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# Masonic Family Celebrates Grand Masters Day 2007

Masonicare's annual celebration for the residents of Masonic Healthcare Center honors the current Grand Master with a parade, speeches, family activities and a blending of formal and informal good times. If the weather wasn't as pleasant this year as in previous years, in the end, it didn't matter to the hundreds who attended.

Brother William L. Greene, Most Worshipful Grand Master, shared his special day with a special friend and brother of Connecticut Freemasonry, Brother Floyd E. Bagwell, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Connecticut. MW Bill had asked Masonicare to take the apostrophe out of "Grand Master's" Day this year and make it plural to celebrate two Grand Masters who exist in peace and harmony, each in their own distinct Masonic Grand jurisdiction in Connecticut.

A rainy drizzle threatened to cancel the parade and limit attendance, but the show went on just the same. Wet weather gear was worn, adapted, invented, or shared, while smiles kept everyone dry.

A surprising crowd of Masonic Healthcare Center residents cheered the marchers, which included the leadership of the Grand Lodge, Prince Hall, appendant bodies of Connecticut Freemasonry, and Masonicare.

The big tent was filled to capacity for a brisk program, which began with an honor guard by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, who presented the American flag and led the pledge of allegiance. WB Howard W. Orr, Chairman of the Masonicare Board of Trustees, welcomed all, followed by remarks made by Bro. Steve McPherson, Masonicare President and CEO, musical interludes by the Sphinx Chanters and Order of Eastern Star Grand Choir, and the festive trumpet of Wallingford Mayor William W. Dickinson,



*From left: MWPGM Lewis Myrick Jr., Prince Hall and honorary PGM, AF&AM; MW Floyd E. Bagwell Jr., Prince Hall; Sandie Green; MW William L. Greene enjoying the relaxed atmosphere at Grand Masters Day 2007 in Wallingford.*

Jr. Brief addresses were also made by both Grand Masters.

Several highlights included the presentation of custom Grand Master fezzes by Bro. Edward J. Pahl, Illustrious Potentate of Sphinx Shrine, to the two Grand Masters. It was the first time a Prince Hall Grand Master had received this honor from Sphinx Shrine, Newington. Grand Masters Greene and Bagwell beamed with pleasure.

Brothers Orr and McPherson then surprised Rosemarie Preneta, Director of Volunteers at Masonic Healthcare Center, with the seldom-presented Luke Lockwood Award in recognition of her outstanding service to Masonicare. *(A more detailed story can be found on page 9.)*

Final comments, benediction and the singing of "God Bless America" closed the program. Then RW Carl H. Anderson, Vice President for Fraternal Relations for Masonicare invited the entire Masonic Family to gather together on the lawn for an overhead photo. The photographer was able to include everyone in the photo, which was the first group photo taken since 1915's Grand Master's Day.

With the formal parade and ceremonies completed, as well as the drizzle, it was time for casual clothes, refreshments, and fun. Many attendees donated blood to the Red Cross, helped with the CTCHIP program, or

attended the Health Fair or bell choir concert. Young children were delighted to ride on the carousel or on a pony or pet unusual animals at the Children's Activities Court.

Others just wanted to reacquaint themselves with friends and chat. There was face painting, craft sales, silent auctions, and the traditional Hiram's Store operated by Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, which sold Masonic wares. Under the tent, Tom Callinan Irish Music played until mid afternoon.

Grand Masters Bagwell and Greene changed into casual clothes; mingled with the crowd, personally thanking everyone for coming and receiving their "congratulations." Grand Masters Day 2007 was a success for the Grand Masters, Masonicare and the entire Connecticut Masonic Family.

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*Obviously, our cover shows the Masonic Family coming together to celebrate Grand Masters Day. However, our entire issue is meant to show the broad activities of the entire Masonic family doing what MW Bill Greene describes as, "Working together to benefit all." The Masonic Family came together in East Hartford to exceed ambitious fund raising goals. Please read and see how lodges across the state, as well as each of the appendant and concordant bodies of Freemasonry make Masonry meaningful, and live it every day.*

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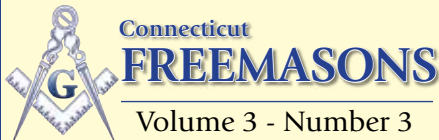


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William L. Greene - July/August 2007

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July 2	Monday	Shrine Imperial Session, Anaheim CA				
July 3	Tuesday	Shrine Imperial Session, Anaheim CA				
July 4	Wednesday	Shrine Imperial Session, Anaheim CA				
July 5	Thursday	Shrine Imperial Session, Anaheim CA				
July 6	Friday	Shrine Imperial Session, Anaheim CA				
July 9	Monday	Washington 19 Awards Night, Monroe	6:30 p.m.	Y		
July 10	Tuesday	John Wheatley Golf Classic	9:00 a.m.	Y	C	Y
		Indian Hill Country Club, Newington				
July 11	Wednesday	CT Freemasons Foundation, Wallingford	2:00 p.m.	N	C	N
July 13	Friday	DeMolay State Conclave	5:00 p.m.	Y	C	N
		CCSU, New Britain				
July 14	Saturday	DeMolay State Conclave	8:00 a.m.	Y	C	N
		CCSU, New Britain				
July 14	Saturday	Supreme Royal Patron Reception	6:00 p.m.	Y	F	N
		Nashua, New Hampshire				
July 20	Friday	N.E. Conference of Grand Masters		Y		
		Williamsburg, VA				
July 21	Saturday	N.E. Conference of Grand Masters		Y		
		Williamsburg, VA				
July 22	Sunday	N.E. Conference of Grand Masters		Y		
		Williamsburg, VA				
July 25	Wednesday	Masonicare Board Meeting				
		Ramage Board Room , Wallingford	4:00 p.m.	N	C	N
July 29	Sunday	Amaranth/O.E.S Pool Party & BBQ	1:00 p.m.	Y	C	Y
		at the Greene's house				
August 13	Monday	Masonic Charity Foundation Golf Classic	9:00 a.m.	Y	C	Y
		Race Brook Country Club, Orange				
August 23	Thursday	GLO Meeting, Wallingford	5:30 p.m.	Y	C	N
August 31	Friday	Norma J. Brandt Scholarship Reception	noon	N	C	Y
		MHC Auditorium, Wallingford				

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# Grand Master's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this message on the evening of Grand Masters Day. This was a wonderful day of fellowship. It did rain, or, I should say, "poured" for the parade, but that did not dampen the spirits of those present. Everyone had big smiles and so much fun despite soaked tuxes, gowns, and uniforms. I am so proud of the Connecticut Masonic family and to be a Connecticut Mason. I want to thank all of you who braved the day and to those that were with us in spirit. The rain stopped for the group photo and I am anxious to see a copy. This is the first group photo taken at Grand Masters Day since 1915. This year, our Prince Hall Mason Family joined us for this historic day of celebration. It was wonderful having MW Floyd Bagwell, Jr., marching alongside me for the parade.

May 19 (another rainy day!) was the MCF "Quality-of-Life-Walk" at Great River Park in East Hartford. 440 walkers and 94 volunteers from our Masonic Family and Masonicare participated in the ½, 1, or 3 mile walk to raise over \$62,000 for the quality of life fund for the residents and patients at the Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown, and Connecticut VNA when no other funding source is available. Our Masonic Youth groups, Rainbow and DeMolay were a great help on that day

and I want to personally thank them. Again our entire Masonic family, joining together with the employees of Masonicare accomplished a fantastic task, while having fun and fellowship with each other to aid such a great cause.

As we get ready for our summer break, I wish you all a safe and fun filled "vacation."

God Bless you all,  
God Bless our Masonic Family,  
God Bless the United States of America.

Fraternally,



William L. Greene  
Grand Master



## Deputy Grand Master's Corner

Brethren,

This may be the first time you have heard from me directly. All the other times I have been relaying the Grand Master's message. I want to inform the craft about how I intend to conduct my year as Grand Master if I am elected.


The dictionary shows that most words have multiple meanings. My philosophy also has two meanings. My philosophy is K.I.S.S. Most of you know the meaning of this acronym, "Keep It Simple, Stupid." I have modified by substituting my last name to make it a reminder to myself to "Keep It Simple, Stika." There is no need to make things more complicated than necessary. Most of the time it is easier, and more desirable, to simplify rather than to complicate. "A camel is a horse designed by committee."

