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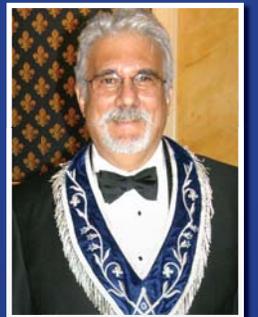
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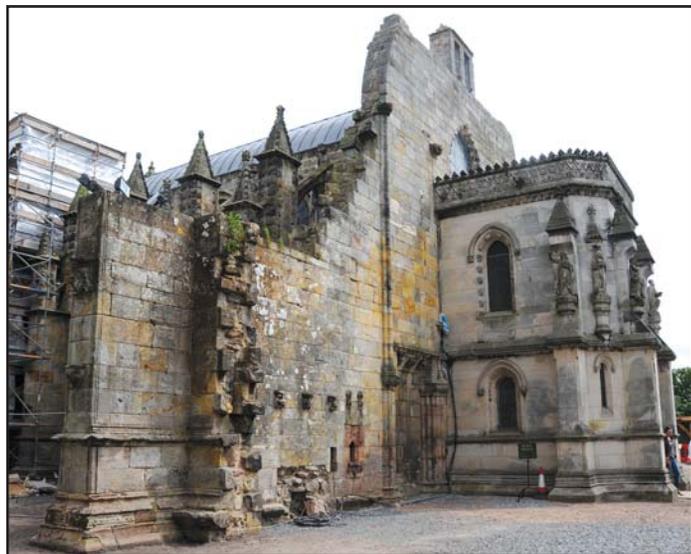
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Masonry — A Universal Fraternity

by MW James T. McWain, Grand Master

In late May Bonnie and I traveled with a group of Connecticut Masons and wives to Scotland and England. I had been thinking of a trip to Scotland for over three years. It is a country I had not visited and the opportunity to travel there while I am Grand Master would, of course, only occur once in a lifetime.

Planning was made easier because two brothers of Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, were familiar with the countries and lodges there.



A Masonic trip to Scotland isn't complete without a visit to Rosslyn Chapel

Glasgow and took trips from there to saved changing hotels. We visited three lodges, Rosslyn Chapel, Edinburgh, Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond, and two scotch whisky distilleries, and traveled miles and miles of narrow roads and through ever changing countryside.

Visits to all the lodges were memorable. We first visited Springburn Lodge No. 1198 on a normal evening meeting and were able to sample their post-meeting fellowship and fare. The next meeting at Burnhill & Alexandria Lodge No. 321 was very interesting as we observed the Mark Master Degree, which is part of their Blue Lodge degrees and is actually done on the Fellow Craft degree.

However, our visit to Mother Kilwinning 0 (said as Mother Kilwinning, nothing – not zero) was unique. In addition to having two Provincial Grand Masters present, we were able to observe a Master Mason degree, which was conducted in a faultless manner, and then participate in the after-meeting food and toasts.

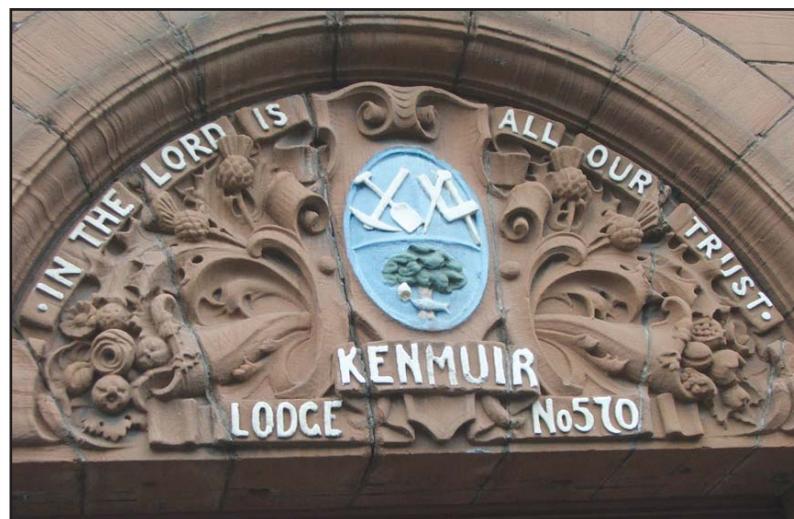
In all the lodges we were treated with extreme courtesy, and in each we observed the immediate acceptance afforded to visiting brothers. Each lodge in Scotland did things in a slightly different manner and, although there were differences between our ritual and theirs, there was no difficulty in following and participating in the various degrees.

RW Duncan Stalker and his wife Carol arranged the trip in Scotland and WB Tony Foote, the Master of Temple Lodge No. 65, arranged the England portion of the journey. Their knowledge of the areas made the trip easier and certainly more interesting. They did an outstanding job of filling our days with significant events. Carol is to be particularly commended for everything she planned for the ladies.

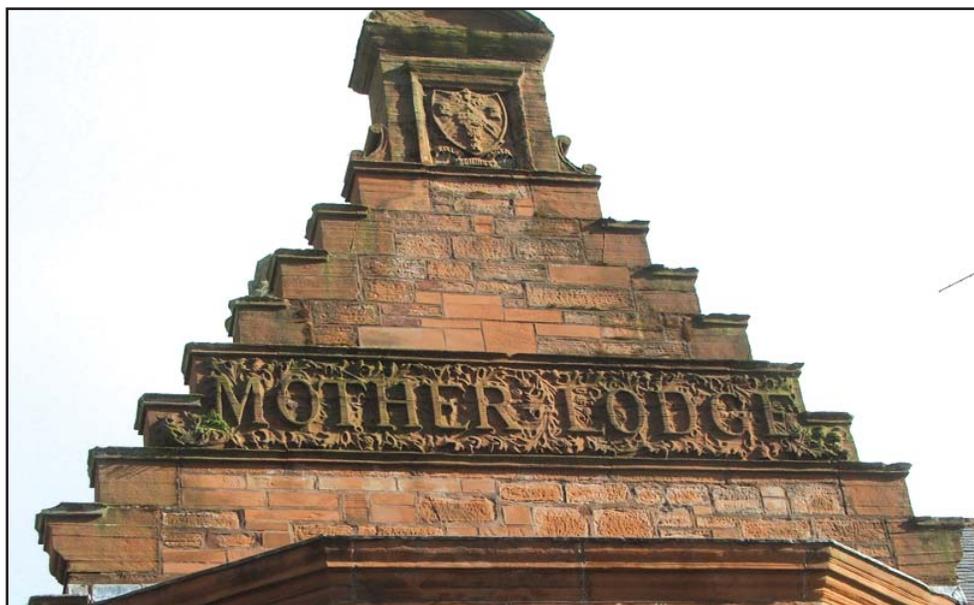
While we were in Scotland, we stayed in



One of the interesting sights in Scotland was Avebury Pub.



Springburn Lodge No. 1198 meets here.



Mother Kilwinning Lodge.



So much scotch and so little time. Notice Duncan is first in line.



Two Provincial Grand Masters and the Master of Kilwinning Lodge joined their Connecticut visitors. Seated from left, Andy Ziedler, Steve Bowen, PGM of Kilwinning David C. Bloomfield, WM John D. Duncan, myself, PGM of Ayrshire Archibald Chalmers, and Gary Arsenault. Standing from left, Ken Sosnoski, Duncan Stalker, and Johnny Miller.

Photo by Tony Foote

Master Mason degree. The Fellow Craft being raised was a young man who conducted himself in a flawless manner, without visible nervousness, in spite of the packed room and dignitaries.

After the degree the lodge members and guests retired to the dining room where a feast was served with all the trimmings of white tablecloths, china, and silver. The meal was excellent, toasts were many and fellowship was outstanding.

The next day there was more sightseeing, arranged by lodge brothers, and that evening we joined Southsea Lodge members, their wives and guests for an evening of fellowship and a tournament of skittles (bowling that was much like candlepins).

While in Portsmouth we also visited some of the historic places associated with the Normandy invasion of June 6, 1944. One was the naval headquarters where all the ships involved in moving the men and supplies to the five invasion beaches were monitored and directed. It was inspiring to look at the huge maps that have been preserved as they were on that historic morning.

Our trip concluded in London, and was memorable and more extensive than I have space to adequately cover here! The lodge brothers in both Scotland and England really extended their hands in brotherhood to assist us in every possible way. They provided transportation, advice, and made us feel genuinely welcome.

A significant lesson from the trip is the universality of our fraternity. We often speak of the ability to travel within Connecticut, or even in adjacent states. This trip provided the opportunity to experience the same fraternal goodwill in different countries.

A well-informed Connecticut Mason would have absolutely no difficulty in passing a 'visiting brother' investigation in any of the lodges we visited. This is an important point for all brothers to remember; you can travel anywhere in the world.

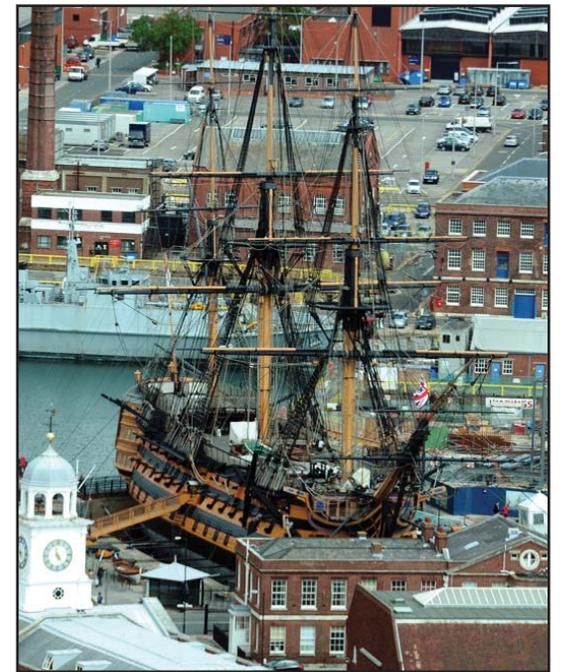
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Gary and I had the pleasure of meeting Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Michael J. Wilks, left, and WM John Reid, Worshipful Master of Southsea Lodge No. 4071.

After spending a week in Scotland we journeyed by train to Portsmouth on the southern coast of England. The Master of Southsea Lodge No. 4071, John Reid, secretary Alan Milling, and their wives met us at the train station and assisted us in getting settled in our hotel. The next day we spent sightseeing. Portsmouth is an important seaport and naval base. Admiral Lord Nelson's famous flagship *HMS Victory* is there, still a commissioned Royal Navy ship, and we spent the morning touring, observing, and bumping heads on low beams.

That evening we visited Southsea Lodge No. 4071. Provincial Grand Master RW Michael J. Wilks also made that evening his Official Visitation with his entire suite of officers. A Master Mason degree was conferred and we had an opportunity to observe the conduct of proficiency before the



HMS Victory



We enjoyed the collation at Southsea Lodge.

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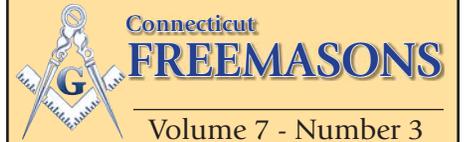
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Monday, July 11	Fraternal visit			
Wednesday, July 13, 5:00 p.m.	Administrative officers meeting	N	Y	C
Friday, July 15, 1:00 p.m.	Office hours, Grand Lodge office,	Y	N	C
Monday, July 18	Fraternal visit			
Tuesday, July 19	Fraternal visit			
Thursday, July 2, 1:00 p.m.	Office hours, Grand Lodge office	Y	N	C
Friday, July 22-24	Northeast Conference of Grand Masters Christiana, Delaware	N	Y	C
Wednesday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting	N	Y	C
Thursday, July 28, 4:00 p.m.	Masonicare Board of Trustees MHC Boardroom, Wallingford	N	Y	S
Thursday, August 4, 4:00 p.m.	Masonicare Finance Committee	N	N	S
Wednesday, August 10	Fraternal visit			
Thursday, August 11	Fraternal visit			
Friday, August 12, 1:00 p.m.	Office hours, Grand Lodge office	Y	N	C
Saturday, August 13, 5:00 p.m.	Putnam Lodge No. 46 South Woodstock, awards night	Y	Y	F
Sunday, August 14, 12:00 noon	Moosup V-J Day parade, Moosup	Y	N	F
Tuesday, August 16	Fraternal visit			
Thursday, August 18	Fraternal visit			
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Wayne Saunders Honored at Grand Lodge

by Michael L. Castroll

As a part of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut's flag presentation at the April Grand Lodge communication, Bro. Wayne Saunders marched in with the Sir Knights, and was preparing to march out with them. Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. had other plans, however, and asked Bro. Wayne to remain behind for a very special presentation.

