, Good Citizenship Award.” Each student received a monetary gift in recognition of their good character and commitment of service to their family, school, and community. This is the 15th year that Ionic Lodge has presented this award to a graduating student at these schools.

With the roots of Freemasonry in the craftsmen trades, and its belief in community service, the members of Ionic Lodge designate this award for individuals who are well-rounded, conscientious and responsible citizens in their school, home and community. Ionic Lodge requests the guidance counselor from each of the schools submit the name of the graduating student from their school who best fulfills these requirements. In addition to the grant, each student receives an engraved trophy and is invited along with their families, school guidance counselors and teachers to a special awards dinner at Ionic Lodge.



*(l-r): RWB Edward C. Page, Grand Junior Steward; Mr. Brian Osorio, Windham High School; Miss Janina Eldredge, E.O. Smith High School; Miss Grace Sheldon, Coventry High School; MWB William L. Greene; Mr. Alex Riley, Windham Technical High School; RWB Fred L. Watts III Program Chairman; and WB Wendall Reeves, Master of Ionic Lodge No. 110.*

## Putnam Lodge No. 46 Metal Collection Program *by Perne R. Maynard*

At the 2017 District Deputy Presentation RWB Peter A. Rinaudo and RWB Dale T. Cunningham, pledged to work as a team to promote Community Action programs in every lodge in the 9th District.

Putnam Lodge No. 46 has been running a successful metal collection program for several years. The brothers of Putnam Lodge, under the direction of then WB Rinaudo, made plans to collect scrap aluminum and cash it in at a local recycling center. They also collected metal that included non-returnable soft drink cans, cat food cans, and old rain gutters, aluminum lathe turnings, old storm window frames. They donated these collections as a monetary contribution to the “Tabs for Tots” program that benefits the Shriners Children’s Hospital located in Springfield, MA.

The first check, for \$208, was donated to RWB Howard Schiller on Aug 25, 2015 at the 9th District Blue Lodge Council meeting. During the next round of collections the program expanded to other metals as the brothers began collecting all metals including steel, copper, and brass.

Thanks to RWB Rinaudo’s vision, the promotion of this program was passed on to the next two Worshipful Masters,

WB Ken Richards and WB Chris Mayhew. Today the program continues to grow and has donated a total of \$1190 to date, with \$1014 donated to the Shriners Children’s Hospital and \$176 donated to a local Brother in distress. Masons have been collecting “Tabs for Tots” for years, but with a little “out of the box” thinking so much more can be accomplished in the community.



*District Deputy presentation at Putnam Lodge No. 46.*





# Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

Information to be included in *York Rite Opportunities* must be submitted by the **8th** of the preceding month to the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Charles B. Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor CT 06095-3842 or ctramrsm@gmail.com. **NOTE: All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice.**

## JULY 2017

08	ME	MP	RE	Connecticut DeMolay Conclave, CCSU, New Britain
15	ME		RE	Dusis Society & AASR Picnic, Ashlar Pavilion, Wallingford. 11 a.m.
23	ME			Grand Chapter Officers Picnic, McNeely Home.
29	ME			Grand Lodge Esoteric Seminar, Hartog Activity Ctr, Wallingford. 9 a.m.
13		MP	F	Harmony 08 SM, New Haven.

## AUGUST 2017

3-6			RE	F	York Rite Sovereign College, Dallas TX
18-20		MP	RE	F	Grand Council SM of NY, Rochester
26-29	ME	MP	RE	F	AASR Supreme Council, Rochester NY

**NOTE** >> >> >> **When there is a dinner, reservations are usually required**  
**ME** indicates attendance by the **ME Grand High Priest**  
**MP** indicates attendance by the **MP Grand Master**  
**RE** indicates attendance by the **RE Grand Commander**

## COMING UP

**Sep 8,9** Northeast Regional York Rite Conference, Albany NY  
**Sep 15,16** Grand KT of NY, Albany  
**Sep 22** CT Council of Deliberation, AASR

**GRAND CHAPTER & COUNCIL ANNUALS** The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 275 Research Parkway in Meriden was once again the site of the Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. MEGHP Martin Ede continues in office for another year. REGK Sawyers was unable to continue due to work and personal issues. The General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze was awarded to Companion Clyde W. Kayser, and Companion James S. McNeely received the Ephraim Kirby Citation.

