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Wednesday, July 1	8:00 p.m. St. Paul’s Lodge No. 11, Litchfield	REF	N	C
Tuesday, July 7	11:30 a.m. Nominating committee, Wallingford	LUNCH	N	S
Friday, July 10	6:30 p.m. DeMolay Conclave, CCSU, New Britain	N	N	F
Sunday, July 12	11:00 a.m. DeMolay Conclave, CCSU, New Britain	Y	Y	S
Thursday, July 16	2:30 p.m. Ribbon cutting, Hawkins Apts, Wallingford	REF	Y	S
Thursday, July 16	4:00 p.m. AV Wallingford, Masonicare Board meeting	N	N	S
Fri-Mon, July 17-20	8:00 a.m. NE Conf of Grand Masters, Philadelphia	Y	N	C
Thursday, July 23	2:00 p.m. Investment committee, Wallingford	N	N	S
Thursday, July 23	4:00 p.m. Compensation meeting, Wallingford	N	N	S
Friday, July 24	6:00 p.m. Daughters of the Nile, Sphinx, Newington	Y	Y	F
Saturday, July 25	2:00 p.m. Cornerstone ceremony, Sphinx, Newington	N	Y	F
Wednesday, August 5	8:00 p.m. St. Paul’s Lodge No. 11, Litchfield	REF	N	C
Tuesday, August 18	3:00 p.m. CT Freemasons Foundation, Wallingford	N	N	C
Wednesday, August 19	2:00 p.m. Past Grand Masters, Wallingford	N	N	C
Wednesday, August 19	5:30 p.m. Grand Lodge officers, AV, Wallingford	Y	N	C
Sat-Wed, August 22-26	8:00 a.m. Supreme Council AASR, Boston	Y	N	F



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Welcome to
GRAND MASTER'S DAY



Grand Master's Message



As one glances at the calendar we see that it is time to put aside the working tools and pickup the fishing pole and start planning the summer vacation. Also, to clean up the gas grill and enjoy time with family and friends on the deck, patio, or in the yard.

Although many lodges take a break for July and August, there are still a few that will meet during the summer. Some have degrees scheduled to catch up with the candidates who are waiting.

Whichever the case, it gives us a chance to slow down the pace and start to plan for the fall schedule.

On June 13, we again celebrated Grand Masters Day on the campus of Masonicare in Wallingford. Masonicare's Bill Piper was right when he said it was the "best day in June." Brethren, families, and friends gathered to enjoy the activities of the day, including a parade, rides for the children, a CTCHIP event, food of all kinds, and several booths where handcrafts made by the residents were available for sale.

Inside the Healthcare center was a blood drive, information about our organ donor program, and health screening. Many took the kids up to the train room to enjoy the big displays.

We owe a big 'thank you' to all the people at Masonicare who worked so hard to make all the necessary preparations for this great event. From the bands in the parade, rides for the children, all kinds of good food, and everything else that took place that day, I appreciate their efforts and had a great time.

We also owe a vote of thanks to the participation of the Shrines, Commandery, lodges, and all the other groups that marched in the parade. It is one of the highlights the residents

look forward to each year. The smiles on their faces showed they enjoyed the music and friendly waves from the marchers as we passed by. It brought a good feeling to everyone. Thank you for making the day perfect.

For those that have not attended this annual event, I encourage you to put it on the calendar for next year. It's a perfect opportunity to see the many services Masonicare has to offer, and it's a great day for family and friends.

Appendant and concordant bodies are still looking for new members, and I encourage you to look to them and broaden your Masonic experience. There are many more lessons to be learned and many new friends to meet.

I want to extend my wishes to all for a very safe and enjoyable summer and hope to greet you again when we start the fall and winter seasons.

Fraternally,

Arthur H. Carlstrom
Most Worshipful Grand Master

We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Michael J. Allstadt.....Anchor 112	Ronald R. Pizzarelli.....St. Peter's 21	Stan Wietzychowski..... Temple 65
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CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate these brothers who have achieved 50 years of Masonic membership.

David G. Hass
Anchor 112
July 13, 1959

James L. D'Acosta
Ashlar-Aspetuck 142
August 8, 1959

Pat K Awarded David Wooster Medal at Grand Masters Day

At the podium on Grand Masters Day, MW Art Carlstrom told of how, when asked how he made his pin, he would reply that he made a sketch and took it to Pat. Pat who? "Where's Pat? Come up here, kid. We're going to make sure everyone knows who Pat is."

Patricia Kalinauskas, (better known as "Pat K") was born on March 25, 1948, in Hartford, Connecticut to Patricia Goodsky and Walton Davidson. Pat's siblings include Edward, Linda, and Charles.

Pat grew up "an army brat" as her father was a military man and the family followed his career to Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Indiana, and Germany. Pat attended school in Germany during her elementary years. She never stayed in one place for long growing up, but did come back to her father's family farm in Penrod, Kentucky. Penrod – population 2000 – is, in case you don't know, located 8-10 miles north of Wolf Lick. Everyone knows where that is!!

From a young age, Pat's caring and compassionate nature shown through. Being the oldest of four children, Pat helped her mother care for the younger children. She took her duties seriously, always making sure her sister and brothers were fed and on time for school and helping her mother watch them in the afternoon. All of her life one of Pat's biggest joys has been animals. Her sister Linda recalled that she once climbed down into a pit to rescue a stray dog that had become trapped. She was scraped up when she finally got out, but she was more concerned with the dog. This compassion was passed on to her children, who had a knack of bringing her half-dead birds, mice and, once, a squirrel they had found in the back yard, asking her to "fix it."

Pat's curious nature led her to study for her pilot's license in 1979. She did not take the final test, but did get over her fear of heights and flying!

Pat joined Martha Chapter No. 21, Order of Eastern Star in November 1981, and affiliated with Temple Chapter No 53 in 1985. All together she served these two chapters as Worthy Matron for six years (1988, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2003, and 2008). She also served the Grand Chapter of Connecticut as Grand Adah in 1994 and as Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of South Carolina from 1989 to 1991.

Early on, it was clear that Pat had found a family and an outlet for her compassion and creativity. During her years of service, Pat

has organized countless functions, created programs for special events, or "set-up shop" in her home to mass-produce tiles, centerpieces, or some other craft item.

She belongs to Laurel Court No. 8, Order of Amaranth, and she is a Past Mother Advisor of Manchester Assembly No. 15, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Pat's daughter Amy is a majority member of that assembly. For her service to Rainbow, Pat was awarded the Grand Cross of Color.

It was at least partially the result of her exposure to Freemasonry that, when the opportunity came in 1993, she jumped at the chance to work for Masonicare. Over the years she has become an integral part of the marketing team. She has enjoyed being part of the annual Grand Masters Day and countless other functions. Pat does not talk much about what she does, but rather about the residents she has come to love and how wonderful the Health Center is.

For the Grand Lodge, through the creative use of her computer, she has assisted numerous Grand Masters in the design and preparation of multi-colored renditions of the traditional Grand Master's lapel pins.

One would think that all of the activity in the Order of Eastern Star and at Masonicare would be enough to keep her busy. However, she is now approaching her 21st year as a Red Cross disaster services volunteer.

Over the years Pat has helped countless fire and disaster victims pull their lives back together. She has also lent her talents to teaching "disaster service" to other volunteers.

During the aftermath of September 11, 2001, she was a volunteer supervisor working with families who lost loved ones in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and in the crash of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. And, when hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated Louisiana in 2005, Pat assisted the Red Cross in the Family Services Center, processing evacuees. She also assisted Homeland Security in relocating a Hurricane Rita family into a new home in South Windsor, Connecticut.

More recently Pat has gone back to her



MW Art Carlstrom surprised Pat Kalinauskas with the David Wooster Medal at Grand Masters Day.

first love – animals. On any given Saturday afternoon (except Grand Masters Day!) she can be found waiting for a van full of shelter dogs to show up in Rocky Hill, desperately in need of some love and a walk. Pat has also become active with Labs4Rescue, performing home visits of potential adoptive families.

Pat is proud to be the mother of daughters Angela and Amy, stepmother of Vincent, Jr., Doreen, and Cathy, and grandmother of eight.

Pat resides with her husband Vincent, four-legged companions Chance and Ruby, and a bird, Gabby, in Manchester.

For her service to her family, to fellow citizens in times of trouble, to the Masonic Fraternity in its several venues, to the residents at Masonicare, and to the canine friends so desperately needed by lonely people, the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M of Connecticut is pleased and proud to present to Patricia Ellen Kalinauskas the David Wooster Medal in Bronze for Eminent Service to Humanity in the fields of Artistic Design and Responsible Citizenship.

A Prayer for Grand Masters' Day - 2009



Almighty God, Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are gathered here today before this living symbol of Masonic charity, relief, and brotherly love, to honor thy servants, Arthur and Michael, whom You have called to lead our great fraternity. We humbly pray that thou wilt be with them as they discharge their duties to the craft and lead us in the paths which you would have us travel.

It is appropriate that we recognize these two outstanding men and Masons as we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of joint recognition between our Grand Lodges.

We pray that the unity of purpose and the spirit of brotherhood exemplified between the Masons of Connecticut may spread not only throughout our fraternity but also throughout the world.

We thank you for the rich heritage of service here at Masonicare – for the brothers and sisters whose vision, benevolence, and love have built and sustained this worthy cause. We ask that you will bless all the doctors, nurses, therapists, administrators, staff, and residents who truly make these facilities communities of love and caring for our senior members and friends.

And finally, we ask your continued blessings upon our great fraternity and upon all our brothers and sisters wherever they may be, trusting in your strength and guidance to show us thy ways and carry out thy teachings in our lives, that we may truly become a blessing to all mankind.

All this we ask in thy Great and Sacred Name.

Amen. So Mote It Be.



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Ritual Seminar, Saturday, September 12,

St. John's No. 2, Middletown

Seminar for 2010 Masters, Saturday, October 3,

Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain

Seminar for 2010 Wardens, Saturday, November 7,

location to be determined.

No Dummy He – MLR Honors S. Brent Morris

by Carl G. Ek

He holds a doctorate in mathematics and a pair of masters' degrees. He retired from government service after 25 years with the National Security Agency at the level of a Deputy Chair. He holds a pair of patents and has written, co-authored, or edited more than two dozen books, articles, or videos on a wildly diverse range of topics – Freemasonry, cryptography, and even card shuffling and magic. For the last decade, he has been employed by the Mother Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, first as director of membership, and currently as managing editor of *The Scottish Rite Journal*. Also, he is the only American to have served as Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the world's oldest research lodge, in London, England.

Yet the world at large will likely remember Dr. S. Brent Morris only as the author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry*....

WB Brent Morris came to Connecticut at the end of May to receive the James Royal Case Fellowship from Masonic Lodge of Research (MLR). Bro. Morris joins a highly distinguished roster of brothers honored in the name of Connecticut's long-time Grand Historiographer and Past Master of American Lodge of Research in New York. (*For more details about Bro. Case, please see Grand Historian Gary Littlefield's column on page 8.*)

MLR Worshipful Master Bradley K. Cooney, Senior Warden and WB Martin Ede, and Case award committee member RW Carl G. Ek met Bro. Morris at Tweed New Haven Airport and took him to lunch downtown. The conversation was easy and interesting, covering a broad array of Masonic and non-fraternal topics.