Right Worshipful Brother Wayne Niles Saunders was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on August 14, 1937 to Frank and Loretta Robbins. At the age of five Wayne and brother William were adopted by their step-father, John Saunders. They thus gained a step-sister, Sharon, and the family moved to Fairfield.

Wayne graduated from Bullard Havens Technical High School and went to work for Mase Construction. He also served the National Guard for seven years, receiving his honorable discharge in 1960. In the midst of all of this, he and Isabel Chisholm were married in Bridgeport in 1957. Wayne and Isabel are the proud parents of four girls and one boy, as well as the proud grandparents of six.

Wayne set out on his own, starting the Saunders Construction Company in 1967 with a 1938 dump truck he spotted in a farmer's field in Monroe. Wayne and the farmer struck a deal; he brought over a battery charger, and Old Nelly turned over like a

charm. Wayne gave the farmer \$25 and was on his way. Old Nelly is long since retired, but Wayne still runs the company.

It is said that two men and God make a brother. In Wayne's case, this is no exception. His father-in-law, a Mason from his native Scotland, always wished for Wayne to join the craft. On May 9, 1964, Wayne was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe. His local recommender, Senior Warden Robert E. Davenport, had found a gem for his very large and active lodge. Wayne recalled that getting into the officer line was not easy.

He said, "The only way to prove one's self was to become an active part of the Fellowcraft Club. Once a year, the Fellowcraft Club would take the chairs in the lodge and confer the Entered Apprentice Degree. It was the litmus test for prospective lodge officers." It didn't take long for Wayne to prove himself. He found the East as a very comfortable place, and the Entered Apprentice Degree the most important degree in Masonry. As Wayne said, "You only have one chance to make a first impression." Wayne went through the chairs in Washington Lodge No. 19 and served as Worshipful Master in 1975. When the lodge needed him again, he returned to the Oriental Chair in 2003. Between those years, Wayne served as the lodge's treasurer for nine years. In 1990-91, he served the Grand Lodge as Right Worshipful District Deputy of District 1-C.

Wayne sought further light in the York Rite. He would serve his chapter as High Priest for two years, his council as Thrice Illustrious Master for two years, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, as Eminent Commander in 1981. Here Wayne was most at home. Starting as Grand Inspector, he advanced steadily and served the Grand Commandery as Grand Commander in 2000.

Wayne's search for further light



Then Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. presented RW Wayne Saunders with the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze at the April 4 annual session of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

continued in the Scottish Rite as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory. Wayne's Masonic journeys have led him to be a charter member of Connecticut Chapter No. 106, Swords of Bunker Hill; a Past Patron of the Eastern Star, and a member of the David Wooster Memorial Committee.

Wayne is a past area governor for the Order of DeMolay, and was created an honorary member of the DeMolay Order of Knighthood, an honor of which Wayne is very proud.

Numerous accolades have come Wayne's way. He was named Knight Commander of the Temple in 2008, is a member of the Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and Knight Crusaders of the Cross. He represents the Grand Commandery of New York near Connecticut, and is a Past Governor of Connecticut York Rite College No. 17.

An active member of Nichols' United Methodist Church, Wayne has found time to devote to Trumbull's Republican Town Committee and to the National Association of Home Builders. Wayne is a past president of the Fairfield County and Connecticut Home Builders Associations.

Wayne Saunders is not just a "name on a list." Perhaps this is why Right Worshipful Brother Wayne Niles Saunders was selected to receive the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Well done, good and faithful brother...



Garrett Brush, center, was doubly honored in recent ceremonies at Doric Chapter. After being installed as Master Councilor, he was invested with the Degree of Chevalier by his father, Doric Dad Advisor Chuck Brush, left, and presided over by DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham.

"The Holy Saints John"

It is a long established custom among the fraternity of Freemasonry to observe the Feast Days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist who our ritual informs us are the patron saints of Freemasonry. It may be of interest to note that while they are indeed the recognized patron saints of Freemasonry, they were not necessarily recognized as such by our ancient and operative brethren.

Craft guilds in the Middle Ages adopted patron saints who were in some way associated with their respective trades. For example, St. Peter was considered the patron saint of fishermen; St. Luke was the patron saint of physicians, and St. George of soldiers. The builders' guilds chose as their patron saints St. Thomas, St. Barbara, or a group of saints known as the Four Crowned Martyrs.

St. Thomas was recognized as an architect and one of the legends of his travels led him to India where he was hired to build a magnificent palace for the king. While the king was out of the country, he left an enormous treasury for the construction which St. Thomas distributed to the sick and poor. The king on his return became enraged when he discovered what had been done and imprisoned the saint to await torture and death. It was during this time that the king's brother became stricken and apparently died. Four days later, he awoke from death and implored his brother to spare St. Thomas's life. He told the king that while he was in the sleep of death, he was permitted to view the magnificent palace St. Thomas had constructed for the king in heaven. The king had St. Thomas brought before him, where he exhorted the king saying, "Knowest thou not that those who would possess heavenly things, have little care for the things of this earth? There are in heaven rich palaces without number, which were prepared from the beginning of the world for those who purchase the possession through faith and charity. Thy riches, O King, may prepare the way for thee to such a palace, but they cannot follow you there." A beautiful and poetic allusion to "that spiritual building, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Since the thirteenth century, St. Thomas

has always been depicted with the builder's square and mallet and was recognized as the patron saint of builders and architects.

St. Barbara was a beautiful young noblewoman from Asia Minor whose father had a tower erected in which to confine and prevent her from meeting suitors and marrying without his consent. During her confinement while contemplating the stars, she was struck by the evident design of the Grand Architect of the Universe, who created these "heavenly bodies which roll through the vast expanse and are all controlled by the unerring laws of nature." She converted to Christianity and had the workmen install three windows in the tower representing the Trinity. When her father returned home and learned she had become a Christian, he ordered her beheaded.

St. Barbara is recognized as the patroness of builders and architects who had her tower of confinement reshaped into a spire of praise to the Holy Trinity.

The Four Crowned Martyrs were actually stonemasons who suffered martyrdom because they refused to build a statue of a pagan god. They were the most skilled of the masons in the quarry and were selected by the Emperor Diocletian to build a statue of Aesculapius. Their refusal cost them their lives. They were each chained to a lead coffin and thrown in the river to drown. These four of our ancient and operative brothers chose death rather than betray their sacred trust and faith. They are called in Latin the "Quator Coronati" and it is for these four martyrs that the premier lodge of Masonic research in the world was named.

The two Saints John were not recognized as universal patron saints of the craft although many individual craft lodges held them as their patron. They were selected by the craft because of the important lessons they exemplified in their lives.

St. John the Baptist was chosen for his exemplification of moral rectitude. Hundreds flocked to hear him preach and to be baptized by him. He called for the people of Judea to repent and, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, to "prepare the way of the Lord." His favourite subject for repentance was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea and son of Herod the Great, whose

immorality was well known. Herod had eloped with the wife of his brother, Phillip, while they were both still married. John's outspokenness against Herod and his wife compelled Herod to have him arrested and imprisoned out of fear that he might incite a rebellion. The story of Herod's lust for his own stepdaughter, Salome, and her request to have John beheaded is well known. St. John the Baptist lost his life in defence of all that was good, and noble, and true.

St. John the Evangelist was selected for his devotion to the truth. He and St. Peter appeared before the Sanhedrin at the peril of their lives to testify regarding the divinity of Christ. Jesus called John and his brother James the "Sons of Thunder" for their fervency and devotion. Johannine legend says that John travelled to northern Europe and England to spread the Gospel before returning to Ephesus and was later banned to the Isle of Patmos. The Gospel, three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation attributed to him contain his unfaltering testimony and faith. While many evangelicals look at the Book of Revelation as literal, most theologians regard it as a marvellous allegory of tragedy, death, and ultimate redemption.

As Freemasons, we are taught that the Holy Saints John are represented by the picture of an individual point within a circle bounded by the two parallel lines within the bounds of which all Masons may safely travel. They are the boundaries of truth, morality, and faith. The lessons these two great saints embody encompass all the qualities of the original patron saints of the craft and provide us with striking examples of how we are called to work and act. We are to be upright in our character, unbending in our principles, and faithful to our trusts.

In our celebrations of the Holy Saints John, let us rededicate ourselves to these basic principles and tenets of our fraternity, and let us go forth resolved to practice brotherly love, relief, and truth in our daily lives.

God Bless!





Masonicare's Original "Greene Initiative"

by Adam Raider

He has, as one friend and brother Mason termed it, a "boyish enthusiasm." But Bro. William L. Greene, MWPGM, also possesses a deep appreciation for the work of Masonicare. Residents, patients, and staff members of our healthcare continuum have benefitted from Bro. Greene's advocacy, generosity, and volunteerism for over 20 years, although they may not have always been aware of it.

That suits Bill just fine, since he's just as comfortable behind the lens of a camera as he is in front of it. In his capacity as official volunteer photographer for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut and Masonicare, Bill shoots everything from the Norma J. Brandt Nursing Scholarship luncheon to the annual Masonicare Golf Classic. He has also served on virtually every board of Masonicare and its affiliates, dating back to the time when he was moving through the line of Grand Lodge officers. He currently serves on The Masonic Charity Foundation's Board of Directors and was recently tabbed to serve as chair of the 2012 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk.

A generous donor, he regularly supports the Masonicare Annual Appeal and Holiday Appeal and has helped to secure several gift-naming pledges to The Foundation from Ionic Lodge No. 110, North Windham, one of five lodges to which he belongs.

In fact, Bill has become such a fixture at Masonicare that it would be easy to take his presence and myriad contributions for granted. But Masonicare president and CEO Bro. Stephen B. McPherson insists that has never been the case.

"Bill's dedication and devotion to Masonicare are unmatched," said McPherson. "When thinking of him, your two immediate impressions are his smile and the camera around his neck. He's the one you can count on to be at a special event, capturing the moment on film. Bill seems to bring out the best in his subjects, and he gives of himself without any expectation of recognition or reward. On the rare occasion he is not at an event, he is missed. I'm grateful for his friendship, both personally and professionally."

A resident of Coventry, William Leroy Greene grew up in Willimantic and attended Windham Technical High School for

carpentry. After serving in the Army, he went looking for work at one of the state's biggest employers, Pratt & Whitney. He would hold a number of positions with the company until his retirement 40 years later.

It was in 1983 that Bill decided to join an ancient fraternity that he laughingly concedes he originally thought was "a trade union for masons." He also freely admits that he was not drawn to this enterprise so much as he was gently nudged.

"One of my daughters joined the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls," Bill recalled. "At the time, in order for a parent to attend the meetings, they had to be a Mason or belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. My daughter wanted me to join the Masons so that I could go to meetings with her, but I was already a Girl Scout Advisor, a Boy Scout Advisor, and I had kids in dancing classes, ballet, baseball, and just about everything else. I had so much on my plate that I didn't have time for anything more."

And yet, as he so often does, Bill "found the time" for an endeavor of great import. Raised at Uriel Lodge No. 24, Merrow, he eventually became aware through his work on the Masonic Information Committee of a healthcare provider for seniors based in Wallingford and founded on the ideals of Masonry. We know it today as Masonicare.

