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## GM Buck Installs WM Buck



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A Brother to  
be Missed



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Help Ring in the  
New Year



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Home in  
Time for the  
Holidays Redux

# A Night to Remember



*The square upon your breast...*



*Receive in charge the charter...*



*As King Solomon wore a crown...*



*It is now my pleasure to place in your hands this gavel...*



*Worshipful Master Buck with Senior Warden Robert L. Thomas, left, and Junior Warden Kevin M. Field.*



*Now it's time for cake.*

# A Historical Installation at Ansantwae Lodge

by Carl G. Ek

Masonry often becomes a family activity as sons follow fathers into what becomes known as the 'family lodge.' Many lodges of sufficient age have histories of two generations of the same family ascending to the East to serve as Worshipful Masters. (Trumbull Lodge No. 22 has at least 7 such pairs of Masters in just over 140-plus years, and there are likely other lodges with similar statistics.)

Less common are lodges where three generations of the same family have occupied the same East. The names Holtman, Memmott, and Roberts all come to mind, and there are likely a number of this somewhat rarer series of successions.

Most uncommon, though is a third-generation Worshipful Master being installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master

– who happens to be his own father! That is what occurred on Friday, January 7 at Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford.

Christopher J.M. Buck – son of Charles A. Buck, Jr., 1985 Worshipful Master, and grandson of Charles A. Buck, Sr., 1968 Worshipful Master – was installed into the Oriental Chair by his father, who is also Connecticut Masonry's Most Worshipful Grand Master. While this may not be unprecedented, ongoing research suggests that this is the first time in Connecticut Masonic history that a sitting

Grand Master has installed his son as Worshipful Master.

Chris began his Masonic journey in Milford Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he served as Master Councilor in the mid-1990's. He then served as State Master Councilor of Connecticut DeMolay from late 1997 until mid-1999, filling an unexpired term before his own year long incumbency. He takes over the chair from WB Scott T. Sherrick, another Senior DeMolay and second generation Master –



Installing Marshal PGM Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., with baton, presents the balance of the Ansantawae Lodge officers who pledge their assent to the Ancient Charges.



WB Chris Buck celebrates his installation with his family, wife Rachel, baby Lucy Eliza, and daughter Hannah looking up.

although his father, WB Bob, served in the East in Faith Lodge in Massachusetts.

A special event long planned by WM Buck takes into account his DeMolay heritage. On Friday, May 6, a special team consisting of Past State Master Councilors of Connecticut DeMolay will take the chairs to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on a class of candidates.

Ansantawae Lodge remains closely tied to its home community of Milford. Chartered in 1859, it carried out a yearlong celebration of 150 years of service during 2009. Additionally, WB Sherrick was the 100<sup>th</sup> consecutive new Master


of the lodge – that is to say, no Past Master has been required to return to the lodge's East for over a century! This, too, may not be unique, but it points up the strength of Ansantawae Lodge.

Bro. Chris arrives at his station well prepared, but every Master has a question or two during his term. It's not every Master who can start a question to the lodge chaplain at his left with, "Hey, Dad..." and get his answer from no less an expert than the Grand Master! Chris also looks forward to attending his father's Grand Lodge session in his capacity as Master in April with wife Rachel and daughters Hannah and Lucy.


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## GRAND MASTER'S TRESTLE BOARD

Charles A. Buck, Jr. - February 2011

DATE/TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	PUBLIC	DINNER	ATTIRE
Wednesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.	Widows Son Lodge No. 66, Branford, awards night	SP	N	F
Thursday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.	Moriah Lodge No. 15, Brooklyn, presentation of jewels	SP	Y	F
Friday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford	N	N	F
Saturday, February 19-23	Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Denver, Colorado			
Saturday, February 26-March 4	Nutmegger Reunion, Florida			

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**We look forward to seeing you.** 

**Monday, February 28,** Vero Beach Hotel and Spa, 3500 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach

**Tuesday, March 1,** Olde Cypress Club, 7150 Treeline Drive, Naples  
*Co-hosts: Bro. David P. and Ann Hocking*

**Wednesday, March 2,** Hilton Gardens Inn, 8270 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

**Thursday, March 3,** Marion-Dunn Lodge No. 19, 1846 SE 36th Avenue, Ocala  
*Co-hosts: MW Bro. Norman L. Getchell, PGM and MW Bro. John Gonsalves, PGM*

**Friday, March 4,** Timber Greens Country Club, 6333 Timber Greens Boulevard, New Port Richey  
*Co-hosts: RW Bro. Gus D. Lawrence, PDD and RW Bro. John L. Blennerhassett, PDD*

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# Wally Boice Passes to the Celestial Lodge Above

by Michael L. Castroll

A pillar has fallen. Alas, alas, alas.

Wallace Elbert Boice, Jr. was born to Mildred and Wallace E. Boice, Sr., in Bridgeport, on March 31, 1928. His Dad died suddenly in 1936, and his mother later remarried, becoming the wife of Henry Calhoun. (This would become the turning point in Wally's life.) He graduated Stratford High School in 1946, and was active in the Boy Scouts of America at Stratford's First Congregational Church.

Wally received early training working part-time jobs in local stores that made an indelible impression on his life. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy, attended its Cook and Bakers School, and became a Navy cook. After Honorable Discharge from the Navy, Wally took a job at Bridgeport's Barnum Hotel. Learning the hotel business, he worked his way up to become assistant manager. However, Wally did not want to spend his life in the hotel business. He started at the bottom once again as a teller for Connecticut National Bank. Here his talents led him up the executive ladder.

"Storybook" is the heading for the next episode of Wally's life. Springfield, Massachusetts native Terry Bader was working in a Bridgeport department store and stopped for lunch at the lunch counter run by Wally's stepfather. Wally was having lunch, too. A mutual friend saw them, and introduced them.

Terry and Wally were united in matrimony on January 14, 1950, and set up housekeeping in Stratford. Two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, who all live in Connecticut, expanded the Boice family. Terry and Wally became members of Stratford's Grace Lutheran Church.

Wally's stepfather always wanted him to become a Mason. Wally realized the importance this would have meant to both of them only after his stepfather

died. Wally decided to take the step, receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 28, 1964. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 25, 1964 in St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford.

In 1966, he started his journey to the East in what has become America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 in the year of the lodge's bicentennial. He served as Worshipful Master in 1971, and the next year, chaired the reception for MW Grand Master William C. Neu. Wally was a past president of the Stratford Masonic Temple Board Association and affiliated in various leadership roles with every appendant and concordant body contained within the Stratford Masonic Temple. He served as president of the Stratford Past Masters' Association. In 1991, when St. John's Lodge celebrated her 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Wally chaired the program of events.

Wally and Terry served together to help their daughters and others as advisors of Stratford's Rainbow Assembly and as members of Stratford Court No. 21, Order of Amaranth and Azalia Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star. There Wally served as Worthy Patron in 1977-78. In 1979-80, he served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter. He later served on Connecticut's OES Board of Directors, including two years as president of the board.

In 1975, when MW Bro. Charles J. Ramage retired as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Wally was elected to take his place, becoming our sixteenth RW Grand Treasurer. This position he would hold for 32 years before being created Grand Treasurer Emeritus in 2007.

In 1994, Wally was serenaded by a gathering of brothers and sisters from all of his affiliations

and plenty of family and friends to celebrate a lifetime of service to Masonry as he was bestowed the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service at a reception at the Pyramid Shrine Center, where he served with the Legion of Honor.

Wally's 58 years of service to all was honorable and well appreciated.

When Wally reflected on his years of service and the changes he'd seen across the decades, he spoke, as appropriate to a banker, about the numbers. He'd seen membership go down since the 1960's, but was proud of the recent resurgence of the fraternity. He was also happy to have served the craft and develop camaraderie with so many people and families he'd met in his years traveling with the Grand Lodge and the Eastern Star.



Bro. Wally Boice will be sorely missed by the brothers and friends who always enjoyed his warmth and caring, but none so much as his wife Terry.

On January 5, Wally received the ultimate call from the Grand Architect and laid down his working tools. His services at the Dennis & D'Arcy Funeral Home brought out a multitude where the Grand Lodge paid final rites amid a host of honors. Wally was laid to rest beneath the silent clods of the valley in Stratford's Union Cemetery.

Farewell, good and faithful Brother Wally. His column is broken, and his brethren mourn.

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# Grand Master's Message

Brethren,

I would like to draw your attention to the Tiler's sword. We all know of its use — to guard the outer door of the lodge, to enable the Tiler to "keep off the approach of all cowans and eavesdroppers."

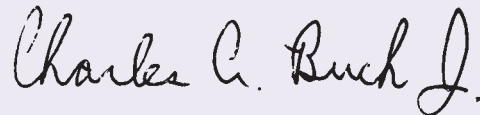
It also should serve as a "constant admonition to us to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, place a watch at the door of our lips, and post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions, thereby excluding every unworthy and unqualified thought, word, and deed, preserving consciences void of offense towards God and man."

In some instances we never think through what consequences our words and deeds will have on our fellows before we say or do them. I am reminded of DeMolay ritual, which reminds us of the ancient injunction that we "should think twice before speaking once."

Once again, DeMolay ritual teaches the same lessons as Masonic ritual, but in much plainer words. My brothers, please, think about how your actions and words will affect your fellow man, before saying or doing them.

The world will be a better place for it.

Fraternally,



Charles A. Buck, Jr.  
Grand Master



## Looking to the Future

by James T. McWain, Deputy Grand Master

In December 2010 and January 2011, RW Gary W. Arseneau, Deputy Grand Master-elect, and I had comprehensive discussions with the brothers to be installed as District Deputies at the Grand Lodge session on April 4. The talks involved the future direction of the Grand Lodge, their responsibilities in the districts throughout the state, and the focus of the Grand Lodge officers in 2011.

As I explained at the Semi-Annual session in October, I feel the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers have a number of important responsibilities. Briefly they are: running the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; managing the Grand Lodge budget; meeting the expectations of the brothers; seeing that the fraternity satisfies the curiosity, expectations, and desires of new brothers; and continuing this fraternity in accordance with the ancient landmarks and in concert with the other Grand Lodges in the United States and all over the world.

To accomplish these responsibilities, the Grand Lodge officers must have a clear vision of the goals and objectives of the Grand Lodge.

Early in this century, MWGM Walter Kaechele developed a strategic plan that articulated five and ten year goals and objectives for the Grand Lodge. Over the past eight years that planning process has not been a primary focus. The Grand Lodge line officers will be working in 2011 to reassess and define the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan for the future.

Consequently, the Grand Lodge line

officers are going to be deeply involved in developing goals and objectives, monitoring programs, committees, membership, lodges, budgets, and the myriad of items that encompass the workings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. While they are accomplishing those tasks, the District Deputies will be looking after the lodges and districts.

This was the reason for our discussions with the incoming District Deputies. As appointed Grand Lodge officials, they will be reassuming the responsibility for the day-to-day oversight of the lodges within their districts. As this will involve more time and work, I wanted to speak with them in advance to explain the details of their involvement in the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Grand Lodge. I did not want to be in a position of having anyone tell me in May that they did not understand what was involved in being a District Deputy in 2011.

I am gratified by the response from all the new District Deputies. They appreciated the opportunity to discuss the tasks involved. I was heartened by the frank interchange and am pleased with the caliber of all the brothers who volunteered for this important position.

The Grand Lodge officers will be very busy with specific tasks, programs, and committees under their supervision, in addition to their involvement in the development of the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan. They will not be involved in the daily operations of the districts.

This does not change, in any way, the method for selecting Grand Lodge line officers. The permanent members of the appropriate district will still be involved in selecting the brother to be recommended to the Grand Master for appointment as Grand Junior Steward.