After lunch, it was time for a brief tour of the city. Brent had one request: he wanted to see the 'tomb' of Yale's most secret secret society, Skull and Bones. The group parked on High Street and walked to the unimposing – but securely locked – sandstone building. A walking tour led the group through the Old Campus and past the statue of Nathan Hale, an early practitioner of Bro. Morris' former profession. The group passed the home of several of Yale's secret societies, examined the names of war dead in the rotunda of Woolsey Hall, and found gargoyles and stained glass windows in Yale's buildings. Perhaps a highlight of the tour was a visit to Beinecke Rare Book Library, which had on display an original of the Gutenberg Bible and folio edition of Audubon's *Birds of the World*.

Some 80 brothers and guests awaited Bro. Morris when he arrived for dinner at



MLR WM RW Bradley K. Cooney congratulates James Royal Case Fellowship honoree Dr. & WB S. Brent Morris, who holds the certificate of his most recent Masonic recognition.

285 Whitney Avenue. There he met many brothers whose names were familiar from their work on the internet, among them WB's Tom Accuosti and Charles Tirrell. Guests were treated to the culinary skills of Solar Lodge No. 131, Deep River, which also provides the catering for Philosophic Lodge of Research.

After MLR was opened by RW Cooney, dignitaries, led by MWGM Arthur H. Carlstrom and a large contingent of Grand Lodge officers, were escorted in the lodge and introduced. Bro. Morris presented a paper on itinerant Masonic lecturers of the early 19th century and fielded questions from the nearly full lodge room. It was then time from RW Ronald M Goldwyn, MLR Past Master and secretary, to read the citation before RW Bro. Cooney

presented Bro. Morris with the Case medal.

Brent Morris was raised a Master Mason at the end of his undergraduate college career. He was completing his B.S. degree work (in three years) at Southern Methodist University, Dallas when a friend mentioned that he was joining Freemasonry. Brent asked him to wait so that they could join together – the friend's uncle and Brent's auto mechanic vouching for him.

He needed a dispensation to take his Master Mason Degree less than a month after his Fellowcraft Degree – this was granted, with the proviso that he pass his proficiency before leaving Texas. The lodge went to refreshment, Brent studied his lectures, and an hour later his work was accepted. The next day, he left for Durham, North Carolina, where he earned two degrees at Duke University. Only once since his degrees has he returned to the lodge that raised him!

Brent affiliated with a lodge in Durham before moving to Maryland for career advancement. There he joined Patmos Lodge No. 70, Ellicott City, which he would serve as Master in 1979 and 2000. It was here that Bro. Brent began his involvement in Masonic writing, research, and the Scottish Rite.

Brent Morris has a list of Masonic and professional recognitions that fill several pages, and his work is hailed worldwide.

A true Mason and brother, he was happy to meet the brothers and their ladies and autograph copies of several of his books before dinner and long into the evening. Asked about differences between his most famous volume and Bro. Chris Hodapp's *Freemasons for Dummies*, Bro. Morris responded, "Chris is certainly a better storyteller than me, but people looking more in depth for facts will probably choose my book. That said, our works are very complementary."

Those who spent a day or evening with Brent Morris were also complimentary of this multi-faceted, erudite, and fascinating man. Perhaps his 'boss,' Southern Jurisdiction Sovereign Grand Commander Ronnie Seale said it best – "It is good that your lodge is honoring Bro. Brent, a good friend and a good brother." Masonic Lodge of Research clearly chose well its newest James Royal Case Fellow.



At the conclusion of his remarks to the members and guests of MLR, new James Royal Case Fellow S. Brent Morris took a moment to display another of his skills – card magic. Fortunately, he did not suggest that MLR members were not playing with a full deck...!

Grand Historian's Corner

RW Bro. Gary A. Littlefield, Grand Historian

This month we celebrate the birthday of our great country, Independence Day. Between the fireworks, outdoor parties, and leisure activities, we need to reflect and think about those men and women who formed our great country. Freemasonry is one of the stones that has contributed to the foundation of this nation and the principles and qualities of our leadership.



Just recently this Grand Historian was asked who was this man named James Case. James Royal Case, known as Jim, was born in 1894 in Colchester and became a Mason in 1916 in Uriel Lodge No. 24 while a student at the Connecticut Agricultural College (now UConn). Jim affiliated with Wooster Lodge No. 10 (the lodge of his relatives) in 1920. He served in the Army in both World War I and World War II, retiring as a Colonel. He spent many years as an agricultural extension agent in Virginia and in western Connecticut. In 1954, because of his love for history, he was appointed Grand Historian of Connecticut's Grand Lodge and served until his death in November 1987.

Bro. Jim began the Grand Lodge bicentennial history *Thank You Mr. Edwards*, which was completed by the late MW Merle P. Tapley. Jim was the author of countless publications and articles. He was a Past Master of American Lodge of Research in New York and was active in almost every Masonic body, including the Council of Nine Muses and Blue Friars. An award named in his honor is presented annually from the York Rite bodies in Connecticut to a companion and Sir Knight. Also, Masonic Lodge of Research has a fellowship that is presented to a scholar or writer by that august body.

A story about Jim could take several pages as this Grand Historian was privileged to know him and be mentored by him. At the age of 93 Jim still had the keen sense of recollection of important dates and personalities, although his favorite topic was the American Revolution and Freemasonry's beginnings in this nation.

The many miles we traveled together, when he decided he didn't want to travel at night alone, were filled with his memories and his stories. Jim was a unique individual and ranks

among the finest Masons, historians, genealogists, and person one would ever have the privilege of meeting. It has been twenty-two years since Jim Case walked among us in mortal presence but I feel he will always be with us for as long as those who met him are still walking this earth.

The Grand Architect saw fit to take Jim on Thanksgiving Day in 1987 at the age of 93. He maintained an apartment at Wallingford in Wells during the winter but during the summer he operated the farm in Lebanon where, at 92, he still mended fence, mowed, and tended to the garden. His neighbors in Wallingford were often the recipients of his labors on the farm. That was James Royal Case.



Laurel Glen Lodge UD of Clark's Falls had a short history. The 1877 report of the Grand Master, MW Edward Rowe, said that the previous October (1876) he granted dispensation to Charles H. Babcock (WM), Frank C. Upton (SW) and Charles A. Chester (JW) for a lodge to be named Laurel Glen Lodge and have jurisdiction over the territory of the former Widow's Son Lodge No. 53, which had met in North Stonington. MW Rowe recommended that a charter be granted but the committee did not agree and it was voted at the annual session to let the Grand Master continue the dispensation until the next annual communication. MW Rowe requested that the members procure a more suitable lodge room.

The lodge informed MW



Rowe that they were unable to lease a suitable hall and were unwilling to build. The Grand Master then ordered the return of the dispensation and records.

Fifteen stated and seven special communications were held by this lodge, which operated from October 28, 1876 to October 13, 1877. We believe that all the original members of the lodge received their degrees from the old Widow's Son Lodge and for the first few meetings, Frank C. Dixon presided as Master, but Charles H. Babcock assumed the East for the remainder of the year. Ancient records indicate that Fred A. Gardner received his three degrees on November 11, November 25, and December 16, 1876 and Elisha Chesebro received his degrees on December 23, 1876 and January 13, 1877. Oliver T. Maine received his first degree on January 16, 1877 but no there is no record of any others.

The minute book said that just before the GM arrested the dispensation the lodge tried to secure a lease for the "unsuitable hall" for another six months in order to give them time to build and raise money for laying a cornerstone, but apparently the Grand Master stepped in and deprived them of the opportunity for reasons not specified in the records.

Charles Chester, the Junior Warden, was accorded a Masonic burial on June 11, 1877 and the lodge gave five dollars from a collection for the Masonic Home. Although jurisdictional lines have long been abolished, the area covered by this lodge and Widow's Son No. 53 is far southeastern Connecticut, where Coastal Lodge No. 57 now works.



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Luke A. Lockwood Award *presented to* WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.

A Wallingford native, Bill Dickinson has been mayor since 1984. Per the Wallingford Town Charter, the mayor is the chief executive officer of the town. He is directly responsible for the administration of all departments, agencies, and offices; he must attend all Council meetings and submit the annual budget to the Council.

Throughout his long tenure as mayor, Bill has been very supportive of Masonicare. A frequent visitor to our campus, he has participated with enthusiasm and warmth in groundbreaking, company ceremonies, community events, and our annual Grand Masters Day. He has even played the trumpet for us on Grand Masters Day.

For many years during the holiday season, Mayor Bill has taken part in our traditional reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas to Masonicare Health Center residents and to the children in our daycare center.

In appreciation for his service to the town of Wallingford and his unwavering support of Masonicare, it gives the Board of Trustees great pleasure to present The Honorable William W. Dickinson with the Luke Lockwood Award for distinguished service to Masonicare.

Masonicare Chairman Howard W. Orr presents the Luke Lockwood Award to Wallingford Mayor William W. Dickinson.



Luke A. Lockwood Award *presented to* JOHN ZOCCO, JR.

John Zocco is one of Masonicare's silent heroes. He began working at the Masonic Home and Hospital (now Masonicare Health Center) in 1972. He was hired as a boilerman in the campus powerhouse, which literally supplies all the power for our 515,000 square feet of facilities. Two years later, John was promoted to fireman, and, in 1984, to lead fireman. In 1997, he was made supervisor of the powerhouse. In this role, he oversees the operation of the powerhouse, ensuring that the campus has the power it needs for heating and cooling, as well as for emergency power.

John is a dedicated employee who often works multiple shifts to ensure the vital operation of the power plant. In his 36-year career with Masonicare, he has upheld our mission and values by his willingness to work varied hours and shifts as well as be "on call" to ensure a comfortable environment for our patients and residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. John is devoted to his family — his wife Pamela and their two children, Nicole and John III.

In recognition of his years of dedication and his unwavering support of the power needs of the Masonicare Health Center, it gives the Board of Trustees great pleasure to present John Zocco with the Luke Lockwood Award for distinguished service to Masonicare.

John Zocco receives the award from Chairman Howard W. Orr and William Piper, Senior Vice President of Continuum Services.



Luke A. Lockwood Award *presented to* HARMON L. ANDREWS

Brother Harmon Andrews has served the fraternity and his community with distinction. Active in local politics, boards, and committees, he was First Selectman of the town of Southbury from 1983-1985. He is active in the Southbury Senior Center, has participated in several committees at his church, and has also been an advisory board member of the Newtown Savings Bank.

Harmon's Masonic career has also been one of service and dedication. A member of King Solomons Lodge No. 7 in Woodbury, he was Master of the lodge in 1996 and is currently serving as treasurer. Harmon chaired the board of Ashlar of Newtown (now Masonicare at Newtown) from 1996-2000. From 1996-2002, he served on the Board of Trustees of Masonicare. He continues to be supportive of Masonicare as an emeritus member of the board.

Harmon has been married to his wife, Doris, since 1958. They have been blessed with three children and several grandchildren, of whom they are both very proud.

In recognition of his dedication, service, and unwavering support of Masonicare, it gives the Board of Trustees great pleasure to present Brother Harmon Andrews with the Luke Lockwood Award for distinguished service to Masonicare.

WB Harmon Andrews accepts the Luke Lockwood Award from Masonicare Chairman Howard W. Orr at the donor recognition breakfast.



Eastern Star Charity Foundation

Gift Benefits MCF

by Adam Raider

Generous donations by caring individuals and organizations, such as the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut (ESCF), make it possible for Masonicare to enhance the lives of its residents.

In February, ESCF contributed \$355,000 to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF), sustaining its support to MCF from the previous year. The 2009 gift includes \$300,000.00 to MCF for the care of Eastern Star members residing at Masonicare Health Center and Masonicare at Newtown; \$29,000 to the Masonicare Health Center Quality of Life Fund; and \$26,000 to the Masonicare at Newtown Quality of Life Fund.

