



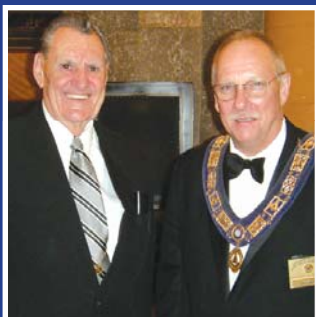
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Monday, January 3, 7:00 p.m.	Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Walingford, installation	SP	Ref	F
Tuesday, January 4, 7:30 p.m.	Adelphi Momauguin Lodge No. 63, North Haven, installation	SP	N	F
Wednesday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.	Corinthian Lodge No. 103, installation	SP	Y	F
Friday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, installation	SP	N	F
Saturday, January 8, 12:00 noon	Trumbull Lodge No. 22, New Haven, installation	SP	N	F
Saturday, January 8, 3:00 p.m.	Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, installation	SP	Y	F
Sunday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.	Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, installation	SP	Ref	F
Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.	Moriah Lodge No. 15, Brooklyn, presentation of jewels	N	N	F
Saturday, January 15, 11:00 a.m.	St. Albans Lodge No. 38, Branford, installation	SP	N	F
Saturday, January 15, 7:30 p.m.	Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149, Stratford	N	N	F
Tuesday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.	Awards committee, Wallingford	N	N	C
Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.	Orange Lodge No. 143, Milford, installation	SP	N	F
Monday, January 24, 4:00 p.m.	Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Wallingford	N	N	C
Wednesday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	N	Y	C



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Every Master, Every Lodge, Every Year

by Carl G. Ek

Ever hear of the Master's Achievement Award?

If you said "no," it wouldn't be a surprise. If you've never served as Worshipful Master of a lodge, never attended an officer training seminar offered by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, the MAA might never have been brought to your attention.

It's been around in one form or another for more than 40 years, begun in the 1960's by what was then the committee on "Masonic Culture and Public Relations." In its earliest format, the MAA was competitive. Lodges were divided by size into four categories and those judged 'best' based on their submissions at the close of the year were presented a recognition plaque.

Of course, there were problems with this format. Some lodges did not feel that it appropriate to 'compete' against brother lodges as to who could be more 'Masonic.' Others felt the divisions made it impossible for them to qualify – a lodge of more than 1,000 members (yes, there were giants in those days!) that had 30-40% of their membership permanently retired to the Sun Belt had no chance of reaching some attendance requirements of the original program.

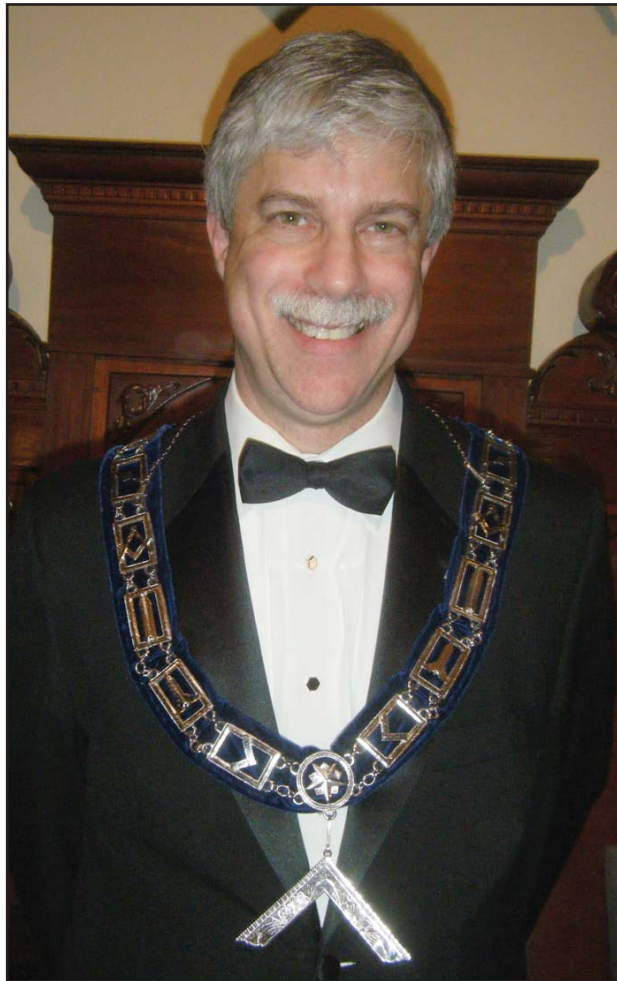
Changes occurred. By the 1970's, the MAA was repositioned so that "every Master in every lodge in every year" could earn the MAA. That is still the goal of the Education Committee.

But what is the MAA, and why should lodges and Masters consider applying for the recognition?

The MAA, in its most basic description, is a tool for lodge program planning. It is long recognized that not every brother who reaches the Oriental Chair is experienced in running a small business. Yet each year, we ask a Master to oversee the 'business' that is his lodge – including its finances (budgeting), personnel (officer appointment and training), communications (trestleboards and related material), and, often, real estate management.

Some lodges have a strong corps of people who assist the officers and help to train them during their passage through the subordinate offices. Other new Masters are not as fortunate.

And while the Master may have received some introduction to these duties on his way through the line, there is nothing that quite prepares a man for the responsibilities he assumes when the crown is placed upon his head, the gavel in his hands, and the installing officer say, in effect, "It's all yours."



Our Cover...

WB Bill Hillman installed as Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 18, Sandy Hook. Brother Bill should have a most interesting submission for the Master's Achievement Award when his year in the East is finished.

A prospective Master who attends CME seminars on his trek to the East, and who employs the MAA format, will feel far less trepidation when that moment comes. He knows that he has planned "a well-rounded program that will encourage greater participation in the activities of the Lodge, thereby enhancing the reputation and strength of the Fraternity as a whole."

He will have prepared a term outline which includes: degree work; lodge programs, including Masonic education; social functions on a lodge and district basis; special outreach events for the lodge 'family' and community; youth activities; communication; and, of course, Grand Lodge events. The outline will probably need changes during the year, but a wise person once said, "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

The MAA takes nothing away from local traditions that a Master wishes to continue. The MAA encourages Masters to broaden local programs to be more inclusive.

The MAA has few absolute requirements.

Any 'required' items – submitting reports to Grand Lodge, attending Grand Lodge communications, and exemplifying degree work – are expected of all lodges, whether or not they participate in the MAA.

So why are there far fewer participants now than in decades past?

That's hard to understand. In the 1980's and 1990's, CME members would attend awards ceremonies at 25-30 lodges – annually! – to present MAA's. The now-Past Master received a personal plaque attesting to his work, and his name was added to a lodge plaque noting all past MAA recipients. If the lodge was a first-time recipient, a new lodge plaque was presented with the original recipient's name listed first. The Master also received back his 'book of memories' of his year, a scrapbook used by the committee to confirm the scoring submitted by the Master in his award application.

Some lodges feel that the MAA is such a valuable tool that officers coming up the line are expected to participate in the program. These lodges have one or even two full plaques displayed on their walls, a proud reminder of decades of excellent leadership. Other lodges have never participated in the program.

Some Masters have probably been discouraged from considering the MAA by respected local lodge brothers. "We don't need that," they've told incoming Masters. "We know how to run our own programs."

Perhaps that's true. Perhaps there hasn't been enough emphasis on the MAA by District Deputies and at Blue Lodge Council meetings. Perhaps Masters are so tired when they leave the East that there's no energy left to assemble and submit the scrapbook and scoring form, which is easily updated at the end of every month.

None of these excuses are legitimate.

Every Master of every lodge in every year should make the effort to improve his lodge – or bring that lodge appropriate recognition for its good works – by participating in the MAA. Every lodge officer should ask its Masters – outgoing and incoming – how they're coming with their MAA submission. (An offer to assist would also be welcome.)

Consider how much improvement there might be in lodge programming and activity if every Master in every lodge in every year applied for the MAA. Consider how this might improve attendance and even increase petitions at lodge. Consider what a legacy a Master could establish by incorporating the MAA into his lodge's program planning...

Every Master in every lodge in every year. What's holding your lodge back?

Grand Master's Message

Brethren,

Many of you have heard me quote our ritual to impress a point. It is what we use to teach the principles that make us Masons.

I am particularly drawn to our installation ceremony, which explains the duties of the members of a lodge, from the Master down to the Historian and Organist, and the brethren. The Charges at the end of the ceremony, to the Master, the Wardens, the Officers, and the Brethren, point out the duties we, in our different capacities within the lodge, owe to the Fraternity.

The Master is to "forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry, and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it." The Wardens are admonished that "it is only by a due observance of the laws in your own conduct, that you can expect obedience to them by others." The other officers are reminded that "each office, each duty in a Masonic Lodge is important, so important that carelessness, indifference and neglect, cannot be tolerated." And, finally, to the brethren, that they should "rejoice that we have this rich heritage to enjoy. May you individually long enjoy every satisfaction and delight that disinterested friendship can afford."

"Disinterested friendship" is a peculiar phrase that almost

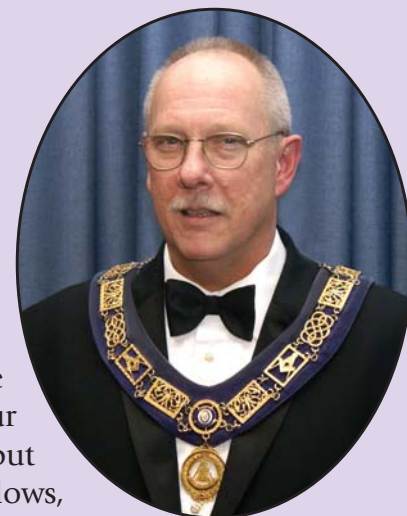
seems to contradict itself. Just what does it mean? In my opinion, it expresses the essence of Masonry. We are friends, and brothers, not because of what we can do for each other, but just because we ARE brothers. We shouldn't join our fraternity for what we can gain, but for what we have to offer to our fellows, and a genuine interest in the welfare of mankind.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and hope that you all truly live the principles of Masonry.

Fraternally,



Charles A. Buck, Jr.
Grand Master



PLEASE – Stand up and be counted!

by Richard F. Denno

Now is the time to stand up and be counted! Many Freemasons already have, through the Connecticut Motor

Vehicle Department, registered as organ/tissue/eye donors. After all, if you weren't a quality, caring person, you probably would not have joined our fraternity, would you?

Since the inception of the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program, the committee has made presentations in over 40 lodges. While the speakers have given the www.donatelifenewengland.org website to register online, many brothers may have thought, "I already have a heart on my driver's license, so I don't need to go online and register," and they would be correct. On



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behalf of the members of the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program, thank you very much for your generous gift. If the occasion arises where someone's life could be saved with a donated organ, your kind gesture could be the one that saves one or more lives. You have done your job!

Since you have already committed to possibly saving someone else's life upon your own death, would you please take just one more step — register on the www.donatelifenewengland.org website. Why should you do that? There are three good

reasons. First, the online registry gives you the opportunity to register 'in the name or memory of a loved one.' Second, you can eliminate certain organs from your gift, should that be your desire. Both options are not available with the Motor Vehicle Department's registration form.

The third reason involves your Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program. The online registry asks, 'How did you hear of the registry?' If you click 'civic/club organization,' and click the next box, the only name that appears is **Freemasons**. By clicking that box, you are telling Donate Life that you are a proud Freemason, making a difference in this noble work.

If you are not a registered organ donor, now is the perfect time to check in online and join the many Freemasons who have made the lifesaving decision to make a difference in someone else's life.

Please stand up and be counted as a caring Connecticut Freemason by registering online at www.donatelifenewengland.org.

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Dick Fletcher Receives Case Award from MLR

by Michael L. Castroll

On October 30, Masonic Lodge of Research celebrated the bestowal of her highest honor, the James Royal Case Fellowship, to her nineteenth recipient, MW Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association of North America.

MW Charles A. Buck, Jr., a member of MLR, was on hand to greet Brother Fletcher, as well as a contingent of Vermont Past Grand Masters.

Formal festivities were convened by RW Bradley K. Cooney, WM of MLR. RW Ronald M Goldwyn, secretary of MLR, read the citation. Bro. Goldwyn reinstituted the Case Fellowship during his term as Master of MLR in 2000.