I also find it makes life easier to get an idea across in as few words as possible, hence, my second meaning, "Keep It Short, Stika." Unlike some, I do not enjoy hearing myself speak just to listen to the sound of my voice. I hope to make my point and move on.

In the future, I will comment on a variety of subjects. Sometimes it will be my opinion and sometimes it will be to correct misconceptions. My biggest pet peeve is talking over someone else. For example, during the Middle Chamber Lecture that we all love to hear for the 200th time, or during the installation of officers, it is very easy to start a conversation with the brother sitting next to you. You may think you are speaking quietly but everyone in the room can hear you. This is both distracting and discourteous. We are all guilty of this at times, but I have encountered this more and more lately. Please try to show some respect for the person speaking.

I have rambled enough (K.I.S.S.).

Thank you for listening.



Robert J. Stika  
Deputy Grand Master



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## "Focus on the Future"

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6 NIV).

In the late eighteenth century, a movement called "Sunday School" began springing up in England. Religious organizations, including the earliest Puritans who settled New England, had been operating schools for centuries. But as industrialization began, children found themselves inside factories year 'round (as opposed to farming, where the kids were needed to work the fields in the summer, but could attend school during the week in the late fall, winter, and early spring). A man named Robert Raikes is usually credited with creating church-sponsored schools on Sundays to teach the ideas and skills (both sacred and secular)

children needed to escape poverty and appreciate the blessings of life. Jewish synagogues formed Sabbath schools for much the same reason.

As the twentieth century dawned, many young people found themselves with seemingly little guidance or direction. Freemasons responded to the need: Bro. Daniel Carter Beard helped form the Boy Scouts of America, WB Frank S. Land founded the Order of DeMolay ([www.DeMolay.org](http://www.DeMolay.org)), and MWB W. Mark Sexson created the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls ([www.iorg.org](http://www.iorg.org)).

The times continue to change, and the world around us gets more complex and confusing all the time. The wisdom of Most Excellent King Solomon remains true: "Train

a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

DeMolay and Rainbow remain our fraternity's premiere youth organizations. You can help them in a variety of ways. Just the other night, Composite Lodge No. 28 in Suffield came up with the idea of creating, helping the young men plan, and working side-by-side to run fundraisers to strengthen the DeMolay chapter they sponsor. Unity Lodge No. 148 hosts an annual games night in which DeMolays and Rainbows join lodge brethren for pizza (you would not believe how many boxes we go through!) and cards, darts, pool, video games, and more. Last fall, members of the Order of the Eastern Star – one sister or brother at a time – provided an opportunity for our youth to play laser tag (with Eastern Star grand and chapter officers!). In all three of these examples (and there are many more throughout Connecticut), the emphasis is on promoting personal contacts and



building relationships which will, in turn, build character and loyalty to the values which have made the Masonic family and our nation great.

Several years ago, a well-known scholar suggested that "Jesus played with children and taught adults." He was bemoaning the lack of continuing religious educational classes for adults, but his motto overlooked the fact that most people develop the values and principles they will cling to throughout their adult lives as young children. In a similar vein, we Masons are devoted to making good men better, but for the sake of our fraternity, our communities, our nation, and the world, we – as lodges and as individual Masons – must devote ourselves to educating, mentoring, and developing future generations. This summer, as you lounge in your hammock or Adirondack chair, and as children run to and fro in your neighborhood, I urge you to consider how you can make a positive difference in both your own and other young peoples' lives. The future is in your hands!



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# Bro. Tilson Receives Wooster Medal

by Michael L. Castroll

We've all heard about 'Masonic secrets.' Just when you think you've heard it all, there's another. Sometimes a 'secret' stands right in front of you, waiting to be recognized. In this case, it is a group called the National Sojourners.

Founded almost 109 years ago in the Philippines, the Sojourners' original purpose was as a Masonic club designed to attract unaffiliated Masons in theatres of war. Today, the National Sojourners have chapters worldwide, and promote the Masonic virtue of patriotism. There are two local chapters in Connecticut, one in greater Hartford, the other in New London-Groton.

Another secret has recently been brought to light. It is the national president of the National Sojourners, Connecticut's RW Philip A. Tilson. Bro. Phil has a most colorful and

proud Masonic career; he has his fingers in every part of the fraternity.

Philip A. Tilson was raised a Master Mason in 1960 in Anchor Lodge No. 149 in New Jersey, and is a member of Frank P. Moncure Lodge No. 279 in Virginia. He is a member and Past Master of Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, Connecticut. He served District 9A as District Deputy in 1989-90.

In Maryland, he sought further light in the Scottish and York Rite bodies. He is a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, a Past Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar. He is decorated among his Knight Companions as a recipient of the York Rite Purple Cross. He belongs to more Masonically affiliated organizations under our full umbrella than most Masons ever hear of, including the Shrine and the Grotto,

where he serves as a Regional Deputy Grand Monarch. If this were not enough, Phil is also a holder of the coveted 4° in the Knights of Columbus.

There is a lot more to RW Phil Tilson. His exemplary military record shows him to be a retired United States Air Force Colonel who flew over 150 missions. He has been decorated with the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, among

the military honors earned by this patriot in the defense of his country. Bro. Tilson also holds two Bachelor of Science degrees, two Masters degrees, and has a Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology.

Bro. Tilson is a member of Hartford Chapter No. 56, Carlisle Chapter No. 130, and is a past president of Dayton Chapter No. 67, National Sojourners. He has been the national president of National Sojourners, Inc. since being installed at the 86th annual convention, held at Austin, Texas in June 2006.

Is it any wonder that Right Worshipful Philip A. Tilson was recently honored by our Grand Lodge for his service to his country and the Masonic Armed Forces Veterans of the United States of America? On April 22, MW Grand Master William L. Greene presented Brother Tilson with the David Wooster Medal in Silver for Eminent Service to Humanity as a part of quinquennial David Wooster Day festivities in New Haven.

The little-known David Wooster Medal is not given lightly. It was formulated in 1973 by a committee consisting of MW Brothers Merle P. Tapley, William C. Neu, William Campbell, and Carl O. Carlson, and RW Bro. James Royal Case. The award is designed to recognize people in various fields of endeavor for their service to humanity. Up to two silver medals and two bronze medals may be given in one year. Among the recipients of David Wooster Medal are The Honorable and Brother Raymond E. Baldwin, Dr. and Brother Burr H. Curtis, State Representative and Brother Gerald F. Stevens, Union Lodge No. 40 of Danbury, the longtime host of the formerly annual Wooster Day program, and, most recently, the Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut.



RW Bro. Philip A. Tilson, national president of the National Sojourners, Inc. received the David Wooster Medal in Silver for Eminent Service to Humanity from MW Grand Master William L. Greene at the David Wooster Memorial Service in New Haven on April 22.



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Ninety-five years ago the 124th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Hartford on January 17 and 18, 1912 with MW Randolph Chapman of Waterbury and Madison presiding. Bro. Justin Holden was elected as Grand Master. The Grand Master reaffirmed the Connecticut rule that nominations for elective office in a lodge are repugnant to tradition. There were 110 lodges on the roll and a net gain in membership of 562 was reported with 1062 initiates. The total number of members stood at 23,684. There were only 87 NPD's reported that year. The per capita assessment stood at \$1.25. The Grand Master reported nine special communications during the year, including cornerstones in West Haven, Waterbury

and Westville and dedication ceremonies at Plainville, Torrington, Waterbury, West Haven, East Hartford, and South Glastonbury. We also had 113 residents at the Masonic Home.



Forty-five years ago, Dr. and Brother Kurt S. Pelz was announced as the new Executive Director of the Masonic Home. Brother Burton Calkins was Comptroller and Business Administrator. In 1962 contributions from Masons covered about 50% of the total cost of operations, with the balance from state and federal funds. The appointment of the first medically trained administrator was in anticipation that a professional be appointed if federal and state funds were to be received. Dr. Pelz was a graduate of the University of

Vienna Medical School and had been the medical director in Wallingford for the previous 25 years. He replaced MW Thom Corby, the chief administrator who had gone to his eternal home. MW Corby was the last Past Grand Master to head the Masonic Home. Dr. Pelz was a member of Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, and a Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe.



