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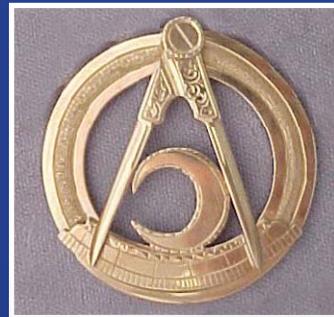


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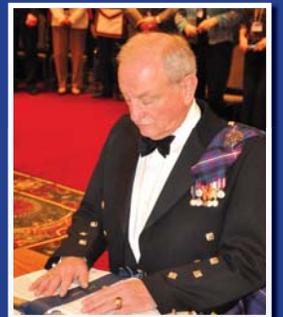
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Awarded David  
Wooster Medal**



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and Associate  
Grand Marshals**



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**James T. McWain  
Installed as 165th  
Grand Master**

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# Teaching an Old Grand Lodge New Tricks

by Carl G. Ek

You'd have to be approaching a 40-year pin to remember the Tuesday-night-through-Thursday-afternoon sessions of the Grand Lodge that were held in the long-demolished Hartford Hilton Hotel. Informal afternoon hospitality – featuring endless bowls of shrimp! – preceded the formal banquet, followed by visits to hospitality rooms on almost every floor. The hotel was all but filled with Masons, so no one complained as food, drink, and song flowed into the early morning hours. Of course, some revelers had much to complain about as they awoke for the morning session. Wednesday night was very quiet, with everyone looking forward to leaving as soon as possible after the Thursday installation.

MW Herb Emanuel, Jr. determined that the session's work could be completed by the end of Wednesday. This saved lodges and members a night's lodging and dinners, allowing people to be at their jobs on Thursday. The addition of semi-annual sessions following the historic 1989 mid-year communication to ratify Prince Hall recognition allowed much Grand Lodge business, including elections, to be done outside of the annual session. In the last few years, this has translated into a long afternoon break between the conclusion of business and the 4:00 p.m. installation.

As a cost-saving measure, the Grand Lodge moved from mid-week to a Sunday night – Monday format several years ago. Hotels catering to business travelers are seldom busy on Sunday evenings, and banquet facilities are likewise less used – thus, the Grand Lodge was able to save itself and its lodges money by changing days of the week.

In the moving of dates and between different hotels, though, the fun and the brotherhood characterizing Grand Lodge sessions of another era disappeared. Hotels were unwilling to group Masons together and imposed rules limiting hospitality rooms to 11:00 p.m. Many brothers either abandoned the tradition of coming early to meet and socialize with brothers from all over the state, or joined after these traditions had been stifled.

Fortunately, the 222nd annual communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut took major steps to make attending Grand Lodge fun once again. Several new events were added to make the entire event more enjoyable, useful, and educational for the brothers who took part before and during the session.

Sunday afternoon activities began with a small group of brothers discussing the use of modern technology in Masonry under the leadership of soon-to-be RW District

Deputy Charles H. Tirrell. Immediately thereafter, a vesper service organized by RW Grand Chaplain Bruce R. Bellmore – the room was packed almost to overflow.

The Grand Lodge banquet took on a new character, serving as the testimonial for outgoing MWGM Charles A. Buck, Jr. Over 375 tickets were sold for those wishing to honor Bro. Charlie and wife Kandi for their nine years of service in the Grand Lodge progressive line.

Post banquet, two separate floors in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell were set aside for hospitality suites, again allowing the brothers to meet, mingle, and enjoy the fellowship of Freemasonry. In an admirable development, no formal curfews were announced; still, songs and conversation concluded long before they bothered other guests.

The Monday morning session followed recent past practice as guests from visiting Grand Lodges, the appendant and concordant bodies, and Connecticut's Past Grand Masters were all welcomed by MW Buck. New Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor Darcy Needham brought greetings from her organization, as did DeMolay State Master Councilor Tyler W. Anderson.

At the midday break, the Past District Deputy's Association of Connecticut honored Past Grand Master Gustaf R. Bodin and Past District Deputy Alan M. Brown. Brothers also had a chance to learn more about various areas of the Masonic family at displays set up in the spacious hallway.

Hiram's Store displayed a wide array of Masonic jewelry and clothing for sale, while WM Chuck 2.0 Landau of Philosophic Lodge of Research offered lodge papers for sale and discussed the state's two research lodges. The Masonicare continuum was well represented, and, for the first time, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory of the Grand Lodge of New York was present. Representatives would speak of their work during the formal session.

During the two days, a pair of brothers received the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service and a non-Mason received the David Wooster Medal for



District Deputies gather to hear MW McWain read their commissions and be adorned with their jewels and colors.

his service to the community. All will be fully profiled in upcoming issues of Connecticut Freemasons.

The installation of new Most Worshipful Grand Master James T. McWain was colorful, to say the least. Many of the Grand Lodge officers, District Deputies, and Associate Grand Marshals wore kilts in honor of their heritage, and a vivacity of bagpipers escorted various officers to their stations and places, beginning with outgoing Grand Master Charlie and Kandi Buck. Fortunately, the Grand Lodge was at refreshment when the new Grand Master and his brother-sons paused to "pay the piper" with a wee dram o' the homeland's finest.

New MW McWain received friends and family from various parts of his life and career and introduced matching-kilted wife Bonnie, who will accompany the new Grand Master during his term. The McWains were presented with a framed poem that featured a photograph of his late parents by the granddaughters of PGM Walter Kaechele, who recommended Jim to the Grand Lodge line and had the privilege of installing him.

As Grand Lodge 2011 foreshadowed, the upcoming year will be different. If activities before and during the session are an indication, the important work of Freemasonry will go forward briskly, with fun and brotherhood playing a major role in the life of the craft. Who says we can't teach our old Grand Lodge some old new tricks?

## Our Cover...

Bonnie and Jim McWain, in complimentary Masonic tartan, enjoy Jim's installation.



# Grand Master's Message

Is our Fraternity just a little too common?  
Thoughts about the fraternity from the 19th century —

*"A real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestricted rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessing he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."*

— The Farmer's Almanac, 1823

Are we ashamed today to think that our fraternity is an elite organization? Or, perhaps, we do not believe that it is!

We have high standards; admit no one who is not moral, upright before God, and of good repute before the world. We do "good works" throughout the United States that are worth billions of dollars. The secret is that it is okay to be elite, but we should not be elitist. "Elite" is to have high standards; "elitist" is to consider yourself better than everyone else and to let them know it.

To be an elite organization requires constant effort. It can never be satisfied with the status quo; the standards can always be lifted.

Masonic meetings are places of learning, a fostering of ideas, and the lodge is a sanctuary for nurturing and developing friendship. It is where we go to celebrate our brotherhood. In the 18th century, Benjamin Franklin, Voltaire, and Mozart all joined a Masonic lodge to be with gentlemen who would debate the great questions of the day.

We must understand who we are and the road we've traveled. The philosophy of Masonry required centuries to develop and should be understood and venerated by all members of the fraternity.

Each lodge should have high standards. We need to foster the joys of gentlemanly behavior. Not phony gentlemanliness, but genuine fraternal good behavior. Consequently, at times, it may be necessary to give good counsel to a brother. This can be difficult, especially when it is misunderstood as criticism.

As gentleman, we should advocate a minimum standard of dress. When initiating, passing, and raising a candidate, think

of just how important an event that new man will consider it to be if the entire lodge membership looks first-class and is dressed for the occasion.

Good behavior is essential. We should not allow rude, coarse behavior among Masons. There was an Internet discussion recently regarding whether a brother who showed up at a funeral home in jeans and a golf shirt to perform the solemn Masonic funeral service should have been excluded. It should not be necessary to even discuss proper dress at a funeral, and it is sad that lodge members would condone such a lack of respect to a deceased brother and his family.

One may rationalize that society is more casual now. And some would add that it is "the internal, not the external qualifications of a man that Masonry regards."

We also say that our providence is to make good men better. If we are to polish the rough ashlar into a perfect one than we must conduct ourselves as the BEST men in society.

I have previously written that the Masonic fraternity is "out of step" with current society because we have higher standards. In other words, we should not lower ourselves to the behavior of the common group. If we are to be elite, when the world around us is rude and common, it should be our stated purpose to improve that world by improving men.

In Europe, Freemasonry is taken seriously because Freemasons take themselves seriously. We should also feel that our fraternity is solemn, noble, exclusive, dignified, and special.

I am not advocating that our lodges should be stern, joyless places of strict, dreary ritualists. Not at all! A lodge should be, first and foremost, a place of brotherhood, of friendships, and close personal bonds. It is not a degree mill to be opened, closed, and fled.

The degrees of Masonry should be formal, sincere, instructive, and enlightening.

The business meeting should be brief.

The feast, philosophy and fellowship should be the centerpiece.



James T. McWain  
Grand Master



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# Chas Mackenzie Receives David Wooster Award

by Richard F. Denno

Chas Mackenzie, education manager for LifeChoice Donor Services, Windsor, was honored with the David Wooster Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a non-Freemason by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The medal recognizes service in the fields of art, science, business, entertainment, religion and other service to humanity. The award was presented at the Grand Lodge banquet on Sunday, April 3.

"Chas Mackenzie continues to demonstrate dedication and concern for others," said Dr. David Hull, head of the Hartford Transplant Program. "He goes above and beyond the call of duty, and is a huge asset to both LifeChoice Donor Services and to his colleges."

Following more than four years of renal dialysis, the spouse of a Connecticut Freemason received a kidney transplant in December of 2008. The following month, the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program was formed, with the assistance of Chas Mackenzie and Caitlyn Bernabucci, from LifeChoice Donor Services. Within six months, the group expanded to over 30 members.

Over the past two years, Mr. Mackenzie has worked closely with the program, insuring that the 'Donate Life message' remains consistent with a thorough training of the Masonic committee members. Chas has worked tirelessly with the committee, providing guidance and much needed professional support, as the program has developed into one of the most dynamic, dedicated and passionate committees in all of Connecticut Freemasonry.

Initially, the program focused on educating Freemasons and their families on the importance of registering as organ/tissue/eye donors. Speakers trained by Chas Mackenzie gave presentations in Masonic lodges across Connecticut. Articles appeared monthly in Connecticut Freemasons.

At the Grand Lodge session, the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness program kicked off 'OPERATION TAKE OWNERSHIP!' With the expansion of the original program, Masonic lodges and their members are challenged to become involved in spreading the lifesaving Donate



Chas Mackenzie, education manager for LifeChoice Donor Services addresses the Grand Lodge banquet after receiving the David Wooster Medal from then Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. for distinguished service to humanity.