Then, MW Richard E. Fletcher took the podium. As he spoke, stillness filled the lodge room. Each Case Fellow presents an original production indicative of their interests in research Masonry. Dick Fletcher did not disappoint the crowd. His original paper was titled "Tantalizing Tidbits From Masonic History." In it, he provides new insights into Galileo's dispute with the Church; London's Royal Society and the quest for Masonic identities for some of its more prominent members, as well as that of King James VI of Scotland, later to become James I of England; and a view on the Prestonian Lectures. One of his key sources was an edition compiled by the late Harry Carr, one time librarian of Quator Coronati Lodge No. 2076, in London, England, and a recipient of the Case Fellowship.

Bro. Cooney then presented Bro. Fletcher with a copy of his citation, a certificate created by RW Bro. Goldwyn, and a medal attesting to his new status as a Case Fellow.

RW James Royal Case was a pioneer in many respects. A graduate of the Agricultural College of Connecticut (now UConn), he was raised a Master Mason in Uriel Lodge No. 24,



Vermont Past Grand Masters turned out in force to see one of their own receive the Case Award. From left, Brian L. Carley; Richard Fletcher; Connecticut Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr.; Calvin Keyler; and John R. Campbell, Jr.

Merrow, in 1918. A leader in the 4-H movement, he rose to the top in every one of his endeavors. Considered Grand Historian 20 years before the position existed, the official title seemed invented just for him in 1953. He would become known as the Grand Historiographer of Connecticut. That title, although peculiar to the Grand Commandery, was his after he carved his niche in all of our grand bodies. His works are universally well known and unsurpassed.

As a result of Brother Case's steadfastness and leadership in researching, writing for posterity, and speaking about all facets of Masonic history, it was unanimously decided by the Masonic Lodge of Research to honor our Grand Historian: the James Royal Case Fellowship was presented to him as the first recipient as a recognition of his labors, and to inspire other brothers to emulate his example.

Bro. Fletcher followed the path of the second Case Fellow, MW Conrad Hahn, Grand Master in 1957 and later Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. Richard E. Fletcher was born October 12, 1934, in Malden, Massachusetts; his early years were spent in Belvedere,

Vermont. He continued his education at the American Institute of Banking, and the Dale Carnegie School before serving in the US Navy during the Korean War. After his tour of duty, Dick pursued a career as a commercial banker with the Chittenden Bank for 31 years. In 1960, Dick married Judith Irish. This union produced four sons and one daughter, who have provided them with six grandsons and five granddaughters.

Brother Fletcher was made an Entered Apprentice one day after his birthday in 1956 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 4, 1956 in Burlington Lodge No. 100, Burlington, Vermont. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1963. In 1972, Dick became Right Worshipful District Deputy of Vermont's District 5 and was then appointed Grand Lecturer. Following up the ladder, he served as Vermont's Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1980-1983.

Dick was coronated a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. His awards and other honors are numerous, and well earned. He has also been a member of E.J. Wildeblood Lodge of Research.

When Brother Fletcher retired it was the good fortune of the Masonic Service Association that his availability made him a willing and able servant of the craft. For the last 22 years, he has directed the Veterans Administration Hospital Visitation Program, as well as diligently maintaining the Short Talk Bulletins that come out each month. When the passing of MW Thomas Dougherty created the void in the Executive Secretary's office, it was MW Richard Fletcher at hand to carve a new niche into the Masonic Service Association.

Quator Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, is considered the template for research lodges. In 1942, with Philosophic Lodge of Research was chartered with MW Thomas M. Desmond sitting in the east. In 1971, MLR chose to honor Brother James Royal Case, and make it a continuing tribute.

Masonic Lodge of Research is alone in presenting a recognition named from one of Masonry's most renowned writers. As such, it salutes MW Richard E. Fletcher for having earned the rank and title of James Royal Case Fellow!



Masonic Lodge of Research Worshipful Master Brad Cooney, left, presents various tokens to the clearly delighted newly created James Royal Case Fellow, MW Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America.

"A Time to Every Purpose under Heaven"

From the 3rd Chapter of Ecclesiastes:

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,*
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,*
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,*
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them"*

New Year is the traditional time when people consider their past and make resolutions about changing their lives for the better. We reflect upon our successes and failures, things we should have done and things we shouldn't have done, those who entered our lives, and those who have departed. If you are like me, you won't have any problem finding things that you need to focus on in the coming year.

Freemasonry is considered a system of morality. It teaches us how to be better men. I have frequently used Masonic illustrations in my sermons and find an inexhaustible wealth

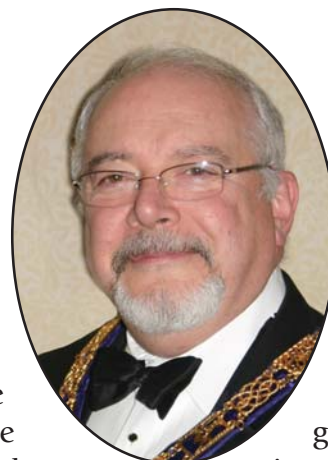
of knowledge available for growth and understanding. The Biblical teachings contained within our rituals provide a firm foundation upon which to build our conduct and character. The problem comes when we leave the lodge room. The lessons are often left at the door and the Masonic lessons of toleration and brotherhood are forgotten in our daily lives. We need to bring the lessons with us into the world and reflect on how our actions affect not only our own lives but those around us.

During the holidays, one of the cable networks ran a marathon showing of the movie "Scrooged." For those of you who are not familiar with the film, it is a modern retelling of the Dickens's classic, *A Christmas Carol*. In the movie, Bill Murray plays Frank Cross, a totally reprehensible network executive, who like our old friend Ebenezer Scrooge, is visited by the ghost of one of his mentors and three ghosts representing Christmas – past, present, and future. Like Scrooge he ultimately

finds repentance and redemption. He then says one of my favorite lines from any of the Scrooge movies: "it's Christmas Eve... it's the one night of the year we all act a little nicer. We smile a little easier. We cheer a little more.

For a couple hours out of the whole year... we are the people that we always hoped we would be. It's a miracle!"

Hopefully, none of us will have to be visited by apparitions to consider how our lives and actions affect those around us and the consequences of our actions. Let us remember the



lessons we are taught in Masonry and always be ready to turn to the greatest light in Freemasonry – the Holy Bible – for guidance when we are in doubt. Let us resolve that this year, we will all try to act a little nicer, smile a little easier, and cheer a little more. This year, let each of us make a resolution to be the people we always hoped we would be and let us make it last for more than just a couple of hours during the holidays – let us make it last for the whole year. God Bless!

Governor Rell Issues Proclamation



November is National Home Care and Hospice Month. This year, Governor M. Jodi Rell issued proclamations declaring November to be Hospice and Palliative Care Month and Home Care Month in the state of Connecticut. Pictured with the proclamation plaques in the governor's office are, left to right: Donna Dow-Conklin, hospice clinical director at Masonicare Partners; Mary Lou Roos, executive director, Masonicare Home Health; Susan Adams, regional vice president for clinical services; Governor Rell; Carolyn Reid, executive director for Masonicare Partners; Patricia Garren, hospice director; and Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare.



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Jane Tommaselli Sets The Bar

by Adam Raider

The Dementia Care Unit at Masonicare Health Center (MHC) is widely acknowledged to be among the best in Connecticut. People familiar with the unit insist that's due in large measure to the leadership, compassion, and experience of clinical nurse manager Jane Tommaselli.

"Everybody loves Jane and we are all so lucky to work with her," says Beverly Bryda, director of social services at MHC. "I always tell families that I believe the clinical nurse manager sets the tone and the bar for the unit. Part of the reason it is so successful and has such a nurturing quality is because of Jane, her expectations, and the example she sets."

The daughter of a minister, Jane was first inspired to pursue a career in nursing while accompanying her father on visits to nursing homes in their native West Virginia.

"My father would hold little church services and I would play the piano so everyone could sing hymns," she recalls. "Some of the residents looked so sad. I knew then that I wanted to take care of older adults and let them know they're not forgotten."

With the exception of a two-year stint in acute care, Jane has spent the last two decades working with seniors. Since joining Masonicare in December 2001, she can't imagine working anywhere else.

"There is no comparison to Masonicare," she says. "This is THE place. There's a standard of care here that I believe in. Masonicare's values and beliefs are my values and beliefs. It's obvious that Masonicare loves its patients because of how well those patients are treated. The company takes care of its staff, too. In the long run, that benefits everyone."

Jane is speaking less about herself than about her co-workers and others who work in this challenging but rewarding field when she comments that it takes a special person to care for Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

"You have to be good at one-on-one interaction, you have to have patience, you have to know when to back off, and you need to know how to communicate," she explains. "Patients can't always tell you what's bothering them. But once in a while, you'll

see a change in their face. They might go from a grimace to a smile, or just reach over and touch you. And they know you care about them. That's enough. You don't need a lot to remind you how rewarding it is. The nurses and staff at Masonicare are very good at what they do because they can tell, from day to day, how a patient is doing by following those changes in body language. I'm always sure to praise the staff here for their ability to do that, and I let them know that there are a lot of people out there who can't do what they do."

That often includes being a source of comfort for the family members of Alzheimer's and dementia patients. The reality that a loved one has such a devastating illness can trigger a wide range of emotions including fear, sadness, confusion, and anger. Jane and her staff make an effort to ease that burden.

"You see that the family members of Alzheimer's and dementia patients are tortured," Jane says. "They struggle with the changes they see in their loved ones, and feel hopeless because they know that their loved ones aren't going to get better. We try to be a huge support for them as well. We're like counselors for them sometimes, taking time to talk with them and spend time with them, helping get them through whatever it is that's bothering them."

For others, the peace of mind that comes from knowing their loved ones are well taken care of is the best therapy.

"Dealing with a parent suffering from dementia is heart-wrenching," says Carol King, daughter of a Dementia Care Unit resident. "However, knowing that my mother is in the best place



Jane Tommaselli

possible with Jane and her staff lessens that sadness. It's the little extras that the caregivers offer my mother that mean so much to me — the decorations in her room, her favorite foods, the pair of beads that always adorn her dress, and Jane in a Santa hat singing holiday songs. I could go on and on. My mother is always treated with dignity and respect, and although her dementia may prevent her from knowing that, I know, and I am so grateful to Jane for her warmth and her kindness."

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We celebrate a new year and project ahead to January. Our youngest Grand Master on record to date was Howard Ensign who was only 33 when he was elected to the Grand East. Hartford Lodge No. 88 had the most candidates raised in one year — 160 in 1921.

In second place is Annawon Lodge No. 115 — 148 in 1920. To my knowledge no lodge has surpassed those figures in a single year. The Grand Treasurer in 1933 served only twelve days as he died less than two weeks after his election. MW Sherwood Raymond, Grand Master in 1932, descended from the East on February 2, 1933 and was elected Grand Treasurer that same day. His sudden passing came on February 14 and was a great shock to the state and to Freemasonry.



brothers is part of that job. My conversations with both MW Gail and Fred were informative and educational. I will miss those conversations, especially with MW Fred, who I had the chance to talk with at various Masonic events.

It is therefore the job of the historian to sift through records to remind those present today about the Masonic careers

of those that have passed on. World War II was one of the deadliest wars in the world and the individual stories that did not make it to the history books are being lost every day as those brave soldiers go to their eternal reward.

Modern technology, like video cameras and oral histories, can preserve many memories. With all this in our minds, it is vitally important that a historian be appointed in every lodge, not necessarily one who is interested in ritual work or governing the lodge in leadership capacities, but one who is willing to record present history and go in search for history that has been forgotten.

Does the craft within your lodge know why the ashlar is in a particular spot and dedicated to some long since forgotten individual? Who was this man and why did he mean so much to the lodge at that time is a good question to start your research.



We found two facts regarding masonry in an obscure newspaper publication which remains untitled, but contains some interesting facts in a scrapbook.

For all submariners in 1939, during the Japanese invasion of the British naval base at Wei-Hai-Wei, China, the Senior Warden of Daintree Lodge No. 2938 smuggled the charter to safety aboard a submarine. He was

Mohammed Nemazee, a brother from India. Eleven years earlier in 1928 the Grand Lodge of California opened a special communication for the laying of a cornerstone in a ladies powder room. The lodge room was so full that the Grand Master had to retire the Grand Lodge officers to the powder room to open the Grand Lodge while the Grand Tiler held duty outside

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Reflections of a historian can often be boring to those who may not appreciate the value of history. As we begin a new year, it is important that each Masonic lodge have a historian to record the major events of the year, and to help illuminate the past to those who are present today. While the lodge historian is not part of the progressive line in a lodge, his importance and significance is vital to a lodge and to its administrative operations.