I have been thinking about the Grand Lodge organization for some time. As I progressed through the Grand Lodge line over the last eight years, I have noted that much of the Grand Lodge officer focus and effort has been toward the individual districts. A lesser amount of time has been spent discussing and focusing on the Grand Lodge of Connecticut — its strategic objective, mission, vision, and goals.

I feel strongly that the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers must change their focus towards the workings of the Grand Lodge. The incoming District Deputies have informed me that they are up to the challenge of overseeing the districts. They unanimously indicated that they want to join the team.

The Deputy Grand Master-elect and I are convinced that this new focus is correct and absolutely necessary for the future of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. I look forward to working with all these talented brothers in 2011.



# Rainbow Girls Raise Funds at "Sports Night 4 Abby"

By Denise M. Curcio

Brittney Curcio and Milford Assembly No. 4, International Order of Rainbow for Girls held a charity fundraising event in November to benefit Cure JM (Juvenile Dermatomyositis and Juvenile Polymyositis). The site was the Connecticut Sports Center in Shelton, and Brittany – Charity in her assembly – chose the beneficiary to honor 10-year-old Abigail Feehan, a family friend and sister of Rainbow member Brianna Feehan, who was recently diagnosed with Juvenile Dermatomyositis.

Sixteen Milford Assembly members were among the 159 people who paid \$20 to take part in three hours of such events as mini-golf, laser tag, and arcade games. Connecticut Sports Center donated \$10 of each admission to the charitable cause.

Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor Jessica Ziervogel and many parents and advisory board members also participated. Other assemblies participating included Evergreen No. 44, Hamden; Norwich No. 30, Preston; and Ansonia No. 8, Shelton. Tickets were marketed at Brittany's Bunnell High School, Abby's elementary school, and to family and friends of Rainbow Girls. Facebook was also used to get the word out.

In addition to ticket sales, purple tie-dyed wristbands imprinted with "Sports Night 4 Abby" were made and sold. Abigail attended to cheer everyone on, but is not a Rainbow Girl yet as she is only 10 years old.

Rhonda McKeever, national chairman of the Cure JM Foundation, visited a meeting of Milford Assembly No. 4 with her 11-year-old daughter, Megan, also a JDM victim. She was pleasantly surprised to receive a check from the assembly for \$3,900 to assist the non-profit, all-volunteer group managed by families and friends of JM patients.

The Cure JM Foundation was created specifically to find a cure for the very rare disease and to raise awareness of JM. It also provides support and information to families of those suffering from JM. It is estimated that somewhere between 3,000 and 5,000 children in the United States are afflicted with the disease. Further information is available at [www.curejm.org](http://www.curejm.org).



Sister Brittany Curcio, third from right, Charity of Milford Assembly No. 4, Order of Rainbow for Girls, presents a donation of \$3,900 to Rhonda McKeever, national chairman of the all-volunteer Cure JM Foundation. Most of the funds were raised at "Sports Night 4 Abby" at the Connecticut Sports Center in Shelton. "Abby" is 10-year-old Abigail Feehan (third from left), sister of a Milford Rainbow Girl, who is one of a tiny number of people afflicted with Juvenile Dermatomyositis. At left is JDM victim Megan McKeever, Rhonda's daughter; second from right is at far right is Milford Assembly Mother Advisor Pat Boboc; and at right is Milford Assembly advisor Denise Curcio, Brittany's mom



Rainbow Girls, families, and friends raised funds for the Cure JM Foundation at the Connecticut Sports Center on November 6. Abby Feehan, holding a stuffed toy in front, is afflicted with the disease, but was there to cheer them on.

Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport

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Proverbs 3:27 – "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." KJV

If you are like me, you are bombarded daily with requests for charitable donations. It seems that every time I open my mailbox or e-mail someone needs help with some terrible tragedy, disease, or disaster. I read about 99% of them and most of them are truly worthy of consideration.

There is a great amount of suffering in the world. It is probably the same amount of suffering there has always been, but our communication has advanced to the point that we are notified of tragedy as soon as it happens. I will often see a headline on one of the Internet news services announcing an event and will click on it to find it occurred

just moments earlier in some remote part of the world. Television and the Internet graphically depict the suffering so it is indelibly imprinted on our mind.

The problem with the instant notification is that quite often we move on to the next disaster while we are still trying to cope with the first one. Then comes the next one and the next and on and on until we forget what happened first.

January 12, 2011 marked the first anniversary of the massive earthquake that devastated Haiti. For the first few weeks, celebrities and governments called upon us to help the victims rebuild their country and pick up the pieces of their shattered lives. Now a year later, of the 1 million people whose homes were destroyed, 800,000 still live in makeshift tent cities. A cholera outbreak has resulted in more than 3,000 deaths since it began in October. The telethons and celebrity fundraising have pretty much ended and the world has moved

on to other causes and concerns, but the suffering goes on.

Many of our brothers in Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149 had family and friends who were lost, injured, or displaced by this disaster and their brothers in Connecticut Freemasonry stood by them and responded with charity and brotherly love. The brothers of Universal Fraternity Lodge still continue in this charitable work. This is what Freemasonry is about.

But Freemasonry is also about the looking for charitable opportunities in our own backyards. We can demonstrate our brotherly love and charity by shoveling out an elderly or infirmed neighbor's walk, volunteering as a lodge to help at a local soup kitchen or Habitat for Humanity, assisting your local Rainbow Assembly or DeMolay Chapter at one of their charitable events or fundraisers, or doing whatever you can to make a difference in your community in the name of Freemasonry.



It is often said that Freemasonry is only known through the lives of individual Masons. Let us continue to be a beacon of light and hope to our communities and help to shatter the darkness of suffering and despair.

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## For Dwight and Claudette Mertens, There's More Than One Way to Give

by Adam Raider

Donors to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut like Bro. Dwight Mertens, RW Past District Deputy and Past Master of Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, and his wife Claudette make it possible for Masonicare to provide the best possible care for our residents and patients across the state, regardless of their ability to pay.

Since 1988, Dwight and Claudette have consistently made generous gifts to The Foundation because they had a positive "Masonicare Experience" and hope that others will give generously, too.

"We've increased our contributions to The Foundation in recent years," Claudette says, "because we know the money is going to very good use."

The Mertens, who live in Willington, have also demonstrated strong support for the Masonicare Quality of Life Walk through financial contributions, advocacy in the Hartford area, and by volunteering at the T-shirt distribution booth on the day of the event. Recently, Claudette contributed in another important way: through the donation of colorful, hand-knitted lap robes for the residents of Masonicare Health Center (MHC).

"I hadn't done any knitting in a long time," Claudette says, "but I also didn't want to start going to bed at 8:00 at night. So I asked myself, 'what can I do now?' That's when I decided to knit the lap robes for Masonicare. I made them a little shorter than usual, taking into consideration that you wouldn't want an older person to trip over it, or have it get caught in the wheels of a wheelchair. I started knitting in August and by November I'd finished 45 lap robes. Next, I'll be working on some shawls. Some of the residents may have family, but some might not. And even if they do have family, it doesn't necessarily mean they can afford to go out and buy these kinds of things. I'm fortunate that I have the time and the ability to do this."

Dwight and Claudette met

on a blind date in November 1969 and were married the following summer after what Dwight remembers as a "whirlwind courtship."

"Forty years later," he says with a chuckle, "Claudette is still with me. I'm not sure why, but ..."

The couple's altruism to Masonicare can be traced to Bro. Dwight's Masonic background, of course, but also to the care his late aunt, Ellen Klein, received as a resident of the Health Center.

"My aunt passed away shortly before her 100th birthday," Dwight recalls, "but I am thoroughly convinced that if she hadn't been under the care of Masonicare, she would not have made it that long. The quality of care here is fantastic."

Echoing the experience of many Masons, Bro. Dwight's first exposure to Masonicare came when he visited our Wallingford campus on official Grand Lodge business.

"Coming back and forth to the auditorium at MHC for Grand Lodge sessions," Dwight says, "I began to get a sense of what the place was all about. Later, as Associate Grand Marshal and then as District Deputy, I visited the Health Center a bit more regularly. There was a feeling that I got from the employees – it was a feeling of caring. My mother had



Bro. Dwight and Claudette Mertens

been in a convalescent home on the other side of the state, and it was definitely not like the Ramage building at Masonicare Health Center. It was completely different.

It may sound hokey but at Masonicare, you can feel the love. You can feel the passion the staff have for their work. At other places, it's just a job. It's a great thing that we have there in Wallingford and I've watched it grow with the addition of the apartments and Ashlar Village and the Hartog Activities Center. I wish that more brothers knew all of that is there."

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It was sixty one years ago that the hall of Moriah Lodge No. 15 was dedicated in Brooklyn. On December 3, 1949 MW Philip J Jones and his corps of officers gathered in Eastern Connecticut for the dedication. The lodge had previously met in the town building on Main Street in Danielson (Killingly Town Hall) and moved eastward only one mile to Brooklyn. A roast beef dinner was held and at 8:00 p.m. the lodge opened.

After dedicating the building to Freemasonry, virtue, and benevolence,

comments were made by PGM Earle K. Haling, PGM Charles J. Ramage and RW Paul Menge, District Deputy. Albert Ruwet, who was superintendent of the Masonic Home and eventually would become Grand Master, was also present. WB George Goodell was commended for his efforts on the new building, used solely for Masonic purposes.



Recently a brother asked me about Fred Waldron. He was born in Buffalo in 1840 and came to Connecticut with his parents in 1847. He was sent to a boarding school in Oxford and later to an academy in Norwalk. At the age of 17 he went to Davenport, Iowa to work for the Mississippi and Missouri railroad for about two years before coming back to Connecticut to work for the New York and New Haven railroad.

He served in the 4th Connecticut Volunteers for three years during the Civil War and later was transferred to the 1st Connecticut Volunteers. After almost a dozen battles he returned home to Connecticut. In 1870 he was the clerk of the board of Public Works for the city of New Haven and continued to hold that position for twenty-plus years, having been elected annually without regard to the political whims of the board.

Our Brother Waldron was made a Mason in Wooster Lodge No. 79 during

a leave from battle on March 13, 1863. He joined the York Rite in 1864 (Franklin Chapter No. 2, RAM, Harmony Council No. 8, RSM and New Haven Commandery No. 2, KT). In 1867 he was elected to the post of Junior Deacon (then elected) and rose to Worshipful Master in 1871, and was re-elected in 1872. He also led his local Council and Commandery.

He was elected Most Puissant Grand Master in 1875



and Grand Commander in 1886 and served as Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1883. He was a presiding officer in all the bodies of the Scottish Rite in New Haven and was an honorary member of the Scottish Rite (33°). MW Waldron served as a commander of Admiral Foote No. 17 post of the Grand Army of the Republic.



For those who have listened to the Middle Chamber lecture of the Fellowcraft degree, there is a brief mention of Jephthah. We know from the lecture and from the Bible that he was a judge in Israel. He had just delivered Israel from the oppressive leadership of the Ammonites. The Ephraimites were patient and waited until victory to complain that they were not asked to share in the very rich and delightful spoils from victory. Jephthah, being a thoughtful judge, reminded them that they were lazy and didn't come to help when needed and let others fight for them.

The battle was on the easterly side of the Jordan and the Ephraimites were on the west. Jephthah decided that he would seize the fords of the beautiful river Jordan and asked them to say a word "Shibboleth." Most foreign tribes could not form the letter "h" and thus, out came "sibboleth" the defect in the dialect proved them to be from the wrong side of the river and they lost their lives. One can wonder if the phrase "wrong side of the tracks" somehow originated with this biblical story.



