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There Were Giants in Those Days....

by Carl G. Ek

And Gail Linnell Smith was worthy of inclusion in that pantheon.

He came to the Grand East in 1968, a decade after Hahn, Ruwet, and Christie. He served with Partridge, Campbell, and Wyman, and in his grand line were Tapley, Saars, and Harrison. Sadly, all of those brothers are of another age, remembered by only a declining few on today's roster.

Bro. Gail outlived all of his grand contemporaries as a 42-year Past Grand Master – not the longest serving PGM, but within 5 years of that distinction. He was known then, perversely, as “Old Lovable,” since his career as a state police officer and his somewhat curmudgeonly manner made him seem less than personable to many. It's too bad they never were able to get close to the ‘man behind the curtain.’

Not that I was close – but I was allowed to see a bit more of Gail's personality than many. I first met him, spoke with him, at his DeMolay Grand Master's Class at Fayette Lodge in the fall of 1968. After the initiatory degree was concluded and the chapter closed, he left his seat in the East to congratulate the State 5th Preceptor on his work that evening. It was something I've never forgotten.

A year later, the three DeMolay state councilors were the guests of the Grand Lodge at the annual banquet. Our sub-head

table was hosted by then Past Grand Master Gail L. Smith, who proved a genial dinner companion to the out of state guests and three teenagers at his table. That evening, we might have seen the beginnings of Bro. Gail's well-known spark of independent thinking.

Gail had opted to defy sartorial tradition – instead of wearing the prescribed pleated white formal shirt with his tuxedo, he was wearing a ruffled blue shirt. The DeMolay State Suite of 1970-71 wore ruffled blue shirts, noting that “if Gail Smith can wear a ruffled blue shirt, so can we.”

To most, Bro. Gail will be best remembered for his 1989 Grand Lodge resolution seeking mutual recognition with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He'd had that resolution in his pocket at Grand Lodge sessions for more than a dozen years, but produced and read it only after he'd installed his son, Gail Nelson Smith, as Grand Master. (He is the only Connecticut PGM to have had that distinction.)

The words offered by one man set forth the torrent of international brotherhood that changed Masonry for the better. That story was told throughout 2009 in *Connecticut Freemasons* as we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of that historic event. Bro. Gail avidly read those articles and offered corrections – gladly accepted – when the author's grasp of the facts of the era were lacking.

We who assembled the series will be eternally grateful that we did so while Gail and all of the other main players from the Grand Lodges AF & AM and PHA were still alive and able to offer their recollections on recognition.

One of the last times I spent any time with Bro. Gail was when he stopped in at a Masonic luncheon honoring PGM John Gonsalves. When he saw me there, camera in hand, he said, smiling, “I hate to say this to your face, but I like some of the stuff you do in that paper.” To me, that was the greatest



Most Worshipful Past Grand Master 1968
Gail Linnell Smith
1915 - 2010

journalistic ‘honor’ I will ever hope to earn.

Bro. Gail's passing was swift and quiet, his instructions saying that no fraternal notice was to be given until after he was interred. Was that part of his often-contrary nature? Perhaps. In part, though, I'm sure, that it was Gail's way of being sure that people who didn't know him, maybe even didn't like him, didn't have to say nice things at his grave.

Yes, there were giants in those days. There will be more in the future, I'm sure, but there will never be another like Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Gail Linnell Smith. And the Masonic fraternity in Connecticut – a fraternity that really never knew Bro. Gail – is diminished by his passing.

I know he's mad at me for saying that... I also know it had to be said.



In April 2007, MW Gail L. Smith, left, performed one of his last Grand Lodge duties as Installing Chaplain for incoming Grand Master William L. Greene. His son MW Gail N. Smith, not pictured, was Installing Master.

Our Cover...

As a surprise treat for MW Charles A. Buck, Jr. and RW Ellis G. Simpson, Jr., Masonic Chef Josh Urbano, left, and Masonic Vice President for Fraternal Relations, RW Carl H. Anderson presented special ice cream platters. RW Simpson was a last minute stand in for Prince Hall Grand Master, MW Ronald A. Thomas, Sr. who was attending a funeral service. MW Buck donated ice cream from his company, Buck's French Ice Cream, to raise funds for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut's Quality of Life Fund.

Grand Master's Message

I would like to direct your attention to the youth organizations we support.

DeMolay and Rainbow both give us an opportunity to help develop the future of our world. These young men and women will soon be leaders of our nation, and perhaps our fraternity. The best place to start teaching our principles is to these youth. We cannot expect to take a man who is 30 or 40 years old, who has not lived by the tenets of our fraternity, and expect him to immediately adapt to our ways.

The DeMolay ritual teaches many of the same lessons we strive to teach in our lodges, but in a plainer, and more direct way. Love of family, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism – these are the seven cardinal virtues that DeMolay teaches. Their obligations spell out their teachings.

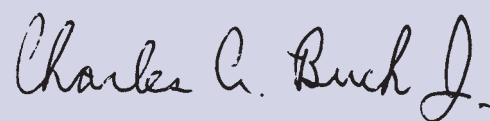
"Give to others the same right to their beliefs, as we expect from them."

"Give to others the benefit of the doubt, realizing that they may be actuated by worthy motives, unknown to me, and that under the same circumstances, I might have acted even more unwisely than I judge them to have acted."

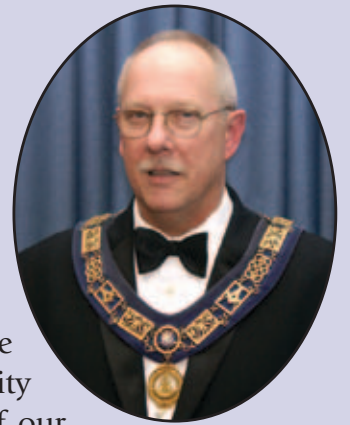
"Always remain silent if I can not speak a good word."

I urge you all to take the time to make a difference in the lives of these young people. The benefits to our fraternity are well known. Many of the leaders of our Masonic bodies come from a DeMolay or Rainbow background. But more importantly, these young men and women will be responsible for the leadership of our cities, states, and nation. You can help to make the kind of world we all profess to want. Govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,



Charles A. Buck, Jr.
Grand Master



St. John's Day Observance in Woodbury



Right Eminent Grand Commander, Jack H. Stevens and Eminent Grand Prelate, Craig T. McClellan hosted Grand Master, Charles A. Buck, Jr., knights, and brothers at the North Congregational Church in Woodbury on June 27 for an observance of St. John the Baptist Day.

Grand Lodge Honors Charles B. Clark, Jr.

by Michael L. Castroll

Some brothers personify the universality of Masonry. Such a brother is Charles B. Clark, Jr. Born in Kingman, Arizona, on October 20, 1944, the son of Elsie P. Redding and Charles B. Clark, Sr., he spent his formative years there but finished his elementary education at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. He went to junior high school in Tuscon, AZ, and Guam in the Marianna Island chain. Graduating high school in Lancaster, California in June 1962, Chuck had joined the Naval Reserve while still in school, and transferred to the regular Navy one month after graduation, having already known both sides of the Pacific Ocean like his own back yard.

Chuck had a successful 31-year military career. The United States Navy gave him a wonderful opportunity to learn skills needed to become a master of his craft. He attended electronics technician school at Treasure Island, California, and submarine school in New London, Connecticut. Chuck retired on October 1, 1992, holding the rank of Chief Warrant Electronics Technician (W4).

Chuck is married to the former Louise Ryan. From their four children (three daughters, one son), they proudly boast 7 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, a great-granddaughter, and

a great-grandson. The Clarks make their home in Groton, where he serves his town as an Assistant Registrar of Voters.

He was initiated into the Order of DeMolay in 1958. This foretaste of Masonry stayed with him until he petitioned St. James Lodge No. 23, Norwich, for the degrees of Masonry. There, on March 28, 1972, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He served St. James Lodge three times as Worshipful Master, and twice for the combined Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34. Since 2003, he has either been secretary or treasurer of the lodge. He has served the Masonic Temple Corporation as treasurer since 1996, and is still at his post.

Chuck served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as a member of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee.

WB Clark also served as the Eighth District Chairman for CTCHIP, the Connecticut Child Identification Program, and developed the Signature Program for the State of Connecticut, before serving as Co-Director for the Grand Lodge CTCHIP Committee. WB Clark went on to serve our Grand Lodge as Associate Grand Marshal for District 8-A in 1993-4. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Alberta, Canada near Connecticut.

Chuck was instrumental in establishing the William Wyman Chapter Order of DeMolay at Preston, and is currently its Chairman of

the Advisory Council. He also serves on the Advisory Board of Norwich Assembly No. 30, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Seeking further light, Charles joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich, and Connecticut Consistory, AASR. Becoming active in all degree work, he served as Most Wise Master of Norwich Chapter, and later as Commander-in-Chief of Connecticut Consistory. He has volunteered for many Scottish Rite assignments. He has been a part of the troupe at the North Stonington Fair that raises money for the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Waterbury. He also serves on the Valley of Norwich and the Connecticut Council of Deliberation Long Range Strategic Planning Committees. Through these efforts he was awarded the Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Award.

Chuck is a member of the National Sojourners' New London Chapter No. 58, served as president, and is a part of their "Build the Flag" team. His attachment to the Sojourners is well known, and his achievements are never-ending. He has also served as Camp Commander at Fort Trumbull Camp of the Heroes of '76.

His nation, his community, and his brethren all recognize his achievements. This is why the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was pleased to bestow its highest honor, The Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.



Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. congratulates WB Charles B. Clark, Jr. after presenting him with the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze at the June 2 awards ceremony at Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34, Preston.

Dual Chevaliers



The DeMolay Degree of Chevalier, given for outstanding service to the order, was recently conferred on a pair of recipients at the New Britain Masonic Temple. Active DeMolay Jamie Dunn, third from left, and Senior DeMolay Frederick B. Stoddard, second from left, were invested with the degree by a team led by Dad Curtis S. Holtman, right. DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III, leads the applause.