Reflecting on the year 2010, Freemasonry in Connecticut, saw the loss of two Past Grand Masters, MW Gail L Smith and MW Frederick H Lorenson. The

job of the historian in the lodge is to determine through research, conversation and observation, important facts relating to the lodge and the brotherhood. Talking to our



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DeMolay Advisors Honored in New Haven

by Carl G. Ek

Two 'moms' and two 'dads' were honored in recent DeMolay ceremonies in New Haven.

Advisors Janet Dunn and Dori Stern were presented the DeMolay Cross of Honor for outstanding work as advisors in New Haven Chapter and on the jurisdictional level. Mom Dunn is the chapter advisor for New Haven, while Mom Stern is the adult scribe and chapter treasurer. Both are regularly seen at local events and DeMolay activities all over Connecticut. Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III presented the medals to the moms, who were escorted during the ceremonies by their DeMolay sons. Jamie Dunn, III, and Ben Stern are both Past Master Councilors of New Haven Chapter who have served as state officers and honored with the Degree of Chevalier.

Advisors Vernon A. Conklin, Sr. and David O. Stern were created Honorary Legion of Honor members of DeMolay by a team led by Executive Officer Needham. (The term 'honorary' means that neither honoree was a DeMolay member in his youth.) Bro. Ben Stern conducted his

father, while Bro. Conklin was conducted by his son, DeMolay Past State Master Councilor and Chevalier Vernon A. Conklin, Jr.

Dad Stern is the advisory council chairman for New Haven Chapter and is completing his second term as Worshipful Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, the chapter's sponsoring body. He also serves as a DeMolay governor on Dad Needham's state staff. Dad Conklin served for nine years as chapter advisor for New Haven, as well as serving as state chapter dad for Connecticut DeMolay. He is now the Right Worshipful District Deputy for District 4-C for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Senior DeMolay and Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. led a full chapter room of dignitaries – including three Past Grand Masters – in commending these four highly dedicated advisors for their work with the young men who will lead our fraternity and the nation in the coming years. The evening was concluded by a sumptuous repast at which all had an opportunity to congratulate the honorees.



Brothers Benjamin Stern, left, and James E. Dunn, III, present their mothers, Dori Stern (second from left) and Janet Dunn to the altar to receive their DeMolay Cross of Honor during recent ceremonies held in New Haven.



As Deputy Executive Officer and Deputy Member of DeMolay International Gordon M. Candee holds the sword, Connecticut DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III prepares to create Dads David O. Stern and Vernon A. Conklin, Sr., members of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Standing at rear is Bro. Ben Stern, who escorted his father during the degree. Seated in the East are Massachusetts DeMolay Executive Officer Dad Brian Noble and Connecticut State Master Councilor Tyler Anderson.

MW Greytak's Surprise

At an event in New Haven, Connecticut DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III, left, made a surprise presentation of the William Campbell Medal to MWPGM George S. Greytak. Bro. Greytak is a former State Chapter Dad who received the Honorary (non-Senior DeMolay) DeMolay Legion of Honor from DeMolay International.



The Campbell Medal was struck in 1983 to commemorate the life of service of Dad William Campbell – Past Master Councilor, Active Member of the International Supreme Council, past Executive Officer, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut. The is the highest medal decoration afforded by Connecticut DeMolay.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson President & CEO of Masonicare

Over the years, I've often reminded my fellow employees what a privilege it is to work at Masonicare. Each and every day we have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of those we care for.

This struck me again over these past several weeks when the excitement of the time of year was evident wherever you walked. Whether in the lobby of the Masonicare Health Center, alive with the colors and lights of the holidays, or in the Hartog Activities Center at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, bustling with programs and parties, or on our Newtown campus, where the newly renovated lobby welcomed patients and visitors, you could feel the excitement and anticipation. Our home care workers at Masonicare Home Health, and Masonicare At Home and

Partners, are in the unique position of being able to experience the season in multiple settings.

One day last month, I walked into the lobby at Masonicare Health Center and a volunteer, George Ominsky, was entertaining a group of residents with his musical talents on the piano. Two residents, both in wheel chairs, were holding hands and moving to the rhythm of the song. What a marvelous sight to see the joy in their eyes. The love of music is ageless.

Another touching experience, which you may have read about in last month's *Connecticut Freemasons*, involved the greater Wallingford community. Town resident and Mason, U.S. Army Ranger and Sgt. Bro. Jeff Sirois was returning home from Afghanistan. His wife and

three children, including a six-month old, were able to meet him at Bradley Airport thanks to the efforts of Bro. Dave Gessert. A member of the Masonicare Board of Trustees, Bro. Dave reached out to us to arrange for a Masonicare driver and van to take them to the airport and enjoy a reunion trip back home.

It was another marvelous opportunity to bring joy.

Sincerely and fraternally,



WB Jon-Paul Venoit Receives Distinguished Service Award from the Connecticut Assisted Living Association

WB Jon-Paul (JP) Venoit was recently honored by the Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA), receiving the organization's prestigious Distinguished Service Award. Formed in 1995, CALA promotes and supports both its assisted living provider and associate members through numerous educational programs, legislative and public policy advocacy, and other initiatives.

The award was presented at CALA's annual awards dinner held on December 8 at the Aqua Turf in Southington.

Bonnie Dunitz, R.N., supervisor of assisted living services for Pond Ridge at Ashlar Village, nominated JP for the award. The nomination reads in part, "His leadership style fosters an environment of respect, independence, and dignity. His 'yes we can' attitude has resulted in many successes, including an expansion to our assisted living community, which now includes a new memory care residence."

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare, praised JP for his strong leadership skills and the innovative ideas he's brought to the table. "He has been instrumental in making Masonicare at Ashlar Village, our continuing care and assisted living retirement community, the premier

community it is today. His recognition by CALA is a well-deserved honor."

Since 2001, JP has served as president of Masonicare at Ashlar Village, and under his leadership and guidance, a multi-million dollar expansion project was completed. In May 2009, he took on the added responsibility for assisted living at Masonicare at Newtown and independent living at Masonicare Health Center. JP was named Masonicare's senior vice president of residential Services, effective January 1 of this year.

JP is a Past Master of Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, as well as a member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven and Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford. He began his career with Ashlar Village as a waiter while still in high school. After graduating from the University of Hartford with a B.S. degree in finance, he moved into positions of increasing responsibility.

In 2003, through the American Association of Homes and Services for the



WB Jon-Paul (JP) Venoit

Aging (AAHSA), JP earned his Certified Aging Services Professional license from the University of Texas and, in 2007, his AAHSA Fellow certificate.

JP is a past chairman of the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Wallingford planning and zoning commission, a member of the Wallingford education foundation committee, a member of the Board of Governors at MidState Medical Center, and vice chairman of the Connecticut Assisted Living

Association's board of directors. He is also a surveyor for CARF/CCAC (Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities/ Continuing Care Accreditation Commission) and a member of the Young President's Organization. He has served as a mentor for Junior Achievement and was recognized in 2005 as one of the "Forty Under 40" by New Haven Business Times. JP and his wife, Chris, live in Wallingford with their sons, Ethan, 8, and Trevor, 5.

MHC's "Elves" Help Wallingford Families

This year, Wallingford's Holiday for Giving toy and food drive was even more important than ever to families touched by the poor economy and current high unemployment rate. But



Ramage 4 staff members, from left, Miguel Lara, Renee Hernandez, Jane Vossen, Martha Fairchild, and Mary Moore helped collect the most toys, food items, and monetary donations for Wallingford's Holiday for Giving program.

thanks to the generosity of the Wallingford community and many caring and compassionate people at Masonicare Health Center, the season was brighter and happier for more than 500 families in town.

The "elves" at Masonicare Health Center, better known as MHC's residents, staff, and visitors, have always been more than willing to help those in need, and this year was certainly no exception. Collection boxes were located throughout the building, and dozens of new, unwrapped toys for children from newborn to age seven, along with non-perishable food items and cash donations, were gathered in the weeks prior to the December 10 collection date. Social workers from MHC's social services department used cash donations to shop for additional toys, and the town and Karen Sega, Wallingford's coordinator for the Holiday for Giving program, used money collected to purchase additional items for the food pantry.

The Holiday for Giving program is a community

organization run by volunteers and functions solely on donations from individuals, organizations, and local businesses.

All donations received are given back directly to those in need in Wallingford.

Masonicare Health Center's director of social services, Beverly Bryda, who has overseen the Holiday for Giving program at the Health Center for the past several years, praises all who participated in this year's drive. "I sincerely thank our employees, residents, and families for their caring and generosity during this holiday season. Together, we collected 5 overfilled boxes of toys and four boxes of food items for Wallingford's families. This drive gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach out to others less fortunate, especially those in our own community."

The Ramage 4 unit was Masonicare Health Center's largest contributor to Wallingford's Holiday for Giving program, collecting the most toys, food items, and monetary donations for the cause.

Masonicare's Festival of Trees a Resounding Success

The twenty-second annual Festival of Trees held at Masonicare Health Center was, as always, an exciting and very successful fundraising effort. More than \$6,000 was collected this year from the lucky individuals who were the top bidders on the trees of their choice.

The 64 unique, beautifully decorated tabletop trees, all designed and trimmed by teams of Masonicare employees, volunteers, and residents, were on continuous display in the lobby of the Health Center from December 1 through the afternoon of December 21, when the excitement was at its peak as the highest bidders were announced. All of the money raised is used throughout the year to support a host of activities for residents of Masonicare Health Center.

This year, the tree receiving the highest bid – a **whopping \$1,000!** – was the Sports Center (Christmas Eve Countdown) tree, submitted by Masonicare Health Center Inpatient Rehab employees. Along with the

tree, the winning bidder received two sets of UCONN women's basketball tickets and an 8" x 10" personally signed photo of Mickey Mantle with a certificate of authenticity, valued at \$1,800. There were dozens of additional "goodies," including two Chris Berman autographed photos, an ESPN football signed by the cast of ESPN's Sunday and Monday night Countdown, a \$40 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods, ESPN hats, a Crosby hockey stick, an NCAA football, and much more.

Rosemarie Preneta, director of volunteers and interior design and overseer of the Festival, was thrilled with the response and the amount of money raised. "I always enjoy being part of this wonderful event each year and seeing the camaraderie and friendly competition the Festival promotes among employees throughout Masonicare. And, of

course, it's always gratifying to see our residents enjoying the many programs and activities funded by the proceeds."



The "Sports Center" tree received the highest bid this year, raising a record-setting \$1,000 for Masonicare Health Center's resident activities fund.

Holiday Celebration at Masonicare at Ashlar Village

The holidays were celebrated in grand style at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. The warmth and good cheer of the season were evident at the festive party for residents held on Sunday, December 12, in

both the Waterside dining room and Knapp auditorium.

A lavish buffet was graciously presented by members of the MAV Food Service Department under the direction of Joseph

McVerry, director of dining services, and Megan Marchand, catering manager. The John Banker Brass Ensemble provided musical entertainment with selections reflecting the holiday season.



WB Jon-Paul Venoit, of Masonicare at Ashlar Village, greets residents Genevieve Brophy, left, and Ruth Chicares at the 2010 holiday celebration.

photo courtesy of resident Irving Pease



Masonicare president and CEO Bro. Steve McPherson, with his wife Nancy, left, and MAV resident Georgia Erickson, president of the Ashlar Village Association.

photo courtesy of resident Irving Pease

Make a New Year's Resolution That Really Counts!

Volunteer to Participate in Masonicare at Newtown's Geriatric Ministry Program

Aging, with its many and varied challenges, is often a time when spiritual resources and emotional support are vital to the elderly and their families. That's why Masonicare at Newtown is looking for you – a compassionate, caring member of the Masonic family – to begin the New Year by volunteering to be part of its "Lay Training in

Geriatric Ministry" program. Open to people of all faiths, the program, under the direction of Chaplain Anne Baltzell, has been teaching basic ministry skills to individuals from the Masonic family and the community at large for more than 20 years.