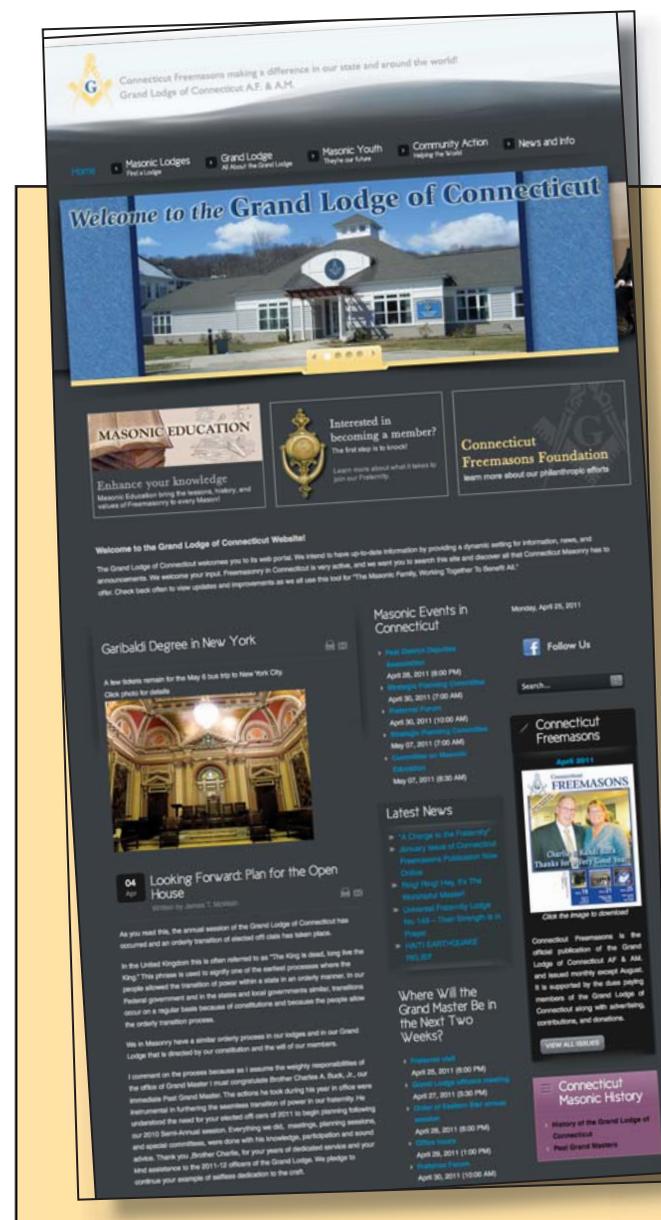
Life message throughout their respective communities. Through the use of creative programs, lodges will be involved with encouraging their communities to become registered organ/tissue donors.

"As an organizational leader, Chas is highly regarded by his peers and is someone who 'Walks the Talk' every day," said Deborah Savaria, LifeChoice's Executive director. "Chas exemplifies LifeChoice's commitment to organ and tissue donation. This recognition and award are well deserved. We are proud to have him on our team," she noted.

Chas spoke at the awards presentation of his lack of knowledge about Freemasonry when the organ and tissue donation committee was begun. "I have truly come to greatly appreciate the good will and community focus of the good men in Masonry," he said.

He spoke about the tremendous affirmation of humanity's good when a family in crisis, after having recently losing a loved one, can still think of someone else's need and say yes to organ and tissue donation. "I thank all assembled from the bottom of my heart for the tremendous honor you have bestowed on me this evening."

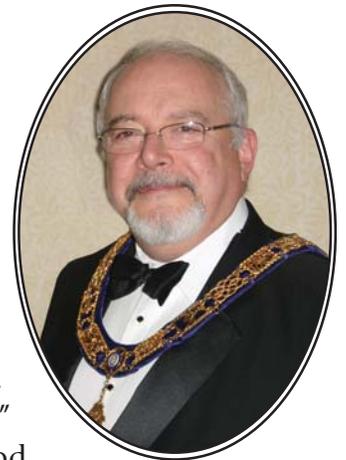
Two other Masonic jurisdictions are involved with Donate Life affiliates, and more jurisdictions received information and expressed interest in starting similar programs after receiving information about Connecticut's program at the North American Conference of Grand Masters in Denver this past February.



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## The Secret Truth about Freemasonry



I am writing this message around midnight on Easter Sunday after a very long and busy Holy Week. My brothers of the Jewish faith have just completed their observance of Passover. They wished me a Happy Easter and I wished them a Blessed Passover.

What troubled me as I began this Holy Week for the Christian and Jewish faiths was a letter that was handed to me at the Feast of the Pascal Lamb held by the Scottish Rite Valleys of New Haven and Waterbury. The Feast of the Pascal Lamb draws upon the Passover and the accounts of the Last Supper in a service to commemorate our departed brothers.

One of the brothers in attendance had invited his pastor to attend the ceremony. The pastor declined and handed him a letter "The Secret Truth of Freemasonry" purportedly written by a "Former Worshipful Master" decrying

Freemasonry as anti-Christian, a demonic religion, and a sinister source of corruption for innocent men. Most of what was in the letter was the type of ignorant nonsense we usually read in these diatribes. It was filled with vitriolic comments about Freemasonry being a false religion; that the Grand Architect of the Universe was a euphemism for Satan, and that true Christians couldn't possibly call Jews and Muslims "brothers." It also went on to say that by offering "universal" prayers, Freemasons who are Christians are denying Christ. What rubbish!

It is unfortunate that some pastors and non-masons continue to spread this nonsense. The beauty of Freemasonry is that it allows good men to meet together on the level regardless of their religious beliefs. It allows us a platform upon which we can all agree. Jews, Muslims, and Christians are all children of God. We all trace our religious

roots as Children of Abraham who have taken different paths. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our G-d, the Lord is One," "There is no God but God," and "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty," are not mutually exclusive statements of faith. The Grand Architect of the Universe, he who designed the universe all that is therein, cannot be anyone but God.

I promise myself and you, dear brothers, that I will not waste our time on this nonsense ever again. I will continue to sit in lodge with my brothers regardless of their religions, and I will continue to offer up my prayers to the one living and true God.

God bless!

## A Farewell Table Lodge for his Officers

As part of his thanks to his year's Grand Lodge officers, MW Charlie Buck hosted a Table Lodge for them on Friday evening, April 8 at the Hartog Center. The officers were all in their regular stations and places, and MW Charlie had their parts ready for them.

True to the recent edict requiring a Masonic education program at every meeting, Charlie also had Wyllis-St. John's Lodge No. 4 Worshipful Master Justin Duffy and lodge historian Carl R. Johnson present their "The Truth (or False) of the Boston Tea Party." It engaged the officers

and provided quite a few surprises.

The Grand Lodge ritual was strictly followed with one extra toast honoring our servicemen. But for the Hawaiian shirts, it was perhaps the classiest Table Lodge most had ever attended, typical of the class of 2010's Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr.



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## ***New Medical Director Driven By Compassion For The Elderly***

by Adam Raider

What makes virtually every “Masonicare Experience” possible? What sets Masonicare apart from other organizations?

The most popular answer to both questions, from anyone who has benefitted from our services, is people. Our greatest strength is in the compassion and expertise of our staff.

Some have been a part of the Masonicare family for decades. Others, like Dr. Yvette Fernandez, are relatively recent additions to our healthcare continuum. As the new medical director of Masonicare at Newtown, Dr. Fernandez is realizing a calling that likely began in childhood.

“My mother was a registered nurse and she encouraged me to become a doctor,” Dr. Fernandez recalls, “but I always had an aptitude for science and enjoyed helping people. I thought that a combination of the two would put me somewhere in the healthcare field. I was also drawn to medicine by my sense of compassion for older people. Growing up, my grandfather lived with us and he suffered three strokes. I remember the decline in him, and I think that was one of the motivating factors in me becoming a doctor.”

A graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, Dr. Fernandez completed her residency at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. Five of the six years she spent as an attending physician were in the geriatric outpatient clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital in Queens.

“During that time,” she says, “I realized that I was drawn to the elderly because I was able to empathize with them. I understood the battle they faced in trying to remain independent in the community when their chronic illnesses were preventing them from having healthier lives. And the gratitude they expressed was just overwhelming to me. You can please patients in other age groups but you get such immense gratitude from the elderly, often for making just the smallest difference in their lives. Feeling that indebtedness – and gaining their trust – is very rewarding.”

Gaining the trust of Masonicare at Newtown’s resident population was a top priority for Dr. Fernandez, as it would for any new member of the facility’s clinical staff.

She’s happy to report that residents have welcomed her warmly.

“It’s been good,” she says. “Some of the longer-term residents that I’ve gotten to know here have taken to me pretty quickly.”

Dr. Fernandez joined Masonicare in July 2010 after two years at a private practice in Waterbury. Although she enjoyed this experience of caring for older adults and knew her work had great value, her schedule required her to split her time between the office and four or five different nursing facilities in the area. It’s hard to put down roots when one is constantly on the move.

“After the practice disbanded,” she says, “the opportunity to spend all of my time in a single, long-term care facility came up and I jumped on it.”

A married mother of two living in Ridgefield, Dr. Fernandez admits to not knowing a great deal about Masonicare until after inquiring about the medical director position in Newtown.

“If I had any awareness of Masonicare,” she says, “it was probably through advertisements on radio. After interviewing for the position at Masonicare at Newtown, I started researching the company and became aware of their outstanding reputation as the foremost organization for geriatric care in the state. I was very impressed.”

Along with that realization has come a better understanding of the Freemasons, who have supported the important work of Masonicare since its inception.

“I didn’t know the Masons were so charitable,” she says. “Like most people who don’t know about the fraternity or its history, I thought it was some secretive organization. I didn’t realize how much they’re doing out in the community.”

In Dr. Fernandez’s role as medical director, she spends a majority of her time tending to the healthcare needs of residents and patients. Her administrative duties involve making sure that Masonicare at Newtown adheres to the highest standards of care. This could range from containing epidemics to addressing issues of patient safety. She meets on a quarterly basis with staff from all departments to set protocols to deliver the best possible care.

“In other skilled nursing facilities,”



Dr. Yvette Fernandez

she explains, “you might have a part-time medical director who is already in practice somewhere in the community. As a result, a lot of the quality-of-care issues that come up don’t get addressed. They’re able to get addressed at Masonicare at Newtown because I’m here every day.”

At the top of Dr. Fernandez’s list of long-range goals as medical director is to chip away at what she perceives as a stigma attached to skilled nursing facilities like Masonicare at Newtown.

“Because if you talk to some of the longer-term residents here,” she notes, “they don’t view it as some horrible alternative to living at home. This is their home. Once they acclimate themselves to the environment, they generally do well. Some people even flourish here more than they did at home because of the socialization that we offer, particularly if they were coming from a situation where they were very isolated and receiving minimal care. We become like a family to them. No matter the outcome, I’ll see positives. When someone gets well enough to be sent home, that’s the best. Or if they stay and end up flourishing, I feel good about that as well. It’s just one more thing that keeps me going.”

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There were more native Americans in Connecticut than white men in 1641. The various tribes had a population of between 6,000 and 21,000. The Pequots (now known for their casino) were the dominant tribe. The Hammonasset and Tunxis tribes survived in the western part of the state. The Indians hunted the abundance of game in the forests and used the resources of Long Island Sound and the rivers for fish and shellfish. Lobster, quahogs, oysters, and crabs were feasts the Indians lived on.

As with all cultures, the Indians had their own names for places. Many became known by their English names but others remained as the Indians had called them. Connecticut, was originally named Quinnehitkut, Abenaki for along the long tidal river. At least nine lodges in the state were given Indian names.

Oxoboxo, Mohegan for small pond, is located in the town of Montville near the home of the Mohegans who were defeated by

the Pequots in the great Indian wars.

Quinebaug, Nipmunk for long pond, is located in Northeastern Connecticut but has since merged with Cornerstone to become Cornerstone-Quinebaug. Ansantawae was an sub-Indian tribe in Milford that sold land to the white settlers.

Housatonic in Canaan was a tribe in northwest Connecticut.

Pawcatuck was a sub-tribe of the Pequots (the lodge has merged to become Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington).