Light in the Darkness

Psalm 112

Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor;

his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

The first time I saw the Caledonian Degree team portray the Master Mason degree, I was struck by the use of the words from "Amazing Grace" and how appropriate they were to the lessons of Freemasonry. After the obligation, as the brother was brought to light, the Worshipful Master in a thick Scottish brogue said:

"Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see."

He then proceeded with the ritual.

Freemasonry reminds us that we live in a world of doubt and darkness. We must

work to remove the hoodwink of intolerance, superstition, bigotry, and hatred that obscure the light from our eyes and look for the revealed beauty and wisdom of the Supreme Architect.

Let us look at the words of the psalmist in the 112th psalm. In the 4th verse we are assured that "Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous." 'Gracious', 'full of



compassion', and 'righteous' are concepts we don't often experience today. We live in a rude self-centered world. Political and financial gains, often ruthlessly attained, are the

gods of our society. Moral and social concerns are swept aside in the name of "inclusiveness" and "political correctness." Religion and public worship are under constant attack by secular forces. Politicians posture for the media rather than seeking to serve their constituency. Hope for the future based on current moral and social agenda is transient and without foundation. It is rooted only in what is considered fashionable at the present moment and changes with every new idea or crises.

Our hope is not based on the whims of society. Our hope is rooted in the promises of the Grand Architect of the Universe. In the 7th verse of Psalm 112 we are encouraged that the righteous man "...shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." We stand united in our brotherhood based upon that Great Light in Freemasonry – the Holy Scriptures. We are guided by that light which has led God's people since the days of Abraham. We shall not hide in the darkness but stand together in the light.

Let us then renew our commitment and pledges to each other. Let us remember that time when we knelt at the altar and were brought from darkness to light, when we first met on the level as men and Masons. And let us always look for light, more light, and further light.

God bless!



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Masonicare Resident Shares the Gift of Music

by Adam Raider

Masonicare earned its reputation as a leading provider of healthcare and retirement living options for seniors by providing outstanding service. But a dedicated staff is aided along the way by a caring group of volunteers who share their time and talents to improve the quality of life of their fellow residents and patients.

Bro. Herb Nallinger might call that being a good neighbor. We call it part of the Masonicare Experience.

Accompanied by Bro. Sterling Jewett on piano, Herb and his trusty fiddle have been entertaining audiences at Masonicare Health Center for over a decade. The time (Wednesday afternoon) and venue (Wilder Lounge) never change.

"We play all the old stuff," he said. "Nothing new. No rock and roll. A little ragtime, but mostly tunes like 'Daisy Bell,' 'Edelweiss,' maybe a couple of Vienna numbers. We have a good time doing it, and people seem to like it. I also play once a month in the Masonicare Health Center chapel during services."

A dual member of Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, and Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford, Bro. Herb has noticed that his music has a way of lifting people's spirits.

"But," he adds with a chuckle, "not *today's*

music. It doesn't lift me at all, though it must lift some people."

"Volunteers like Herb bring something special from the community into the lives of our residents," said Carla Young, volunteer coordinator at Masonicare Health Center, "and that enhances the care we provide. When you think about how people have different schedules and time constraints, it's really remarkable that Herb has managed to play his music here on the same day at the same time, year after year. It shows a level of dedication that I'm sure our residents appreciate, as does the staff."

Herb and his wife, Erika, have been familiar faces at Masonicare Health Center (MHC) for many years. While he worked as a raw materials coordinator in the research and development branch of tire manufacturer Armstrong Rubber Company, Erika took a job at MHC as a lab technician. Later, Erika spent eight years volunteering in the MHC physical therapy department.

"Plus," Herb recalls, "when my parents reached retirement, they came to live at Masonicare Health Center when it was still called the Masonic Home. We were very impressed. Everyone there was very nice and friendly

and so helpful. My parents were happy to be there, especially as their health began to decline. They were well taken care of the whole time they were there, so we really appreciated everything the staff did for them. Erika's mother was there for a while, too, as well as my aunt. So we were always connected."

These positive experiences, coupled with Herb's ties to Masonry, influenced the Nallingers' decision to move to Masonicare at Ashlar Village four years ago.

"We never really considered living anywhere else," Herb said. "Erika and I were already kind of attached to Masonicare. Since we moved to Ashlar Village, there's no more lawn cutting and I can go fishing in the Great Pond. There are a lot of things to do, lots of entertainment. But, most importantly, we always know that we'll be taken care of in case of an emergency."



Herb Nallinger performs for residents at Masonicare Health Center.

We thank our Masonic brothers for their continued support.

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Twenty-five years ago I had just been installed as Master of Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester. I was coming home from work one evening and stopped at the gas station in Lebanon to fill my tank. I paid little attention to the car at the next pump until a gruff voice said, "I read your Master's message and it wasn't too bad." I looked up and it was a Past Grand Master, Gail Linnell Smith.

When I was first appointed Grand Historian by his son, Gail Nelson Smith, in 1989, he installed me in that office and offered words of advice and guidance. I talked to him on occasion, asking questions and he was always willing to respond and answer, but usually with a comment or two. I had a couple of things to ask him this past Grand Masters Day but it was not to be. Gail Smith, the dean of our Past Grand Masters, passed to the Grand Architect above on Friday, June 4, 2010.

Forty-two years had passed since his ascension to the Grand East and he was

a unique individual. I shall miss him. He was one who offered encouragement in a unique style.

Most of all, I remember his resolution in the spring of 1989 that paved the way for the historic recognition of Prince Hall Freemasonry in October of 1989. Farewell, Most Worshipful Sir!



September marks the 230th "anniversary" of the betrayal of Brother Benedict Arnold at West Point. Looking back to 1780 we find the lodges in New London, Stratford, Middletown, Guilford, and Norwich all dark, but lodges were working in New Haven, Fairfield, Norwalk, Stamford, Hartford, Wallingford, and soon Danbury. Woodbury was a beehive of activity as there was talk of lodges being formed in Litchfield and Derby.

Rochambeau had arrived with his French troops and quartered them at Newport, Rhode Island and subsequently moved to Virginia by way of Lebanon, Connecticut. Brother Eleazer Oswald, an admirer of Benedict Arnold, commented that Arnold would have been regarded a hero if the ball that pierced his leg at Saratoga had gone to his heart. While we suspect no one will honor the treason of Benedict Arnold, the date deserves mention here in this column.

Ironically, William Stanley, a retired Norwich stockbroker, local historian, and former state senator (a strict Irish Catholic who was not a Mason) passed away earlier this spring. He had continuously defended Arnold's reputation, extolled him for his military genius, and made lighter mention of his defection. Our brief correspondence on Arnold was never completed so there are some questions that remain unanswered.



We can never tell when the Grand Architect will release us from our earthly trials and allow us to enter his house not made with hands. Therefore it is incumbent on us to get the stories from those who have stories to tell. Our past Most Puissant Grand Master, Randy Stevens, made it his theme in 2009 to tell the stories. Our stories in our lodges are our history. The pictures and paintings on the wall, the handcrafted chair, the homemade tapestry, the handcrafted boat on a



shelf in the northeast corner of the lodge, the gavel, and the ashlar are all part of our history and many have a story to tell. Worshipful Masters, ask for these stories, record them, and distribute them because once they are gone, they are lost forever.



One hundred and ninety five years ago the Battle of Waterloo occurred and Napoleon was exiled to the Island of St. Helena. The three-year battle that started as the War of 1812 came to an end in our country with the Battle of New Orleans. The Navy was engaged in fighting with Algerian pirates. James Madison (who was not a Mason) was in the White House, but Governor and Brother John Cotton Smith was stationed in Hartford.

Stephen Titus Hosmer, who had been Grand Master since 1798, was elected to his last term in 1815 and the annual Grand Lodge session was held in Hartford in May, with 46 of the 52 lodges represented. The lodge in Sharon was granted a charter and the brothers refused to approve a new lodge housed in New Preston.

There were two violations of jurisdiction, Putnam Lodge No. 46 against Somerset Lodge No. 34, and Western Star Lodge No. 37 against Montgomery Lodge No. 13; each of the two offending lodges were fined \$25. In his address the Grand Master directed that brothers be disciplined, if necessary, within the ancient landmarks of our order and lodges be particularly cautious of the admission of new members if they were not of sound character.

The October 1815 session was presided by the Deputy Grand Master and there is no record of Stephen Hosmer ever again being in a Grand Lodge session. At that session a request for a lodge in Meriden was refused and not for another 35 years was the Grand Lodge petitioned again.

The Grand Lodge made a grant of \$50 to a needy brother who had reached the age of 90 in Oxford and much discussion centered on the doubling of the compensation for services of the Grand Secretary. They raised it from \$25 to \$50 per year.

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More Thoughts About Masonry's Good Works

by James T. McWain, Deputy Grand Master

We are all aware of the good works done by Masons in Connecticut in caring for the elderly. Our Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut began after the Grand Lodge of Illinois returned \$332 of the money that had been sent to them to assist Illinois Masons devastated by the Chicago fire of 1871. With that money Connecticut Masons began the Charity Foundation. That Foundation has evolved over the last 100-plus years into what we now know as Masonicare. It is a highly respected organization and Connecticut Masons have every right to be proud of their facilities that care for the elderly, the retirement community, and the visiting nurse and hospice organizations.

Nationwide, Masonry is noted for its charitable organizations. Some of these are well-known – most everyone is aware of the Shriner's Hospitals and the wonderful, bordering on miracle-like, work they accomplish with orthopedic and burn cases. Less well known are the charities that each of our Masonic bodies support; for example, the York Rite supports research in central auditory processing disorders in children, arteriosclerosis research, and eye disease research; and the Scottish Rite supports a schizophrenia research program and learning centers. The Order of Eastern Star supports cancer research and the Order of Amaranth Diabetes Foundation funds research combating that disease. There are other Masonic charities, so numerous that they could be the subject of another article.