Brother Frederick W. Schmalz, Past Grand Patron and ESCF President, hopes that the organization's commitment to sustaining its previous level of giving will serve as an inspiration to other donors.

"In light of the challenging economic times facing all charitable organizations," said Schmalz, "our board felt it was more important than ever this year to provide

funding to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. We have seen our gifts to MCF put to good use, enhancing the daily lives of Eastern Star members at Masonicare's facilities in Newtown and Wallingford. Matching last year's contribution shows that ESCF remains committed to its partnership with Masonicare."

That partnership dates back over 40 years, to 1968, when the Eastern Star Charity Foundation made their very first donation of \$18,000 to MCF. Since then, ESCF's donations total over \$6 million, making them The Masonic Charity Foundation's most significant outright major gift donor.

"Through their generosity," said MCF President Jennifer A. King, "the Eastern Star



Pictured here is the Board of Directors of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut along with Jennifer A. King (seated second from right), president of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Charity Foundation of Connecticut continues to support many important facets of resident life at Masonicare Health Center and Masonicare at Newtown, including healthcare programs, spiritual services, recreational activities, as well as music and entertainment. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to ESCF for their ongoing dedication to enhancing the lives of our residents."

CT DeMolay Hosts Mass. Rainbow

by Michael B. Dodge

On the evening of Monday, June 22, Israel Putnam Chapter, Order of DeMolay, South Woodstock, hosted Oxford Assembly No. 89 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Oxford, Massachusetts for the first time.



sponsored by all four lodges in Masonic District 9A, meets at Putnam Lodge No. 46, South Woodstock. This is about 12 miles from the Oxford, Massachusetts home of Oxford Assembly No. 89.

With Israel Putnam Chapter on the rebound, the advisors hoped a visit from the "sisters" from across the state line would be a welcome change of pace for the DeMolays. Mother Nature forced a change from the original plan of volleyball and a cookout, but thanks to the efforts of Dad Chris Mayhew (the physical education teacher at Woodstock Middle School), the

chapter was able to reserve the Middle School gymnasium. The decision was made to forgo the cookout, but fortunately a local pizza parlor delivered!

And the volleyball? After several close games pitting the chapter versus the assembly, the advisors from both organizations took to one side of the court, and the DeMolays and Rainbows teamed up on the other.

This final game wasn't quite as close with the advisors proving that old proverb: "Age and skill will overcome youth and enthusiasm, even if you do end up hurting for the rest of the week."

At the end of the night, when asked if they wanted to get together again, both the DeMolays and the Rainbows enthusiastically responded, "YES!" A late summer picnic hosted by the assembly is in the works.

The Votes are Tallied

by Carl G. Ek

(Editor's note: in the span of several months in mid-1989, the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Prince Hall Affiliates, of Connecticut, Inc. crafted an agreement that changed how Masonry operated, not just in Connecticut, but worldwide. In our first six installments, MWPGM Gail Linnell Smith presented the resolution proposing mutual recognition and Connecticut Masons and Prince Hall Grand Lodge leaders enthusiastically supported this proposal. How would the craft vote? A series of stories will appear in Connecticut Freemasons this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of mutual recognition.)

Dateline: Cromwell, CT, October 14, 1989. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge met in annual communication, and voted on the recognition resolution first. In the parlance of sports, the vote was a slamdunk, with only one member voting in the negative.

That brother later approached then Grand Master Lewis Myrick, Sr., asking to change his vote. "Hell no!" replied the Grand Master. "That's how you voted, and that's how it stays."

With the requirement of 'all or nothing,' it was Prince Hall's turn to wait to see if the A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge would likewise approve mutual recognition at their special communication, being held at Sheehan High School in Wallingford.

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As it became clear that the special Prince Hall Recognition Committee chaired by Grand Senior Deacon Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., would report favorably on the plan, brothers who may not have been in favor carefully attempted to have influence on the decision.

A Past Grand Master approached MW Gail N. Smith to suggest that given the magnitude of the proposed change, some

brothers might desire a written, private ballot to express their feelings. Bro. Smith agreed that he was correct – thinking that some would use 'privacy' as an excuse to retain the status quo while not appearing to be racially motivated. Still, Grand Master Smith directed Grand Secretary and MWPGM R. Stanley Harrison to prepare paper ballots for the recognition vote – knowing that they would never be used.

AssomeinPrinceHallMasonry feared being overwhelmed by the much larger A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge, so some A.F. & A.M. Masons expressed a concern that their meetings might be visited by large groups of Prince Hall Masons. Why, others asked, would that be a problem? Lodges that 'blitz' might arrive unannounced at a visited lodge with 10 – 20 – 30 members (and, politely, a large quantity of refreshments). Why would a visit from a Prince Hall delegation make any difference to the visited lodge? Unless, of course, there were other, unspoken, considerations....

Then Senior Grand Warden of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Michael Bivans focused on some of those concerns while speaking to Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford in the weeks leading up to the votes. RW Mike had been invited by Compass WM Charles Rogers to speak to his lodge to give a history of Prince Hall Masonry. After his formal presentation, Mike responded to a question about visitation between jurisdictions.

"Do all of your (A.F.&A.M.) members show up at your meetings? Of course not," Mike answered his own question, looking at vacant seats in the nearly full lodge room. "And do all of my (P.H.A.) members show up at all of our meetings? Same thing. So what makes anybody think that when we approve mutual recognition, all of 'your' members are going to start going to 'our' meetings, and all of 'our'

members are going to going to start to 'your' meetings? Won't happen," he concluded. History has proven him correct.

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Dateline: Wallingford, CT, October 14, 1989. The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. special communication being held at Sheehan High School had several items on the agenda, most of which were disposed of as preludes to what everyone understood to be the main topic of business. Brothers learned about plans for the next inspection cycle and filled out a questionnaire concerning the then-Grand Lodge quarterly publication, *Connecticut Square and Compasses*.

The questionnaires filled out and collected, Grand Master Gail Nelson Smith announced, "We will now take up the Prince Hall Recognition..." and stated that there could be no amendments to the resolution since it was the same resolution being acted upon – at the same time – by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. After opening remarks, Bro. Smith asked subcommittee chairman Hawkins to read the recommendations of his group.

Issues of Masonic legitimacy of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the 'sovereignty issue' of only one Grand Lodge per jurisdiction, and the potential for other Grand Lodges to withdraw Masonic recognition from Connecticut should the vote be in the affirmative were discussed. The first two were simple to resolve; as to the last, the report stated, "... we have no control over their actions, and our vote must not be influenced by what might happen, but rather what is prudent in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Past Grand Master Morris I. Budkofsky, chairman of the



MW Lew Myrick and RW Carl G. Ek, Worshipful Master. Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, at the Recognition Table Lodge. MW Myrick was protagonist for recognition twenty year ago, and RW Ek is the author of this series.

Fraternal Relations Committee, reported complete satisfaction with the legitimacy of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and recommended that approval of "Fraternal Recognition, including rights of visitation, be granted..." The original motion was reread and opportunities for remarks allowed.

Grand Master Smith then asked those in favor of the resolution to stand, be counted, and those opposed to stand. The final tally was not recorded in the Grand Lodge *Proceedings* except to say that "a large majority" had approved the resolution at the historic communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Smith then reported – to great applause – the Prince Hall Grand Lodge's vote of approval and concluded the agenda of his own session. Thereafter, Bros. Smith and Hawkins made a short drive to close a centuries-old gap in Masonic brotherhood, becoming the first A.F.&A.M. Masons to be formally received into the tiled Prince Hall Grand Lodge session.

Joint news releases would spread word of the good work publicly, but the pre-Internet Masonic grapevine spread the word faster, that recognition was reality. Response would be rapid....

"To be continued..."

Valley of New Haven, A.A.S.R. News *by Michael L. Castroll*

By now, your saying, "When will summer get here?" Well, it has. It's just that spring sprung a leak and it's been thumbs down on the weather!

Our Spring Reunion produced double figures – our biggest class in quite some time!

Membership Chairman Charles Tirrell has been pushing the Supreme Council's Ambassador Program. Do you know who your lodge's ambassador is? Why not be one yourself? If you've been away from the Scottish Rite for a while, or let your membership lapse, find out how easy it is to be back with us. A lot is going on in the Valley of New Haven, and there's no reason why you shouldn't be with us.

It's time to tip your caps! The recent annual communication of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation produced another red cap for the

Valley of New Haven. There's one from each valley presented at this auspicious event to receive the Arthur M. Brown, 33° Meritorious Service Award. This year's recipient from the Valley of New Haven is our own Robert J. Dipasquale. A Past Sovereign Prince, Bob has been working as co-chair of our Family Life program, and is now about set to take on the program's rigorous schedule for our enjoyment. No doubt about it. It's an honor very well deserved!

If you would like to put Bob to the test, there will be no time like our upcoming summer picnic. It's Saturday, July 25, from 10:00 a.m. 'til 3:00 p.m. at Ashlar Village's picnic pavilion. Fun and games galore! Our new MSA will fix the vittles, and it's outgoing chairman Ill. Jack Stevens' last hurrah. As is traditional in the Valley of New Haven, our

scholarship awardees and their families will be on hand as our guests, and so will our Deputy, Ill. James R. Spencer, Jr., 33°. There's always a surprise, and you can't beat the company or the price. It's free! All you have to do is give Ill. Jack H. Stevens, MSA, 33° your reservations. Call him at 860-848-7586, or e-mail him at stevensjh33@aol.com. It's open to all, so bring your family, your friends, and your prospects. The Fall Reunion will be here before you know it, so don't lose your opportunity to double our class.

Our next event is on August 31. It's our Candidate Information Night. Let's get some more black caps! Ill. Chuck Warfield reminds the cast of the Eleventh Degree of their obligations for the upcoming rehearsals for the degree.

I'll see you at the picnic...in the Valley!

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

With our Spring class of newly knighted Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret behind us, as well as elections, awarding membership certificates and two family life trips, one might think it's time to take a break. But the Valley of Hartford is busy throughout the summer.

Saturday, July 25 will see our first 5K Run/Walk to Benefit Children with Dyslexia. This event promises to be a huge success, and once successful, will sustain itself year after year as our reputation grows. Our course has been certified and that certification is good for ten years. The race is open to all Masons, their family members, and all their non-Masonic friends, and if you're not a runner, you enjoy a healthy walk on a beautiful summer day.

The race starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

with pre-registration and check-in beginning at 7:30 a.m. We need volunteers as well as participants; there is a lot to do. Even if you're not a Scottish Rite Mason, come join us, meet the other brothers and friends. There will be a post-race cookout for the volunteers, too!

Those interested in becoming members of the Valley of Hartford will have a chance as our 2009 fall class starts on September 24 with a candidate information night. The degrees begin on October 1, so submit a petition before then. You can download one at the Valley of Hartford's website www.valleyofhartford.org.

As a result of our current member's support of the Blue Envelope Appeal, and other support of the Scottish Rite Charities, the Valley of Hartford was awarded two Leon M. Abbott

\$1,000 scholarships by the Supreme Council to assist the children or grandchildren of our members in their educational futures.

The Valley also awarded twenty-one additional \$500 scholarships to those applicants who qualified for an Abbott Scholarship but did not receive one. Both scholarships are awarded based on merit, meeting the proper requirements, and their relative being in good standing in the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. A listing of all the recipients can be found in the July issue of our *View of the Valley* publication.