At times this column has been dedicated to a worthy brother. In January, we lost our Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Wallace E. Boice. He was a great and fine Mason, with a lot of experience in banking and finance. He was a branch manager for the old Connecticut National Bank, which, after several name changes became part of Bank of America. RW Boice was Grand Treasurer for thirty two years and his guidance and support of administrative functions within the Grand Lodge office had the benefit of his professional wisdom. He offered guidance and help to this Grand Historian over the years and he will be missed.

Brother Wally, may you peacefully enter that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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# "Operation: Take Ownership" is coming!

by Richard F. Denno

At this year's Grand Lodge session on April 4, lodges will be introduced to one of the most dynamic and passionate lifesaving programs ever

presented to Connecticut Freemasonry, "Operation: Take Ownership." The program is an extension of our Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program, which provides individual lodges the opportunity to 'make a lifesaving difference' within their respective communities. Opportunities for individual brothers to positively impact their towns and cities are a major part of the new initiative.

Since our inception in January 2009, the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program has travelled to lodges all over the state, spreading the lifesaving message of organ/tissue/eye donor registration.



## Connecticut Freemasons Have the Power to *DONATE LIFE*<sup>SM</sup>



Donor Awareness Program.

"Taking Ownership" of the program is simply spreading the lifesaving organ

Members have told 'their stories' (both happy and tragic) in the hope of encouraging brothers, their families, and friends to learn more at the Donate Life website, [www.donatelifenewengland.org](http://www.donatelifenewengland.org), and to register as organ donors on their online registry.

Now, two years after our humble beginnings, we are asking both lodges and their brothers to 'Take Ownership' of THEIR Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program. Recently, Anchor Lodge No. 112 brothers were told that from now on, this program is the "Anchor Lodge No. 112 Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program," not just the Masonic Organ and Tissue

and tissue donor message throughout your communities. By doing so, you'll first and foremost be instrumental in the saving of the lives of those around you, while at the same time practicing one of Freemasonry's greatest goals, that of community service. As a side benefit, your lodge will be receiving the recognition that often accompanies good works. Finally, remember that quality men want to be associated with groups that make a difference in their communities.

Next month's *Connecticut Freemasons* will present details of how you and your lodge can "Take Ownership" of this worthwhile program.

## New Eastern Star Chapter Constituted in Connecticut

by Sharon N. Peterson

A new page in the history of The Order of Eastern Star in Connecticut has been written.

A new chapter is located at Ashlar Village at Masonicare in Wallingford. The majority of members are residents at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, an independent living community, or at multiple Masonicare apartments.

The average age of Ashlar UD had been consistently around 80-90 years. In order to take the next step toward being constituted and receiving their charter, the chapter had to prove to the Worthy Grand Patron that they could survive and grow. Starting with 38 charter members, they have initiated and affiliated twelve new members, with four more who were voted on recently and will be initiated and signing the by-laws soon.

The chapter takes pride in its degree work and has proven that it is capable of surviving and growing.

At the Grand Chapter session in April it was voted to grant Ashlar chapter their charter if,

after six months the Worthy Grand Patron Brother Millard A. Rolston felt they had exhibited the necessary pre-requisites. On December 8, a special session of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was opened and Worthy Grand Patron Rolston constituted Ashlar Chapter. After the charter was read Worthy Grand Matron Sister Thelma J. Hammerman presented the charter of Ashlar Chapter No. 116 to Worthy Patron John W. Normington, Sr. and Worthy Matron Otilie Bulakites.

WGM Sister Thelma also presented the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron with Grand Representative commissions for all the work they had done to bring the chapter into existence.

Thanks are owed to many for the hard work in researching, making sure all was legal, and writing the program for a ceremony that has not been needed in over 61 years. Sister Gail C. Evarts, P.G.M. and Brother Gary S. Adams got the ball rolling; Sister Ellen L. Hendrick, P.G.M. and Brother Carl P. Larson P.G.P., got the

chapter instituted and Sister Thelma J. Hammerman, W.G.M. and Brother Millard A. Rolston Jr., W.G.P. carried it through to the constitution as well as the jurisprudence committees.

The constitution ceremony will be repeated at the Grand Chapter session in April for all to witness, when many friends from other Jurisdictions can be present.



From left, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Millard A. Rolston and Worthy Grand Matron Sister Thelma J. Hammerman present the new charter for Ashlar Chapter No. 116 to Worthy Matron Otilie Bulakites and Worthy Patron John W. Normington, Sr.

FROM THE DESK OF:

## Bro. Stephen B. McPherson President & CEO of Masonicare

Whom do you trust? You may have been asked this question, as I have. My answer might vary depending upon the issue involved. Mostly, though, my wife and daughters would be the immediate answer.

Alas, my personal "trust" list is not as long as it once was. Maybe I'm getting older and wiser. But to me, the more important question might be how many people would have you or me on their trusted list? Perhaps not so many as we'd like to think.

As an organization, Masonicare has a long list of patients, residents, and family members who have placed their trust in us. We have worked hard to earn it, beginning with our first patient in 1895. Every day, with each and every patient encounter, our caregivers put our reputation on the line. We earn trust not only through

professional excellence but also by having genuine empathy to those in need. When welcoming new employees, I refer to this attribute as our "platinum rule" — treating others (patients, residents, visitors, fellow employees) as they want to be treated. This does not come easily. It requires effort and not just a casual "how are you doing" question.

In this issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*, you will see excerpts from our 2010 Annual Report. I hope the statistics in it will give you a sense of the volume of clients we interact with, while the "Masonicare Experience" profile of Bro. Fred Ryerson will give you a sense of the underlying reason why Masonicare is such a trusted provider of services to seniors. It is a reputation that we strive to maintain and improve upon each and every day.

Our complete Annual Report features

several other profiles of individuals who have placed their trust in us. It's available upon request through the Masonicare HelpLine or online at [www.masonicare.org/about.asp](http://www.masonicare.org/about.asp).

Trust is difficult to earn. It can be easily lost. My New Year's resolution, both for Masonicare and for myself, is to continue to work to earn the trust of others and, in turn, expand the list of those who view us as trustworthy.

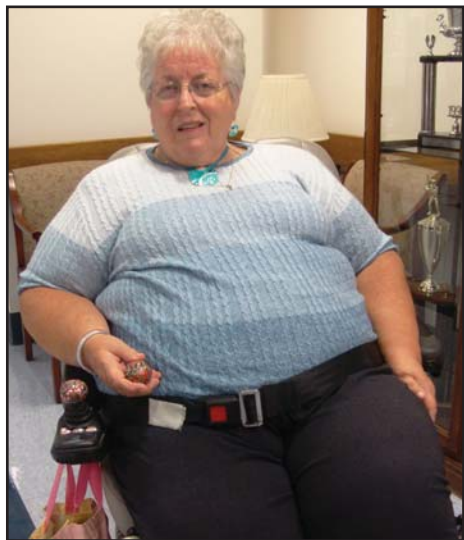
Sincerely and fraternally,



## Inventive Minds at Work at MHC

An increasing number of people are taking advantage of power wheel chairs to help them remain active and mobile.....but, as important as the chairs are to so many people, there is still room for improvement.

A few years ago, when recreation therapist Deb Ederly was conducting a polymer clay class for Masonicare Health



In her power chair with her customized control knob is Masonicare Health Center resident Estella "Stella" Szollosi.

Center residents, one resident remarked that the "stupid knob" on the stem that operated her power wheel chair kept falling off. When the resident asked Deb if she could repair it, Deb took a closer look and noted that the joy stick control knob was a quarter inch stem covered by a removable rubber cap, which frequently fell off, leaving a sharp, metal stem. Deb also noted that residents with arthritic hands, poor fine motor skills, or unsteady hands found it difficult to grasp a control that was so small.

Using her skills and experience with polymer clay, Deb took a handful of scrap clay, formed it into a larger-sized ball, covered it with slices of polymer clay cane designs and baked it. She then affixed the colorful knob to the stem, creating a one-of-a-kind "joy stick."

Needless to say, when other residents using wheelchairs noticed the new knob, it became an immediate hit, and many began asking for one of their own.



Masonicare Health Center residents Elaine B. Frederick and Ida Caraglio at the polymer clay class.

Because of the knob's popularity, residents and rehab patients make them periodically at the monthly polymer clay workshop project. Creating "usable art" has become a pleasant and creative recreational outlet. Residents are even making them as special gifts for other residents with

wheelchairs who aren't able to attend the classes.

According to Deb, "Aside from being a conversation piece, the new knobs are making it much easier for residents and rehab patients to grasp the handle and have better control of their wheelchairs. They love them!"

# Masonicare's HelpLine Staff Assists Families Throughout Connecticut with Confidentiality and Compassion

In 2007, feedback from a state-commissioned, long-term care needs assessment determined that Connecticut's seniors and their families were finding it increasingly difficult to locate and access programs and services available for the aging population.

As an organization that's always been on the cutting edge of "all things senior," Masonicare quickly recruited employees from throughout the continuum to serve on a task force to explore how the organization could assist seniors and their families throughout the state in finding the services, programs, and agencies they needed. Margaret Steeves, vice president of marketing, led the charge, and after months of research, deliberation, and hard work, Masonicare's HelpLine was born.

Masonicare employee Susan Costanzo, now manager of the HelpLine, was an integral part of the working committee and assumed the task of growing the fledgling service. Sue was interviewed recently by Penny O'Neill of the corporate marketing department.

**Q:** How has the HelpLine evolved since it made its debut in June 2008?

**A:** Over the past two and a half years, the HelpLine has proven to be an invaluable resource, providing information and guidance to thousands of seniors and their families throughout Connecticut. During fiscal year 2010 alone, the HelpLine staff handled 6,244 inquiries!

**Q:** Can you describe your typical caller?

**A:** I'd say a fairly high percentage of our callers are middle-aged women who are the main caregivers for an aging parent or family member. They're often in a crisis situation and don't know where to turn for help. That's where we come in.

**Q:** Can you give some examples of the type of calls you receive?

**A:** Sure. A call might come from a concerned daughter who lives out of state and is searching for information on what options are available for her father, whose memory loss appears to be worsening. Or it could be a son whose elderly mother lives alone and really needs some in-home assistance. We also get calls quite often from people with a spouse

or parent who is being released from the hospital after surgery or illness and will need short-term inpatient rehabilitation.

**Q:** Are most of your inquiries about Masonicare and what we have to offer?

**A:** Yes, a majority of our calls come from individuals from the community and from the Masonic family who have questions about our programs and services and our retirement living options. By taking the time to ask the right questions, we can refer them to the Masonicare affiliate that can provide the service or program they're looking for. However, when needed, we steer them to other services available in their own communities, such as their local food bank, a senior center that offers adult day care, or senior transportation options in the area.

**Q:** Masonicare is such a large organization and offers so many services. Do employees call your staff with questions about what's available?

**A:** Absolutely! The HelpLine has become a handy resource for our own Masonicare employees, who might have questions about the continuum or need some assistance in responding to an inquiry they've received from a family member or someone in the community.

**Q:** In addition to the above, what other types of services do you and your staff provide?

**A:** The Masonicare HelpLine staff is always willing and available to take an active role in helping departments and employees throughout the organization with special projects and activities. For example, we mail Masonicare brochures and informational



The Masonicare HelpLine team who provide information and guidance to thousands of seniors and their families throughout Connecticut – from left, manager Sue Costanzo, Susie Kulas, and Patti Cascio.

packets to the general population, take calls and make reservations for the many community and in-house programs and events sponsored by Masonicare, provide directions to various affiliate locations and much more.

Sue reminds everyone that she and her staff are available and ready to do whatever they can to assist you – and your family, friends, and neighbors, as well.

"The HelpLine's goal is to make life a little easier and less stressful for anyone who needs our help – from the community at large to the Masonicare family, as well. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 888-679-9997 – we're here for all of you."