I've been approached by lodge members who are concerned that their lodges should do more to support the local community. My brothers, I must point out that our North American Masonic philanthropies contribute over \$2 million per day, of which over 70% goes to the general public. There are many Masonic organizations doing great work that need our support. I believe that lodges should research our philanthropies, pick at least one to support, and develop a program to support that Masonic philanthropy as well as the local community. Remember, our Masonic forefathers began with \$332.

Recently I had an opportunity to speak with Ronald Kamp, the director of development and communications for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) in Utica, New York. Ron is a dynamic speaker who is totally convinced of the huge, positive steps being taken by the MMRL in biomedical research. To use Ron's words, "Biomedical research is a key force for change in the world today." I have attached an article he sent me which,

I hope, will inform you of the good work done by another Masonic facility. I would like to leave you with a thought from the end of Ron's article, "Treatment of Patients Benefits the Patient – Research Benefits Humanity."

I submit that this is a **worthwhile** organization that should be considered.

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Now 50 years later, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is one of the finest biomedical research centers in the world and the only one of its kind sponsored and supported by Freemasonry. The MMRL is international in scope and benefit. Its significance goes beyond state, national or international borders. Few Masonic charitable good works have such global impact on the improvement of our human condition.

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Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund Helps 19 Young People Further Their Educations

More than 200 people attended the sixth annual Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund presentation held in June in the Knapp Auditorium in the Hartog Activity Center at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

Nineteen young men and women, either employees of Masonicare at Ashlar Village or the children of employees, were honored during the presentation. Bro. David Gessert, chairman of the board of directors and member of Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, and WB Jon-Paul Venoit, Ashlar Village president and Past Master of Compass Lodge No. 9, were on hand to announce the names and present a scholarship check to each recipient.

Those who received scholarships this year are Macey Apuzzo, Brittany Bjornberg, Mayra

Cerna, Shannon Corbett, Todd Erickson, Kaitlyn Flynn, Sonia Gogliettino, Kimberly Krisak, Brittany Landon, Amanda Lavoie, Lindsay Mongillo, Chelsie Morais, Alexander Ney, Stephanie Ney, Jonathan Rosario, Erik Sager, Victoria Soley, Sarah Willis, and AnnMarie Zielinski. Some of the colleges and universities attended by these exceptional young people include Southern Connecticut State University, Central Connecticut State University, Albertus Magnus College, Salve Regina, and Gateway and Middlesex Community Colleges.

Vocalist Jocelyn Miller and resident pianist William Tedeschi provided musical entertainment. Special thanks were extended to resident Mike Johnson, residents Phillip and Donna Lint, and the family of

deceased resident Donald F. Warner for their generous donations of special memorial and appreciation awards. The Jockey and Johnny Johnson Award was presented to Kimberly Krisak, the Phillip and Donna Lint Gift of Appreciation was awarded to Kaitlyn Flynn, and Sarah Willis received the Donald F. Warner Memorial Scholarship.

Ashlar Village residents established the Scholarship Fund in 2004 to provide educational scholarships for young people who either work at Ashlar Village or are children of employees. Scholarship funds are raised in a variety of ways, but mainly through the sale of unique, handmade craft and clothing items in the Ashlar Village Specialty Shop, manned and stocked solely by resident volunteers.



Dave Gessert, left, and Jon-Paul Venoit, right, flank 18 of the 19 Ashlar Village scholarship recipients at the June presentation.

Mary Lou Roos Named President of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice



Mary Lou Roos

Bro. William C. Piper, Masonicare's senior vice president for continuum services, was pleased to announce that Mary Lou Roos, RN, BSN, joined Masonicare in June as president of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, Masonicare's home healthcare affiliate.

Ms. Roos brings to the organization many years of executive leadership experience in the healthcare field. Prior to joining Masonicare's leadership team, Ms. Roos had been president and CEO of Community Nurses, Inc. in Pennsylvania for the past two years. Community Nurses, Inc., a non-profit affiliated health system, is a Medicare certified home health, hospice, and adult day agency covering three counties. Under Ms. Roos' leadership, Community Nurses was

recognized by OCS as being in the Home Health Elite, among the top 25% of agencies nationally. Her impressive work experience also includes a wide range of operational, educational, and hands-on nursing positions.

In announcing the appointment, Bro. Piper said, "Masonicare conducted a national search over several months to find the right person to lead our Home Health and Hospice team into the future.

Mary Lou has a very impressive track record of managerial, strategic, and hands-on experience and we're fortunate to have her on board as we continue to grow and expand Masonicare's wide range of home care and hospice services to clients throughout Connecticut."

2010 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk

Perfect weather and record participation helped make the 2010 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk an overwhelming success.

Of the more than 450 registered walkers, 378 took part in the event, held on Saturday, May 15 at Great River Park in East Hartford. Organized by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the Quality of Life Walk benefits the Quality of Life Funds at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford, Masonicare at Newtown, and Masonicare Home Health & Hospice. The Quality of Life Funds at these Masonicare affiliates are used to meet the needs of residents and patients when no other funding sources are available.

This year's walk raised a total of \$50,004.69, including \$31,650 from corporate sponsorships, \$11,475 from walker registrations, and \$6,879.69 from outright donations and Masonicare employee fundraisers.

The net proceeds of \$43,806.94 will be allocated to the three Quality of Life Funds as follows:

- \$21,479.17 for Masonicare Health Center
- \$11,827.18 for Masonicare at Newtown
- \$10,500.59 for Masonicare Home Health & Hospice

"We greatly appreciate the generosity of our walkers, corporate sponsors, and donors," said Jennifer A. King, president of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "The funds raised through this event will have a meaningful impact on the lives of the people we serve."

Some examples of Quality of Life Fund purchases include recreational equipment, resident transportation, spiritual services, dentures, and hearing aid batteries.

Organizers were also thankful to have over 100 volunteers on hand to assist Masonic Charity Foundation staff with event logistics. Many of these volunteers were members of Masonic youth organizations Connecticut DeMolay and the International Order of the



Connecticut Chapter of The Order of the Eastern Star was among the Masonic appendant bodies to come out in support of the Walk.

Rainbow for Girls. They assisted with set-up and clean up and helped to cheer on walkers along the walk route.

Also playing a key role in the success of the event were the Walk Captains from across the Masonicare affiliates, as well as from the Masonic family throughout Connecticut, who worked hard to get walkers registered. This year, the highest number of walkers came by way of the Masonic family.

Reigning "Masonicare Idol" Pedro Garcia was on hand to perform two songs while walkers enjoyed breakfast and over 500 bagged lunches provided in-

kind by Morrison Senior Dining. Arrangements were made for a food bank in Hartford to receive leftover lunches.

It was a beautiful day to stroll along the Connecticut River, and walkers had a choice of three distances: half-mile, mile, or three miles. Every distance offered a clear view of the Hartford skyline and familiar landmarks like the "onion dome" of the historic



Masonicare Quality of Life Walk Chairman RW James R. Spencer, Jr. welcomes over 450 walkers to this year's fundraising event.

Colt firearms building and the Connecticut Science Center, whose sculpted glass façade glimmered in the sunshine.

"My wife Nancy and I had a wonderful time at the Quality of Life Walk and extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible," said Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare. "It was gratifying to see how many employees and members of the Masonic family came out in support of the good work we do at Masonicare."



Walkers and volunteers warm up with some line dancing in the Great River Park Amphitheater.

Masons' Donation Awareness Committee Gets the Word Out

by Chas MacKenzie

On September 19, 2009, Chas MacKenzie from LifeChoice Donor Services was invited by the Masonic Organ and Tissue Awareness Program to train a select group of dedicated Masons on presenting organ and tissue donation information to fellow Masons. The focus of the evening was how to present the facts, like: there are 1,200 Connecticut residents waiting for a life saving organ. There are 108,000 United States residents waiting for the same. You will receive the same excellent healthcare regardless of your donation status. A DMV or DonateLifeNewEngland registration of your donation decision is legally binding first-person consent that cannot be overridden by your family.

Other donation specific topics covered were the lesser known, but equally impactful, tissue donation facts. Facts like there are over 1 million tissue transplants performed each year in the United States. Tissue transplants

restore sight, help burn victims, restore mobility, relieve pain, restore heart function, and generally improve the life of so many recipients. One tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 70 others.

Life saving organs and life improving tissues are only available because of the generosity of incredible individuals and families who can think of another's needs. These tremendously altruistic people are capable of helping others in the midst of their own grief and pain suffered by the death of their loved one. These special people are able to be optimistic that something good can come from their loss, and they're right!

Donate Life America recently commissioned a survey of 5,100 adults in the United States to measure attitudes toward donation. The results showed that while the majority of Americans express an interest in organ and tissue donation, misperceptions are common and serve as barriers to registering

donors. Encouraging was the impressive 72% of people who want their decision to donate to be honored, even if their families disagree, as is supported by Connecticut legislation. Equally encouraging is that there are currently over 1 million Connecticut residents registered through the DMV, however, only 37% of "Nutmeggers," Connecticut residents, have made their wishes known.

The Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Committee has had the opportunity to make presentations to several lodges since last September's training. They have one primary message...designate yourself to be one of the incredible individuals who could save or improve the lives of so many others. One organ and tissue donor can save or improve the lives of up to 75 other people. Visit the www.donatelifenewengland.com website, get the information, share your decision with your family, and register to be an organ and tissue donor.

BOOK REVIEW: Masonic Networks and Connections

(As budget circumstances permit, we hope and expect to acquire new publications for reference and use in The Luke A. Lockwood Memorial Library and Museum at the Grand Lodge office. One such recent acquisition will be of interest to Masonic world history buffs. It was reviewed by Sir Knight David Stafford in the May 2010 issue of Knights Templar, the official publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and we can do no better than quote it in its entirety for the benefit of all. It is quoted here by permission of John L. Palmer KTCH, KCT, 33°, PGM, Grand Lodge F & AM of Tennessee, Managing Editor, Knight Templar magazine. Robert G. Fitzgerald, Grand Secretary)

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Masonic Networks and Connections by James W. Daniel; published by The Library and Museum of Freemasonry; ISBN 978-0-9558437-0-9.