"When I visited Masonicare Health Center for the first time," he said, "I remember thinking that it didn't have that typical nursing home type of feeling. It didn't have that nursing station when you first walked in that resembled a guard post. It was open and people seemed happy."

A simple but straightforward desire to help those in need kicked in and hasn't let up since.

Bill is a great storyteller – ask him about the fluky foot injury he suffered while taking his Entered Apprentice degree – but it's a little harder for him to articulate why, all these years later, Masonicare still holds such a special place in his heart and his life. If pressed to expound on the subject, he will offer a popular answer: people.



William L. Greene, MWPGM

"I just think that the whole staff, from the CEO on down, are absolutely fantastic people to know, to work with, and to become friends with," he says. "You're always greeted with a smile and a 'Hey, how are you?' I've been in corporations and have seen the way things run and I can tell you that there are people working for Masonicare today who should be in charge of some of those companies. This is coming from someone who, as Grand Master, traveled around quite a bit and visited other healthcare facilities affiliated with the Masons. They're very good, but Masonicare outshines them all."

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Smoking laws generally do not apply to Masonic lodges, although specific temple corporations and building corporations may forbid smoking within the lodge rooms. One exception is Putnam Lodge No. 46 at their annual communication in December when the great "smoke-out" occurs.

In 1797, smoking restrictions were tough too. According to a history of Connecticut written by Benjamin Trumbull, it was ordered that "No person under twenty years of age, nor any other who had not already accustomed himself to the use of it, should not take any tobacco until he had obtained a certificate from under the hand of an approved physician, that it was useful to him and until he had also obtained a license from the court. All others, who had addicted themselves to the use of it, were prohibited from taking it, in the future, in any company, or at their labors, or in traveling, unless ten miles, at least from any company and not more than once a day upon pain of a fine of six pence for each such offense. Only one substantial witness was to be sufficient proof of crime." It was also ordered than ladies may not use tobacco at any time during their earthly life.

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Our Masonic Charity Foundation issued a detailed report in 1954, as in other years, of operations at the Masonic Home and Hospital. During 1953 the laundry department processed 56,192 pieces of pressed work (shirts, dresses, uniforms, trousers), 183,383 pieces of soft dry work (towels, socks, blankets) and 202,791 pieces of flat work (sheets, spreads, tablecloths).

The farm department harvested 1,500 bushels of potatoes, 3,000 pounds of beef and like amounts of pork. Ample supplies of milk and eggs were also produced. The entertainment division reported many lodges, Eastern Star chapters, Amaranth courts, and Rainbow assemblies provided afternoon and evening entertainment for the residents. The report mentions television was shown every evening except when religious services or entertainment was provided. The New Haven film service and Rosen Film Delivery provided weekly motion pictures for the residents.

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In 1961 a general alarm fire destroyed the three story Masonic Temple on Main Street in Bristol. Built in 1892, it was owned by Franklin Lodge No. 56 and the Masonic Building Corporation of Bristol. All bodies meeting there, including both Rainbow and DeMolay, were offered the Elks Lodge as a temporary home. The loss of the third floor, valued at nearly \$200,000, included most of the regalia of the lodge and affiliate organizations.

Frank Rockwell, a Bristol artist had painted the murals on the walls, which had a value beyond what money could buy. The Muzzy



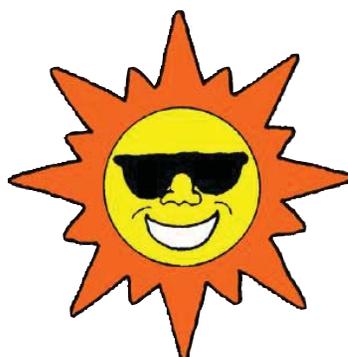
Brothers Department Store had rented the first two floors and basement. According to news reports, the fire was detected at 2:45 a.m. on the morning of October 1, and the fire was under control by 6:00 a.m.

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We don't know how many Connecticut Masons are ministers although we know there are many in the state. In December of 1961 at Frederick Lodge No. 14, the degree of Master Mason was exemplified by men of the cloth in Connecticut. Rev. James Holmes Davis of the Plainville Methodist Church was raised. Reports indicated that the lodge room was full and a Masonic Bible was presented to the newly raised Master Mason by the collection of ministers present for the event.

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One hundred and fifty years ago, the Civil War began with skirmishes that merged into full scale campaigns. In the summer of 1861, three Connecticut regiments, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Volunteer Infantry, were mustered out as part of what were then 90-day regiment periods. According to records, most re-enlisted or volunteered in other regiments. By early fall, the men were stationed in Maryland and along the Potomac.

Horatio Wright, a native of Clinton, rose to the rank of Brigadier General and a fort was named for him on Fisher's Island. Industry was building and gearing up for war production as Winchester and Whitney had factories in New Haven, and others in Bridgeport and Hartford. The most famous was run by Samuel Colt. Many factory workers, too old or ineligible to assist in the war effort were placed in factories. Many became members of the fraternity although the question of occupation or employment wasn't asked.

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Have a wonderful summer!



Have a Relaxing and Safe Summer

Look for our next issue in September.

Masonicare Celebrates Its Centenarians

Twelve remarkable residents of Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford received invitations recently to be guests of honor at a special reception in the Center's board room. The get together, which has now become an annual tradition, was organized by the Therapeutic Recreation Department to recognize and celebrate residents who will be turning 100 this year or have already reached or exceeded that major milestone. Members

of their respective families were also invited to join in the celebration.

In addition to enjoying desserts with family, friends, and staff, these centenarians had the opportunity to congratulate one another on their longevity and for reaching an age attained by few of their peers.

Bro. Bill Piper, Masonicare's chief operating officer, Bro. Tom Gutner, Masonicare Health Center's long-term care administrator, and Melinda Schoen, vice president for nursing services, were on hand to offer their congratulations and best wishes for good health in the coming year, noting that being in the company of twelve unique individuals who have seen and lived through so much of our history happens rarely.

Bro. Bill noted, "I would suggest that in addition to their 'good genes,' the longevity of this group is a testament to the care, love and support we provide for our residents each and every day. Congratulations to all."

Honored residents included:

Wallace Blackburn	100
Marjorie Bradbury.....	99
Helen Dehond	99
Morris Gamm.....	102

Joseph Guarino	99
Elizabeth Miller.....	100
Lucy Negrini.....	101
Katherine Noble.....	106
John Rees.....	102
Veronica Pauza.....	102
Edith Seitz	99
Alice Williams	100



Resident Helen Dehond was joined by her daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Mike Collins.



Bro. Morris Gamm celebrated with family friend Toni Fazio. Bro. Morris is a member of Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, and Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford. He's been a Mason for 64 years!

Widows Sons; Biking Benefitting Masonry

by James Mowel

Today's "biker" community is a much more diverse group than ever before. A weekend motorcycle rider might be a doctor, lawyer, school principal, or landscaper. More importantly, there are more and more motorcycle enthusiasts coming into our world of Masonry, as well as brothers getting involved in motorcycling.

On Sunday the Widows Sons of Connecticut Chapter, Knights of the Quarry, hosted a ride to the Springfield Shriners Hospital. It was an emotional trip for members, friends, and spouses. They rode through Monson, Massachusetts where a recent tornado devastated many parts of the town. The Connecticut group rode to meet up with a group of Widows Sons that live in that area of Massachusetts and ride together to Springfield. The area looked like a war zone. They were simply happy to be included on

the ride. To a motorcycle rider, a brotherhood is shared on the open road. As Masonic brothers, two worlds each loves makes for a powerful and tight band.

Connecticut was the birth place in New England for the International Masonic Riders Association of the Widows Sons, which originated in Florida some years before. Since its formation in Newington, the Connecticut Grand Chapter paved the way for three other chapters to form in Connecticut and spread to

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association is open to all Master Masons in good standings within the Grand Lodge of Connecticut who have a motorcycle of 500cc or more.

The Widows Sons are still fairly unknown, however with the Internet, word of mouth, and by helping out at various Masonic events, more people are learning about the group. The vest they wear also promotes the Widows Sons with a distinctive

patch. The goal is to create an association for like-minded brethren to share a common outlet for love of the open road and the square and compasses, at the same time promoting Masonry and its positive tenets to the rest of the motorcycle community.

So far in 2011, the Widows Sons has supported a couple of charity events and hosted a benefit for the Fisher House Foundation. In September, a charity bar-b-que at the Glastonbury Elks Lodge will benefit the Shriners Hospital in Springfield. Families are invited and welcomed.

Any brothers who ride are welcome to join the Widows Sons on their rides, and ask about membership. The schedule can be found at www.ctgrandchapter.com. Questions and inquires should be directed to ctgrandchapter@yahoo.com or James Mowel at 860-944-0341.



A recent ride by the Widows Sons Motorcycle Riders ended at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts.

FROM THE DESK OF:

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson President & CEO of Masonicare



Evelyn as “dedicated, sharp, and resourceful.” Evelyn helps in many areas including the volunteer department where she maintains records, prices merchandise, and plans ahead for special events and holidays.

Since its inception in 1902, Grand Masters Day has been a day to celebrate the residents in our care and our enduring partnership with the Masonic family of Connecticut. This day is an integral part of an ongoing, robust program of activities for our patients, residents and guests – and an outward expression of our commitment to caring for seniors in the name of Masonry.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Each year, Grand Masters Day is a great kick-off to summer. And this year was no different. The Wallingford campus was abuzz with families, kids, residents, and members of the Masonic family.

During the special program held as usual under the big tent, two Luke A. Lockwood Awards were presented. Created by the Board of Trustees in 1970 under the leadership of Bro. Charles J. Ramage, the Lockwood Award recognizes outstanding service to Masonicare. The award includes a bronze medal struck with the image of Luke Lockwood, 1872 Grand Master who was named president of the first Board of Directors when The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut was chartered in 1889.

Honored on June 11 with the Lockwood Award were Jane and Joseph Misencik, formerly of Trumbull and now of Masonicare at Ashlar Village, and Evelyn Della Rocco, formerly of Hamden and now of the Johnson Apartments at Masonicare Health Center.

Jane and Joe have volunteered at Masonicare at Newtown for more than twenty years, beginning when Jane’s mother was a resident there. Jane and Joe’s help with Newtown’s recreation activities is legendary: running the popular Friday afternoon bingo, helping with the concert series, there for every crafts fair and bake sale, and helping transport residents to weekly worship services. Most important, Jane and Joe have been friends for many residents at Masonicare at Newtown. They are a superb example of volunteerism at its best.

Evelyn began volunteering at Masonicare Health Center in 1993, after raising her family and retiring from the Hamden School System. Her mother was a resident of Walker Dorm. A member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Evelyn brings valuable organizational skills and attention to detail to her volunteer work, streamlining procedures and improving processes. Rosemarie Preneta, the Health Center’s director of volunteers, describes

Masonicare Health Center Wins By Landslide In “Chowdah” Cook-off at Grand Masters Day

Masonicare Health Center’s entry was the runaway winner of a chowder cook-off held during Grand Masters Day celebrations on June 11.

Proceeds from the competition benefitted the Masonicare Annual Appeal.

Dave Coyle, director of dining services for Masonicare Health Center (MHC), accepted the award for “Best Chowdah” on behalf of a culinary team that included executive chef Kelly Sturtevant, sous chef Matt Mazzone, and cooks Brett Festa and Rob Loughlin.

MHC’s New England clam chowder beat out similar concoctions from Masonicare at Ashlar Village and Masonicare at Newtown. What gave MHC the edge?

“The key ingredients of our

chowder,” Coyle revealed, “were real butter and cream along with pancetta.”

Patrons paid \$3 to sample all

three chowders in a blind taste test and voted for their favorite by checking off a paper ballot. Once all votes were tallied, Masonicare Health Center’s recipe was declared the winner.

“This was a fun and creative way to benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation,” said The Foundation’s Executive Director, Jennifer A. King.

“We’re grateful to Masonicare’s food services partner, Morrison Senior Living, as well as all the talented chefs from Masonicare Health Center, Masonicare at Newtown, and Masonicare at Ashlar Village.”