Participants in the 8-week training program will attend two half hour class sessions on Wednesdays at Masonicare at Newtown. The training program will begin as soon as the class is filled and the time will be decided by group availability. Topics covered will include "Introduction and Orientation to our Facility," "The Pastoral Care Visit," "Dealing with Issues of Loss," and "Ethical Issues in a Nursing Home Setting." Continuing education and support sessions will be offered monthly following training.

After completing the

course, you will be expected to make a one-year commitment to provide approximately four hours a week of pastoral ministry for Masonicare at Newtown. In addition to making a difference in the lives of residents, you will learn skills that will enable you to minister effectively to older members of your own family, your church, and the community.

Barbara Bigham of Oxford, who is retired, has been a volunteer in the Geriatric Lay Ministry Program at Masonicare at Newtown for five years. When asked for her thoughts on the program, she responded, "I continue to be inspired by the depth of faith, the love of family, and the appreciation for life expressed by the residents. Through my visits with residents and my interactions with Chaplain Anne Baltzell and my fellow lay volunteers, I have found inspiration for my own spiritual life. Many of the residents have become dear friends. Sometimes we just chat; sometimes we pray and read from the Bible; sometimes I share poems; and sometimes I visit with a smile, a gentle touch, and a silent prayer."

If you would like to participate in the Lay Training in Geriatric Ministry Program at Masonicare at Newtown, 139 Toddy Hill Road, please call Chaplain Anne Baltzell at 203-679-6257 or abaltzell@masonicare.org.



Masonicare at Newtown's Geriatric Lay Ministry, from left, volunteer Barbara Bigham, Chaplain Anne Baltzell, and volunteers Mary Anne Napier and Anne McWhirter.

Freemasonry Makes Men... Period

by Matthew Morris

In our world, where it seems that an adult male comes of age and physical maturity at about 16 years and maintains that peak for the rest of his life, we need Freemasonry. I say this from the perspective of someone who was at one time a 28 year-old man child. My world at one time revolved around watching sitcoms, playing video games, and partying every chance I got. My best outfit was a fancy 1950's bowling type shirt and some blue jeans, and that was my formal wear! T-shirts were what I usually wore and no matter what shirt I had on, it was never tucked in... NEVER! And I can say in hindsight that my mentality was that of a 16 year-old, young and dumb, and I was proud of that. Conversations revolved around Simpsons episodes and Metal Gear Solid and that's about it.

Now, it's not that I did not know about philosophy or history or science. These were always passions of mine, but modern American society never demanded that I be able to discuss such matters in public. The modern man is supposed to watch sports, swill beer, and ogle women, or at least that is what has become the acceptable norm. In some circles any discussion above how

"hot" so and so is or did you see the Yankees game was frowned upon and brought down epithets like 'nerd' or 'loser'.

Marriage was a cure for many things. My wife got me my first button down shirt without short sleeves and pair of khakis that did not have big pockets down the side. She even had me pluck out many earrings I had collected over the years. She suggested things and I tried them and eventually agreed with her, but even after my first child's birth, I was prone to coming home and turning on the PS2 and killing or flying something with a baby in my arms.

Then I became a Freemason.

Respect for the institution and ritual made me dress better for lodge; as I started to dress better for lodge, I found myself liking the way I looked and dressing better all the time. I still wear T-shirts, but I can't imagine wearing a T-shirt to dinner like I used to. I take the directive of the Worshipful Master when I first stood a just and upright Mason that I should ever look and act as such seriously, and am glad of it.

As I learned my proficiency I realized that I was a good speaker and found that I could speak to new people with a much higher

level of confidence than I had ever before. It even lead me to do theater, something I had not done since junior high school. The more lectures I learned the more I realized that I was capable of learning things and expressing what they meant to me with great clarity to someone else.

As I progressed in the officer line and took on more and more responsibility, starting to help plan and organize things, I realized that my opinion mattered and my contribution to something actually resulted in something. Most of all, as brothers who meet upon the level, I realized that I am just as much of a man as the next guy, no matter what he does or is titled, and that profound insight is most powerful. I will always respect anyone I do not know but will never give them esteem that is not due.

Of course all of these traits may just come with getting older and having more responsibilities in life. Also, many fine brothers can easily transition into the Macho Man character on a moment's notice. But I think that our order can guide a man-child into manhood with quite amazing results. I even tuck in my shirts now and think it looks sloppy otherwise!

DeMolays Assist A Brother in – Afghanistan!

by Carl G. Ek

Senior DeMolay and Past State Senior Councilor David C. Earle has spent the last year on active duty as a sergeant first class with the Connecticut Army National Guard, 1\102nd, stationed in Afghanistan. The unit, whose history goes back to the New Haven Grays of the Civil War, recently returned stateside and the DeMolays and advisors of Doric Chapter, Waterbury, thought it would be an excellent way to thank Bro. Earle for his service to our country by raking the mountain of leaves at his Southbury home.

On Sunday, November 14, eight DeMolays from two local chapters and Connecticut DeMolay, plus a handful of advisors and a leaf vacuum truck donated for the day by Pye, Inc. of Cheshire were greeted by Mom Brenna Earle and set to work. Three hours later, a tired group sat down to a pizza lunch provided at a discount by DiPalma's Pizza of Southbury.

In addition to the cleanup, the chapters presented flowers donated by Valley Farm of Cheshire to Brenna, who is a DeMolay Region 1 leadership training conference staff member in her capacity as a registered nurse. She and Dave look forward to returning to the staff for LTC 2011, the twentieth anniversary of the program.

Doric Chapter Master Councilor Tyler Brush and his father, chapter advisor Chuck, set up the event, which also saw strong support from Nathan Hale Chapter in New Britain. Brenna was very appreciative of the assist from the DeMolays, as was Dave's dad, RW Chris Earle. He and younger son Steve have journeyed to Southbury on several occasions to assist with yard work, and was joyfully surprised to learn that Dave – and he – would not have to face Connecticut's fall bounty on his return from active duty.



The cleanup team at Dad and sergeant first class David Earle's home in Southbury after a yard cleanup for Bro. Earle and wife Brenna while he was on a year's active military in Afghanistan. From left, Doric Chapter of Waterbury members: Jonathan Brush, Junior Councilor; his cousin and Master Councilor Tyler Brush; new member Ray Massi; and Senior Councilor Ryan Torony; Nathan Hale Chapter, New Britain members Nathan Sirois; Paul Evangelista, Master Councilor and Deputy State Master Councilor; Junior Councilor Kyle Stoddard; and Senior Councilor and State Senior Councilor Matthew Lingenfelter next to Doric Dad Advisor Dave Knapp. At the wheel is Dad Bob Brush, Jonathan's father, while the camera is operated by Dad Chuck Brush, chapter advisor. (The elder Brush brothers were members of Arthur F. Lewis Chapter, Naugatuck, as active DeMolays.)

A Season of Thanksgiving at Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149

by Lesly Saint-Victor, Worshipful Master 2010

The book of Ecclesiastes states that there is a season for everything. "There is a time for rejoicing and a time for mourning; a time to give and a time to receive." The beautiful

summer has given place to a glorious fall season. The magnificent birds are migrating south to a friendlier climate. For the brothers of Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149 it is time to give thanks. Our level of gratitude is so high that there aren't any words in the vocabulary that can properly express it. Therefore, allow me to use these simple lines to express such a great feeling.

On January 12 of last year the island nation of Haiti was ravaged by a devastating earthquake. Over 300,000 human beings lost their lives and millions of others were displaced and had no place to live. The international community stepped up to help in large numbers. But, what was more impressive to the members of our lodge is the unprecedented efforts made the Connecticut Masonic family.

From lodges, chapters, councils and commanderies, to consistories, by the Order of DeMolay, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth, even the Rainbow Girls, every member of the Masonic family felt obligated to contribute at whatever level to the relief effort for the embattled people of Haiti.

Then Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom invited all who could to channel funds directly to us, knowing that a majority of the members of our lodge are of Haitian decent. We have received substantial sums that have immensely and directly helped our families there. Due to the local confusion emanating from the magnitude of the ongoing relief by large humanitarian organizations, we decided that it was best to wait a while for the governmental organizations to settle their issues before sending funds we received to an uncertain end in Haiti.

I am happy to report now that 96% of the donated relief funds have been channeled to the families of brothers who still have loved ones there. We contributed \$2,500.00 directly to the Grand Orient of

Haiti of 1824 to help in the massive water distribution efforts that is still ongoing and we intend to contribute more. To avoid spending money on travel expenses we have asked for and have received gratefully from the Grand Master of GOH the opportunity to use its local logistics.

We have transferred most of the remaining funds to the accounts of the GOH, which has started to distribute funds to each family member designated by the brothers of our lodge.

There are some who haven't given us the names and contact information of relatives in Haiti and there are others who do not need us to send funds to their families. That explains the remaining 4% that is still on the books of the lodge under a special account that was created for the relief effort. We have been promised more and we have been told that there will be more presentations in the future. We rest convinced that the upcoming administration of the lodge will do, as we have done, due diligence for our affected families.

We would personally welcome a more aggressive response to the water distribution effort of the GOH. In the words of MW Grand Master Eric Jean-Jacques, "Universal Fraternity is living up to its Universal Benevolence and humanitarian calling." It's you, members of the Grand family, who have made it possible. Therefore, credit should be awarded where credit is due. Thank you. Another passage in the holy book states that "There is more in giving than in receiving."

You may not have travelled directly to Haiti to witness the sufferings of this poor nation. You may not have contributed financially to any other organizations; however, you have brought smiles and cries of joy and appreciation to those who have received and/or benefited from the fruits of your contribution in the relief effort that our lodge has spearheaded. In this holiday season, the members of the Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149 thank you for your help and dedicate their lives to the betterment of humankind and to glorify the Grand Architect of the Universe. May you and your families be abundantly blessed in all your endeavors and may He shine on you His rays of protection, happiness, and prosperity in the upcoming year. Happy New Year.



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What Is The Masonic Society?

by Chris Hodapp

"The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples."

– Albert Mackey

In 2008, a significant group of passionate brethren came together to form The Masonic Society, aiming to create the premier research society in Freemasonry. It has since become the fastest growing Masonic research organization in the world, with members in all 50 states, Canada, and 15 other countries.

The name, The Masonic Society, intentionally alludes to the Royal Society, the innovative organization of visionary men who were at the forefront of the Age of Enlightenment. Many were present at the formation of what became modern Freemasonry. Likewise, the Society is at the forefront of a new age of Freemasonry, and they are a vibrant, active community within the fraternity.

The goal of The Masonic Society is not just to look backward at the history of Freemasonry, but to foster the intellectual, spiritual, and social growth of the modern fraternity.

To that end, The Masonic Society extends the hand of assistance and cooperation to individual research lodges throughout the Masonic world. It is the desire of The Masonic Society to be a partner with these lodges, to give their members the regular opportunity to publish their papers for an international audience, and to publicize their activities.

The Masonic Society has also forged a special relationship with those bodies that meet annually during Masonic Week, as well as with the Masonic Service Association, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the US, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. While not designed as a York Rite-specific research group, The Masonic Society especially encourages examination of this branch of Freemasonry.

Membership in The Masonic Society is \$39 per year (\$49 outside of the United States and Canada). Benefits include:

- The quarterly *Journal of the Masonic Society* features articles by some of the best-known authors in Freemasonry, as well as the brethren from the lodges in your neighborhood. There are also works from the non-Masonic academic world that is looking with greater interest than ever at our fraternity and its place in society. Each issue includes Masonic news, beautiful photography, and commentary from around the globe, in full color. The Journal also features advertising from a select group of publishers, regalia manufacturers, and fraternal supply companies that specialize in products specific to Freemasons – the only Masonic magazine of its kind to do so in the United States and Canada. The Journal's editor is Christopher L. Hodapp, author of *Freemasons For Dummies* and *Solomon's Builders*.