**ROYAL ARCH RITUALS OUT OF STOCK** Our supply of Royal Arch ritual books is exhausted, and we will need to print some more. If anyone knows of any errors or omissions in the latest books (2015), please let the Grand Secretary know. Please be specific as to location and nature of the error. After approval by the Committee on Ritual, we will print another batch.

## **FROM MEGHP MARTIN EDE**

Greetings Brothers and Companions,

I am honored to serve you once again as your Grand High Priest, and I am humbled by your continued trust in me. My goals for this coming year will remain essentially the same and will continue to build on the education and strengthening of our Chapters. I plan on having another educational seminar in the spring with MEPGHP Piers Vaughan, and I urge all Chapters to have a representative there. We will continue to promote his Capitular Development Course in conjunction with the courses available from the General Grand Chapter to form the basis of education in our state.

Our session in June was successful and I believe that we have a strong corps of Grand Chapter Officers to continue helping you in your Chapters. Remember to keep that first Saturday in June open next year for our 2018 Annual Session.

Please keep myself and all of the Grand officers on your Chapter mailing lists/Trestleboards so we can plan our schedules accordingly.

I look forward to continuing with these columns and hopefully spreading a little more Masonic light. If you are looking for a place to start for your Chapter education, Piers Vaughan's course is an excellent choice, but also don't neglect the older monitors, such as Albert Mackey's Book of the Chapter that also has a lot to offer. As he says in his 1858 preface: "Books are not always accessible, or if accessible, leisure or inclination may be wanting to institute the necessary investigations. But a Monitor is within every Mason's reach. It is the first book to which his attention is directed...the Monitor is to many a mason, emphatically, his vade mecum". As such, he wrote his book. As noted before, these books and many others are available as print on demand and ebooks.

I look forward to meeting you all again in Chapter, and if you or your lodge or Blue Lodge Council ever need a speaker, please do not hesitate to contact me or another Grand Chapter officer so that we can continue to spread the light offered to all brothers with the Royal Arch,

**FROM MPGM CLYDE W. KAYSER, II**  
 Companions,

Our Annual Grand Council Session is over and our new corps of officers have been elected and installed. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me your Most Puissant Grand Master for 2017-18. I will do all in my power to meet your expectations

This was a memorable session. The Companions voted to defeat a proposal for the Grand Council of Connecticut to join the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry. I believe that since I have been a Cryptic Mason this same motion has been twice defeated. I must admit that I was fairly ambivalent on this proposal and only made my decision after listening to the pros and cons during the discussion before the vote. This rejection really has no effect on the operation of our Grand Council. Even though we were not members, our Grand Council has always supported the activities of General Grand Council, especially their charity, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, our own Most Puissant Companion Richard Eppler is the editor of their Cryptic Freemasons Magazine, and in August our Most Puissant Companion Charles McCollum will be appointed Right Puissant Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the North East Region. I will also note that an individual Companion can become a single member of General Grand Council by purchasing a life membership.

At the Friday night banquet, Most Puissant Grand Master J. Andrew Birdsall presented the Knight of Ish Sodi Medal to Companion Michael D. Sabia of Washington Council No. 6 and Companion Richard L. Allen of Cushing Council No. 4. He also presented the Phillip J. Jones Award to Illustrious Companion James S. McNeely IV of Wolcott Council No. 1. In making these presentations he noted that all of these Illustrious Companions were extremely active in their Councils and are well worthy of receiving these awards. During the Saturday session Companion Birdsall presented the Lincoln Traveling Bible to Suffield Council No. 23.

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## York Rite Continued from page 22

This Council has revived itself after several years of struggling and in combination with Washington Chapter No. 30 has presented all the Chapter and Council Degrees in the past year.

Briefly, my intention is to try and make at least two visits to each Council this year. I look forward to meeting and talking with the officers of the Councils to determine what assistance they may need and more importantly, listen to any ideas they may have to improve the operations of other Councils and the Grand Council.

In 2019 our Grand Council will celebrate two hundred years of existence, and starting next Spring we will have some exciting activities to begin celebrating this event. I will speak later on these events.

Again, I thank you for electing me Most Puissant Grand Master. Have a good holiday, a pleasant summer, and be excited to resume your Cryptic activities in September.

### FROM REGC CHARLES A. McCOLLUM

Sir Knights, As we continue to work on my theme for the year Be the Change You Want to See we move on to the fifth and sixth of Brother Benjamin Franklin's 13 virtues, Frugality and Industry.