“The real winner of this cook-off was The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut,” said MHC’s Coyle, “but we’re looking forward to defending our title next year.”



WB Howard W. Orr, left, chairman of The Masonicare Board of Trustees, congratulates Dave Coyle, holding the certificate for “Best Chowdah,” director of dining services for Masonicare. Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, and RW Carl H. Anderson, vice president of fraternal relations for Masonicare join in the Grand Masters Day fun.

A Grand Master's Address

by MW Barry Imber

My password for the year, my motto, is simply two words - Integrity, Participation.

The first association that comes to my mind when thinking of Masonry is integrity; the quality of being honest and having moral principles, moral uprightness. The trust that comes with the knowledge that a man is a Mason, the reliance and support I can call upon if needed, are qualities that this fraternity embodies.

Integrity also means the condition of being unified, unimpaired, and sound in construction. We have to look to the integrity of the Grand Lodge, for I am looking at the Grand Lodge as I speak. It is not just the Grand Lodge officers, the Grand Lodge office, or the Board of General Purposes, in the same way that a lodge is not the Worshipful Master and the Wardens. You are the Grand Lodge and it demands your active participation, and, in the coming year, I will attempt to provide opportunities for that participation.

I found the following statements in an old Masonic magazine of the 1950's that I would like to share with you - "It is not the primary function of Masonry to initiate candidates or to enlarge its membership. Were it so, there would be no basis for our laws against proselytizing. The ordinary function of a Masonic Lodge indeed, the primary function of our Craft, is to train its members to an understanding of the truths which its rituals and its ceremonies are calculated to inculcate, to develop its members as benevolent men, to cultivate the social virtues among men, and to propagate the knowledge of the art. The chief concern of the Lodge is with its welfare, the happiness, the Masonic development of its members, not with the admission of those who seek entrance to

its doors. Its success as a Masonic Lodge cannot be gauged by the length of its membership roll or by the size of its accumulated funds. The beauty of our ritual, and the good fellowship among the members of the Lodges cannot be conserved when the chief aim is to make Masons and money - "for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth" - and a Lodge's life does not consist in its acquisitions, but in the contribution which it makes to civilization and society through the influence of those whom it has helped to train to what we call Masonic character. Therefore, it should be the duty of every Masonic Lodge

to put in action a plan for the education of its members in Masonic history, symbolism and philosophy, devoting more of its meetings to this much neglected function."

Sixty years on and this message is still relevant. Retention is as important, if not more so, than recruitment. We can only retain an active membership through engagement and participation and education; and what we teach and what every Mason expects and deserves is integrity, honesty, and openness.

As we all know our fraternity is founded on the use of ritual and allegory. But within that lies an inherent problem. How often have we sat in lodge and heard and participated in the ritual, listened to the words, have even memorized and recited them, but have not truly heard them. What we say and what is intended by the words sometimes has a layer of meaning that is not immediately apparent. The old adage that familiarity breeds contempt may be a little excessive but familiarity can provide an automatic, reflexive response with little thought to the real meanings of what we do and say, for the one thing I have learned during my Masonic career is that everything in Masonry is multi-layered.

There is the surface meaning, which is apparent from the words we speak, the description of duties, and the actions we take. Then there is the symbolic meaning, which connects to our history and traditions. Finally there is the esoteric meaning, the hidden meaning, which can only be discovered through reflection, study, thought and introspection. Every Mason must find the level that satisfies his needs which means that the opportunities for the individual Mason to explore those levels of meaning must be provided through the lodge.

There is a wealth of material written by eminent writers, who discuss the philosophy of Masonry and how the structure of the lodge represents a construct that, when analyzed, gives us a clear model for self improvement. For we do not make good men better; we provide the opportunity through the teachings of Masonry for good men to become better men - but only if they as Masons, take on that personal challenge for themselves. I cannot improve you as a person. I can only reflect through my behaviour what Masonry means to me in the way I conduct my life, treat other

people, and share my experience of Masonry.

On occasion I have remarked that for me the lodge represents an asylum, in the true meaning of the word; a place of safety, a place where we can be divorced from the profane, and concentrate on our personal inner development. Although that may seem a selfish endeavor, it is only through self improvement that we can hope to spread the Light.

Integrity, that we should be honest in our endeavors and faithful to our obligations; Participation, that we accept the responsibility we are under to actively play a role in the craft; and Education, that we are bound to search out all the Light we are entitled to and to spread that Light to all we meet.

There is nothing wrong with Freemasonry or Freemasons. We have lasted and will continue to last as long as we maintain the underlying verities of this Fraternity. Let us all be a source of Light for the Good of the Craft and for the good of all mankind.

- So Mote It Be.



MW Barry Imber, MWGM of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia



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Timothy J. Hickman.....	Center 97	Matthew A. Eirich.....	Union 40
Michael S. Bednarz.....	Coastal 57	Peter A. Joy.....	Union 40
Glen M. Carney.....	Compass 9	Jason S. Klein.....	Union 40
Thomas W. Durant.....	Compass 9	Charly Luly.....	Universal Fraternity 149
Michael A. Hlavna.....	Frederick Franklin 14	Nicholas B. Bristol.....	Village 29
Bryan J. Roberts.....	Frederick Franklin 14	Thomas M. D'Agata.....	Village 29
Joseph E. Flaherty.....	Harmony 42	Jonathan A. Forker.....	Village 29
Marek J. Mrozowski.....	Moriah 15	Justin T. Ledbetter.....	Village 29
Manny G. Peters.....	Old Well 108	Richard J. Carbone.....	Widow's Son 66
Bryan P. Dubey.....	Sequin-Level 140	Michael J. DiBona.....	Widow's Son 66
Joseph Kucharski.....	Silas Deane 147	Edward M. Kuziel.....	Widow's Son 66
Andrew A. Blankenship.....	Union 31	Jerome DiGiovanni.....	Wolcott 146

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Peter F. McCormack..... Union 31 Stephen D. Piner..... Sequin-Level 140 Wilfred C. Baumann..... Moosup 113

Tracey LeMay Named Vice President for Masonicare

Tracey LeMay, BSN, has been promoted to vice president, risk management and corporate compliance, for Wallingford-based Masonicare. Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, Masonicare's president and CEO, made the announcement.

Ms. LeMay has extensive experience in managing professional and general liability claims for several acute care hospitals and long-term care facilities. She joined

Masonicare's Risk Management Department in 2004 and was promoted to director of risk management in 2005.

In her new role as vice president, Ms. LeMay will have oversight for Masonicare's risk management, legal services, and all corporate compliance activities, including policies and procedures, workers' compensation initiatives, and various insurance programs. In this expanded role, Ms. LeMay will join Masonicare's executive management team.

Ms. LeMay earned her B.S. degree in nursing from Southern Connecticut State University. She is president-elect of the Connecticut Society for Healthcare Risk Management (CSHRM),



Tracey LeMay

serves on the Parent Activity Committee of the Masonic Child Development Center, and is involved with the West Haven Adult Daycare Auxiliary. Ms. LeMay and her husband, Randy, and their two children live in Northford.

In making the announcement, Bro. McPherson praised Ms. LeMay's valuable contributions to Masonicare during

her tenure. "We are most fortunate to have someone with Tracey's knowledge and expertise assume this important role within our organization. Her past performance and proven abilities uniquely qualify her to take on these added responsibilities. She's a welcome addition to our executive management team."



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Masonicare's Joan Houle Receives "Employee of the Year" Award from State Association

Joan Houle, a CNA with Masonicare Health Center, was nominated by Masonicare and received an Employee of the Year award from the Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers for the Aging (CANPFA).

For more than ten years, CANPFA has recognized employees from member organizations who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service, commitment, and caring. CANPFA's Employees of the Year award is a statewide recognition program where honorees receive recognition for their outstanding service not only from co-workers within an organization, but also from colleagues across Connecticut. This year, four CANPFA member Employees of the Year were honored and received their awards at the organization's 22nd Annual EXPO on May 11 at the Aqua Turf Club.

A lifelong Wallingford resident, Ms. Houle, 64, has been with Masonicare for more than 19 years and will retire on August 2 of this year. Jane Tommaselli, her nurse supervisor, said Ms. Houle has been a very special part of the unit's dementia care team and will be greatly missed by all of her patients and her co-workers. "Throughout her career with

Masonicare, Joan has always gone above and beyond – putting in that extra effort to help the patients in her care. She not only meets their physical needs but their emotional needs as well. Joan is a very compassionate and caring person who never hesitates to do whatever she can for anyone. She's a great lady, and we wish her nothing but the best in her retirement."

Ms. Houle has four children and 7 grandchildren, with the 8th on the way. When asked what she's planning to do in retirement, she says with a smile, "I'm looking forward to sleeping a little later in the morning, doing more traveling, and most of all, spending time with my grandchildren. But I'll truly miss my wonderful boss and co-workers and the interaction with the residents I've cared for and gotten to know so well. I've really enjoyed my years with Masonicare – it's been a great place to work."

Masonicare's president and CEO, Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, applauds Ms. Houle and her long and distinguished career with Masonicare. "Joan Houle is a wonderful example of the many extraordinary people who work throughout the Masonicare

continuum. We sincerely thank her for her compassion and dedication to our organization and to the patients and residents under her care. Her CANPFA Employee of the Year award is definitely well-deserved."



Masonicare clinical nurse manager Jane Tommaselli, left, and Melinda Schoen, right, vice president for nursing services for Masonicare Health Center, congratulate Joan Houle, on her award as Employee of the Year from the Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers for the Aging.

Sojourners Honor New London Cadet for Her Americanism

by Bill Breed

On May 25, New London Chapter No. 58, National Sojourners, continued their program of awarding the Sojourner's ROTC award to NJROTC Cadets at New London High School. The Regional Representative for Connecticut and Rhode Island, Jon Wilson, and New London Chapter Treasurer/Camp Adjutant William Breed presented the

annual award to Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Maria Abreu.

The ROTC Award supports the purposes of developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation and furthering the military needs of national defense. The criteria for the award are that the recipient must have encouraged and demonstrated the ideals of Americanism by deed or conduct or both and that the recipient has demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership. The naval science instructors select the recipient.

Maria has been in the program for all four years of her high school career. She quickly advanced through the ranks and during her senior year has served as the company operations officer. Under her leadership, dedication, and initiative the New London High School NJROTC unit passed its annual inspection with flying colors, competed in four drill

competitions, participated in four parades, and donated 1200 hours of community service. In addition to her duties she is extremely active in extracurricular activities.

For her academic excellence, aptitude, enthusiasm and service, she has been presented the following NJROTC awards: Distinguished Unit, Unit Achievement, Naval Science Outstanding Cadet, Military Aptitude, Exemplary Conduct, Academic Award, Participation, Exemplary Conduct, Exemplary Personal Appearance, Community Service, Drill Team, and Physical Fitness.

CDR Ted Ward, the senior naval science instructor, reports that it is a distinct pleasure to have this cadet in the NJROTC program. She has truly set a very high standard for future classes to follow. Her actions reflect great credit upon herself, her unit, and her school, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. She is a shining example of everything that is positive with today's youth and has his highest possible recommendation for presentation of the National Sojourner's Award.



WB Jon Wilson, left, reads the citation honoring Cadet Maria Abreu. New London Chapter Treasurer/Camp Adjutant William Breed looks on.

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.