One hundred and forty-five years ago there was civil war in America. In August 1862 Washington called for 300,000 volunteers for nine months of



service and there were already 22,000 ready to serve. Regiments generally chose their own officers. In Connecticut, the 22nd Regiment was from Hartford and Tolland counties, while the 23rd came from Fairfield and New Haven counties. The 24th came from Middlesex county and the 26th from New

London county. By the fall of 1862 there were 15 regiments from Connecticut. During the summer of 1862 McClellan's army was attempting to march toward Richmond. There were ten Connecticut regiments in the field but only the 1st Heavy, known previously as the 4th Regiment, was in this campaign. The regiment had earned their due at the Siege of Yorktown and other battles. In July 1862, there were 7145 Connecticut men in the infantry.



The rain on Grand Masters Day abated for most of the day and we settled for sprinkles. For the first time, two Grand Masters marched together in the parade. Connecticut Freemasonry can be proud of the close association between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Great Masons as MW Floyd Bagwell, Jr. and MW Lewis Myrick, Jr. and others have served Freemasonry well.



The first Grand Master's Day was held in September. Involvement of the Masonic family and encouragement of our younger generation has been a recent innovation. My 4 1/2 year old son attended his fourth celebration and he seemed to enjoy this one more than the previous three. Twenty-four hours later he asked when the next one would be.

*God's speed to all and have a great summer.*

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# Rosemarie Preneta Receives Luke Lockwood Award

At a special ceremony at this year's Grand Masters Day held on the Masonicare campus, Rosemarie Preneta, long-time Director of Volunteer Services for Masonic Healthcare Center, was presented with the Luke A. Lockwood Medal for distinguished service to Masonicare. This medal, which is the highest honor Masonicare gives to an individual, is given in memory of Luke Lockwood, a past Grand Master of Connecticut Masons who also served as the President of The Masonic Charity Foundation from 1889 until his death in 1905.

WB Howard W. Orr, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Masonicare, presented the award to Ms. Preneta in recognition of her many contributions and the outstanding service she provides to Masonicare.

Rosemarie began her career with Masonic Healthcare Center in 1987 and has worked with hundreds of volunteers over the years. She has been a leader

in developing and growing the Grand Masters Day celebration and has provided years of interior design direction to Masonic Healthcare Center. She also provides oversight to the two retail stores at the Center and has been actively involved in many events and programs, including numerous United Way drives.

Rosemarie initiated the annual Summer Concert Series, developed the volunteer orientation program, and was instrumental in organizing the annual Festival of Trees, which has been an enormously successful event for Masonic Healthcare Center.

In presenting the award, Bro. Howard Orr said, "Rosemarie is a tremendous advocate for our residents and volunteers and seems to always find a way to get the job done in a positive and caring fashion. She believes in Masonicare and has a strong sense of ownership within our organization. She truly is a role



Rosemarie Preneta receives the Luke Lockwood award from Howard Orr. Pictured offering congratulations are Bill Piper (left), President of Masonic Healthcare Center; Richard Preneta; and Steve McPherson (right).

model for all employees to emulate."

Rosemarie was completely taken by surprise – but very moved and honored – to learn she was being given this special recognition for her years with the organization. "In spite of the fact that I have a wonderful husband,

family, and home, I've always felt that Masonic was my 'home away from home' and my Masonic family was my 'other' family."

Rosemarie and her husband, Richard, have four grown children and five grandchildren and are lifelong Wallingford residents.

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# Masonic Healthcare Center Connects with Residents' Families Through New Web-based Service

## First Nursing Home in Connecticut to offer CarePages<sup>sm</sup>

Families of Masonic Healthcare Center residents now have access to an exciting new service that will help them stay connected with loved ones and caregivers via the Internet.

CarePages<sup>sm</sup>, created by TLContact, Inc., is a free, user-friendly web-based service that allows families to communicate with each other and with Masonic Healthcare Center

staff through private, online messages. CarePages<sup>sm</sup> makes this communication simple by providing families with a private, dedicated web site for sharing information about a loved one. Each family will choose a Care Page manager who will send and receive updates for the entire family.

Although the service should not be used to obtain personal medical information, due to privacy issues, it allows families to be "in the loop" by asking questions and obtaining information about a loved one's daily activities and general status.

CarePages<sup>sm</sup> also provides a simple way for families to share news, stories of visits, memories and photos with approved visitors to the web site and to send notes and special greetings through printable messages. Families can also receive announcements from staff, such as details of upcoming social events and special holiday programs.

Beatrice Coulombe, RN, MBA, Vice President for Patient Care Services at Masonic Healthcare Center, is pleased the Center is now providing this new service to families. "Our family members want to know that loved ones are



safe, comfortable and well cared for. With CarePages<sup>sm</sup>, the Center's care teams, nursing staff and social workers can stay connected with families and provide that reassurance whenever it is needed. In addition, families get to share information with each other across the country and around the world."

If you would like to learn more about CarePages<sup>sm</sup> at Masonic Healthcare Center, please call Ms. Coulombe at 203-679-6849.

## Masonicare's Ashlar Village Residents Implement Successful "Tabs for Tots" Campaign

The tiny tabs attached to soda cans and other beverages can add up to critical medical equipment and non-medical items for children served by the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Shriners Hospitals, located at 22 locations throughout North America, provide high-quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries, and other special healthcare needs at

no cost to the patient or family.

The impact of recycling such a small piece of aluminum was clear to Brother Ferdinand Hartog and his lifelong friend, Grace Bulkley, of Wallingford, who in the summer of 2004 spearheaded a local effort to collect the tabs as part of the Grand Lodge's "Tabs for Tots" project.

In less than three years, the two Ashlar Village residents collected approximately 1,750,000 tabs, or roughly 1,067 lb of aluminum – for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. At 70 cents a pound (the value of aluminum currently fluctuates between 50 and 70 cents a pound), their collection efforts generated about \$747.

"The Grand Lodge raises a lot of money for the Shriners Hospital with this project," said Hartog, 95, a Norwalk native who has been a Mason for 61 years. "This money is used to buy medical equipment and to provide care for the children."

To get the project rolling on the local level, Bulkley approached Marie Cunha, a social worker at

the Wallingford Senior Center, about using the center at 238 Washington Street as a possible collection site. "Being members of the Wallingford Senior Center, we thought it would be a good place to put a container," said Bulkley. And Cunha agreed.

"We obtained a large container from the Pyramid Shrine in Milford and we started collecting the tabs," said Hartog, who has lived in Ashlar Village for the past eight years. "In two months, we collected more than 40,000 tabs. We turned them over to the Grand Lodge as we accumulated them."

Helma Court No. 64, the local chapter of The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, oversees the tab recycling at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. In the past 18 years, more than 940 million individual tabs – weighing approximately 573,500 pounds – have been collected and recycled. One pound is equal to a coffee can containing about 1,640 tabs.

When Hartog gave up his driver's license earlier this year, he and Bulkley turned the local project over to Brother Ken Duncan of Ashlar Village. Brother Duncan will continue to collect the tabs from the Wallingford Senior Center, where interest in the project is still going strong. "There's definitely a continued interest," Cunha said.

And Hartog and Bulkley are happy about that. "I don't think a lot of people realize what a good thing this is – that you can do so much with something so little," Bulkley said.



*In 2004, Grace Bulkley and Brother Ferdinand Hartog spearheaded a local effort to collect tabs as part of the Grand Lodge's "Tabs for Tots" project. In less than three years, the two Ashlar Village residents collected approximately 1,750,000 tabs for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.*



# Out and About with the Eastern Star Grand Family

by Eleanor Carbonaro

Worthy Grand Matron Joyce Armonath, Worthy Grand Patron Paul Rice, and their Grand Family are on the move again. Since April, they traveled to the annual Grand Chapter sessions of Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Vermont. It is common to make lasting friendships with their out of state counterparts. These events also provide memorable photos, many appearing on the Eastern Star website, [www.ctoes.com](http://www.ctoes.com). Joyce and Paul also crisscrossed the state, conducting eleven official visitations during May and June. They will complete 35 inspections between May and December.

The Eastern Star Charity Foundation is one of the major supporters of the Masonic Healthcare Center. Members joined Joyce and Paul to march in the Quality of Life Walk as well as parade on Grand Masters Day.