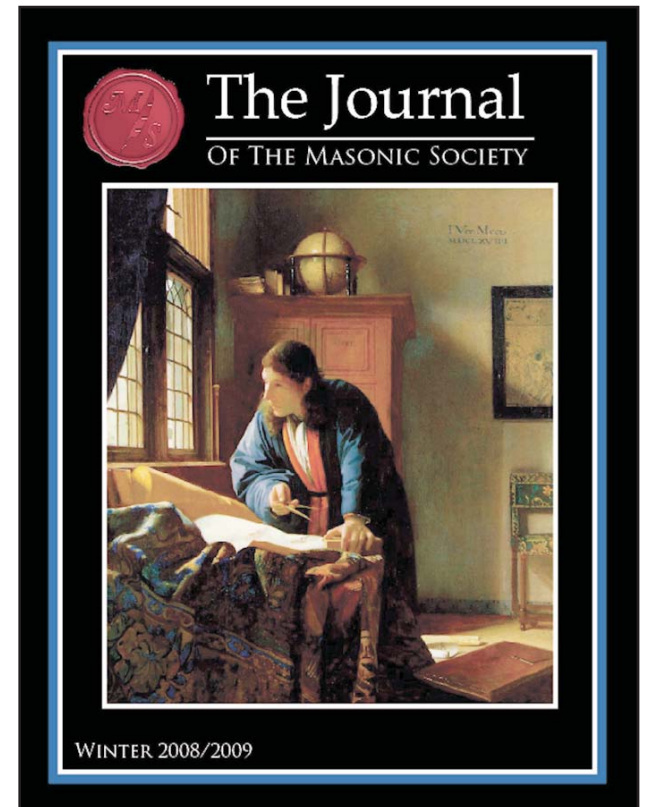
- Members-only access to the Masonic Society online Internet forum, where hundreds of Masons from around the globe interact every day, helping each other learn more about the fraternity.

- Annual First Circle gatherings – each year, The Masonic Society is an active participant in the Allied Masonic Degrees "Masonic Week," held in February in Alexandria, Virginia, and which includes our annual First Circle gathering. An additional semi-annual symposium is held elsewhere once a year. Past meetings have taken place Indianapolis and New Orleans, and in 2011, Salt Lake City. These events are educational, informative, but most of all, fun and memorable to attend.

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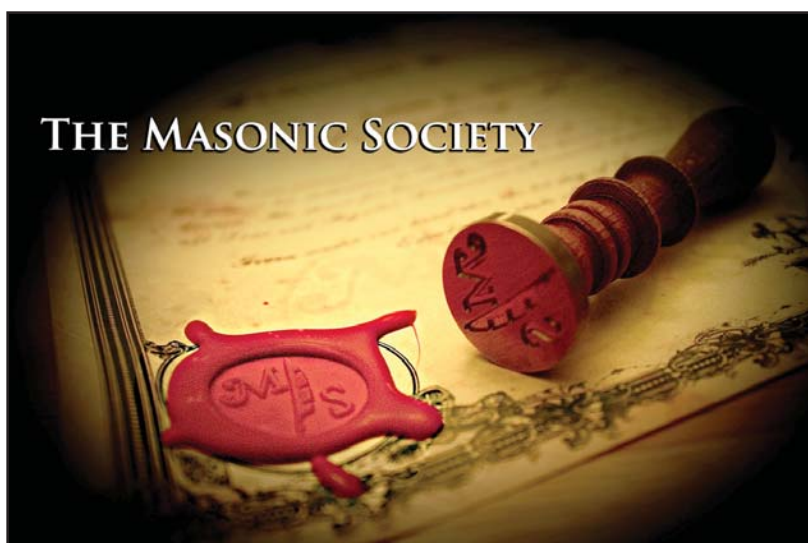
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FUMIGATION 2010

at Putnam Lodge No. 46



MWPGM Stanley S. Sheldon, Jr. presents the gavel to MW Charles A. Buck, Jr. so that he might receive the delegations of dignitaries.



The Vermont delegation – all Past Grand Masters – are introduced by SD Cary Bentley at the 2010 Putnam Lodge No. 46 fumigation. The visitors are, from left, Bros. Cedric Smith, Brian Carley, and Earl Washburn. They brought the cheese.



From Massachusetts, from left, Michael J. Douglas, DDGM, Richard J. Stewart then Grand Marshal and now Grand Master, and Ronald E. Jackson, Past Deputy Grand Master.



SD Cary Bentley introduces the Prince Hall Grand Lodge delegation, from left, MWPGM Lewis Myrick, Sr.; Grand Master Ronald A. Thomas, Sr.; and MWPGM Dr. Floyd Bagwell.



WB Barry Shead lights the cigar of MW Charlie Buck, Jr. while WM Ken Salo looks on.



When the smoke gets thick enough the election is over.



Immediate Past Master Ken Salo, right, presents the 1801 charter of the lodge to his successor, now Worshipful Master Christopher Mayhew.



WM Ken Salo, top row, in hat, of Putnam Lodge No. 46 is flanked by Prince Hall Grand Master Ronald A. Thomas, Sr. and Grand Lodge Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr., and surrounded by 7 Past Grand Masters (from 4 different jurisdictions), 2 Connecticut Grand Lodge officers, and permanent members from a total of seven Grand Lodges! Why be nervous?

GRAND MASTER'S APPEAL

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Brothers Adam Ellyson, left, and Ed Caceres share first prize in Union Lodge's Junior Warden's Chili Cookoff Challenge.

Chili Cookoff Challenge Results In Tie!

by Tom Burke

Union Lodge No. 5's annual meeting on December 1 was the perfect venue for the Junior Warden's Chili Cookoff Challenge! Five entries competed for the title of "Best Chili" with the winner receiving a prize of a bottle of wine or whiskey, their choice. Bro. Sam Maurer brought his specialty, "Hawaiian Chili." Junior Warden Tom Burke entered a unique "White Chili," and Bro. Ed Caceres, Senior Steward Adam Ellyson, and Senior Deacon David Jackson brought their own recipes for traditional tomato and meat-based chili. Several accompaniments were also provided, including chili toppings, honey-butter cornbread, and home-

made brownies for dessert.

High attendance for the annual meeting and the festive atmosphere made for fierce competition. The chilis were served in numbered bowls for anonymity. Several brothers requested refills in order to narrow down their final choice for the vote. When the ballots were tallied... it was a tie!

Winners of the Junior Warden's Chili Cookoff Challenge were Bro. Adam Ellyson and Brother Ed Caceres! Brother Ellyson requested a bottle of whiskey for his prize, and Brother Caceres requested a bottle of wine. But the true winners were brothers and guests who all enjoyed a fun evening and a terrific meal!

Brother Receives Outstanding Leadership and Support Award

by Tom Burke

Brother Felix Lugo, currently the Junior Deacon of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, received the Outstanding Leadership and Support Award from the New York Guard's 88th Brigade at their holiday party held on Saturday, December 18, at the Jamaica Armory.

Brother Lugo has been in the New York Guard nearly three years and currently holds the rank of sergeant. He serves as acting S1 Administrator/1st Sergeant of the 88th Brigade. During this ceremony Brother Lugo was officially recognized as NCO (non commission officer).

The New York Guard is a state volunteer force that augments and supports the New York National Guard as required with manpower and skills. They assist the National Guard in planning, training for, and executing state

emergency support and disaster missions. They also provide legal and medical pre-deployment assistance to the National Guard units and other reserve components as requested.

The New York Guard was born in World War I when the New York National Guard, a division's worth of soldiers, was mobilized first for service on the Mexican border and then to fight in France. The New York Guard replaced the National Guard and served as a home guard, protecting the New York City reservoirs.

Today members of the New York Guard assist National Guard soldiers and airmen to serve the people of New York as members of Guard Joint Task Forces. New York Guard members are part of the National Guard team trained to rescue people from destroyed

buildings and decontaminate them, assist the National Guard in search and rescue when called

upon, and even help National Guard units train to deploy at home or abroad.



Sergeant and Brother Felix Lugo, center, stands between Staff Sergeant Hinds, left, and Captain Joseph Yohannan after receiving the Outstanding Leadership and Support Award from the New York Guard's 88th Brigade.

DISTRICT No. 1

(a) RW Steven A. Bowen, DD • WB Lemuel G. Johnson, Jr., AGM
(b) RW Maurice J. Heim, DD • WB Robert P. Curwen, Jr., AGM

Union Lodge No. 5 Ends Year with Table Lodge

by Tom Burke

On Wednesday, December 15, Union Lodge No. 5 hosted its End-of-Year Table Lodge to cap off a successful and event-filled year under Worshipful Master Stephen Petri.

Recalling several new initiatives during the year, including a scholarship program, a fund-raising ball, Easter pancake breakfast, and a "Ladies At The Table" program, several brothers reminisced about the good times shared in 2010.

WB Domenic Corbo prepared the dinner along Brothers Greg Axelrod, Adam Ellyson, Michel Gomez, and Felix Lugo, and Harmony Lodge No. 67 Brother Andrew Vandenameele. The

menu included prosciutto-wrapped roasted pears, Caesar salad, shrimp, filet mignon, and two kinds of cake for dessert — a nut-filled carrot cake and a sinful four-layer chocolate cake.

Guests included RW Steven A. Bowen; WB Lemuel G. Johnson, Jr.; Worshipful Master Chris Berry, Harmony Lodge No. 67, New Canaan; Worshipful Master Geraldo Martines, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107; and several brothers from Acacia Lodge No. 85, Greenwich; Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien; Old Well Lodge No. 108, East Norwalk; and St. John's Lodge No. 6, Norwalk.

The evening proved was a wonderful ending to a year each member will remember

fondly for years to come. Cheers and applause were given to Worshipful Master Stephen Petri at the final sound of the gavel.



WM Stephen Petri leads Union Lodge No. 5 and guests in their year-ending Table Lodge.

DISTRICT No. 2

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

Community Officials attend Hiram Lodge Installation

Hiram Lodge No. 18, Sandy Hook, installed its suite of officers

on Saturday, December 18.

The officers were joined by area

town officials, Hon. Pat Llodra, first selectman of Newtown, and

Hon. Matthew S. Knickerbocker, first selectman of Bethel. Past Grand Master George S. Greytak and Grand Senior Deacon Thomas M. Maxwell, II were the installing Master and Marshal.

Hiram Lodge No. 18 will celebrate its 220th anniversary on January 14, 2011, with a wreath laying at the gravesite of its first Master. Hiram Lodge has long been a part of Newtown's history.

Newly installed Worshipful Master Bill Hillman plans to be more active in community efforts, including the Newtown Relay for Life, sponsoring Connecticut Child Identification Program (CTCHIP) events, food drives, and other charitable initiatives throughout the next year.



At the installation of WM Bill Hillman, center with hat, were Hon. Pat Llodra, first selectman of Newtown, and Hon. Matthew S. Knickerbocker, first selectman of Bethel.

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

New Masters for 2011



On December 10, at Shepherd Salem Lodge No. 78, Naugatuck, new Worshipful Masters of the Third Masonic District were given the Actual Past Masters Degree. Brothers who took the degree were, front, from left: Neal White, St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield; Alan Zordan, Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington; and George Mudry, IV, Morning Star Lodge No. 47, Seymour.

Back row, from left; Eric Malafronte, Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury; Gregory Chere, Federal Lodge No. 17, Watertown; and Bert Hughes, Shepherd Salem Lodge No. 78, Naugatuck.

A Visit with Santa

by Alfred Rollinson

Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78, Naugatuck, enjoyed breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 18. Each child was excited to sit with Santa and all received a gift.

The event was organized by the brothers of Shepherd-Salem Lodge and was held for their children and family members. Bro. Brian Newman was the chairman for the event.

The kids were served French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, and cereal. All the children got to work on arts and crafts under the direction of the wives of the brothers, to create ornaments for the Christmas tree in the lodge dining room.



Children of the families of Shepard-Salem Lodge gather around Santa on his visit to their breakfast.



Waterbury holds Christmas Party

by Shane Dufresne

On December 14, a Christmas Party sponsored by the Zindah Grotto was held at the Waterbury Masonic building. Forty-three brothers, family members and friends attended from Harmony Lodge No. 42, Liberty Continental Lodge No. 76, the Scottish Rite Valley of Waterbury and board members from the Learning Center.

Plenty of food, fun and beverage of choice was had by all. In addition the party goers were entertained by Illustrious brother Russell Griswold in his rendition of various Christmas songs.

Lots of food fed lots of people at the Christmas party sponsored by Zindah Grotto on December 14.