When M.W. Brother Palmer requested that I write a review of *Masonic Networks and Connections* by James W. Daniel, he stated it was a non-trivial book. I agreed to read the book and write a brief review of its contents. As I began to read, I discovered that non-trivial was the perfect word to us to describe this work. It is definitely not light reading; however, it is a very enlightening collection of various Masonic essays written by this

former secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and the Supreme Council 33° of the AAR for England and Wales.

For most American Masonic readers, the greatest benefit from this book is a unique understanding of the development and history of British Freemasonry. The opening chapter, "Pure-and Accepted-Masonry," is a very detailed account of the early formation of the appendant and concordant degrees in the United Kingdom. It reads like a virtual who's who of British history. I will admit though, I had to have my computer close by as I read in order to look up figures' names on Wikipedia. As I read, I was reminded of another wonderful book I had referenced only days earlier. I pulled down my copy of Hoyos' *Committed to the Flames: The History and Ritual of a Secret Masonic Rite*. It was interesting to compare the anecdotes from these two sources and see the many similarities of the development of these degrees in two very different places. It was an enjoyable exercise.

There is a very special gem to be found within the book that makes it a worthwhile purchase by any and all reading Masons on the American side of the great pond. Chapter 4, "Anglo-American Relations," relates the story of the British built Confederate man-of-war the *Alabama*. The paper relates the

brief history of the ship and its influence on stressing the international relations between the United States and the United Kingdom. The tension was so intense that the two countries appointed committees to meet and attempt to resolve the disagreement. The result was the sitting Grand Master of the "premier Grand Lodge" visiting the United States. The story is well worth the read.

The last pages of the book consist of an exploration of the UGLE's external relations with various grand lodges from 1950 to 2000. I found it to be very insightful and a wonderful introduction to international Masonic relations. It was truly an intriguing read. The research found within the book is amazing. As an armchair Masonic writer, I cannot imagine the amount of time put into writing such accurate, detailed historical sketches and accounts. The reader will gain as much insight into British society as Masonic knowledge.

In conclusion, I would recommend that *Masonic Networks and Connections* be added to all serious Masonic libraries. Although it may be a little heavy on dry details, it is filled with some excellent resource material that I am sure will be useful to most Masonic writers. I feel I have a better understanding of British Masonry after reading it; you should too.

Masonicare Celebrates Employees

Masonicare’s mission for more than 100 years has been to enhance the quality of life of our residents and patients throughout the continuum and to do what we can to make a difference in their lives. The success of that mission is due in large part to the dedication and commitment of the 2,500 employees who care for our residents and patients each day. Every affiliate chooses a special date each year to celebrate Employee Appreciation and Service Recognition Day, which provides the perfect opportunity to recognize and honor all employees for a job well done.

On June 17, Masonicare Health Center employees were treated to a delicious lunch under the big tent on the front lawn, complete with musical entertainment provided by a DJ and ice cream dispensed from ice cream trucks on hand for the occasion. Both the second and third shifts were offered delicious meals as well, with chair massages and a special raffle rounding out the festivities. A highlight of the day was the recognition of 72 staff members who achieved service milestones this year.

Masonicare at Newtown’s Employee Appreciate Day, held on June 30, featured delicious food typical of a clam bake, which was served during all shifts by appreciative leadership members. Employee John Hemberger served as DJ, relaxing chair massages were offered, and several employees were the lucky winners of special gifts. One of the highlights of the celebration was the presentation of service award recognition

certificates and monetary awards to 34 employees celebrating from 5 to 30 years of employment. All participating employees thoroughly enjoyed this special day of recognition.

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice and Masonicare Partners employees are recognized with a special day at each branch. Employees enjoy a breakfast or lunch with senior management who also donate ice cream sundaes to add a little extra treat to the celebration. Employees with 5 and 10 years of service with Masonicare receive special recognition, along with the recent recipients of special Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing.

July 23 has been set aside for the Employee Appreciation Day celebration at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

The continuing care retirement community has planned a full catered lunch in the Pavilion, with live entertainment, games and great company, of course! Volleyball, bocce ball, water balloons, and chair massages will give staff and management the opportunity to enjoy a fun day together.

Masonicare CEO Bro. Steve McPherson said, “Celebrating Employee Appreciation Days throughout Masonicare each year is just one small way we can thank and recognize all of our employees for the important contributions they make. We would not be the successful organization we are without them!”



WB Jon-Paul Venoit, president of Masonicare at Ashlar Village, recognized Sonda Willhite for 15 years of service.



RW Carl Anderson, left, VP for fraternal relations for Masonicare, presented certificate to RW Richard C. Memmott, Sr., for 15 years service.



Bro. Ronald J. Schwartz, MD, left, was recognized by Bro. William C. Piper, president of Masonicare Health Center for 15 years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate these brothers
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Allan V. Johnson..... Coastal 57

Leslie B. Netze, Coastal Lodge No. 57, was inadvertently left out of
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Thank you to the Masons of Connecticut for your support of my Haitian Children Stuffed Animal Project.

My name is Max Boland and I'm in the 6th grade at Tolland Middle School. I am writing to thank the Connecticut Masonic Lodges and the individuals who helped me collect and ship stuffed animals to the children of Haiti that were affected by the earth quake.

With the help of friends, family, and local schools I was able to collect over 1,100 stuffed animals to donate to the children of Haiti who lost everything in the earthquake.

Collecting them was the easy part. Getting them to Haiti was the hard part. Without the help of the Connecticut Masonic lodges I would never have been able to afford the shipping charges related to sending the stuffed animals to the U.S Navy so they could distribute them to the children. The doctors and nurses on the USNS Comfort were able to give the stuffed animals from Connecticut directly

to the children in Haitian refugee camps, shelters and hospitals, many of whom lost their parents, families, and friends. Without the financial help of Masonic Lodges around Connecticut, I would not have been able to ship over 1,100 stuffed animals to children in Haiti hopefully bringing a smile to their faces and letting them know that someone cares about them.

I would especially like to acknowledge Fayette Lodge No. 69, Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Friendship Lodge No. 33, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, St. John's Lodge No. 2, Manchester Lodge No. 73, Valley Lodge No. 36, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Dale T. Cunningham, and Anthony J. Del Grego.

My Sincere Gratitude,

Maxwell Boland

6th Grade, Tolland Middle School

Masonicare Earns Workplace Wellness Award from the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce

Masonicare is pleased to announce that its *My Good Health* program for employees recently received a Workplace Wellness Award from the Health Care Council of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. The award, presented at the Council's yearly regional breakfast on June 22, was accepted by Masonicare's Kara Paulauskas, director of compensation and benefits, and Ruth Martinez, manager of employee benefits, who were instrumental in the development of the award-winning concept.

The awards are presented each year to organizations that offer exceptional wellness programs to their employees. Masonicare was one of just four companies recognized with this honor.

Masonicare's *My Good Health* wellness and education program was launched in December 2009. Its goal is to enhance employees' awareness of their health plan features, benefits and value to themselves and their families. *My Good Health* consists of five educational meetings emphasizing the importance of preventive care, making good health choices, and consumer decision-making skills. The program features information on the basics of Masonicare's healthcare plan, how employees can get help when they need it, the importance of annual wellness exams, and how to get the most out of the medical and prescription drug plans. Health fairs were also held at each Masonicare affiliate to encourage employees to complete a personal health assessment, with clinicians available to offer blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings.

According to Bro. Steve McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare, who was pleased to be on hand when the award was presented, the wellness program has been a resounding success. "It's rewarding to know that our employees are becoming more engaged in making healthcare decisions and that they are increasing preventive care visits and screenings. The health and well-being of our employees and their families are of the utmost importance to Masonicare."



Kara Paulauskas, left, director of compensation and benefits, and Ruth Martinez, manager of employee benefits, received the Award of Distinction for Workplace Wellness that was presented to Masonicare by the Health Care Council of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

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Union Lodge No. 5 brings Hawaii to Stamford

by Tom Burke

The stated communication on Wednesday, June 16 at Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, had a distinctly Polynesian flair, as the brothers enjoyed a fun-filled Hawaiian shirt night complete with musical entertainment by Senior Warden Jon Ringel. Brother Ringel, an accomplished drummer, ukulele player, keyboardist, bassist and vocalist for The Mad Things band, brought his ukulele and performed some unusual and fun musical pieces, adding a nice touch to the festive atmosphere.

Several brothers sported their most colorful (some might say "loud," others might say "outrageous") Hawaiian shirts for the evening, providing some eye-catching designs and lots of discussion. Brother David

Jackson's Hawaiian shirt drew several comments, as it was decorated with what appeared to be several images of Betty Page, the famous model from the 1950's. The evening's varied menu included sausages, hot dogs, loaded nacho plates, several salads, and two platters of hand-made mozzarella within a tomato/basil/mozzarella/garlic salad donated by Brother Sam Maurer.

On an even brighter note, the brothers once again voted to remain open during the summer of 2010, opting to continue meeting during July and August for the second year in a row. Several events have already been scheduled for the summer months, including an Entered Apprentice degree on July 21 and a reading of the 2nd

and 3rd section lecture from that degree on August 4. Even with vacations and holidays, by having all the brothers pitching

in to share tasks and step up when needed, Union Lodge No. 5 will continue forward on a well-lit path!



Union Lodge No. 5 is "keeping the lights on" again, after voting to keep meeting during this summer. Her the brother s are having their usual good time during an Hawaiian shirt night

It was a Day to Remember

by Isack Waserman

On April 17 the lodge room of Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe, was packed. It was so "bad" (in a very good way) that some had to park their car more than a quarter mile away from the lodge. The reason for the crowd was the presentation of the new District Deputy, RW Maurice Heim, and his Associate Grand Marshal, WB Robert P. Curwen, Jr., for District 1B.