Follow all our activities and get updated information at our website, www.valleyofhartford.org. Find out what we have to offer as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason.



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The "60 Second Test"



Connecticut Freemasons Have the Power to **DONATE LIFE**SM



by Richard F. Denno

Last month, Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, held one of the most memorable and meaningful meetings I have ever attended. The meeting proved Freemasons commitment to the Connecticut Freemasons Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program.

I was invited to speak about the importance of the program and the involvement of Connecticut Freemasons. What occurred at that meeting will stay with all who attended, for years to come.

After arriving at the lodge, Edward L. Lawson, Jr., the lodge's chaplain/historian and a retired Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, asked to speak after my presentation.

My personal story includes my wife Midge's kidney failure, her subsequent 4 years on dialysis, and finally a successful transplant. The brothers were asked to take a 60 second test. "Please close your eyes. Don't open them! I'll be able to tell," I quipped. "OK, now put the image of the person you love the most in front of you. Have you got that image in mind?" I asked. "Now, imagine that loved one in need of an organ transplant which would either save their life or vastly improve their quality of living. Alright, NOW who believes in the organ and tissue donor registry?" To a brother, everyone raised their hands.

After my talk, it was Bro. Ed Lawson's turn to speak. He related his first experience, as a nurse anesthetist, in an organ recovery operation. Following the surgical recovery procedure, the operating surgeon asked Lawson if this was in fact his first such involvement in organ recovery. Upon hearing that it was, the surgeon offered to turn off the anesthesia machine and finish up. "Thank you, Doctor, but I will do this. It is not only my job, but my privilege, considering this person's generous gift," Lawson replied.

When Bro. Lawson finished speaking, I concluded my talk by encouraging the brothers present to consider becoming registered organ and tissue donors, through the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles. I returned to my seat, thinking the presentation was over.

WB Charles Rowland, Frederick-Franklin's Marshal, then stood and requested to speak. "You have heard from the recipient's side, and from the medical side, now I would like to tell you from the donor's side," said Brother

Charlie. In hushed silence, he related his story. "Both my parents and grandparents were killed in 2004 in the same automobile accident. My parents were registered organ donors. Over 250 people's lives were positively improved by their generous donation," he said. "Although their death was a tragedy, it makes it 'livable' that they truly helped so many lives," Rowland said. He closed by saying that should brothers decide to become organ and tissue donors, they should also share that decision with their family members.

"This will not only help the family to understand the decision that has been made, but also makes it easier for the family to carry out those wishes when the time comes," said WB Rowland.

Following the meeting, attended by 21 brothers, eight brothers requested DMV cards to become registered organ and tissue donors. Won't you join those brothers who have selflessly and generously agreed extend the lives of others by their 'Gift of Life?' Go to our website, www.ctfreemasons.net and scroll down to Donate Life. There, you can find the necessary information to make an informed decision on becoming an organ & tissue donor. If, after reading the information, you have unanswered questions, please contact LifeChoice Donor Services at www.lifechoiceopo.org. Remember, "Don't take your organs to Heaven – Heaven knows we need them here."

Abbott Scholarships from the Valley of Waterbury

by Ralph Rose

The Valley of Waterbury, AASR has awarded Abbott Scholarships to six students who are furthering their education. Of particular note is the award to Joshua Bartlett, who is a graduate of the 32nd Degree Learning Center for Children in Waterbury and an Eagle Scout.

All of the awardees have high academic standings and are very active in extracurricular activities. They were selected for these achievements by a committee chaired by Ill. and RW Tom Maxwell, 33°, Grand Junior Deacon.



From left are Erin E. Candee, entering her senior year at Monmouth College, majoring in art and special education; Rebecca D. Harrison, entering her junior year at Nova Scotia Agricultural College, majoring in animal science; Leisa L. Moskowitz, entering her junior year at Central Connecticut State University, majoring in management; Emily P. Harrison, entering her sophomore year at Pennsylvania State University, majoring in agricultural business management; and Joshua M. Bartlett, entering his freshman year at Baron Institute, majoring in automotive design. Not present was Craig B. Moskowitz, entering his fourth year at Ross University School of Medicine and currently interning.

Telephone T Square Club Answers Call to Support MCF

by Adam Raider

The Telephone T Square Club may be gone, but the generosity and volunteer spirit of that organization lives on in a recent donation to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF).

Comprised of Masons who worked in the telephone industry, the Telephone T Square Club offered its members an opportunity to communicate with each other at fraternal and social functions. This included performing degree work, which they did at lodges throughout Connecticut while outfitted in standard telephone lineman equipment like safety belts, hard hats, pole climbers, and leather gloves.

The Club was also a regular supporter of the Masonicare Annual Appeal, which benefits programs and services throughout the not-for-profit healthcare continuum.

At its peak in the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Club had almost 500 members. But, as companies like Southern New England Telephone (SNET) and Western Electric were swallowed up by larger conglomerates in the

1990s, many employees either left the industry or opted for early retirement, gradually leading to the disbanding of the Telephone T Square Club. So how did an organization which had ceased to exist, come to make its most recent contribution?



MW Gus Bodin and MW Gail N. Smith reminisce about the Telephone T Square Club and the Annual Appeal.

“There was some money sitting in our treasury that had been collected through dues and donations from events we had put on in the past, such as dinners and our annual picnics,” said MW Bro. Gus Bodin, Past Grand Master and former

president and treasurer of the Telephone T Square Club. “After discussing the situation with Bro. Joseph Hoefflinger, who had been holding the funds since the club had become inactive, we decided to donate these funds to MCF because we had been sponsors of an early version of the Lifeline emergency service system called Medical Alert. We knew some people in the community who benefited from that service thanks to the Annual Appeal, so it just seemed natural that the money should go

to Masonicare.”

With this Annual Appeal donation, which will be directed to the Masonicare Home Health & Hospice Quality of Life Fund to help underwrite the Lifeline service, the Telephone T Square Club joined the Masonicare Society. The Masonicare Society is a giving society founded by MW Brothers Gail L. Smith and Gail N. Smith, Past Grand Masters, that recognizes contributions of at least \$520.

“It’s unfortunate that the Telephone T Square Club is no longer active,” said Eloise Mongillo, director of development for The Foundation, “but we are very appreciative that the custodians of that wonderful organization chose to make this donation to benefit Masonicare patients in financial need.”

Bro. Gus, a longtime SNET employee who also spent nearly a decade as director of admissions at Masonicare Health Center, said he couldn’t imagine the funds being used any other way.

“Working here was one of the nicest feelings I ever had,” he said, “because I felt good about what we were doing to help people. It was rewarding to come here and see that people were taken care of properly. I feel good about what we do and how we take care of Masons and non-Masons, so the name Masonicare is one that we can all be very proud of.”

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DID YOU Vote? Results are in!

There were 2 polls on the Grand Lodge website (www.ctfreemasons.net).

Since May 22, the polls have collected the opinions of 74 voters asking if their Lodges have a special communication during the summer months, and 58 voters asked if their lodge hosts a widow’s night.

The results are in and the tally is:

Will your lodge have a special communication during the summer months?

No	38	53%
Yes	25	35%
I don’t know	11	12%

Does your lodge host a widow’s night?

No	29	50%
Yes	29	50%

There are two new polls on the Grand Lodge website.
Please take a moment and cast your ballot. Vote for the good of the order.

DeMolay Inaugural a Winner

by Carl G. Ek

The Gillette Ridge Golf Club in Newington was the site of the inaugural Connecticut DeMolay and Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc. golf tournament, held on a rare sunny June 8. A dozen foursomes teed off in a scramble designed to raise money for DeMolay and its charitable Foundation. Chaired by DeMolay International Active Member and Foundation vice president RW Christopher J. Earle and MWPGM George S. Greytak, the event was a social and financial success.

On the golfing side, the team sponsored by Smith & Bishel Hardware, Middletown, outdistanced the field with a 10-under par 62. Bro. Scott Bishel, Active Member of DeMolay International and treasurer since

its inception of the Foundation, led the team, which included another pair of Past Master Councilor's from his Henry Champion Chapter, Colchester.

Tim Cahill slammed the longest drive, while PMC Duane Beale of Durand Chapter, Cheshire was the closest to the pin. Bro. Beale's NewAlliance Bank team finished second at 7-under par, while Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III's team took third with a 5-under par.

Financially, the tournament was surprisingly successful given the short time during which it

was organized. The Tournament Sponsors were WB Art and Linda Stauff. Bro. Stauff is a PSMC

now on active duty in the Middle East as a Captain in the US Navy. Linda is a daughter of the late MWPGM George W. Pangborn. Gold sponsors were NewAlliance Bank and Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, New Haven, donating a Silver sponsorship and Masonicare, Inc. sponsoring the 'closest to the pin' competition.

When the last putt had dropped and the buffet dinner cleared, Connecticut DeMolay had raised a total of \$7,062 for its work with



PMC Duane Beale collects his 'closest to the pin' prize.



PMC Scott Goodrich displays his left-handed skill from the fairway.

Masonic youth.

Reservations have already been made at Gillette Ridge – designed by Bro. Arnold Palmer – for DeMolay's second annual golf tournament next June 14. Those interested in being contacted for playing positions or sponsorship of next year's tourney should contact RW Earle at CEarle@Newalliancebank.com or MW Greytak at greytak@charter.net.

Needham Elected International EO Conference Chair

by Carl G. Ek

WB Harry E. Needham, III, Executive Officer of Connecticut DeMolay for the past six years, was elected chairman of the Conference of Executive Officers at the recently concluded DeMolay International 90th Anniversary session in Kansas



Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III, right, meets with the new Grand Master of DeMolay, Dad Robert Cockerham of Missouri.

City, Missouri. Dad Needham is the first Connecticut Supreme Council member to be elected by his peers to this position.

In his new position, Dad Needham will represent Executive Officers across DeMolay as one of sixteen voting members of the DI Board of Directors. He is also responsible for planning and administrating the annual Executive Officers Conference, which will be held in Connecticut in March 2010.

As he sees his new responsibilities, Bro. Needham will seek to assist his fellow EO's in the management of their jurisdictions, offering them tools to develop advisors, increase membership, improve programs, and reestablish in them the enthusiasm to expand the DeMolay program to the eligible youth base. As one who has gained much by sharing with his fellow EO's, he looks to assist others in the position.

Connecticut DeMolay has been on a continued upswing throughout Bro. Needham's term. He will soon reach his seventh consecutive year of net membership growth. At his suggestion, the

Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc. began to solicit contributions for a \$1 million endowment fund; pledges for more than half of that amount have been committed, and donations continue to grow. Masonic relations have improved to the point that many fraternal organizations donate annually to the Foundation, Conclave, and Leadership Training Conference scholarships. Also, his jurisdictional staff now includes three Past Grand Masters of Masons, among other statewide fraternal leaders.

With this background of success, Bro. Needham has already begun planning his conference, to be entitled "Growing Your Jurisdiction Professionally." Questionnaires were given to EO's at the Kansas City session to gauge their interest in a variety of topics confronting EO's as they manage DeMolay. Successful EO's will be asked to share their successes – and failures – so that others may build on best practices from other states.

The EO Conference also takes positions on legislation proposed to the annual Supreme Council session of DeMolay and programs and ideas suggested by the incoming

Grand Master of DeMolay annually. As the Conference representative on the DI Board, Bro. Needham will also disseminate information from the quarterly Board meetings to his conference members.