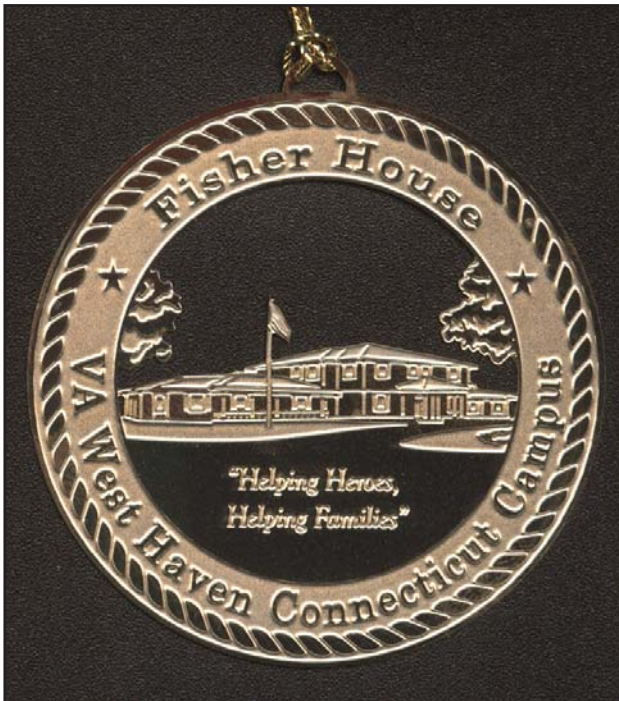
District 5 Supporting Fisher House Foundation

by Ben Isaacson

On Tuesday, November 30, Bro. Kevin Creed, St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield, spoke to the Fifth District Blue Lodge Council about Fisher House Project. Bro. Creed is a retired US Army major now in a law partnership in Bristol. He is also the chief executive officer of the Friends of Fisher House Connecticut.

The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military families in their time of need. The Fisher House Foundation builds and donates "comfort homes" on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to loved ones at the most stressful times – during hospitalization for treatment of combat wounds, illness, disease, or injury. Annually, the Fisher House program helps 12,000 families and has made more than three million days of lodging available to family members since it originated in 1990.

There are some 50 Fisher Houses nationwide but none in Connecticut, as yet. The Friends of Fisher House Connecticut



The ornament depicting the to-be-built Fisher House, West Haven, Connecticut, features the motto "Helping Heroes, Helping Families".

is a volunteer organization registered with the Connecticut Secretary of Connecticut as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Staffed totally by volunteers, the FFHC mission is to build a Fisher House on the grounds of the VA Hospital in West Haven.

(It is also important to know that

the American Institute of Philanthropy has awarded the Fisher House Foundation its highest rating: A+. Only one other charity in the nation has earned this rating.)

This project helps men and women who have served our country, knowing that they could be wounded or killed. We enjoy the rights and freedoms we have because brave, selfless men and women sacrificed, not for personal gain, but for the greater good.

The Fifth Masonic District has committed to provide relief to these distressed veterans. Each of the eight lodges in the district has been asked to buy 10 (or more) Fisher House brass ornaments for \$20 each. Lodges can resell them, give them to members who have served in the military, or use them as decorations.

BLC president RW Ben Isaacson and District Deputies Brian Beals and Larry Elsner have been visiting lodges with ornaments and leaving with donations from lodges and brothers. At the January 31 BLC meeting at the new Valley Lodge No. 36 in Simsbury, they will report on progress to date and the district's next steps in this ongoing project.

To learn more about Fisher House, please visit: www.fisherhousect.org, or contact RW Bros. Isaacson, Beals, Elsner, or Grand Senior Warden Gary W. Arseneau. These brothers will answer any questions you may have. And once 100% lodge participation from the Fifth District is achieved, look for a statewide effort to have Masons lead the way in supporting military families in need.

Ephraim Kirby Chapter Celebrates 100 Years

On Sunday September 26 Ephraim Kirby Chapter No. 75, Order of the Eastern Star, Litchfield gathered to celebrate their 100th anniversary. It was a gala event with a scrumptious buffet, fellowship, and entertainment.

The committee worked very hard to make it special. Sister Barbara Knibbs, PM, made a power-point presentation of the history of the chapters now consolidated into Ephraim Kirby, but also highlights of the past 100 years. Several attendees chose to dress in period costumes.

The memorabilia table focused on the various chapters and it was interesting to see some of the "old" photos. Eighty-eight sisters and brothers enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon of good food and fellowship.



Masonic Trivia Game Started

by Ben Isaacson

Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, has begun a Masonic trivia game via email. Spearheaded by Brother George Frascarelli, the purpose is to bring more light to brothers in a fun and interactive way.

The questions are all Masonic in nature and the answers can be found in Grand Lodge literature such as the ritual book, Rules and Regulations, etc.

All brothers are encouraged to answer and reply to all so everyone can share and discuss. Brothers who answer with the correct answer are all announced in the next email, which also includes the next question. Generally there are two questions a week.

Brothers who are interested in having fun in exercising and increasing their Masonic knowledge are encouraged to email Brother George at Village29@ctfreemasons.net.

Busy Autumn for Hartford Evergreen

by Keith Brown

Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, South Windsor, certainly had a busy autumn!

Members of the lodge joined with members of the South Windsor Historical Society on a clean-up of the God's Acre Cemetery, next to the lodge. On a September morning, they went to work under the guidance of Ruth Brown in cleaning old gravestones. Many of the stones in the cemetery were covered with lichen and had turned colors. Of note, the tablet for Timothy Edwards, the father of Jonathan Edwards (perhaps America's most important theologian) and grandfather of Connecticut's first Grand Master, Pierpont Edwards, gained particular attention due to its historical relevance.

The highlight of the season was the second annual outdoor Master Mason Degree, held on October 2 at the Hartford County 4H Camp in Marlborough. On a beautiful autumn day, the lodge opened at the top of a small hill surrounded by trees on one side and overlooking a field on the other. Hay bales were used for seating and for the altar.

For Brother Dwaine Clarke's raising to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the brothers performed the degree in its entirety

by themselves. In the past, degree teams were usually brought in to handle the second half, but Hartford Evergreen brothers learned the roles.

At the "intermission," brothers adjourned to the camp's dining hall and enjoyed a lunch of chicken florentine, chicken and eggplant parmesan, and ice cream for dessert. The left over food was packaged and donated to a local family in need.

Hartford Evergreen also donated three full Thanksgiving meals through South Windsor's Department of Human Services and another three for Christmas. Each of family received a turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and pie.

Hartford Evergreen made a donation to the family of State Trooper John Scannell, who passed away in early October. As Trooper Scannell had been with the State Police for only nine years instead of the required ten, he left his wife and three children without any benefits from the state. We were fortunate to have a visit from a fellow trooper to the lodge to receive



WB Peter Arnold and RW Mark Hultman are careful to follow instructions while cleaning old gravestones at the God's Acre Cemetery, next to Hartford Evergreen Lodge in South Windsor.

the check on behalf of the family.

Just prior to Christmas, a toy drive was held to make a donation to the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. Then Senior Warden Norman Miller and Junior Deacon Steve Munz were able to bring the toys to the hospital to make a better Christmas for many of the children.

Columbia Lodge Honors Three with Emeritus Titles



The honor of emeritus status came to three brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25. From left, WB Henry L. Killam, Treasurer Emeritus; WB Mario L. Accornero, Building Association President Emeritus; and WB Robert W. Flint, whose plaque is held by Worshipful Master Jeff Moores. Bro. Flint's plaque will be presented to his wife.

by Arnie Grot

Three brothers were honored with emeritus status for service to their lodge spanning more than three decades each by Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury. At its annual meeting on December 2, the lodge awarded Treasurer Emeritus status to Henry L. Killam, Building Association President Emeritus status to Mario L. Accornero, and Secretary Emeritus, posthumously, to Robert W. Flint.

Bro. Henry was treasurer for 35 years until his retirement this past December. He was Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25 in 1961. His great-grandfather, James B. Killam, Jr., was Master in 1895-1896, 1901, and 1922. Bro. Henry is a farmer in South Glastonbury at Killam and Bassette farmstead.

Bro. Mario was Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge in 1958 and 1995, and

was building association president for over 40 years until December 2009. Mario owned and operated Accornero Orchards in South Glastonbury, and was a long time fire fighter in Glastonbury, serving as fire chief, and is fire chief emeritus of Glastonbury. He also is a recipient of the Pierpont Edwards Award in Bronze from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Brother Bob Flint was Master of Columbia Lodge in 1968, 1976, and 1987 and treasurer since 1989. His father, William E. Flint, was Master of Columbia in 1947. Bob worked for Travelers Insurance Co. in Hartford for over thirty years. In his later years Bob comforted many residents in their time of need, working part-time at Glastonbury Funeral Home. Bob was five months short of being a 50-year Mason, raised April 19, 1961, when he was called by the Grand Architect on November 20, 2010.

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

A Night to be Appreciated

by Jim Wilson

December 2 was the annual meeting of Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, and it started out with a light buffet of home made chili and corn bread. Then it was time to get down to business. After the election and appointments for the ensuing year, it was a time for reflection as well as appreciation.

WM Scott T. Reid expressed his personal gratitude to all members, and officers for his very successful year. He was especially proud of the support the families gave throughout the year. It started with the annual Table Lodge shared with Manchester Lodge No. 73 through to the current meeting.

The annual lodge trip to St. John's Lodge No. 2, New Brunswick, Canada, was a delight aboard a cruise ship out of New York City. The Ladies at Table, enjoyed by a wonderful "full house" of wives, guests, and especially widows.

WM Scott Reid surprised everyone when he made this meeting one to remember. He had special certificates for twenty brothers to express his personal thanks for their

generosity of time and talent. These brothers in some way helped make the lodge function as a family.

Plaques representing the Masters Appreciation Awards were presented to WB Steve Spencer (Table Lodge), WB Chris Ramsey (at the Rent), Bro. Roger Celinski (finance), RW Andy Zeidler (Secretary extraordinaire) and RW Donald Dean (Treasurer – lodge funds and contributions). Senior Steward Scott Pierce was presented a plaque for his unswerving effort to "see that the brothers are properly provided for" throughout the entire year. Brother Pierce rarely missed a meeting, traveling for every communication and function from Watertown.

Brother Stephen Aldi was the choice to receive this year's "Master's Award." The award is in recognition of the brother who displays the qualities of "the Brotherhood of Man, under the Fatherhood of God." The award was started by RW Raymond E. Bogue.

"The JAKE Award," which had previously



WM Scott Reid completes his year as Worshipful Master of Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 with his daughter, left, Chrystal, and wife, Terry.

been presented by Tuscan Lodge No. 126, is given in memory of Brother Francis Jacob. Bro. Jacob was so dedicated that on degree nights he came dressed in his tuxedo, "just in case he was needed to fill in." It was awarded to Jim Wilson for "Dedication to Masonry and the Members of Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145."

DISTRICT No. 7

(a) RW Cleveland P. Huggins, III, DD • WB James A. Nankin, AGM
(b) RW John H. Spencer, DD • WB Michael L. Stephens, AGM



by Chuck 2.0 Landau

Philosophic Lodge of Research (PLR) has presentations on subjects of Masonic interest planned for 2011. In addition to the research paper presentations during stated communications held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of February, April, September, October, and December at the Cromwell Masonic building, 324 Main Street, speakers are traveling to surrounding lodges to bring the

PLR Presentations Announced

research of current and past members of PLR to the craft.

Scheduled presentations include the following.

Monday, January 3, 2011 – 7:30 PM, Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford: *The Qabalah of the Lodge*, by 2011 WM Chuck 2.0 Landau

Friday, February 18 – PLR: *Alchemy and the Second Degree of Masonry*, by

WB Donald J. Tansey. (He has also written a available paper entitled *Alchemy and the First Degree*).

Friday, April 15 – PLR: *British Freemasonry: Different Customs*,

by WB Martin Ede

Monday, May 16 – WB Ede will travel Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4 to present his paper, *What is a Rosicrucian?* It was well received when he presented it to PLR in October, and a large audience is anticipated.

Tentative plans are being made for the reading of WB Raymond H. Dragat's fraternity-changing paper, *Prince Hall Freemasonry in the United States of America*, written in 1959 and revised by the author in 1978, at a local Prince Hall lodge, and a multimedia presentation by Brother Jonathan Beatty

on *Recognizing and Preserving Masonic Treasures* is also in the planning stages.