**Frugality** – Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.

I do not propose to tell anyone how to spend their own funds. I only ask that you think about your own family budgets and how Brother Franklin's virtue might be employed.

I will however, ask you to seriously consider this virtue when deciding how to spend the funds of your Commandery or indeed this Grand Commandery. There are many Commanderies in this state that are well funded and many others that

are not. Each has its own method of budgeting.

Interestingly, the virtue is called Frugality but the description offered could also lead this virtue to be called Charity. Brother Franklin does not ask you not to spend your money, but to spend it wisely. As you think about the finances of your Commandery, ask these questions – does this expense do good to others? Is this expense wasteful?

If you are satisfied with your answers then spend the funds. If not, perhaps you should keep that money or find another, more useful way to spend it. By doing this you will better manage your funds, and make your Commandery fiscally stronger so that it can continue to be a beacon of chivalry in a world that desperately needs it.

**Industry** – Lose no time; be always employ'd in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.

Much as Frugality asks you to best manage your funds, Industry asks you to best manage your time. And we all know, time is money.

Brother Franklin was always working on something. Anyone who has read a biography, or seen the 25th Degree in the Scottish Rite or even seen a list of all the things this man accomplished can attest to his industry.

We are always told there are only so many hours in the day, or so many days in the week. These are truths which lead us to the real need for time management. This is equally true in our Commanderies. With the dwindling numbers in the state, fewer SKs are involved in more activities, making their time more valuable.

This means we must coordinate with our Chapters and Councils to plan ritual work, special events, and even our stated meetings. Use the time you have to do something useful. If your key ritualists are fully employed in Chapter or Council don't

double book them. Plan an education event, or a family event or something else of value.

The key word, and it has been said numerous times is, Plan. A Stated Conclave with no plan is an unnecessary action, and wastes time. We are blessed in this state with several SKs who are well versed in Templar education. Use them to make your Conclaves useful to the SKs that attend.

In September we will explore the virtue of Sincerity.

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# Richard Vernon Travis Awarded Pierpont in Bronze *by Robert Dorr*



Anointed Kings on May 11, 1985.

Brother Richard was Knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Bridgeport, on Good Friday, April 4, 1980, serving as Eminent Commander in 1985. In 1985, he was elected as a Trustee. Upon the unexpected death of the Recorder he stepped in and filled the Office of Recorder from 1990 to 1993. He affiliated with Clark Commandery No. 7 in Waterbury in 1982 and was Elected Recorder in 1985 and served in that Office until Clark Commandery merged with New Haven Commandery in 1990. He still serves as the secretary of the Clark Commandery Association.

He was appointed as “Aide to the Right Eminent Grand Commander” in June 1982 by Sir Knight Leonard F. D’Amico, Grand Commander. He served for the ensuing four years retiring in April, 1986. He was appointed Assistant Grand Treasurer in 1986 and in 1987 he was appointed Grand Warder. SK Richard advanced through the line and in April 1995 was elected and served as the 147th Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. Upon his retirement as Grand Commander he was elected Grand Treasurer. Following the unexpected death of SK Kenneth Gray, he resigned as Grand Treasurer and was elected to the Office of Grand Recorder. He is an Honorary member of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, and the Grand Commandery of Virginia. SK Richard is the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire near the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

Brother Richard is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in The Valley of Bridgeport and holds a dual membership in Nathan Hale Consistory in the Valley of Hartford. He served as Most Wise Master of Pequonnock Chapter Rose Croix in 1985. He was elected Secretary of the Valley of Bridgeport in 1987 and served for the ensuing ten years retiring in January 1997. He served as Secretary of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation from 1992 thru 1997. He was coronetted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 24, 1986, and he was Crowned

**R**ichard Vernon Travis was born on August 20, 1941 in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania the son of L. Earl Travis and Virginia Rowlands Travis. He received his elementary education in the public schools in Mamaroneck, New York, transferring to Peekskill Military Academy in 1955 to receive his high school education, graduating in May, 1960. After working for a year he enrolled in R.C.A. Institutes in New York City and graduated in 1965 with a degree in Industrial Electronics.

Brother Richard joined the Norden Division, United Aircraft Corporation in late 1965 as a test technician in the Quality Control Department. Richard held many positions in the Quality Department at Norden and retired as the Manager of the Procurement Quality Assurance.

