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November 2, 7:30 p.m.	Federal Lodge No.17, Watertown	N	REF	S
November 3, 6:30 p.m.	PSMC Night, Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain	N	Y	S
November 4, 6:30 p.m.	Garibaldi Club, Stratford	N	Y	C
November 5, 6:30 p.m.	Awards night, Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury	Y	Y	F
November 7, 8:30 a.m.	Junior Officers Seminar, Masonic Temple, New Britain	N	REF	S
November 7, 3:00 p.m.	Grand Master's DeMolay Class, Waterbury	N	REF	F
November 12, 2:00 p.m.	Investment Committee Mtg., Wallingford	N	N	S
November 12, 4:00 p.m.	Comp Meeting, Wallingford	N	N	S
November 14, 9:30 a.m.	Consistory Day, New Haven Temple	N	LUNCH	F
November 14, 6:00 p.m.	York Rite Testimonial, Ashlar Village, Wallingford	Y	Y	S
November 15, 2:00 p.m.	Autumn Gathering, Masonicare Health Center Auditorium, Wallingford	Y	REF	S
November 16, 7:30 p.m.	Federal Lodge No. 17, Watertown	N	REF	S
November 18, 7:30 p.m.	St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield	N	REF	S
November 19, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	N	Y	C
November 20, 7:30 p.m.	Blue Lodge Council, St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield	N	REF	S
November 26	Happy Thanksgiving!			



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# Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication Offers Few Surprises

by Carl G. Ek

The biggest surprise at the October Grand Lodge Communication was that the Grand Lodge officers seemed to be doing a "step-up" morning. RW James T. McWain, GSW, congregated the lodge and received MWGM Arthur H. Carlstrom. The Deputy Grand Master generally performs this duty, but RW Charles A. Buck, Jr. had been hospitalized the night before with chest discomfort so all of the line moved up. (RW Charlie was home the next day and is doing fine.)

The business of the session was brief and to the point. RW Grand Treasurer Charles C. Maxson presented the budget for Bro. Buck. With no increases in fees proposed, the budget

was easily passed. A 'housekeeping' correction to Section 3000 was approved unanimously. A change in Section 2213 that would require members of the Trial Commission to be off the commission for at least one year before being eligible for appointment to another five-year term was passed after some discussion.

What was thought to be the most controversial proposal was a change to Section 2301, raising the fine for a lodge failing to be represented at a Grand Lodge session from \$25 to \$250. After clarification that a lodge need only be represented by one properly credentialed voting member, the change was approved by a substantial margin.

The annual meeting of Masonicare was held with the Grand Lodge at refreshment, and Board Chairman WB Howard W. Orr and president and CEO Stephen McPherson made brief presentations. Voting for members of the Masonicare Board of Directors saw incumbent Brothers Orr, Francis Conlon, and David Gessert reelected, and Bro. Bruce Carmichael elected to fill an unexpired term.

Elections for Grand Lodge officers to be installed in April were also held, with all electees following the usual progression. As shown in order of our cover photos, from left;

RW Gary W. Arseneau was elected Grand Senior Warden; RW James T. McWain was elected Deputy Grand Master; RW Charles A. Buck, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, was elected Grand Master; and RW Simon R. LaPlace was elected Grand Junior Warden. Succeeding themselves in office will be Grand Treasurer Maxson, Grand Secretary Robert G. Fitzgerald, and Grand Trustee Charles W. Yohe, MWPGM.

Toward the end of the session, MWPGM Chip Stamm spoke about research he had read about the coming "Blue Wave" of membership growth. Details are included in his article on page 15 of this issue of Connecticut Freemasons.

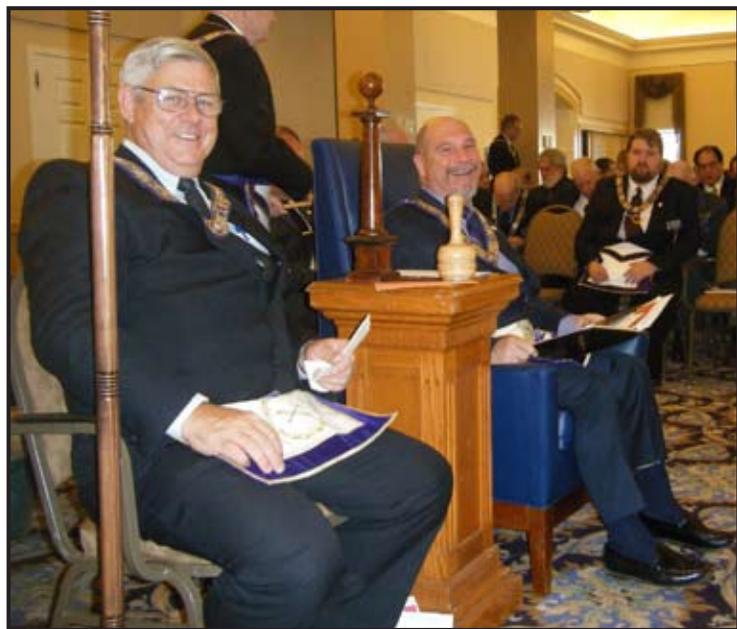


MWGM Arthur H. Carlstrom presides over the October Grand Lodge communication, held at the Hartog Center of Ashlar Village.

With no further business appearing, MWGM Arthur H. Carlstrom closed the Grand Lodge just before 11:00 AM, giving the brethren the opportunity to enjoy a warm fall morning.



Over 400 seats in the Knapp Auditorium await the delegates of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to the October 17 Communication.



An impromptu step-up for RW Don Dean (left) and RW Gary Arseneau has them laughing about the positions they hoped to occupy in 2010.



At the Grand Lodge communication, Danielle Thibault of The Masonic Charity Foundation promoted the May 15, 2010 "Masonicare Quality of Life Walk," to be held once again in East Hartford.

# Grand Master's Message

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge has now been completed. The new officers have been elected and will be installed at the Annual Communication in April, 2010. I offer my congratulations on their election. The legislation that was presented and passed with time given for opinions pro and con. We managed to keep on schedule and closed in a timely manner.

The annual meeting of Masonicare was also held and new Trustees elected to the Board to continue their work to provide the necessary care for the residents of all the affiliates.

As I mentioned last month, I hope each lodge will take a serious look at those being considered to be dropped for non-payment of dues. In this troubled economy we owe them the opportunity to make arrangements so they will not have to be dropped. Remember the words: help, aid, and assist.

Now to a topic that needs immediate attention. As I look at the Electronic Membership Request site, I see over 400 requests that have been referred to lodges, just sitting there, waiting for action. Since these men took the time to contact us, we owe them the courtesy of a reply.

Maybe it is going to take some action either by an edict or some

other form to have each lodge assign a brother to oversee that these requests are answered in a timely manner. Your site will be monitored closely over the next couple of months to see what progress is made.

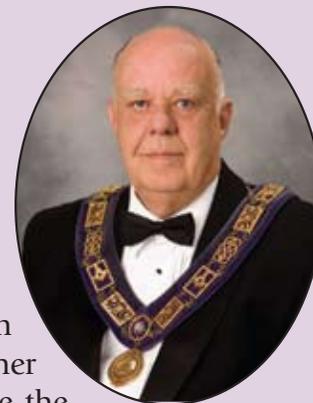
If your lodge shows little or no interest in making this contact, it may be moved to another lodge in the district who would appreciate the opportunity to have him investigated.

Again this month we will be traveling around the state for award nights, the Autumn Gathering and other special programs. I hope you can take the time to join us for these occasions.

Fraternally,



Arthur H. Carlstrom  
Most Worshipful Grand Master



# Deputy Grand Master's Message

Brethren,

I am humbled by the honor you have bestowed on me by my election as your next Grand Master. I am well aware that with that honor comes a great responsibility. I am prepared to accept that responsibility.

I also would like to thank those of you who sent e-mails and cards, and made phone calls during my recent hospital stay. My testing revealed nothing, but the doctor recommended some lifestyle changes which I have already begun implementing.

The inspections beginning in January 2010 will be on any degree that the Master chooses and should be completed by June 30, 2010. I would like to see one of the top three officers conferring the degree. My brothers, being a Worshipful Master of a lodge opens up many avenues for advancement in our fraternity. It qualifies one to be appointed as a District Deputy, and is highly recommended for Associate Grand Marshal, and especially a Grand Lodge officer. These positions require much Masonic knowledge. A Deputy is responsible for inspecting the work of a lodge, and should be proficient on all the degrees. A Grand Lodge officer is responsible to the Grand Master for all the work in his district. While the administration of a Masonic lodge may not require proficiency in conferring degrees, any advancement should require it. I would like a District Deputy to have conferred all three degrees. I will not require a proficiency examination for this, but will ask the Deputies to sign a form that they have conferred the three degrees.

The positions of District Lecturer and Grand Lecturer will not be in effect this year. It was a system that never really found its place. I thank the brothers who served in these capacities for their hard work and dedication to our craft. The District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals will assume the duties of inspecting ritual, as it was before this system was instituted. The requirements for being Master will remain the same as last year.

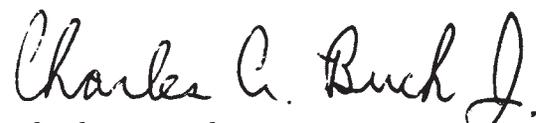
The Grand Lodge per capita assessment will also remain the

same as last year. My brothers, as I was preparing the budget for 2010, I was having difficulty making things balance. I knew that I needed to present a fiscally sound budget, a difficult task as the taxable membership was expected to drop by 900 members!

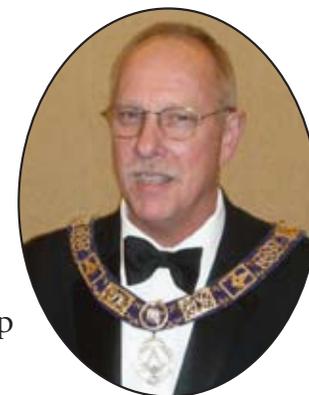
As I researched the budget, it appeared to me that for many years, the budget process was based on the membership three years previous, subtracting the expected drop in membership. 2009 membership figures were based on 2006 actual members. This year the figures were based on 2008 numbers instead of 2007 numbers minus the expected drop. This resulted in a drop in revenue of \$17,000 on top of the usual drop! I discussed this predicament with a Past Grand Master. I asked him if I should base my figures on 2007 membership instead of 2008, since this was the normal procedure. His recommendation to me made sense. He told me to do the right thing. If 2008 figures were available, those should be the numbers used. He said no one can be upset if you do the right thing. I assure you I will always try to make my decisions based on this premise.

Brethren, I have a vision of what Masonry should be. In that vision, we all do the right thing, not because Grand Lodge tells us that is the way it should be done, not because the District Deputy says it is the right thing to do, but because, in our hearts, we know it is the right thing to do. If we all do this, our fraternity will not only survive, but thrive! Act accordingly brethren.

Fraternally,



Charles A. Buck, Jr.  
Deputy Grand Master

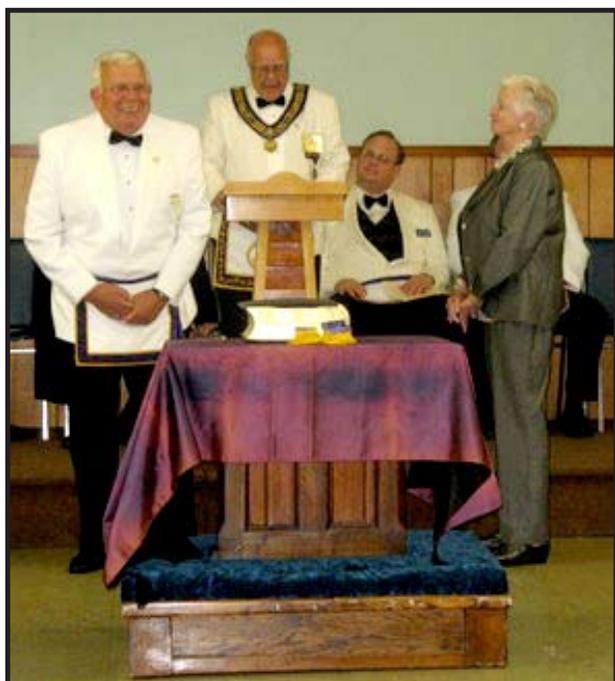


# Edberg Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal

Paul A. Edberg was born on June 29, 1938, in Medford, Massachusetts, the son of Ethel Grace Edberg and William G. Edberg. The family lived in Lexington and when Paul was six years old, they moved to Natick, Massachusetts. Paul graduated from Natick High School in 1956.

After graduating high school, Paul attended West Virginia Wesleyan College where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics in 1960. This major was not his first choice, as he started to become a Methodist minister. While at college, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity and participated in intramural sports for the fraternity. Paul also worked, during those four years as a graduate assistant for the accounting and economic professors. He later went on to earn his Master of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Hartford in 1976. Paul looks back at this time and wonders how he did it while working full time, holding down a part time job, with a wife and three children at home.