Presentations on a variety of historical and philosophical Masonic topics are available for any Blue Lodge or Blue Lodge Council upon request.

New Worshipful Masters who would like to request a program to increase attendance or energize a routine business meeting are invited to contact WM Chuck 2.0 Landau at chuck418@gmail.com or 860-563-0642 to schedule a presentation subject and speaker.

DISTRICT No. 7

(a) RW Cleveland P. Huggins, III, DD • WB James A. Nankin, AGM
(b) RW John H. Spencer, DD • WB Michael L. Stephens, AGM

Solar Lodge Salutes their “Decent Man”

by Jess Maghan

Worshipful Master Jeff Lucas of Solar Lodge No. 131, East Hampton, gave a proud salute to a “decent man,” Right Worshipful Brother Charles R. Hnilicka, on his 60th year of dutiful service to Masonry. Following his father, Karl Frank Hnilicka, a founding member of Solar Lodge in 1922, Bro. Charley was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the age of 21 on November 20, 1950.

He remembers how awe inspiring it was to enter the lodge in full-ceremony and witness Masonry so richly portrayed and moving, and its impact on new members. Brother Charley responded to WM Lucas’ salute by sharing his recollections

with Solar Lodge and his joy at seeing a new generation of Master Masons bringing their due diligence and devotion to the lodge despite the challenges of the 21st century. All brothers in attendance gave him a resounding round of applause and acknowledged him as a cherished role model.

RW Charles Hnilicka has maintained continuous and active attendance, serving as Worshipful Master on three occasions, 1957, 1964, and 1972, and as District Deputy in 1966.

The brothers respect him for never questioning his duty or relaxing in his obedience to the craft and Masonry throughout his life.



RW John H. Spencer, District Deputy for Masonic District 7-B, presents the 60-year pin to RW Charles R. Hnilicka.

DISTRICT No. 9

(a) RW Kenneth R. Sheldon, Jr., DD • WB Edward C. Page, AGM
(b) RW Michael E. Talamini, DD • WB Mark J. Richens, AGM

Moriah’s Poinsettias Bring Smiles

by Edward C. Page

In late November Moriah Lodge No.15, Brooklyn, embarked on a mission to hand



Brothers Bronick Wlaszkiewicz, left, and Edward C. Page have their arms full as they deliver poinsettias to widows of Moriah Lodge brothers.

deliver nearly 30 Christmas poinsettias to all widows of fallen brothers of Moriah Lodge or widows from other lodges who now reside in the area. Masonic widows are at the heart of Masonry, and there is no better time than Christmas to appreciate them. Senior Warden Edward C. Page and Brother Bronick Wlaszkiewicz started their journey on Sunday, November 28. Everyone was surprised and delighted to receive such lovely gifts. This expression of gratitude lit up the ladies’ faces, and can only be described as priceless.

In addition to delivering the poinsettias, the brothers spent time talking with the ladies, who were eager to recount their husbands’ fond experiences as they traveled on their journey through Masonry. The brothers wanted to convey that the poinsettias were not just a symbol of Christmas and all the goodness it brings, but that the widows were not

forgotten.

Poinsettias were also delivered to Pierce Baptist Memorial Nursing Home. They were donated in memory of the late RW Raymond Greene, Past Master of Moriah Lodge. In a visit to Brother Raymond by Moriah just prior to his passing earlier this year, our members were deeply touched, and wanted him remembered at this holiday season.

On reflection, Brother Edward noted, “In giving, we receive so much more. Through the kindness of strangers, is our bond to all of humanity most connected. In helping others, we in turn help ourselves.”

By taking time to visit and talk to those with Masonic connections, or otherwise, all parties are strengthened and their community is better and stronger.

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. Moriah Lodge was proud to engage its community, on whose support it depends to survive.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Werner W. Koennicke *Compass 9*
 Paul F. Whitten Sr *Composite 28*
 Floyd J. Perkins *Madison 87*

Ronald B. Wadsworth Jr..... *Manchester 73*
 Richard C. Werkheiser *Manchester 73*
 Stanley S. Sheldon Jr..... *Putnam 46*

DeMolay State Officers Honored

Connecticut DeMolay Deputy State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista and State Senior Councilor Matthew Lingenfelter, both members of Sleeping Giant Chapter, North Haven, received the Degree of Chevalier in ceremonies at the end of November. Dad Sal Ferrigno, Sleeping Giant advisory council chairman and State

Chapter Dad, presided over the ceremony, which was preceded by a dinner provided by the Evangelista family. The recognition is conferred by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International, and is the highest honor that can be bestowed on an active DeMolay.



Kneeling to receive their cordons as Chevaliers of the Order of DeMolay at Sleeping Giant Chapter, North Haven are Deputy State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista and State Senior Councilor Matthew Lingenfelter. Making the presentations are (left) Connecticut DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III and (right) Dad Sal Ferrigno, Sleeping Giant advisory council chairman and State Chapter Dad, who presided over the ceremony.



The officers of Sleeping Giant Chapter, North Haven, form an arch of steel in honor of chapter members Deputy State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista and State Senior Councilor Matthew Lingenfelter as they advanced to the altar to assume their obligations as Chevaliers of the Order of DeMolay.

We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Anthony Barcia..... *Ansantawae 89*
 Hans E. Barnett *Ansantawae 89*
 Jeff E. Morgan *Ansantawae 89*
 Craig L. Rua *Ansantawae 89*
 Eric P. Janulet *Ark 39*
 Philip C. Courtois *Composite 28*
 Renald M. Courtois *Composite 28*
 Ryan J. Caulfield *Corinthian 104*
 Anthony J. Ferro *Corinthian 104*
 Joe M. Szabo *Corinthian 104*
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 Michael F. Michaud *Frederick-Franklin 14*
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Ephraim Kirby and the Medal Named for Him

by Michael L. Castroll

In 1939, at the sesquicentennial annual communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut, MWGM Thomas H. Desmond presented the first Pierpont Edwards Medals, nine in bronze, one in silver. All the first recipients were MWPGM's or visiting Grand Masters.

In 1944, the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut instituted the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service, and to recognize a Royal Arch companion who is outstanding in Masonry, his community, and his vocation.

The plan was to honor companions who had not yet been ME High Priests. There are, typically, no more than five citations given in any one year.

But who was the icon of our past, and what

is it about this enduring memorial that makes Ephraim Kirby so fitting for his name to be etched on the bronze medal?

Ephraim Kirby was born February 23, 1757, in a portion of Litchfield now a part of Washington. Toward the end of his teen years, Brother Kirby went to Breed's Hill, heeding the call of the American Revolution. He fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill alongside General and Brother Warren, who was killed in the skirmish. Kirby stayed an active participant in the war, fighting in Brandywine, Monmouth, Germantown, and Elk River, where he received seven saber cuts and was left on the field as dead. In all, he was in 17 battles, many skirmishes, and sustained 13 wounds. He continued to fight all the way to the victory in Yorktown.

Upon returning home, he began the study of law. He was most meticulous in recording the proceedings of his cases; those recordings bear his name, "The Kirby Reports." Kirby received various appointments from President Jefferson, including revenue collector for Connecticut. In 1802, he was appointed land commissioner for the Mississippi Territory, as well as its district judge, and was on his way to New Orleans when the Grand Architect called on October 4, 1804.

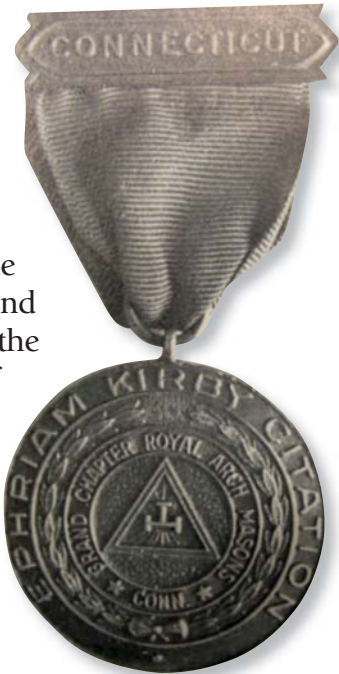
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He was the driving force behind the formation of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He called for its formation in 1783, and recorded the proceedings when the Grand Lodge was finally formed in 1789.

When Royal Ephraim Kirby Medal Arch Masonry was in its infancy, Ephraim Kirby was unanimously elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Connecticut and the first Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States in 1798.

The medal and citation are prime examples of the highly exalted character that reminds all Masons, especially York Rite Masons, of the quality of man they must aspire to be.



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(MP) Most Puissant
Grand Master
(RE) Right Eminent
Grand Commander
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(F) Formal
(S) Semi-formal
(C) Casual

JANUARY 2011

Saturday, January 1, (ME) (MP) (RE), HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tuesday, January 4, (F), Keystone Chapter No. 27, Meriden, Mark Master Mason degree

Tuesday, January 4, (MP) (F), Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven, 50 year pin presentation

Wednesday, January 5, (ME) (MP), Halleck Chapter No. 44 and Menunketuck Council No. 36, Madison, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Monday, January 10, (ME) (F), Union Chapter No. 7, Stonington, 50 year pin presentation

Monday, January 10, (MP) (F), Cushing Council No. 4, Stonington, 50 year pin presentation

Tuesday, January 11, (F), Wolcott Council No. 1, East Hartford. Royal Master degree

Wednesday, January 12, (ME) (F), Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford

Thursday, January 13, (ME) (F), Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, Darien

Saturday, January 15, (RE) (C), York Rite Coordination Committee, Waterbury, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 15, (RE) (F), Connecticut 17 York Rite College, Waterbury, Order Knight of York, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 17, (MP) (C), Grand Council Royal and Select Masters meeting, Masonicare Health Center board room

Tuesday, January 18, (U), Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Order of Red Cross

Tuesday, January 18, (U), St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden, Red Cross, Malta (short), 6:00 p.m. dinner

Friday, January 21, (ME) (MP) (U), New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, 6:15 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, January 25, (ME) (F), Trinity Chapter No. 9, North Windham

Wednesday, January 26, (MP) (F), Crawford Council No. 19, Branford

Wednesday, January 26, (RE) (F), Pulaski Chapter No. 26, Branford, Most Excellent Master degree

Thursday, January 27, (RE) (U), Palestine Commandery No. 6, Stonington

Monday, January 31, (RE) (F), KYCH, New Haven, 6:00 p.m. dinner

COMING UP:

February 15, Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, 6:30 dinner, installation 7:30 p.m., Sweet Adelines program

February 23, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Mark Master Mason degree

Lunch and Learn Programs - Part of Masonicare's Commitment to Community Health and Wellness

Masonicare has a strong commitment to community health and wellness. A part of its mission to provide both high quality health care and senior services while also providing educational health and wellness programs that can improve the quality of life in the community we serve.

One way Masonicare supports this commitment is through its Lunch and Learn programs, which run from September to June each year. Haley McCarthy, MPH, CHES, who joined the Masonicare Community Services team last year, has worked with

each host site to design and provide programs tailored to the needs of their members. Last season, from January 2010 to May 2010, Masonicare provided health and wellness information to more than 800 community members through these programs.

Programs are hosted at senior centers in Cheshire, Hamden, Newtown, Monroe, Southbury, and West Hartford, as well as the public libraries in North Haven and Wallingford. Masonicare also provides a complimentary light lunch at each event.

Lunch and Learn programs

for 2011 will feature topics such as Chiropractic 101, Ethics in Long-Term Care, Stress Management, Memory Loss, Medicare 101, Therapeutic Laughter, Finding Benefits, and Naturopathic Medicine.

Upcoming programs are announced at the beginning of each month at www.facebook.com/masonicare.

Please be sure to call the host location in order to reserve a spot. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a new presenter or topic of interest, please call Haley McCarthy at 860-679-6906.



Haley McCarthy, MPH, CHES of Masonicare Community Services coordinates Masonicare's Lunch & Learn Programs.

Craft at Labor...

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

Tuesday, January 4, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 6:15 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, January 5, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston

Saturday, January 15, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, JW Cary W. Bentley presiding

Monday, January 17, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, SW Jeff S. Bartlett in the East

Monday, January 17, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, January 19, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, January 19, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston

Wednesday, January 19, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, January 19, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven

Thursday, January 20, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, January 20, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Friday, January 21, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford

Saturday, January 29, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 9:00 a.m.