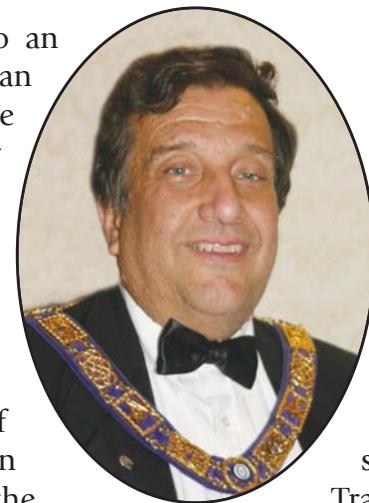
Moosup was named for the brother of Miantonomo, a Narragansett Indian who was killed by Uncas.

Other lodges like Seneca, Sequin, Annawon, Momauguin and Aspetuck have Indian relationships. Aspetuck is translated to mean "river originating in a high place" and the Indians are known to have called the area around Weston and Fairfield, Aspetuck. Annawon is Alqonquin for chief

but Annawon was also an elderly Indian statesman or chief who at the time of King Philip's War was one of the oldest individuals known to the new European arrivals. He may have been in his 90s at the time. Sequin was a sagmore or sub-chief of Sowheag, an Indian chief who ruled over the central Connecticut River Valley. Momauguin was a Quinnipiack who sold lands to Theophilus Eaton and others in 1638. The covenant was that they would protect each other from enemies.



During the middle part of the 20th century, employees and Masons within Connecticut's largest corporations organized square clubs for social and ritual work. The State Police Square Club is one that still operates today, as does the Sub Base Degree Team.



One of the more prominent was the George Allen Square Club of Northeast Utilities. WB James Dolbie of Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester, remembers the square club at Travelers when he worked at the insurance

giant. Other square clubs were formed by employees of Aetna, Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky Aircraft, Remington, Hamilton-Standard, the Department of Transportation, and others. This Grand Historian is trying to compile a list of all "corporate" square clubs so their history can be recorded for posterity. Please let me know if you have information on any of them.

As our fraternity becomes more mobile there is less chance for long-term memberships in any "corporate" square club, but it would be great to see if some could be reformed to 21st century standards and occupy the place they did in the middle part of the 20th century.

## GRAND MASTER'S TRESTLE BOARD

James T. McWain - May 2011

DATE	EVENT	PUBLIC	DINNER	ATTIRE
Wednesday, May 4	Vermont Order of Eastern Star	N	Y	F
Saturday, May 7, 12:00 noon	Madison Lodge No. 87, Madison, awards night	Y	Y	F
Monday, May 9, 4:00 p.m.	Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Grand Lodge office, Wallingford	N	N	C
Tuesday, May 9	Fraternal visit	N	N	F
Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m.	Heads of Bodies meeting, Ramage Boardroom	N	N	C
Wednesday, May 10	Fraternal visit	N	N	F
Friday, May 13, 1:00 p.m.	Office hours, Grand Lodge office, Wallingford	Y	N	C
Sunday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.	Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, awards program	Y	Y	F
Tuesday, May 17	Leave for Scotland			
Tuesday, May 31	Return from Scotland			

### LOGGING IN

All Connecticut Master Masons have access to previously unavailable material by logging in at both the Grand Lodge website, [www.ctfreemasons.net](http://www.ctfreemasons.net), and the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation website, [foundation.ctfreemasons.net](http://foundation.ctfreemasons.net).

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# We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Jon W. Cutler .....	<i>Acacia 85</i>	Christopher A. Dugdale .....	<i>Washington 70</i>
James A. McKinney .....	<i>Anchor 112</i>	Robert B. McKay .....	<i>Washington 70</i>
James J. Flaherty Jr. ....	<i>King Solomons 7</i>	Ryan J. Williams .....	<i>Washington 70</i>
Jonathon M. Ford .....	<i>Montgomery 13</i>	Ryan J. Brown .....	<i>Washington 81</i>
Benjamin B. Lancto .....	<i>Montgomery 13</i>	Kurt T. O'Neil .....	<i>Washington 81</i>
Kevin P. Macchi .....	<i>Montgomery 13</i>	Rosario Parciasepe .....	<i>Washington 81</i>
Donald R. Ovitt .....	<i>Montgomery 13</i>	Randall W. Root .....	<i>Washington 81</i>
Alan P. Galentine .....	<i>Seneca 55</i>		

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

George A. Beno .....	<i>Ashlar-Aspetuck 142</i>	Ervin C. Peabody .....	<i>Frederick-Franklin 14</i>	Philip W. Kinsey .....	<i>Uriel 24</i>
Robert C. Sykes .....	<i>Bay View 120</i>	Derek E. Corbett .....	<i>Harmony 67</i>	William L. Cruise .....	<i>Widow's Son 66</i>
Richard S. Baker .....	<i>Brainard 102</i>	Frank G. Roberts .....	<i>Hiram 1</i>	Frank R. Zemina .....	<i>Widow's Son 66</i>
David P. Hocking .....	<i>Compass 9</i>	Richard A. Hodgson .....	<i>Oxoboxo 116</i>	John F. O'Neill .....	<i>Wooster 79</i>
Theodore Quale .....	<i>Corinthian 103</i>	Douglas K. Harmon .....	<i>St. John's 2</i>	Dwight N. Dewey .....	<i>Wyllys-St. John's 4</i>
Glen W. Shaw .....	<i>Federal 17</i>	Lonnie Bales .....	<i>Union 31</i>		



WB Charles Tirrell presents a seminar on "Technology and Masonry" on the Sunday afternoon before the Grand Lodge session at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Cromwell.

Ansantawae Lodge's Jolly Mariners entertain at the Grand Lodge Banquet in respect to the Grand Master's late father, Charles A. Buck, Sr.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

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



Masonicare's national advocacy organization is LeadingAge, formerly known as the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Based in Washington, LeadingAge organizes a "march to the hill" each spring. The march is a concerted, visible way for LeadingAge members to discuss issues important to us with legislators.

This year, the march was held April 12. I was able to meet with the senior staffers assigned to healthcare for each of Connecticut's five elected members of the House of Representatives. This year's march had an added dose of drama, given the very real possibility of a government shutdown over budget negotiations. Thankfully, we were able to go forward with our meetings even if they were conducted under the specter of trillions of dollars of budget reductions.

The issue for Masonicare — and all

health care providers — is that the impact of the cost reductions contained in the Affordable Care Act is not fully known, since they have not been implemented in their entirety. Therefore, our message to legislators was not to allow additional cuts in reimbursements before the impact of these cuts is known. This applies to both Medicare and Medicaid, as one budget proposal has the federal government shifting Medicaid control to the state through a "block grant" proposal.

In addition, the Affordable Care Act includes a voluntary program known as the CLASS Act, under which individuals could purchase long-term care insurance to help fund care when and if needed. This provision may be eliminated before it is given a chance to succeed. I urged our representatives to vote to preserve this section of the new law because it will provide an additional safety net for

seniors to remain independent and reduce dependency on the Medicaid program for support. For more information on the CLASS Act, you can go to [www.aahsa.org/classact.aspx](http://www.aahsa.org/classact.aspx)

It may be naive to think that we can avoid larger cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Inspired perhaps by Washington's beautiful cherry blossoms, I keep hoping that the promise and responsibility our country has to preserve the dignity of care to our frail elders will prevail.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**We thank our Masonic family for their continued support.**



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## Norma J. Brandt Nursing Scholarship

In 2006, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, an affiliate of Masonicare, established the Norma J. Brandt Nursing Scholarship Fund. This fund was made possible by a generous gift to The Masonic Charity Foundation from John O. Brandt, Jr. in loving memory of his wife, Norma.

This year, one or more scholarships of \$1,000 or more will be awarded and announced in July 2011. The deadline for submission of all application materials is May 18, 2011. The selection committee will review the applications and select the recipients.

Norma was a registered nurse and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of Amaranth. During her career, she was an office nurse, a visiting nurse, and a school nurse. She related to all ages, from children in kindergarten to those in their late 90's. Her devotion to her patients and clients always shone through. She was a cheerful person who was used to hard work, loved nursing, and had a great desire to help people.

The late Norma Brandt's legacy

of caring for others will live on through the scholarship fund created in her name here at Masonicare. This scholarship fund

has been established to provide those individuals who are pursuing a career as a registered nurse, with the financial means to complete the educational requirements.

Recipients will be Masonicare employees or the children/grandchildren of Masonicare employees, and/or they will be members, or the children/grandchildren of members of the Masonic family. Employees must be benefit eligible and achieved at least one year of service at Masonicare.

Applications for this year are available through the office of the vice president for nursing in administration at Masonicare Health Center. For more information, or to obtain an application, please call 203-679-5924.



# Masonry: Building for the Ages

by Roger R. Cole

What do Masons build for the ages, who do not build with either stone or bricks?

Freemasons trace their lineage back to the mason guilds of the middle ages. Those masons spent years perfecting their skills, learning the intricacies of simple mathematics and more intricate geometry, and "produced works which are the admiration of every age."

Due to the size and complexity of their projects, most masons did not live to see their work actually completed. Despite the ravages of time, war, and the greed of mankind, many of these works remain — castles, cathedrals, aqueducts, bridges, and other marvelous monuments to their labors.

As a person who is both a teacher and a Mason, my love of learning is bound to my dedication as a builder. The building blocks an educator needs include: willing students, provable fact, objective reasoning, supportive opinions, rational exploration, open-mindedness, ethical standards, and a value of individuality.

The building blocks a Mason utilizes include: truth, charity, candor, tolerance, wisdom, friendship, morality, and brotherly love. Not surprisingly, the building blocks of a Mason differ little from those of a teacher, since both must pass their knowledge on to succeeding generations.

These qualities form the bedrock upon which any strong and durable structure must be built. Society's structures begins with the individual and progresses to a family, all of whom are united for their own good, and that of their village, state, and nation.

During this process, individual and collective character is developed, as commendable values and virtues are defined. Citizens stand in the light for what is good, rather than in the shadows of darkness with evil.

Unlike our ancient brothers' works, our works are built over the course of a single lifetime! No nation, whether living tranquilly or facing turbulent times, could be better served by such well-built citizen structures!

Freemasons' artistry helped build the foundation for our nation on the bedrock of "liberty, equality and the pursuit of happiness." Our forefathers, while recognizing no particular religious creed, accepted the idea of the "universal brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of the Grand Architect of the Universe."

Hence, they lived as examples of toleration, standing against bigotry and intolerance. Each Mason should treat his fellow citizen as he himself wishes to be treated. Each should practice the laudable virtues of citizenship, even if it means

selflessly placing their lives and fortunes at risk for the greater good.

There is considerable evidence to assert that thirty-two of the fifty-four signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons. Many of George Washington's most trusted officers were Masons, and fourteen Masons served as President of the United States. Public service is timeless, and its worth and impact is beyond value.

With each new initiate, I feel the excitement and enthusiasm that a youthful Mason brings. He is new to our craft, inexperienced, eager for knowledge and education, possessing a willingness to build right. He is our future craftsman and citizen leader.

Just as I took my duty seriously to prepare each student to be a participatory citizen, I accept the charge to educate each Masonic Apprentice and guide him. This is what Masons rightly do for each other.

We are builders of the highest levels of craftsmanship and artistry to make good men better through Masonic education. We build for the ages! Our simple materials form the basis for commendable virtue, ethical conduct, friendship, spiritual morality, and brotherly love.

As Freemasons once used these building blocks to raise the structure of our country, Freemasons are still called to build the structure of their lives to serve their nation, their God, and humanity. That is what and who we are. That is why we continue to exist.

## Improve Your Hearing Seminar, May 18

Masonicare understands that at any age, significant, untreated hearing loss can cause a person embarrassment and undue stress. It can make social activities and interaction with family and friends uncomfortable and frustrating.

