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Thursday, September 8, 1:00 p.m.	Masonicare Finance Committee, Wallingford	N	N	C
Friday, September 9, 1:00 p.m.	Office hours, Grand Lodge office, Wallingford	Y	N	C
Saturday, September 10, 3:00 p.m.	Warren Lodge No. 51, Portland, Rededication	Y	Y	F
Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.	Fraternal visit	N	N	F
Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.	Fraternal visit	N	N	F
Wednesday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Quarterly Communication, Boston	N	N	F
Wednesday, September 14, 5:00 p.m.	Administrative officers meeting, Wallingford	N	Y	C
Thursday, September 15, 1:00 p.m.	Officer hours, Wallingford	Y	N	C
Saturday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.	District Deputies meeting, Hartog Center Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford	N	N	C
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Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.	Fraternal visit	N	N	F
Wednesday, September 21, 2:00 p.m.	Audit committee, Wallingford	N	N	C
Wednesday, September 21, 4:00 p.m.	Compensation committee	N	N	F
Thursday, September 22, 1:00 p.m.	Office hours, Wallingford	Y	N	C
Thursday, September 22, 4:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees, Wallingford	N	N	C
Friday, September 23, 12:00 noon	Vermont, District 10 meeting	N	N	C
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RW Carl H. Anderson, Vice President of Fraternal Relations

Vice President of Fraternal Relations. Sounds simple enough. For a fraternity tied so closely to the massive healthcare operation it founded, it makes sense to have a vice president that should coordinate the relationship between the two entities.

But Carl Anderson's job is more than fostering communication between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and Masonicare. He is responsible for the social accountability of Masonicare. In this capacity he oversees the community benefit services offered by Masonicare.

With Dick Memmott and Haley McCarthy overseeing outreach programs like "Lunch and Learn," Masonicare Community Services becomes an integral part of the solution for the problems facing seniors throughout Connecticut. As Carl says, "I have the best team. They're really tremendous."

A large part of their work is helping with the accumulation and filing of the reports, forms, and data needed to satisfy Connecticut's Title 19 requirements. This provides state aid to those who qualify for health and living assistance. For most family members, the application to qualify for Title 19 is overwhelming and costly.

There are also home visits to give guidance with the array of insurances and subsidies that seniors are entitled to. This might mean navigating the labyrinth of Medicare and Medicaid options, or simply explaining what an insurance policy might provide for. And the visits are at no cost, and at no obligation. Both Haley and Dick are "Choices Certified" which means they can talk about Medicare, Medicaid, and insurances without "selling" or recommending anything. "They help the consumer make an educated choice. That dovetails very nicely into our social accountability."

Many still remember when Masonicare was not much more than a home for widows and orphans, or when it was limited to strictly Masons and their families. Many still believe the "Masonic Home" is for the destitute, or that their membership in the fraternity guarantees them a room and a bed. Those days are long past.

Masonicare now is a statewide system providing for the health of Connecticut's citizens regardless of any Masonic affiliation. That is one of the challenges for Carl Anderson. As he says, "I think we've made substantial progress. I think our challenge going forward is that our services are so diverse it's hard for anyone to conceptualize everything we have available."

President and CEO Steve McPherson often comments that Masonicare has everything a hospital has except surgery, a maternity

ward, and an emergency room. Other than that Masonicare offers first rate care with rehabilitation, mental health, hearing and eye care, besides the skilled nursing facilities in Wallingford and Newtown. With Masonicare Home Health & Hospice serving the state, all seniors are offered high quality healthcare at home.

The independent living features of Masonicare at Ashlar Village mean seniors can enjoy, as Steve McPherson says, "a college environment for people in their seventies and eighties." Masonicare is the umbrella for what is called their "complete continuum of care." No matter when someone enters the Masonicare system of services, peace of mind is offered to take care of that individual's needs for the rest of their life. Brother Bill Piper, Masonicare's Chief Operating Officer says, "We have everything that you could possibly want. So when you jump into it at any point, you can take it as far as you want.

Carl is especially proud of the video for new Masons in which he is the host. It tells the new Mason what he needs to know about Masonicare in ten minutes. The video is on the Grand Lodge website, www.ctfreemasons.net.

Visits to lodges to explain the changes at Masonicare is one of Carl's pet projects. Information about Masonicare from 1994 might need to be replaced with that which better explains what Masonicare has grown into. For brothers who don't get to lodge, Connecticut Freemasons plays an important role in describing all the services available at Masonicare. He organizes the Nutmegger Reunions for Grand Masters, and senior Masonicare officers to visit brothers in Florida. He is also active in MCSA, the Masonic Communities & Services Association, along with Steve McPherson who is past-president. Brother Carl does not come from a Masonic family. He began work at Masonicare at Newtown in 1984, as manager of therapeutic recreation and continued there for twenty years. He met Brother Joe Hall who had worked for Carl's great-grandfather. "He was a great guy, and he and I just hit it off, and became friends. He kept pushing me to join. I saw the organization, and saw the wonderful things they did for Newtown and Wallingford, and was impressed. So I joined, and he signed my petition. This is his Masonic ring, which he gave me."