When asked during the planning process, RW Maurice Heim estimated that only about 50 people would attend the event. He was definitely wrong on this one, big time wrong. There were more than 120 guests present that day.

MW Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. presented the Grand Lodge officers, Worshipful Masters of District 1B, Past Grand Masters, current District Deputies, and family members, and many more honored the men of the hour with their presence. After the festivities ended, all guests were invited to a feast cooked by the members of Washington Lodge No. 19 and the Order of the Eastern Star, which was served with the help of the Rainbow Girls.

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Frederick Jones Whiting: Freemason and Dragoon

by Silvan J. Gleissner

Recently the headstone which marked the gravesite of Frederick Jones Whiting was unearthed by volunteers of the Friends of the Danbury Cemetery Association. Currently the group is in the process of repairing the stone. The ravages of time toppled and buried the headstone in Old Wooster Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Danbury.

Frederick Jones Whiting served as an officer assigned to Sheldon's Horse during the Revolutionary War. He rose to the rank of lieutenant while serving with the Dragoons. Eventually, Whiting made the rank of major as the war ended in 1783. During the war, Lt. Whiting was taken prisoner in a battle at Horse Neck (now

Greenwich). He was later paroled and returned to duty.

The 2nd Continental Dragoons were a special military unit trained to fight on horseback and as dismounted light infantry. Officers and lower enlisted men were once stationed in Danbury and were tasked with the important duty of riding military messages to and from headquarters.

The early records of Union Lodge No. 40 from the period of 1780-1783 reveal that on April 3, 1783, Frederick Jones Whiting was proposed for membership

in Union Lodge by Worshipful Master Sallu Pell. He was

raised in August 1783. It is interesting to note that several other Dragoon officers are found on the membership rolls. Several of these officers became prisoners of war, were later paroled, and returned to duty.

Captain Jeronimus Hoogland's name appears as a lodge visitor at the home of Lieutenant James Clark in February 1783. Lt. Clark offered his home for lodge meetings. Early in the war, while serving with Lasher's New York Militia, Hoogland was taken prisoner in the Battle of Long Island, New York. He later was commissioned with Sheldon's Horse as Captain until war's end.

James Dole was raised at Union Lodge on June 5, 1783. He enlisted as a private with Sheldon's Horse in May 1777. As Sergeant-Major, Dole was wounded in battle at Camden and served as a Cornet with the 2nd during 1781-1783.

Joshua King was also raised in 1783. As a Dragoon Lieutenant, King once guarded turncoat Bro. Benedict Arnold. He was wounded in the Battle of



The gravestone of Bro. Frederick Jones Whiting lies ready to be repaired in Old Wooster Cemetery, Danbury. A public rededication will take place on August 28.

King Solomon's New Sign



Morgan Weber, daughter of Senior Deacon Albin Weber, puts the finishing touch on an authentic period style sign for King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, in the Old Woodbury Historic District. The sign was made by Bro. Weber.

Eutaw Springs and lived in nearby Ridgefield.

Horace Seymour served as the Regimental Quartermaster. He later became a Cornet (1778) and Lieutenant (1779). He served until war's end.

Elijah Janes, paymaster for the unit, also rose to Lieutenant with the 2nd, was wounded by sword and taken prisoner in the Battle of St. George, Long Island on November 1780. He later rejoined the unit in 1781.

Further research will no doubt reveal more about these patriotic brothers.

Frederick Jones Whiting returned to Danbury after the war. Upon returning, he married Rachel Starr of Danbury and built a brick home from which he operated a tavern. The building once stood at 52 Main Street (formally known as Towne Street) and he remained very active in the lodge.

On August 28, 2010, the Danbury Historical Society is hosting a public rededication ceremony at Old Wooster Cemetery. Join the troopers of The Re-established Unit of Sheldon's Horse headed by Captain Sal Tarantino, Commanding Officer. There will be a special libation ceremony honoring Major Whiting and veterans who attend the service.

The Old Wooster cemetery is located behind the Old Jail, at the corner of Main and Wooster Street, Danbury. The public and brothers are invited to attend. For further information contact Robert Young at revwardanbury@gmail.com.

DISTRICT No. 2

(a) RW John J. Hester, DD • RW Duncan Denny, AGM
(b) RW John V. Lutter, DD • WB Creighton M. English, AGM

Lantern Night in Lakeville



By the lights of kerosene lanterns, Montgomery Lodge No. 13 hosted brothers from the tri-state region at their first "Lantern Night."

by Charles Yohe

Forty brothers attended the first "Lantern Night" at Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville. For one evening, the hands of time were turned back and the lodge meeting was held by kerosene lamp/lantern light – with the lone exception being the dimly lit letter G in the East.

The "Traveling Lantern" was initiated this evening, May 19, by RW Robert L. Thompson, Worshipful Master. With a contingent of five brothers, Warren Lodge No. 32, Shultsville, New York, captured the lantern and will pass it to another lodge within 60 days. In May of even numbered years, the lantern will return to Montgomery Lodge No. 13. A bound journal accompanies the lantern and provides a written record of its travels throughout the tri-state area.

It is hoped that it will bring the bright light of friendship and brotherly love wherever its travels may take it!

DISTRICT No. 3

(a) RW Shane Dufresne, DD • WB Martin J. Macary, AGM
(b) RW James D. Waite, Jr., DD • WB Charles V. de Dufour, AGM

Five New Master Masons Receive Travelling Papers

by Russell W. Griswold

Harmony Lodge No. 42 raised five new brothers to the degree of Master Mason on June 3. The five newly raised brothers were also given the paperwork to participate in the new Third Masonic District Perfect Ashlar program. The program, adapted by RW Marshall K. Robinson, Grand Junior Steward, gives new Master Masons a year to complete several quests in order for them to qualify for the "Master Mason Perfect Ashlar Award." It gives newly raised members a chance to

be involved in the lodge and give them well rounded exposure to the fraternity's activities including: lodge visitations, charity work, and supporting lodge functions.

As RW Robinson says, "The future of our fraternity and our ability to continue to grow our membership is highly dependent on being able to engage and integrate our new members into the activities of the lodge. When new members become involved and active in their respective lodges they become

the best prospects for new candidates for that lodge."

As results of the Third District program become known, it is likely other districts may also adapt it for their own use.



Harmony Lodge's five new Master Masons stand in the front row. From left, Joe Magaraci, Michael Thill, Bill Cuttler, Jon Hare, and Steven Carr. The supporting degree team stand in the back row and include, from left, Treasurer Ernest J. Malafronte; Senior Deacon Andrew D. Dellamarggio; Harmony Lodge No. 42 Worshipful Master Martin Macary; RW Marshall K. Robinson, Grand Junior Steward; Senior Warden Eric J. Malafronte; RW Bruce Padula; and Junior Deacon David L. Swanson, Jr.

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Torrington Hosts “Tiki” Table Lodge

by Shane Dufresne

June 1 saw a “Tiki” Table Lodge at Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington. The Polynesian themed variation of the popular Hawaiian shirt night was a good time for brotherhood and fun. Despite the print shirts, leis, and, in some cases, grass skirts, the menu was from the other side of the world, corned beef.

South Pacific decorations covered the banquet hall, and WM Chris Henry led the toasts with his corps of officers. Seneca Lodge is known for their themed table lodges.

Looking pretty silly, but having a real good time, was what it was all about at Seneca Lodge’s “Tiki” Table Lodge.

DISTRICT No. 4

(a) RW Theodore J. Doolittle, DD • WB Charles H. Tirrell, AGM
(b) RW Kenneth I. Greenhill, DD • WB David K. Eisenman, AGM
(c) RW Vernon A. Conklin, Sr., DD • WB Robert G. Guarnieri, AGM

Tabs, Tabs, and More Tabs

by Ron Goldwyn

On March 16, Orange Lodge No 143, Milford, held its 494th stated communication and official inspection by RW James Pyskaty and WB William Clark. It was one of their last official acts before their terms of office ended.

But there was a double purpose in their visit. It was on every visit that this team made during the past two years to Orange Lodge that huge quantities of aluminum tabs were presented to Bro. Clark for delivery to Pyramid Shrine.

Instead, Bro. Clark transferred the tabs into a huge sweeping compound cardboard barrel. Soon that barrel was full and a second barrel was also filled and a third barrel was started.

One source for these tabs was from the Milford Lions Club. The club collects cans and bottles and receives the 5¢ refund, but the tabs are salvaged and given

to RW Ronald M Goldwyn, also a past president, who presented them to AGM Clark. Within the Lions club’s membership, many members also collected tabs and turned them into Bro. Goldwyn, including the granddaughter of a deceased member of Pyramid Shrine who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Her first carton of tabs cost her more in postage than the tabs were worth, but she and her father were thanked for the contributions.

Another great source was the children of Racebrook, Turkey Hill, and Peck Place Elementary Schools of the Orange school system. Each of the student councils voted to make this a project and not just collect tabs at their schools but from each of their families as well. They in turn presented them to Brother Dean Manley, who then brought them to lodge on nights when he knew the AGM would be present.

The photo shows the final

official visit of WB William Clark, who transported the tabs collected back to Orange Lodge for these photographs.



With tabs to turn in are, from left, Senior Warden Ken Greenhill; James Dunn, III; Junior Warden James Dunn, Jr.; Greg Manley, Trustee; Worshipful Master Alan M. Friedman, Jr.; a visitor; Marshal Robert Morelli; Senior Deacon Ron Dworkin; Treasurer Dennis Conroy; Secretary Ron Goldwyn; Chaplain Dean Manley; and Junior Steward Bill Rompe.

DISTRICT No. 5

(a) RW Lawrence S. Elsner, DD • WB Francis G. Way, AGM
(b) RW Brian E. Beals, DD • WB Frank Dlugoleski, AGM

Valley Lodge No. 36 Breaks Ground For New Lodge Building

by Jack Pierson

On the afternoon of May 18, undaunted by a steady rain, more than 30 brothers, wives, friends, and Simsbury town officials gathered together for the formal ground breaking for Valley Lodge No. 36's new lodge building in Simsbury.