Paul's business career started in 1960 with the First National Bank of Boston, where he was a credit analyst. In 1966, the family moved to Manchester, Connecticut, where Paul was employed at Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. He later joined Aetna Life and Casualty Company, where he held various positions within the Real Estate Investment Department. Paul later joined Capital Holding Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky, as Director of Commercial Real Estate Administration. He later moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he joined Draper and Kramer, Inc. as Vice President of Commercial



*Carol Edberg listens with pride as MW Carlstrom reads Paul Edberg's biography.*

Real Estate Administration. During his tenure in Louisville and Chicago, Paul was very active in the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, serving as Chairperson of the Commercial Mortgage Loan Division in 1991.

Paul married in 1960 and had three children by that marriage. Pamela Rogers Allen of Louisville, Kentucky, Kimberlee Burke of Key Largo, Florida, and Timothy Edberg of Montague, Massachusetts. Paul returned to his native Massachusetts from Chicago in 1994 and formed a real estate consulting firm with an acquaintance from Manchester.

Paul's early affiliation with masonry began in high school with the encouragement of his father, who was a Knight Templar, and with his initiation into John Eliot Chapter of DeMolay. Upon moving to Manchester, Paul petitioned Friendship Lodge No. 145, Manchester, and was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 24, 1973, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on June 21, 1973 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 27, 1973. Career life put a temporary halt to his Masonic career until he returned to live in New England.

At a business lunch, in Manchester, Paul noticed that one of the men wore a Masonic ring and they began to chat about masonry. It was then that Paul decided to visit his home lodge and this too, became history as Worshipful Brother Stanley Ostrinsky appointed him to the officer line as Senior Deacon in the spring of 1997. He was elected Junior Warden in 1998, Senior Warden in 1999, and Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge No. 145 in 2000.

Paul is a member of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons where he served as Most Excellent High Priest in 2006, and Grand Custodian of the Grand Chapter in 2007. He is a member of Adoniram Council No. 14, Royal and Select Masters and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2007. He is a member of St. Johns Commandery No. 11 and Washington Commandery No. 1 and currently serves as Eminent Commander. Paul was honored in June 2002 by being elected to the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Paul is also a 32° mason of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Hartford.

Paul has served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education since 1998, and has served as chairman of that committee. He has participated in many seminars and thoroughly enjoys the teaching



*RW Paul A. Edberg after being awarded the Pierpont Edward's Medal in Bronze from Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom.*

aspects associated with those seminars. He currently is Co-Chairman of the Committee's Masonic Leadership Course. He also served on the Grand Lodge Committee of Welfare of Lodges and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Masonicare Home Health and Hospice.

For the 2004-2006 term, Paul ably served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as District Deputy for District 6B. Early in 2006 Paul was appointed to serve as chairman of the Merger Committee for Friendship Lodge. His work on this committee culminated with the successful merger with Tuscan Lodge No. 126 in 2007. They are now known as Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145. For the last several years, Paul has served his lodge as Mentoring Captain for new brothers.

RW Paul has always been a dedicated and hard working member of the craft, a true leader in every sense of the word and a Mason held in high esteem by the brethren.

More recently, RWB Paul attended the 50th reunion of his High School in Natick, MA. A friendship from that time was renewed with a classmate acquaintance. As time passed, Paul decided he would like to share his busy "retired" life, and the "friend" from high school, Carol E. Murphy, became Mrs. Paul A. Edberg in May 2008. They now reside in Manchester.

Paul's leadership and dedication to the craft he serves provided a great opportunity to thank Paul for all he gives. For this, and a host more, RW Paul A. Edberg was bestowed the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service at an awards ceremony on June 18, 2009 with his wife, Carol, by his side.

## Gifts and Abilities

"Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God." *Ecclesiastes 5:19*

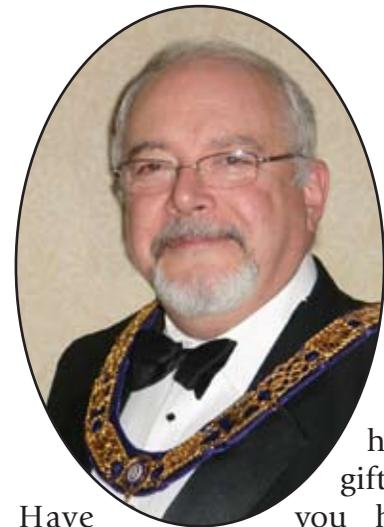
Wealth and riches are what we are told are signs of a successful life. Advertising is a business based on telling consumers how a particular product will make us richer, happier, better, more desirable, and, yes, more loved. We must have a new car, a fancy home, the latest fashions, faster and faster computers, iPods, iPhones, and thousands of other items without which our lives would not only be empty and useless but also without purpose. The people who make these absolutely essential items, without which we cannot be recognized, esteemed, or loved, either build in obsolescence or make

them to self-destruct practically before they are opened. Then we must cast them aside to make way for the new and improved model if we wish to remain recognized, esteemed, and loved.

The theologian, Henri Nouwen speaks of this drive to possess and to be accepted as being caused by two of the strongest human emotions – anger and greed. We are angry that we cannot be as beautiful and successful as these demi-gods we see in commercials, ads, and media, and we are greedy in our desire to possess these traits.

But the writer of Ecclesiastes asks us to remember our true gifts and riches – the gifts of God. God has given each of us gifts and abilities. Family, friends, intelligence, discernment, and the precious gift of each new day are but a minute sampling of the

overwhelming abundance of gifts we receive from our heavenly father. He has also blessed each of us with different abilities. Writing, organizing, working with our hands and our brains, compassion, love and understanding, the ability and capacity to help our fellowmen when they are in need - these are examples



of abilities and they are also great gifts.

My brothers and friends, I ask you to consider today how you have used your gifts and abilities.

Have you helped someone in need? Have you stretched out your hand to someone who has fallen? Have you used some special ability that God has given to you to make this world a better place? Have you realized how wealthy and rich you truly are?

I pray that each of us will take the time to examine ourselves and discover those unique gifts that God has given to each of us and that we will consecrate our efforts to develop and use our gifts to the fullest. Then when the passions and vanities of this world are left behind and we stand before the Heavenly Throne, we will assuredly hear those wonderful and welcome words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of the lord!" *Matthew 25:21*

God bless!

## Scott Thelen, C.P.A., Named CFO at Masonicare



Scott Thelen

On October 5, Scott Thelen joined Masonicare as vice president for financial services and chief financial officer. He was formerly with Catonsville, Maryland-based Erickson Retirement Communities for twelve years, most recently as senior vice president for finance and corporate controller.

Erickson operates 19 retirement communities serving a population of over 20,000 seniors in 11 states. Mr. Thelen's financial and management experience includes financial operations for continuing care retirement communities, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, home health and insurance.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Thelen has his B.S. degree in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of Baltimore.

He and his wife have two daughters, and are in the process of relocating from Maryland to Connecticut.

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# What Does It Take To Investigate A Candidate?

by James T. McWain,  
Grand Senior Warden

In previous issues I have discussed Masons and lodges, the need for mentors and lodges to make Masons competent in the craft and the need for lodges to be in touch with all their members.

As I've traveled about the state, I've heard comments and discussions regarding the quality of candidates. Much of the discussion has been extremely positive with many lodges taking advantage of the renewed awareness in Freemasonry and the candidate's inquiries following their research into the Fraternity.

Some of the discussion, however, has been depressing. The negativity normally revolves around the fact that the new Mason does not live up to his new obligations, immediately loses interest, and for those, and other reasons, does not attend lodge.

In some extreme cases, lodges have had to re-ballot on petitions because a member of the lodge has discovered information which raised questions regarding the character of the petitioner.

These are unfortunate circumstances. However, they really do not reflect on the candidates who are petitioning. Rather, they are a direct reflection on the investigation process of the lodge.

We would all agree that the investigation process is important and that the purpose of investigation is to preserve the moral character of the fraternity. The Grand Lodge letter to the investigating committee is comprehensive, includes a guide to the committee, a series of questions designed to assist the committee to gather information, and a letter to the petitioner that provides information about the fraternity, its beliefs and requirements. The letter to the investigating committee concludes with the statement, "YOU ARE THE GUARDIANS OF OUR PORTALS".

This endeavor, as with most of the work in our lodges, requires information, education and practice. Many lodges have experienced

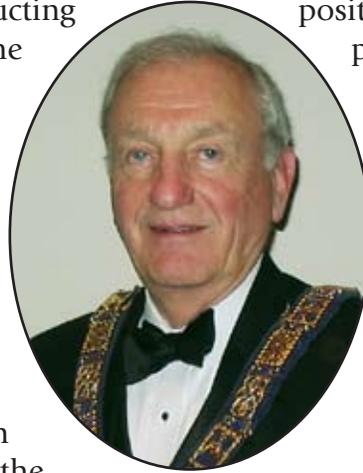
brothers who are experts at conducting investigations. Unfortunately, some lodge investigating committees have an almost apologetic approach to the process. This does not impress the candidate and certainly does not provide the required service to the lodge.

The Master and his senior officers have a multitude of concerns, tasks and demands on their time. It is somewhat akin to the juggler keeping all the balls in the air. The key is to know which of the balls are made of glass.

In the case of investigations, officers of the lodge should have an understanding of the process. If they have never been on such a committee in their lodge, they should avail themselves of the first opportunity to do so by volunteering or being appointed. The Master should meet with the Past Masters, who are usually appointed to chair these committees, and ensure that his standards and expectations are known to these very important brothers.

There is an old adage regarding people, "You can hire good people, you can train them, or you can PRAY." A lodge education program regarding the investigation process, and its importance to the fraternity, is necessary for those who will be on the committee and informative to all the members of the lodge.

I submit that if senior officers have not taken the time to have a discussion with their investigating committee chairmen and participate in the process, they are in a



position of hoping the committee is performing for the good of the lodge.

The investigation of a candidate is not a "rubber stamp" process. We are the "GUARDIANS OF OUR PORTALS" and it is imperative that we all understand the importance of making sure our candidates have the character necessary to continue the craft into the next centuries.

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# Grand Historian's Corner

RW Bro. Gary A. Littlefield, Grand Historian

Seventy six years ago our Grand Master was Samuel A. Moyle. The proceedings of 1934 show an emergent communication on February 17, 1933 at the Hotel Burrirt in New Britain for the purpose of attending the funeral of MW Sherwood H. Raymond, who had died on February 14. About 75 Masons were present for his Masonic funeral at the South Congregational Church and burial service at Fairview Cemetery. On September 6, the grand officers gathered again for the funeral of MW Andrew Hallock, who was the superintendent of the Masonic Home, as it was then called. Services were held in the auditorium of the Home and at the Congregational Church of Wallingford, with burial at the Masonic cemetery directly across from our Wallingford campus. A third emergent communication was held on October 14<sup>th</sup> for MW William

F English. This service was held at the East Windsor Congregational Church and burial at the East Windsor cemetery.

A more pleasant occasion was on November 28, when the officers gathered in Darien for the dedication of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107. The annual communication was held on February 7 and 8, 1934 at the Masonic Temple in Hartford, where all but one of the 128 lodges were present. We welcomed distinguished guests from the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. All thirty-six pages of the Grand Master's address were read, including all dispensations and visitations. A two-page dissertation on the bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was included in the address.



conferred the degrees of that order on a large class of candidates, one half in the uniform of the US Army and the other half in the uniform of the US Navy. There were 256 in that class, which was probably one of the largest classes ever held.

On January 24, 1918 the request was made to MW Nickerson to establish a lodge within the 56<sup>th</sup>. Some of the lodges represented were Union No. 31, Ansantawae No. 89, Acacia No. 85, St John's No. 3, and Center No. 97, along with lodges in Springfield, Massachusetts. The Grand Lodge had ruled that members of the armed forces may take their degrees wherever convenient.

By late March it was apparent that the regiment would be shipped overseas and MW William English then ruled that any candidate who had not taken all of the degrees within Connecticut could take them wherever the regiment was stationed under special dispensation.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> the regiment sailed in a convoy of ships changing course every five minutes to present a constant changing target. They reached France in August. In some village in France (it is unclear exactly where as name changes to towns and villages have occurred) a building was secured (it was empty) and used as a temporary Masonic lodge. Camille Mazeau, a captain and member of Ansantawae No. 89, was a master of improvisation and aprons were provided for officers and members, as were an altar cloth, the three Great Lights, and a Bible. The lesser lights were provided by a Mason who borrowed and returned them from a local church.

On August 8, 1918, six brothers were admitted from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. The next day the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred, with Capt. Mazeau using chalk on his journey around the temple as Senior Deacon. MW Payne stated that the lecture was never to be forgotten as it was the best lecture he had ever heard.

On August 11 the brothers were raised to the degree of Master Mason. MW Payne has complete details in his writings in the monthly magazine of Connecticut Masonry in 1948.



This Grand Historian ran across an interesting story about Masonry and World War I. Morris Payne, who would become Grand Master of Connecticut Freemasons in 1938, was an officer of Union Lodge No. 31 in New London. He stated later that Masonry was active during the pre-war years and men were admitted, passed, and raised so quickly that the deep and lasting impressions of the ritual that most of us experienced did not fully resonate in their minds. As a result, many were dropped in the 1920s, shortly after the war ended.

MW Payne reported that in August 1917 the Coast Guard artillery corps stationed out of New London was mustered into federal service. They were stationed at Fishers Island, Plum Island, and Gull Island, all in Long Island Sound. When they were mustered,

Payne was Senior Warden of Union Lodge. On December 20, 1917 he was elected Worshipful Master. Shortly after his election he was ordered to muster the 56<sup>th</sup> Regiment as Major. MW Leonard Nickerson gave WB Payne the authority to give all three degrees to Colonel Louis Burgess of the 56<sup>th</sup> on December 31, 1917. The work was completed in the afternoon and the evening commenced with the installation of Payne as Worshipful Master.