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# Christmas Lights Draw Donations for Children

by Robert Nash

Who would think that decorating a home with Christmas lights would generate such a wonderful gift?

They have done it again!

Mary Ann and George Mulligan and Eugene and Mary Halliwell started the

holiday season of giving and celebration with their Fourth Annual Christmas Wonderland of Lights at Roseville Avenue, Fairfield, right after Thanksgiving.

The home was indeed a wonderland with Santa, snowmen, train displays, nutcracker statues in every size and type, angels, sleds,

deer, and of course, Rudolph, too. There was even a Shrine car decorated with lights to remind the visitors to open their hearts and give to the Shriners Children Hospital in Springfield.

Every type of animated display was visible. People came from far and wide to view this festival of lights in Fairfield. It was publicized on Facebook, television, and in newspapers. All of the generous donations are given to the Shriners Springfield Children's Hospital.

Eugene Halliwell is a member of Pyramid Shriners in Milford and past president of the Shriners Motor Patrol. A donation box was placed on Roseville Avenue with a simple sign "Donations go to Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children," and people generously donated.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

This year's donations topped all past years, with a total collection of \$5,211.



A house on Roseville Avenue in Fairfield was lit for the holidays to benefit Springfield's Shriners' Hospital for Children.

## Masonicare Golf Classic Moving to Shuttle Meadow

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut is pleased to announce that its Masonicare Golf Classic will be held in a new location in 2011.

Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington will host the 19th annual Masonicare Golf Classic on Monday, August 15, 2011. The tournament is organized by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare.

Regarding this change of venue, Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Foundation, noted that Shuttle Meadow is more centrally located and will allow for greater participation from golfers from all parts of the state.

A classic 18-hole golf course and recreation complex, Shuttle

Meadow Country Club was founded in 1917 by a group of area industrialists. The golf course, designed by renowned architect and two-time British Open Champion Willie Park, Jr., has been privileged to host such prestigious events as the U.S. Amateur Qualifying Tournament, as well as numerous Connecticut State Golf Association championships.

One of the premier charity golf tournaments in the state, the Masonicare Golf Classic benefits the programs and services of Masonicare. Participants are consistently impressed by the organization of the tournament, the friendliness of volunteers and course staff, and the variety of prizes offered.

In 2010, the Masonicare

Golf Classic raised a total of much-needed funds directly \$180,165, resulting in net benefit the residents and patients proceeds of \$127,286.29. These of Masonicare.





Howard W. Orr and  
Stephen B. McPherson

Dear *B*rother,

Connecticut Freemasons can take pride in Masonicare's continued leadership role in providing healthcare and retirement living to seniors. The 2010 fiscal year represented our best operating performance in memory. This was accomplished without any increase in funding from Medicaid, the payment source for the majority of our nursing home residents and many of our home care patients. Further, through sound investment strategies, we saw our investment portfolio begin to restore itself following the financial market's decline in 2008.

The year was full of debate about healthcare reform and the resulting legislation. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will have an enormous impact on healthcare delivery. Long-term care has been the hallmark of what we do and, if managed well, will be integral to the success of any healthcare reform effort. However, its delivery is shifting away from institution-based care to home and community-based services, or HCBS. By being a continuum of services, we are able to manage care in a way few can match. With our statewide home health presence through Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, Masonicare Partners, our outpatient programs and community outreach initiatives, we stand poised to be in the forefront of HCBS delivery.

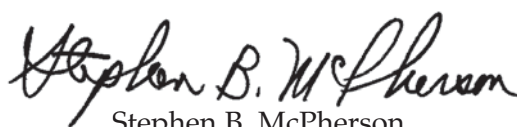
Our continuum also helps us with financial diversification. Services such as independent living and assisted living are not dependent on state aid and help us buffer the shortfall in reimbursement in other areas of our continuum.

A review of the year would not be complete without recognizing the generosity of our donors, many of whom are "repeat" givers despite these challenging times. Whether you remembered us in your Will, supported the Masonicare Annual Appeal, or participated in our Quality of Life Walk, your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our patients and residents, many of whom have exhausted their personal financial resources. And to those who donated personal time this year – our cadre of volunteers – we express heartfelt thanks for the countless hours given to enhance the daily lives of those in our care.

In the year ahead, we will work hard to maintain this course of fiscal stability while caring for those whom it is a privilege to serve. Our primary focus will continue to be faithful to the mission formulated by Connecticut Masons in 1889. From all us at Masonicare, thank you for helping us deliver our Masonic mission to "help, aid and assist."



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# Financial Statement

## as of September 30, 2010

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The financial summary is presented on a consolidated basis to include Masonicare at Newtown, Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, Corporate Services, Masonicare Health Center, Masonic Management Services and The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. A complete copy of the consolidated financial statement is available upon request.

	2010	2009	% Change
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Net patient service revenue	\$ 134,010	\$ 137,530	-2.6%
Resident fees	17,436	15,404	13.2%
Other revenue	13,305	12,213	8.9%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>164,751</b>	<b>165,147</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	112,014	121,046	-7.5%
Supplies and other services	24,391	23,237	5.0%
Professional fees	15,767	18,265	-13.7%
Depreciation and amortization	10,369	10,548	-1.7%
Interest	3,155	3,455	-8.7%
Provision for bad debts	598	406	47.3%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>166,294</b>	<b>176,957</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>			
Contributions (unrestricted funds)	3,231	3,514	-8.1%
Investment income	9,488	2,143	342.7%
Changes in fair value of interest rate swap agreement	(5,705)	(5,846)	-2.4%
Minority interest	(154)	160	-196.3%
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>(11,839)</b>	<b>-144.9%</b>
<b>OTHER INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(219)</b>	<b>(10,613)</b>	<b>-97.9%</b>
<b>TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>(22,452)</b>	<b>-122.7%</b>
TOTAL NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	30,203	52,655	-42.6%
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 35,301</b>	<b>\$ 30,203</b>	<b>16.9%</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,639	\$ 10,753	-66%
Restricted cash	2,340	1,416	65%
Patient accounts receivable	18,079	21,263	-15%
Other	4,001	2,979	34%
Assets whose use is limited or restricted	13,703	12,760	7%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 41,762</b>	<b>\$ 49,171</b>	<b>-15%</b>
INVESTMENTS ~ UNRESTRICTED	77,432	62,421	24%
INVESTMENTS ~ SELF INSURANCE LIABILITIES	8,892	8,002	11%
COLLATERAL FOR INTEREST RATE SWAP	5,900	9,391	-37%
RESTRICTED BY DONORS	3,091	2,801	10%
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	63,151	61,070	3%
ASSETS WHOSE USE IS LIMITED OR RESTRICTED	(13,703)	(12,760)	7%
OTHER ASSETS	3,315	3,275	1%
PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	152,157	158,063	-4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 341,997</b>	<b>\$ 341,434</b>	<b>0%</b>

### 2010 Financial Performance

In 2010, Masonicare reported total revenues of \$164.8 million. This was a slight decrease from the 2009 reported total revenues of \$165.1 million.

Operating costs of \$166.3 million were 6% less than the previous year and non operating income improved by \$6.9 million. This resulted in excess of revenues over expenses of \$5.3 million as compared to a loss of \$11.8 million in 2009, a \$17.1 million improvement.

At the same time the company's net assets grew to \$112.1 million, a 7% increase in value.

### Total Unrestricted Revenue

**\$164,751** 2010

**\$165,147** 2009

### Excess of Revenue over Expenses

**\$5,317** 2010

**(\$11,839)** 2009

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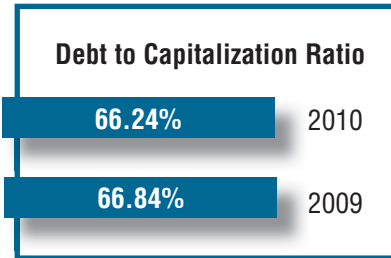
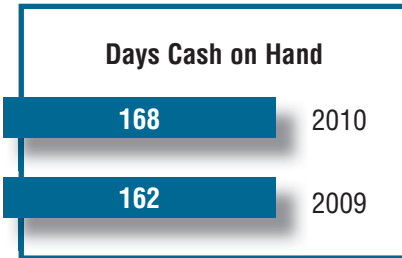
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Financial Statement, continued

	2010	2009	% Change
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES	32,574	43,090	-24%
LONG TERM DEBT	108,430	110,670	-2%
OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES	88,877	83,117	7%
NET ASSETS	112,116	104,557	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 341,997</b>	<b>\$ 341,434</b>	<b>0%</b>



## Summary of Activity

STAFFED OCCUPANCY	2010	2009
<b>Masonicare Health Center (Licensed beds)</b>		
Skilled nursing beds (382)	100%	100%
Rehabilitation beds (included above)	98%	100%
Acute medical beds (30)	93%	96%
Acute psychiatric beds (29)	100%	98%
Residential care apartments (86)	100%	100%
Independent apartments (93)	99%	99%

<b>Masonicare at Ashlar Village</b>		
Independent living units (360)	95%	93%
Assisted living apartments (136) (132)	78%	90%

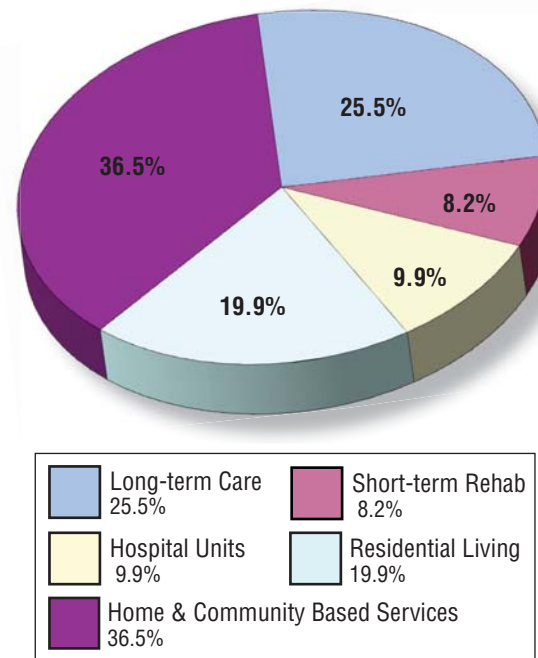
<b>Masonicare at Newtown</b>		
Skilled nursing beds (122)	98%	99%
Rehabilitation beds (39)	87%	86%
Assisted living apartments (55) (54)	97%	97%

### VISITS

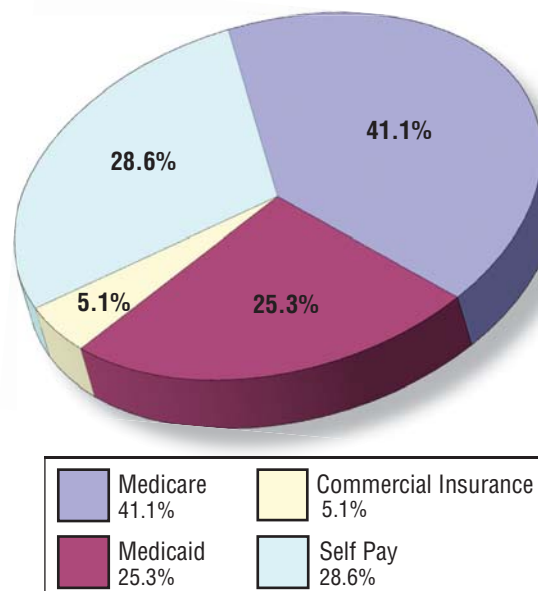
<b>Masonicare Home Health &amp; Hospice</b>		
Skilled nursing care	141,495	156,821
Physical, occupational and speech therapy	42,519	44,124
Home health aides	127,951	147,328
All other	23,339	22,820
<b>Total</b>	<b>335,304</b>	<b>371,093</b>
Hospice and Palliative Care (measured in days)	99,715	108,283

<b>Masonic Management Services</b>		
Physician visits	50,769	41,232

REVENUE BY TYPE OF SERVICE  
MASONICARE CONSOLIDATED



REVENUE BY PAYOR  
MASONICARE CONSOLIDATED



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# The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut

During fiscal year 2010, the fundraising efforts of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut secured \$5,525,222 in support of the programs and services of Masonicare and its affiliates. Between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010, unrestricted contributions totaling \$3,952,163 were received, as well as \$1,573,059 in gifts earmarked for its Endowment Fund. These gifts came in many forms, including bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust distributions, as well as donations to the Masonicare Annual Appeal and to The Foundation's special events. Of particular significance was the very generous gift of \$355,000 from The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Inc.