The May 18 date is especially historic as the anniversary date of the original charter (May 18, 1796) for St. Mark's Lodge No. 36, one of the three lodges that joined together to form Valley Lodge No. 36 in 2004. St. Mark's Lodge No. 36 was the "mother lodge" for both St. Mark's No. 91, Granby, and Hiram Lodge No. 98, Bloomfield.



Worshipful Master Robert H. Everest and Simsbury First Selectman Mary A. Glassman were first to put "spade to ground" for the new lodge building.

Also in attendance were the president of the Simsbury Fire Department, Kevin North, and Simsbury Fire Marshal Kevin J. Kowalski. Both worked closely with the officers of the Valley Freemasons Building Association when the Simsbury Fire District purchased the former lodge building next to the fire house. As part of the negotiations, the Simsbury Fire Department subsequently provided the property where the new lodge is being erected.

The brothers of Valley Lodge No. 36 didn't take notice of the rain as the "sun" was shining in the hearts of all who gathered at the building site.

It is expected that the building's cornerstone may be laid this summer, and the formal dedication of the new lodge building is tentatively scheduled for November 15. This will be the first Masonic lodge building built specifically for that purpose since 1967 in New Britain.



A preliminary rendering of the new Simsbury lodge building.

New Home for Holcomb Sign



For nearly 100 years Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, formerly St. Mark's Lodge N. 36, has been in possession of an historic old tavern sign. The two-sided sign had L. Holcomb 1802 on both sides, and of particular note were the well-known symbols of the fraternity painted on one side, and Federal style decorations on the other.

Tavern owner Bro. Holcomb was a member of St. Mark's Lodge No. 36, until his death in 1809. He had only opened his tavern in 1802.

As an appraiser noted, the sign is "a rare and important survival of the American Federal Period in respect to age, decorative scheme, and condition."

The Connecticut Historical Society collection includes historic tavern signs with Masonic symbols. Thus, Valley Lodge No. 36 and the Connecticut Historical society came to agreement for the purchase of the sign. This will provide for the sign to be properly maintained in a safe environment, and most importantly, able to be displayed in Connecticut.

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Contents of the old Simsbury cornerstone revealed well-preserved artifacts. Newspaper clippings, members' photographs, and programs will be on display upon completion of the new lodge building.

DISTRICT No. 6

(a) RW Anthony F. Keegan, DD • WB Steven P. McMahon, AGM
(b) RW Mark M. Hultman, DD • WB Charles D. Weiss, AGM

CTCHIP Event Gets Stormed Out

by Jim Wilson

Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, thanks all who assisted in the CTCHIP event at the Channel 3 Kids Camp Extravaganza on June 6. Many brothers, their wives and friends, provided overwhelming support. The threat of

impending storms kept some Extravaganza-goers away, but the staff was ready for anything.

The set-up crew started Saturday afternoon when Bro. Scott Pierce borrowed WB Jim Wilson away from a project and went to Rentschler Field and surveyed the site. Kids Camp organizers reported they were only thinking about raising money for the Channel 3 Kids Camp.

That afternoon, Bros. Frank Porteus and Pierce drove to the Hebron Fairgrounds to pick up the CTCHIP equipment. They arrived a couple hours early and jumped in to assist the brothers by working the video station.

On Sunday morning, Brothers Paige Howarth from Manchester Lodge No. 73, Cory Turner, Jeff Lowd, Frank Porteus, Dave Lafargue, and

Mike Duncan met at the Masonic Center to load tables, chairs, and equipment.

All eyes remained on the weather. Canopies were set up, tables and chairs laid out, power run to the video and dental stations, equipment tested, and more volunteers began arriving.

The wives jumped in and prepared the Purple Packs, anticipating the possibility of a larger turnout.

Then came the wind, darker clouds, and the tornado warning. With not a moment to spare the remaining kids were run through the process, and the full crew packed up all equipment, tents, and canopies. The storm arrived with thunder, lightning, and a downpour.

Everyone agreed the event was a success because at least there were 30 kids whose parents received the Purple Pack.

Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 is looking forward to getting back to Channel 3 Kids Camp this summer for more CTCHIP events. But no more storms, please.



CTCHIP volunteers wait to see which will come first, the kids or the bad weather.

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Commissioner Speaks to Blue Lodge Council

by Arnie Grot

Freemasons are consumers, and when they learned that Connecticut's Commissioner of Consumer Protection Gerald E. Farrell, Jr. was the speaker at the Sixth District Blue Lodge Council meeting on May 27, fifty-three Freemasons attended.

Brothers are guided by Masonic principles such as truth, integrity, and wisdom, but unfortunately some individuals and businesses stray from these paths. Jerry described the Department of Consumer Protection as a regulatory agency responsible for protecting citizens from physical injury and financial loss that may occur as the result of unsafe or fraudulent products and services marketed in the State of Connecticut. Each year, the Department of Consumer Protection

issues over 200,000 licenses, registrations, and permits for more than 200 types of jobs and businesses, including pharmacies, liquor stores, mobile home parks, electricians, home improvement contractors, and real estate brokers, among others.

The department, with 150 employees and an \$11 million budget, is responsible for enforcing numerous consumer protection laws including the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, the Connecticut Pure Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, the Connecticut State Child Protection Act, and the Connecticut Weights & Measures Act. A question and answer session followed the presentation and was most informative to specific concerns of the brothers of the Sixth District.



From left, guest speaker Commissioner of Consumer Protection Gerald E. Farrell, Jr. poses with Sixth District Blue Lodge Council President Eric Pogg and Vice President Don Wills.

Columbia Brothers Earn Awards

by Arnie Grot

At Columbia Lodge No. 25's Awards Night on May 19, Brother and Dr. Kalyan Chakravarti, DDS, received the Emerson C. Reed Award. Columbia Lodge presents this award to a brother who has demonstrated excellence in some significant field of endeavor for the benefit of the lodge. It is named after WB Emerson C. Reed, who set an example of excellence in all that he undertook in the field of Masonry.

WB Reed was the long time Chaplain, and then Chaplain Emeritus, of the lodge

and served as Master in 1946. "Doc K.C." has supported the lodge by his participation over the years, and, in particular, has employed his professional skills many times to benefit the families in the community by providing his services to the CTCHIP program.

Columbia Lodge also presented the Daskam-Nott Award to WB Louis O. "Skip" House, IV. The award is presented to a brother who has demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service to Columbia Lodge or Masonry in general for an extended number of years. It is named in honor of Brother George F. Daskam, who was Grand Master when Daskam Lodge No.

86 was chartered in 1858, and Brother John Nott, who was the first Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25 when it was chartered in 1793.

Skip began his Masonic journey by petitioning Mosiac Lodge No. 52, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. He became a Master Mason on September 18, 1980. Skip served Mosiac Lodge No. 5 as Worshipful Master in 1986. He also joined Anah Temple and became a bagpiper and drum major in the Anah Temple Highlanders.

After returning to Connecticut, Skip affiliated in 2002 with Daskam-Columbia Lodge No. 25, where he was instrumental in



Brother and Dr. Kaylan Chakravarti, left, received the Emerson C. Reed Award for Excellence in Service to our Lodge and the Community from VW Donald A. Wills. Shyamali Chakravarki proudly joins in the recognition.



WB Louis O. "Skip" House, IV, center, receives the Daskam-Nott Award for his dedication to Freemasonry from RW Peter J. Hunt. Jane House, Skip's wife, proudly watches the presentation.

organizing and conducting the lodge's wine tasting events. These fundraisers are very successful and benefit the lodge scholarship fund. He also started the very popular Ladies at Table program. Skip filled the Oriental Chair in 2008. A highlight of his year was having the Anah Highlander Degree Team, dressed in full Highlander regalia, portray a degree using Maine ritual on one of their candidates. The Highlanders also performed in concert.

Skip joined the Valley of Hartford and served its Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem as Sovereign Prince for the year 2006-2007. He continues to take a major part in the degree work of the Council.

In addition to his Masonic activities, Skip currently plays bass drum in the Manchester Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Band. He is also active in the Covenant Congregational Church, West Hartford. He has twice journeyed to the Dominican Republic to volunteer at a hospital that serves sugar cane workers. He has also volunteered his computer services to Covenant to Care, a social service organization that partners with local churches to serve families in need.

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Friendship Tuscan Finds Diversification Works Best

by Jim Wilson

Besides their regular stated communications, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, finds many other activities that bring the membership together for brotherhood and friendship. WM Scott T. Reid has found "outside" activities really help put the activities of Masonry in Manchester before the public eye.

On April 24, Friendship Tuscan Lodge combined a fund raising effort with Manchester

Lodge No. 73 and held a one-day giant tag sale at the Masonic Center on 25 East Center St. The two lodges collected items of every description from members and friends. On the day of the tag sale, there were 32 tables in the banquet hall with items ranging from ten cents to \$150.00 (it sold!). The two lodges also sold hot dogs and cold sodas for light lunches. The event was extremely well-attended, much to the delight of both lodges, considering

this was a first time for such an activity.

On May 27, the 6th District Blue Lodge Council met at the Manchester Masonic Center. The meeting started with a hot dog and hamburger picnic enjoyed by brothers representing every lodge in the district.

At an earlier meeting, RW Don Dean had challenged each lodge to see who would have the greatest number of members registered for the "Walk for Life" sponsored by Masonicare. He pledged \$200 toward the "Walk" in the name of the winning lodge. Washington-Evergreen Lodge No. 88, South Windsor, matched Don's pledge and challenge with another \$200.

Friendship Tuscan's WM Scott T. Reid was proud to present The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut representative Danielle Thibault with the \$400 for having Friendship Tuscan Lodge register 21 brothers and family members.