On January 3, 1918 the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Norwich

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# The UGLE, The Bad, and The Good

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 eighth installment, we examined the responses nationwide and worldwide when both Grand Lodges overwhelmingly approved resolutions of mutual recognition. This is the final installment in a series of stories in Connecticut Freemasons that have celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of mutual recognition.)*

Part of the reason for the publication of this series of articles was to collect and preserve the memories of those who were a part of the process of achieving mutual recognition two decades ago. Being able to speak with both Gail Smith's, Lew Myrick, Ken Hawkins, and others who, it can be argued, made the recognition happen, provides a valuable historical record for the future, removed as far as possible from speculation and conjecture.

It should not have come as a surprise, then, when information not previously available to this author came to light after the publication of the October 2009 Connecticut Freemasons. MWPGM Richard A. Hodgson, now retired to Arizona, was a part of the meeting held at the request of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) to discuss recognition. Slightly excerpted, his account follows.

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"The day following my installation, together with Past Grand Masters Harrison, Desmond, and Lorenson, I went to Boston to meet with the Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, aboard having duties similar to our Committee of Recognition. Unfortunately I do not remember the name of the Chairman. [Editor's note: presumably this was Michael Higham of the UGLE.] Most Worshipful Darling [Charles Darling, MWGM of Massachusetts] met us at the Grand Lodge to host the meeting but declined to take part.

"On arrival we were met by Most Worshipful Brother Don Smith and Right Worshipful James Wood, Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington. As well as Grand Master, Brother

Don was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Washington...MW Don asked that although I was entitled to conduct the meeting as the Grand Master of Connecticut, that I consider allowing Most Worshipful Brother Dean Massey, Grand Master of Wisconsin, then also Dean of Law at the University of Wisconsin, to conduct, as he had come prepared with a great deal of research.

"I then welcomed and introduced all and asked Brother Massey to present his questions and concerns to the English brothers. Brother Dean had indeed come prepared.

"England had denied that Prince Hall was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, which was indeed true. However, they chartered African Lodge 459, which later changed its name to honor Prince Hall. Brother Dean then brought out the yearly assessments paid by the Grand Lodge of African/Prince Hall, to the Grand Lodge of England up to the mid 1800's, and that lodge being dropped from the rolls although they maintained their payment beyond that of several other American Grand Lodges who were not (dropped).

"At the conclusion of Brother Dean's presentation, Brother Higham remarked that he could not repudiate Brother Dean as they (the English) were not as well informed as he, and they would have to go home and research Dean's challenges and questions.

"We enjoyed a nice lunch and fellowship provided by Most Worshipful Brother Darling and departed in peace and good will. The result of this meeting was the removal of the restriction on visitation by the Grand Lodge of England, which had had little if any effect.

"The record in a nut shell by one who was there."

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As noted in a prior article, the UGLE recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts before the A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge did so. This was an odd circumstance,



made even more so by the historic recognition of Prince Hall Masonry by that Grand Lodge in 1947.

It is more than a bit sad that 20 years after the first Grand Lodges A.F. & A.M. and P.H.A. opted for brotherhood, there are so many American Masons that have not yet accepted the concept of brotherhood that is not based on racial characteristics.

This failure borders on the absurd when these same Grand Lodges recognize African and Caribbean lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of England in which all of the members have the same racial background as those Prince Hall Masons whom they shun here.

Has recognition worked? A Prince Hall grand officer put it well: "Not everything everybody feared happened, some things people hoped for happened, and some things people expected didn't happen."

What did happen was the opportunity for Masonic brothers – who all express belief in Deity, take the same obligations, and meet on the same level – to do so on a broader basis, with artificial barriers removed. On this basis alone, recognition has certainly worked.

Brother Ben Franklin once wrote that the biggest secret in Masonry was that there were no secrets. He later expanded his commentary on Masonic secrets to note that "The good effects ... have subdued the rancor of malevolence and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation."

To that we may add that progress has been made in breaking down racial barriers that divide, rather than unite, men and Masons. To those who took these bold steps two decades ago, we owe our thanks. To those who will lead our fraternity in the future, we urge their efforts to continue the good work begun by different Grand Lodges two decades – and six decades – and a century ago.

Thus may we honor our obligations as men and Masons. So may it ever be. So mote it be.

*A joint recognition pin from 1989 is pictured above, possibly from Day Spring Lodge No. 30.*

# Masonicare at Newtown Names New Medical Director

Dr. David R. Marks of Weston has been named medical director at Masonicare at Newtown, the 154-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. Dr. Marks was formerly head physician for short-term rehabilitation at Masonicare in Wallingford. He has been medical director at a number of nursing and short-term rehabilitation facilities, and also served on the staff at the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven.

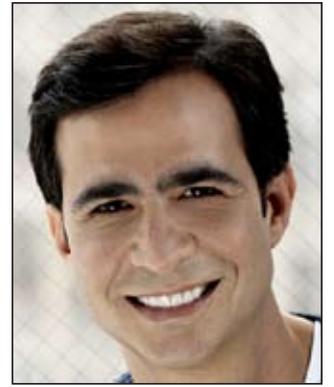
Dr. Marks received his B.A. summa cum laude from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and his M.D. from the Yale University School of Medicine. He also received a Master of Public Administration degree from New York University. Board-

certified in internal medicine, Dr. Marks completed an internship and residency at the Yale University School of Medicine/Greenwich Hospital program in internal medicine, where he also served as chief resident. He then served as a fellow in allergy and clinical immunology at Harvard Medical School and Mass General. Dr. Marks began his medical career at the New England Center for Headache in Stamford.

In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Marks has worked as a television health reporter – first for NBC’s Connecticut affiliate, NBC30, then at WNBC in New York, and later at WCBS in New York, where he was health and science editor and chief medical

reporter. Dr. Marks continues to be a frequent guest on “d-life TV,” a program dedicated to diabetes, which appears Sunday nights on CNBC.

Dr. Marks has authored two books: *The Headache Prevention Cookbook: Eating Right To Prevent Migraines and Other Headaches* published in 2000, and *Raising Stable Kids in an Unstable World*, which was published in 2004. He and his pediatrician wife have three children.



Dr. David R. Marks

## Knee Replacement Surgery Hot Topic of Free Dinner Presentation at Masonicare at Newtown

Masonicare at Newtown is hosting a free informational seminar for the community on Wednesday, November 18, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The seminar will be held on the Masonicare at Newtown campus, 139 Toddy Hill Road, in the Lodge Room of Lockwood Lodge Assisted Living. A complimentary dinner will be served before the presentation.

Dr. Lee Rubin, orthopaedic

surgeon with Middlebury-based Orthopaedics New England, will be the guest speaker. He will discuss modern surgical management of knee arthritis and some of the latest innovations in knee replacement surgery that have recently made news headlines, including gel injections, partial knee replacement, custom knee, gender specific implants and computer-guided knee surgery.

In addition to presenting an update on these cutting edge interventions, Dr. Rubin will address individual patient needs.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Masonicare at Newtown sponsors presentations to provide the public with important and timely health and wellness information. There is no fee for the program, but seating is

limited. If you would like to attend, please call the Masonicare HelpLine at 888-679-9997 to make your reservation.

Masonicare at Newtown is a 154-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility located at 139 Toddy Hill Road, Newtown. Its adjacent 54-unit assisted living community provides both regular and special memory care assisted living services.

## Benjamin Franklin on Masonic Secrecy

“Freemasonry, I admit, has its secrets. It has secrets peculiar to itself, but of what do these principally consist? They consist of signs and tokens which serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are conferred after due instruction and examination.

“These are of no small value. They speak a universal language and are a passport to the support and attention of the world. They cannot be lost so long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has in the world, still their credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require.

“The good effects which they have produced are established by the incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation.

“On the battlefield, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men, of the most hostile feelings and the most diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other with special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.”

— *Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin, 1778*



# They Saved My Life, Would You?

by Chuck 2.0 Landau

Many of you know my personal story, or at least the part that involved almost dying from a heart attack before age 50, and the eight long months I spent dying in the hospital, only to be rescued by having a heart transplant. I went from dying one day to becoming a Freemason four months later. Now, with 6+ years of extra time, I live a full and active life supporting my family, my lodge, and my community.

If I have ever served you a meal, spoken a word of kindness, made you proud with my ritual work, that moment was brought to you by a family who, in their moment of tragedy, decided to rescue as many anonymous strangers as they could. That day they allowed their loved one's organs to be recovered and given to a long list of patients desperate for life. That day, after an evaluation as to compatibility, size, and who was the most ill



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yet still healthy enough to thrive, that day it was for me.

My family also had to deal with a tragedy, the murder of my sister. Rest assured, if we could reverse time, if we could have her back, we would. But once she was gone, in that moment of our darkness, we donated her tissue and organs to save others. She would have wanted to save others as her last act, and through organ donation she gave life back to four different patients. They each got up out of bed and resumed their lives, aided by a little piece of my sister.

These days, doctors can restore a healthy and productive life to those we love through this life saving technique, if only enough people donate their organs after death. I recognize there are some people who have

personal convictions and object to these life saving techniques, and I completely respect their decision. But as someone who waited

eight long months, wasting away in a hospital bed, watching others die around me daily, knowing only half of those waiting would get a life saving organ, a family made that donation and restored me to a new life.

I ask that you consider follow the link called *Donate Life* on the Grand Lodge website, [www.ctfreemasons.net](http://www.ctfreemasons.net), and be added to the registry. Yes, it's really that simple.

As Freemasons, we pride ourselves in understanding that of all the virtues, it is charity that lasts beyond the grave.

How much more true is that than if after death, instead of burying those chances at a renewed life, you donate them. Save a life with your organ donation. Who knows whose life it may be?

## Serving Doesn't Lie Solely Within the Lodge Room

by Tom Hardy

I joined the fraternity over 5 years ago. At that point in my life I had just finished school, had some free time, and was looking for an avenue in which I could help others. Masonry was that calling. I quickly became enamored with the vast branches and countless arrays of community service that the fraternity does – the Shrine Hospitals, Dyslexia Learning Centers, CTCHIP, Donate Life, and various local community actives such as DeMolay/Rainbow Girls and the Boys/Girls Scouts.

Adelphi-Momauguin Lodge No. 63, in recent years, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in giving back to the community. We have collected food for the homeless, walked as a team for March of Babies, and collected Toys for Tots. I found myself feeling as if I could help out even more. This year I took to the notion of running the Chicago Marathon and raising over \$1000 for the American Cancer

Society, not including donations from family or my lodge. This shows that each person can make a difference in this world.

If you can't attend meetings for various reasons such as work or family obligations, you can still help the fraternity by finding some other calling and helping your country, neighbor, and ultimately yourself.

Think of the brotherly love prevailing and every moral and social virtue that cements us. Imagine the power and improvement in our communities if every brother volunteered one hour a week. That's one TV show a week. It could be something simple as cleaning a gutter for your elder neighbors, teaching a child how to read/write, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or serving as a coach/mentor for little league sports. Who knows, you may come across others who might come knocking on our doors and wish to join our fraternity after seeing our selfless generosity.

## Preventing Falls is Topic of November 17 "Lunch & Learn" Program at Masonicare at Newtown

Injuries in the elderly caused by falls are a major healthcare issue in the United States. Falls can result in the loss of mobility and independence, as well as increased healthcare costs for individuals and healthcare providers. The November 17 program at Masonicare at Newtown will discuss this important topic.

Pam Caron, a licensed physical therapist with Masonicare Home Health will explain how a serious fall can negatively impact a person's function, confidence and quality of life. She will also present important information on how falls can be prevented, how a therapist can evaluate a person's fall risk, ways that therapy can reduce those risks, and the use of adaptive equipment which

can help avoid falls and improve quality of life.

A question and answer session will be held following the presentation.