In July, members can join the Grand Family on a weekend bus trip to Maine for a lobster fest in Ogunquit and a narrated tour of Kennebunkport. At the end of the month, Eastern Star will attend a statewide family picnic at the home of Grand Master Bill Greene.

In August, the Grand Family will visit the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire and on to the



Grand Chapter of Puerto Rico in September.

There is still time to sign up for the First Annual Eastern Star Golf Classic on July 30. Call Paul Rice at 860-933-6121. (See ad page 7).

This year WGM Armonath has a special project, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research program. Fran DeLand, an Eastern Star member, has made a queen-size quilt in pastel colors and donated it to Joyce and Paul to raffle as a fundraiser. This quilt travels with them, and members can buy chances to own the quilt. The proceeds will go to the cancer project. A related project is the

making of "porta-cath pads." Cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy have catheters inserted under the skin for the administration of chemotherapy. These pads, when placed over the catheters, provide a protective and comfortable cushion when

used under clothing or with shoulder belts in vehicles.

Eastern Star also supports Tabs for Tots and Cancelled Stamps for Cancer Research. They raise money for scholarships through the collection of used cell phones and printer ink cartridges. At Grand Chapter and at each official visit, escorts of the Grand Family officers sell jewelry items representing the emblems of the current Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Profits go into the E.S.T.A.R.L. (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) scholarship fund. Scholarships go to students undertaking divinity studies. Masonic relationship is not a requirement for the E.S.T.A.R.L. scholarship, and are presented during the Grand Chapter session. This year, Eastern Star is also raising money for Masonikids Scholarships.

## Monroe Rainbow Brings Mother's Day to Ashlar of Newtown Residents



by Gail R. Olson

Monroe Rainbow Assembly No. 33 gave handmade Mother's Day cards to residents at Ashlar of Newtown, Lockwood Lodge, and the Hearth. Sarah, Samantha, Krysten, Monica, and Melissa are shown with Mrs. Mary Jangling, who helped start Westport Rainbow Assembly No. 37.

## Hamden Rainbow Part of Moving Wall Remembrance



The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall came to Meadowbrook Park in Hamden from Thursday through Sunday, June 14-17 and Evergreen Assembly No. 44, Rainbow for Girls performed their Flag Tribute on Friday evening. The ceremony was adapted to include the Prisoner of War flag. The "Moving Wall" is a half size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. and has been touring the United States since 1984. Trumbull Lodge No. 22, New Haven, was a sponsor, helping to bring "The Moving Wall" to Hamden.



# Called to the Celestial Lodge

We offer our condolences to the families and friends of these brothers who have been called by the Grand Architect of the Universe.

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## Ashlar Village and Laskara Restaurant Team Up to Raise Scholarship Funds

In 2004, a group of Ashlar Village residents established a scholarship fund to provide educational scholarships for young people who either work at Ashlar Village or are children of employees. According to Blanche Newman, chairwoman of the scholarship fund and one of the originators of the plan, "We felt it was one way we could show how much we enjoy our interaction with these young men and women

and our appreciation for the entire staff's dedication and hard work."

The scholarship funds are raised in a variety of ways, but mainly through the sale of unique, handmade craft and clothing items in The Ashlar Village Specialty Shop, which is manned and stocked solely by resident volunteers.

The scholarship committee, which annually awards the scholarships after a full review of the applications, includes representatives from the Ashlar Village community, staff members, and a member of the Board of Directors. This year, 14 individuals have applied.

Yiannis (John) Kontothanasis, owner of Laskara Restaurant on Parker Farms Road, hosted a fundraiser at the restaurant on May 1 to help the group raise money for this year's scholarship recipients. Mr. Kontothanasis offered to donate 10% of the restaurant's proceeds from all lunches and dinners served that day.



Yiannis Kontothanasis, owner of Laskara Restaurant in Wallingford, presents a check for \$700 to Ashlar Village resident Blanche Newman, while Deborah Buckman, manager of Laskara, and Ashlar Village resident Walter Serbent look on.

With more than 150 Ashlar Village residents, employees, and regular patrons dining at Laskara, an additional \$700 was raised for the fund.

Mrs. Newman and Walter Serbent, who oversaw the event in cooperation with the restaurant's manager, Deborah Buckman, were extremely pleased with the great turnout and also with John's willingness to help the cause. "Laskara has been a favorite dining spot for many Ashlar Village residents, and John's kindness and generosity have made it even more so!"

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# DISTRICT No. 1

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## Norwalk Masons Honor the Brave Fallen

by Chris Peters

On Monday, May 28, St. John's Lodge No. 6 and Old Well Lodge No. 108 of the Grand Lodge, AF & AM of Connecticut, and Corinthian Lodge No. 16, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & AM of Connecticut, all of Norwalk, united to march in that community's Memorial Day Parade (see photo on page 21).

This was the first time in perhaps 20 years that Norwalk Masonry joined as a fraternity to honor the brave men and women who had paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom.

The marchers were preceded by a banner that read, "Freemasonry in Norwalk – Making Good Men

Better since 1765," and the names of the three lodges emblazoned across it. The banner was carried by Laurel Chapter, Order of DeMolay members Theo Kehagias, chapter marshal, and Manny Peters, Past Master Councilor and State Senior Deacon, along with chapter sweetheart Amanda Daigle of Milford Assembly No. 4, Order of Rainbow. The American flag, guarded by two tilers, followed.

Worshipful Masters Michael Murry of St. John's, Andrew Robinson of Corinthian, and Edward Eckert of Old Well walked with Anastasia Cronk representing Amaranth, followed by a procession of Masons. RW Bro. George Cronk, dressed in

his Commandery uniform, drove the vehicle that transported brothers who were unable to make the walk.

The Masons in full regalia were a most impressive sight, and were met by the applause and cheers of spectators along the two-mile parade route. As they passed the reviewing stand, the master of ceremonies announced them as the "Norwalk Masonic Community."

WB Marv Simmons, chaplain of Corinthian Lodge, recalled that the lodges had formerly marched together, but at some point the practice ceased. This year, after the parade, many brothers and their families met for a cookout

at Old Well Lodge, where they continued to experience the brotherly love and friendship that marked the entire day. As WM Eckert noted, "It was one of the most Masonic experiences I have yet encountered. It was a Memorial Day for Freemasonry in Norwalk as much as it was a tribute for our fallen brave."

The three lodges are discussing future joint events such as a table lodge and a CTCHIP program. They are also planning for next year's Memorial Day parade, which will feature a Masonic float and a Commandery color guard, and include more appendant bodies such as Scottish Rite and Eastern Star.

# DISTRICT No. 2

(a) RW Frank W. Bauer, DD • WB Thomas L. Sullivan, Jr., AGM  
(b) RW John B. Stack, DD • WB Gordon R. Burritt, AGM

## St. Peter's Awards 50 Year Pins



by Rafael Figueroa

On May 15 St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford awarded 50 year pins recognizing a milestone of Masonic service. Pictured are MWPGM George S. Greytak, Brothers Arthur Carlson and Donald Wooden, MWPGM Walter E. Kaechele, WM Peter Richardson, Bro. Robin and Mrs. Glenys Stack and their son, WB Robert Stack of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford.

## Bro. Gunnar Lindstrom Mourned



by George S. Greytak

More than 75 brothers attended a Masonic funeral service for Bro. Gunnar Lindstrom of Hiram Lodge No. 18, Sandy Hook on Monday, June 4. Bro. Gunnar, 98, was born in Sweden was made a Mason on April 5, 1957 in Huguenot Lodge No. 46 New Rochelle, NY before affiliating with Hiram in 1977. He was named Hiram Lodge Mason of the Year in 1992 and was made an Honorary Past Master of Hiram Lodge in 1995. He was a Past Associate Grand Marshal and was the recipient of the Pierpoint Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service in 1996. Bro. Gunnar (center) is pictured receiving his 50 year service award on April 12. The large turnout expressed the impact Bro. Gunnar had on so many for so many years.



# DISTRICT No. 3

(a) RW Ralph W. Rose, DD • WB William F. Manger, AGM  
(b) RW Marshall K. Robinson, DD • WB James D. Waite, Jr., AGM

## District 3's Traveling Gavel Finds a Home

by Jim Waite

On Friday, May 18, the 3rd Masonic District Blue Lodge Council met at Wolcott Lodge No. 146, Wolcott and started a Traveling Gavel program. The lodge with the highest attendance at each evening's meeting takes the gavel to be displayed until the next BLC meeting. This competition will draw better attendance at BLC meetings.