Fortunately, there are more ways than ever to improve your hearing. As an educational service to the community in May, during Better Speech and Hearing Month, Masonicare is hosting a free audiology seminar that will provide important information on how hearing can be enhanced. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Cheshire Road, Wallingford.

Guest speaker Melissa Pacey, AuD, a technology specialist with Phonak, will discuss the major causes of hearing

loss and explain how the latest advances in digital hearing aid technology can ultimately improve hearing and quality of life. Hillary Lewis, AuD, Clinical Doctor of Audiology with Masonicare Health Center's comprehensive audiology department, will also be on hand to provide additional information and answer your questions.

Every seminar attendee will receive a coupon worth \$200 off the purchase price of one hearing aid and \$400 off the price of two hearing aids (both ears) from Masonicare Health Center.

Complimentary refreshments will be served. Reservations for the free program are required, and seating is limited. Please contact the Masonicare Helpline at 888-679-9997 as soon as possible to reserve your space.

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# MHC Thanks more than 200 volunteers

In celebration of National Volunteer Services Week, and in keeping with an annual tradition, the Masonicare Health Center of Wallingford honored more than 200 adult volunteers at the 38th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held on April 7 at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

Volunteers who contributed a minimum of 25 hours during the volunteer "year," which extended from March 2010 to February 2011, received a pin. Altogether, 550

## *Bro. George W. Smith of North Haven Top Community Volunteer with 1,764 hours*

volunteers (including in-house, adult community, junior, and community service) contributed 49,223 hours this year.

Three volunteers from the community – Bro. George W. Smith of North Haven, a member of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, (1,764 hours), Eleanor

Lianos (911 hours), and Evelyn DellaRocco (800 hours) of Wallingford and three volunteers who reside on campus – Alcine Reed (764 hours), Mary Wooster (563 hours), and Ada Mae McKeehan (528 hours), received special recognition for contributing the most hours during the year.

A special plaque that lists the names of 39 volunteers who reached 5,000 hours of volunteering during the past 10 years was also presented.

For the fourteenth year in a row, Masonicare Health Center awarded \$500 scholarships to student volunteers who are pursuing careers in the healthcare field. Each recipient volunteered a minimum of 100 hours at Masonicare Health Center.

The students who will receive William Lofstedt Scholarships are Nikki Stone, who will enter the nursing program at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts, and Kurt Tiedemann, who will study pharmacy at Western New

England College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Kurt will be part of the founding class at the newly opened School of Pharmacy. The Valerie W. Winchester Scholarship has been awarded to David Thai, who will be a pre-med student at Eastern Connecticut State University. All three scholarship recipients attend Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford.

Masonicare Health Center offers the Masonic family – both adults and teenagers – a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer their time and energy to help provide the best possible care environment for patients and residents. Regardless of age or occupation, a caring manner and a helping hand can make a big difference in the life of an older adult. Volunteer opportunities are available in several areas, including acute care, long-term care, independent living, outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation, and several specialty areas and therapies.

To learn more about the volunteer program at Masonicare, call Rosemarie Preneta, director of volunteer services, at 203-679-5980.



Volunteers who have given 5,000 hours or more to Masonicare Health Center during the past ten years include, from left, Alcine Reed, Jack Goodrich, Harriett Dougan, Evelyn DellaRocco, Barbara Hocking, Janet Mann, and Eleanor Lianos.

## Volunteers Donate Hand-Knit Prayer Shawls

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice staff was pleased to recognize and express their sincere thanks recently to the many volunteers who knit and donated 199 prayer shawls for the agency's hospice patients.

At the March 30 Prayer Shawl Ceremony held at Wesley Heights in Shelton, the volunteers, who are residents of Wesley Village, gathered with staff for the blessing of the prayer shawls, which was given by Father Jim Stinson. During the past year, these generous volunteers spent a total of 4,700 hours knitting beautiful, one-of-a-kind shawls, lap robes, afghans, and shrugs for hospice patients. The volunteers attach the following message to each shawl: "This prayer shawl

was made for you with love. It is offered, with prayers, for your comfort and peace. May it warm you, even as we continue to hold you in prayer. May it warm you, even as the love of God warms you."

Social workers and nurses with Masonicare Home Health & Hospice take great care in choosing the perfect shawl for each one of their patients. Holly Beck, volunteer coordinator, said, "Our patients and families are so touched by the time and energy volunteers spend knitting these shawls, and with all white sheets and linens, a shawl often provides the only burst of color in a patient's room. We sincerely thank these volunteers and appreciate their generosity and caring."



Volunteers Mary Ann Griffiths, Grethe Popp, Ida Scaife, Elizabeth Clark, and Christine Taylor were some of the volunteers who knit and donated prayer shawls for Masonicare Home Health & Hospice patients.

# 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.

Charles C. MacDonald.....	Acacia 85	Cyril W. Mellette.....	King Solomons 7
Charles A. Buck Sr.....	Ansantawae 89	Raymond N. Naylor.....	King Solomons 7
Richard O. Palmer.....	Ansantawae 89	Harold J. Lehmus MD.....	Manchester 73
Steven W. Brewster Jr.....	Brainard 102	Ferdinand D. Lewis Jr.....	Manchester 73
John L. Demmons Sr.....	Compass 9	Evanstead D. Fay.....	Old Well 108
Thomas E. Whitney.....	Corner Stone-Quinebaug 122	Saul J. Clark.....	Sequin-Level 140
Bernard Nitkin.....	Cosmopolitan 125	Paul Petrocelli.....	Sequin-Level 140
David L. Butler.....	Eastern Star 44	John G. Fagerholm.....	St. Peter's 21
Glenn R. Cross.....	Eastern Star 44	Randolph S. Johnson.....	St. Peter's 21
Gilbert B. Pearson.....	Eastern Star 44	Myron F. Verner.....	Temple 16
Lewis A. Phillips.....	Eastern Star 44	Alfred S. Teller.....	Washington 19
Malcolm A. Speirs.....	Estuary 43	Raymond B. Smith.....	Washington 81
Charles F. Stosse.....	Fidelity-St. John's 3	Ellery L. Neff Jr.....	Wolcott 60
Ronald E. Keddy.....	Frederick-Franklin 14	William H. McKinney.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4

## Who is Hermes Trismegistus, and what should he mean to Masons?

by Benjamin Simon

Hermes Trismegistus (thrice great) was considered by ancient alchemists and hermetic scholars the combination of the mythological Greek god, Hermes, and the Egyptian god, Thoth. Both Thoth and Hermes were the deities, in their respective cultures, of messages and communication. Hermes Trismegistus was, perhaps, the third incarnation of these messenger gods, or the third resulting from their amalgamation.

1. Hermes
2. Thoth
3. Hermes Trismegistus

Some scholars believe that his title, thrice great, stems from his mastery of the three great forms of universal wisdom: alchemy, astrology, and theurgy.

1. Alchemy: to create
2. Astrology: to observe
3. Theurgy: to invoke

Hermes Trismegistus authored many texts significant in the world of alchemical and esoteric study. Of these, *The Divine Pymander*, a meditation between the author and a divine entity of wisdom, and *The Emerald Tablet*, a page of metaphysical proclamations, are the best known. "That which is below is like that which is above," line two, of *The Emerald Tablet*, has been the statement propellant of extra-religio, metaphysic, and esoteric study since before

the beginning of the last millennium.

An actual person or deity named Hermes Trismegistus may or may not actually have existed. Words, however, presuming his authorship do exist and it is these words which are significant to contemporary Freemasonry, and its use of vocabulary. Not only did Hermes and Thoth, in their respective times, signify communication, they were both thought of as deities, representing balance and scales, helping to maintain earthly equilibrium. But, it is only through the written word, ancient scholars knew, that balance and equilibrium could truly exist. Hermes Trismegistus, in his written work, invoked this balance.

Again, his most famous declaration: "That which is below is like that which is above,"

1. That which is below: Physical
2. That which is above: Spiritual
3. The written word: The invocation: Trismegistus

Words are the amalgamation of the physical and the spiritual, of outer and inner, of micro and macro. As Masons, when we read our texts, we should keep this in mind. We must also keep in mind that there are always three — the third bringing balance; this is the message of Hermes Trismegistus.



Reference: *Hermes Mercurius Trismegistus, The Divine Pymander*, Lexington, KY: WeJees, 2008.

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# So what is this COCA I keep hearing about?

by Committee on Community Action

Recently committee chairman WB Johnny Miller received an e-mail from a brother asking what, exactly, is the Committee on Community Action, and what do they do? WB Miller replied with a definition of the committee, and had some materials sent to the brother to help him understand. A week passed, and the brother responded with a polite thank you, but also with a comment that his lodge was not in need of ideas or programs for Community Action — they had their own ideas — they were looking for help to get those ideas and programs going.

As the brother's comments were discussed, the committee was reminded that many lodges do indeed have great ideas, plans, and programs they are currently performing or would like to put in place. That's a wonderful thing!

Community Action starts with brothers understanding their community and how they can contribute, so to have ideas to pursue is a great starting point.

Where COCA can contribute to lodges that have their own ideas is helping them think about how they can get their ideas implemented.

There are several places they can turn:

- Blue Lodge Councils
- Nearby Masonic lodges
- Brotherhood-in-Action programs (working with non-Masonic organizations)
- Associated organizations (Order of Eastern Star, Masonicare, Shrine, etc.)
- Local government
- Community residents

Masonic lodges can play an essential role in their local community by promoting worthy ideals, activities, and programs, leading by example, and bringing the community and other groups together to accomplish their goals and objectives.

If a lodge has an idea for a program that might require more manpower than they can muster, that does not mean they can't pursue that program; rather, it means they have some work to do building relationships in their community.

What is a good way to build relationships in your community? Volunteer! Are you a volunteer firefighter in your community? Have you performed in a local theater production? Do you serve as an elected town official? Do you

organize activities with brothers such as gathering donations for homeless veterans? Have you served on a parent-teacher organization? All of these are good ways to build relationships in your community.

Look around you — who wouldn't want to help your lodge with a program if you and your lodge members are active in your community? Something to think about when it comes to Community Action: it's not what someone else can do for you, it's what you can do for your community. Volunteering, working together, reaching out to other organizations — all of this builds the bonds of brotherhood, and will in turn provide the resources needed for your program to succeed!

## Don't Forget: June 14 is Flag Day

by Committee on Community Action

June 14 is Flag Day. How many times have you seen the United States flag today? To anyone who has traveled out of this country and seen our flag in another land, it means home is nearby. To those who have returned to this country, our flag is there, waving and welcoming them home.

As citizens of the United States of America, we all have good reason to be proud of our flag. It is recognized around the world as the foremost symbol of freedom. It represents us and all the good works we have done for our neighbors, allies, and partners. It is our flag that flies at our national monuments — those erected to celebrate our successes, and those placed in memory of our losses.

Our nation's struggles have always made

us stronger, and our flag is the symbol that guides us through to peace, prosperity and victory. It was our flag that Francis Scott Key saw still flying over Fort McHenry after the Battle of Baltimore and inspired him to write our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Flag Day is a great time to invite your community to your lodge for a Flag Day celebration. Get the word out now; contact your town's management, fire, and police departments, veterans groups, and others. Invite them to share this special day with you.

What a wonderful way to celebrate this cherished national symbol that represents our country, as we stand united on June 14, Flag Day

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Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, often has Flag Day ceremonies, sometimes including dedication of a new flag pole or a new flag to fly over the lodge.