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## We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Christopher C. Dunn Jr.....	<i>Ansantawae 89</i>	Jacob P. Walling.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's 3</i>
Cristian P. Arcilla.....	<i>Brainard 102</i>	Jeffrey J. Giuffrida.....	<i>Sequin-Level 140</i>
Richard C. Nelson.....	<i>Brainard 102</i>	Juan J. Luna-Castillo .....	<i>St. John's 6</i>
Gregory J. Bavedas.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's 3</i>	Robert McGuire .....	<i>Wolcott 60</i>
Jeffery P. Morgan.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's 3</i>	Brandon Tyrell .....	<i>Wolcott 60</i>
Clive A. Senior.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's 3</i>		

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

Carl C. August .....	<i>Hiram 18</i>	Edward M. Petzoldt.....	<i>St. Alban's 38</i>
Marvin M. Bryan.....	<i>Uriel 24</i>	John N. Ray.....	<i>Washington 19</i>
William T. Burgess Jr.....	<i>Brainard 102</i>	William A. Reichert.....	<i>Manchester 73</i>
Alan B. Collinge.....	<i>Widow's Son 66</i>	Rodney R. Reinhard.....	<i>Temple 16</i>
Charles F. Diefenderfer.....	<i>St. John's 6</i>	Albert M. Rodgers .....	<i>Federal 17</i>
Carl L. Edgerton.....	<i>Columbia 25</i>	Gerhardt F. Schenck.....	<i>Corinthian 103</i>
Ward M. Edgerton.....	<i>Columbia 25</i>	Esmond D. Smith.....	<i>America-St. John's 8</i>
Terry R. Fraser.....	<i>Bay View 120</i>	Leroy F. Spear Jr.....	<i>Valley 36</i>
Ralph F. Gilnack Jr. ....	<i>Shepherd-Salem 78</i>	Ronald C. Swanson.....	<i>Widow's Son 66</i>
LeRoy T. Glover .....	<i>King Hiram 12</i>	Charles A. Turdin.....	<i>Hiram 1</i>
Charles E. Hoyt.....	<i>Union 5</i>	George W. Underhill Jr.....	<i>Temple 65</i>
Russell W. Hunter.....	<i>Evening Star 101</i>	James E. Ussery.....	<i>Silas Deane 147</i>
John Kerilla.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's 3</i>	Gordon D. Waldron.....	<i>St. Peter's 21</i>
John V. Leffingwell .....	<i>St. Alban's 38</i>	James L. Watson Jr. ....	<i>Moriah 15</i>
Ivan E. London .....	<i>Uriel 24</i>	Robert R. Weigold Jr.....	<i>St. Andrew's 64</i>
Charles E. McLain .....	<i>Columbia 25</i>	Mervin R. Whipple.....	<i>Moriah 15</i>
Homer L. Mills.....	<i>Temple 65</i>	Irving A. Wilson.....	<i>Sequin-Level 140</i>
Walter W. Norris III.....	<i>Wooster 10</i>	Richard W. Wilson.....	<i>Jeptha 95</i>
Kenneth L. Palmer .....	<i>Coastal 57</i>	John E. Zeek.....	<i>Ansantawae 89</i>

## Masonicare Home Health Announces Appointments

The home care affiliate of Masonicare has filled two key positions: Mary Allegra, BS, MSN, has been named Vice President of Home Health and Hospice, and Joan Piteo, BSN, MSN, has been named Director of Quality Management and Performance Improvement. Both nurses have been with Masonicare Home Health for several years.

As Vice President, Ms. Allegra assumes responsibility for the administration of all agency clinical services and branch operations including staffing, directing and implementing programs. She joined Masonicare Home Health (then Connecticut VNA) early in 2005 and in December 2006 was named Manager of



Mary Allegra

resident, Ms. Allegra has a BS in Nursing and Public Health from Southern Connecticut State University and an MSN from University of Hartford.

As Director of Quality Management and Performance Improvement, Ms.

Masonicare Home Health's new cardiac program. Last year, she was one of 43 leaders in the home telehealth field brought together to draft the first national telemonitoring standards for home care agencies. A Westbrook

Piteo has oversight responsibility for quality assurance, performance improvement, regulatory compliance and staff development. She joined the New Haven office of Masonicare Home Health in 2001, bringing an



Joan Piteo

extensive background in home care. In late 2007, she moved to the home office in Wallingford to be Quality Management / Performance Improvement Coordinator. A Wolcott resident, Ms. Piteo received her BSN from UConn and her MSN from University of Hartford.

# What the Heck is a “Facebook”?

by Charles Tirrell

You have probably heard something about *Facebook* either in the news, from an email, or you might be on *Facebook* already. However, you might have been left wondering “What is *Facebook*?” and “Why do I need to know about it?” Since this is a tool that many people are using sometimes on a daily basis, perhaps we can shed some light on the subject and help you figure out “What the heck is a *Facebook* anyway?”

Let’s start off simple; *Facebook* is a web site that people use to network socially, that is, leave messages with their friends that all their other friends can see. A user logs into *Facebook* and has the ability to post, either publicly or privately, information about themselves such as photos, notes, their taste in music, or even events they are attending. A user can then become a “friend” with anyone who is already on *Facebook*. This might be a family

member, a coworker, a friend, or a Masonic brother. “Friending” is the act of declaring a social connection between two people and allowing them to see each other’s personal information. Becoming a friend is a two-way street, both users must agree to the friendship and confirm it. Therefore, if you don’t know someone and they request to become your “friend,” you can simply reject the request. Once someone is your friend on *Facebook*, they can see all the interesting stuff that you post. For example, here is a link to my *Facebook* profile, check it out and you can see what a *Facebook* profile looks like - [www.facebook.com/charles.tirrell](http://www.facebook.com/charles.tirrell). I left it public for anyone to see, not just my “friends” on *Facebook*.

Two important features of *Facebook* is the “status” field and the “news feed.” A user has a “status” field, where they can type a short note about what they are doing at that moment. Updating

your *Facebook* status is similar to another internet phenomenon, twittering, which allows users to post short little messages to the public. For example, a lodge member who is about to attend a Halloween party hosted by the Fellowcraft Club may post “I’m going to the Fellowcraft Club Halloween Party. Hope they play the Monster Mash!” This “status” is then prominently displayed on the users *Facebook* page for his friends to see. The feature is also broadcast to his friends’ “news feed.” The “news feed” is an activity aggregator, which gives a listing of all the recent updates that have occurred on your friends’ pages. Most users check the “news feed” regularly as a way to see what their friends are up to. Therefore, another brother may see the status update about the Halloween Party in his “news feed,” become aware that this party is happening, and decide to come down to the lodge and bob for apples.

Another useful feature of *Facebook* are “fan pages.” A “fan page” is a *Facebook* page that is not specifically for a person, but for a product, a place, or an organization. Becoming a fan is sort of like becoming a friend, except when you become a fan of an organization, it is a one-way street. A user chooses to become a fan of a page and there is no confirmation needed from the “fan page.” Once a user is a fan, the page can then post status updates and notifications to the users news feed. Photos, events, or even videos can be posted to the page, for fans to explore. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has a fan page on *Facebook* and you can check it out by following the link on the Grand Lodge website.

Next month, we’ll have an article about what resources for Masons are available on *Facebook* and how lodges use *Facebook* to help the craft stay connected.

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## Called to the Celestial Lodge

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

Robert H. Ainsworth ..... Hartford Evergreen 88  
Arthur G. Anderson Jr. .... Wyllys-St. John’s 4  
Charles W. Anderson ..... St. John’s 6  
William R. Belury ..... Harmony 42  
Herman S. Bercowetz ..... Valley 36  
Samuel Brumer ..... America-St. John’s 8  
Gerald P. Chernoff ..... Sequin-Level 140  
William B. Coulter ..... Fidelity-St. John’s 3  
Richard M. DePaolis ..... Wyllys-St. John’s 4  
David L. Erickson ..... Corinthian 103  
Russell A. Galuska ..... Manchester 73  
Thomas R. Guadiana ..... Bay View 120  
William W. Jordan ..... Columbia 25  
John Kerilla ..... Fidelity-St. John’s 3  
John C. Kitson ..... Unity 148  
Eugene M. Lockett ..... Unity 148  
Jack M. Martin ..... Unity 148

Richard R. McKinney ..... Wyllys-St. John’s 4  
Franklin G. Miller ..... Temple 16  
Reuben P. Miller Jr. .... Evening Star 101  
Robert A. Naser ..... Seneca 55  
Leo Nevas ..... Temple 65  
Frederick Porter ..... Ansantawae 89  
Paul Raisides ..... Fidelity-St. John’s 3  
Donald E. Rankin ..... Estuary 43  
Arthur L. Ratner ..... Cosmopolitan 125  
William T. Ryan ..... Ansantawae 89  
Eugene C. Schutz ..... Seneca 55  
Richard L. Smail ..... Wolcott 60  
Gary E. Stott ..... Meridian 77  
John W. Symonds ..... Columbia 25  
Harold E. Tischer ..... Orange 143  
James Tsolas ..... Columbia 25  
William E. Weiner ..... Cosmopolitan 125

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

## SCOTTISH RITE DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Sovereign Grand Commander John Wm. McNaughton has designated Saturday, November 14 as Scottish Rite Day in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is a time for all members to celebrate their membership with camaraderie with their brothers.

In his announcement he says, "In keeping with the watchwords of our 'hedgehog concept,' the event will be inspirational, convenient, and enjoyable."

Thus, all Scottish Rite valleys in Connecticut, will gather at the New Haven Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Avenue at 10:00 a.m. with the conferral of the 31° and 32°, followed by a great lunch. No long speeches or introductions.

Come celebrate this special day with our new brethren from the 2009 Fall Class, and

your current Scottish Rite brethren from all over Connecticut. Reservations for the luncheon need to be made through the Valley of New Haven secretary, Ill. Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°, [sphinx07@juno.com](mailto:sphinx07@juno.com), or mail the reservation form in the Valley of Hartford's *View of the Valley* to Vernon K. Cleaves, 31 Stillwood Road, Wallingford, CT 06492. There is no charge for the luncheon, but advance luncheon reservations are required.

In the Valley of Hartford, on November 5, Cyrus Goodell Chapter of Rose Croix will portray the ever-popular 18°. On November 12, Nathan Hale Consistory, assisted by members from the Valley of Norwich, will portray the 19°. Both degrees start at 7:30 p.m., however prior to each of the degree nights all Scottish Rite brethren are invited to join our new candidates, who are guests of the valley, valley officers, and members of the

production staff for a pre-degree dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Advance reservations are required. Reservation forms can be found in the latest issue of the *View of the Valley*, or by visiting the valley's website, [www.valleyofhartford.org](http://www.valleyofhartford.org).

For any Master Mason who would like more information about the Scottish Rite, our charities, our many activities, our degree work, or just the benefits are of belonging to the Scottish Rite, we have information available, free on DVD's, just for the asking. Contact the Scottish Rite office: 860-666-0712, or contact us at [sect@snet.net](mailto:sect@snet.net).

A wealth of information is available on our website: forms, membership applications, electronic copies of *View of the Valley*, and a calendar of our events. Become part of the Scottish Rite Family. As our 2009 Fall Class comes to a close, applications for our 2010 Spring Class are now being accepted.

## Valley of New Haven, A.A.S.R. by Micheal L. Castroll

The fall foliage is in full bloom, and the work of the Valley now makes way the degree work portrayed by Lafayette Consistory. This month, though somewhat abbreviated, is still a busy one.

On Monday evening, November 2, a cast from the Valley of Bridgeport will portray the 20°. Titled Master Ad Vitam, it has become the benchmark of our patriotic degrees, and brings to life the young nation's love of Brother George Washington, and their scorn for one unfortunate soul. Brother Washington's handling of this potentially perilous moment is the center of this degree.

As an interlude to degree work, a stated

communication will occur on Monday, November 9. Later, attention turns to the banquet hall for our fourth annual Oktoberfest. Willkommen!

On Wednesday, November 11, we wish a Happy Veterans Day to our veterans, and to all still defending our way of life around the globe. The Valley of Waterbury will host the 25°. Known as the Benjamin Franklin Degree, the lesson taught typifies Brother Franklin's own benchmark, "What Virtue Unites, Death Cannot Separate."

The Fall Reunion comes to a dramatic close on Saturday, November 14 as we return home to the Valley of New Haven to host a statewide

reunion for the 31° and 32°. Reservations for lunch are a must, so call the Lafayette Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.

Consistory Day will be celebrated in all 15 states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Let's see a huge turnout to greet our newest Sublime Princes.

Membership Chairman Charles Tirrell thanks everyone whose efforts brought in such a nice class. He says, "We're always looking for more. I've been asked about our ambassador program. If your lodge does not have an ambassador it's very easy to do. Keep those petitions coming! It's never too early or too late!"



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# Blue Tide: a Masonic Tsunami

by Chip Stamm

Four years ago, at the Grand Lodge of Maine annual session in 2005, I attended a breakout session put on by the Scottish Rite Supreme Council that warned us to get prepared for the onslaught of new members coming our way. Brothers, that onslaught is here. How did they know?

A study was done about the cyclic tendencies of Masonic membership in America, dating back to colonial times, and what I call the BLUE TIDE that occurs every fourth generation. The characteristics of the four generations are:

- The Building Generation – creative
- The Rebellious Generation – drop out generation
- The Intellectual Generation – questioning
- The Tribal Generation – joining

Brothers, that fourth generation, tribal joiners, are now coming of age. Is your lodge poised to reap the benefits to allow these new brothers to make Masonry their own? Or is your lodge stuck in business as usual? A good old boy's dinner club that meets once a month?

Yes, these new minds now knocking at our door do not own a suit or tie, they have multiple tattoos, earrings, and ride motorcycles on their way to their law office or work in the operating room.

They are eager to take their Entered Apprentice degree, serve their elder members and their community, and are demanding we teach them Masonic history and give them Masonic education.

Yes, the joining generation is here...and this is compounded by another war where returning military personnel seek a group to replace their unit and socialize with. The release of movies and books publicize the modern good works of Masonry and its ancient mystical attraction.

Yes, the joining generation is here, and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut has given each lodge tools to help manage this onslaught of a new high-tech generation.