Harry E. Needham, III served as Master Councilor of Doric Chapter, Waterbury, and reached the office of State Junior Councilor before his age made it impossible to continue in office. Twice a Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, he is also the immediate Past Master and Chaplain of Unity Lodge No. 42, New Britain. Son Jake (Harry IV) is a DeMolay Past State Master Councilor. Wife Anne is the Supreme Deputy of Connecticut Rainbow, and daughters Krista and Darcy are both Past Worthy Advisors who have each held several grand Rainbow offices.

In his work as Connecticut's EO, and in his new position, Bro. Needham has followed a simple maxim: "If we invest in youth, our future will be served." This motto has led DeMolay to continued growth in Connecticut, and if more EO's adopt Bro. Needham's philosophy, DeMolay internationally is sure to grow in the coming years.

Grand Masters Day 2009



GRAND MASTER'S APPEAL

We are all proud of the increasing support and strength of the Grand Lodge Permanent Endowment Fund and the service that CTCHIP provides to Connecticut families. I realize that we are experiencing difficult economic times, but I hope you will consider making a gift today. Your contribution will assist me in further growth of the endowment fund so that we can continue to support these important programs.

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Ride, Brian, Ride

Brother Brian Stockbridge of Daytime Lodge No. 144, Stratford, made a pledge to his late seven-year old son, David, to one day ride his bicycle across America, coast to coast. He wasn't sure when that time would come, but for Brian, now is the time.

Starting on the July 4 holiday weekend he left with a group from Portland, Oregon, riding to Savannah, Georgia, averaging 114 miles per day.

The 3,500 mile month-long trip is not only to fulfill a pledge to his late son, it is also to raise funds

and awareness of the disease which took his son's life, *Neurocutaneous Melanocytosis*.

Brian is well known in the Shelton area for his family business, Stockbridge's Gourmet Cheesecakes & Delectables, and for providing cheesecakes and other desserts for Daytime Lodge's annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Road Race since its inception in 2001.

By accepting the challenge of a bicycle trip, Brian hopes everyone accepts his challenge to them to donate to Nevus Outreach, a

non-profit organization that was founded by families affected by David's disease. Their website is www.nevusoutreach.org; donations may be made on-line and dedicated to Brian's quest.

A map and other links to Bro. Brian's ride are posted on the Grand Lodge website, www.ctfreemasons.net, and as well as a link to his personal website, www.ridebrianride.com. As he has time, and extra energy, Brian will be posting a "blog," an account of his travels for his family and friends to keep in touch during his ride.



Union Lodge No. 5 Breaks with Tradition

by Jon Ringel

It was a hot June night, seemingly like many others. The brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, were in the middle of their last stated communication before "going dark" for the summer (or, as they like to call it, merely

going "dim"). The term "going dark" is really a misnomer since no charters are turned in, but it is clearly an oft-used phrase which describes an extended period lodges don't meet. The tradition of not meeting for the summer is an old one at Union No. 5, and at most lodges in Connecticut. Perhaps this practice relates to the traditional school calendar, which also excludes the hottest months of the year. Perhaps it is a remnant of when these months might have been too busy for the average farmer to travel to a stated communication. Whatever the origin of the practice, it has become so firmly entrenched in the history of Connecticut Masonry that none of the members of Union No. 5 could remember a summer when it was not observed.

That fact made it all the more surprising when Senior Warden Stephen Petri stood during the meeting and made an inquiry into the possibility of "remaining light" this summer. One reason for his question was the large number of new brothers the lodge is lucky enough to have welcomed in recent months, who would benefit from continued instruction and fellowship. A look at the lodge's bylaws indicated that while no vote was needed to meet during the summer, a vote was actually needed to not meet. Armed

with this information, the Worshipful Master prepared the lodge for the most controversial vote it had taken in years.

During discussion, it was clear that some brothers were uncomfortable breaking with the tradition. Other brothers argued that the temple was far too hot in the summer for formal dress. Many argued that in spite of these drawbacks, the benefits of year-round fellowship and camaraderie would be reward enough. Everyone seemed to have a valid point to add to the discussion, and many brothers seemed overwhelmed by all of the other related issues that had been raised. One thing seemed sure – everyone felt strongly about it; there would be no casual hand-raising on this vote! As per the bylaws the vote was actually whether to not meet for the months of July and August, not whether to keep meeting. When the Worshipful Master asked for "all in favor?," seven hands reluctantly went up. It was clear that this was the first "real" vote the lodge had taken in a long time! As the first set of hands went down, the Worshipful Master then asked "all those opposed?" to 'going dark' to raise their hands. Immediately, eight hands shot up.

All looked around the room at one another, somewhat stunned that such a big decision had been made in such a short time. For the first time in as long as anyone can remember, the brothers of Union No. 5 will be enjoying one another's fellowship all summer long. Please come to Stamford and join them on the first and third Wednesdays of July and August.



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Surf , Turf, and No Ties!

by Bill Hillman

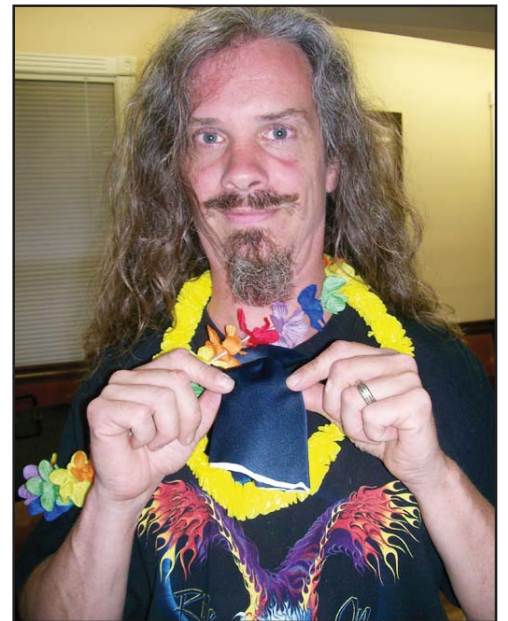
Hiram Lodge No. 18, Sandy Hook, had its 18th annual "Surf and Turf Table Lodge" on June 17 with nearly 50 brothers in attendance. The lobster and steak meal, prepared by Swanson's of Fairfield, was superb and friendship and brotherly love prevailed. This year's table lodge was in memory of WB Larry Ermler, who passed to the Celestial Lodge earlier this year.

Many lodges and dignitaries were represented at this festive board, including Past Grand Master George S. Greytak and Prince Hall Past Grand Masters Louis Myrick and Floyd Bagwell. The evening's theme was based on the strictest of

dress codes: Hawaiian shirts and no ties!

The brothers presented PGM Greytak with a framed page from the May 2009 *Connecticut Freemasons* showing him receiving the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze. Signed by all in attendance, this also celebrated the 22nd anniversary of his Entered Apprentice degree. By the end of the evening, and "seven" traditional toasts later, the table lodge was closed to end the first half of WM Sean Hughes' year in the East.

Brother Al Ballwig was caught improperly clothed and suffered the consequences.



Saints John Observance in Woodbury

by Daniel W Nichols

On Sunday June 28, North Congregational Church, Woodbury, held an observance for the Holy Saints John. The beautiful and historic church was filled with Knights Templar, Master Masons, and Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom. Right Eminent Grand Commander and RW Grand Chaplain Bruce R. Bellmore sung hymns that would make any church choir jealous.

The sermon was delivered by the RW Rev. Dr. Craig T. McClellan, Senior Minister, who is also Eminent Grand Prelate. The sermon touched on harmony in Freemasonry and how that affects what we do in the world. Especially appropriate was the presence of MW Lewis Myrick, Sr. and MW Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., principals in the mutual recognition

between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut twenty years ago.

Being young to Masonry and a Christian I decided to attend. The service was extraordinary and the people of the parish were extremely friendly. I enjoyed seeing all the Knights Templar in full uniform during the procession into the church. After the service I felt like royalty being greeted by Past Grand Master George S. Greytak and ushered by WM Timothy R. McMullin, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford. A hospitality hour was followed by brunch and was served in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone enjoyed the service and the company of the day. This annual event is worth marking your calendar for next year!



Brothers and Sir Knights gather on the steps of North Congregational Church after the St. Johns service.

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Harmony No. 42 Awards Two Educational Scholarships

by Richard Bauman

On Monday, June 29, at a special meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Worshipful Master Shane Dufrense awarded Christopher DiMaria and Daniel Royle with a \$500 scholarship each. Both were finalists in the Harmony No. 42 scholarship fund annual essay contest. Chris's entry was entitled, "A Snapshot of the Freemasonry History" and Daniel's was "Masons in American History."

The following are the winners' submissions.



A Snapshot of the Freemasonry History

by Christopher DiMaria

Freemasonry can trace its roots back to the Middle Ages. Back then, most of the people were either serfs working the king's land or craftsmen selling their goods. Other than the nobility and the members of the church, most people were very poor and lived in small wooden houses. The nobility and church members were the only ones who lived in stone buildings. The stone masons were the skilled laborers who built the castles, cathedrals and other important buildings of the time.

There were two kinds of masons; the "rough" masons were the ones that laid the hard stone that formed the structure of the building. The men who carved the facades were considerably more skilled and worked with softer stone called "freestone." These men were called free stone masons and that name was eventually shortened to freemasons.

Highly skilled masons traveled all over Europe to find employment. They formed associations called "guilds" which were like labor unions. These guilds were very secretive



Harmony No. 42 Master Shane Dufrense, center, with scholarship recipients Christopher DiMaria, left, and Daniel Royle.

because they were setting wages by agreeing to work for a standard rate. When they were working on a structure they would build a small wooden hut to store their tools and to eat their meals. They called these huts their lodge.

The guilds also set guidelines for a standard of behavior for the masons. Their first duty was to God, then the king and then their employer. The moral codes were strong as they were not to commit adultery or stay out late or reveal secrets of their employer. When the 1600's arrived much of the cathedral building was done and the guilds became more of a social society. Non-stonemasons were invited to join the organization and they were called "speculative masons."

Today, most men who join the Masons are not skilled stone masons. They are members of one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world. Freemasonry purpose is to make good men better and is dedicated to the ideas of charity, equality, morality and service to God. The organization has attracted men who believe in the tenets of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice for all. Examples of

their good work today in our area are the Masonic Home in Wallingford, the Visiting Nurse Association and the Learning Center in Waterbury.



Masons in American History

by Daniel Royle

I always had an interest in masonry. My great-grandfather was a Mason in Ohio, my grandfather and father in Waterbury. The movie *National Treasure* is based heavily in Masonic lore and has furthered my interest.

I know many of the founding fathers were Masons. These men were very intelligent and brave. They were very proud of their fraternity to include many of its symbols and tenets in the forming of our great country. Some of the greatest names of the American Revolution were Masons: Ethan Allen, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, John Paul Jones, Paul Revere, and George Washington. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, eight were known Masons and seven others exhibited strong evidence of Masonic membership. Of the

forty signers of the Constitution, nine were known Masons, 13 exhibited evidence of Masonic membership, and six more later became Masons.

There were many other Masonic influences in early American history: Lafayette, the French liaison to the Colonies, without whose aid the war could not have been won, was a Freemason; the majority of the commanders of the Continental Army were Freemasons; most of George Washington's generals were Freemasons; the Boston Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon Tavern, also known as the "Freemasons' Arms" and "the Headquarters of the Revolution"; George Washington was sworn in as the first President of the United States by Robert Livingston, Grand Master of New York's Masonic lodge, and the bible on which he took his oath was from his own Masonic lodge; and the cornerstone of the Capitol building was laid by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

One of the most influential figures in the American Revolution and one of my favorites was the writer, philosopher and scientist Benjamin Franklin, who said "If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either writes things worth reading, or do things worth the writing." America has never forgotten Benjamin Franklin because he did both. He lived these words of wisdom by writing as much as he possibly could and by doing even more. He became famous for being a scientist, an inventor, a statesman, a printer, a philosopher, a musician, and an economist.