The gavel was hand made by Bro. Kelly Curtis of King Hiram No. 12, Shelton. Bro Kelly has made many gavels for the incoming masters of King Hiram, and was happy to create one for District 3.

Federal Lodge No. 17, Watertown, took top honors in attendance and thus took "home" the gavel.

Federal Lodge No. 17 Worshipful Master A. Paul Chapin (left) is presented the gavel by BLC President WB William Manger, Associate Grand Marshal District 3A.



## King Hiram No. 12 Dances a Doo-Wop in Milford



by Jim Waite

King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, held a 50's Doo-Wop Night at the Pyramid Shriners, Milford, Saturday, May 19. Open to the public and had period-correct food of burgers, hot dogs, fries, soda, and beer, many attended in Poodle skirts and bobby socks for the ladies, and white T-shirts, linemen boots, and leather jackets for the men. The Devotions, an original Doo-wop "oldies" band and vocal group provided the entertainment. The Devotions are best known for their 1964 No 3 Billboard hit, "Rip Van Winkle." Bro. Bruce Matto was indispensable and the lodge thanked him for acquiring the entertainment and coordinating the event.

## American Flag Comes With Thanks



by Jim Waite

On June 5, Sgt. Joseph Paoli of Charlie Company, I-102 Infantry, presented Worshipful Master William Kullberg of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, with an American flag which had flown on March 10 over US Forward Operating Base in Farah, Afghanistan. Brother Paoli was on leave and received his Fellowcraft Degree the same night. The presentation included a certificate of the flag's history and thanking King Hiram 12 for their support of the troops. The brothers had bought T-shirts and sweats from the I-102 infantry, as a fundraiser for the troops.

## Federal No. 17 Presents Asher Blakeslee Service Award



by Bill Manger

Federal Lodge No. 17, Watertown, recognized WB Tony DiNunzio (left) with the Asher Blakeslee Award for Outstanding Service by WM Paul Chapin. Asher Blakeslee was the first Master of Federal Lodge in 1790. Past recipients were WB Harry W. Bartlett, Robert C. Seymour and Ray Cook.



**On Saturday, June 2, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut held its 209th Annual Convocation and The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut held its 189th Annual Assembly, their Ninth Joint Annual Sessions. Both sessions took place at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill.**



*Companion Raymond G. Tomlinson was installed as Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council. A Past Master of Hiram No. 1, New Haven. Ray served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven, in 1997.*



*Companion William K Barr, "Railroad Bill", was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. A Past Master of Annawon No. 115, West Haven, Bill served as Most Excellent High Priest of Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons.*



*Most Puissant Grand Council officers*



*From left: Sir Knight Ernest J. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Grand Master William L. Greene; Companion William K. Barr, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Companion Raymond G. Tomlinson, Most Puissant Grand Master.*



*From left: Companion Maurice C. "Bud" Himes, Most Puissant General Grand Master; Brother William L. Greene, Grand Master; Companion Larry E. Gray, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest*



*Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons*





*DeMolay*

*Howard Orr, with bullhorn, leads the walkers.*



*Eloise Mongillo, Steve McPherson and Jennifer King*



*Rainbow*



# 2007 Quality of Life Walk Exceeds Goals

## Masonic Family Event Benefits Masonicare

Overcast skies and a light but steady rain did little to dampen the spirits of more than 500 enthusiastic walkers and volunteers who came out to support the 2007 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk held Saturday, May 19, at Great River Park in East Hartford.

A festive atmosphere prevailed as members of the Masonic Family from across the state joined Masonicare employees, Masonicare residents, and other participants for a 3-mile trek along the Connecticut River sponsored by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare.

"It was a perfect day," said MW Bill Greene, Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who was among those completing the 3-mile walk. "It was nice to see so many old friends and new friends walk together for a great cause."

The event raised more than \$62,000 for the not-for-profit organization's Quality of Life Funds, which are used to meet the needs of residents and patients of Masonicare affiliates – namely, Masonic Healthcare Center, Ashlar of Newtown, and Connecticut VNA – when no other funding source is available. Past Quality of Life Fund purchases have ranged from hearing aids, dentures, and newspaper subscriptions to a four-season solarium and greenhouse.

"We had a goal of 500 walkers and \$54,600," said Brother Christopher J. Earle, First Vice President of NewAlliance Bank and Chairman of the 2007 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk, during opening ceremonies in the Great River Park Amphitheater.

"We are so proud to have surpassed both of those goals today."

Brother Stephen B. McPherson, President and CEO of Masonicare, was also on hand to welcome the walkers. "The Quality of Life Funds play an important role in enhancing the daily lives of many of the residents and patients served by Masonicare," McPherson said. "Thank you for your generosity and your spirit and for coming out today."

Of 567 registered walkers, 440 donned their walking shoes, while an additional 94 volunteers – including 78 youths who are members of the Order of DeMolay of Connecticut and International Order of Rainbow for Girls – distributed T-shirts, served hot coffee and snacks, and cheered on participants of all ages who elected to walk .5 miles, 1 mile, or 3 miles.

In addition, Morrison Senior Dining Services generously

donated 600 boxed lunches for the event. After the Walk, remaining food items, including 100 boxed lunches, 10 cases of fruit, six cases of Danish, and two cases of granola bars, were donated to McKinney Shelter and The Open Hearth shelter in Hartford.

Eloise Mongillo, Director of Development for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, was pleased with the outcome of the event, which was 18 months in the making. "We are so thrilled with the financial outcome of this event and want to thank our walk captains who recruited walkers from across the Masonicare affiliates, as well as from the Masonic family throughout the State of Connecticut, helping us exceed our participation goal. The Masonic Charity Foundation is grateful to so many for their incredible enthusiasm and support."



## 9th Annual John Wheatley Golf Classic

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## Day Spring Honors Hamden Policeman and Firefighter

Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden did their community a great service on Wednesday, June 6, when they honored Hamden firefighters and law enforcement by presenting plaques to the Firefighter of the Year and Policeman of the Year. The lodge was overflowing with visitors



Brother Morris Gamm, 98 years old (left), and Norton Bradley, 97 years old, wearing their 60 year Masonic service pins.

and brothers as Fire Chief David Berardesca presented Firefighter Brian Bird and Police Chief Thomas Wydra presented Officer Brian Stewart, Day Spring's Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year awards, respectively. Both men were supported with a full contingent of fellow officers who enjoyed the recognition these men received. Firefighter Bird is awaiting deployment, rejoining the Navy Seals.

Masonic service pins were also given to worthy brothers who attended the event. Grand Master Bill Greene presented the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze to Bro. Willis E. Copeland, who will be featured in a future issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*.

MW Greene said he appreciated the devotion to duty these professionals brought to their job, having been a volunteer firefighter for a dozen years, as well as a constable himself. He entertained the crowd with his description of having received



From left: Firefighter Bird and family, wife Allegandre and children, Adriana and Marty; MW Greene, Bro. Copeland, WM Behler; Officer Stewart and wife, Kelly.

the "blue and red flashing lights award" several times during his crisscrossing of the state between Masonic visits.

Worshipful Master Robert J. Behler also presented the Lodge Mason of the year to WB Glenn

W. Williams for his efforts on behalf of Dayspring. Bro. Kenneth Gertz led the presentations with a reminder that exactly 63 years ago, on D-Day, Allied armed forces had begun the invasion of Nazi Europe.

## English Brothers Display Ritual



It is rare when Connecticut Freemasons travel outside their Grand jurisdiction and view foreign ritual. An even rarer sight was Wednesday, May 23, when a group of English brothers visited Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, and rehearsed an Entered Apprentice degree according to English ritual. The lodge room was full of curious brothers who studied differences and similarities. Worshipful Master Robert F. Lutinski was the exemplar. Since this group was made up of brothers from different lodges around London, they had differences to overcome between themselves. All present found it to be a very entertaining night, and no one said, "That's not the way you do it!"

## Ashlar Village Gets District Deputy



After the May 26 District Deputy at Large presentation at Ashlar Village in Wallingford, MW Greene congratulates RW Jason R. Reiger (right) and his Associate Grand Marshall, RW Irving M. Pease.