Your lodge website has an EMR Control Panel. "EMR," you say? Electronic Member Request system, where internet requests are screened by district screeners and names assigned to a lodge website control panel to be managed by a website manager, who relays these inquiries to the Master and secretary. This referral system is the wave of the future and will become the norm because the majority of these applicants do not know Masons...their fathers are not Masons but their grandfathers were. Activity has increased from one request per day to five per day this

fall. That is an increase from 320 all last year to 440 so far this year, with two months to go. In 2003, when I was Grand Master, we raised 225 Masons state wide, including 100 at a one-day-class. Last year we raised over 400 new members and a third of them came from internet inquiries. Our most active and effective district screener is Grand Master Art Carlstrom in the Third District, were every lodge currently has three or more internet contacts in the pipeline.

Looking back to the last BLUE TIDE in 1948...after World War II, lodges would have to meet weekly and at times every night to do degrees. Square Clubs and degree teams that included many businesses, firemen, policemen, and other groups sprung up. Adjust your lodge activities and rethink Masonry. Want to return to the GOOD OLD DAYS? There are HERE.

How do we let in applicants that we do not know? Who simply inquire over the internet? Simple...the same way we do it now....investigation...meet with them...but be creative as to not waste time and delay. Every dinner meeting needs to become a non-Masons night. We need to meet with them the next week in their homes to talk to their family, and give them an Entered Apprentice degree within one month. Lodges need be open weekly on the same night, say twice per month at stated communications, and the other off nights for Masonic education and proficiency training. We need to have programs in place and assign Past Masters to work with EAs and FCs downstairs as higher degrees are put on upstairs, not told to stay home as they can not attend. There is plenty to do and we need to include new Masons with these tasks to keep them involved and active. Have weekly conspiracy team rehearsals, hold monthly CTCHIP programs, and put the brothers to work, not just the officers. The brothers are just waiting to be asked.

Yes, the joining generation and BLUE TIDE are here, and each lodge needs to prepare or perish like the dinosaur as these new applicants want to join something. And if we do not open our door and let them make Masonry their own, based on our principals of morality and virtue, they will create another organization and put us out of business.

Your Grand Lodge officers continue to well-utilize the funds you have given them in your per capita of \$55

per member to put tools at your disposal. The newspaper, the lodge websites, the EMR candidate tracking system, and the CTCHIP program are all driven to promote awareness, attract new members, and put the craft to work in our communities.

It is important to have good officers, and it is just as important, if not more so, to have a qualified, active, and productive lodge. The worst thing we can do is let qualified candidates/Masons fall through the cracks, and fail in our primary duty: to "Make and Educate" men as Masons. We are innovators of Masonry in Connecticut as we celebrate 20 years of recognition and visitation with Prince Hall...not lazy procrastinators who sit back with the comfortable attitude of "business as usual," portraying the minimal degree work to pass our inspection.

In the 49 days since September 1, over 150 electronic requests have been received and assigned to local lodges. Website managers are responsible for alerting the Worshipful Master and secretaries to pursue these leads and update the database.

Is your lodge ready to ride the tide of the BLUE WAVE?

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## DISTRICT

# No. 1

(a) RW Steven A. Bowen, DD • WB Lemuel G. Johnson, Jr., AGM

(b) RW Philip R. Roberts, DD • WB Danny A. Camp, AGM

# Scotch Night a Favorite in Westport

by Tony Foote

On Thursday October 8, Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, held its annual Scotch history evening.

The evening started with a hearty meal supplied by the stewards, which consisted of chili and rice, cottage pie, salad, bread, and a strawberry desert with ice cream. Guests from other lodges brought the total in attendance a total of forty-one brothers.

Some of the Scotch whiskeys were relatively new to these shores and consisted of Asyla, Peat Monster, Oak Cross, Tamdhu 10 year, Glengarioch 15 year, Speyburn 10 year, The Glenlivet 16 year Nadurra, Aberlour 12

year and Famous Grouse 12 year.

For the second year, the Scotch was supplied by Glen-Ro Spirits of Monroe.

As the evening progressed, RW Jim McWain and Roy from Glen-Ro talked about each whisky, explained and enlightened the brothers as to which distillery it originated from, and the characteristics of the whiskeys.

All then tasted and discussed who liked each whisky and graded it. It was agreed that the favorite among most of the tasters was the Tamdhu 10 Year old at \$27.00 per bottle. A number of designated drivers drank only soft drinks so that all got home safely.



Bro. Duncan Stalker, a real Scot, stands by his favorite Scotch whiskeys, all of them.

## DISTRICT

# No. 3

(a) RW James D. Waite, Jr., DD • WB Leon A. Smith, AGM

(b) RW Alfred G. Rollinson, DD • WB Stephen J. Nevins, AGM

# Home Depot Welcomes CTCHIP



The Home Depot in Derby was a great location for a CTCHIP event, as part of a fire safety program.

by Jim Waite

On Saturday, October 3, brothers of four area lodges of the Third Masonic District were brought together at the Home Depot in Derby to host a CTCHIP program. The event was well attended, and welcomed by the community. The Naugatuck valley area has hosted numerous events this year thanks to the help of the Valley Parish Nurses, based out of Griffin Hospital in Derby.

However, this day the Home Depot was hosting an annual Fire Safety Day, and contacted the 3rd District in hopes of making the CTCHIP program part of the venue. Brothers turned out in force to make sure everything went smoothly, and to see that Connecticut Freemasons were well represented.

Home Depot was instrumental for providing the tables, chairs, and publicity for the event. But probably the most important item provided was an inside space in which to set up, as the weather was less than co-operative, and would have caused the program to be postponed or canceled.

# DISTRICT No. 3

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## Grand Lodge Officers Pass Two Fellowcrafts

Grand Lodge officers normally assemble for District Deputy presentations, lodge rededications, cornerstone ceremonies and special award observances. Occasionally, a lodge invites them to do a degree, as in 2007 for a Master Mason degree at a combined communication of Eastern Star and Ionic Lodges in North Windham. When this happens it seems like a Past Masters' night, but the officers come from different lodges and districts and most have never worked with each other in a degree.

Grand Master Art Carlstrom responded to an invitation by WM Paul Chapin, St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield, and performed the Fellowcraft degree on two candidates on October 21. For some of the officers, this meant a two hour drive or more, but all came to MW Art's home lodge and had a great time.

With the recent illness of RW Charlie Buck, Deputy Grand Master, and MW Art, there was concern the degree might have to be postponed or tasks re-assigned. Then there were the situations of Grand Senior Steward RW Mike Dodge being more comfortable with his own Putnam Lodge No. 46 ritual, and that, somehow, Grand Senior Deacon RW Simon LaPlace had not ever sat as a Senior Deacon in a degree. But the candidates

appreciated the degree, and the sideliners enjoyed the Grand Lodge officers being put through their paces.

Everyone appreciated the fine refreshments waiting for them afterward. And some even arrived home before midnight.



A rare occurrence, a photo of the Grand Lodge officers taken at St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield.

# DISTRICT No. 4

(a) RW Theodore J. Doolittle, DD • WB Charles H. Tirrell, AGM  
(b) RW Robert J. Knowles, DD • WB John L. Anderson, AGM  
(c) RW James J. Pyskaty, DD • WB William S. Clark, AGM

## Octoberfest at Widow's Sons Lodge

by David Cole

On September 26, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, Branford, held another successful Octoberfest. Over 30 in attendance had a wonderful time, and produced a profit for the Fellowcraft Club. On the Widow's Son Facebook page Junior Deacon John Hubbell has posted pictures of the night.

These events are particularly enjoyable because the doors are opened to friends and guests. As treasurer of the trustees WB David Cole frequently goes to the bank to make deposits. A bank teller he sees is an acquaintance of one of the brothers, and she was invited to the event. The next time she saw him she said, "I was always curious what a Widow's Son was; now I know." She also made a point of complimenting him on what a great time she had.

Brothers and guests enjoy the beer and meal at Widow's Son Lodge's Octoberfest.



## Master on the March

by DW Hawthorne

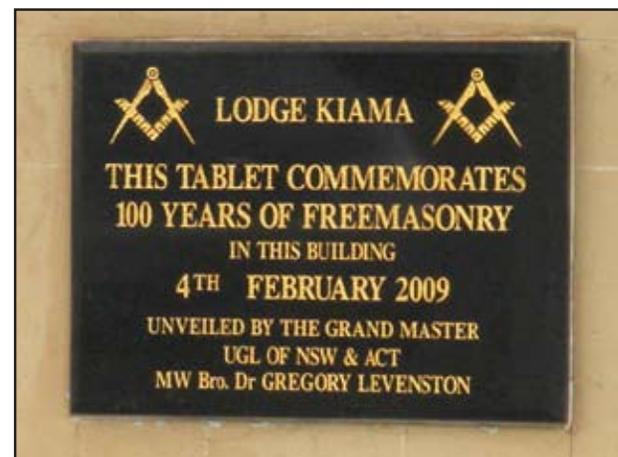
During my travels in Australia I managed to visit Lodge Kiama in the state of New South Wales (NSW). The commonwealth of Australia was formed in 1901, and the lodges of Kiama formed a single unified lodge in 1889. Prior to that there were a number of small lodges operating in Kiama from 1871 under a charter issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

I was surprised to find the differences in our signs as quickly as my examination before I could enter the lodge. Their ritual work was also far different from ours, including the placement of some lodge officers. I had gone in anticipating finding the Junior Warden

located in the North instead of the South because of the hemisphere change, but that was not the case (their ritual work explains the difference); nor does their floor work take them counterclockwise about the altar.

It was nice to see that they had adopted some of the more modern plans for Masonic meetings such as posting the minutes instead of reading them and shortening the business meeting in order to have guest speakers or a presentation. Worshipful Brother Chris Huer, the Master of Lodge Kiama, welcomed me warmly and presented me with a *History of Freemasonry in Kiama* and a book called the *Centenary of Lodge Kiama*. Due to the comparative youth of Australia to other countries, they hold a special reverence for the enduring nature of Lodge Kiama.

During the period of fellowship that followed the meeting I was honored as a guest and requested to speak. There is a concern in Lodge Kiama, as there is in many other lodges, regarding a lack of youth in the fraternity. Since I am from a younger lodge they asked how we keep younger members involved. I also asked about how they normally stay relevant throughout their community. I was pleased to find out that the Grand Lodge of NSW wants lodges to focus on local charity rather than donations to larger



This plaque commemorates the building where Lodge Kiama meets, an ocean away from WB Hawthorne's home lodge in North Haven.

national charities. The way the Grand Lodge reinforces this precept is by matching the money a lodge raises for the community. As an example, Lodge Kiama wanted to help a local non-profit community group purchase a small bus for transporting children and they managed to raise \$10,000 for this project. The Grand Lodge of NSW then matched the money for a total donation of \$20,000, cementing the bond between Lodge Kiama and the local population.

My favorite part of the evening was the exchanging of stories and of ideas. I hope to continue a relationship between Adelphi-Momauguin and Lodge Kiama for years to come in hopes that we might continue to exchange ideas and plans, forging a bond of fellowship though oceans apart.



Lodge Kiama in the state of New South Wales is where WB Hawthorne attended lodge in Australia.

## Unity Lodge Presents a Hebrew Bible

Last March, the brothers of Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, spent an evening cleaning their 40 year-old building. The lodge is the result of a consolidation of two lodges in 2002. Material collected more than 100 years ago might still be stored in one of the building's closets.

Brothers came across a brand new copy of the Holy Scriptures. Stamped in gold into the front white cover was a Masonic square and compasses; stamped into the spine was a six-pointed star, also known as the Star of David.

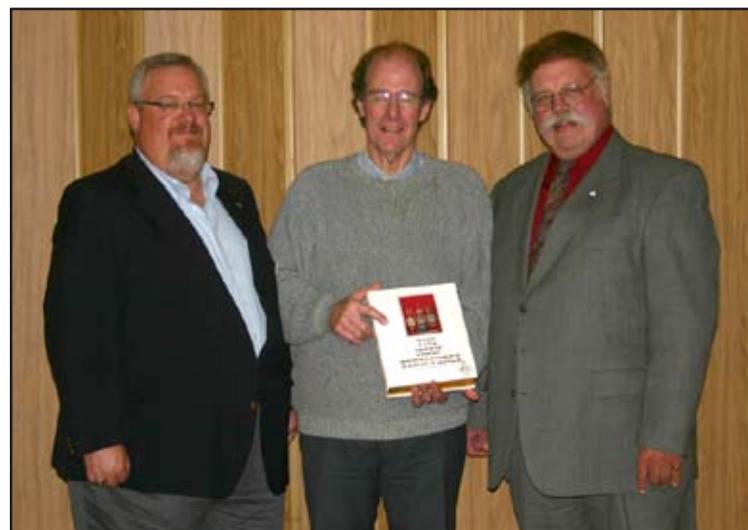
It was quickly determined that this Volume of Sacred Laws was a Hebrew Masonic Bible. The officers of Unity Lodge agreed that this find – the origins of which were unknown – belonged in Cosmopolitan Lodge No.

125, New Haven.

So it was that on October 6, Unity Lodge WM Carl G. Ek and Secretary David O. Stern attended the meeting of Cosmopolitan Lodge to make the surprise presentation.

WM Roger Jackson accepted the gift for Cosmopolitan Lodge, which was founded as a place where applicants of the Jewish faith, especially, would be welcomed to Masonry. He noted that it would join the other Volumes of Sacred Law regularly displayed on the lodge's altar – a large copy of the Old Testament, a Koran, and the Gita.

The new volume of scriptures was examined. It will likely never be known how it came to be stored at 10 Mason Drive.