Jacob A. Kraut.....	America-St. John's 8	Edward P. Swain	Friendship 33
Robert E. Wheeler.....	Anchor 112	Delmar W. Ward.....	Friendship 33
Alfred W. Hamann	Ashlar-Aspetuck 142	Jon C. Hawthorne Sr.....	Friendship Tuscan 145
Robert W. Tompkins.....	Bay View 120	Robert C. Hurworth	Harmony 42
Gerald D. Collins	Coastal 57	Henry C. Baer Jr.....	King Hiram 12
Harold J. Congdon.....	Coastal 57	Robert T. Petersen.....	Manchester 73
Robert O. House.....	Coastal 57	Robert J. Preece.....	Meridian 77
Stuart Meyerhans.....	Coastal 57	J. Herbert Brennan	Seneca 55
Mahlon J. Snow.....	Coastal 57	Stillman H. Rogers	Sequin-Level 140
Renald M. Courtois.....	Composite 28	Joseph J. Gerillo	Somerset-St. James 34
Myles T. Kennedy	Composite 28	Francis H. Preston	St. John's 2
Louis Goldbaum	Cosmopolitan 125	Edmund P. Yeaton Jr	St. John's 2
Simon Lurie	Cosmopolitan 125	William E. La Fontaine II.....	St. John's 6
William G. Mangen.....	Cosmopolitan 125	Stanton L. Whitney	St. John's 6
Charles A. Berlepsch Jr.....	Day Spring 30	Peter A. Locke	St. Peter's 21
Alan J. Cunningham	Evening Star 101	Theodore C. Hurlock	Union 31
Samuel G. Blonstein	Fayette 69	I. Robert Kanas	Union 31
George L. Sunderland	Fayette 69	Mark J. Dysart.....	Uriel 24
Edwin C. Page.....	Frederick Franklin 14	Carl G. Kevorkian.....	Valley 36
William J. Weitzke.....	Frederick Franklin 14	Herbert E. Green II.....	Wolcott 146
Richard M. Foster	Friendship 33		
John A. Hahn.....	Friendship 33		

"Duck Days" a Hit in Naugatuck

by Carl G. Ek

Now a tradition in the Borough of Naugatuck, the 6th Annual Duck Days event on June 5 allowed different parts of the Masonic family to serve others.

Shepherd Salem Lodge No. 78, Naugatuck, once again conducted a CTCHIP event in the parking garage of City Hall. Lodge Master Bert Hughes and immediate Past Master Steve Nevins oversaw the free event, which registered over 100 children during the afternoon. Indeed, the lines were so long that in the middle of the day, members of Doric Chapter, Order of DeMolay were called from their booth to assist in videotaping the young people passing through the multi-step process.

On the other side of the performance stage, members of Doric Chapter, Waterbury, and Hope Assembly No. 46, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Litchfield, provided a video game trailer for young people looking to try their competitive skills. The players were asked for their names and contact information – this data will provide both groups with lists of prospective members for their organizations.

Doric Chapter and Hope Assembly also

provided a major service to the Festival. At 1:00 p.m., a bucket loaded dumped 25,000 rubber ducks into the Naugatuck River to determine who had won 50 raffle prizes based on tickets sold by the Festival committee and local non-profits. Each ticket is sold for \$5, with the selling non-profit receiving half of each sale. (Doric Chapter will receive several hundred dollars as a result of their duck sales effort.)

However, there is the small matter of capturing the small yellow quackers before they escape into Long Island Sound.... Festival organizers place a boom across the river to collect the winners, then volunteers begin to capture the remaining 24,950 competitors. Ducks were placed in large plastic bags, and four DeMolays and three Rainbows formed a – dare we say – 'ducket brigade' to get the bags of heavy wet ducks from

the shore of the river to a parking lot for collection and distribution.

The Masons of Shepherd-Salem Lodge and the members of Rainbow and DeMolay enjoyed the events of the Festival while making their good works known to the very large crowd enjoying the afternoon. And, in addition to providing important service to the community, all three stand to grow as they gave attendees of all ages an important example of fraternal service to others



Members of Doric Chapter wait at the edge of the Naugatuck River as volunteers from Naugatuck's Sixth Annual Duck Days load rubber ducks into plastic bags.

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

Kudos to our Valley of New Haven! We have a team that can't be beat, from Ill. Jim Spencer, our Deputy, to the one-two punch of Ill. Brothers Cleaves and Warfield, who keeps everything on the straight and narrow. It works, not only for the Valley of New Haven, but for the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, as well. This year was Jim's swan song as Deputy. Our Supreme Council rules state he must turn over the mantle of leadership.

The 131st session of Connecticut's governing body went off without a hitch. The

Hartog Center at Ashlar Village was available for the Council of Deliberation. Four Valleys announced their choices for the coveted Arthur M. Brown, 33^o, Meritorious Service Award (MSA), there was none from the Valley of Waterbury. They announced the approval by the Supreme Council of the institution of a new MSA named in memory of the late Past Grand Master and Ill. Deputy Frederick H. Lorenson, 33^o. Our summer season brings well-earned relief. Summer began three weeks ahead of schedule; that made the newly elected heads of our

bodies get their acts together so our Illustrious Secretary could publish our upcoming Fall Reunion degree schedule. Now all of us have to do our part. It's easy. We need candidates for the Fall Reunion class. You must know somebody you can invite to our summer picnic – that always works! It's on Saturday, July 23, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Your families, friends, enemies, candidates, and, yes, even you can come free. All you need do is make reservations with Ill. Jack H. Stevens, MSA, 33^o at stevensjh33@att.net. You can also call him at 860-848-7586, or

at 22 Tra-Mark Drive, Uncasville, CT 06382. Everyone is welcome. Summer is also a time to catch up on those things left undone, or unfinished. The study group which was begun by Charles Tirrell, MSA, only touched the surface of Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma*. The group will continue in the fall. But now, as our summer moves into the "dog days," our Supreme Council will be meeting again. Deputy, Ill. James R. Spencer, MSA, 33^o, will retire, and Active, Ill. David L. Sharkis, 33^o, will become our new Deputy. Welcome home, Jim. A lot is in store. Keep tuned, and be safe!

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

The Valley of Hartford congratulates Bro. Louis O. House IV, our newest recipient of the Ill. Arthur M Brown, 33^o, Meritorious Service Award, from the Valley of Hartford. The Valley also congratulate Brothers Alexander W. Auclair and John V. Bahrenburg, who finished their final exams and arrived from college to complete their 32^o requirements.

Also, twenty-two young men and women, whose fathers or grandfathers were members of the Valley of Hartford, qualified to receive a Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic District Abbott college

scholarship or Valley of Hartford college scholarship.

Three Family Life events in July are the annual picnic at the New Britain Rock Cats baseball game on Saturday, July 9; the 3rd Annual 5K Race/Walk for the The Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut on Saturday, July 23; and the Goodspeed Opera House production of "Show Boat" on Sunday, July 31. The annual officers planning meeting dinner is Thursday, July 21.

The fall schedule starts with candidate information night on Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. Applications for this year's fall class will be accepted up

until September 15.

Pre-degree dinners will be offered before each Thursday night degree at 6:00 p.m. at the Sphinx Shrine facility, with the degrees scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Meal reservation forms can be found in the latest issue of the *View of the Valley* or at www.valleyofhartford.org.

The fall degree schedule begins on Thursday, September 22 with the portrayal of the new 4^o and 12^o, then Thursday, October 13 with the old 4^o and 14^o degrees. On Thursday, October 27, the 16^o in banquet form will be held, then Thursday, November 10 the portrayal of

the 18^o. Consistory Day this fall will be Saturday, November 19 starting at 10:00 a.m. and the 24^o and 32^o in the morning and the 31^o in the afternoon. A luncheon of prime rib luncheon will be served at the Shrine facility.

Family Life Chairman Bro. Jeff Flynn is purchasing a block of tickets to the UConn-West Michigan football game. If you are interested in joining the brothers and their families, please contact him in order to give him an idea of how many tickets to order. The ticket price is \$20. Contact him at jedge60@yahoo.com or 860-304-6348.



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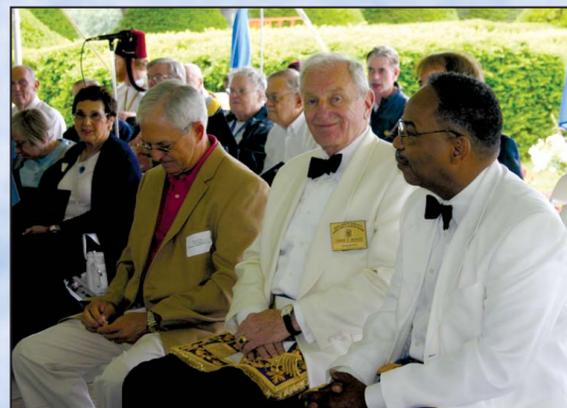
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Union Lodge No. 5 presents 2011 Scholarship Award



Scholarship committee member and Junior Deacon Adam Ellyson, left, stands with Mrs. Seema Winsor, her daughter and scholarship recipient Rachel Winsor, and scholarship committee chairperson Worshipful Master Jon Ringel.

by Thomas A. Burke

On Wednesday, June 15, the brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, presented their 2011 scholarship award recipient a check for \$1,000.

Rachel Winsor, a graduating senior from Stamford High School, was chosen as the winner based on her educational achievements and award-winning application and essay.

"Rachel's application for this award was one of the best we have ever received," Worshipful Master Jon Ringel, Scholarship Award Committee Chairman, stated. Committee member Junior Deacon Adam Ellyson noted that, "Several dignitaries, including Senator Richard Blumenthal, included letters of recommendation for Rachel with her application."

Worshipful Master Ringel welcomed Rachel and her mother, Mrs. Seema Winsor, into the lodge for the presentation, and the brothers

congratulated Rachel on receiving the award. "Congratulations and best wishes for your studies at the University of Connecticut," Ringel stated. The brothers responded with a hearty round of applause. Rachel plans to pursue biomedical engineering as her field of study.

Following the presentation, Worshipful Master Ringel invited Rachel and her mother to join the brothers for coffee and dessert. Several brothers asked Rachel questions about her studies and plans. One of the fun facts Rachel shared was that she recently came in second place in a game of "Spoon Assassins" at her school—students play an intricate game trying to "tag" their opponent with a spoon! Rachel also noted that she has two sisters also attending the University of Connecticut, so this scholarship is extremely important to her and her family.

Texas Chili Heats Up Stamford

by Thomas A. Burke

At a special communication of Stamford's Union Lodge No. 5's Fellowcraft Board on Wednesday June 8, Brother David Brown, a native son of the Lone Star State, surprised the attendees with a large pot of "Dave's Quick and Dirty Texas Chili."

The special communication was held in conjunction with the lodge's Fellowship Night when the social hall is opened for brothers to relax, rehearse ritual, play foosball or darts, watch the big-screen TV, and socialize in an informal setting. Union Lodge No. 5 meets each Wednesday night; stated communications are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month, and Fellowship Nights are hosted on the alternate Wednesdays.

Everyone raved about Brother Brown's chili, which was served in a variety of ways:

unaccompanied; over Fritos for a concoction known as "Frito pie"; with cheese or sour cream; with crackers; and with additional cayenne for those brave enough to want to spice it up even more!



Click on this arrow in the online issue for Bro. Dave's Quick and Dirty Texas Chili recipe.



With a smile as big as Texas, Brother David Brown served up his own special rendition of "Dave's Quick and Dirty Texas Chili." The brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, appreciated the chili so much they asked Brother Dave for the recipe.

First Master Remembered in Sandy Hook

by Bill Hillman

Brothers of Hiram Lodge No. 18, Sandy Hook, and guests Mr. Bob Hall and Newtown first selectwoman Pat Llodra gathered on an overcast day Sunday June 12 at the Newtown Village Cemetery to lay a wreath at the grave of Hiram Lodge's first master, WB and Captain Peter Nichols. The visit also commemorated the 220th anniversary of its charter, issued on January 14, 1791.

Captain Nichols passed to the celestial lodge on June 15th, 1799. Hiram Lodge's 20th annual surf and turf table lodge on June 15 was held in his honor.

The memorial ceremony was led by Worshipful Master Bill Hillman, who reviewed the history of the lodge, and a brief biography of Captain Nichols, researched by lodge historian Marty Maciag.

Newtown Attorney Bob Hall, a direct descendant of Captain

Nichols, laid the wreath along with Brother Dan Nichols, Senior Warden of St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, a descendant of

a cousin of Captain Nichols. RW and lodge chaplain Tony Neri read Psalm No. 23 and other prayers.