## DISTRICT No. 4

- (a) RW Robert C. Moon, DD • WB Charles W. Rome, AGM  
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(c) RW Bradley K. Cooney, DD • WB Edwin F. Dingus, AGM

# MLR Presents Case Fellowship to Bro. Peter

by Carl G. Ek

Masonic Lodge of Research, New Haven, presented the 2006 James Royal Case Fellowship to Bro. George Peter, the long-time Right Worshipful Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York on May 25.

MLR Worshipful Master Jordan T. Yelinek greeted numerous dignitaries, led by Connecticut Grand Master William L. Greene and RW Stephen King, New York Junior Grand Warden, along with a number of other New York Masons.

Bro. George Peter has been a Mason for nearly 60 years, and has been involved in Masonic education throughout his career. A graduate of Cornell University, he became one of the university's most beloved employees. Indeed, the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service is Cornell's peer-nominated award of merit for those who have given outstanding service to the university.

George is also a Past Master of the American Lodge of Research and was a long-time participant in the North East Conference of Masonic Education and Libraries (NEConMELi). This organization annually brought together

Masonic educators from Maine to Virginia to discuss the newest trends and ideas in helping Masons at all levels to learn more about the craft. He became Grand Historian in 1993 after 17 years membership on the New York Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Service.

As is customary, the new Case Fellow presented a paper to the assembled brethren. Bro. Peter's paper was entitled 'The Power and Passion of Freemasonry – and How to Make it Better.' One point made is that we must "stop boring the brothers!" Bro. Peter espoused a 'back to basics' philosophy, noting that Masonry should educate, uplift, and inspire its members. "We are an educational institution," he reminded us, "and we should act as such."

After the well-received presentation, Bro. Peter was presented a citation, medal, and certificate naming him the fifteenth James Royal Case Fellow created by Masonic Lodge of Research. Bro. Case, the late Grand Historian, was the first recipient in 1971. The award was reactivated in 2002 and Bro. Peter is the third New York Mason to be included in the list of internationally famed Masonic writers and educators.



2006 James Royal Case Fellow George Peter (left), RW Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, accepts the congratulations of Masonic Lodge of Research Worshipful Master Jordan T. Yelinek (right) and Connecticut Grand Master William L. Greene (center).

## DISTRICT No. 5

- (a) RW Richard R. Jones, Jr., DD • WB Theodore L. Hasty, AGM  
(b) RW Laurence E. Hangland, DD • WB Philip B. Swain, Jr., AGM

# Newington Blood Drive a Success



WM Michael Murray giving his fair share at the drive.

by Mike Murray

On Saturday, April 28, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, with the Women's Club of Newington, sponsored their annual blood drive. Starting at 5:45 in the morning, WB Jim Bailey and WB Larry Baker, along with WM Mike Murray, began prepping pancakes and eggs for the hungry donors and Red Cross staff. By the end of the day, they had processed close to 70 pints of blood. With their continued success with the Red Cross, Sequin-Level was asked to hold a second blood drive in November. When a date is finalized plan to donate some blood, have a great pancake breakfast and share in some fellowship!

# Sequin-Level Savors Seder Dinner

by Mike Murray

On April 5, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, held a traditional Seder dinner hosted by Rabbi Michael Pinkus from Congregation Beth Israel in Hartford. This is a traditional Jewish Passover dinner, with stories, songs, and special foods for the occasion. Rabbi Pinkus was assisted in the story telling Junior Steward, Chuck 2.0 Landau, who lent his talents. For many of the brothers, this was the first time they were able to share in this unique feast, and learn about another culture.

Rabbi Pinkus, (left) and WB Larry Baker





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(a) RW Richard R. Jones, Jr., DD • WB Theodore L. Hasty, AGM  
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## Hawaiian Luau Theme for Table Lodge at Sequin-Level

by Mike Murray

On Thursday, March 15, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, held their traditional Table Lodge. This year's theme was a Hawaiian Luau, complete with a roasted pig! Starting the evening off in grand style, Bro. Steve Gorman, Senior Steward, accompanied by WB Larry Baker on guitar, led the singing of the unofficial Hawaiian National anthem, "Tiny Bubbles." From there a spectacular feast kicked off, along with the usual toasts and companionship. After the clean up, WB Ed Hadigian led the packaging of several hundred Easter Baskets for children in need in the Newington area.



Above, enjoying the meal;  
Left, assembly line for the Easter baskets, with (left to right) SW Harry Olsen, WB Ed Hadigian, WB Larry Baker, and Brother Morris Frauenglass.

# DISTRICT No.6

(a) RW Melvin E. Johnson, DD • WB Aaron R. Sussman, AGM  
(b) RW Dwight C. Mertens, DD • WB John DiCioccio, Jr., AGM

## Pancakes, a Pig and CTCHIP Make For Busy Day in Windsor



by Paul Tappendon

Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, had a great day! The Shad Derby Festival is Windsor's biggest town event. WB Paul Tappendon started the "Pig Roast" in 2006 as a way of getting Washington Lodge into the community. It went so well, they decided to purchase the two tents. This year they a pancake breakfast on the town Green from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. The pig was put on the grill at 1:30 a.m. and was ready for serving at 11 a.m. Both the pancake breakfast and the pig sold out. At the same time a CTCHIP event was held at the lodge. The momentum started last year is continuing, and Washington actually had a surplus of brothers wanting to help.

## DeMolay Brings CTCHIP to Scouts

by Arnie Grot

Connecticut DeMolay chapters and Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, worked together at a CTCHIP event at the 2007 Scout Show on June 2 at the Hebron Fairgrounds. Charter Oak Chapter worked the morning. Willam M. Wyman Chapter staffed the afternoon. The DeMolay boys primary responsibility was doing the DVD interview and digital photo. Many also worked other areas, giving Masons needed relief. CT State DeMolay provided a gaming station at the end of the row of CTCHIP stations. Boy Scouts were challenged by the DeMolay chapters. The DeMolays rotated gaming with their duties. Together, the chapters and lodges provided a great introduction of the both DeMolay and Freemasonry. Interest was expressed by both youth and adult attendees in joining chapters or lodges.



RW Richard Beebe, Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25 and a retired Hartford fireman, takes fingerprints at the 2007 Scout Show at the Hebron Fairgrounds.



# DISTRICT No. 7

- (a) RW Edgar M. Valenti, DD  
WB William V. Baroni, AGM  
(b) RW Richard E. Backe, DD  
WB Michael W. Moody, AGM

## New 7-B District Deputy Presented in Haddam



RW Charles Hnlika (right) questions the belt size of RW Richard Backe's purple apron during the District 7 District Deputy presentation on May 12 in Haddam. Associate Grand Marshal Michael Moody (left) looks on with amusement, deducing aprons might have been switched. RW Rich is the District Deputy for Masonic District 7-B.

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## From the desk of David R. Blythe, Sr., Valley Secretary: Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R. News

The Scottish Rite Valley of Hartford, Newington, is happy to announce the winners of this year's scholastic scholarships. The Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. Abbott Scholarships and the Valley of Hartford Scholarships, are given yearly to children or grandchildren of 32° Masonic families, to young people who have been active in Masonic-related organizations such as DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters, or to graduates of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children.

Abbott Scholarships are awarded to qualified students in recognition of scholastic and all-around achievements. The grants are made throughout the fifteen-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. Total scholarships in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will be \$400,000 for the 2007-2008 academic periods. A year ago, 312 college level students across the jurisdiction were helped by Abbott grants. Support for the growing Abbott scholarship program comes from the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund established through the generous legacy of former Sovereign Grand Commander Leon M. Abbott. In recent years, the fund has been strengthened by contributions to the "blue" envelope appeal by the Fraternity's 230,000 members.

This year's Valley of Hartford Abbott Scholarships were awarded to: Kristen D. Becher, Central Connecticut State University; Amanda R. Edgerton, Quinnipiac University; Erica L. Willoughby, University of Wyoming; Jessica S. Willoughby, Wyoming; Mallory M. Musante, Bryant University; Gregory N. Martinelli, Culinary Institute of America; and Christopher T. Hallberg, Lynchburg College.

Valley of Hartford Scholarship grants are awarded to those applicants who meet the requirements necessary to receive an Abbott Scholarship grant had enough funds been available.