Post-meeting, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Worshipful Master Roger Jackson (center) displays a Hebrew Bible donated to his lodge by Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain. Representing Unity were (right) WM Carl G. Ek and (left) secretary David O. Stern.

# DISTRICT No. 6

(a) RW Anthony F. Keegan, DD • WB Steven P. McMahon, AGM  
(b) RW F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., DD • WB William G. Bryce, AGM

## Friendship Tuscan No. 145 on the Road Again

by Jim Wilson

Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, made its annual visitation to a lodge in a sister jurisdiction; this year in Massachusetts. The trip was a two day week end to hold down the cost, and yet continue the lodge's tradition. Brothers and wives traveled by bus to the Boston area. Other brothers, having family commitments drove up to the host lodge to assist in portraying the Master Mason degree in full form. They then returned home the same evening.

The host lodge was Friendship Lodge, Wilmington, Massachusetts, chartered in 1901. The lodge was chosen on the recommendation of a Past Master who had attended as a visitor while visiting family in the area. The visitation turned out to be a great evening of fellowship and surprises. The Master, Brother Paul J. McMahon, Jr. had only been installed in June. WB Leonard Rosenfeld, PM of Hackenburg-Mt Moriah Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and WB David Mello, PM of Civil and Military Lodge No. 726, Hamilton, Bermuda, joined the travel group and the visitation to Friendship Lodge.

The "traveling" members of Friendship Tuscan Lodge stopped for a visit at the National Heritage Museum of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. They enjoyed a guided tour of colonial times, as well as lunch at the local café in the museum. While waiting for the bus the group was well entertained by a character actor that stopped by dressed and representing Bro. Paul Revere. (Claimed his "horse" had a flat tire)

After checking into a first class hotel, the group enjoyed a buffet dinner before the brothers departed for the host lodge, and the ladies



Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 on tour in Boston, September 25, 2009

were transported to Turtle Lane playhouse for the local production of *Hair*.

The next morning, after a hearty breakfast, everyone ventured into downtown Boston, and enjoyed an exciting morning on the famous Duck Boat tours of Boston and the Charles River. The afternoon was spent at Market Square and Faneuil Hall before returning home later in the evening.

# 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

## RW Dodge Shares Lecture with Seventh District

There was a time when every lecture of the ritual book had to be presented at least once each year in every lodge. This requirement has generally disappeared, but presentations in the Seventh District recently have re-acquainted brothers with lectures rarely seen at degrees.

RW Michael B. Dodge presented the seldom heard Third Section lecture at Estuary Lodge No. 43, Old Saybrook, and the visiting Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge No. 2, Middletown, Fran DiStefano, thought it would make a great program for his lodge.

Other lodges from the district

thought so, too, and brothers from five lodges traveled on Monday, October 19, to hear his presentation, complete with a Powerpoint presentation. St. John's provided the blank wall and projector. RW Mike demonstrated his proficiency in marvelous form.

After the lecture, one visiting brother remarked, "Hey, that was better than the Middle Chamber lecture." Indeed, there are other lectures equally entertaining and seldom heard. Now more brothers can recognize the symbols they see on old charts, and relate them to the lessons they represent.



RW Michael B. Dodge and one of the projections of the Third Section lecture. His slides illustrated the symbols of the lecture at St. John's Lodge No. 2.

# Coastal Lodge Rededicated in Due Form

by Bill Breed

September 19 saw the officers of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, led by Most Worshipful Arthur H. Carlstrom rededicate the Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, building on the fifth anniversary of consolidation of three lodges into Coastal Lodge.

WB Kenneth Bickford welcomed everyone and had WB Carl Mossberg escort MW Carlstrom and his suite to the

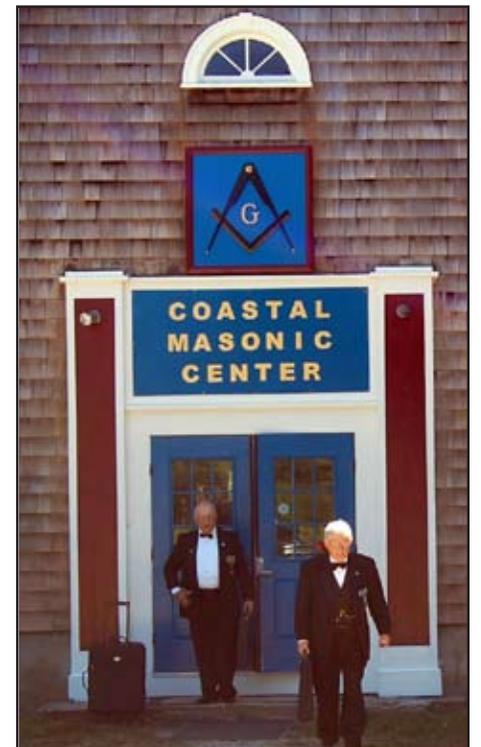
altar to be introduced. The Grand Lodge officers assumed their respective stations and places to conduct the rededication ceremony.

The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior Warden reported the lodge building had been tested by the square, level, and plumb and that the builders and craftsmen had performed their duty.

The Deputy Grand Master

presented corn, the emblem of nourishment. The Grand Master poured it upon the symbolic edifice to strengthen and sustain the lodge. The Grand Senior Warden presented wine, the emblem of refreshment. The MWGM poured it in order for the lodge to practice every humanitarian attribute in empathy and with compassion. The Grand Junior Warden presented the vessel of oil, emblematic of joy, to animate every Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut. Grand Master Carlstrom then rededicated lodge to the practice of universal benevolence. The brothers and guests were treated to a picnic lunch and dessert.

The Coastal Lodge facelift that was started over the Christmas holidays in 2008 had nearly reached completion before the rededication occurred. Lodge furniture was retrieved from storage and put in place. The furniture was cleaned and minor repairs made. Floors were cleaned and several coats of preservative added. The dining hall saw selective painting, as did the ladies room. Clapboards



The front of Coastal Lodge No. 57 after being spruced up. The clapboards were bleached, the trim was painted and a new sign announces the Coastal Masonic Center.



Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom assumes the East at Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, prior to the rededication ceremonies celebrating the fifth anniversary of the creation of the lodge.

were bleached to remove years of grime and the white trim scraped, primed, and repainted. The old Grange sign was replaced with a bold blue and gold, which displayed "Coastal Masonic Center."

## Masonicare to be Featured at National Conference

Masonicare will be featured in a short film at the annual conference of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) this month in Chicago. "This is quite an honor," said Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare.

"The Association wanted to focus on 'best practices' as it pertains to patient and resident quality of life. Only ten of AAHSA's 5,000-plus members were selected to be in the film. We knew that our extraordinary continuum of care would be a meaningful story."

On Wednesday, October 14, a two-person crew came to the Wallingford campus and filmed all day. "In addition to interviewing

each affiliate president and Steve, they focused on two examples of what it means to experience the Masonicare continuum," said Margaret Steeves, vice president for marketing, who coordinated the filming.

The first "case study" focused on Bill Phibbs, who lives in the Johnson Apartments, and his wife of 53 years, Bernice, who lives on Wooster 3 in the Ramage Building of Masonicare Health Center, and who has suffered from Alzheimer's disease for many years. Bill talked about how he is able to visit her several times a day and be closely involved with her care; he also noted that he himself sees a physician at the Medical Office Building on campus and had availed

himself of therapy at the Healthcare Center for a pinched nerve.

The second "case study" was of Bill and Otilie Bulakites, who live in a villa on the Masonicare at Ashlar Village campus. Still very active and driving despite being well into their 80s, they described how moving to Ashlar Village three years ago had given both them and their adult children who live far away peace of mind. They enjoy the caring staff and friendly neighbors. "We know more of our neighbors here than we did back at our house," Bill smiled. Both are active in the Masonic family, and Otilie will be matron of the new Eastern Star chapter currently being formed at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

# Masonicare Health Center Appointments

At Masonicare Health Center, the following appointments have been made:

**Lenore Consiglio**, formerly co-director of admissions at Masonicare Health Center, has been named director of Masonicare inpatient admissions, overseeing both Masonicare Health Center and Masonicare at Newtown. She will be involved with the full range of admissions, including short-term



*Lenore Consiglio*

rehabilitation, acute care, geriatric psych, and long term care. The goal is to create a seamless admission process and "Masonicare Experience" for all, regardless of which campus they come to either directly or via referral. A Meriden resident, Ms. Consiglio joined Masonicare in 2004. She notes that in her late teens she worked at MHC as a nurse's aide. "That experience helped create my desire to pursue nursing, and it is wonderful to be back where I essentially began." Her first position after nursing school was staff

nurse at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford. She has also worked at several skilled nursing facilities, and on the corporate side at Blue Cross Blue Shield and as a case manager liaison to HealthNet. In 2005, Ms. Consiglio was among a select group of Masonicare nurses to receive the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing.

**Joanne Erickson** joined Masonicare as director, continuum services, in late August. In this role, she will be an advocate for cross-selling Masonicare's services to the community and developing and strengthening relationships with referral sources. A Wallingford resident, she



*Joanne Erickson*

was director of care management at the Connecticut Alliance for Integrated Care from 1997-2009. Prior to that, she worked as a resource manager of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Meriden. Ms. Erickson

earned her B.S.N. from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and her Masters in Community Nursing from University of Hartford. She is also earned designation as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ.)



*Susan Fagan*

**Susan Fagan** joined Masonicare Health Center in September as director of rehabilitation services. A licensed occupational therapist, Ms. Fagan is responsible to manage all the inpatient, short-term and outpatient rehabilitation services at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. An East Haddam resident, she was director of inpatient rehabilitation at Hartford Hospital for ten years. Ms. Fagan has her bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University in Hamden and is currently pursuing a master's degree in communication from Central Connecticut State University.

**DID YOU *Vote*?**

**Results are in!**

There was one poll on the Grand Lodge website ([www.ctfreemasons.net](http://www.ctfreemasons.net)). Since September 23, the poll collected the opinions of 88 voters asking if they knew who the Worshipful Master of their lodge is likely to be in 2010.

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The results are in and the tally is:

Do you know who the Worshipful Master of your lodge is likely to be in 2010?

Yes..... 79..... 90%

No..... 9..... 10%

*There is a new poll on the Grand Lodge website. Please take a moment and cast your ballot. Vote for the good of the order.*

The York Rite Coordinating Committee of Connecticut cordially invites you and your lady to the

## YORK RITE TESTIMONIAL DINNER

*honoring*

<b>Companion</b> <b>John Mellor</b> <i>Most Excellent Grand High Priest</i>	<b>Companion</b> <b>Randy S. Stevens</b> <i>Most Puissant Grand Master</i>	<b>Sir Knight</b> <b>Bruce R. Bellmore</b> <i>Right Eminent Grand Commander</i>
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Hartog Conference Center, Ashlar Village, Wallingford

Saturday, November 14

Cash bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.

*Choice of*  
*Roast Sirloin, Poached Salmon, or Chicken Marsala*  
\$30 per person prepaid

Reservation, meal choices and checks payable to:  
"York Rite Coordinating Committee"  
c/o Danny A. Camp, 828 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825-4747

Attire: Men — Business Suit, Ladies — Cocktail/Evening Dress

# Milford DeMolay Advisors Honored

by Carl G. Ek

Milford Chapter, Order of DeMolay has been building youth leaders for over 80 years, and part of the chapter's success is that so many Senior (over 21) DeMolays return to the chapter as advisors. In September, it was time to recognize the work of two Past Master Councilors who have worked as advisors with the current crop of young men who

are rebuilding Milford Chapter.

Ansantawae Lodge, the sponsoring body of Milford DeMolay, was filled nearly to capacity for the conferrals. Worshipful Master David K. Eisenman brought greetings and congratulations from his lodge, which is currently celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Bro. Michael 'Wurm' Sheffler was honored with the Degree of

Chevalier in recognition for his work in Milford Chapter, and since his return. The Chevalier is the highest honor granted by DeMolay International for distinguished DeMolay service. RW Charles A. Buck, Jr., Deputy Grand Master and Honorary Member of DeMolay International, presided for this degree.

The DeMolay Legion of Honor was then presented to Bro. Kevin Field, the chapter advisor of Milford DeMolay. This honor is, in part, a recognition

of fraternal service, and is also given in recognition for service to humanity. Dad Field was, for many years, virtually the only advisor available to try to keep Milford Chapter afloat. In the last three years, a full advisory council has bolstered his efforts, and the growth and successes of the chapter have reflected his dedication. The Legion of Honor was presided over by Dad Harry E. Needham, III, Active Member of DeMolay International and Executive Officer of Connecticut DeMolay.



After the conferral of the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier and Legion of Honor; from left: Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III; Chevalier and LOH MW Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr.; new Legionnaire Kevin Field; Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 WM David K. Eisenman, new Chevalier Michael Sheffler; Bro. Christopher Buck, Past State Master Councilor and Chevalier; and Bro. Gregory M. Goto, State Master Councilor.

## Bill Piper Named to Advisory Board



William C. Piper

William C. Piper, President of Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford and Senior Vice President of Continuum Services, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Quinnipiac University School of Business. Mr. Piper has his Master's in Health Administration from Quinnipiac. His appointment was effective in September. Students in Quinnipiac's therapy and physician assistant programs come to Masonicare Health Center for clinical rotations.