## Fiscal Year 2010 Contributions

Bequests	\$ 2,132,644
Trusts	2,048,402
Major Gifts	457,597
Gift Annuity Residuals	129,256
Masonicare Annual Appeal	361,597
Holiday Appeal	34,211
Gifts to Masonicare's Hospice Program	101,951
Masonicare Golf Classic	187,750
Masonicare Quality of Life Walk	58,532
Tribute Gifts (Memorial and Honorarium Gifts)	13,283
<b>Total Funds Raised</b>	<b>\$5,525,222</b>

## A Masonicare Experience



From left: Amy Vumback, Physical Therapist, Bro. Fred Ryerson, and Joy Golub, Occupational Therapist

Knowing he was going to need extensive rehabilitation therapy following a five-week hospital stay, Wallingford's Fred Ryerson chose Masonicare Health Center "because of their excellent reputation." Admitted in April, Fred began his rehabilitation and long road to recovery. This included daily physical therapy sessions designed to improve his strength and mobility. With a lot of hard work and persistence, Fred made steady gains in strengthening his upper and lower extremities to help improve his overall function. Although he initially required assistance to take just a few steps, Fred eventually moved to a walker. Over time, Fred was able to manage stairs and could wash and dress himself. He made so much progress that a home safety assessment was done and a discharge plan

created. After ten weeks at Masonicare Health Center, Fred returned home to his wife, Maureen, and received additional home care assistance through the Wallingford branch of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice. Fred was so appreciative of the outstanding care he received that he's now a volunteer at the Health Center. "I just can't say enough good things about Masonicare. The staff's camaraderie is phenomenal, and they're all so professional and dedicated. Without their help and encouragement, I know I wouldn't have come this far. My outpatient therapists have been great, too. I'd definitely recommend this place to anyone." Bro. Fred is a member of Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford.

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## Brother's Artistic Talent Shows in Greenwich

by Thomas A. Burke

Brother Felix Lugo, Senior Deacon of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, submitted a painting that was accepted by the Greenwich Art Society for their 94th Annual Juried Exhibition. The exhibition is at The Bendheim Gallery of the Greenwich Arts Center, 299 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, from January 14 through February 11, 2011.

Brother Lugo's painting is one of approximately 30 total submissions accepted from nearly 300 applicants. The competition will be judged by an assistant curator from the Museum of Modern Art.

Brother Lugo's painting, titled "A Change in Time", was painted in the late hours of a weekday. He has been painting since 1994, but drawing long before. His paintings are signed as "FELO," and he notes that he prefers to paint in

bold black solid lines with still life outlined in the center of his design. His biography notes that Felix (FELO) Lugo is an American award-winning artist who is best known for his use of strong color and interesting perspectives.

He studied at New York Technical College and majored in advertising production management. For 8 years he helped produce posters and color-centered projects for organizations such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Botanical Gardens, Guggenheim Museum, and the MTA.

In 1990, Lugo was recognized for his professional efforts and awarded the exceptional award of "Craftsman of the Year" by the New York City Printing House Craftsmen, an affiliate of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, an organization dedicated to



Bro. Felix Lugo in front of his painting, "A Change in Time", accepted for submission to the juried competition at the Greenwich Art Society.

individuals in the graphic arts industry.

In 1992, Lugo co-produced a graphic book called "Barnabus." He showcased his new book at

the Long Island Sport Show. That same year he created a graphic printing process called "Reflecto Card Design," which utilizes offset printing with foil stamping, a design in use by sports card companies today.

His interest in painting began when he befriended Angelo Romano, an artist known for his angel frescos. It was with Romano that Lugo learned to paint. Romano encouraged Lugo to continue painting and later introduced him to Esteban Navarro, a Cuban born artist, for instruction and advice. He also studied with Barbara Thompson privately for one year.

After a serious back injury in an automobile accident, Lugo re-discovered his interest in the arts as a distraction from his pain. Painting is a form of meditation for him and it has helped with anxiety and stress while promoting emotional healing.

## Veterans Honored by Brothers in Easton

by Christopher Holms

November was a busy month for the brothers of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton. On November 13 the lodge hosted its Veterans Appreciation Day to honor the veterans who served the nation and their families. In true brotherly support the members of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge were joined by the Hamilton Commandery No. 5's flag team.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Edward Ham led the outdoor flag ceremony, surrounded by a host of distinguished knights. RESK Ham was assisted by the echoing sound of bagpipes played by brothers of Pyramid Shriners Pipes and Drums, Milford, including Past Master Raymond Collette.

An appreciation ceremony continued in the lodge. Junior Warden Christopher Holms recited prayers and creeds for each branch of the military. Veterans stood as their respective branch was honored. Christina Holms sang *America the Beautiful* and the *Star Spangled Banner*. Also in attendance were RW Deputy

Grand Master James T. McWain and RW District Deputy Maury Heim. Easton First Selectman Tom Herrmann attended and offered special words of respect. The event was such a success there are plans to make it an annual tradition in Easton.

On November 14 Ashlar Aspetuck Lodge hosted a Connecticut Child Identification Program (CTCHIP) at Frenchtown Elementary School in Trumbull. The event was planned by Brother Joe Zannino. Seventy-one children went through the CTCHIP process and the school requested that the lodge return so more students could go through the process. Special thanks go to Brothers Brian Crumb, Don and Doug Demain, all of Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe, who helped out. Special thanks also to Mrs. Zannino, who spoke with the children during the video interview.

On November 17, Brother Christopher Holms sat in the East for the Entered Apprentice Degree and initiated his father, Michael Holms, into the fraternity. A wonderful turnout of brothers showed their support. In attendance were RW District Deputy Maury Heim and Associate Grand Marshal Robert Curwen, Jr.



With the flag team of Hamilton Commandery looking on, brothers of Ashlar-Aspetuck raise the flag during Veterans Appreciation Day ceremonies.

# DISTRICT No. 5

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



## Village Brothers Help Residents at Avon Health Center Ring in the New Year

by Tim Broderick

The brothers at Village Lodge No. 29 are putting the Masonic virtue of charity into action.

Brother George Frascarelli's wife Laura works at the Avon Health Center. When she mentioned that they were having a New Year's party for the residents and needed volunteers, George called a couple of brothers for help.

George Frascarelli, Tim Broderick, and Ben Isaacson went to the center on New Year's

Eve and helped the staff serve a delicious holiday meal to the residents. In addition to serving appetizers, entrees, desserts, and keeping coffee and water cups full, there was ample time to sit and chat with residents and wish them a happy 2011.

The brothers found the experience to be so rewarding that they will make this an ongoing partnership between Village Lodge and the center, with a rotating list of members volunteering for future events.

*Brothers George Frascarelli and Tim Broderick wear New Year's Eve hats that were obviously designed for slightly smaller noggins at the Avon Health Center.*

# 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

## WM Craig Cesare Takes the East in Suffield

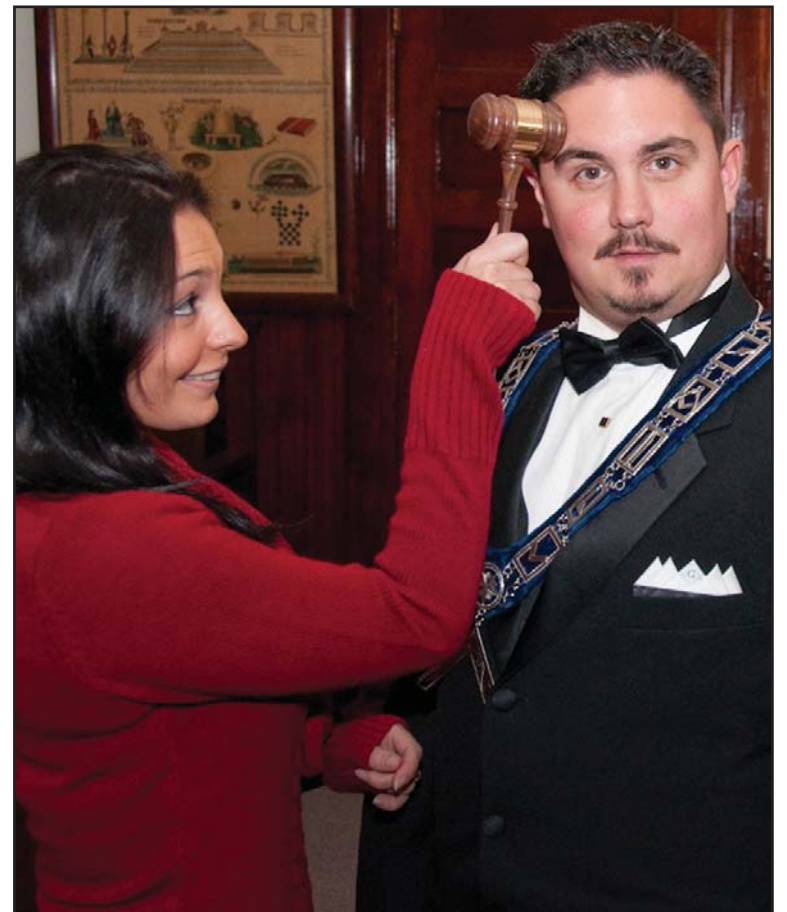
by Mike Robinson

Composite Lodge No. 28 installed its new Worshipful Master, Craig Cesare, on December 18, but one thing was noticeably evident. Someone was a little reticent about passing on the emblem of his authority so soon. After some gentle persuasion though, the gavel found its rightful place and authority reinstated.

WB Craig is one of the new breed of young and enthusiastic Connecticut Freemasons who head up a fresh line of young and eager officers that have all been raised in this new lodge. This 'band of brothers,' under Craig's leadership, show great zeal to perfect their ritual; they are creating new and interesting programs for fund raising, and have taken to heart one of the fundamental tenets of our profession, "Brotherly Love."

Some of these young Turks, under the direction of Brother Greg Bateman, have totally renovated the former Apollo Lodge's old basement and created a world-class recreation room. They christened their work of art the 'Fellowcraft Club' and renamed themselves the "Ruffians."

The gauntlet has been thrown down to the brothers of the Sixth District to hone their skills at setback, darts, billiards, and even ping pong. Upcoming events are listed on the lodge's website, [www.compositelodge28.org](http://www.compositelodge28.org). Subscriptions to monthly e-trestleboards can also be ordered at the website. WB Craig invites all to join him for dinner before a degree or meeting, where one might be invited downstairs to be an honorary 'Ruffian.'



*New Worshipful Master Craig Cesare learns which end of the gavel to use at his installation on December 18.*

photo by Richard Beson

## Wyllys-Saint John's Lodge No. 4 – The New Brothers on the Block

by Justin Duffy

Much time and ink are spent on the difficulty of attracting young men to Freemasonry in the fast paced age of electronics and one minute sound bites. Debates rage as to how to make the craft more convenient and accessible, however often end up oversimplifying the intricate beauty of our rituals or the requirements to proficiently learn preceding degrees before advancement. After discussions with new Masons over the last several years, Wyllys-Saint John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, has taken a different track.