# Congratulations 2011-2012 District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals



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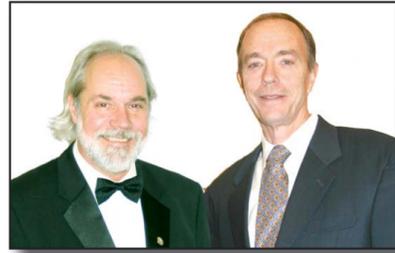
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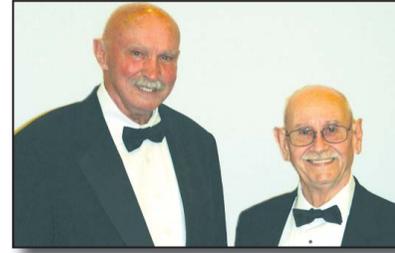
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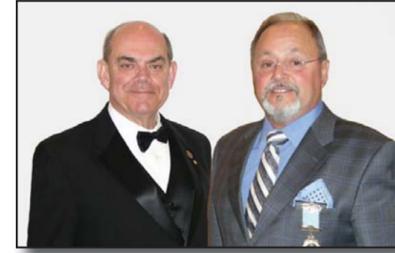
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# Valley of New Haven, A.A.S.R. by Michael L. Castroll

Spring is in full bloom in the Valley of New Haven. On May 2 the venue moves to the Stratford Theater, home of Lafayette Consistory, for the thirty-first and thirty-second degrees as the spring reunion comes to a close, and the class matriculates. What a way to start the month! Our class is in double figures once again, and the other valleys that comprise Lafayette Consistory will not be too far behind. Come out and support your brothers.

Just one week later, on May 9 at 7:30 p.m., we are back at the New Haven Masonic Temple. The main event is the annual meeting

of the Valley of New Haven. Kudos to those who have led us in the past year.

This meeting is also the last call for scholarship applications to be turned in to our Illustrious Secretary Vern Cleaves.

Speaking of kudos, our Illustrious and MW Charlie Buck earned his stripes for his year as Grand Master. Our sympathies go to Charlie and his family on his father's passing.

Just one week after we choose new Valley leadership, Lafayette Consistory's annual meeting convenes concurrent with that of the Valley of Bridgeport, on

Monday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. As members of Lafayette Consistory we are all members of the Valley of Bridgeport, and it behooves us to be there.

Lately, our Valley has been abuzz with visitors. It could be we've gotten a reputation for maintaining excellence in the work. Let's keep it up!

By the way, our reputation (to others) is a tradition to us. Ever since E.G. Storer, we have had a myriad of Masonic persona who have been pillars of the craft. Among our brothers who have been Most Worshipful Grand Masters are these eight: Fred

H. Waldron; Wallace A. Moyle; Albert H. Ruwet; William F. Booth; Herbert L. Emanuelson, Jr.; Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr.; Gustaf R. Bodin; and Charles A. Buck, Jr.

What do E.G. Storer and current Grand Master James T. McWain have in common? They are both native Vermonters. Interestingly, Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was born in Litchfield, and helped to found the Green Mountain State.

There is so much to tell in the Valley of New Haven, but that will be for another time.

See you in the Valley...

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

It's time to reflect on another successful reunion season. The Valley wrapped up its degree schedule, on April 30, with the portrayal of the 21°, 31°, and 32° degrees on Consistory Day. Congratulations go to our newest brethren who obtained the distinction of becoming sublime princes in the Scottish Rite. On May 20 they will, along with their ladies, be honored at a graduation dinner, and presented with their Scottish Rite 32° certificates.

In addition to a prime rib lunch on Consistory Day, everyone had an opportunity to

meet with some of the senior members of the Scottish Rite as they were recognized for their longtime membership. Congratulations for 50 years of service to: Brothers Paul K. Edman, John K. Jepson, Carl G. Kevorkian, Fletcher W. Kinsley, Ronald W. Oliver, Stillman H. Rogers, Lucius M. Whitaker, and Frederick W. Young; for 60 years of service: Brothers Charles Bangert, Wendell W. Morrell, Samuel J. Sargis, and Karl H. Sjovall M.S.A.; and for 65 years of service: Brother Walter H. Joyner.

In May, after the annual meeting and election of the

2011-2012 officers, is our annual Worker's Appreciation Night, and installation of the newly elected and appointed officers, scheduled for May 12. In addition to the installation of the officers, it gives the valley a chance to say thank you to everyone who contributed to putting on the degrees and to their ladies for their support.

On Saturday, May 14, the valley has chartered a bus to take a group of brethren, and their family members, to New York City. They will be visiting, and touring, the Grand Lodge of New York building and then the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier and Air

Museum. This trip is part of the Valley's Family Life program.

Other Family Life dates to keep in mind: July 9 – Rock Cats Baseball game and picnic, and Saturday, July 23, for the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Scottish Rite Learning Center for Children suffering from dyslexia. If you cannot partake in the race, or help us out as a volunteer on that day, perhaps you can support the event by getting your company to be a sponsor of the event. For more information regarding the race, contact Jeff Flynn at [jedge60@yahoo.com](mailto:jedge60@yahoo.com), or 860-304-6348.



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## A Lament for a Masonic Temple

by Matthew Morris

Almost 100 years ago the brothers of St. John's Lodge No. 6, Norwalk, scraped and scrounged and raised enough capital to purchase a recently closed brownstone chapel from an Episcopal church to establish a permanent temple for Freemasonry.

It was a magnificent edifice with a soaring ceiling, beautiful stained glass windows, and plenty of room. They converted the building, decorated the vaulted ceiling with gold stars to represent the canopy of heaven, and swapped out some of the stained glass windows with Masonic-themed ones. There was a backlit cast copper

square and compass essign on the street to let people know when a meeting was going on, crafted by a local artisan and brother. The sign was not the only priceless piece of art donated to the lodge by a member.

Inside the lodge room on the west wall 30 feet in the air hangs a cast bronze circle between two parallel lines flanked by statuettes of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, the patron saints of Masonry, created by Bro. Robert Wakeman. These saints are represented again in paintings set into the wall above the entrance doors on each side of the room, brushed by the talented Brother Alexander Rummler, who also did many works around the city for the Works Projects Administration during the Great Depression.

Then there is the brass. This metal is everywhere; every door handle is made of it, with a raised square and compasses in the middle. There are wall sconces in the South, West, and East with one, two, and three lights respectively, also in brass. In the center of the lodge room stand three massive brass candle holders embellished with scrolled leafs, cherubic faces and the symbol of the order. And on the door in the



West there is a knocker in brass in the shape of the square and compasses.

At some point theater seats were added along the north and south, funded by brothers and families who received an engraved plate on the armrest as thanks. Name plates also grace the collapsible tables in the basement where the dining functions were held. In the anteroom there is a large bronze plaque with the name of Samuel Lynes, whose untiring efforts led to the purchase of the temple.

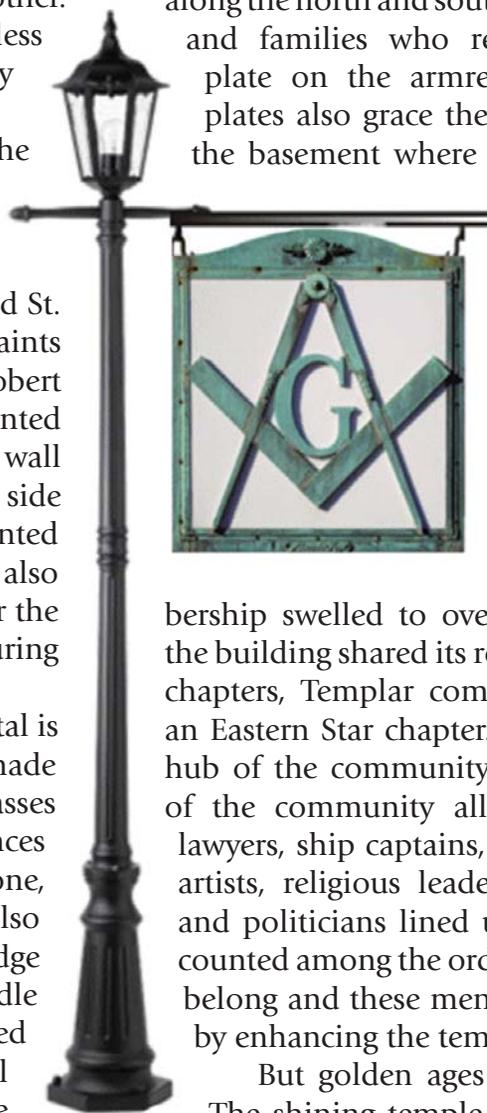
During its heyday the membership swelled to over 600 members and the building shared its refuge with Royal Arch chapters, Templar commanderies, and also an Eastern Star chapter. The temple was the hub of the community life and the leaders of the community all belonged. Doctors, lawyers, ship captains, captains of industry, artists, religious leaders, business owners, and politicians lined up at the door to be counted among the order. It was an honor to belong and these men returned that honor by enhancing the temple where they met.

But golden ages never last, do they? The shining temple of Freemasonry that

once vibrated with life fell on harder and harder times. When the cost of heating was almost nothing it was relatively easy to warm such a massive place, but as the warm bodies that contributed to the heating of the building dwindled and the cost of oil rose, it became harder and harder to get the money to fire up the heat. Towards the end the brothers were forced to meet in the basement during winter because they could not afford to heat the lodge room. The slate roof leaked, the stained glass windows began to crumble, and the massive boiler needed replacing. The

lodge had little money and little participating membership so when a church that rented the hall on Sundays offered to buy the building, the lodge jumped at the chance.

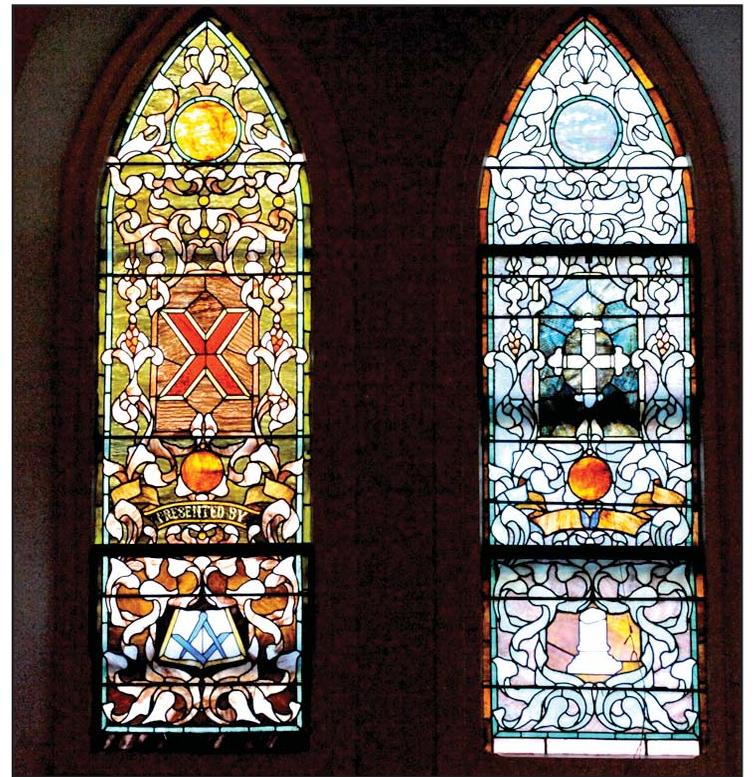
For twenty years the church allowed the lodge to continue to meet there, and never



# DISTRICT No. 1

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- (c) RW Daniel L. Longchamp, DD • WB Jean-Marie Leslie St. Victor, AGM

## ...A Lament continued



changed anything about the old temple, save adding some chairs for its members and a drum set in the Northeast corner. It was a

good relationship and the lodge often helped monetarily, when it could, to show their appreciation.

swelling numbers, the lodge did not have enough money to return it to the order, let alone afford to operate it again.