## AUTUMN GATHERING



Sunday, November 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Masonicare Health Center Auditorium  
22 Masonic Avenue Wallingford

*This year the following  
Masonic Family members  
will be honored for their  
volunteer service to Masonicare*

**Irving M. Pease**

Ashlar Lodge No. 332

**Roger D. Larson,**

Washington Lodge No. 81

**Martha Jane Schmalz**

Ionic Chapter No. 100 Order of the Eastern Star

**Otilie Bulakites**

Friendship Court No. 23 Order of the Amaranth

*Special recognition for:*

**Brother Gail L. Smith**

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, 1968,

Eastern Star Lodge No. 44

 **Masonicare** 

# DeMolay Foundation Scholarships Given

by Carl G. Ek

Five George R. Schenk Scholarships have been given to Connecticut DeMolays pursuing higher education by the Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc. The Foundation administers the scholarship, founded by and named in honor of the late Ill. Bro. George R. Schenk, 33°, who established the fund when he was Grand Commander of the Charles M. Gerdinier Preceptory of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. A Past Master of Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, New Haven, Bro. George was a Past Commander of New Haven Commandery No. 2, where he served as Prelate for many years.

George was never a DeMolay in his youth, but was a strong proponent of helping our young men to attend college. As such, he urged his fellow Legionnaires to assist in this important work. In 2009, five DeMolays each received a grant of \$350 to further their studies.

Bro. Benjamin Stern of New Haven Chapter is a sophomore at Central Connecticut State

University. He has a major in mathematics and a minor in physics, but still finds time to play the sousaphone in several campus musical groups, including the marching band. Bro. Stern is also a member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven.

A graduate of Pomperaug High School, Bro. William Garrett Brush of Doric Chapter, Waterbury attends Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont. He is majoring in music business and industry with the eventual goal of owning a recording studio. Garrett was raised a Master Mason in Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78 in August, just before leaving for college.

Brian Field of Edward W. Slade Chapter, Wallingford graduated East Hampton High School and now attends Central Connecticut State University in the honors program. His major is psychology, with a career goal of being a psychologist and published author. Brian also looks forward to becoming a DeMolay advisor and helping younger DeMolays.

One of Connecticut DeMolay's most

honored ritualists, Nicholas Giori of Edward W. Slade Chapter, Wallingford graduated Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge and now attends the University of Connecticut. A skilled linguist, Nick is pursuing a double major in classical languages and Spanish, with the goal of teaching at the high school level. He is also an accomplished martial artist.

Matthew Montano concluded his term as Master Councilor of Edward W. Slade Chapter, Wallingford just before leaving for Norwich University in Vermont. A graduate of the 32° Learning Center for Children in Waterbury and Cheshire High School, Matt is active in martial arts and has earned his Eagle Scout recognition. He plans to take ROTC courses while in college, with the goal of becoming a Marine Corps officer.

Applications for 2010-2011 George R. Schenk Scholarships will be available early in 2010, and all DeMolays pursuing higher education are urged to apply for these grants.

## A Call for Help from the West Haven VA Hospital

by Michael L. Castroll

For almost two years a long-standing tradition in the Fourth District has been halted. For decades the MSA Representative at the West Haven Veterans' Administration Medical Center would greet a different Fourth District lodge every Sunday morning to assist in escorting the ambulatory residents to church services.

By coincidence, when Bro. Marcus White found it necessary to step aside from that position, he recommended my appointment to replace him. When Rev. Wollberg moved to Michigan with his family, there was no one at the VA to lead Protestant worship. Sadly, I called a halt to Sunday escort service.

About six months ago, I received an unexpected call from an old friend, Rev. Kurt F. Shaffert. Some will remember that Kurt served in the chaplaincy unit of Masonicare, both in Wallingford and Newtown, several years ago. Reverend Shaffert had become the Protestant chaplain at the West Haven Veterans' Medical Center. Since coming on board at the VA, his agenda had been piled high.

The resumption of a regular Sunday service was one thing we tried to iron out. He found that Saturday afternoon was much better for the greater number of residents who would attend. I asked him to let me know if there might be an alternative time for the lodges

to visit, as Saturday afternoons were often filled with other obligations.

Recently, at our CTFM staff meeting, thoughts turned to Veterans Day - what a time to rekindle the idea of resuming our escort duties. Stopping at the VA, I met with Father Sergei C. Bouteneff, Chief of VACT Chaplains. Our meeting was very fruitful. Reverend Shaffert joined us, and I learned about the current schedule, as well as new rules that have been adopted.

Everything has been met with strict security measures, especially since 9-11. Anyone who visits in an official capacity has to attend one orientation session. Beyond that, everyone who wishes to come is welcome to visit. Worship services are available on an individual basis by request, but there is an interfaith service every Thursday evening, at 6:15. The service lasts for about a half hour.



*The West Haven Veterans' Administration Medical Center.*

The residents come straight from dinner, and following the service they go to an evening activity before retiring. There is no reason to provide refreshment.

The biggest challenge for lodges whose members might be in residence is the H.I.P.P.A. regulations. They insure privacy for the residents. Unfortunately, the hospital staff are prohibited from either confirming or denying someone's presence.

I will start to visit the interfaith service. Join me - all you'll feel is good!

# A Tale of Two CTCHIP-pings

by Carl G. Ek

On a pair of sunny fall weekend days, CTCHIP programs were conducted in very different locations by members of Districts 4 and 5, with the strong support of the state CTCHIP committee. The results? Over 200 children identified through one of our principal outreach programs.

The storied Yale Bowl was the site on September 19, coinciding with the Yale Youth Day activities. Spearheaded by WB David O. Stern, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, CTCHIP returned to the venue after a year's absence. Most of the participants were members or family and friends of Cosmopolitan brothers, but there was also a contingent from Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, St. Alban's Lodge No. 38, Branford, and Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain. Also assisting were several members of New Haven Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Each CTCHIP event has special challenges, and working at Youth Day is no different. The official time of the pre-game festivities was from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the game set to kick off at 12:30 p.m. The field adjacent to the Bowl is very large, meaning that it is easy to miss the CTCHIP group among other participants. Finally, Westville was windy that day, requiring volunteers to hold the backdrops to ensure that they did not fly away.

These concerns did not deter the group of more than two dozen participants. Set-up began at 10:15 a.m., and by 10:30 a.m., children were being fingerprinted, tooth printed, and interviewed on DVD to prepare the 'Purple Pack' that was given to each parent or guardian. Some teams or other youth groups arrived together, but the CTCHIP team was generally able to keep up with demand.

It was after 12:45 p.m. when the last

child was processed and the team could break down the equipment and return it to the van. During the two-plus hours of operation, 64 children were identified – or about one every two minutes, a testament to the efficiency of the process. With pack-up completed and the trailer on its way back to District 5 – borrowed through the state CTCHIP program as District 4's equipment was in use in Milford – some of the volunteers took in the last three quarters of the Yale football game, compliments of Yale's Youth Day committee.

A month later, it was Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain's turn to host a CTCHIP event. Sunday, October 25 dawned cool but sunny – a welcome change from the previous day's near monsoon conditions. Operating under a large tent loaned, erected, and removed by Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, the team set up at the soccer pitch at Willow Brook Park, New Britain.

The event was the New Britain Youth Soccer League's Lawrence Rothkopf Memorial Tournament, named for the late son of a member of Unity Lodge. Bro. Orson Rothkopf asked the league about their interest in a CTCHIP program – with their enthusiastic support, and the hard work of state CTCHIP co-chairman Ted Hasty, the event was scheduled



Under a tent on a sunny but cool October 25, three video stations operated almost continually as over 150 young people were identified during the daylong Lawrence Rothkopf Memorial Soccer Tournament.

families, members of Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, and Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury. Of special assistance were the members and advisors of New Britain Assembly No. 6, Order of Rainbow, and a DeMolay team from Laurel Chapter, Norwalk. The youth contingent worked for the entire day, interviewing, taking heights and weights, and handling fingerprinting.

As the sun began to set on a now chilly and windy afternoon, the busy registration desk showed that over 150 young people had taken time before or after games to be CTCHIPPed. Some did the stations in segments – one player had just finished her video when she began to leave the tent. Told there were other steps for her to take, she replied, "We're playing now!" She did return after the game to finish the parts of the Purple Pack, even bringing her sister, who was playing on another team.

The pace in New Britain was not as fast as in New Haven, but the stream was steady, and it was rare that all three video stations were not in use. In both communities, sponsors were appreciative of the work of the Connecticut Freemasons and their families and friends. In New Haven, Yale personnel mentioned upcoming basketball and hockey youth day events, inviting CTCHIP to be present at both. In New Britain, the president of the soccer league noted that the Rothkopf Memorial Tournament is held on the last Sunday of every October, and hoped we would return.

The two events were very different, but the results very similar, thanks to the willingness of volunteers from the Connecticut Masonic family across the state and of all ages to work to ensure that children remain safe.



There was a brief lull at the CTCHIP program at Yale Youth Day, held at Yale Bowl on September 19. Soon, every station would be filled as 64 children were processed in just over 2 hours.

and promoted.

Over 300 young people were scheduled to play soccer, and many were accompanied not only by parents but older and younger siblings. The event ran from 10:00 a.m. until almost 5:00 p.m., and was supported by Unity Lodge members and

# York Rite Opportunities



(ME) Most Excellent  
Grand High Priest  
(MP) Most Puissant  
Grand Master  
(RE) Right Eminent  
Grand Commander  
(U) Uniform  
(F) Formal  
(S) Semi-formal

Information to be included in *York Rite Opportunities* must be submitted by the **10th** of the preceding month to the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Charles B. Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor CT 06095-3842 or [yrctramrsm@yahoo.com](mailto:yrctramrsm@yahoo.com).

**NOTE:** All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice. Please note this corrected email address for the Grand Secretary/Recorder. Please also note the change of snail mail address for Companion Fowler.

## NOVEMBER 2009

3			F	Keystone Chapter No. 27, Meriden, Past Masters degree
3		RE	F	Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven, Select and Super Excellent Master degree
4	ME		F	Halleck Chapter No. 44, Madison
6	ME		F	Columbia Chapter No. 31, Collinsville
6-7		RE	F	Red Cross of Constantine, Grantville, Pennsylvania
10			U	Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Middletown, Order of the Temple, inspection
10			F	Hamilton Council No. 22, Meriden, Super Excellent Master degree (short)
10		RE	F	Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, Past and Most Excellent Master degrees
10	ME		F	Milford Chapter No. 49, Milford, Past Masters degree
11	ME		F	Washington Chapter No. 30, Suffield
11			F	Pulaski Chapter No. 26, Branford, Mark Master Mason degree
12			F	Adoniram Council No. 14, Ellington, inspection by Grand Steward McCollum
13		RE	U	Crusader Commandery No. 10, Danbury, Order of the Temple, inspection
14	ME	MP	RE	S York Rite Testimonial Banquet, Hartog Center, Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m.
16			RE	U St. John's Commandery No. 11, North Windham
17			U	St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden, Order of the Temple, dinner 6:15 p.m.
17			U	Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Order of Malta, inspection
18			RE	F Suffield Council No. 23, Suffield, visitation by RIPCW Bellmore.
19	ME		U	Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Orders of Red Cross and Malta
20			RE	U New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Order of Red Cross
20			U	Stamford-Clinton Commandery No. 3, Darien, Order of the Temple, inspection
23			RE	C Grand Commandery Officers and Commanders, Ramage Boardroom, Masonic Healthcare Center, Wallingford
24	ME		F	Trinity Chapter No. 9, North Windham
24				Buel Council No. 20, Litchfield, Table Council, 6:30 p.m. dinner, reservations 203-910-9955
26	ME	MP	RE	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
30	ME		C	Grand Chapter Royal Arch Officers and Custodians, Walker Conference Room, Masonic Healthcare Center, Wallingford

### Coming Up

December	1	Harmony Council No. 2, New Haven, holiday party
	2	Lee Council No. 25, Collinsville, inspection by Grand Steward McCollum
	6	Palestine Commandery No. 6, St. John's Commandery No. 11, Christmas observance, 2:00 p.m., North Stonington
	8	Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, Royal Arch Mason degree
	8	Milford Chapter No. 49, Milford, Most Excellent Master degree
	8	Wolcott Council No. 1, East Hartford, Royal Master degree
	12	Stamford-Clinton Commandery No. 3, Crusader 10, Christmas observance, 3:00 p.m., Darien
	13	Cyrene Commandery No. 8 and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Christmas observance, 5:00 p.m., Meriden
	15	Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford. 6:30 p.m. dinner, Joint York Rite Christmas program
	18	New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Christmas observance, 8:00 p.m.
	20	Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Christmas observance, 3:00 p.m., buffet dinner
	21	Milford Chapter No. 49, Milford, Christmas sing-along, 6:00 p.m. dinner
January	12	Milford Chapter No. 49, Milford, Royal Arch Mason degree
	21	Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Order of the Temple, inspection

### **YORK RITE TESTIMONIAL**

The York Rite Coordination Committee will host the Testimonial Banquet in honor of MEGHP John Mellor, MPGM Randy Stevens, and REGC Bruce Bellmore on Saturday, November 14. The festivities will take place at the Hartog Activity Center in Ashlar Village, Wallingford, beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. To secure your reservation, send your check payable to the York Rite Coordination Committee in the amount of \$30 per person to Danny A. Camp, 828 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield CT 06825-4747, and indicate your choices of entree: roast sirloin, poached salmon or chicken marsala.