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Tuesday, January 11, Manchester No. 73, Manchester

Wednesday, January 12, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. dinner

Saturday, January 15, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville

Friday, January 21, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, WM Gary Littlefield in the East

Monday, January 24, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, January 25, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Monday, January 10, Valley No. 36, Granby

Monday, January 17, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 6:15 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, January 18, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 5:30 p.m. degree starts, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, January 19, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Past Masters to perform the first half

Thursday, January 27, Temple No. 65, Westport, 7:00 p.m. dinner

Saturday, January 29, Center No. 97, Meriden, 9:00 a.m., pancake breakfast, degree at 10:00 a.m. by Past Masters

A Joyful Tradition Continues

by Carl G. Ek

When the late Bud Simpson started the Milford Chapter, No. 49, Royal Arch Masons holiday sing-along as the chapter's High Priest in 1970, his may not have envisioned the event carrying forward toward a golden anniversary. On the other hand, 1977 Grand Master-to-be Arthur Forrest Simpson may have had just that plan in mind.

Either way, the 41st annual holiday sing-along took place on December 20, and once again the seats in the Milford Masonic Temple were filled. Master of ceremonies Ken Hawkins, led the crowd through a number of Christmas and winter songs, again accompanied on organ and guitar by WB Richard Kassay.

Interspersed among the music were brief greetings from the heads of several grand Masonic bodies – another tradition begun by Bud Simpson, whose position in the Grand Lodge line made it easy for him to encourage people to attend.

Guest soloists again included Father and RW Grand Chaplain Bruce R. Bellmore, who offered "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "What Child is This." Also, Majority Rainbow Carolyn 'Charley' Walls – accompanied as always by roadie and husband Bro. Stuart – offered lilting flute renditions of Mel Torme's



To help the 'Grand heads' quarter with their piety, RW Grand Chaplain Bruce R. Bellmore, center, was invited to sing with REGC Jack H. Stevens, MPGM James C. Klienkauf, MEGHM Paul L. Chello, and MWGM Charles A. Buck, Jr.

"The Christmas Song" and "Merry Christmas Darling."

Highlights of the evening included some 'assembled' quartets brought together by Bro. Hawkins, and the formal quartets based on offices held. Several Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers took part and acquitted themselves lyrically. The traditional 'seconds-in-command' quartet, performing the slightly rewritten 'We Four Kings of Orient Are,' included RW Deputy Grand Master James T. McWain, RE Deputy Grand Commander

Leonard H. Bucher, RI Deputy Puissant Grand Master Bruce Bellmore, and, filling in for Danny Camp, RW Brad Cooney, who was announced as the next to enter the Grand Lodge line as Grand Junior Steward in April.

The primary quartet of the evening, though, consists of the grand heads of the four York Rite bodies. This year, MWGM Charles A. Buck, Jr. was assisted by REGC Jack H. Stevens, MPGM James C. Klienkauf, and MEGHP Paul L. Chello. However, before they sang, Bro. Buck reminded all of his piety – and that he was, in fact, the Grand Master. As such, he invited Grand Chaplain Bellmore to expand the quartet and offer his blessing in song. The sound was angelic....

Before hearing the story of "Silent Night" from Bro. Kassay, which he accompanied on guitar, as it was first sung, Bro. Hawkins noted that the 42nd annual sing-along would be Monday, December 19, 2011. He also announced that as he'd been emceeing the event since Bro. Simpson gave up the chair in 1992, he felt that it was time to turn the task over to PMPGM Scott T. Sherrick.

Bro. Scott and the members of Milford Chapter No. 49 look forward to seeing a great turnout to help the joyful tradition continue.

Craft at Refreshment...

Sunday, January 2, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 2:00 p.m. dinner, installation of officers

Monday, January 3, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, lodge of instruction, Freemasonry and the Qabalah by Bro. Chuck 2.0 Landau

Monday, January 3, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m. pot luck dinner, installation of officers

Tuesday, January 4, Union No. 40, Danbury, installation of officers

Tuesday, January 4, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, speaker Roger Read: Training for a Masonic funeral

Tuesday, January 4, Harmony No. 67, New Canaan, 7:00 p.m. dinner, installation of officers

Wednesday, January 5, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, installation of officers

Wednesday, January 5, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, installation of officers

Wednesday, January 5, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook installation of officers

Wednesday, January 5, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, installation of officers, memorial service at 7:00 p.m., installation ceremony will start at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. annual paid-up members dinner

Thursday, January 6, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m. 8th Masonic District breakfast at the Groton Townhouse Restaurant

Thursday, January 6, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:30 p.m. dinner celebrating Mardi Gras, 3 Kings Day, and Bro. Andrew Jackson's victory at New Orleans

Thursday, January 6, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, WB Lem Johnson: "Polish the Chrome"

Friday, January 7, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, installation of officers

Friday, January 7, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:00 p.m. installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Village No. 29, Collinsville, 3:00 p.m. installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Valley No. 36, Granby, installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Morning Star No. 47, Seymour, 6:30 p.m. dinner, installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Temple No. 65, Westport, 4:00 p.m. dinner, installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 3:00 p.m. installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 2:00 p.m., installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 2:00 p.m., installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 2:00 p.m. dinner, installation of officers (will take place at Granite Lodge No. 119, Haddam)

Saturday, January 8, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 12:00 noon, installation of officers

Saturday, January 8, Unity No. 148, New Britain, installation of officers

Sunday, January 9, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 7:00 p.m., school of instruction

Sunday, January 9, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast

Sunday, January 9, Brainard No. 102, Niantic, 2:00 p.m. installation of officers

Sunday, January 9, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 2:00 p.m. installation of officers

Monday, January 10, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 2nd District Blue Lodge Council

Tuesday, January 11, Wolcott No. 146, Wolcott, lecture: Landmarks of Masonry, coat drive

Wednesday, January 12, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. dinner, presentation by Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr.

Friday, January 14, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 4:00 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 18 220th anniversary, wreath laying at the grave-site of our first Master WB Peter Nichols, Elm Cemetery (weather permitting)

Saturday, January 15, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 6:30 p.m., 7th District Table Lodge hosted by Warren Lodge No. 51

Saturday, January 15, Composite No. 28, Suffield, 3:00 p.m., tour of Masonicare Health Center

Saturday, January 15, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 11:00 a.m. brunch, installation of officers

Saturday, January 15, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 7:00 AM, breakfast, Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, January 15, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, lodge clean up

Sunday, January 16, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m. country breakfast

Monday, January 17, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, WB Lem Johnson: "Polish the Chrome"

Monday, January 17, Village No. 29, Collinsville fraternal visit to Compass Lodge No. 9

Wednesday, January 19, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Martin Luther King Jr. event

Thursday, January 20, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, RW Kenneth Greenhill: "Masonic Investigations"

Friday, January 21, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, game night

Saturday, January 22, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:00 p.m. pot luck dinner, lodge family social

Saturday, January 22, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Camp Sloper Polar Plunge

Saturday, January 22, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, 5:00 p.m. dinner all you can eat Chicken Alfredo buffet

Sunday, January 23, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 11:00 a.m. dinner, turkey pot pie dinner

Monday, January 24, Temple No. 16, Cheshire esoteric Freemason class

Monday, January 24, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 1st District Blue Lodge Council

Tuesday, January 25, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m. Fellowcraft dinner, bring a guest

Tuesday, January 25, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 and Manchester Lodge No. 73, Manchester, 6:30 p.m., joint Table Lodge

Wednesday, January 26, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Masonic Lodge of Research speakers: Candidate Investigation by Brad Cooney and Ken Greenhill

Thursday, January 27, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 7:00 p.m. installation of officers

Thursday, January 27, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. pot luck dinner and game night

Friday, January 28, St. Andrews No. 64, Winsted, 3rd District Blue Lodge Council

Saturday, January 29, Philosophic Lodge of Research and Masonic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, 1:00 p.m., joint installation of officers

Monday, January 31, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 6th District Blue Lodge Council, speaker: Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, state archaeologist

Monday, January 31, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, 5th District Blue Lodge Council

Monday, January 31, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 4th District Blue Lodge Council, GCRA program

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

Happy New Year, everyone! It is hard to believe the 2011 Spring Reunion is so close at hand. The official Scottish Rite year is 5771 A.M. That doesn't have anything to do with the morning hours. It stands for Anno Mundo. Its Latin translation means "The Year of the World" and it corresponds to the Hebrew calendar year.

Nevertheless, NOW is the time to be armed with applications for those inquisitive or unsuspecting brothers who will compose our next class. If you need applications, you may get them from our Illustrious Valley secretary, Vern Cleaves, 33°, or your lodge ambassador. What? Your lodge doesn't have a Scottish Rite Ambassador? It could be you!

Our spirits have been high since the Fall Reunion. Thanks to all of you, we generated double figures again. Our numbers are coming back up, so keep up the good work.

Our Thrice Potent Master couldn't be happier. He also happens to be our membership chairman. Bro. Charles H. Tirrell, MSA, has been riding high, and he's bringing us along, so jump on the bandwagon. His theme is echoed throughout the NMJ. It is simply known as ICE, that is: Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment.

Speaking of history. I was charged to update the history of the Valley of New Haven. I took the roster of our body heads and MSA's and added to it their birthplaces,

vital statistics, and final resting places. It seems an esteemed brother of this Valley was given rites that were not right! When searching for William G. Mangel I was given misinformation. In this case, I reported, with deepest regret, the exaggerated news of Brother Mangel's passing. We are pleased to wish him hearty returns on having just reached his 93rd birthday basking in the California sun.

Don't forget our Winter Picnic on Saturday, February 20, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Get your reservation to Illustrious Jack Stevens, bring your family, friends, and prospects, and have a good time!

Ciao for now, and see you in the Valley...

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

Once again we begin a new year and a chance to practice the values and teachings that we learned becoming a Master Mason and a Scottish Rite Mason. We are not a cult but a fraternity of brothers who value life, freedom of religion, love of country, love of family, and the practicing of family values.

To that end, we welcome the newest members to the Valley of Hartford, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, who have completed the required degrees to be known as Sublime Princes in the Scottish Rite. The brothers and their lodges are:

Timothy Broderick, Village 29; Frank Colon, Meridian 77; Kenneth Coman, Wolcott 146; Jose Contreras, Wylls-St. John's 4; Domenic DiStefano, St. John's 2; Robert "Bruce" Fagan, Anchor 112; George Frascarelli, Village 29; Gabriel Hall, Moriah 15; Albin

"AJ" Jenuska, III, Unity 148; Karl Manner, Evening Star Lodge 101; Desmond Ould, Washington 70; Robert Raby, Meridian 77; Donald Robertson, Hartford-Evergreen No. 88; and Alphonse Wright, Wylls-St. John's 4.

With the beginning of this New Year, the Valley of Hartford is accepting applications for its 2011 spring class. On February 10, an informational night will be held at our Scottish Rite Cathedral, 207 Deming Street, Newington, starting at 7:30 p.m. Come to learn more about the Scottish Rite and get the answers to any questions you may have.

The schedule for the Scottish Rite degrees in the spring of 2011 are Thursday, February 24; Thursday, March 10; Thursday, March 24; Thursday, March 31 (the Feast of the Pascal Lamb, which is open to your lady); and Thursday, April 14. All the degrees will start at 7:30 p.m., with a pre-degree buffet dinner

served at 6:00 p.m. at the Sphinx Shrine facility next door to the Cathedral. The degree schedule concludes with the Consistory Day degrees on Saturday, April 30, starting at 10:00 a.m. That day's program should conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Scottish Rite, and its fraternal fellowship, or about our charities, activities, degree work, and what the benefits are in 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, 860-666-0712, or e-mail sect@snet.net.

Our website which includes forms, membership applications, electronic copies of our quarterly newsletter View of the Valley, and a calendar of our events at www.valleyofhartford.org.



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If at you would like more information about becoming a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or would like a copy of Scottish Rite Informational DVD Contact David Blythe Sr., 330, Valley Secretary, at the Valley of Hartford Office 860-666-0712, or sect@snet.net or visit our Valley Website: www.valleyofhartford.org to obtain an application, or to obtain more information about the Valley of Hartford.

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