As the church grew they added a baptismal in the basement with a mural of its members in the foreground of the beautiful brownstone building. The 20 foot tall columns that were used in the Fellowcraft degree were attached to the wall for fear of a climbing child toppling them. Then the lodge began to grow again.

The realization of these facts helped to nudge the lodge in a direction it never wanted to follow and the decision to move the lodge from its home was made. So began the turning of a page in St. Johns history.

Freemasonry underwent a revival and some dedicated brothers nursed the old lodge back to health, but alas, even though the church became interested in selling due to its own

On Thursday night April 21 the last tated communication and Entered Apprentice Degree was held in the magnificent temple they called home for nearly one hundred years. The building will always hold a special place in my heart as it caused me to knock on the West Gate and join the craft many years ago. But unfortunately soon it will be a memory of a glorious past.

## Worshipful Master Teaches Brothers about Fishing

by Thomas A. Burke

Following the April 6 stated communication, the brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, were treated to a special presentation by Worshipful Master Jon Ringel, an avid and highly experienced fisherman. WM Ringel brought several rods and reels and explained their differences, and how and where they are used. He provided tips to pursue fishing as both a hobby and a sport.

Included in the presentation materials was a live young bass which WM Ringel had caught and brought to lodge to demonstrate some setups and techniques. Several brothers shared their fishing and boating experiences and planned future excursions together.



WM Jon Ringel holds the bass he brought to lodge while Bro. Adam Ellyson holds the fishing pole.

## Visitor from England initiates Education Program

by Thomas A. Burke

The brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, were treated to a visit from a brother who resides in England on Wednesday, April 6. Worshipful Brother Timothy Paxton, who holds the rank of Provincial Grand Steward of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, traveled to visit relatives in Fairfield. WB Paxton contacted Union Lodge No. 5 to inquire about visiting for an evening.

His inquiry was perfectly timed with the introduction of Union Lodge No. 5's recent training and discussion on receiving visitors, which had recently been discussed at the Blue Lodge Council meeting, as well as the letter from Most Worshipful Grand Master James T. McWain regarding instituting Masonic education programs at each stated communication.

After verifying WB Paxton's Elvetham Lodge No. 4013 was listed as recognized by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in the book of recognized lodges,



At the meeting of Union Lodge No 5, from left, WB Stephen Petri, WB Tim Paxton and WM Jon Ringel had a chance to discuss differences and similarities between the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as how to receive and investigate visitors.

formal contact with the secretary of Elvetham Lodge, Worshipful Brother Simon Wright, was initiated. Further verification with the United Grand Lodge

of England, verification of credentials, receipt of a letter of introduction from WB Simon Wright, and a proper investigation were also conducted (it turns out

WB Paxton himself is responsible for investigating visitors to his lodge).

Prior to the visit, WB Paxton shared his lodge's "Summons," which is basically a meeting agenda put forth by the lodge secretary for each stated communication, and in turn the Union Lodge No. 5 Trestleboard was sent to him.

WB Paxton shared much information about his Masonic experiences and the similarities and differences between the United Kingdom and the United States Entered Apprentice rituals (the lodge was opened on the EA Degree), as well as the apron he wore, which is unique to his rank.

Many brothers asked several questions, and it was a rare treat to learn so much about Freemasonry in the UK. The brothers extended an open invitation for WB Paxton to visit Union Lodge No. 5 at any time, and we hope he visits again soon!

## Hammer Down at a Pancake Breakfast!

by Thomas A. Burke

With the sun shining and brothers smiling in Stamford, Saturday April 9 saw Union Lodge No. 5's pancake breakfast hosting several brothers, friends, and family members for an enjoyable morning feast.

A full menu of gourmet made-to-order pancakes (buttermilk, blueberry, or strawberry), fruit/granola/yogurt parfaits, "Eggs a la Past Master Digger Odell," crispy bacon, croissant rolls, orange juice and coffee delighted the guests. Worshipful Master Jon Ringel's wife, Nelly, personally made the parfaits with the assistance of daughter Elisa, 2 years.

Not one to let his lack of experience in the kitchen prevent him from contributing in his own very special way, WM Ringel made a quick trip to the grocery store to pick up a few missing supplies. Upon his return to the kitchen, he set up the supplies for Nelly and Elisa to put together the parfaits.

Brothers couldn't help but notice that WM Ringel had taken out a hammer and was pounding on packages of Nature Valley Granola Bars in order to crush them for the parfaits. "We usually buy granola that's already crushed" was the near unanimous refrain. WM Ringel noted there was none in the store. What about the cereal aisle? "Oh, I didn't check there..."

Needless to say, the laughs about his predicament brought all closer together as he finished his chore of hammering the granola bars!



WM Jon Ringel puts the "hammer down" in order to make granola pancakes at the Union Lodge pancake breakfast.

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## Hiram Lodge No. 1 and UCONN Win at Masonicare!!

by Steve Allinson

There was no question in anyone's mind that UCONN would win on March 20. However, Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, and their friends at Masonicare had an exciting time watching them do it. As always Hiram's friends were excited to see them again. There were some newcomers and many familiar faces; all excited for some great games, food, and plenty of laughs.

After some cheering and chanting, they all indulged in some delicious snacks. The kitchen at Masonicare once again outdid itself by serving nachos and potato skins. There were many toppings, including, nacho cheese, sour cream, and salsa, to name a few. As a special gift, each resident received their own Hiram No. 1 tailgating glass.

This event would not be so successful without the excited participation of the residents and the support of the brethren of Hiram No. 1. Noreen Schmidt (recreation department coordinator and recreation director of Ramage 4) is invaluable to the quality of life of the residents at

Masonicare. We are lucky to have her compassionate help, expertise, and support.

Noreen took time out of her weekend to create and deliver invitations, purchase decorations, decorate the room, and assist the brethren in helping the event run smoothly. Noreen put a massive amount of hard work and effort into making sure as many residents could participate as possible. Without her help, they would not have been able to continue to enjoy the gameday events.

Also, director of food services David Coyle's skill and creativity was essential to create the authentic gameday meal that the residents enjoyed immensely. He and his staff continue to amaze Hiram Lodge with their creativity and support for these functions!

The residents cannot wait for the return of Hiram No. 1. This was their third annual



The crowd at the Masonicare Health Center had plenty to cheer about at the recent NCAA basketball tournament. Brothers from Hiram No. 1 and residents of Ramage 4 cheered together.

NCAA event and they have already scheduled their third annual Yankees/Red Sox event. Overall, it was a wonderful and memorable event and no one can wait to see their friends again. These events are important to the residents and the brethren of Hiram Lodge No. 1, who are always excited and thankful to host the events at Masonicare.

## Hiram Lodge No. 1 at Mory's New Haven



Junior Deacon, Bro. Denis Polio, passes a traditional Mory's cup to Marshal Bro. Michael Colgan.

by Michael Calderone

Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, a lodge steeped in tradition, held a Mason/non-Mason night at the legendary Mory's Temple Bar at the end of March. More than a restaurant, Mory's is a private organization that has promoted the social, civic, and cultural life of the Yale and New Haven communities.

As in days of old, the brothers of Hiram Lodge and their guests met in a private second floor dining room and enjoyed good food, good drink, song, and fraternal camaraderie. Before the meal, Worshipful Master, Paul Corriveau Jr. welcomed the guests and asked lodge secretary, RW Brother Douglas Gray to bless the gathering. The assembly was then regaled by a Yale *a cappella* group, the Duke's Men.

Although not at Mory's Temple Bar, Hiram Lodge, founded in 1750, held its first meetings on the second floor of a New Haven tavern, and aside from Mory's curious moniker of "Temple Bar," there are other connections that made this evening

a perfect match between the establishment and Freemasons.

From its inception, Mory's was run by Jane Moriarty who, after the death of her husband, was known as "The Widow" by the all male, all Yale clientele. As the matron of the establishment, she was known to keep an eye over all of her "sons" and gently shoo them away at the midnight closing time.

After her death, a manager named Louis Linder took the reins of the tavern. Under his watchful eye, the tavern converted into a private club and the association named Louis as its steward.

Louis is immortalized in a song by the premiere Yale *a cappella* group, the Whiffenpoofs, who sing, "To the tables down at Mory's, To the place where Louis dwells, To the dear old Temple Bar we love so well..."

Louis was a member of several New Haven organizations including Connecticut Rock Lodge, and in 1989, Connecticut Rock merged with Hiram Lodge No. 1 allowing us to toast Bro. Louis as one of our own! Needless to say, a good time was had by all bringing new life to Old Hiram.

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## Class Collects 50 Year Pins

by Carl G. Ek

What are the odds of a class of four brothers taking their three Masonic degrees together, then returning to their lodge 50 years later to all receive their Grand Lodge golden recognition emblems? Add to that that three of the four were members of the same high school graduating class and the fourth is a brother of one of the other three, and you have the 'old home week' that Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 experienced on April 1.

Lodge Worshipful Master Christopher J. Buck welcomed his father, Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr., to his last lodge visit in his capacity as Grand Master. MW Buck had assembled in the East four members of his lodge's 'class of 1961' – Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., Past Grand Master; Frank Hokunson; DeForest W. "Frosty" Smith; and Winthrop S. Smith, Sr. The first three were members of the Milford High School Class of 1957; the latter two are brothers and sons of the late Winthrop A. "Pink" Smith, a Past Master of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89. Bro. Hokunson is now a resident of Simsbury, but the others remain in Milford.

The quartet took their Masonic degrees in late 1961, when one of the line officers of Ansantawae was Charles A. Buck, Sr. – father of the Grand Master. Originally, there were to be five members of the class, but Danforth M. Smith, the middle Smith brother, was on military duty and unable to join his family and friends in the degrees. He would take his degrees on his return home.



Four Ansantawae Lodge members of the 'class of 1961' pose with family members after receiving their 50 year gold membership emblems. From left, Elaine and PGM Ken Hawkins, Sr.; Cora and Frank Hokunson; Nancy and DeForest "Frosty" Smith; and Win Smith, Sr. and son and Bro. Winthrop S. Smith, Jr. The latter pair are both former members of the Connecticut State Senate.

All of the recipients spoke of their long and happy associations – some going back to grammar school days. Ken Hawkins noted that he did not come from a Masonic family, as did the other brothers, but had become a member of Milford Chapter, Order of DeMolay in his youth. His respect for the Masons who served

as the chapter's advisors made him want to follow in the footsteps of these men.

After family members pinned the gold emblems on the recipients, Grand Master Buck made brief comments, after which all retired to the banquet hall for dessert and further reminiscences.

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## District 5 to Raise Funds For Fisher House

by Ben Isaacson

The Blue Lodge Council of the Fifth Masonic District will assist Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville in selling ice cream at the First Friends of the Fisher House CT Spring Festival at Rockwell Park, Bristol on the weekend of May 20, 21, and 22.

Sales will raise money for the Fisher House to be constructed on the grounds of the West Haven Veterans Association Hospital, and demonstrate the district's ongoing commitment to supporting the project.

The other seven lodges of District 5 have been canvassed to

provide 2-3 brothers to take shifts at the Festival. Band concerts will be held on Friday and Saturday night, with a Saturday morning road race, Sunday morning bike rally, and a talent contest among the highlights of the weekend.

Lodges and individuals are also welcome to rent table space

and participate in the other activities of the Festival. Arts-and-crafts, non-profit displays, and commercial vendors will give the event something for all ages and interests. To learn more about the event or the good works of Fisher House, contact Fisher House CT at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org).