An avid collector of United States postage stamps and postal history, he is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Bureau Issues Association. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Connecticut Rifle and Revolver Association. For many years he was an active member of the Connecticut State High Power Rifle Team traveling throughout the United States to compete in state, regional and national high power rifle matches.

He was raised on November 27, 1962 in Larchmont Lodge No. 1030 F&AM in Larchmont, NY. He began in the officer line two years later but was forced to drop out in 1965 when he was transferred to the night shift at work. He affiliated with Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 in Milford, Connecticut and became an active worker in the Fellowcraft Association, serving as its president in 1982. In November, 1983 he demitted from Larchmont Lodge and joined Lafayette Lodge No. 141 in Fairfield and served Lafayette Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1988. He served on the CT Grand Lodge “Condition of Masonry Committee” from 1989 to 1992.

He was Exalted in Milford Chapter No. 49 Royal Arch Masons on May 21, 1979 and served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1986. He was admitted and consecrated in Connecticut Council of Anointed High Priests in 1986. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota in the near Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

He was Received and Greeted in Adam Sattig Council No. 35 Royal & Select Masters on November 6, 1979 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1985. He was Crowned in Connecticut Council of

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# Gary Evan Cohen Awarded Pierpont in Bronze

by Robert Dorr



Brother Gary Evan Cohen was born in New Haven, CT on November 6, 1946 at Grace Hospital. He is the son of Saul and Bernice (Bunnie) Cohen and brother to WB Joseph, WB Philip and sister Betty. Gary married Marcia Winess, June 6, 1968 (Daughter of Sylvia and Brother Peter Winess and Sister of WB Michael Winess). They have two sons, Jason and Brian, two grandsons Ian and Max, and two step grandsons, Emanu and Cypress.

Gary graduated from West Haven High School in 1964. He attended Southern Connecticut College (now Southern Connecticut State University) in New Haven, and received a B.A. in Liberal Arts in February, 1969.

Gary's career path started in the banking industry. His first job was with Tradesmen's National Bank, then Connecticut Bank & Trust, then Union Trust Co., all as a Loan Collector. After his career in banking he decided to join a fellow brother in the Exterminating business with Keystone Exterminating Co. and he finished his career with Terminix before his retirement in 2011.

Gary takes his faith very seriously and has been a long time member of Temple Emanuel in Orange, and Yale Jewish Service (Yale Hillel) at the Slivka Center.

His association with the Masonic Fraternity began on September 1, 1971, when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice at



Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 15, 1971. He was appointed to the officer line in January, 1973 as Marshal and became Worshipful Master in January, 1979. His first candidate raised as Master of the Lodge was his father, Brother Saul Cohen. He is a member of Cosmopolitan's Fellowcraft Club and attends their functions on a regular basis. He received the Fellowcraft Club's Mason of the Year Award in 2004. Gary has served his lodge as Secretary in 1980, and an additional three times as Chaplain in 1985, 1989 and 2001. Gary was elected Treasurer of Cosmopolitan Lodge in 2003, and presently remains in that

position. He has also served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the 4th Masonic District Blue Lodge Council for the past 26 years. Gary also served the Grand Lodge as the Chairman of the Blood Donor Committee for two years. Gary currently serves as the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the New Haven Chapter of DeMolay, as well as a member of the Auvergne Chapter.

Gary served as Associate Grand Marshal with RWB Joseph Albert in 1988 and 1989. He then served as Right Worshipful District Deputy for Masonic District 4-A in 1993-1994, first appointed by Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth B. Hawkins.

A member of Hejaz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., of New Haven, Gary has been an active member since March 10, 1976. He is currently and has been the Chaplain since 2008. He held the office of Monarch in 1994. He is the current Enchanted Lantern Chairman, and has been since 1995. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of New Haven, and Pyramid Shrine Temple of Stratford for the past 25 years.

Gary is currently a member in the Past Master's Association of the 4th Masonic District since 1979 and the Past District Deputies Association of CT since 1993.

In recognition of his service to his Synagogue, to his Lodge and to Masonry in general, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Connecticut is pleased to present to Right Worshipful Brother Gary Evan Cohen the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

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## Travis Pierpont *Continued from page 26*

an Active Member of the Supreme Council at the annual meeting in Boston Massachusetts on August 27, 1996.