Based on those discussions and an article titled *Laudable Pursuit: A 21st Century Response to Dwight Smith* by The Knights of the North, the 2011 officers have redoubled their efforts and held the new candidates and initiates to a higher standard. Realizing newly admitted brothers need more than just degree work and business meetings to remain engaged with Masonry, frequent Lodges of Instruction have been planned utilizing talents found within the lodge and speakers recruited from other lodges and Masonic organizations. It is not a coincidence that the officer line contains no Past Masters this year, as new brothers are eager to take up the officer places and stations.

Wyllys-Saint John's Lodge started off 2011 by hosting a Lodge of Instruction on Monday, January 3. The topic presented and discussed that evening was *Freemasonry and the Qabalah*. The presentation was given by WB Chuck 2.0 Landau, Worshipful Master of Philosophic Lodge of Research. WB Landau has been teaching the Jewish Wisdom of the Qabalah for thirty years, specializing in the Tree of Life and Middle Pillar meditation. His 2006 paper, *The Twin Pillars of Masonry*, provided the structure for a wide ranging lecture on Jewish Mysticism in Freemasonry.



WB Chuck 2.0 Landau, Worshipful Master of the Philosophic Lodge of Research, explains the Jewish alphabet and its significance to Qabalah and Freemasonry.

The presentation began with prayer, then different aspects of Qabalah were delineated: the role of the Hebrew letters, the map of G-d's interaction with the world known as the Tree of Life, visions of Ezekiel and Isaiah, study of the Bible and related books, ecstatic chanting and charity. Various aspects of the lodge room, furniture, and ritual were then explained with reference to these studies, history, and the Bible.

The kosher dinner that followed provided further opportunity for questions and answers with WB Landau, and examine various books, lecture CD, and applications for joining the Philosophical Lodge of Research. Lodge attendance was about twice that of a usual meeting, and many of the Past Masters made lodge that night.

This was the first event in an ongoing Masonic education series, which continues

on February 21 with a recitation and discussion of the *Master Mason Second Section Lecture* along with a presentation on *Brother George Washington* by lodge Historian Carl R. Johnson. In April the brothers will host a "Gentleman's Night." On May 16, WB Martin Ede, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge of Research in New Haven, will be presenting a program based on his 2010 paper, *What is a Rosicrucian?* In June there will be a screening and discussion of the film *The Man Who Would Be King* along with a reading of Kipling's *The Mother Lodge*. In June there will also be a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of WB William Storer, first Worshipful Master of Wyllys Lodge No. 99. The extra time required by the officers to prepare exciting meetings today will translate into more active brothers to share the work tomorrow.

*Reasons to Come to the  
Grand Lodge Session April 3 and 4...*

1. New Location: Cromwell    2. Special Sunday Afternoon Program

# Anchor Lodge Helps Its Members

by Ray Moore

On November 12, members of Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, were informed that a 50-year member, respected as a cornerstone of the lodge, needed help removing leaves, cleaning his gutters, and cleaning out his stone wall near the road. The message was sent in an email list that the lodge maintains called "Brother to Brother." This method of communication notifies members of Anchor Lodge with email addresses of anything that may be of interest.

November 20 was chosen as the work date and a few calls were made to some who do not receive email. There was no

announcement of the project and any meeting, and most were unsure how many would be able to help.

The response was unbelievable! By 9:00 a.m., seventeen brothers and four friends had arrived with equipment and energy to get the job done. It took an hour and a half to complete and everyone felt a great sense of accomplishment.

As a joke, Worshipful Master Joe Bonola said that since everyone did such a great job, he could use help at his house also. With that challenge in mind, twelve brothers surprised him and went to his house and did his fall clean-up also.

Everyone went home happy and satisfied to complete a worthwhile project and help two of their brothers.



Brothers and friends of the Anchor Lodge work crew in the middle of their fall clean-up to help their brothers.

# Applebee's Assists Masonic Youth

by Carl G. Ek

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar doesn't usually serve breakfast – except when they're allowing local non-profit organizations to hold 'flapjack fundraisers' at their locations across the state. In late November, members of Hope Assembly No. 46, Order of Rainbow, Litchfield and Doric Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Waterbury, held a joint fundraiser in the Torrington Applebee's.

Tickets were sold in advance at \$5 per person for a pancake and bacon breakfast with coffee, tea, and juice included. The youth groups keep the entire amount for no-show's, while Applebee's collects \$1 for each person served and the youth groups keep the remaining four. It is up to the group to sell the tickets in advance and provide serving and clean-up staff; Applebee's provides all of the food and a cook to keep it coming during the two-hour window of the event.

Both organizations added to their treasuries and had an opportunity to get to know one another as they meet more than half and hour apart. Plans have been made by each to invite the other group to attend upcoming public events and support each other's activities.



DeMolays and Rainbows enjoy their own breakfasts at the Hope Assembly / Doric DeMolay flapjack fundraiser at the Torrington Applebee's. Clockwise from left, new DeMolay Ray Massi; Worthy Associate Advisor Stephanie Watts; Worthy Advisor Kelsey Cosgrove; new Rainbow Nicole Koenig; Senior Councilor Ryan Torony; and Master Councilor Tyler Brush.

*Reasons to Come to the Grand Lodge Session April 3 and 4...*

3. Grand Master's Testimonial    4. Hospitality Rooms Encouraged (no curfew)

# The Ashlar Village Scholarship Fund the Beneficiary of Bro. Sterling Jewett's Artistic Talents

Bro. Sterling Jewett, 95, is a six-year resident of Pond Ridge at Ashlar Village and a member of both Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, and Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford. Bro. Sterling began painting four years ago when he joined an art class being offered at the assisted living facility. Encouraged by his art teacher, Bro. Sterling has been very prolific during that time, using his impressive artistic skills to create a total of 107 unique and original paintings!

Bro. Sterling, who has been a longtime volunteer at Masonicare Health Center and a

very giving person, decided to sell several of his paintings – which he priced from \$20 to \$35 each – and donate the entire proceeds to the Masonicare at Ashlar Village Resident's Scholarship Fund. This fund was established by residents in 2004 to provide educational scholarships for young people who either work at Ashlar Village or are children of employees. Many dedicated residents have given generously of their time and talent over the years to raise money for this very worthy cause, and numerous scholarships have been awarded since the Fund's inception.

Bro. Sterling held an art show at Pond Ridge on October 28, complete with cookies and punch, to display his paintings. A total of 50 were purchased by residents, staff, and family members, and \$1,100 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.

Bro. Sterling and his twin brother worked their way through college with scholarships helping them along the way, and he felt he could give something back by contributing to the Fund. Many thanks to you, Sterling, for helping others fulfill their dreams!



Bro. Sterling Jewett has found a market for his art and a worthy fund to receive the proceeds in the Ashlar Village Scholarship Fund.

## Called to the Celestial Lodge

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

Walter J. Hurlburt.....	<i>Adelphi Momauguin</i> 63	Joseph A. R. Landry.....	<i>Friendship</i> 33
Edward E. Jones.....	<i>Amos Beecher</i> 121	Richard Parnigoni.....	<i>Friendship</i> 33
Richard H. Goessinger Sr.....	<i>Ansantawae</i> 89	John Perakos.....	<i>Friendship</i> 33
John C. Wells Jr.....	<i>Ansantawae</i> 89	Benjamin H. Murphy.....	<i>Friendship Tuscan</i> 145
Edward A. Thompson.....	<i>Bay View</i> 120	Arthur E. Van Sciver.....	<i>Ivanhoe</i> 107
Robert W. Flint.....	<i>Columbia</i> 25	John O. Edwards Jr.....	<i>Orange</i> 143
Gerald J. McKeon.....	<i>Compass</i> 9	Ralph B. Home.....	<i>Oxoboxo</i> 116
Robert J. Pogmore.....	<i>Compass</i> 9	Mark Crook.....	<i>Seneca</i> 55
George E. Kingsbury.....	<i>Composite</i> 28	Harry A. Melkonian.....	<i>Shepherd-Salem</i> 78
Richard W. Evans.....	<i>Corinthian</i> 104	Dennis L. Cappabianca.....	<i>St. Andrew's</i> 64
Clifford W. Simpson.....	<i>Corinthian</i> 104	Leonard S. Cohen.....	<i>St. John's</i> 6
Meyer Biller.....	<i>Cosmopolitan</i> 125	Ralph J. Bowman.....	<i>St. Peter's</i> 21
Robert E. Silver.....	<i>Day Spring</i> 30	Clarence L. Krasselt.....	<i>St. Peter's</i> 21
Robert F. Burkinshaw.....	<i>Eastern Star</i> 44	Stanley W. Hewett.....	<i>Trumbull</i> 22
Louis J. Marrotte Sr.....	<i>Eastern Star</i> 44	Samuel S. Russian.....	<i>Uriel</i> 24
Jack M. Hazlett.....	<i>Evening Star</i> 101	Waldo R. Jones.....	<i>Valley</i> 36
Harold W. Duncan.....	<i>Fayette</i> 69	Elliot David.....	<i>Washington</i> 19
John E. Barton.....	<i>Federal</i> 17	Donald R. Davis.....	<i>Washington</i> 70
Frank Olah Sr.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's</i> 3	Raymond J. Blanchet.....	<i>Widow's Son</i> 66
Elmer Ondy.....	<i>Fidelity-St. John's</i> 3	E. Niles Baker.....	<i>Wyllys-St. John's</i> 4
Murray A. Mowatt.....	<i>Frederick-Franklin</i> 14	Laurier F. Demars.....	<i>Wyllys-St. John's</i> 4

*Reasons to Come to the  
Grand Lodge Session April 3 and 4...*

5. Meet old friends, Make new friends    6. Grand Master's Installation

# We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Michael A. Adams.....	Shepherd-Salem 78	Anthony J. Mazzarella.....	Friendship 33
Joseph G. Angelo.....	Washington 70	Ian C. McManus.....	Liberty-Continental 76
Edmund L. Arthur.....	Warren 51	Ian G. Mendez.....	Universal Fraternity 149
David M. Athas.....	St. Peter's 21	Peter F. Morneault.....	Putnam 46
Greg M. Axelrod.....	Union 5	Arthur P. Mostel.....	Union 5
Keith S. Ayotte.....	Shepherd-Salem 78	John A. Moulson.....	Moosup 113
Richard L. Barrett III.....	Shepherd-Salem 78	Michael G. Neita.....	America-St. John's 8
Norman W. Blake.....	America-St. John's 8	Samuel C. Newsom.....	Warren 51
Matthew W. Bomster.....	Corner Stone-Quinebaug 122	Steven A. Niezgorski.....	Cosmopolitan 125
Robert J. Brennan IV.....	Coastal 57	Edward R. O'Conner.....	Temple 16
Thomas S. Brewer.....	Morning Star 47	Louis J. Persico.....	Liberty-Continental 76
Lonard Buisson.....	Wooster 10	Justin J. Piskura.....	Union 40
Ryan M. Burns.....	Shepherd-Salem 78	Perry R. G. Polderman.....	Amos Beecher 121
Kevin J. Cragin.....	Compass 9	Brian R. Powers.....	St. Peter's 21
Kristopher L. Damon.....	Meridian 77	Seth J. Press.....	Meridian 77
Douglas Demaine.....	Washington 19	Ronald A. Raymond Jr.....	Seneca 55
Joshua W. Fiorini.....	Friendship 33	Frank R. Rivers III.....	Friendship 33
Christopher A. Follen.....	Hiram 18	Edmond L. Robichaud.....	Friendship 33
John E. D. Fox.....	Putnam 46	Evens St. Juste.....	Universal Fraternity 149
Evertt C. Gibson.....	Moosup 113	Howard A. Schwartz.....	Federal 17
Michel R. Gomez.....	Union 5	Philip D. Segneri.....	Fidelity-St. John's 3
Jeremiah G. Gramberg.....	Compass 9	Jonathan S. Sharpe.....	Federal 17
Eduardo G. Greca.....	Sequin-Level 140	Michael D. Sharpe.....	Federal 17
Christopher D. Greenwell.....	Temple 16	Walter H. Sherman.....	Harmony 42
Kyle W. Harding.....	St. Andrew's 64	Ersen E. Simsek.....	Cosmopolitan 125
Benjamin D. Hendel.....	Temple 16	Soyer Simsek.....	Cosmopolitan 125
James W. Hock.....	Sequin-Level 140	Samuel C. Smith.....	Hiram 18
David H. Hodgman Jr.....	Liberty-Continental 76	Eric A. Streich.....	Corner Stone-Quinebaug 122
David R. Jensen III.....	Anchor 112	Bence A. Strickland.....	Somerset-St. James 34
Dalhinsce Joint.....	America-St. John's 8	Joseph A. Sullivan.....	Corner Stone-Quinebaug 122
Carl W. Kayser.....	St. Peter's 21	Thomas Thut.....	Wolcott 146
Peter M. Kelly.....	Wolcott 60	David F. Warren.....	St. Peter's 21
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# Eagle Scout Award Commendation