Today, we honor Ben Franklin as one of our Founding Fathers and as one of America's greatest citizens. I think the world today could learn something from our Masonic forefathers.

Ashlar Lodge No. 332 is Dedicated

On May 30, Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom and his Grand Lodge officers dedicated the newly constituted Ashlar Lodge No. 332 with traditional corn, wine, and oil. The public ceremony took place in the Knapp Auditorium of the Hartog Activities Center of Masonicare at Ashlar Village and included the installation of officers. The lodge received

their charter at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication just two months earlier.

The "332" refers to the amount of surplus donations returned to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut by the Grand Lodge of Illinois after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Properly invested and with additional contributions since, the fund led to the creation of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut and the Masonicare entity known today as Connecticut's leader in senior healthcare.



RW Irving M. Pease kneels at the altar and takes his Master's obligation from Deputy Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr.

When the Hartog Center was built, a regular lodge room was included as many of Ashlar Village residents were Masons and wanted a Masonic lodge they could belong to on the Wallingford campus. Masonic paraphernalia, lodge furniture, and officer's jewels were found and the lodge began meeting under dispensation on December 8, 2008.

After the opening prayer, St. Elmo's Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, Meriden, presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance. The ceremony

of dedication began with RW Andy Zeidler, acting Grand Secretary, reading the request by Ashlar Lodge for the Grand Master and his officers to perform the dedication.

With the lodge properly dedicated in true Masonic custom, the tapers were extinguished and the symbolic lodge recovered.

RW Charles A. Buck, Jr. Deputy Grand Master, as Installing Master, proceeded to install the officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 332 in his usual manner, from memory. He was assisted by RW Gary H. Cohen as Installing Marshal.

The elected officers for 2009 of Ashlar Lodge No. 332 are Worshipful Master Irving M. Pease, Senior Warden Robert N. Bates, Junior Warden Gustaf R. Bodin, Treasurer Frank A. Engel, and Secretary Alfred Lechner.



Grand Master Art Carlstrom deposits the symbolic corn.

Ansantawae Brings Out the PGM's

by Carl G. Ek

As a part of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89's ongoing 150th anniversary celebration, WM David K. Eisenman invited Past Grand Master George S. Greytak to assemble a team of Past Grand Masters to confer the Master Mason Degree on a class of candidates. He presided and had Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom as Senior Warden, MWPGM Ken Hawkins as Senior Deacon, and MWPGM Roger W. Read as Senior Steward and

presenter of the working tools.

Illness and conflicts made it necessary to add some non-PGM's to the team, but with ritualists such as Deputy Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. and RW Alan M. Brown as members of the host lodge, there were no problems filling the gaps – they rehearsed the lectures for the newest Master Masons. Another late addition was RW Simon R. LaPlace, Grand Senior Deacon, who served as Junior Warden.

Adding to the festivities of

the evening, which featured the Ansantawae Lodge Fellowcraft Team performing the full Hiram Legend, was the presence of four visiting Worshipful Masters. Enjoying WM Eisenman's hospitality were WM's A. Paul

Chapin, St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield; John Badeen, St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64, Winsted; David Mason, Annawon Lodge No. 115, Milford; and Carl G. Ek, Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain.



Ansantawae Lodge No. 89's three newest Master Masons (front row, from left), Chris Hutchinson, Mark Boss, and William Boyington, pose after their degree with MWGM Art Carlstrom (front right). Members and visitors who participated in the evening's work were (rear, from left) WM David K. Eisenman; RW Alan M. Brown; MWPGM Roger W. Read; RW DGM Charles A. Buck, Jr.; MWPGM George S. Greytak; RW Simon R. LaPlace, GSD; MWPGM Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., secretary emeritus; and WB James H. Tweedie.

Ansantawae Hosts Their Parent Lodges

by James T. Waite

The brothers of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, met at the Masonic Temple in Milford on June 5 to confer a Master Mason degree on four brothers at the request of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 Worshipful Master David Eisenman as a part of the lodge's 150th anniversary year celebration.

The reason behind this request was that the lodge in Milford was formed when brothers of King Hiram and America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 (then St. John's Lodge No. 8), Stratford, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for a charter for their own lodge in Milford. When the charter was granted 150 years ago, both King Hiram and St. John's provided the degree work at the lodge until the lodge could establish their own line of trained officers and solid degree team.

WB Dave felt that due to this history, it would be fitting for both "parent" lodges to confer a Master Mason degree, with King Hiram doing one in the

spring, and America-St. John's one in the fall. The degree was well attended, and the second half the full Hiram legend was presented in costume. This part

of the degree was done by the brothers of Ansantawae, and was the first time some of the visiting brethren had ever seen this portrayal.

RW Ron East sat as Worshipful Master for the first half of the degree, with WB Ernest Malafronte Jr. serving as chaplain. The brothers then traded seats for the second half of the degree. Both brothers are well respected for their excellent degree work at King Hiram Lodge No. 12 and in the 3rd Masonic district.



Brothers of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, King Hiram Lodge No. 12, and America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 group together after a Master Mason degree for a photo commemorating the 150th anniversary of Ansantawae's chartering.

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 and Temple Beth David of Cheshire Mark "20 Years of Continued Recognition"



The Masons who attended the Temple Beth David mutual recognition Sabbath service pose on the Temple's staircase.

by Roger Jackson

On Friday evening, May 15, brothers too numerous to mention gathered at Temple Beth David in Cheshire for a Sabbath service honoring 20 years of continued recognition between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut A. F. & A. M. and the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., Prince Hall Affiliates of Connecticut.

Rabbi Eric Silver's sermon outlined the many events and circumstances that led to the mutual recognition of these two great Masonic bodies 20 years ago. More importantly, he spoke of the "friendship, morality, and brotherly love" that created and maintains the bonds between the two Grand Lodge in Connecticut. Rabbi Silver recently celebrated his 40th year as a Mason and is

a member of both Cosmopolitan Lodge and Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire.

Dignitaries attending this special Sabbath service included MW Kenneth Hawkins and MW Lewis Myrick Sr., proponents of the recognition 20 years ago. MW Myrick was Prince Hall Grand Master in 1989. Both Bro. Hawkins and Bro. Myrick briefly spoke after Rabbi Silver's sermon, expressing their pride in our brotherhood for creating and growing the bond that exists among all Masons regardless of the color of their skin or their religious beliefs.

WB David Berger spearheaded the "mutual recognition" event. With the help of several brothers and all those who attended it was a meaningful and memorable experience for all.

DISTRICT No. 5

(a) RW Benjamin A. Isaacson, DD • WB John S. Forker, AGM
(b) RW Brian E. Beals, DD • WB Frank Dlugoleski, AGM

A New Sign in Plainville

by Chet Russell

Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, celebrated Flag Day and dedicated a new lodge sign at their annual Flag Day ceremony. The flag is ready to be raised by former servicemen. The new sign was provided by donations from the craft and replaced the 40 year old decaying wooden one.

Following the presentation, Frederick Franklin held their annual Strawberry Fest in the dining hall.

Celebrating Flag Day and a new sign at Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 in Plainville are, from left, Brothers Scott Baer, John Miller, WB Charles Rowland, WB Gene Tracy, RW Brian Beals, Ed Lawson, and Worshipful Master Charles Weiss.



Friendship 33 Holds Joint Blood Drive with Local Elks

by Tom Accuosti

When Worshipful Master Eric Charette, Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, wanted to host a Red Cross blood drive, he turned to WB David Edman. As chairman of the Committee on Community in Action, and as the former sub-committee head on blood drives, WB Edman had all the information at his fingertips. Setting up a blood drive would be easy. Not so, easy, however, was finding a place to have one.

During the day, Friendship Lodge is home to Bread for Life, a local food bank and soup

kitchen for the Southington community. With this community organization using the kitchen and meeting hall during the day, there was no room for the beds and equipment that the Red Cross needed for a successful event.

Undaunted, WB Edman called a long-time friend, Dave Brennan, a member of the Elks Lodge 1669, located just a few doors down the street. Friendship Lodge has had several joint events with the Elks, and WB Edman knew that they had a large kitchen and meeting hall.

The result: on Monday, June 22, two well-known lodges in the community pooled

resources to hold a very successful drive for the Red Cross. Forty regular donors stopped by to help replenish supplies, and ten new people registered to become donors, including WM Eric himself.

By the end of the day, there were so many people waiting to give blood that the Red Cross had to turn some away because they did not have enough time to process everyone. Altogether, a great effort was made even more successful by the cooperation of two of Southington's most community-minded groups.

DISTRICT No. 7

(a) RW William V. Baroni, DD • RW Michael S. Shear, AGM
(b) RW John H. Spencer, DD • WB Michael L. Stephens, AGM

Hawaiian Fashion at Anchor Lodge

by Michael Stephens

There are always smiling faces at Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, and the June 22 communication was no different, but with a twist. WM Mike Stephens called for a casual last meeting before the summer break, and ordered everyone to wear a "Hawaiian" shirt.

As the brothers entered the lodge he presented all with a lei to wear, which added to the festive

mood. After the usual business, lodge historian WB Richard Denno read some interesting history about Freemasonry in Hawaii.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Ceremonial Hawaiian Torch of Distinction" lodge steward Bro. Lou Schluntz for his distinctive shirt and over-all Hawaiian aura. MW Gus Bodin came in a close second. WB Denno was disqualified for his bunny shirt.



Bro. Lou Schluntz holds his award and everyone gathers for a "family portrait" at Anchor Lodge's Hawaiian shirt night.

Union Lodge Lodge No. 31 Presents 80 Year Service Award

by Frank Rebmann

May 27 was a special occasion for Union Lodge No. 31, Niantic when Dr. and Brother Edward Gipstein was presented his 80-service pin. WB Bill Morse, accompanied by Past Grand Master Robert J. Stika, RW Theodore Nelson, and RW Frank Rebmann went to his home and found him full of vim and vigor. They gave the pin to Brother Edward's wife "Fuzzy," who proudly affixed it to his shirt collar. Adding to the special occasion was that Brother Edward, at 105 years old, is still alert and in good health. When asked to what he attributed to his longevity, he immediately replied, "Good living and

being married to a good woman."

Brother Edward became a Master Mason on December 26, 1929, shortly after graduating from Harvard Medical School. He practiced medicine in New London at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital as Chief of Medicine, Chief of Training, and Chief of Cardiology. He was still reading and interpreting electrocardiograms at 88 years old.

Not one to change anything that was working fine, he and Fuzzy have lived in the same house since they were married 61 years ago.

Brother Gipstein is the oldest living Master Mason residing in Connecticut.



Brother Edward Gipstein proudly wears his 80 year service award, pinned on his collar by his wife "Fuzzy."



Brothers walk out of Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester, on their way to a St. John the Baptist church service at Colchester Federated Church. photo by Charles T. Hall

Masons March in Colchester

by Clyde Fox

On Friday evening, June 19, Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester, began their annual celebration of Saint John the Baptist Day by receiving the Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom, his Grand Lodge officers, and Past Grand Master Robert J. Stika. Lodge members and guests then formed outside to march up the street to the Colchester Federated Church for a church service honoring Masonry's patron saint.

The short parade is a custom at Wooster Lodge and this year included a drummer and bagpipe, and a police escort. RW Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand Chaplain, gave the sermon and when the service was completed, everyone returned to the lodge for dinner.