In 1980 he was created a Companion Knight in Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 and served the College as ritual cast director in 1981 and 1982. He was appointed to the officer line in 1983 and served the College as Pre-Eminent Governor in 1989. Brother Richard received the Order of the Purple Cross at the annual meeting of the Sovereign York Rite College of North America in Braintree, Massachusetts on July 25, 1987.

Other Masonic Memberships include: Saint Andrew's Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, currently serving the Conclave as Viceroy and Recorder; Apostles Tabernacle XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, currently Registrar/Treasurer; Connecticut Priory Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Eminent Prior 1996; Pyramid Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Temple Ambassador; Dimaryp Court No. 66, Royal Order of Jesters, Director 1996; Candlewood Shrine Club; Royal Order of Scotland; Grand College of Rites USA, Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons, Nutmeg Order No. 106, Sword of Bunker Hill; Masonic Lodge of Research, Bridgeport CT; Maine Masonic Lodge of Research; Garibaldi Masonic Club; The 45er's Association; Police Square Club; Bombsight Square Club; Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor; Twilight Club of Bridgeport; Nathan Hale Council No. 78; Allied Masonic Degrees; and Connecticut College S.R.I.C.F.

Ill. Brother Travis was hired as the Executive Director of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in 2007. As Executive Director, Dick manages the 88,000 square-foot museum, its budgets and personnel. He draws on his well-developed professional background, having served in private industry for over 40 years. In addition, Dick interfaces with the Board of Directors presenting them with financial information as well as status updates of ongoing projects, exhibitions and acquisitions to the collections.

In recognition of his dedicated service to all of Masonry, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Connecticut is pleased to present Worshipful Brother Richard Vernon Travis the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

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#### Brothers All,

The Committee on Masonic Education would like to invite you to an amazing seminar this July. Once again we are having a number of Masonic speakers discussing a variety of esoteric/educational topics. This is open to all Master Masons, and all jurisdictions are welcome to attend. Join us!

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# Craft at Labor

To have your lodge events appear in the newspaper, please update your lodge website calendars prior to the 10th of the previous month. If your lodge needs assistance accessing the website please have the Master or Secretary or Calendar Admin contact the Help Desk: <https://ctfreemasons.on.spiceworks.com/portal>.

All times are supplied by the lodges. If there is a dinner, the time in the heading reflects that. The Connecticut Freemasons newspaper is not responsible for errors. When traveling, please contact the Secretary of the lodge to verify all times and events and to inquire about dinner reservations.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

**Wednesday, July 12, 8:15 p.m.** Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien,

**Saturday, August 26, 5:30 p.m.**, Acacia Lodge No. 85 & CMSA. Contact either Jack Braddock, [john.braddock@cox.net](mailto:john.braddock@cox.net) or Seth Strohecker [seth.strohecker@gmail.com](mailto:seth.strohecker@gmail.com).

## FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

**Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.**, Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton

**Wednesday, August 9, 8:15 p.m.**, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien

# Craft at Refreshment

For more details about any of these events please contact the Lodge directly. In many cases, reservations are required, and they may or may not be open to the public.

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## RECURRING EVENTS

**First Sunday of the Month, Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14**, Plainville, 8 a.m., Masters Round Table & Field Day. Join our Master for breakfast and help clean up our home.

**Every Sunday, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21**, New Milford, 12 p.m., Build a Brother. Go over and ritual or questions you may have on Masonry. Prospective candidates and new brothers welcome.

**Every Tuesday**, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, 7 p.m., BINGO. Open to the public, all Masons and Eastern Stars. Refreshments

**Every Thursday, Putnam Lodge No. 46**, Putnam, 7 p.m., Thursday Night Meeting Socializing, Rehearsing, Prepping.

**First Wednesday of the Month, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89**, Milford, 7 p.m., Mason Night @ OAH, Orange Ale House 517 Boston Post Rd Orange CT 06477

**Second, Fourth Wednesday of the Month, Union Lodge No. 5**, Stamford, 7 p.m., Fellowship Night at the Lodge. Open to all brothers, friends. Refreshments and discussion. Please call to verify.

**Third Thursday of the Month, Day Spring Lodge No. 30**, Hamden, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Information Night. Open to all who may be interested in Masonry, with interesting presentations and discussion.