At the wreath laying for Hiram Lodge No. 18's first Master, were, from left, St. Peter Lodge No. 21 Senior Warden and descendant Dan Nichols; Grand Junior Warden Tom Maxwell; Hiram Worshipful Master Bill Hillman; and Past Grand Master and current Hiram Lodge secretary George Greytak.

According to MW George Greytak, a similar event was attempted twenty years earlier for the lodge's 200th anniversary when current Grand Junior Warden Tom Maxwell was Master, however, weather prevented the ceremony.

Following the wreath laying, the names of all 112 Worshipful Masters of Hiram Lodge No. 18 were read.

The headstone, found to be in disrepair, was righted and squared by conservator and WB Kevin White, Union Lodge No. 40, Danbury, in time for the service. The wreath was donated by Brother Christian Soderquist and his wife, Amelia, owner of Whisconier Florist in Brookfield.

At the service WM Hillman said, "Hiram Lodge has been part of the fabric of Newtown for 220 years, and we plan to be here for a very long time."

St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Honors Those Who Served

by Daniel W Nichols

The day started with rain.

But that rain was not to last, as St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, marched in honor of the men and women who protect their country. Led by Worshipful Master and former Marine Rafael Figueroa Jr., the lodge had a fine showing.

The sun started to show as the Memorial Day parade came into full swing. WB Curtis Temple, Associate Grand Marshall, also a Marine, helped lead the way through the parade route that covers the downtown of New Milford. Many people cheered and applauded at the sight of Masons smiling and waving while walking in formation.

MWPGM George Graytek lent his support to the craft by accompanying the marchers. St. Peter's Lodge has been part of the fabric of the town of New Milford since 1792, and are proud and thankful to all those that have supported their country.



Those who paraded on Memorial Day in New Milford included Bro Roberto Medeiros, Marshal, holding the American flag are Bros. Eric Olsen, Junior Steward, and Bro. Peter Dolce, Senior Steward, holding the banner. they were joined by, from left, Bro. Daniel Dressel; WB Curtis Temple; WM Rafael Figueroa, Jr.; MW George Greytak; Bro Greg Bollaro, Senior Deacon; Bro. Rafael Figueroa, Sr.; RW Andrew Armstrong; and Bro Richard McDonnell. Standing in the back row are, from left, Bro Daniel Nichols, Senior Warden, Bro. Nathan Schoonover, and Bro. Ronald Toscano.

DISTRICT No. 3

- (a) RW Shane Dufresne, DD • WB Martin J. Macary, AGM
(b) RW James D. Waite, Jr., DD • WB Charles V. de Dufour, AGM
(c) RW Andrew G. Weimann, DD • WB Jorge M. Fernandez-Baujin, AGM

A Great Birthday Party for a Great Brother

by Shane Dufresne

On Saturday May 21, the brothers of Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, celebrated the 93rd birthday of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Lou Vander Eyk.

Fifty-five people, including friends, family, and many brothers from the Masonic fraternity traveled from all over the state and from as far as Cape Cod to join the festivities.

Countless other people sent messages wishing brother Lou a happy birthday and their regrets for not being able to make the special event.

Many funny stories of Lou's 60 plus

years in the fraternity were recounted. Also told was the impression that he has had on many of the brothers in the craft as a mentor, role model, and how he epitomizes what a Mason should be.

Also discussed was his vital role in helping with the beginning of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut next door to the lodge. A delicious meal was prepared by WB Martin J. Macary, and of course Brother Lou was serenaded with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" during the cake presentation.

After all expenses were paid, \$1,103 were be donated to the Dyslexia Center in PGM Lou Vander Eyk's name.



While wife, Kathy, looks on, MW Lou Vander Eyk address the crowd wishing him a happy 93rd birthday.

DISTRICT No. 4

- (a) RW Charles H. Tirrell, DD • WB Wayne G. Bailey, AGM
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(c) RW Vernon A. Conklin, Sr., DD • WB Robert G. Guarnieri, AGM
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Hiram Lodge No. 1 Hosts Family Night and Ice Cream Social

by Michael Calderone

Thursday night, June 23, was a busy time at the New Haven

Masonic Temple as Hiram Lodge No. 1 hosted a family night and ice cream social. In attendance

were over fifty members of the Hiram community including children, grandchildren, wives, lady friends, visiting brothers included Past Masters, and the newest Entered Apprentices. All ages were represented from our veteran Tiler John Radeach to the 15-week-old son of Bro. Chris Edwards, making it truly a family event.

Old friends caught up with each other at the banquet tables and new friends were made as the children ran around in the empty half of the banquet hall. WM Paul Corriveau, Jr. welcomed all of the guests and invited the women and children to lead the way building their own sundaes.

While enjoying Buck's ice cream, the brothers prepared themselves for the upcoming culinary event:

Griff's Chicken Challenge, scheduled for July 9 at Griff's Chicken Shack in Hamden. Hiram will compete against brothers from Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, and Corinthian Lodge No. 103, North Haven, to see which team can eat the most chicken fingers for charity. One wonders if noted eater MW Charlie Buck will be Ansantawae's secret weapon that day. Hiram's charity is the Quality of Life Fund at Masonicare in Wallingford.

Bets were placed on how many chicken fingers the team of eight could eat, training regimens were discussed, and good natured trash talk was exchanged with visiting brothers from the competing lodges. The competition begins at 2:30 pm so come on out and cheer on these chomping champions! Clearly, the Brothers of Hiram No. 1 enjoy eating as much as spending time with each other!



Bro. Steve Allinson is all smiles as he carries an empty box of Buck's ice cream away from the table at Hiram Lodge's family social.

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Milford DeMolay Visits Ansantawae No. 89



by Chris Buck

On March 18, the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Order of DeMolay, Milford Chapter visited Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 to portray the DeMolay Degree. The evening started with a dinner prepared by RW District Deputy Ken Greenhill; all proceeds from the dinner were given to Milford Chapter, which has been sponsored by Ansantawae Lodge

since 1926.

Everyone then headed upstairs to enjoy the excellent degree portrayal. For several of the DeMolay brothers, it was their first time performing their parts in front of a crowd – if their work on this night was any indication of things to come for Milford DeMolay, we are all in for some great things from the chapter.

Among the members and advisors of Milford Chapter were: chairman Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr.; DeMolays Matthew Lingenfelter, Nick Carpenter, and Michael Gendreau; WM and Past State Master Councilor Christopher J. Buck; DeMolays Noel Womack, Master Councilor Matt Montano, and Alex Barcia; chapter advisor and JW Kevin Field; and advisor and Senior Warden of America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 Dan Adams.

DISTRICT No. 5

(a) RW Lawrence S. Elsner, DD • WB Francis G. Way, AGM
(b) RW Mark A. Parasiliti, DD • WB Dennis C. Zuffelato, AGM

A Busy May for Valley Lodge

by Don Skinner

May was a busy month for Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury. On May 2 a ladies night included tavern style fare with a talk on tavern signs from Connecticut by the Connecticut

Historical Society. The Society recently acquired a historical tavern sign from Valley Lodge that helped finance the new lodge building. The Society also has a display of perhaps the largest collection of tavern

Iraq. The bike ride went from New Haven to Simsbury.

On May 16 the lodge initiated three new brothers into Masonry in fine form. In attendance were two brothers from



Jenna, daughter of Bro. Matthew Dobrow, pets a horse from the Governor's Horse guard during Valley Lodge's support of the Simsbury Memorial Day parade.

signs in the world, many with Masonic symbolism.

On May 14 the lodge supported the Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 76 by providing a water and snack stop during their bike ride for charity. The charity supported a scholarship in the name of Felix DelGreco, an Eagle Scout from Troop No. 76 who was mortally wounded while serving in



Worshipful Master Don Skinner is dressed as a colonial tavern keeper during ladies night. Tavern-style food was served.

Composite Lodge No. 22, Prince Hall Affiliates, as well as RW Larry Elsner, District Deputy 5-A, and WB Frank Way, Associate Grand Marshal 5A, for the lodge's annual evaluation.

On Memorial Day, the lodge provided cold water, coffee, snacks, and, most importantly, restrooms in air conditioning, by opening their building to veterans and the public. They hosted the 1st Company Governor's Horse Guard, and members of the Army National Guard band as well as various veterans and marching units.

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Lodge Attends St. Johns Service in Simsbury

by Don Skinner

On Sunday June 12, members of Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, along with members of their families, attended First Church of Simsbury as a lodge as part of their St. John's observance. The day was chosen so as to not conflict with Father's Day. Afterward, all were invited to the lodge hall for coffee, juice, fresh fruit and assorted bagels. It was an event

enjoyed by everyone.

As a member of the church and Worshipful Master, Donald R. Skinner read from the Old Testament Psalm No. 104. This was the first time in a while for a St. John's service, and the first since the lodge returned to Simsbury in their new accommodations.

The lodge's participation was arranged with the Senior Minister and the Associate

Minister, who was preaching. She was kind enough to welcome the brothers and mention that the lodge was attending that day as a lodge.

After the service, a number of people inquired about Freemasonry and why the lodge was attending. A number of Valley Lodge members also are members of First Church in Simsbury.

DISTRICT No. 6

(a) RW Anderson H. Zeidler, DD • WB Richard G. Claing, AGM
(b) RW Mark M. Hultman, DD • WB Charles D. Weiss, AGM

Friendship Takes a Trip!

by Jim Wilson

One of the greatest trips Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 made happened right in their hometown of Manchester. Worshipful Master Andrew Warren has long been cognizant of a brother confined in a senior center.

He thought many times what could be done to let this Past Master know his lodge thinks of him, and misses his camaraderie.

The Worshipful Master asked Bro. Michael Duncan to research holding a lodge meeting at Crestfield Manor where WB "Gene" (Wilbur) Nead resides while he rehabilitates his legs. Good news was returned from Crestfield that they would happy to cooperate in anyway.

RW Mark Hultman, District Deputy, agreed to stop by and "scout out" the appropriateness of the location. WM Warren requested a dispensation hold a special communication on a Saturday afternoon in early June and

hold a degree for a new candidate. The entire membership was elated to hear permission was granted.

WB Gene Nead was beside himself with excitement on June 4, when brothers of the lodge brought the proper "lodge furniture" to set up for the meeting.

Geno was extremely grateful when RW Robert Fitzgerald, Grand Secretary, and RW Hultman greeted him at the door. Twenty-six brothers attended the degree. The meeting ended with a "Thank You" to the brothers, and to everyone's surprise, WB Gene stood up from his wheel chair, and with a tear in his eye, thanked each of them for a day he will never forget.

The afternoon ended with a "real surprise" when the staff at Crestfield served the lodge a buffet dinner of southern fired chicken.



WB Geno Nead stands and thanks the brothers of Friendship Tuscan Lodge for their visit. Acting Master for the degree Russell Scull looks on.



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Columbia Lodge Awards for Community Service

by Arnie Grot

Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, was pleased and proud to help speak on behalf of the community by presenting Cynthia M. Ellison the lodge's Community Service Award in recognition of a service well done.

Cynthia joined the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association in 1972 while working full time days at Manchester Hospital. She helped to shape the current

organization and saw it grow from one staffed ambulance to three.

Cynthia was active in the association in various capacities for the next 34 years before she retired about five years ago. During this time she delivered four babies and provided emergency medical attention to countless patients. Cynthia was directly involved with these tasks while she served many years as vice president of the association. She then progressed to the office of president, which she held for eight years.

Cynthia M. Ellison holds her Community Service Award from Columbia Lodge No. 25 at their awards night on June 15.



Washington Lodge No. 70 Travels to Liberty Island

by Robert J. Gresham

On Saturday June 18, 42 brothers, their ladies and guests from Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, boarded a bus for a trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. After clearing security at Liberty Park, the group embarked by ferry for the short trip to both islands. The day was set up as a "self service" tour, free to spend time as they wish. Some spent more time on Ellis Island researching their ancestors while

others spent more time at the Statue of Liberty.