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## 50 Years and 400 Miles, No Problem



by David J. Williamson

WB Alfred J. Williamson, seated, a member of both Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain, and Jamaica Queens Village Lodge No. 546, Floral Park, New York, lives in western Pennsylvania, more than 400 miles from his lodges, but that was no obstacle when it came time for him to receive his 50 year award.

On March 24, he attended a meeting of Shenango Valley Lodge No. 810, Hermitage, Pennsylvania, where the pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and the medal and apron from the Grand Lodge of New York, were presented

by, from left, Bro. Gordon E. Hensel, District Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania's 53rd District; RW Howard E. Bonsaing, Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of New York; RW David J. Williamson, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; and Bro. Robert M. Bechtel, Worshipful Master of Shenango Valley Lodge.

Bro. Bonsaing made the 400 mile drive through a snowstorm to attend. Bro. David Williamson is the son of Brother Alfred, and has been appointed as the newest Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

# DISTRICT No. 6

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(b) RW Mark M. Hultman, DD • WB Charles D. Weiss, AGM

## I'll Take Jubelo for Two Hundred

by Jim Wilson

Wrong! It was Jubelum.. and so the questions and answers went for the evening.

At Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, on April 7, Deputy Grand Master Gary W. Arseneau brought his Masonic Jeopardy program. RW Gary Arseneau set the lodge room up and teams were selected.

Officers against the brothers with AGM Charles D. Weiss joining the brothers, and RW Mark Hultman keeping score. The first round went well, with the officers winning, squeaking by with a two point lead.

The lodge historian, having done recent research on famous Masons, could not contain his excitement when he knew an answer, and spoke out loud from the side lines. To everyone's dismay, that caused a penalty, not once, but twice!

But it was Mark Twain, and

Charles Lindbergh, those were the correct answers. How can one put his team in jeopardy, when he's right? He claimed he didn't hear the rule about "disqualified answers" subtracted team points.

With the second round, some members switched teams, and three officers and three brothers changed sides. This gave an imbalance of the Masonic knowledge available, and the brothers now won by a wide margin of over twelve points.

The final game, over an hour later, was generic, with anyone answering the questions, but no second chances if the answer was wrong. It was an education program everyone found exciting. Everybody participated and enjoyed the informality.

Friendship Tuscan Lodge

suggests having an evening of Masonic Jeopardy. Not only does it show the knowledge available

within your lodge, but it refreshes those little differences that we may have forgotten.



At Friendship Tuscan Lodge's Masonic Jeopardy participants included, from left, WB Charles D. Weiss, Associate Grand Marshal; Worshipful Master Andrew S. Warren; RW Gary W. Arseneau, Deputy Grand Master; and RW Mark M. Hultman, District Deputy.

## Qabalah (Kabala) and the Masonic Lodge

by Jess Maghan

On March 21 WM Brian Scameheorn of Solar Lodge No. 131, East Hampton, welcomed guest speaker WM Chuck 2.0 Landau, Worshipful Master of Philosophic Lodge of Research, to provide a lecture of the emblematic and august principles of both Kabala and Masonry. WM Landau opened his talk by focusing on Masonic prayer, the Master's hat, "The Letter G," the altar lights and the twin pillars in conjunction with the Qabalah (Kabala) and esoteric religious traditions of the Jews.

Also discussed were the history of the children of Jacob, and their centralization in Judea; an esoteric interpretation of the Hebrew alphabet and Biblical creation; the many names and titles of God; charity, free will, and the problem of evil, the visions of Ezekiel and Isaiah as meditations and the Kabala Tree of Life diagram in relation to Biblical analysis. Significantly, WM Landau

concluded his presentation with a focus of Masonic Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees, including the lost and substitute words of a Master Mason.

In complementing our guest speaker's presentation, and in the kosher belief that eating is a form of joining, WM Brian Scameheorn, Bro. Keith Baker (Solar Chef) and Bro. Nick Vasile joined together in preparing an authentic kosher dinner for the evening.

All pre-packaged food that was purchased bore the emblem of the Orthodox Union, which guarantees that the food adheres to Torah (Kosher) guidelines. All serving utensils were newly purchased for the occasion. All

cooking utensils were 100% metal and had been boiled prior to use. Solar's Chef, Bro. Keith Baker was fascinated and inspired by the task of preparing of a complete kosher food dinner. "When the spirit of the animal is eaten, a piece of it joins with the soul of humanity and is thus uplifted (returned to its source)."

Humans are actually assigned the task of repairing the world which is accomplished by taking material objects, including animals, and dedicating them to a holy purpose. Animals are each created by God around a centralized concept that was evident to Adam in the Garden of Eden. The 'Original Sin' committed by Adam and Eve was a 'Kosher' violation. God had given permission



*It was new gastronomical territory for Solar Chef Bro. Keith Baker, who made a kosher dinner for the brothers using and preparing in all the approved manner.*



*WB Chuck 2.0 Landau talks about the Master's hat at his Solar Lodge presentation about the Kabala.*

for them to eat the fruit from any tree in the garden, except the fruit from the tree of knowledge, which they were instructed not to eat.

According to Kabala, one reason God cautioned against eating this specific fruit was that God knew that their soul, the root soul of all humanity, was not yet sufficiently evolved to join and uplift the truth embodied in that fruit. Someday humanity will move to the next stage of being that Adam and Eve could have achieved so quickly. Our souls will then be more connected with God and thus stronger and better matched to the job of uplifting.

At the close of the evening and with much gratitude, all brothers present saluted our esteemed guest lecturer, WM Chuck 2.0 Landau, for helping us become aware that the symbolism of Kabala is reflected in the brotherhood of Masonry, and in the purity of the language of the heart in all religions.

# Cabaret Event Benefits The Masonic Charity Foundation



Joined by members of Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford, MW Gustaf R. Bodin, Past Grand Master and current Worshipful Master of Ashlar Lodge, presents a check to Patricia L. Morgan, director of development for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

The Cabaret, a festive afternoon of entertainment and camaraderie sponsored by Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford, raised much-needed dollars for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Held Saturday, March 26 in the Knapp Auditorium at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, The Cabaret featured live music by vocalist Elizabeth Anderson, accompanied by RW Carl Anderson, Grand Organist and MW George Greytak, Past Grand Master. The trio regaled guests with popular tunes from Broadway hits like *South Pacific*, *Camelot*, *My Fair Lady*, and many others.

Net proceeds from this event totaled \$1,505.40 and will benefit the residents and patients of Masonicare.

"We are grateful to Ashlar Lodge No. 332 for its continued generous support of The Foundation," said Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "I would also like to thank all the musicians for making this event so enjoyable, as well as everyone who graciously donated items for the door prize drawing."

## Grand Master Joins the National Sojourners

by Bill Breed

Recently, New London Chapter No. 58, National Sojourners, had the honor of initiating the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. as a member of National Sojourners. President Francis Rebmann opened a chapter of Sojourners and proceeded with the initiation of MW Buck, who

was escorted to the podium by Past Grand Masters Roger W. Read, Joseph Howard, and Robert J. Stika. Brother Winston Dean presented the Grand Master with his Sojourners medal and history of Sojourners. Bro. Burton F. Turner provided the medal lecture, and assisted the president during the initiation.

Also present to honor MW Buck were the following distinguished Brother Sojourners and their guests: MW Joseph Howard and his lady Jean; MW Roger Read and his lady Barbara; MW Robert Stika and his lady Sandy; Area Representative RW Charles Maxson and his lady Peg; Regional Representative Jonathan Wilson; RW Theodore Nelson and his lady Grace; RW I. William Clark; and WB Carl Mossberg and his lady Michelle.

A visiting brother was the Deputy Grand Master James T. Mc Wain, past president of Hartford Chapter No. 56. Twenty three brothers and their guests were on hand to welcome our new Sojourner.



Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. is escorted by Past Grand Masters Howard, Read, and Stika, at his initiation into the Sojourners chapter.

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# Masonicare Health Center "Square Club"

*A monthly get together – and so much more – for fellow Masons*

The monthly meetings of the Masonicare Health Center Square Club, whose attendees are residents of the Health Center and its adjoining independent living apartments, have become very enjoyable social gatherings for resident Masons. RW Jason Rieger, District

Deputy at Large and assistant administrator for Masonicare at Ashlar Village, organizes and facilitates the meetings. "The Square Club allows brothers who are unable to attend lodge meetings to stay active in the fraternity and enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow Masons," he explained.



Masonicare Health Center Resident Richard Buschel is congratulated by, from left, Bro. Thomas Gutner, administrator, Masonicare Health Center; WB Jon-Paul Venoit, Masonicare's senior vice president of residential services; WB Robert Simon, chairman of the Masonicare Health Center and Masonicare at Newtown's boards of directors; Bro. William Piper, Masonicare's chief operating officer; Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare; and RW Irving Pease, Associate Grand Marshal at Large.

In addition to the monthly gatherings held in the MHC Auditorium, the Square Club holds a yearly awards ceremony where resident brothers who reach a milestone year of Masonic service are presented before their peers and recognized for their distinguished achievement. The Grand Master and other representatives of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, as well as the senior leadership of Masonicare, are on hand to present the honored brothers with their service pins and certificates.

This year, at the fourth annual Square Club Awards Program held on Friday, March 18, there were 11 recipients, with membership ranging from 25 to 65 years



Masonicare Health Center Resident Roger Downs receives congratulations from the Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr.

– a combined total of 515 years of Masonic service! Several brothers were joined by family members and representatives from their respective lodges who were pleased to be able to share the moment with them.

A special thank you goes to Noreen Schmidt, director and coordinator for Masonicare Health Center's therapeutic recreation department, who does an excellent job arranging and handling the details for the monthly meetings and yearly awards programs.

Brothers who received awards at this year's program include Warren P. Backus, 65 years; Danforth C. Shattuck, 65 years; Richard W. Buschel, 60 years; Robert Y. Wassell, 60 years; F. Rossiter Goodrich, 50 years; Charles T. Schreier, 50 years; Roger E. Downs, 45 years; Melvin A. Hatfield, 40 years; Thomas F. Palmatier, 30 years; Charles A. Berlepsch, 25 years; and Thomas W. Gibbons, 25 years.