by Thomas M. Maxwell, II

The Eagle Scout Commendation Award from the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association (CMSA) and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was presented to Sam Eliot Ralbovsky of Troop No. 15 in Stamford, on December 19, 2010. The presentation took place during Sam's formal Eagle Court of Honor held at the First Presbyterian Church. Attendance included members of Sam's family, along with his Boy Scout Troop, friends, school officials, Freemasons and members of the Order of the Arrow, totaling a large gathering of approximately 150 people.

The Court of Honor and flag presentation were done by the Order of the Arrow's national award winning dance team of Owaneco Lodge, No. 313. Many testimonials were offered that complimented Sam's participation on the dance team, his love for helping other Scouts,



*Eagle Scout Sam Ralbovsky receives the Eagle Scout Commendation Award from RW Grand Senior Deacon Thomas M. Maxwell, II. Joining them for the presentation are, from left, Brothers David Elkodsi and Steve Elzholz, officers of the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association, and Brother Stephen Petri, then Worshipful Master of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford.*

his broad knowledge of Scout skills, teamwork, leadership, and great sense of humor.

Sam's Eagle Scout project took place at Westover Elementary School in Stamford, where he organized a six week after-

school culinary arts enrichment program for fourth and fifth grade students. The program emphasized wise consumer shopping, easy meal preparation, nutrition, safety in the kitchen, fresh foods, and a well balanced

diet. Sam also organized and trained a team of Scouts to help him as assistant instructors. At the conclusion of the program, Sam presented each student with a cookbook that covered the course material and a syllabus that remained with their school's principal.

The highlight of the Court of Honor was when Sam's mother pinned the Eagle Scout award on his uniform and the comments shared by both parents.

Sam expressed his gratitude to everyone who helped him along the 'Trail to Eagle' and thanked everyone for sharing his special day. Following the ceremony a large display of Sam's Scouting activities and accomplishments were displayed and an elaborate buffet was enjoyed by all.

Sam graduated from Stamford High School in June, 2010 and is presently a freshman student at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, majoring in culinary arts.

## Masonic Education Program Basics

by Charles H. Tirrell

In 2005 and 2006, when I was Worshipful Master of Adelpi-Momauguin Lodge No 63, North Haven, I added several education programs to our standard schedule of stated communications. If we were not doing a degree, then we were doing some sort of Masonic education program.

Having the element of Masonic education is essential to the lifeblood of a Masonic lodge. If all a Worshipful Master does during a meeting is read minutes and pay bills, why would our brethren want to keep coming to meeting after boring meeting? Masons join Masonry to receive "light" and a Worshipful Master's job is to give "light". This is not limited to degreework.

Most lodges in Connecticut meet twice a month throughout the year, with the exception of the summer. Removing degrees, the annual meeting and the awards night, it typically means that a Worshipful Master has between 10 and 12 nights for which he must plan a program. This can feel like a daunting task for some brothers.

In an attempt to help brothers who are

apprehensive about putting together Masonic education programs, I have compiled the following list of tips:

The content of a program does not have to be original. Referencing someone else's work or reading someone else's content is completely acceptable. For example, reading Rudyard Kipling's *The Mother Lodge* and leading a discussion about it would be a fine program with no original content.

The content of a program does not have to be new. Although you may have heard the topic before, it doesn't mean your lodge has. Even if a brother has heard the topic before, you might have new information or a different viewpoint about it, which will be enjoyable for that brother to hear.

You can use the Internet. Finding "good" Masonic education is not constrained to dusty old books. The Internet is literally filled with thousands of Masonic papers and topics. When in doubt, go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type in "Masonic Education," "Masonic Programs," or "Masonic Papers." You'll find tons of resources at your disposal.

The Worshipful Master sets the schedule,

but he can delegate the program to another brother. If your Senior Deacon is reading a book on King Solomon's Temple, ask him to lead a short lodge program on the description of King Solomon's Temple in the bible. Most officers and brothers would love to have the opportunity to lead a program in lodge. Delegation is a vastly under-appreciated leadership strategy in Masonic lodges, it is by far one of the most important strategies in organizational leadership.

It doesn't have to be long. Many people believe that a program must be "thirty minutes long" or some other amount of time. A concise and interesting topic is much better than a long and boring topic. Some of the best Masonic education programs I've seen were less than five minutes long.

Overall, Masonic education programs don't have to be difficult to put together. They can be recycled, borrowed, short, and done by someone else. Don't get overwhelmed by trying to put together the "perfect" program. Any program is better than just reading minutes and paying bills!

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

We have begun our Spring Reunion and the best is yet to come! Membership Chairman and Thrice Potent Master Charles H. Tirrell, MSA has brothers coming out of the woodwork! Our applicants are at double figures once again. Our numbers keep growing, and our degree work gets even better! Come and see for yourself.

With the Fourth Degrees, new and old, behind us, the February calendar is jumping with activity! On February 7 the 13° will be conferred by a state-wide cast of Senior DeMolay Scottish Rite Masons. This degree, titled Master of the Ninth Arch, teaches that all men err, and none are perfect. By maintaining an unshakeable steadfastness in

God's grace, he may regain his humility, his faith, and his goals. This is a degree that isn't seen too often. Come out, get your Passport stamped, and show your support for our Rite.

The Lodge of Perfection will wind up its work as the month ends on February 28 when Thrice Potent Master Charles H. Tirrell creates the class Grand Elect Masons as he and his officers conduct the 14°.

Sandwiching in is our fourth annual Winter Picnic on Saturday, February 19, from 1-4 p.m. Ill. Jack H. Stevens, 33°, is in charge, so get your reservations in to him at: 22 Tra-Mart Drive, Uncasville, CT 06382; call him at 1-860-848-7586; or send an e-mail to [stevensjh33@att.net](mailto:stevensjh33@att.net).

Come one, come all! Bring your family. Bring your prospects. It's an excellent introduction for them. How much? It's free! All you have to do is make a reservation. Yes, reservations are a must! Just contact Jack Stevens – it's that easy! The picnic happens at the New Haven Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Avenue.

February is African Heritage Month, so pay a visit to a Prince Hall Lodge. They will thank you for stopping by. Don't forget to keep Mother Lodge in mind, as well. And, of course, don't forget the ladies of your lives on Valentine's Day! Without their support we would not be able to give our time to the noble causes of the Scottish Rite. now.

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

The Scottish Rite is often know as the "fraternity of choice" because its motto centers on three principles referred to as "I.C.E." – Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment.

**Inspiration** – a person who or thing that inspires. In Masonry, the purpose of the Scottish Rite degrees is to teach us the lessons of brotherly love and devotion to family, and to give us a model by which we should live our lives. As one proceeds through the degrees, which are presented a theatrical setting, we are able to build upon the principles we learned while ascending to the degree of a Master Mason.

**Convenience** – something which makes for one's comfort. With the degrees presented in theatrical format, a candidate sits back and enjoys presentation of the lessons of the degrees in the dress of the period involved.

A candidate is not required to take every degree, 4 through 32, to become a Sublime Prince of the Scottish Rite, better known as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. All degrees are generally presented over a six year period, so brothers are encouraged to attend the degrees not presented during his class at either his home valley or another valley.

**Enjoyment** – the pleasure or satisfaction given by what is enjoyed. In addition to the degrees and the enjoyment of putting on portrayals for others, the Scottish Rite offers enjoyment to brothers and their family members through Family Life activities that include bus trips; group outings to such events as UConn football or basketball games, Rock Cats baseball games, and Goodspeed shows; and occasional 'public' degrees that are among other family events.

The Valley of Hartford does not stop there

in promoting the Scottish Rite. Thorough our Ambassador program, we help other Masonic organizations by putting on programs and making our auditorium available for approved Masonic events such as the 5<sup>th</sup> District Fellowcraft Degree on March 26.

If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason, and would like more information about our part of the Masonic family, DVD's are available upon request from the Valley of Hartford office. Just call 860-666-0712 and a copy will be mailed to you, or request one to [tsect@snet.net](mailto:tsect@snet.net); or stop by the Valley office any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9:00 am and noon to pick up a copy and receive a tour of our facility.

On February 10, the Valley of Hartford will hold an information night at 7:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 207 Deming Street, Newington. The 2011 Spring Class starts on February 24.



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Programs start at 7:30 p.m. Applications now being accepted

Thursday, February 24, 4° and 8° 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-degree dinner available at 6:00PM Advance reservations required

Thursday, March 10, Old 4° (Secret Master) and 14° 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-degree dinner available at 6:00PM – advance reservations required

Thursday, March 24, 15° (F) and 160 (V) 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-degree dinner available at 6:00PM – advance reservations required

Thursday, March 31, Feast of the Pascal Lamb 7:30 p.m.

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 [tsect@snet.net](mailto:tsect@snet.net) or visit our Valley Website: [www.valleyofhartford.org](http://www.valleyofhartford.org) to obtain an application, or to obtain more information about the Valley of Hartford.

## ATTENTION MASONS

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

# Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

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

NOTE: All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice.



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**Wednesday, February 2, (MP) (F)**, Lee Council No. 25, Collinsville, 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 2, (ME) (RE)**, Halleck Chapter No. 44 and Menunketuck Council No. 36, Madison, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Friday, February 4, (ME) (RE) (U)**, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, 6:15 p.m. dinner, annual meeting

**Saturday, February 5, (ME)**, AMD/SRICE, East Hartford, 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 8, (MP) (F)**, Hamilton Council No. 22, Meriden

**Tuesday, February 8, (ME) (F)**, Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven

**Friday, February 11, (ME) (F)**, Baldwin Chapter No. 13, Stratford

**Saturday, February 12, (RE) (C)**, Grand Commandery, officers and ladies, New Haven, 12:00 noon lunch

**Tuesday, February 15, (RE) (U)**, Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, installation and program by Farmington Valley Chorus

**Wednesday, February 16, (MP) (F)**, Suffield Council No. 23, Suffield

**Friday, February 18, (ME) (MP) (RE) (U)**, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, 6:15 p.m. dinner, installation

**Monday, February 21, (RE) (U)**, St. John's Commandery No. 11, North Windham, installation

**Wednesday, February 23, (MP) (RE) (F)**, Pulaski Chapter No. 26 and Crawford Council No. 19, Branford

**Wednesday, February 23, (ME) (F)**, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Mark Master Mason degree

**Thursday, February 24, (RE) (U)**, Palestine Commandery No. 6, Stonington, annual meeting

**Saturday, February 26, (ME) (MP) (RE) (F)**, Royal Arch Festival, New Haven, 8:30 a.m.

## COMING UP

March 8, Wolcott Council No. 1, East Hartford, Select Masters and Super Excellent Master degree

March 12, Royal and Select Masters and Knights Templar Festival, New Haven, 8:00 a.m.