**Every Friday, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21**, New Milford, 7 p.m. 3XB in the Chapel. Brothers, Beverages and BS.

**Every Friday, 7 p.m., Anchor Lodge No. 112**, East Hampton, Setback. Bring a friend.

**Second Saturday of the Month, Day Spring Lodge No. 30**, Hamden, 7 p.m., Movie Night Films, Snacks and beverages will be provided.

## RECURRING BREAKFASTS

**First Sunday of the Month, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140**, Newington, 7 a.m., SBA Breakfast Fund raiser

**Second Sunday of the Month, Compass Lodge No. 9**, Wallingford, 8 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)

**Third Sunday of the Month, Washington Lodge No. 19**, Monroe, 8 a.m., Country breakfast

**First Thursday of the Month, 8th District Lodges**, Niantic, 9 a.m., District Breakfast, Groton Townhouse, Rt 12, Groton CT

## EVENTS

**Sat., July 8, 9:30 a.m., Anchor Lodge No. 112**, East Hampton, East Hampton Old Home Day Parade, Meet at Lodge to car pool. Parade begins at 11 a.m.

**Sat., July 8, 6:30 p.m., Putnam Lodge No. 46**, Woodstock, Stated Communication and Ice Cream Social,

**Fri., July 14, King Hiram Lodge No. 12**, Southbury, King Hiram Family Camp Out. Come join us for the King Hiram family camp out, a great weekend of unplugging and relaxing at a camp ground.

**Sat., July 15, Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145**, Manchester, Lodge Picnic, Details to follow

**Sat., July 15, 8 a.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140**, Newington, CT-CHIP Event at Newington's Mill Pond Extravaganza

**Sat., July 15, 12 p.m., Montgomery Lodge No. 13**, Lakeville, Fundraiser Lobsters to Go. Pick up your orders between 4 pm and 6 pm. Call 1-860-435-9722 to place your order.

**Thu., July 20, 6:30 p.m., Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107**, Darien, Ivanhoe Poker Nite

**Sat., July 22, 7:30 a.m., Newington, Scottish Rite/ Freemasons 5K Road Race** Scottish Rite/Freemasons 5K Road Race is to Benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center-CT. Rain or Shine.

**Sat., July 22, 6 p.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140**, Newington, Steak, Scotch & Stogie Event

**Mon., July 24, 7:30 p.m., Day Spring Lodge No. 30**, Hamden, Esoteric Freemason Lecture Series,

**Sat., July 29, 7 a.m., Putnam Lodge No. 46**, Woodstock, Lodge Tag Sale

**Sat., July 29, 8:30 a.m., Commitee on Masonic Education's Esoteric Seminar**, Hartog at Ashlar Village Wallingford

**Tue., August 1, 6 p.m., Composite Lodge No. 28**, West Suffield, Suffield First Night Out - CHIP Event

**Sun., August 6, 7 a.m., Anchor Lodge No. 112**, East Hampton, Belltown Antique Car Show

**Mon., August 7, 10 a.m., Compass Lodge No. 9**, Wallingford, Two Ball Cane Golf Classic, Golfers - Please register by July 21.

**Sat., August 12, Coastal Lodge No. 57**, Mystic, Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Hot Dog Stand

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# Flag Etiquette

by John Chan

*Ed. Note: Flags displays and presentation are often part of various Masonic ceremonies. Brethren who participate should know the rules and customs regarding handling the U.S. Flag. Brother John Chan, of Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 has provided a useful reminder. All flag presentation teams should review this information. The full article is available on the lodge web site: <https://lodge140.ctfreemasons.net/links/flag-etiquette/>*

The rules for handling and displaying the U.S. Flag are defined by a law known as the U.S. Flag Code. Have you been paying the proper honor and respect to our Flag?

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall (see Fig. 1), the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the American flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. No other flag or pennant should be placed above, or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America.

## DISPLAYING THE FLAG FOR INDOORS FUNCTIONS:

The Flag should be displayed before the commencement of any indoor events. If the flag is to be marched in by an Honor Guard and posted, it should be done at the start of the event.

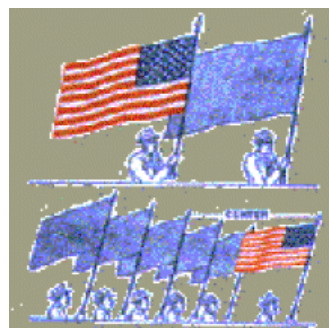
The flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker (see Fig. 2). When displayed from a staff in a public auditorium or Lodge, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in the position of honor of speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the speaker or the right of the audience.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs (see Fig. 3).