Friendship Tuscan No. 145 also put out a call for brothers to "revive" a Masonic custom by marching in the Manchester Memorial Day Parade. Sixteen



Danielle Thibault, special events coordinator for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, accepts a check from RW Don Dean, left, and WM Scott Reid for the Quality of Life Walk.

members lined up at the staging area, and with proper authority, marched down Main Street with jewels and aprons. Worshipful Master Scott Reid, formally dressed in tuxedo and top hat and jewel of the Master, led the contingent of brothers.



WM Scott T. Reid (with top hat) leads the lodge contingent in the Manchester Memorial Day parade.

photo by Richard Clark

DISTRICT No. 8

(a) RW Robert A. Veneziano, DD • WB Richard B. Lord, AGM
(b) RW I. William Clark, DD • WB Carl J. Mossberg, AGM

Thanks, Brothers

by Roger L. Bittinger

I am presently deployed to Afghanistan with the US Navy SeaBees. I am a Construction Mechanic First Class and a reservist recalled to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I departed

from Connecticut at the end of December 2009 and should be returning from Afghanistan by Thanksgiving of this year.

Recently I received two huge boxes of items from my mother lodge, Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34, Preston,

and Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116, Montville. Items such as: toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby wipes, "tons" of beef jerky, trail mix, and other snacks.

All my fellow SeaBees wish to thank all the brothers and their families for their support of the troops forward deployed in harm's way. These items are always a welcome reminder of

home and loved ones far away.

Please pass on my sincere gratitude to all and especially to the Worshipful Masters of these two lodges, whom I know personally.

Very sincerely,
Constuction Mechanic First Class, Roger L. Bittinger
US Navy SeaBees, Afghanistan

Coastal Lodge Awards 2010 Scholarships

by Jon Wilson

The 2010 Masonic Scholarships, funded by Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, recognized seniors from area high schools who reside in the members' communities. Students needed to demonstrate active participation in civic or community activities, community service, good scholarship, and school involvement.

Raysa Florentino has received all-star area recognition for outdoor track and field, as well as MVP for indoor track and field. She was a member of the 4x400 team that currently

holds the school record at Fitch Senior High School. She has participated in the "Apprentice Challenge" for marketing, and has been a member of the senior student leadership, math team, multicultural club, Spanish club, and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). She volunteered in a home for the elderly in Costa Rica, and as a coach for middle school track and field and at a local elementary school thru TAP (the Teacher Assistance Program). Miss Florentino plans to attend Southern Connecticut State University and major in French

and international business.

Skylar Bareford is co-captain of the basketball and cross country teams, member of the softball team, yearbook staff, and varsity club at Stonington High School. She has volunteered at the Groton Bible Chapel in the "Going Deeper" program and at Malta, which involves service to the homeless. She works with residents of the Groton Regency and Fairview Oddfellows Home, and has volunteered at Special Olympics and the Pawcatuck

Neighborhood Center. She has received the St. Michael's College, Yale, and Mount Holyoke College book awards, each recognizing excellence in academics, leadership, and personal character. A member of the National Honor Society, Miss Bareford plans to attend Gordon College and major in health and wellness.

Other scholarship recipients were Alexandra Conklin, Wheeler High School and Ashley Morgan, Ledyard High School.



Raysa Florentino, with her stepfather Daniel Tarasevich, holds her scholarship certificate.



Coastal Lodge's Jonathan Wilson presents Skylar Bareford with her scholarship certificate.

Duke Goes Clamming



by Dave Lersch

Bro. Duke went clamming in the Niantic River. He had an absolute ball scratching and digging in the sand and mud despite the fact that he ended up with a light catch. In this picture he's holding the very first clam that he's ever taken. It is understood that this is the first time in his life, 78 years, that he's gone clamming.

After digging this clam, he raked up another 4 cherrystones and quahogs. The weather might have looked very mild, but there was a bit of a chill in the air.

Also, the attire was evidence of a true gentleman clammer... waders and a bow tie!

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

The smoke has cleared, and the Spring reunion becomes history! The transition of our leadership leaves us with a bright future. While the summer season is traditionally one of rest from our labors, most assuredly it is not a time of darkness in the Valley of New Haven.

The leadership of the Valley of New Haven has always commanded much attention, and this year is no exception. Our Valley is a leader in many respects, and it's due to you pulling together to boost our membership, offer our finest performances for our reunions, and be among the leaders who respond to the Blue Envelope Appeal of our Supreme Council. You should have all received the latest mailing asking our support of our Supreme Council Charities. Please respond and continue to bring us closer to a cure for schizophrenia, support

for the Abbott Scholarship, The Museum of Our National History, and our Learning Centers for children with dyslexia. We are especially proud of our Waterbury school, the students we've sponsored, and our scholarship awardees. So, don't let the opportunity to help these worthy causes pass you by. Respond to your Blue Envelope, now!

The Valley of New Haven was honored when our Deputy, James R. Spencer, Jr., presiding as Commander-in-Chief, opened the 131st Session of The Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in Niantic, on Friday, June 12. The climax of the day's proceedings was when the new Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Awardees were announced by their respective valleys. Crowned with his new Red Cap was a very surprised Elliot J. Wilcox.

Congratulations!

Our summer picnic is next on Saturday, July 24, and it runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's filled with the three "f"'s we all know and love so much – food, fun, and fraternalism! You'll also get to meet our scholarship awardees and their families. Last year's MSA, Bob DiPasquale, is running the show as Family Life Chairman. So, get a hold of Bob and put your reservations in now. Remember, it's a family picnic, so bring everybody (just tell Bob how many), and prospects for Masonry or the Scottish Rite are always in season. If they can't come, just bring their signed petitions!

Stay tuned to hear about our Fall Reunion and occurrences from our next Supreme Council session.

Have a great Summer!

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

On behalf of the roughly 1,100+ members of the Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R., congratulations are extended to Bro. Alan J. Cunningham, the Valley's 2010 recipient of the Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Award. At the same time we would like to congratulate the 23 young men and ladies who are this year's recipients of either a Scottish Rite Supreme Council Leon M. Brown Scholarship or a Valley of Hartford scholarship to continue their college education in an accredited college or university. These scholarships are awarded each year to children or grandchildren of living or deceased members of the Scottish Rite who meet the necessary requirements and submit their applications on time with the necessary support documents.

Now the summer season is upon us. Our annual Scottish Rite picnic and ballgame at the

Rock Cats stadium is behind us; the 2nd Annual 5K Road Race to the benefit the Scottish Rite Learning Center for Children with Dyslexia, on July 24, is our next major event. Why not join us at the Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite Cathedral that Saturday morning and lend a helping hand if you can. Or perhaps pick your favorite runner, either Ill. Bro. Howard Turner, 33°, or Ill. Bro. David Sharkis, 33°, Scottish Rite Active for the State of Connecticut, and cheer him on. Loser of the race has promised to make a sizable contribution to this worthwhile Scottish Rite Charity.

This brings us to September, and hopefully another successful start to our fall degree schedule. However, in order for it to be successful we need candidates. So as you return to your Blue Lodges, seek out those brethren whom you feel would make a good

Scottish Rite candidate, a brother who might be interested in seeing more light in Masonry. It all begins on Thursday, September 16 with Candidate Information Night, starting at 7:30 p.m., however applications for the class will be accepted up until the night of September 23, when the degree schedule actually begins.

For those who are not members and want more information about the Scottish Rite, its fraternal fellowship, or questions about our charities, activities, degree work, and what benefits are associated with belonging to the Scottish Rite, we have informational DVDs available for the asking. Please contact the Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite office any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00 a.m. and noon at 860-666-0712, or email us at sect@snet.net to request a DVD, or visit our website at www.valleyofhartford.org.



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For further information, please contact
Valley Secretary Ill. Vernon K. Cleaves, 33° at 203-269-0336
or any member of the Valley.

Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

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.
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Sunday, July 4, (ME), (MP), (RE), , Happy Fourth of July !

Saturday, July 10, (MP), (RE), , Knights Templar family picnic, Ashlar Village, 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 18, (ME), (MP), (RE), Halleck Chapter No. 44 and Menunketuck Council No. 36, Madison, family picnic, Guilford Yacht Club, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 14, (RE), Grand Commandery Knights Templar officers family picnic and meeting. Saunders residence, 1:00 p.m.

Coming Up

September 11, Northeast Department conference for Grand Commandery officers, Albany, New York, 8:00 a.m.

Ocotober 21, Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Meriden, Knights at Table, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Sir Knights only

KNIGHT TEMPLAR FAMILY PICNIC

Make your reservations with REGC Jack Stevens for the Grand Commandery picnic to be held on the grounds at Ashlar Village on Sunday, 10 July. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs starting at 11:00 am, cost is \$10. Games available for kids. Bring the whole family.

MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC IN GUILFORD

St. Alban's Lodge No. 38, Halleck Chapter 44 and Menunketuck Council 36 will gather for a family picnic at the Guilford Yacht Club, 379 New Whitfield Street, Guilford, at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 18. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$45 per couple: choices are steak or lobster. Children 12 and under are free for hot dogs and hamburgers per paid adult ticket. Corn on the cob, clam chowder, salads and dessert. For tickets, contact MPMG Jim Kleinkauf at jkleinkauf@comcast.net.

Darien York Rite Bodies Celebrate Ladies Night

Recognizing how much their ladies give up so they can work in the quarries of York Rite Masonry, the members of the York Rite Bodies of Darien decided it was high time to celebrate these amazing women. And so, on Thursday, June 10, High Priest George Cronk of Rittenhouse Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Thrice Illustrious Master James Fahy of Washington Council, Royal & Select Masters, and Eminent Commander Charles O'Neill of Stamford-Clinton Commandery, Knights Templar hosted a celebration of their ladies at the apartments of the Chapter in Darien.

The ladies were first treated to a gourmet dinner and were then invited into the lodge room to be the guests of honor for a presentation of the Mother's Degree by the Grand officers of Connecticut Rainbow for Girls. As part of the degree each lady in attendance was given a flower by the girls.

The lodge room was packed to capacity with the members, their ladies, the Rainbow Girls and their parents/advisors and everyone had a memorable evening. Mom Anne Needham asked each of the Rainbow Grand officers to introduce themselves and where they were from. It was clear that many had travelled a great distance to help in this celebration.