The visitors found pictures certainly cannot do justice to the size of the Statue of Liberty when one gets up close. Looking up, they had a sense of pride and began to understand how those millions of new arrivals must have felt. The day was beautiful, and walking around Liberty Island was most enjoyable. One brother even found the Masonic cornerstone on the Statue's pedestal.

Ellis Island was just as impressive, and most needed to see the free half hour documentary to better experience what the immigrants went through. The chance for a better life was such a driving force, that they endured many hardships both en route and upon arrival.

The day ended far too soon

before the return bus trip back to Windsor. The day was organized by Friendship Tours and everyone was grateful they had chosen their tour operator well. For everyone there was just enough energy left to take up the pose for the group photo. As Worshipful Master Bob Gresham put it, "I know I slept well that night."



A bus load of happy travelers left Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, for Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island before returning the same day.



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Ionic Lodge No. 110, Recognizes Students with Citizenship Award

by Bill Greene

On June 16, Ionic Lodge No. 110, North Windham, presented four local high school graduates with the "William L. Greene, Good Citizenship Award." Each student received a monetary grant in recognition of their good character and commitment of service to their family, school, and community.

This is the ninth year that Ionic Lodge has presented this award to a graduating student at these schools.

With the roots of Freemasonry in the craftsmen trades and their belief in community service, Ionic Lodge designate the award for individuals who are well-rounded, conscientious, and responsible citizens. The lodge requests the

guidance councilor from each schools to submit the name of the graduating student who best fulfills these requirements. The criteria used in choosing the recipient include the following:

- outstanding academic effort, as opposed to achievement;
- good character – no serious disciplinary problems or problems with the law;
- good community spirit such as mentoring, volunteer work, FFA, scouting, hospital volunteering,

Students pursuing post-secondary education who might not qualify for traditional financial aid — alternatively the grant might be appropriate for a student planning to learn a trade where the grant could be used to buy tools or

equipment.

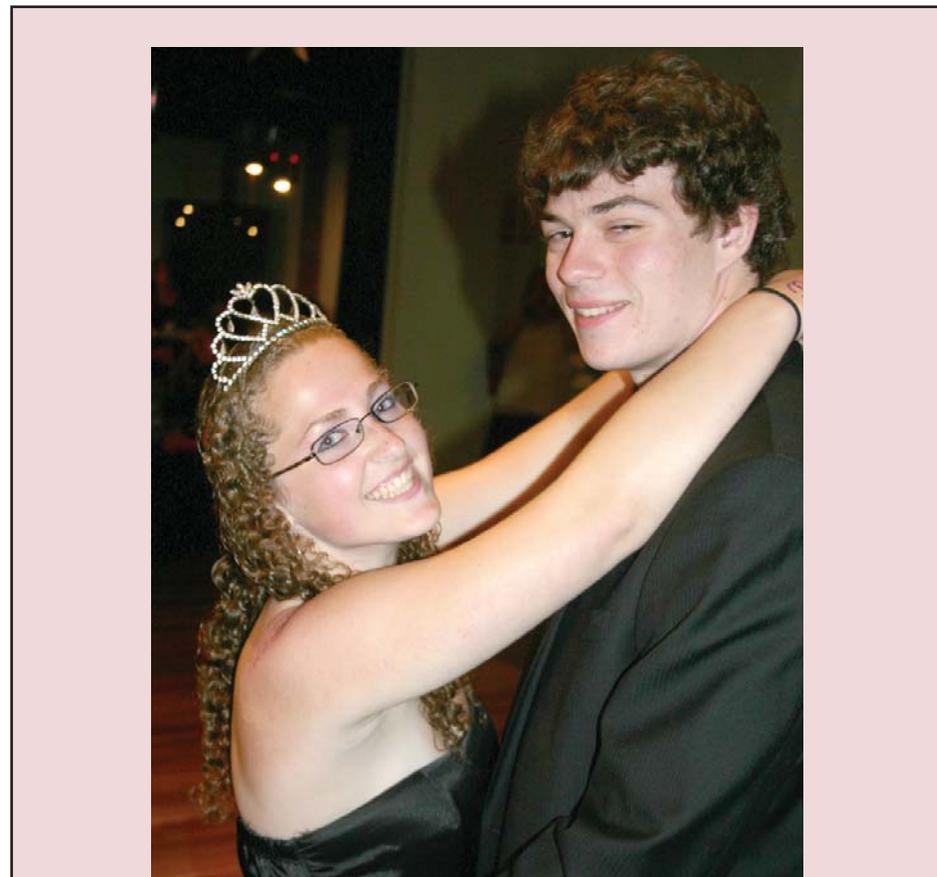
Special consideration is given to students who have overcome domestic adversity such as poverty, illness, alcoholism, single parent, etc.

This year's award recipients are: Adam Forman, E.O. Smith High School; Stephanie Cote, Windham Technical High School; Evgenia (Jenny) Sergis, Coventry High School; and Juan Murillo, Windham High School.

In addition to the grant, each student receives an engraved trophy, and is invited with their families, and school councilors and teachers to a special awards dinner at Ionic Lodge. They also receive a certificate at their schools' awards ceremony.



Associate Grand Marshall Ed Page, and WM Fred L. Watts III, left, and MW Bill Greene flank the Good Citizenship Award Recipients at Ionic Lodge.



Newly crowned Connecticut DeMolay State Sweetheart Emily Blanchette of Milford Assembly No. 4, Order of Rainbow, dances the traditional 'first dance' after her May 7 election with DeMolay Deputy State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista. Emily, who has led 'Emily's Cool Crew' in a Penguin Plunge for Special Olympics for the last 10 years (!) succeeds Jessie Stanley of Southington as State Sweetheart.



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Why won't they run my (Press Release) (Article) (Photo) (Event Listing)?

by Committee on Community Action

Brothers sometimes say their local newspapers and magazines have an agenda against Freemasons. They won't print Masonic events, news, articles, or photos, precisely because they are sent in by or are about Freemasons. These brothers say they have been trying to get notice in their local papers for a long time, and many have just given up.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Conspiracy theories abound about Freemasonry, but the majority of local news outlets have no "agenda" against Freemasons. Lodges are part of their community: solid citizens, event participants, tax-payers, job-holders, even business owners and political leaders. As much as other organizations are allowed to publicize their fundraisers and events and share photos with the community, so too can Freemasons.

How can lodges help their publicity become published?

There are several ways brothers can make this happen:

1. Recognize who the audience is. Not all newspapers and magazines target the same audience in which section of the newspaper or magazine does your item belong? If you are not sure, then the publication won't know either.

2. Write your item specifically toward the audience you are trying to reach. If you are submitting an article to a society magazine, it should reflect that tone. If you are submitting an article to the local newspaper, it should reflect a broad array of news that will resonate with the local community. Don't forget to consider a press release to be read on the radio, as several local radio stations often announce upcoming public events.

3. Is there someone who will write an article with you? A co-author might add some recognition value to readers, if they are well-known in the community.

4. Can you cite other local organizations in your article that have high value in the community? Non-profits working together often resonate highly with local community readers and editors.

5. The publication industry

is in the midst of a huge transformation. Often the venues for local community groups have been transferred to websites and directory listings. Check these websites to see if there is a section where your news item belongs.

6. Truly effective "public relations" is all about relationship building. Don't just e-mail an article, press release, or photo to "editor@newspaper.com". Instead, call the newspaper or magazine and ask to speak with the person who would handle your news. Remember, these people are just like you—often overwhelmed by a flood of e-mail communications on a daily basis. If they can flag an e-mail from you for special attention after you contact them, you have already gained an advantage.

7. Ask yourself, is your news item truly newsworthy to others outside the organization? Often the news of a lodge is best suited to *Connecticut Freemasons* publication. Your best bet for publication of lodge-specific news is with an internal publication, your own lodge website, Facebook site, or blog.

8. Has your lodge ever considered placing a small paid ad in a newspaper for an upcoming event such as a pancake breakfast fundraiser? Breaking the ice with

a newspaper like this can be low-cost and may open the door to the possibility of future press opportunities.

9. If someone at a newspaper or magazine has been especially helpful for you in getting your materials published, send them a hand-written thank you note on lodge stationary on behalf of the lodge brothers. This may sound old-fashioned, but in today's electronic world, that one envelope landing on their desk will get much more attention than any e-mail.

10. Investigate your local news outlets thoroughly. Some districts have targeted newspapers, radio station, and magazines with press releases, photos, and articles

Any lodge in Connecticut can make good "PR" happen. Freemasons have good stories to share, good news to tell, and interesting lives, events, and photos. Brothers need to recognize that the person at the news outlet also has a job — to make sure what they are publishing aligns with their mission and is what their audience wants. If you talk to this person, and make their job easy by giving them what their audience wants, you should be on your way to success in telling your community who you are.

Come to Moosup on August 14 for the 2011 VJ-Day Parade. Worshipful Master Jim Verge is hoping for a big turnout of Masons across the state to march with him and Grand Master James T. McWain. The lodge is located at 69 Prospect Street, Moosup, and brothers should be there by 10:30 a.m. as the main street will be closed to traffic shortly after that time.



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Scholarship Fund Helps 16 Young People Further Their Educations

More than 200 people attended the seventh annual Masonicare at Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund presentation held in June in the Hartog Activities Center at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

Sixteen young men and women, either employees of Masonicare at Ashlar Village or the children of employees, were honored during the presentation. More than \$19,000 in scholarship funds were raised this year and distributed at the special awards ceremony.

The recipients were introduced by Bro. David Gessert, chairman of the Ashlar Village board of directors. WB Jon-Paul Venoit, Masonicare's senior vice president of residential services, announced the names and presented the scholarship check to each recipient.

Those who received scholarships this year are Alicia Britton, Mayra Cerna, Shannon

Corbett, Jennifer Fengler, Kaitlyn Flynn, Stephanie Griffin, Kimberly Krisak, Amanda Lavoie, Lindsay Mongillo, Chelsie Morais, Alexander Ney, Eric Peavey, T. Erik Sager, Amanda Smith, Sarah Willis and AnnMarie Zielinski. Some of the colleges and universities attended by these exceptional young people include Southern, Central, and Eastern Connecticut State Universities, North Park University, Quinnipiac University, NY School of Visual Arts, Johnson & Wales University, and Gateway and Middlesex Community Colleges.

Special thanks were extended to resident Mike Johnson, residents Phillip and Donna Lint, and the family of deceased resident Donald F. Warner for their generous donations of special memorial and appreciation awards. The Jockey and Johnny Johnson Memorial Scholarship was presented to



Recipients of the Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarships are flanked by WB Jon-Paul Venoit, left, Masonicare's senior vice president of residential services, and Bro. David Gessert, chairman of the Ashlar Village board of directors.

Kimberly Krisak, the Cindy Carson Memorial Scholarship was given to Jennifer Fengler, the Phillip & Donna Lint Gift of Appreciation was awarded to Stephanie Griffin, and Kaitlyn Flynn received the Donald F. Warner Memorial Scholarship.

Masonicare at Ashlar Village residents established the scholarship fund in 2004 to provide educational scholarships

for young people who either work at Ashlar Village or are children of employees. The funds are raised in a variety of ways, but mainly through the sale of unique, handmade craft and clothing items made by residents of Ashlar Village. The Ashlar Village Specialty Shop is manned and stocked solely by resident volunteers.

Celebration Will Mark 25 Years of MAN's Summer Concerts

Masonicare at Newtown is both pleased and proud to be celebrating the 25th anniversary this year of providing free Summer

Sounds Concerts for the community.

On Wednesday evening, July 27, in special recognition of this major milestone, Morrison Dining Services, the dining services provider for Masonicare, will host a free Community Picnic on the lovely grounds of the healthcare and rehabilitation facility at 139 Toddy Hill Road. The picnic, which will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., will feature an array of traditional barbequed items, along with other delicious side dishes.

The Second Company Governor's Foot Guard Swing Band will be performing at 7:00 p.m., so be sure to bring your family and friends – along with blankets and lawn chairs – to enjoy the festivities and listen to some wonderful music following the dinner. Reservations are NOT required.