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# Craft at Labor...

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## Entered Apprentice Degrees

**Thursday, November 5**, Union No. 31, Niantic

**Tuesday, November 10**, Composite No. 28, Suffield, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Friday, November 13**, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, SD Rob Thomas in the East

**Monday, November 16**, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, November 16**, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield

**Tuesday, November 17**, Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner, JW Fred Stoddard in the East

**Tuesday, November 24**, Village No. 29, Collinsville

**Tuesday, November 24**, Corinthian No. 104, Fairfield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Tony Foote in the East

## Fellowcraft Degrees

**Monday, November 2**, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, step up night

**Monday, November 2**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Bob Gresham in the East

**Monday, November 2**, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville,, George Petrini in the East

**Wednesday, November 4**, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, November 9**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Tuesday, November 10**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner,

**Wednesday, November 11**, Center No. 97, Meriden

**Wednesday, November 11**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, November 12**, Hiram No. 1, New Haven

**Wednesday, November 18**, King Solomons No. 7, Woodbury

**Friday, November 20**, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, JW Chris Buck in the East

**Monday, November 23**, Annawon No. 115, Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

## Master Mason Degrees

**Monday, November 2**, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Tuesday, November 3**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, November 4**, King Solomons 7, Woodbury

**Wednesday, November 4**, Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston

**Saturday, November 7**, Village No. 29, Collinsville, 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 7**, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 11**, Wooster No. 79, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Connecticut State Police degree team

**Friday, November 13**, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson

**Saturday, November 14**, Uriel No. 24, Merrow, 5:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, November 16**, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m. dinner

**Monday, November 16**, Federal No. 17, Watertown, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Past Master's night

**Monday, November 16**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Past Master's degree

**Monday, November 16**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, November 16**, Meridian No. 77, Meriden,, Past Master's night

**Wednesday, November 18**, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield

**Wednesday, November 18**, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, November 18**, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury

**Wednesday, November 18**, St. Andrew's No. 64, Winsted, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, November 19**, Union No. 31, Niantic, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, November 19**, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, November 19**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Saturday, November 21**, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 2:30 p.m. dinner

**Saturday, November 21**, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, November 21**, Universal Fraternity No. 149, Stratford, 7:30 p.m. dinner, SW Lesley Saint-Victor in the East

**Monday, November 23**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:00 p.m. dinner, P. Hendricks in the East

**Monday, November 23**, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, Past Masters night

**Tuesday, November 24**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville

**Tuesday, November 24**, Union No. 31, Niantic, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Past Masters of the 8th district

**Tuesday, November 24**, Manchester No. 73, Manchester

**Tuesday, November 24**, Shepherd-Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, November 30**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Paul Hendricks in the East

## Change in Freemasonry — Attitude

by Richard E. Fletcher

Our fraternity, where we once thoroughly enjoyed each other's company, met around festive boards, engaged in huge public events, opened never before seen homes for the aged and orphanages, built magnificent Masonic buildings with stages the quality of professional theatre – then turned ourselves into a fraternity looking inward, far less conspicuous in the community, and far more apt to isolate ourselves in our lodges because we became afraid in criticism. This resulted in making us a fraternity almost totally unwilling to listen to new ideas, thoughts, or approaches to Masonic issues.

Now we are hearing many of our members saying it's time to "Put fun back into the fraternity." But let's be very careful how we define fun. Fun and frivolous are oftentimes intertwined as having the same meaning, when in fact they have very different meanings. In the Masonic sense fun means enjoyable. Do we enjoy our fraternity? Do we like being an officer in lodge? Do we like working on committees? Do we like doing ritual? Do we like working on community projects? These are enjoyable activities. They are part of our commitment to the fraternity. So when we ask ourselves: Do I find my work in Freemasonry satisfying, rewarding,

fulfilling – we are really asking if the work we do is enjoyable.

As we define Masonic change in the 21<sup>st</sup> century it's obvious that there are only two major aspects in Masonry that truly need to be changed. Simply put, we need to change our attitude and strengthen our commitment to the fraternity. In fact the real change the fraternity needs is a return to the dedication and commitment that made us such an integral part of the community in the past.

*Editor's note: Bro. Fletcher is a Past Grand Master of Vermont and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. This article appeared in the March 2009 Emessay Notes.*

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# Craft at Refreshment...

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**Sunday, November 1**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast  
**Sunday, November 1**, Liberty-Continental No. 76, Waterbury, 2:00 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Monday, November 2**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, "You Can't Do That" night/DeMolay Ceremony of Light

**Monday, November 2**, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, special event, Masonicare presentation, wives invited

**Tuesday, November 3**, Harmony No. 67, New Canaan, 8:00 p.m., presentation by New Canaan Day Care Center on how our donation was spent.

**Wednesday, November 4**, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield, joint communication at St. Andrews.

**Wednesday, November 4**, St. Andrew's No. 64, Winsted, 7:00 p.m. table lodge

**Wednesday, November 4**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, lodge of instruction

**Thursday, November 5**, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m. breakfast at the Groton Townhouse Restaurant

**Thursday, November 5**, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Friday, November 6**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:00 p.m., officer's party

**Saturday, November 7**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 1:00 p.m., open house

**Saturday, November 7**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, open house

**Saturday, November 7**, Eastern Star No. 44, North Windham, 12:00 noon, trip to Lebanon to the original site of the lodge

**Saturday, November 7**, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 1:00 p.m., open house

**Saturday, November 7**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 11:00 a.m., open house

**Saturday, November 7**, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, 1:00 p.m., open house

**Saturday, November 7**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 9:00 a.m., open house

**Saturday, November 7**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 1:00 p.m., open house

**Monday, November 9**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 7:00 p.m., District 2 Blue Lodge Council

**Monday, November 9**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Mike Scheidel in the East

**Tuesday, November 10**, Fayette No. 69, Ellington, 7:30 p.m., proficiency for new EAs

**Tuesday, November 10**, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, annual meeting

**Tuesday, November 10**, Shepherd-Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 7:30 p.m. dinner, ladies night

**Wednesday, November 11**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 7:30 p.m. lodge of instruction

**Wednesday, November 11**, Granite No. 119, Haddam, 6:30 p.m. dinner, ladies night

**Friday, November 13**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. appreciation dinner for New Milford's first responders and mayor

**Saturday, November 14**, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 10:00 a.m., donate your used coats

**Saturday, November 14**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:30 p.m. venison table lodge

**Saturday, November 14**, Liberty-Continental No. 76, Waterbury, 5:00 p.m. annual turkey dinner

**Saturday, November 14**, Brainard No. 102, Niantic, 6:30 p.m. dinner, special

**Sunday, November 15**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m. country breakfast - Rainbow Girls

**Sunday, November 15**, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 1:00 p.m. ladies luncheon, Gallery Restaurant

**Sunday, November 15**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 2:00 p.m., Masonicare presentation

**Monday, November 16**, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 6:30 p.m. dinner, presentation of the second and third lectures of the Master Mason Degree by our Senior Warden

**Tuesday, November 17**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, awards night

**Tuesday, November 17**, Fayette No. 69, Ellington, 7:00 p.m. awards night

**Wednesday, November 18**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 7:30 p.m. lodge of instruction

**Thursday, November 19**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, closing of the books

**Friday, November 20**, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, 6:45 p.m. annual cathedral table lodge, game dinner

**Friday, November 20**, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield, Blue Lodge Council, wine tasting

**Saturday, November 21**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 8:00 a.m., annual tag sale

**Saturday, November 21**, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, 5:00 p.m. all you can eat buffet

**Sunday, November 22**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 8:00 a.m., annual tag sale

**Sunday, November 22**, Union No. 31, Niantic, 8:00 a.m. all you can eat breakfast buffet

**Monday, November 23**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Blue Lodge Council

**Monday, November 23**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Blue Lodge Council

**Monday, November 23**, Union No. 40, Danbury, 7:30 p.m. annual meeting

**Monday, November 23**, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, Blue Lodge Council

**Tuesday, November 24**, King Solomons No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m. Fellowcraft dinner

**Tuesday, November 24**, Composite No. 28, Suffield, presentation by Masonicare

**Wednesday, November 25**, Jephtha No. 95, Clinton, 5:00 p.m. annual Thanksgiving soup kitchen

**Wednesday, November 25**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 7:30 p.m. lodge of instruction

**Saturday, November 28**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Lords and Ladies of the Renaissance (Ladies at the Table)

**Saturday, November 28**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 9:00 a.m., UConn/Syracuse football at "The Rent"

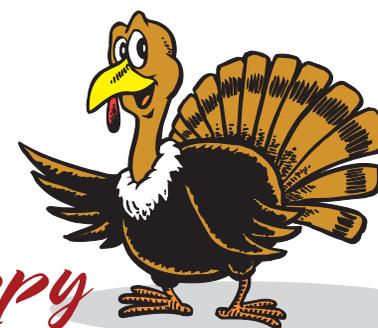
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# Year-End Compliance Matters

*from the Legal Matters Committee*

As we approach the end of the year, Lodge officers need to be mindful of an often forgotten tax compliance matter that will be fast approaching.

## REPORTING PAYMENTS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

Lodges and building corporations that utilize the services of non-employees (independent contractors) may have an annual reporting obligation if the payment for services, or the use of property, and the total amount paid during the calendar year is \$600 or more to the vendor. These service providers conduct business in many forms such as sole-proprietorships, partnerships (either as a general or limited partnership), trusts, limited liability companies (LLC), and corporations.

Form 1099MISC Miscellaneous Income is used by the IRS for reporting non-employee compensation, rents, and other non-compensatory income. The Form 1099MISC must be completed annually and filed with the service provider by January 31 and with the IRS and Connecticut DRS by the end of February.

## WHO ARE SERVICE PROVIDERS?

These are individuals and businesses that perform services to the lodge or building corporation. They could be a consultant, attorney, cleaning company, painter, groundskeeper, repairman, etc. The payment is for the performance of services and not the purchase of products. Thus an insurance agency would not be a "service provider" because the agency is selling a product, liability insurance. An individual paid to clean the lodge rooms, would be a "service provider".

"Service providers" would not include individuals considered to be employees of the lodge or building corporation.

## INFORMATION YOU NEED TO OBTAIN TO GET STARTED

You need to obtain from the service provider the legal name of the business, mailing address and tax identification number. The IRS Form W-9 *Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification* is the proper method for obtaining this information and the time to obtain the completed Form W-9 is before payment is made. A good practice is to obtain a Form W-9 from any service provider, regardless of the amount paid during the year. The Form W-9 only takes a minute to complete and

business owners are accustomed to providing this information. The information contained on the Form W-9 will be used by you each January when you are required to prepare and file Form 1099's. You should keep copies of the Form W-9 with your other tax records for the lodge and building corporation.

Next you need to go through the lodge or building corporation checking account and determine the total amount paid to a service provider during the calendar year. If the amount is \$600 or more, you need to prepare a Form 1099MISC for that provider. Once you have completed the various Form 1099MISC's, you must complete Form 1096 *Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns* which is a summary form providing the IRS with information regarding the type of Form 1099 being sent in, the number of Form 1099's and the total dollar amount being reported. You can obtain these forms at office supply stores as well as from the IRS.

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services requires you to send a copy of the Form 1099MISC's along with their Form CT-1096. You are only required to send to Connecticut the Form 1099MISC's that relate to rents paid for property located in Connecticut or for services performed in Connecticut.

## EXAMPLES

A lodge hires John C. to clean the lodge building for \$75 each month. John is paid for 10 months or \$750. A form 1099MISC must be issued to John.

A building corporation hires Constant Painting LLC to paint the exterior of the building for \$5,000. Constant Painting must be issued a Form 1099MISC.

A lodge pays annual rent of \$7,500 for their lodge rooms to ABC Realty, LP. ABC Realty, LP must be issued a Form 1099MISC. Please note, if the lodge is paying rent to the lodge building corporation, a Form 1099MISC is not required.

A building corporation hires Greentree Masons Inc. to plow the parking lot during the winter. The payments are \$1,300. A Form 1099MISC is not required because the service provider is corporation.

A lodge hires X,Y & Z, P.C., Attorneys at Law, for legal advice concerning a lease and the fee is \$700. Although the

law firm is a professional corporation, (P.C.), payments to attorneys are not exempt from information reporting and a Form 1099MISC must be issued.

## WHERE DO I GET THE FORMS?

For more information regarding information reporting with Form 1099, go to the Publications section of the IRS website [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) and in the Form and Publications section you can obtain the Form W-9, and instructions for the Form 1099 series. For the Connecticut CT-1096 form and instructions go to the DRS website [www.CT.gov/DRS](http://www.CT.gov/DRS) and go to their Forms and Publication section.

You can obtain the actual forms by ordering them from the IRS by going online to the Forms and Publications section or calling 800-829-3676.

Forms can also be found at most office supply stores, but don't wait until the last minute because the supplies run out. The local IRS offices will have forms but the supply tends to be limited.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO NOT ISSUE THESE FORMS?

The IRS can impose penalties for failure to issue a Form 1099MISC to a service provider of \$50 and a separate penalty for failure to file of \$50. Both penalties are assessed for each occurrence.

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