Eminent Commander O'Neill, speaking for the three York Rite presiding officers, congratulated the Rainbow Girls on their excellent portrayal of the

Mother's Degree. He offered the grateful appreciation of all the men for the ladies in their lives and their support of us, after which he invited all to retire to the dining room for dessert.



Officers of the Grand Assembly of Connecticut Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the ladies of Darien York Rite bodies.

Craft at Labor...

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

Saturday, July 10, Meridian No. 77,
Meriden, 9:00 AM, lodge room in the
Hartog Center at Ashlar Village

Saturday, July 10, Washington No. 81,
Cromwell, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21, Union No. 5,
Stamford

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Saturday, August 7, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, 8:00 a.m.

Monday, August 9, Washington No. 19,
Monroe, 6:30 p.m. dinner

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Wednesday, July 14, Wooster No. 79, New
Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, York Rite College

Saturday, July 17, Temple No. 16, Cheshire
Saturday, July 31, Temple No. 16, Cheshire

Craft at Refreshment...

Thursday, July 1, Somerset-St. James
No. 34, Preston, 8:00 a.m. breakfast,
8th Masonic District breakfast, Groton
Townhouse Restaurant

Thursday, July 1, Union No. 31, Niantic,
6:00 p.m. dogs, burgers, chili

Saturday, July 3, Washington No. 70,
Windsor, 1:00 p.m., summer picnic at Sun
Valley Beach and Resort, Stafford Springs

Sunday, July 4, Temple No. 16, Cheshire,
annual flag count

Saturday, July 10, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, wives appreciation dinner

Saturday, July 10, Corinthian No. 104,
Fairfield, 12:00 noon picnic

Monday, July 12, Washington No. 19,
Monroe, 6:30 p.m. dinner, computer
presentation, lodge of instruction

Sunday, July 18, Washington No. 19,
Monroe, 7:00 a.m. country breakfast

Sunday, July 18, St. Alban's No. 38,
Branford, 1:00 p.m., surf-or-turf lobster
cookout at Guilford Yacht Club

Tuesday, July 20, Frederick-Franklin No.
14, Plainville, 6:00 p.m. pot luck picnic,
hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, sausage,
and drink provided

Wednesday, July 21, Corinthian No. 103,
North Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards
night

Thursday, July 22, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, blood drive

Saturday, July 24, Putnam No. 46, South
Woodstock, ice cream social

Monday, July 26, Evening Star
No. 101, Unionville, movie
night: *National Treasure*

Friday, July 30, Annawon
No. 115, Milford, 8th Annual
William A. Soderman Golf
Tournament, Pine Valley Golf
Club, Southington

Saturday, July 31, Meridian
No. 77, Meriden, 1:00 p.m.
bar-b-que at Nick Ives' house

Saturday, July 31, Universal Fraternity No.
149, Stratford, 11:00 a.m., annual family
picnic, Memorial Park, Stratford

Thursday, August 5, Union No. 31,
Niantic, 6:00 p.m., cookout

Thursday, August 5, Somerset-St. James
No. 34, Preston, breakfast at the Groton
Townhouse Restaurant.

Sunday, August 8, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, family picnic, Mixville Park
Sunday, August 8, Day Spring No. 30,
Hamden, 10:00 a.m. picnic, Community
Lake, Wallingford

Wednesday, August 11, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, ziti dinner

Saturday, August 14, Union No. 5,
Stamford, 11:00 a.m. Master's picnic

Saturday, August 14, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, burger and dogs night

Saturday, August 14, Federal No. 17,
Watertown, family picnic

Saturday, August 14, Friendship
Tuscan No. 145, Manchester,
2:00 p.m. picnic, Roger Celinski's,
Coventry Lake

Sunday, August 15, Washington
No. 19, Monroe, 7:00 a.m., country
breakfast

Tuesday, August 17, Frederick-
Franklin No. 14, Plainville, pot
luck picnic, hot dogs, hamburgers,
chicken, sausage and drink provided.

Saturday, August 21, Washington
No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m. work party

Saturday, August 21, Putnam No. 46,
South Woodstock, 4:30 p.m. family picnic,
hamburgers, chicken, drinks supplied,
please bring a salad or dessert

Saturday, August 21, Washington No. 81,
Cromwell, picnic at Mike Moody's

Monday, August 23, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, Two Ball Cane Golf Classic,
Wallingford Country Club

Monday, August 23, Evening Star No. 101,
Unionville, movie night: *National Treasure*

Saturday, August 28, Warren No. 51,
Portland, Tri-Lodge Open golf tournament

Saturday, August 28, Wolcott No. 60,
Stafford, 3:00 p.m. chicken bar-b-que

Saturday, August 28, Ashlar-Aspetuck No.
142, Easton, 2:00 p.m. picnic, picnic grove,
200 Center Road, Easton

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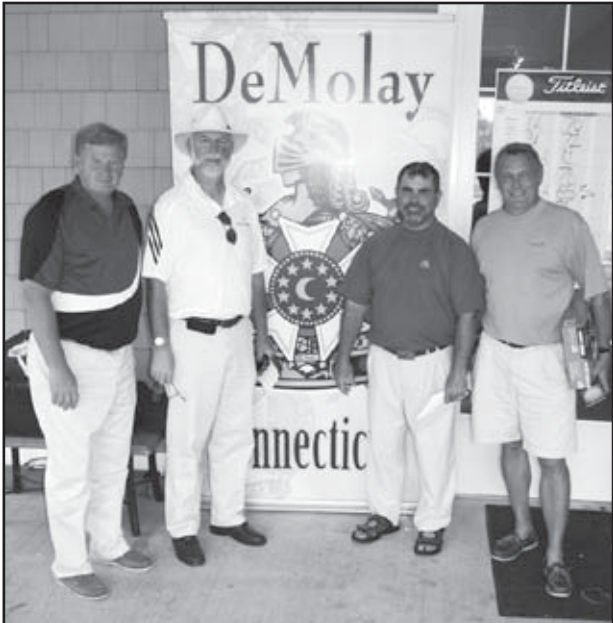
by Carl G. Ek

Beautiful and challenging Gillette Ridge Golf Club, Bloomfield – designed by famed golfer Bro. Arnold Palmer – was the site the second annual Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament on June 14. A warm, breezy Monday saw 62 golfers set out in a shotgun start to raise money for Connecticut DeMolay and the Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc., and for a day of fun and fellowship.

RW Christopher J. Earle, an Active Member of DeMolay International, former Executive Officer of Connecticut DeMolay, and vice president of the Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, again chaired the highly successful event. Despite world economic problems, golfers increased by 35% from last year's 46 players. Net income to benefit DeMolay youth programs also showed an outstanding increase: the net income of \$10,250 was an increase of 44% over last year's total. In two years, this tournament has netted DeMolay over \$17,000.

For the second year, Past State Master Councilor and WB Art and Linda Stauff were tournament sponsors, this year joined by NewAlliance Bank. Gold sponsors were Hiram Lodge No. 1 and Wooster Lodge No. 79 of New Haven and Unity Lodge No. 148 of New Britain. Wooster Lodge, the Stern family of Hamden and Reno, Nevada, and Masonicare, Inc. also sponsored tournament prizes.

In only its second year of operation, the tournament had two vehicles donated



Defending their championship at the second annual Connecticut DeMolay golf tournament, held again at the beautiful and challenging Gillette Ridge Golf Tournament in Newington, was the foursome of Sandy Larson, Scott Goodrich, Scott A. Bishel, and Dana Weber. The team finished second on a card match, but Connecticut DeMolay was the real winner, netting \$10,250 in its second tournament.

as hole-in-one prizes at par 3 holes. The McDermott Auto Group of East Haven and Scranton Motors of Vernon offered a pair of 2010 models to skillful and lucky golfers. Sadly, both cars went back to their respective lots at the end of the day.

Nearly 50 businesses and individuals were tee sponsors, provided raffle prizes,



Hiram Lodge No. 1 of New Haven was one of three lodges serving as 'Gold Sponsors' for the 2nd Annual Connecticut Golf Tournament, and they also provided the winning foursome, based on matched cards. Kneeling is Worshipful Master RW Bob Moon; the winning team was composed of (from left) WB Martin Ede, Joe Mattie, and Bros. Ed Sass and Tom Selmont. Bro. Sass also won several individual awards at the tournament.

and offered bag stuffers for all of the golfers. These were generally solicited by tournament committee members, including Foundation treasurer Scott Bishel, Chris Buck, Gordon Candee, Tim Cavanaugh, Foundation director Carl Ek, Sal Ferrigno, PGM George S. Greytak, Cathy Mallory, DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III, Bill Rompe, David Stern, and registrar Dori Stern. Prizes were distributed during the excellent buffet dinner that followed the day of golf.

A pair of foursomes tied for first, shooting a 6-underpar 65 for the tourney. Based on matching cards, the Gillette Ridge pro shop deemed the winners a Hiram Lodge No. 1 foursome, with the defending champion Smith & Bishel Hardware team adjudged second. Finishing third was a Wooster Lodge No. 79 team, 2 strokes behind.

Connecticut DeMolay will host its third annual Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament on Monday, June 13, 2011, once again at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield. Anyone interested in reserving a playing space for next year's tournament, or seeking information about sponsoring next year's tournament, should drop a note to the Campaign for Connecticut DeMolay, PO Box 8832, New Haven, CT 06532, or an email to chairman Chris Earle at c.earle@newalliancebank.com.

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There was a poll on the Grand Lodge website (www.ctfreemasons.net). Since May 25, the poll collected the opinions of 141 voters asking if they would pay \$10 more for a hard cover ritual book..

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No.....	59	42%

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.

Congratulations!

On Saturday, June 19 Bro. Bruce R. Bellmore, RW Grand Chaplain, received the Sacrament of Holy Ordination at the Church of the Resurrection, Ansonia, and was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Catholic Church. Congratulations, Father Bruce!



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