March 20, Grand Commandery, chili fiesta, Stratford, 6:00 p.m.

March 25, Jerusalem Council No. 16, Stratford, 50 year pin

March 8, 9, 10, Grand Commandery Knights Templar annual conclave

April 22, Good Friday, Order of the Temple in several Commanderies

April 27, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 and Wolcott Council No. 1, East Hartford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, joint installation

June 2, Ascension Day Service, Torrington, 6:00 p.m., dinner at Kaabans Shrine Club follows

June 4, Grand Chapter/Council Banquet, Rocky Hill Marriott, social hour 6:00 p.m.

June 5, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters annual session, Rocky Hill Marriott, 9:00 a.m.

June 5, Grand Chapter Royal Arch annual session, Rocky Hill Marriott, 1:00 p.m.

## **Foul Weather Dispensations**

Most Puissant Grand Master James C. Kleinkauf has issued a blanket dispensation to all Connecticut Councils to use their own discretion to cancel a meeting due to inclement weather. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Paul L. Chello has likewise issued a similar blanket dispensation for Connecticut Royal Arch Chapters.

## **Meeting Changes**

MPGM Kleinkauf has granted a dispensation for Buel Court No. 20 to meet in Torrington at 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursday instead of fourth Tuesday in Litchfield. PMPGM Weimann hopes this will become a permanent change.

## **Festivals Scheduled**

The York Rite Coordination Committee has organized two York Rite Festivals, both in New Haven. The first on February 25 will offer all the Capitular degrees through the Royal Arch Mason degree. The second will have all of the Cryptic degrees in the morning of March 12 and the first two Chivalric orders in the afternoon. The final order, the Order of the Temple will be left to local Commanderies to confer on Good Friday, April 22.

On both days, lunch will be available – reservations at \$10 each to Companion Charles Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor 06095-3842. The New Haven Masonic Hall will open at 7:30 a.m. each morning for registration of candidates, who must each be accompanied by at least one Companion of their Chapter, Council, and/or Commandery to vouch for them.

## **Chili Festival**

Plan to enjoy several different varieties of chili offered by Hamilton Commandery to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The event is planned for 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. Suggestion donation is \$10, and reservations are required with SK Stuart Drost, [hc5kt@comcast.net](mailto:hc5kt@comcast.net).

## **Ascension Day**

Mark your calendars now for the annual Ascension Day Services sponsored by the Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery No. 2. It will again be held in the beautiful chapel in Hillside Cemetery in Torrington starting at 6:00 p.m. on June 2. After the service, journey to Kaabans Shrine Club for a sumptuous supper.

# Craft at Labor...

## ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

**Tuesday, February 1,** Moosup No. 113, Moosup

**Wednesday, February 2,** Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, February 2,** Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Saturday, February 5,** Morning Star No. 47, Seymour

**Monday, February 7,** St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 6:30 p.m. dinner, JW in the East

**Wednesday, February 9,** Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn

**Wednesday, February 9,** Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, February 9,** Granite No. 119, Haddam, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Friday, February 11,** Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, February 16,** Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, February 17,** Union No. 31, Niantic

**Thursday, February 17,** Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, JW Russell Scull presiding

**Monday, February 21,** Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, step up night for JW

**Monday, February 21,** Friendship No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, February 21,** Hartford Evergreen No. 88, South Windsor

**Monday, February 21,** Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Tuesday, February 22,** Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Tuesday, February 22,** Shepherd-Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, February 24,** Hiram No. 1, New Haven

**Monday, February 28,** Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, Bro. Robert A. Ingvertsen in the East

## FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

**Tuesday, February 1,** America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 6:15 p.m. dinner

**Tuesday, February 1,** Union No. 40, Danbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, February 7,** Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, February 10,** Hiram No. 1, New Haven

**Saturday, February 12,** Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, SW Dean E. Bunnell presiding

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

**Tuesday, February 15,** St. Peter's, No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, February 16,** Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, February 16,** Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Sub Base Degree team

**Wednesday, February 16,** Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, February 16,** Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, SW Kristian Maiorino in the East

**Thursday, February 17,** Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, February 17,** Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Friday, February 18,** Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, SW Rob Thomas in the East

**Monday, February 21,** Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, February 21,** Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, RW Bill Deickler in the East

**Monday, February 21,** Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, February 24,** Temple No. 65, Westport, 7:00 p.m. dinner

**Monday, February 28,** Silas Deane No. 147, Newington

## MASTER MASON DEGREES

**Wednesday, February 2,** Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, February 17,** Warren No. 51, Portland, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Tuesday, February 22,** Manchester No. 73, Manchester

**Monday, February 28,** Washington No. 70, Windsor, 5:30 p.m. dinner

**Monday, February 28,** Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner

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# Craft at Refreshment...

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**Tuesday, February 1**, Village No. 29, Collinsville, preparing and cleaning the parts needed to "Build the Temple"

**Tuesday, February 1**, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, ugly tie night

**Wednesday, February 2**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Groundhog Day event

**Wednesday, February 2**, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, topics of interest especially for Entered Apprentices by MW Sam Walker

**Wednesday, February 2**, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m., lodge of instruction by Richard Paquette

**Thursday, February 3**, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Mason/Non-Mason Table Lodge

**Thursday, February 3**, Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m. 8th Masonic District breakfast at the Groton Townhouse Restaurant

**Thursday, February 3**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m., second and third lectures for Entered Apprentices

**Thursday, February 3**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, RW Paul Edberg: The Holy Bible and the Altar of Masonry

**Friday, February 4**, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Entered Apprentice second section lecture by Bro. Jesse Batterton and third section lecture by RW Ted Doolittle

**Saturday, February 5**, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 6:00 p.m. dinner out with ladies at Bear and Grill, Orange

**Saturday, February 5**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 10:15 a.m., lunch, tour of Masonicare

**Saturday, February 5**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 5:00 p.m. Ladies at Table

**Saturday, February 5**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 3:30 p.m. dinner, tour of Masonicare

**Sunday, February 6**, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Super Bowl party

**Sunday, February 6**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, pancake breakfast

**Sunday, February 6**, Madison No. 87, Madison, Super Bowl party

**Sunday, February 6**, Old Well No. 108, Norwalk, Super Bowl party

**Sunday, February 6**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 1:00 p.m. lunch, bring a friend

**Monday, February 7**, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 7:00 p.m. dinner, James Wade D'Acosta: Further Light in Masonry, a sampling of publications

**Monday, February 7**, Federal No. 17, Watertown, organ donation presentation

**Monday, February 7**, Hartford Evergreen No. 88, South Windsor, Valentines program

**Tuesday, February 8**, Wolcott No. 146, Wolcott, lecture: Erected to God and Dedicated to the Holy Saints John

**Wednesday, February 9**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 8:00 p.m. dinner, presentation on Bro. Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute"

**Thursday, February 10**, Temple No. 65, Westport, 7:00 p.m. dinner, WB Tony Foote: visit to Malta

**Saturday, February 12**, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:00 p.m. Ladies at Table

**Saturday, February 12**, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 7:00 a.m., trip to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, tour, sightseeing

**Saturday, February 12**, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 5:00 p.m. Valentine's Day dinner

**Saturday, February 12**, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 2:30 p.m. lunch at Gouveia vineyard

**Sunday, February 13**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, all you can eat breakfast

**Monday, February 14**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:00 p.m. Valentine's Day dinner

**Monday, February 14**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:00 p.m. Valentines Day dinner, Windsor Historical Society presentation: History of Valentine's Day

**Monday, February 14**, Hartford Evergreen No. 88, South Windsor, 7:00 p.m., lodge of instruction

**Monday, February 14**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, ladies night

**Tuesday, February 15**, St. Peter's, No. 21, New Milford, presentation on Masonic presidents

**Tuesday, February 15**, Old Well No. 108, Norwalk, brotherhood night

**Tuesday, February 15**, Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner, youth night

**Wednesday, February 16**, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:00 p.m. Ladies at Table

**Wednesday, February 16**, Widow's Son No. 66, Branford, 7:30 p.m. dinner, awards night, Grand Master will be in attendance

**Wednesday, February 16**, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m., lodge of instruction by Richard Paquette

**Thursday, February 17**, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. dinner, presentation by Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr.

**Thursday, February 17**, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, wine and cheese tasting

**Thursday, February 17**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. Valentine's dinner, Ladies at Table

**Friday, February 18**, Philosophic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, Donald Tansey presentation and discussion: Alchemy and the Second Degree

**Saturday, February 19**, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:00 p.m. game dinner

**Sunday, February 20**, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 5:00 p.m. winter gathering dinner at Ashlar Village, Wallingford

**Sunday, February 20**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m. country breakfast

**Monday, February 21**, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, Master Mason third section lecture, presentation on Brother George Washington by lodge historian Carl R. Johnson

**Tuesday, February 22**, St. Peter's, No. 21, New Milford, 7:00 p.m. joint Table Lodge with Union No. 40

**Tuesday, February 22**, Madison No. 87, Madison, 6:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner

**Wednesday, February 23**, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. Table Lodge

**Thursday, February 24**, Village No. 29, Collinsville, visit to Hiram No. 1, New Haven

**Thursday, February 24**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, Bro. Anthony Postizzi: Pampered Chef: Italian Style

**Saturday, February 26**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 8:00 a.m., sugarhouse visit

**Saturday, February 26**, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 8:00 a.m., lodge work party

**Sunday, February 27**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 1:00 p.m., Annual Dart Tournament vs. Sequin Level No. 140 at Southington

**Sunday, February 27**, Temple No. 65, Westport, watch the Academy Awards

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# Home in Time for the Holidays Redux

Shortly after he stepped off the plane fresh from his deployment in Afghanistan, Brother Dan "Sammy" Adams heard the voice of his Worshipful Master Tim Quinn, "Welcome home, Brother Senior Warden!"

Bro. and Sgt. Adams had indeed been elected and promoted to higher office and in six short weeks would be facing presiding over a Fellowcraft degree at America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford. He would also meet many who recognized him from his photo on the cover of the December issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*. He and the other brothers of his deployment will be attending welcome home ceremonies on February 12 and 13.

Brother and Specialist James Mowell easily found his way back to Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington shortly after his return. While in his fatigues, he showed the brothers there the square and compasses badge he wore on his chest where his rank normally would have been displayed, but only to be worn during lodge. Shortly after he also returned to his passion, motorcycle riding, and was elected president of the Grand Chapter of Widows Sons Motorcycle Riding Association.



An example of a velcro patch fashioned by Connecticut brothers.



At a recent January briefing at the Hartford Civic Center, brothers and compatriots from their Afghanistan deployment gathered. Front row, from left, 1st LT James Locke, SSG Steven Alvarez, and SPC James Mowell. Rear, from left, SSG Benjamin Simon, SSG Daniel Adams, SSG Jeff Sirois, and SSG Joe Paoli.

Brother and Sergeant Benjamin Simon, Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34, Norwich, related his experience in Afghanistan and how the closest he came to esoteric discussion was with two Afghan interpreters discussing Sufism, a religious mysticism. "Rumi is Sufism's most famous adherent and all Afghani children memorize his poetry in grammar school."

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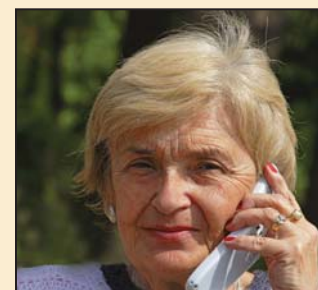
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