This year's Valley of Hartford Scholarship grants were awarded to: Andrew C. Work, Western New England College; Peter C. Fox, Central Connecticut State University; Heather L. Burton, California State University; Stacey M. Knot, University of New Haven; Cymbeline H. Grot, University of So, Carolina; Jessica E. Hall, Texas Women's University; Brent L. Coleman, Manchester Community College; Drew M. Blythe, Central Connecticut State University; and Ronald D. Hall, III, University of Arkansas.

## Cornerstone of Medical Office Building Dedicated



The cornerstone of the new Masonicare Medical Office building was dedicated on June 14 in a Masonic ceremony. When completed, the first floor of the 17,800 square foot building will house Pyramid Primary Care, Masonicare's community physician practice, and Trilogy Psychiatric Services, its outpatient behavioral health practice. This will bring these important healthcare services closer to residents of the continuum and the community.

Grand Master Bill Greene is pictured with Masonicare Chairman and Worshipful Brother Howard Orr (center) and Masonicare President and Brother Steve McPherson. In the background, adjacent to the Medical Office Building, the new Grand Lodge office is being framed.

Trusses for the new Grand Lodge office building are scheduled to be set on June 21. Construction progress can be followed on the Grand Lodge website [www.ctfreemasons.net](http://www.ctfreemasons.net).



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# Masonic Healthcare Center "Cruises" Through National Nursing Home Week May 13 - 19

This year, Masonic Healthcare Center's residents, families and employees celebrated National Nursing Home Week in a big way – aboard the SS Masonicare, a "luxury cruise liner" bound for Hawaii. Recreational Therapists Noreen Schmidt and Betty Naylor, the ship's "cruise directors," planned a full week of exciting activities and events, culminating in a lively Polynesian dance performance in the ship's grand ballroom (aka the Center's auditorium).

The lobby's colorful island decorations, complete with palm trees and a steamer trunk, were the perfect touch to welcome the many visitors who were at the Center to celebrate Mother's Day on May 13. Four nursing units - the "residents' quarters" - were renamed the Sun, Promenade, Lido and Penthouse Decks, and every passenger received a passport to be stamped each time they participated in an activity.

As the ship left the dock on Monday, Brother (aka Captain) Stephen McPherson (Masonicare's President and CEO) made the rounds, visiting each "deck" during lunch to welcome passengers and chat with the crew. Capt. McPherson discussed the extended weather forecast and explained everything about the cruise, from how to don a life jacket to the location of emergency exits and lifeboats.

The weeklong celebration, including movies shown throughout the week, truly captured the Hawaiian spirit. Daily menus featured food with a Hawaiian flavor, and the wine party/cocktail hour held on Wednesday afternoon included specially blended pina colodas, a lei for each resident, and Hawaiian dancers to entertain the "passengers" and guests.

On Thursday, Casino Day, complete with a spinning roulette wheel, horseracing, blackjack and poker games, was definitely a highlight of the cruise, and the Captain's Gala on Friday featured white linen tablecloths, lovely centerpieces, island music, and a special menu created to echo the island theme.

The SS Masonicare's "crew," or staff members, took part in the celebration as well, and were invited to wear Hawaiian shirts daily throughout the week. Using their creative talents, staff and residents on each "deck" decorated their nursing stations to reflect the unique spirit of the celebration, and judges awarded special prizes for the most original designs.

William Piper, President of Masonic Healthcare Center


and a strong supporter of the celebration, was pleased with the staff's participation and the camaraderie that was evident throughout the week. "National Nursing Home Week gives all of us – residents, families, caregivers, staff and volunteers – an opportunity to honor and celebrate the importance of quality nursing home care and to recognize the remarkable contributions and achievements of our residents as well. I encourage everyone to take the time to visit or send a note of cheer to a nursing home resident. This special attention can really help to make someone's day."



Captain Steve McPherson welcomes passengers aboard SS Masonicare

## We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

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## Ionic Lodge No. 110 Joins the Ranks of Masonicare Society

When it comes to giving time and money, the members of Ionic Lodge No. 110, North Windham, are very generous with both. The lodge has been a long-time supporter of The Masonic Charity Foundation (MCF) of Connecticut and regularly supports the Masonicare Annual Appeal and Holiday Appeal. And, in 2006, Ionic Lodge was among the first to join the newly formed Masonicare Society, which recognizes donations of \$520 or more per year to the Masonicare Annual Appeal.

"We really enjoy working with the staff at The Masonic Charity Foundation," says Brother William (Bill) L. Greene, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Past Master of Ionic Lodge. "We are a bunch of guys who really believe in what Masonicare does."

The donation that made Ionic Lodge a member of the Masonicare Society was a \$1,500 memorial gift to the Quality of Life Fund at Masonic Healthcare Center. Their gift was made in memory of Bill's daughter, Donna, who died in March 2006. In addition to their generous Annual Appeal donations, Ionic Lodge has also been an avid supporter of The Foundation's gift naming

program, dedicating the third-floor lounge in 2000 — and later, a fitness center — in the Wright Residence at Masonic Healthcare Center. The members of Ionic Lodge also donate their time by participating in the Masonicare Annual Appeal phonathon. "Ionic Lodge, as long as we can, will continue to support The Masonic Charity Foundation," Bill says.

Worshipful Master Jim Currier says he appreciates Masonicare, its services, and the work that MCF does. He is particularly appreciative of the care his wife, Joan, receives in the Dementia Care Unit at Masonic Healthcare Center. "The staff up there are fantastic," says Jim, who has been a Mason for 40 years and a member of Ionic Lodge for the

last eight. "The care is very good. I am very thankful to have a place like this for her."



*Ionic Lodge members shown here include (front row, l-r): MW Gail N. Smith, Past Grand Master, RW James W. Currier, and MW William L. Greene, Grand Master; and (back row, l-r): Bro. George L. Bardons, Bro. John M. Wolf, Bro. E. Bruce Card, and Bro. Raymond T. Krawiec.*

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# THE ROLE OF THE BLUE LODGE

by Martin L. Rudnick

(Editor's note: RW Rudnick is the 2007 Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, and the chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.)

We are told that Masonry "takes good men and makes them better." These good men must first apply to a lodge of Masons, be interviewed, balloted on at a stated communication, then given three degrees. Furthermore, we ask that the petition for membership be signed by men of good report.

Why say this? The role of the Blue Lodge is to create Masons. It is assumed that lodges will instruct their new brothers, through the course of their three degrees, in the traditions of Masonry and the lodge they are joining. Unfortunately, the degrees and instruction are often done in a very short period of time for many reasons.

Some lodges need new officers. Some

have a rigid schedule for degree work, while others may have a difficult time assembling a degree team. Regardless of the reasons, Blue Lodges are responsible for the instruction and education of new Masons.

This year, my lodge, like many others in Connecticut, has many candidates receiving the degrees of Masonry. Reasons for this influx are many, but one reason is not a legitimate Masonic goal. I refer to this as "membership greed." New brothers or even potential new Masons are prematurely approached by brothers with applications in hand for one or more of the appendant bodies of Masonry. No one should be prevented from joining these bodies – indeed, they should be encouraged to join – but what constitutes being asked to join versus wholesale "greed" is another matter.

"Membership greed" comes from members seeking new Masons for the sole purpose of joining a specific appendant group, without regard for the Blue Lodge or for the needs new Master Masons.

Lodges initiate candidates and instruct new brothers in Masonry. They are responsible for determining when a candidate is ready to be advanced to the next degree. Sometimes schedules need be changed for a number of valid reasons. A Worshipful Master should not receive calls

telling him he is "not putting candidates through the degrees fast enough; I need them to join my 'appendant body.'"

New members of the craft should be given time to learn. Having been raised, usually in less than three months and probably attending only his three degree meetings, the new brother has simply not learned his craft. They need time to establish friendships with their new brothers. They need time to learn their craft. The lodge needs to take charge of the new brothers' Masonic education and encourage them to attend and participate. New members need time. Should they be allowed to join an appendant body? Yes! But first what they should be allowed to do is learn and decide their course at their own pace.

"Masonry is a progressive science," and as with any organization we need new members – but these individuals need to learn to make choices for themselves. Men will progress toward goals they set for themselves. Appendant bodies should not be "greedy," and we all need to remember that we all benefit when men join the fraternity. Remember – "Let not interest, favor, or prejudice bias your integrity, or influence you to be guilty of a dishonorable action."