Following dinner, Past Grand Master Stika reviewed his year as Grand Master and took questions from the brethren. It was an interesting and enjoyable evening unique in Connecticut Masonry as a way to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day.

Masons Drink in Colchester

by Frank Rich

Recently members of Wooster No. 10 in Colchester, ably assisted by members from Brainard No. 102 in Niantic dabbled in the wonderful world of beer tasting. The evening began with a dinner consisting of three different beef stews, cabbage soup, and baked beans. Sampling from among the 35 or so different beers allowed the brothers to see which beers paired best with the meal.

I had always wondered if certain pairings were important, until I sampled "Ten Penny Ale" from the Burnside Brewery in

East Hartford along with a hearty stew of beef, carrots, potatoes and stout. What a partnership for my tastebuds! After the meal, Wooster had perhaps the briefest meeting in its 228 year history and the brothers continued sampling and comparing for a couple of hours. To further engage the brothers, the Master came well prepared with many beer-related jokes and stories which elicited many more from the brothers. At the end of the tasting the brothers all agreed that the evening had been a great success and suggested we do it again.



There was plenty of beer to go around at Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester. Many different brands and flavors were sampled and enjoyed as the brothers brought their own favorites. "In heaven there is no beer..."

Freemasonry Looks to Its Origins in Support of Students

Ionic Lodge No. 110, North Windham, recently presented four local high school graduates with the "William L. Greene Good Citizenship Award." Each student received a monetary grant in recognition of their good character and commitment to service to their family, school, and community.

This is the seventh year that Ionic Lodge has presented this award to a graduating student from these schools. The program started in 2003 and has been awarded each year since. To the surprise of MW Bill, at a meeting he wasn't able to attend, Ionic members voted to name the award for him.

With the roots of Freemasonry in the craftsmen trades, and their belief in community service, the members of Ionic Lodge designate this award for individuals who are well-rounded, conscientious, and responsible citizens. Ionic Lodge requests the guidance

counselor from each of the schools to submit the name of the graduating student who best fulfills these requirements.

This year's award recipients are, with MW William L. Greene, Master of Ionic Lodge in the center, from left: Jean Marie Lundquist, Coventry High School; Casey Watson, Windham Regional Vocational-Technical School; Wanda Rivera, E.O. Smith High School, Storrs; and Katherine Mendez-Nunez, Windham High School.

In addition to the grant, each student receives an engraved trophy and is invited with their families and school guidance counselors to a special awards dinner at the lodge.



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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Hollis M. Bartlett Jr.....	Corner Stone-Quinebaug 122	Frank M. Kilpatrick.....	Frederick-Franklin 14
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Paul Bernstein	America-St. John's 8	Clyde R. Miller.....	Manchester 73
Robert V. Braman	Friendship Tuscan 145	Walter J. Mosser.....	Union 31
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Oscar Gilbert.....	America-St. John's 8	Franklin F. Shellenbarger.....	Union 31
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Unity Celebrates Mutual Recognition

Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, celebrated the 20th anniversary of mutual recognition between the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Inc., Prince Hall Affiliates with a table lodge held on June 2. Worshipful Master Carl G. Ek welcomed brothers from 14 lodges to the event, which featured Prince Hall Past Grand Master Lewis Myrick, Sr. as the guest speaker. Bro. Myrick was the Prince Hall Grand Master when recognition was approved.

Unity Junior Warden Fred Stoddard and kitchen director WB Mark Parasiliti and their team served a seven-course dinner to the 50 assembled brethren.

Among the visitors were seven members of Ionic Lodge No. 7, PHA, led by Senior Warden Hardice Jones. Ionic Lodge meets in the New Britain Masonic building. Another surprise was a carful of brothers from Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville, led by WM and RW Robert L. Thompson.

Between courses and toasts offered by lodge members and guests, Bro. Edward L. Lawson, Jr. offered personal reflections on Masonic brotherhood. A dual member of Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville and Far East Lodge No. 1, Yokahama, Japan, Bro. Lawson has attended lodges throughout the world through his military service and as a mountain trekker with wife Masako.

Bro. Ed, when a newly minted lieutenant in a medical unit, credited older, wiser non-commissioned Prince Hall brothers for keeping



The column of the north, from behind Senior Warden Kevin Girouard, at the June 2 table lodge at Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain.

photo by Roger Thorin

him from making mistakes as he began his tour of duty. He then recited a poem depicting Masonic brotherhood among a disparate group written by Bro. Rudyard Kipling – *The Mother Lodge*. The brethren enjoyed the lesson of the work and greeted Bro. Lawson with sustained applause for his work.

With dinner complete, Bro. Myrick offered recollections of the process of recognition twenty years earlier. He spoke of working with then-Grand Master Gail N. Smith, his father, PGM Gail L. Smith, and then-Grand Senior Deacon Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., who chaired the recognition committee. Bro. Lew noted that there were members of both Grand Lodges who opposed recognition, some outwardly, but most in a subtle manner. A number of Grand Lodge leaders from Connecticut and other states opposed the mutual recognition. At the

same time, Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the mid-west and west were totally supportive, while the PHA Grand Lodges in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania opposed Connecticut's course.

Bro. Lew was pleased that both Grand Lodges stood firm in 1989 and thereafter when other Grand Lodges threatened to – or actually withdrew – recognition from the 'offending' Grand Lodges. He also related a report of a meeting held in Massachusetts several years after Connecticut and four other Grand Lodges had agreed to mutual recognition. A representative of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) came stateside to suggest – or

perhaps demand – that these Grand Lodges rescind their recognition so that the oldest Grand Lodge in the world could determine if this was a proper course. Apparently one of the American Grand Masters present finally had enough. He reportedly told the UGLE visitor that 200 years earlier we had kicked the British out of America, and would do so again if need be.... A year later, UGLE recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Brotherhood and education lasted well into the evening, and Bro. Myrick stayed to answer questions after the closing of the table lodge and lodge. The event also gave members of Unity Lodge an opportunity to meet several of the officers of Ionic Lodge No. 7 and to begin to develop activities in which both lodges could take part.

Bro. Goto Receives Chevalier Degree



DeMolay Deputy State Master Councilor Greg Goto (kneeling) is created a Chevalier of the Order of DeMolay by Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III. Waiting to place the cordon and medallion around the neck of their brother and high school classmate are PSMC's Chris Werner and Jake Needham.

Bro. Gregory M. Goto, Deputy State Master Councilor of Connecticut DeMolay, was presented with his Degree of Chevalier in ceremonies in Milford on June 6. This honor is the highest recognition that can be presented to an active (under age 21) DeMolay, and is only conferred after a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International.

Bro. Goto began his career in Edward W. Slade Chapter in Wallingford, where he is a Past Master Councilor. He recently concluded a term as Master Councilor of Milford Chapter, which is rebuilding and needed veteran DeMolay members to help. In addition to his DeMolay

activities, Bro. Goto is a member of Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, where he has performed lectures and other small degree ritual parts.

At the mid-July Conclave, Bro. Goto is expected to be installed as Connecticut DeMolay's 79th State Master Councilor. His planned term includes visits to all of Connecticut's chapters at least twice during the year, statewide activities in every month, and opportunities for fun and growth. He has also agreed to be present at Unity Lodge No. 148 on November 3 when the lodge will welcome Most Worshipful Arthur H. Carlstrom, Past State Master Councilor-1956 at a 'Past State Master Councilors Night.'

Amaranth Supports Generous Increase for the Annual Appeal

by Adam Raider

That the Order of the Amaranth made a donation to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut (MCF) in support of the Masonicare Annual Appeal is, by itself, worthy of recognition. But the organization's decision to dramatically increase its 2009 gift is especially noteworthy.

HL Barbara F. Lott, Past Supreme Royal Matron, explained that successful efforts to control costs in the production of their official publication, *The Amaranth Circle*, helped make this year's donation of \$1,000 possible.

"Part of the Order of the Amaranth's purpose is benevolent and charitable works," Barbara said. "To this end, support of Masonicare through The Masonic Charity Foundation provides the opportunity to fulfill that purpose. Contributions have ranged from a donation to the endowment to donations to the Masonicare Annual Appeal. Although not large, these donations have provided funding

for 'quality of life' items for residents and patients of Masonicare, which are not normally covered by other means."

Half of the Order's 2009 contribution was earmarked for Masonicare Health Center (MHC), with the remaining portion to be divided equally between Masonicare at Newtown and Masonicare Home Health & Hospice.

Thanks to the availability of these funds, residents and patients throughout the Masonicare continuum will lead more comfortable, enjoyable, and rewarding lives. At MHC, for example, some "quality of life" purchases have included transportation services, wheelchair batteries, clothing, and recreational equipment.

At Masonicare at Newtown, gifts to the Annual Appeal were used to underwrite the cost of a LiteGait physical therapy system and the planting of a Serenity Garden. At Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, purchases include

temporary ramps for wheelchairs, in-home telemonitoring services, and memory books for hospice patients and their loved ones.

"I was honored to accept this generous donation from the Order of the Amaranth at this year's Grand Court Session," said Jennifer A. King, president of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "The Order's increased level of giving, particularly during these uncertain economic times, is very much appreciated."

"The level of care and service which is provided to the patients and residents of Masonicare is second to none. In December of 2007, my husband, Dave, and I learned firsthand about Masonicare Health Center's rehabilitation program. Dave, who is in his early 40s, needed a total knee replacement. When asked where he wanted to go for rehab, our first instinct was to request Masonicare in Wallingford, but we were uncertain of age limitations. We were pleased to learn that he was eligible to be admitted. After Dave's discharge, he continued with his outpatient rehab at the facility. The staff was personable, friendly, and continually went above and beyond to help patients and residents reach their healthcare goals."

***—Past Grand Royal Matron
Charlene Rowe***

Freemasonry Found in Mexico

by Antonio Arreguin

Thanks to a recent trip to my birthplace, Mexico City, I have a greater understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a Mason. My arrival at the "Muy Respetable Gran Logia, Valle De Mexico" was a fantastic experience.

I was greeted by the Grand Secretary Angel Gonzalez.

After identifying ourselves to each other, he proceeded to give me a magnificent tour of their lodge. There are four floors and each has different lodge rooms. Although the décor differed between each room, all have traditional checkered floor. One room has a ceiling with hand painted constellations, and another had spheres on the columns that glowed when the lights were off. There is also a large auditorium with walls covered with murals, all painted by Masons. In another area there are busts of past Mexican presidents and other Mexican icons. It was especially nice to see busts of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, too!

I attended a lodge meeting and was honored to be invited to sit in the east with Worshipful Master Marco A. Rodriguez. They showed tremendous respect for their work and get a lot of practice since they meet weekly during the entire year. There is a lot of preparation involved in becoming a Mason in Mexico.

After the meeting ended, we had a great discussion about how we performed our lodge duties. It was nice to compare and

contrast our experiences.

As a token of brotherly love and friendship I presented Most Worshipful Grand Master Eduardo Atzayacatil Retiz (*pictured with me in the photo below, on right*) a commemorative coin from my home lodge, Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven. I also gave him one of my lodge pins as gratitude my spend treatment during my visit. They gave me a pin from their lodge in return.

The entire experience has taught me that true brotherhood has no boundaries. I left with an enormous appreciation for Freemasonry and a list of new brothers I will seek when I go back home.