When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG; MANNER OF DELIVERY

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with



their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should, face the flag, render the military salute, and remain silent. Veterans may salute and remain silent or say the Pledge, then snap a salute at the end of the Pledge.

## DISPLAYING THE FLAG OUTDOORS:

When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak (see Fig. 4).

When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff (see Fig 5).

It is difficult to display a house or porch American flag at half-staff. An accepted patriotic practice and display of mourning is to attach a black ribbon or streamer at the top of the American flag.

By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government as a mark of respect to their memory (see Fig. 6). Governors of a state can declare that the flag be flown at half-staff in their state when a former governor of that state dies. The term "half-staff" means the position of the flag when it is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff;

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.

## CARRYING THE FLAG IN A POSSESSION:

When carried in procession with other flags the U.S. flag should be either on the marching right (the flag's right) or to the front and center of the flag line (see Fig 7). When displayed on a float in a parade, the flag should be hung from a staff or

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suspended so it falls free. It should not be draped over a vehicle.

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. Generally, this applies to only large flags carried by flag bearers and the salute is rendered when the flag is six paces before and six paces after it passes in front of you.

## RESPECT FOR FLAG.

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. **When carried, it is always in an upright position.**

(a) The flag should never be displayed with union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

(b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

(c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping in front of the platform, and for a decoration in general.

(e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

(f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

(h) The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

(j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably with a burning ceremony.

***Contact your local American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for their burning ceremonies.***

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**Sat., August 12, Jephtha Lodge No. 95,** Clinton, Clinton Summer Fair - CHIP Event

**Sat., August 12, 9 a.m., Village Lodge No. 29,** Collinsville, Fundraiser for Local Charities

**Sat., August 12, 4:30 p.m., Village Lodge No. 29,** Collinsville, Annual Family Picnic

**Sat., August 12, 1 p.m., Washington Lodge No. 70,** Windsor, Seven B's V, 30 State Street, Narragansett, RI, Lodge Fishing Trip

**Sun., August 13, 12 p.m., Annawon Lodge No. 115,** West Haven, Summer Picnic, Painter Park's upper pavilion from noon to 6.

**Fri., August 18, 3 p.m., Anchor Lodge No. 112,** East Hampton, Anchor Lodge Camp weekend,

**Fri., August 18, 4 p.m., Temple Lodge No. 65,** Westport, Summer Picnic at Westport's Compo Beach. Contact Dan Kamzik, JW for details.

**Sat., August 19, Composite Lodge No. 28,** Suffield, Tri Lodge Picnic, Picnic with Washington 70 & Hartford Evergreen 88 at Sunrise Park in West Suffield

**Sat., August 19, Washington Lodge No. 70,** Windsor, Tri-Lodge Picnic

**Sat., August 19, 11 a.m., Anchor Lodge No. 112,** East Hampton, Masters picnic

**Sat., August 19, 12 p.m., Montgomery Lodge No. 13,** Lakeville, Fundraiser Lobsters to Go, Pick up your orders between 4 pm and 6 pm. Call 1-860-435-9722 to place your order.

**Sun., August 20, Hiram Lodge No. 1,** New Haven, Columbus House, We will be preparing and serving dinner at Columbus House for the residents and staff.

**Sat., August 26, 10 a.m., Composite Lodge No. 28,** Suffield, Stuffed Cabbage Rolling Party, Time to make hundreds of these delicious items. It's not just work....it's a party!

**Sat., August 26, 10 a.m., Putnam Lodge No. 46,** Woodstock, Quarterly Communication and Lodge Picnic, Picnic to follow about noon.

**Mon., August 28, 7:30 p.m., Day Spring Lodge No. 30,** Hamden, Esoteric Freemason Lecture Series

**Sat. September 9 & Sun., September 10, Composite Lodge No. 28,** Suffield, Suffield on the Green, Polish Platter and Fried Dough Booths at the town green. Join us in supporting Composite Lodge for this 2-day event.

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July 6	The Big Beat Band <i>Oldies &amp; Goodies</i>	August 10	The Larry Ayce Band <i>Doin' it up Country</i>
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