## DeMolay Grand Master Visits Connecticut

(continued from June 2007 Connecticut Freemasons)

by Carl G. Ek

Dad Keith K. Klein, the Grand Master of DeMolay International, visited Connecticut in mid-April, accompanied by Dad Jeff Kitsmiller, the executive director of the DeMolay Service and Leadership Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Both participated in a pair of diverse activities in their two-day stay.

On Friday evening, April 20, a special DeMolay Degree Class was held, named in honor of Dad Klein.

Dads Klein and Kitsmiller's presence in Connecticut was in response to the activities of Saturday, April 21. Executive Officer of Connecticut Harry E. Needham, III convened the first-ever conference to discuss the short- and long-term future of Connecticut DeMolay. The

session was held on the campus of Ashlar Village, Wallingford, and a cross section of local chapter advisors, jurisdictional staff, and Connecticut members of DeMolay International participated.

The session was opened by keynote speaker Ken Gronbach, a demographer and author of several books designed to help managers plan for the future. He noted that from the standpoint of population trends, Connecticut DeMolay could not be holding the conference at a better time as there is significant room for organizational growth in the next several years.

Taking questions from the audience and engaging in lively give-and-take, Ken challenged the group with some of his assertions but spoke highly of the need for organizations such as DeMolay and the principles that it teaches. In his remarks, he recalled first

hearing about DeMolay as a college student in southern California. "You could tell the DeMolays," he said. "They were different. They were nicer, more polite to one another... I don't know exactly what your program does," Ken stated, "but it certainly has a positive effect."

After a presentation on marketing by staff members from The Masonic Charity Foundation, participants in the conference heard from Dads Klein and Kitsmiller related to youth protection and issues confronting DeMolay on a national and international basis. Breakout sessions allowed Connecticut advisors from around the state to brainstorm, often using the national leaders as information sources.

Questions were presented in such areas as membership growth and development, 'public relations' to both the Masonic

family and to the community, finances, and other areas of concern to a dynamic and changing youth group. Post-lunch reports seemed to point in very similar directions in terms of needs assessments; EO Needham is having a group of his staff members compile the results of the breakouts for distribution and further discussion.

While the session officially ended at 3:00 PM, conversations continued for another hour as Connecticut advisors took full advantage of the opportunity to speak one-to-one with the Grand Master of DeMolay International and the Executive Director of the DeMolay Service and Leadership Center. For their part, Dads Klein and Kitsmiller were impressed with programs of Connecticut DeMolay and the foresight and enthusiasm shown by its leadership on the jurisdictional and chapter levels.



# Craft at Labor...

*Master Mason Degrees*

July 28, *Saturday*, Wolcott, 60, Stafford, 5:30 p.m. dinner, at Putnam No. 46

August 4, *Saturday*, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 10:00 a.m., lunch

# Craft at Refreshment...

July 3, *Tuesday*, Ark No. 39, Bethel, 5:00 p.m., July fireworks at the airport

July 5, *Thursday*, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 9:00 a.m., District Breakfast, Preston Masonic Center

July 5, *Thursday*, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 10:00 a.m., Washington Lodge Annual Picnic, Bliss Park

July 7, *Saturday*, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, Family Picnic, Wickham Park, Manchester

July 12-14, *Thursday*, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, Old Home Days

July 14, *Saturday*, Anchor No. 112 East Hampton, 10:00 a.m.,

East Hampton, Old Home Day Parade

July 14, *Saturday*, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m., Food booth at Plainville Block Party

July 14, *Saturday*, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, Noon, Wolcott Lodge Family Picnic at Michael Talamini's

July 15, *Sunday*, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, 11:00 p.m.,

Masonicare visit

July 17, *Tuesday*, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m., Judd Lewis Quarry Nite

July 21, *Saturday*, Montgomery No. 13, Lakeville, 4:00 p.m., Lobster Sale

July 21, *Saturday*, Uriel No. 24, Merrow, 5:00 p.m.,

"Uriel at the Ball Park"

July 22, *Sunday*, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 11:00 a.m., Annual Casino Trip, Mohegan Sun Casino

July 23, *Monday*, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 5:00 p.m., Sunshine Soup Kitchen at

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July 28, *Saturday*, Composite 28, Suffield, Composite Summer Picnic

August 2, *Thursday*, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 9:00 a.m., District Breakfast, Preston Masonic Center

August 4, *Saturday*, Uriel No. 24, Merrow, Noon, Family picnic outing at the Klei's

August 11, *Saturday*, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 10 a.m.,

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August 11, *Saturday*, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 7:00 p.m.,

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August 12, *Sunday*, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 10:00 a.m.,

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August 17, *Friday*, Fayette No. 69, Ellington, 1:30 p.m.,

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August 18, *Saturday*, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 3:00 p.m., 2nd Annual Lodge Picnic, at the Huggins Estate

August 19, *Sunday*, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, 11:00 p.m.,

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# Pyramid's 'Party' Starts with a Parade



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by Michael L. Castroll

Every year, the Potentate of the Pyramid Shriners has a reception. This year, however, it was a 'Pyramid Party.' Illustrious Potentate Barry S. Ronner kicked off the weekend's activities in "the year of the Noble" with a night at the New Haven County Cutters on Friday, June 1. Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas was on hand for much of the evening, arriving mid-game due to a delayed flight from Texas.

Membership Chairman Harley Pretty (a.k.a. Hoppy the Clown) practically made the ballgame a private evening for the Pyramid Shriners and their friends. It seemed that at least half of the box seats at Yale Field were occupied by Pyramid – perhaps because the tickets included a hot dog and soft drink and a chance to win one of several door prizes announced throughout the game.

In addition to Pyramid's clubs and units, invitations to the event were extended to area lodges, and Ill. Ronner, a Senior DeMolay and Past State Master Councilor of New York, invited all of Connecticut DeMolay to participate. The large contingent began to arrive at 5:00 PM for the 6:30 PM parade of Shriners and DeMolays around the warning track.

The Legion of Honor, carrying the flags of the nations of Shrinedom, led the parade,

followed by Ill. Ronner, who also threw out the ceremonial first pitch. There were Klowns, miniature vehicles on two and four wheels, Nobles of all shapes, sizes, and units, and a large contingent of DeMolay members and advisors from five area chapters. The pipes and drums stayed on the field with the Color Guard to participate in opening ceremonies and the singing of the National Anthem.

It may have been a hard night for the home team as the Brockton Rox defeated the Cutters, but the fun and fellowship of day 1 the 'Pyramid Party' were winners for all concerned!



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# Prince Hall Initiates AF & AM Candidate

by Lewis P. Bither

On May 1, a significant historic event took place when Kellogg Lodge No. 5, Prince Hall, Waterbury, initiated a candidate from Meridian No. 77, Meriden.

Due to a scheduling conflict, a Meridian Lodge candidate missed an Entered Apprentice degree, and Meridian wanted to get him back on schedule.

PM Bob Simon asked RW Bruce Padula, District Deputy 4-B, about local lodges performing the degree in early May. He discovered Kellogg Lodge No. 5, Prince Hall, F & AM, in Waterbury.

After the necessary dispensations from the Grand Lodge, AF & AM of Connecticut, and the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall, F & AM of Connecticut were received, the Entered Apprentice

degree was performed on May 1 at Kellogg Lodge, and included one Meridian candidate with two Kellogg candidates.

The Meridian candidate, Mr. Luis Albizu, was accompanied by WB Bob Simon, WB Carl Brechlin, RW Bruce Padula and RW Lew Bither. Three visiting brothers from Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury also attended. The Stewards lectures were rehearsed by the brothers from Harmony Lodge. All other labor was performed by the brothers of Kellogg Lodge.

The camaraderie of the evening was relaxed and enjoyed by all.


Research may find prove this was the first time an AF & AM Entered Apprentice candidate has been initiated in an F & AM lodge in Connecticut.

# Grand Treasurer Emeritus Wally Boice Honored



On Friday, May 18, Grand Treasurer Emeritus Wally Boice was honored with a dinner at Augustyn's Blue Goose Restaurant, Stratford. MW Bill Greene presented RW Wally with a plaque honoring his 33 years of devoted service to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as Grand Treasurer. Among those attending and pictured above are Wally and his wife, Teresa, along with his Grand Lodge office family.

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