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JULY 2009

12	MP	RE	C	Grand Commandery Knights Templar statewide family picnic, Ashlar Village Pavilion, noon to 5:00 p.m., \$12.00, reservations to SK Jack Stevens.
25	MP		C	Valley of New Haven AASR picnic
25		RE	C	Sphinx family barbeque
26		RE	C	Hamilton Commandery No. 5, picnic

AUGUST 2009

2		RE	C	Grand Commandery officers meeting and picnic
15-20		RE	U	Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA, Roanoke, Virginia
23-25		RE	F	Supreme Council AASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Boston, Massachusetts

Coming Up in September

1	York Rite Information Night, Milford
9	MEGHP visit to Hiram Chapter No. 1, Sandy Hook
12	Northeast Department, York Rite Conference, Baltimore Maryland
17	Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, reception for REGC
26	Dinner and reception for SK Vincent A. Cowie, New Haven

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS ANNUAL CONVOCATION

At the 211th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut on Saturday, June 6, Companion John Mellor was elected and installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. All officers advanced and Companion Charles O'Neill was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil. Companion Leo H. Lohrman was awarded the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Masonic Service.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

At the 191st Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut on Saturday, June 6, Companion Randy S. Stevens was elected and installed as Most Puissant Grand Master for the second time. The new appointment to the line was Companion Brad Cooney as Illustrious Grand Sentinel. Receiving the Knight of Ish Sodi Award were Companions William L. Miller, Robert G. Fitzgerald, Robert C. Nordstrom, Carl E. Aspland, and Jorge Baujin. The Phillip J. Jones Award went to Companion Robert D. Sherrick.

RECEPTION FOR SIR KNIGHT VINCENT A. COWIE

Sir Knight Vincent A. Cowie, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, has been announced as the selection for Northeast Department Commander for the Grand Encampment, and will be installed in August in Roanoke. He will be the first Department Commander from Connecticut in many years. A reception and testimonial dinner in his honor will be held at the New Haven Masonic Hall on September 26, with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and supper at 7:00 p.m. Watch for flyers with information for reservations.

Letter to the Editor...



June 10, 2009

Dear Brother Editor,

Just received the June issue Connecticut Freemasons. The design and topic on the cover brought back memories when I was attending lodge in Canada (on occasion).

Was at an outdoor Master Degree I witnessed a brother lecture the newly made Master Mason with the enclosed presentation.

Not sure you have heard it or seen it – of which it gives its stirring oration.

It is yours, use it, read it, pass it on, or

whatever you want to do with it.
Good health and good wishes,

*Fraternally yours,
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(now in Florida)*

Craft at Labor...

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Tuesday, July 14, Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, July 29, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, degree held at Ashlar Village lodge room

Saturday, August 22, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, degree held at Ashlar Village lodge room

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Thursday, July 16, Brainard No. 102, Niantic

Saturday, July 25, Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Saturday, July 25, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 5:00 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, August 4, Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Craft at Refreshment...

Saturday, July 4, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, noon, North Stonington Fair Fundraiser

Thursday, July 9, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 4:00 p.m., East Hampton Old Home Days

Friday, July 10, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 11:00 a.m., East Hampton Old Home Days

Saturday, July 11, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 11:00 a.m., East Hampton Old Home Days

Tuesday, July 14, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, Indian Hill Country Club, Newington, 10:30 a.m., John Wheatley Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 18, Friendship No. 33, Southington, the Buntin Masonic Deck, noon Trowel Club picnic

Saturday, July 18, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, Main Street, Deep River, in front of Shoreline Liquors, Deep River Muster Hot Dog Stand, parade starts at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 18, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, Masonic-Shriners Beach, Buttonwoods Ave, Warwick, RI, family picnic

Tuesday, July 21, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:00 p.m., JLQ picnic

Monday, July 27, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, 10:30 a.m., Blood Drive

Saturday, August 1, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 6:30 p.m., annual Ice

Cream Social

Saturday, August 1, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Northwest Park, noon picnic

Saturday, August 8, Federal No. 17, Watertown, noon lodge picnic
Saturday, August 8, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, noon, Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

Thursday, August 13, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, Masonic education night

Saturday, August 15, Uriel No. 24, Merrow, noon, lodge picnic, Lew Bradley's home, 206 Geer Road, Lebanon

Tuesday, August 18, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:00 p.m., JLQ picnic

Saturday, August 22, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 2:00 p.m., lodge picnic, Roger Celinski's home, Coventry Lake

Saturday, August 22, Seventh District Family Picnic, Hurd State Park, East Hampton

Sunday, August 23, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Pyramid Shrine, 03:00 p.m., "Boyz Toyz" Smoker Extravaganza

Saturday, August 29, King

Hiram No. 12, Shelton, 9:00 a.m., summer picnic, Smith Farm Monroe

Saturday, August 29, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 6:00 p.m., lodge picnic

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Notice regarding conversion of building corporations to tax-exempt Title Holding Corporations

by the Grand Lodge Committee
on Legal Matters

For some time now lodges have been encouraged to consider having their building corporations become tax-exempt as a IRC 501(c)(2) corporation. Further, the committee has recommended building corporations refer to the model by-laws in the policies and procedures manual when updating their by-laws. The model by-law in the Policies & Procedures manual is premised on the corporation formed as a Connecticut non-stock corporation and exempt from corporate income taxes.

The Committee on Legal Matters has received several inquiries regarding converting a building corporation to a tax-exempt 501(c)(2) corporation.

We recently determined that converting a taxable building corporation to a tax-exempt 501(c)(2) corporation can cause the building corporation to incur federal and state corporate taxes. The computation of the corporate taxes is based on the profit that would have been realized on the effective date of the conversion based on the then fair market value of the building. The intent of the law is to prevent a taxable corporation from avoiding corporate income tax on the appreciation of the property by simply becoming tax-exempt. This rule became effective for conversions occurring after January 28, 1999, and is discussed in Treasury Regulation 1.337(d)-4. In certain situations, an existing building corporation may become a 501(c)(2) corporation without incurring the corporate taxes described above, but to do so will **require skilled professional guidance from an attorney or CPA knowledgeable in corporate, tax, and exempt organization law.**

Upon further review of the matter the Committee has the following recommendations:

Lodges considering filing IRS Form 1024 - Application of Exemption under 501(a) to convert their building corporation to a tax-exempt 501(c)(2) corporation are advised not to do so unless they **retain an attorney or CPA with experience in corporate, tax and exempt organization law.**

Building corporations must not be merged or consolidated without **retaining an attorney with experience in corporate, tax and exempt organization law since a merger of a taxable corporation into a tax-exempt corporation may trigger the tax described above.** A merger or consolidation requires approval by the Committee on Legal

Matters (Section 3601).

A building corporation that is a stock corporation must not convert to a Connecticut nonstock corporation without **retaining an attorney with experience in corporate, tax and exempt organization law.**

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMENTS

For lodges uncertain of the tax status of their building corporation, you may contact the IRS to determine if an application for tax-exempt status was ever filed and if yes, request a copy of the Determination Letter issued by the IRS to the building corporation. The Determination Letter must be kept in the permanent records of the lodge and building corporation. A corporation organized as a Connecticut non-stock corporation does not make the corporation exempt from federal and state corporate income taxes. Independently, at the time of organization, the corporation must file IRS Form 1024 - Application of Exemption under 501(a) and obtain a Determination Letter approving the corporation tax-exempt status.

All building corporations that did not obtain tax-exempt status from the IRS are required to file a corporate income tax return, Form 1120 and Connecticut Form CT-1120, every year.

All lodges and tax-exempt building corporations are required to file Form 990, 990-EZ, or Form 990-N every year.

Lodges and building corporations should consider retaining the services of a CPA to assist them with financial accounting, annual tax return filings (Form 1120 and/or 990), and the technical compliance requirements for maintaining tax exempt status.

Building corporations, not tax-exempt, should discuss with their insurance agent the benefits and cost of purchasing Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance.

As a final note, being tax-exempt pursuant to IRC Section 501(c)(2) does not guarantee the building

corporation will be exempt from property taxes. The Connecticut General Statutes, which control property tax exemptions, do provide two limited exemptions, C.G.S. 12-81(7) and 12-81(58). C.G.S. 12-81(7) grants exemption for property used for scientific, educational, literary, historical, charitable, or open space land preservation purposes. It requires the corporation to be organized exclusively for these purposes. A building corporation is not organized for this purpose; thus, we believe C.G.S. 12-81(7) is not applicable to Masonic building corporations. C.G.S. 12-81(58) requires authorization of property tax exemption by town or city ordinance with regards to property leased to a charitable, religious, or non-profit organization. This provision does not require the building corporation to be tax-exempt, however, it does require exemption by ordinance and the tenants must be non-profit.

As a practical matter, this exemption is difficult to obtain because it requires granting of property tax exemption by town or city ordinance.

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SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONS

5K RUN / WALK

To Benefit Children With Dyslexia

Saturday, July 25, 2009



9:00 AM • 207 Deming St., Newington, CT • Rain or Shine

*Your tax deductible donation to the 32° Masonic Learning Center
For Children of Connecticut helps kids with Dyslexia overcome this
disability at no cost to their families.*

• Electronic Chip Timing, Platt System / USATF Certified

• Online Registration At www.active.com • Registration Starts at 7:30 AM

T-Shirts For The First 100 Pre-Registrations. Trophies for the 1st & 2nd Place
Runners will be given out in each division plus overall Male and Female trophies

DJ Music Provided Before and After Race

Any questions, Please Call Jeff Flynn, Family Life Chairman, at 860-304-6348
or email jedje60@yahoo.com



MASONICARE'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

You are invited to join us for our **FREE** concerts and events on the Newtown and Wallingford campuses. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for concerts.

NEWTOWN 139 Toddy Hill Road

Concerts ~ 7:00 p.m. In case of rain, concert is in the lobby, with limited public seating. For more information call **203-364-3128**.

Thurs., July 16 **St. Luke's Steel Band**
Calypso & Island Music

Thurs., July 30 **The Frank Porto Band**
30's & 40' Sounds

Wed., Aug. 5 **Second Company Governor's**
Foot Guard Band

Classic Car Show & Short-term Rehab Reunion

Sat., Aug. 8 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Classic Nights Car Club, D.J. Music, Greyhound Rescue

WALLINGFORD 22 Masonic Avenue

Concerts ~ Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Grounds available for picnics at 5:00 p.m. In case of rain, concerts are cancelled. For more information call **203-679-5900**

July 16 **Tuxedo Junction** ~ Sounds of Jazz

July 23 **Atwood Express** ~Oldies

July 30 **Eddie Forman** ~ For Polish Music Lovers

August 6 **The Sunshine Road Band**
Children's Fun Night *6:00 p.m.

August 13 **Redstone Ridge** ~ Blue Grass

August 20 **Eight to the Bar** ~Jazz

August 27 **Swing for Jazz**

The Masonicare HelpLine Center 1-888-697-9997

An information and referral resource center for seniors and their families.

The Masonicare HelpLine is free and confidential. Our knowledgeable representatives, available by phone, respond to inquiries regarding senior healthcare and retirement living and offer assistance in accessing and using services, agencies and programs in Connecticut that are important but can be confusing to seniors. We also help seniors and families explore Masonicare's wide-ranging continuum of care.

For example, we might:

- Refer callers to an appropriate assessment program when they express concern that a loved one's memory loss has become an issue
- Offer suggestions that can help a family find a solution when they are worried about the safety of a loved one living alone
- Explore various retirement living options for seniors in Connecticut.

The Masonicare HelpLine is a vital resource that provides guidance and support to individuals, families and caregivers who need direction and don't know where to turn for help.

*Remember —
The Masonicare HelpLine Center
is here for you.*



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