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# 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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**(RE)** Right Eminent  
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**(F)** Formal  
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- Sunday, May 1, (RE) (U)** Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Maine  
**Tuesday, May 3, (F)** Keystone Chapter No. 27, Meriden, Mark Master degree  
**Tuesday, May 3, (MP) (F)** Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven  
**Wednesday, May 4, (ME) (MP) (F)** Halleck Chapter No. 44, Menunketuck Council No. 36, Madison  
**Friday, May 6, (ME) (F)** Columbia Chapter No. 31, Collinsville  
**Saturday, May 7, (ME) (F)** Anointed High Priests, Ashlar Village, 9:00 a.m., lunch  
**Tuesday, May 10, (RE) (U)** Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Middletown  
**Wednesday, May 11, (ME) (F)** Hiram Chapter No. 1, Sandy Hook  
**Thursday, May 12, (ME) (MP) (RE) (F)** Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, Washington Council No. 6,  
Trinity Commandery No. 3, Darien, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards  
**Friday, May 13, (ME) (F)** Baldwin Chapter No. 13, Stratford  
**Friday, May 13-14, (RE) (U)** Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New Hampshire  
**Saturday, May 14, (ME) (MP) (F)** Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons/Grand Council Select Masters of New Hampshire  
**Monday, May 16, (RE) (U)** St. John's Commandery No. 11, North Windham  
**Tuesday, May 17, (RE) (U)** Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford  
**Tuesday, May 17, (U)** St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Red Cross and short Malta  
**Thursday, May 19, (RE) (U)** Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Order of the Temple  
**Friday, May 20, (ME) (RE) (U)** New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven  
**Saturday, May 21, (MP) (RE) (F)** Tri-State Cryptic Festival, New Haven, registration 8:00 a.m., lunch  
**Sunday, May 22-24, (RE) (U)** Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania  
**Wednesday, May 25, (ME) (MP) (F)** Council of Anointed Kings, Stratford, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Thursday, May 26, (RE) (U)** Palestine Commandery No. 6, Stonington  
**Monday, May 30 (ME) (MP) (RE)** Memorial Day

- June 2, Ascension Day Service, Torrington, 6:00 p.m., dinner at Kaabans Shrine Club follows  
June 3, Grand Chapter/Council Banquet. Rocky Hill Marriott, 6:00 p.m. social hour  
June 4, Grand Council Select Masters annual session, Rocky Hill Marriott, 9:00 a.m.  
June 4, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, annual session, Rocky Hill Marriott, 1:00 p.m.  
June 9, MEGHP Homecoming, Cyrus-Meridian Council No. 15, Torrington  
June 11, Grand Masters Day, Wallingford  
June 12,13, Grand York Rite of Vermont  
June 16, Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, ladies, and awards night  
June 17, AASR Council of Deliberation  
June 18, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons officers meeting, Masonicare Health Center boardroom, 10:00 a.m.  
June 25, St John the Baptist service, Woodbury, brunch

## ASCENSION DAY

Mark your calendars now for the annual Ascension Day Services sponsored by the Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar. 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. Reservations to SK Arthur H. Carlstrom, [acarlstrom01@att.net](mailto:acarlstrom01@att.net).

## AMPLIFIED SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE AT TRI-STATE CRYPTIC FESTIVAL

The Tri-State Cryptic Festival will be held in New Haven on Saturday, May 21 with registration at 8:00 a.m. The Royal Master and Select Master degrees will be conferred in the morning. Following luncheon, the special team from Connecticut will confer the Super Excellent Master degree with the full cast, costumes, and drama. This will probably be the only opportunity

this year to see this degree in amplified form. If all you have seen is the short form or the full form prescribed by Connecticut ritual, you should make time to see this degree in all its glory. Make reservations for the \$10 luncheon with Companion Chuck McCollum.

## GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL ANNUAL SESSIONS

Saturday, June 4 is the date for the annual sessions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut (morning) and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut (afternoon). Between the sessions, lunch will be available to those who pre-purchase tickets. The joint Grand Chapter/Council Banquet will be held on Friday June 3 beginning with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. No tickets at the door. All events will take place in the Hartford Marriott, Rocky Hill. See the websites for reservation forms and hotel reservation information. Reservations are due by May 13.

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# Craft at Labor...

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## Entered Apprentice Degrees

**Tuesday, May 3**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, evaluation  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Unity No. 148, New Britain 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation  
**Thursday, May 5**, Warren No. 51, Portland 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation  
**Saturday, May 7**, Bay View No. 120, Niantic  
**Wednesday, May 11**, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. dinner, evaluation  
**Monday, May 16**, Valley No. 36, Simsbury  
**Wednesday, May 18**, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Thursday, May 19**, Union No. 31, Niantic, Junior Warden Craig Pedro the East  
**Thursday, May 19**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Past Masters night  
**Tuesday, May 24**, Village No. 29, Collinsville, Junior Warden in the East  
**Thursday, May 26**, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner

## Fellowcraft Degrees

**Monday, May 2**, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Senior Warden in the East  
**Tuesday, May 3**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, May 4**, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, JW Jason Morse in the East  
**Friday, May 6**, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Connecticut DeMolay Past State Master Councilor's degree team  
**Saturday, May 7**, Morning Star No. 47, Seymour  
**Saturday, May 14**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, SW Dean E. Bunnell presiding  
**Monday, May 16**, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Tuesday, May 17**, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Senior Warden Daniel "Sam" Adams in The East  
**Tuesday, May 17**, Union No. 40, Danbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Wednesday, May 18**, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook  
**Wednesday, May 18**, St. Andrew's No. 64, Winsted, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Thursday, May 19**, Fidelity-St. John's No. 3, Fairfield  
**Tuesday, May 24**, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, 6:15 p.m. dinner at Rocco's  
**Tuesday, May 24**, Madison No. 87, Madison, 6:30 p.m. dinner

## Master Mason Degrees

**Monday, May 2**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m. dinner, builder's lodge by Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14  
**Tuesday, May 3**, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Tuesday, May 3**, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 5:30 p.m., dinner at the break  
**Tuesday, May 3**, Old Well No. 108, Norwalk, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Wednesday, May 4**, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield  
**Thursday, May 5**, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Caledonian degree team  
**Monday, May 16**, Federal No. 17, Watertown  
**Monday, May 16**, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner WM Steve Hudson in the East  
**Tuesday, May 17**, Seneca No. 55, Torrington, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Wednesday, May 18**, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner  
**Thursday, May 19**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 7:15 p.m. dinner, joint degree team with Universal Fraternity No. 149  
**Monday, May 23**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 5:30 p.m., dinner at the break  
**Monday, May 23**, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, WB Robert B. Galbraith in the East

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# Craft at Refreshment...

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**Sunday, May 1**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m., breakfast, pancake breakfast  
**Sunday, May 1**, St. Andrew's No. 64, Winsted, 11:45 a.m. roast beef dinner  
**Sunday, May 1**, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 1:00 p.m. dinner and a movie: National Treasure 2  
**Monday, May 2**, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, Masonic movie night: The Man Who Would Be King  
**Monday, May 2**, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, RW Jason Rieger: The History of Compass Lodge and a virtual tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial  
**Monday, May 2**, Federal No. 17, Watertown, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Monday, May 2**, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, Rich Malley from the Connecticut Historical Society: Tavern Signs  
**Monday, May 2**, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, Master Mason degree discussion  
**Monday, May 2**, Hartford Evergreen No. 88, South Windsor, Valentine program  
**Monday, May 2**, Solar No. 131, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, share answers to the question "What is a Brother?"  
**Tuesday, May 3**, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, awards night  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 7:30 p.m. wives and widow's dinner with Cinco de Mayo theme  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, meeting in Haddam, WB Chuck Landau: Qabalah and the Masonic Lodge

**Wednesday, May 4**, St. Andrew's No. 64, Winsted, 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m., lodge of instruction by Richard Paquette  
**Wednesday, May 4**, Philosophic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, WB Chuck Landau presentation on esoteric insight of the Hebrew Bible and how it relates to a Masonic lodge  
**Thursday, May 5**, Fidelity-St. John's No. 3, Fairfield, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Belgium beer tasting night  
**Thursday, May 5**, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m. breakfast at the Groton Townhouse Restaurant.  
**Thursday, May 5**, Amos Beecher No. 121, New Hartford, 7:30 a.m. pot luck dinner

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**Thursday, May 5**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Cinco de Mayo: The Freemasons of Mexico

**Thursday, May 5**, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, MWPGM Samuel Walker: Masonic Trivia

**Friday, May 6**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 3:30 p.m. dinner, Garbaldi Lodge bus trip

**Saturday, May 7**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 8:30 a.m., Quinnipiac River clean up

**Saturday, May 7**, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:00 p.m. dinner, plant swap

**Saturday, May 7**, Madison No. 87, Madison, 12:00 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Sunday, May 8**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 7:00 a.m. Mothers Day breakfast

**Sunday, May 8**, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 8:00 a.m. Mothers Day breakfast

**Sunday, May 8**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. Mothers Day breakfast

**Monday, May 9**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:30 p.m. Masonic education dinner

**Monday, May 9**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Second District Blue Lodge council at Masonicare at Newtown

**Monday, May 9**, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, step up night

**Monday, May 9**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 7:30 p.m., Junior Steward presents 2nd and 3rd section lectures

**Monday, May 9**, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, widows night

**Tuesday, May 10**, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, school of instruction

**Thursday, May 12**, Temple No. 65, Westport, 8:00 p.m. dinner, Table Lodge

**Thursday, May 12**, Philosophic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, 6:30 p.m., Bro. Ed Lawson: Diversity in Masonry

**Friday, May 13**, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, visitation Manchester Lodge No. 12, Rhode Island

**Friday, May 13**, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, 6:30 p.m. dinner, visitors from Floral Park Lodge, New Hyde Park, New York

**Saturday, May 14**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 8:00 a.m., PARC golf tourney

**Saturday, May 14**, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 8:00 a.m., breakfast with the Master, Brunches restaurant

**Saturday, May 14**, Wooster No. 79, New Haven, 6:00 p.m. dinner honoring RW Alan Brown, Leon's Restaurant

**Saturday, May 14**, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, 5:00 p.m. dinner, all you can eat fish fry

**Sunday, May 15**, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 8:00 a.m. pancake breakfast

**Sunday, May 15**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m., country breakfast

**Sunday, May 15**, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 2:00 p.m., awards night, dinner

**Monday, May 16**, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, WB Martin Ede: What is a Rosicrucian?

**Monday, May 16**, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, MWPGM Alexander Jarvis: An Overview of Prince Hall

**Monday, May 16**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Bro Ryan Carlson presiding and presenting the Beehive lecture

**Monday, May 16**, Solar No. 131, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, step up night, program by RW John Spencer

**Monday, May 16**, Philosophic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, 6:15 p.m., WB Martin Ede: What is a Rosicrucian?

**Tuesday, May 17**, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Wednesday, May 18**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, SW Tom Burke presents RW Ken Greenhill's presentation: "The Essentials of our Investigation"

**Wednesday, May 18**, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Wednesday, May 18**, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 PM, lodge of instruction by Richard Paquette

**Wednesday, May 18**, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

**Wednesday, May 18**, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, summer dress night - cook out

**Wednesday, May 18**, Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner, guest speaker from Masonicare

**Thursday, May 19**, Village No. 29, Collinsville, visit to Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145

**Thursday, May 19**, Morning Star No. 47, Seymour, RW Lemuel G. Johnson Jr.: "Polishing the Chrome"

**Friday, May 20**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 9:00 a.m., Fisher House fundraiser, contact WB Jim Sinclair

**Friday, May 20**, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 7:45 p.m. dinner, presentation by Boy Scouts, lecture Masonic/Scouting connection

**Saturday, May 21**, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 9:00 a.m., Fisher House fundraiser, contact WB Jim Sinclair

**Saturday, May 21**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 8:00 a.m., Woodstock Lions Club book sale

**Saturday, May 21**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 5:00 p.m., American Cancer Society's Relay for Life



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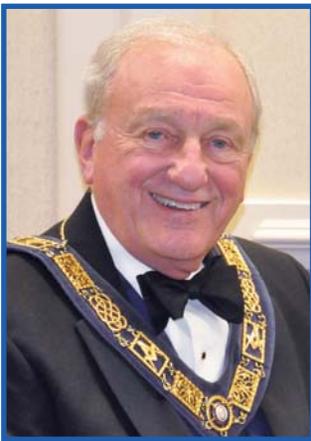
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Vermont Grand Master Tom Johnston, right, visits with Vermont-grown Grand Masters Richard Stewart, Massachusetts, and Jim McWain.



Installing Grand Master Walter Kaechele's granddaughters present a plaque and poem about Jim's parents



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**PROGRAM: Main Tent After the Parade**

**COMMEMORATIVE PHOTOGRAPH --  
(after the program under the main tent)  
Approximately NOON**

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