As a reminder, the remaining concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, rain dates are listed below. For additional information, please call Masonicare at Newtown at 203-426-5847 or 203-364-3128.

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July 13	Frank Porto Band (30's & 40's Sounds) Rain Date – Thursday, July 14
July 27	Second Company – Governor's Foot Guard Swing Band Rain Date – Thursday, July 28 (Community Picnic – 5:00 p.m.)
August 17	St. Luke's Steel Band Rain Date – Thursday, August 18

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.

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



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(MP) Most Puissant Grand Master
(RE) Right Eminent Grand Commander
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(C) Casual

Friday, July 8-9, (ME) (MP) (RE) Connecticut DeMolay Conclave.

Sunday, August 14, (MP) (RE) (C) Grand Commandery officers picnic, Saunders residence

Friday, August 19-20, (MP) (F) Grand Council Select Masters of New York

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

September 6, Harmony Council No. 8 New Haven, MPGM homecoming, 6:30 dinner

September 8, Buel Council No. 20, Torrington

September 9-10, Northeast Regional York Rite conference, Rocky Hill Marriott

September 13, Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, Mark Master Mason degree

September 15, Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford. Red Cross & Malta

September 16, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven

September 17, York Rite College regional assembly

September 20, Montgomery Council No. 2, North Windham

September 20, Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford. Red Cross

September 24, York Rite training session, New Haven, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

September 28, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Mark Master Mason degree

York Rite Bodies Install New Leaders

On June 4, the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, and the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut were held at the Hartford Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill.

Companion Danny A. Camp was elected and installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companion James A. Backus as

Right Excellent Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Companion Bruce R. Bellmore was elected and installed as Most Puissant Grand Master and Companion Edward R. Ham as Right Illustrious Deputy Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut.



Past Most Puissant Grand Master Andrew Weinmann, right, adjusts the apron of recently installed MPGM Bruce R. Bellmore. PMPGM Paul L. Chello in top hat looks on.



Companion Danny Camp receives the obligation at his installation as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Installing officer William L. Greene, with hat, prepares to .

Craft at Labor...

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

Tuesday, July 12, Acacia No. 85,
Greenwich, 6:30 p.m. dinner

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Wednesday, July 13, Ivanhoe No. 107,
Darien, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, August 11, Hiram No. 1, New
Haven

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Wednesday, August 17, Corinthian No.
103, North Haven

Thursday, August 18, Sequin-Level No.
140, Newington

Craft at Refreshment...

Friday, July 1, St. Peter's No. 21, New
Milford, games night

Saturday, July 2, Putnam No. 46, South
Woodstock, 8:00 a.m., Red White and
Blue Breakfast: pancakes with strawberries,
whipped cream, and blueberries

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

Thursday, July 7, Union No. 31, Niantic,
6:00 p.m., picnic

Thursday, July 7, Somerset - St. James No.
34, Preston, 9:00 a.m., 8th Masonic District
breakfast, Groton Townhouse restaurant

Thursday, July 7, Anchor No. 112, East
Hampton, Old Home Day

Friday, July 8, Anchor No. 112, East
Hampton, Old Home Day

Saturday, July 9, Putnam No. 46, South
Woodstock, 6:30 p.m., annual ice cream
social

Saturday, July 9, Corinthian No. 103,
North Haven, 2:00 p.m., Griff's Chicken
Challenge: Hiram No. 1, Ansantawae No.
89, and Corinthian No. 103

Saturday, July 9, Anchor No. 112, East
Hampton, Old Home Day parade

Sunday, July 10, Hiram No. 1, New Haven,
1:00 p.m., Masonicare baseball party,
Masonicare Health Center

Tuesday, July 12, Corinthian No. 103,
North Haven, 6:00 p.m., lodge picnic and
music

Tuesday, July 12, Sequin-Level No. 140,
Newington, 9:00 a.m., John Wheatley Golf
Tournament

Saturday, July 16, Union No. 5, Stamford,
12:00 noon, summer picnic

Saturday, July 16, Frederick-Franklin No.
14, Plainville, 12:00 noon, lodge picnic

Saturday, July 16, Columbia No. 25, South
Glastonbury, 11:00 a.m., shoreline picnic,
Noank

Saturday, July 16, St. Alban's No. 38,
Branford, 12:00 noon, annual lodge picnic

Sunday, July 17, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn,
12:00 noon, chicken bar-b-que

Wednesday, July 20, Center No. 97,

Meriden, 6:00 p.m., lodge of instruction by
Richard Paquette

Wednesday, July 20, Corinthian No. 103,
North Haven, 6:30 p.m., Widows Sons
Masonic Riders Association presentation

Thursday, July 21, Hiram No. 1, New
Haven, 7:30 p.m., Hawaiian shirt night

Saturday, July 23, St. Alban's No. 38,
Branford, 8:00 a.m., breakfast, Brunches
restaurant, Guilford

Sunday, July 24, Wooster No. 10,
Colchester, 9:00 a.m., 1st annual mini golf
tournament

Monday, July 25, Temple No. 16, Cheshire,
7:45 p.m., esoteric Freemasonry classes

Wednesday, July 27, Anchor No. 112,
East Hampton, 9:00 a.m., Tri-Lodge golf
tournament, Quarry Ridge

Sunday, July 31, King Solomon's No. 7,
Woodbury, 10:00 a.m., erect ten metal road
signs

Wednesday, August 3, Center No. 97,
Meriden, 6:00 p.m., lodge of instruction by
Richard Paquette

Thursday, August 4, Union No. 31,
Niantic, 6:00 p.m., picnic

Thursday, August 4, Somerset - St. James
No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m., 8th Masonic
District breakfast, Groton Townhouse
restaurant

Saturday, August 6, Trumbull No. 22, New
Haven, 1:00 p.m., family picnic, Meigs Point
pavillion, Hammonasset, Madison

Sunday, August 7, Anchor No. 112, East
Hampton, 12:00 noon, Masters picnic,
Falcon Club, Middletown

Sunday, August 7, Cosmopolitan No. 125,
New Haven, 9:00 a.m., picnic

Saturday, August 13, Hiram No. 1, New
Haven, 9:00 a.m., Quinnipiac harbor cruise

Saturday, August 13, Frederick-Franklin
No. 14, Plainville, 12:00 noon, picnic

Saturday, August 13, St. Peter's No. 21,
New Milford, 11:00 a.m., annual picnic/bar-
b-que, Harrybrook Park, New Milford

Saturday, August 13, Putnam No. 46,
South Woodstock, 7:30 p.m., awards night,
Grand Master to attend

Saturday, August 13, Putnam No. 46,
South Woodstock, 5:00 p.m., annual family
picnic

Saturday, August 13, Washington No. 70,
Windsor, 10:00 a.m., lodge picnic, Sunrise
Park, West Suffield

Sunday, August 14, Moriah No. 15,
Brooklyn, 12:00 noon, steak bar-b-que

Sunday, August 14, Moosup No. 113,
Moosup, 8:00 a.m., VJ-Day parade, Grand
Master to attend

Wednesday, August 17, Center No. 97,
Meriden, 6:00 p.m., lodge of instruction by
Richard Paquette

Wednesday, August 17, Friendship Tuscan
No. 145, Manchester, 9:00 a.m., annual
lodge picnic

Saturday, August 20, Wyllys-St. John's
No. 4, West Hartford, 4:00 p.m., summer
cookout

Saturday, August 20, St. Alban's No. 38,
Branford, 8:00 a.m., breakfast, Brunches
restaurant, Guilford

Sunday, August 21, Annawon No. 115,
West Haven, 12:00 noon, lodge picnic

Monday, August 22, Temple No. 16,
Cheshire, 7:45 p.m., esoteric Freemasonry
classes

Sunday, August 28, Wolcott No. 60,
Stafford, 4:00 p.m., annual chicken
barbecue

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Prayers are Answered for Brother Tony Giunta

by Richard Denno

After four long years on dialysis, Bro. Tony Giunta has a new kidney. Tony is a member of Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport.

"It's like night and day," said Bro. Tony. "My attitude, energy level, and vitality are all great. People say they can hear it in my voice," he noted.

Sargent Tony retired from the Westport police department in May of 2006 after 29 years of service. He and his wife, Fran, expected to travel and enjoy retirement in the warm, sunny climate of Florida. In short order, he was diagnosed with kidney disease. His only travel since then has been to dialysis treatments three times weekly.

"Quality of life is much better with a kidney transplant, working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, than on kidney dialysis," said Catherine Drouin, former transplant coordinator for Hartford Transplant. "Statistically, transplant recipients lead healthier lives, with many

returning to work," she said.

Bro. Tony received the call every patient on the transplant waiting list hopes for on Saturday, June 4. He received his new kidney at 11:00 a.m. the next day.

As of June 16, there were 111,686 patients on the organ donor wait list. Fully 80 per cent of those are waiting for kidneys. That figure is up 1,106 since March of this year.

Ten days after receiving his new kidney, Tony wrote a thank you to the donor family. His donor was 55 years old. Tony is age 66. "When I was on dialysis, I thought I wouldn't live much beyond age 70. Now I can see myself living into my 80's. I am so grateful to my donor for this live saving gift."

To register as an organ /tissue/eye donor, simply go to www.donatelifenewengland.org.

PS: Stand as a proud Freemason when you register online, click "civic/club" in the question on where you heard about this, and proudly click "Freemason."



Bro. Tony Giunta

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 lives on through the scholarship fund created in her name at Masonicare. This scholarship fund was established to provide 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.

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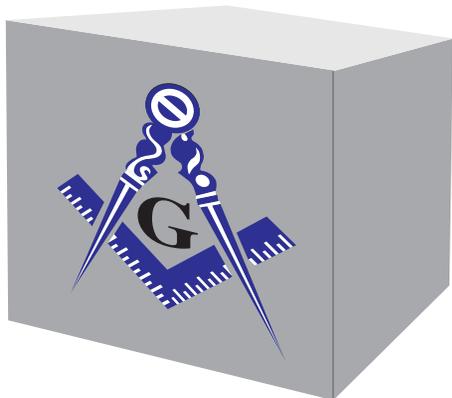
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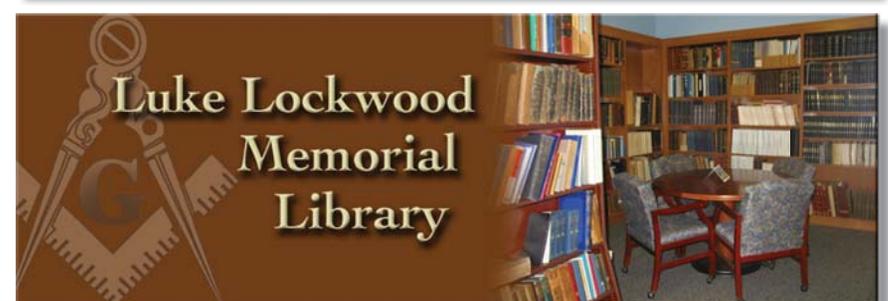
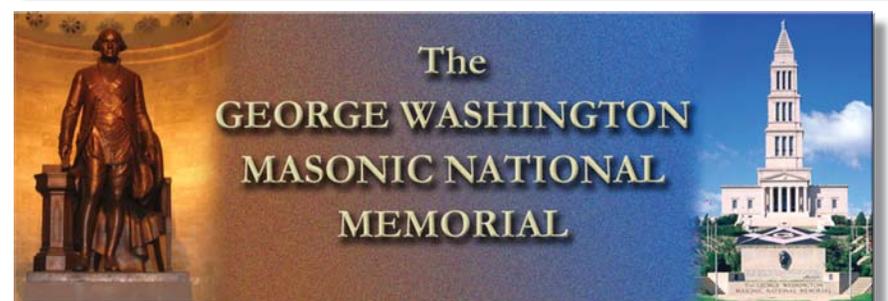
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Sonia Powers, with her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Lisa.

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