Carl was organist for Union Lodge No. 40, Danbury, for several years, but the lodge was fortunate to have another organist, which allowed Carl to progress through the chairs and become Worshipful Master in 2000. The same year he was Worthy Patron of Stellar Chapter No. 55, Danbury. Since then, Carl became



In 2008 MW Bill Greene presented RW Carl Anderson with the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

director of the Sphinx Shrine Chanters, and, also, involved as musical director of the Scottish Rite Valley of Hartford's choir.

RW Jack Bartman had been the Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge for twenty-five years, and suggested Carl take over his position. "He was a great mentor, and very gracious, and I'll always be grateful." MW Roger Read appointed Carl as Grand Organist in 1999.

Carl resides in Newtown with his wife, Betsy, and young daughter, Margaret. He is currently pursuing his degree in Divinity from Andover-Newtown Theological School.

The most fun part of his job? "Going out to lodges and helping Masons. I like to help people either find services, learn about Masonicare, or just make a difference for them."

Another mentor for Carl was MW Gail N. Smith, who helped him in Newtown with their fraternal relations. "He helped me with anything I wanted help with." When Carl took over as vice-president of fraternal relations he oversaw Grand Masters Day and community relations. "Gail helped create all that. We've taken the ball and run with it." That means the outreach, Title 19 oversight, and education of Masonicare employees who may have no idea what Freemasonry is.

All this falls under Masonicare's social accountability; the responsibility that a great organization determines is necessary to raise itself above the ordinary, and contribute to the betterment of its community.

Carl wishes everyone over 55 would get on the waiting list at Masonicare, so if a necessity arises in the future, choices won't have to be made out of desperation, but rather out of preplanning. For Carl Anderson, it is not only a job, but a sense of duty to perform well for his fellow citizens, as well as for his fellow brothers.

Grand Master's Message

In August Bonnie and I attended a family picnic in South Woodstock hosted by Putnam Lodge No. 46 and Corner Stone Quinebaug Lodge No. 122. The next day I marched with Moosup Lodge No. 113 and other brothers at the Moosup VJ Day Parade.

The family picnic was an outstanding affair for brothers, their families and visitors. Visiting from Massachusetts was the MW Grand Master Richard Stewart, and from Rhode Island, Grand Senior Warden Russ Davis. There were over 150 in attendance and the highlight of the evening was an opportunity to present three 50 Year membership awards to MW Stan Sheldon and Bro. Alan Walker, both of Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, and WB Eugene Labonte, Corner Stone Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson. Bro. Labonte was the last Worshipful Master of Quinebaug Lodge No. 106 before its merger. In addition, RW Kenneth Marvin, Master of Putnam Lodge fifty years ago, was presented a special plaque and certificate.

On Sunday the town of Moosup had their 50th Annual VJ Parade. Moosup Lodge had an excellent breakfast before the parade and it was an enjoyable place to congregate with brothers and families while the units assembled. There were numerous marching units, and we were fortunate to be in the front portion of the lead unit, as it was raining. There were over 60 brothers marching from the surrounding lodges and the Grand Lodge. Moosup Lodge brothers lead with their lodge banner followed by other lodge brothers and ten brothers carrying, horizontally, a large American flag. The Grand Lodge officers marched immediately behind the American flag.

During the entire mile long parade route, the streets were lined by people of all ages. I commented to brothers marching around me that they should note the number of people who stood to pay respect to the flag as it passed. The flag being carried was approximately 8 feet X 12 feet so it was not a matter of it not being seen. In the hour plus period we were marching, perhaps 10 people got up from their chairs or the ground and another 10 or so took off their hats and saluted or stood at attention. Some actually looked around, started to take their hats off and decided not to as "no one else was."

I hope that most of the people there, if asked, would tell you that they knew that they should respect the flag. We can assume that they have been educated. I also believe that the reason they did not stand is because they have not been TRAINED. It was not instinctive for them to stand.

There is a difference between education and training. My military experience has made that very clear. Just as learning

to fire a tank gun requires actual firing experience by the crew, any coach will verify that no amount of classroom work on the plays he wants his team to execute will work without a great deal of practice (training) on the field or court.

Education has many modes, and the classroom lecture is only one way to teach and for the student to learn.

Training is learning through doing.

Earlier this year I published an edict that I wanted every lodge to have an educational lecture at each meeting. My experience this weekend has vividly pointed out to me the need to clarify my intent.

There is much in the lodge that lends itself to training and I do not want my edict to negate the training aspect of the lodge education programs. There are many things that we do in lodge that can be enhanced by having the brothers do them in the proper manner. The objective is, just like a good sports team, for everyone to know instinctively what should be done. Continued practice and, when necessary, correction and reinforcement, serve to make any "team" better.

Much of our ritual can be learned while sitting at home. However, good ritual work requires practice in the lodge; actually doing the floor work in combination with lectures. In short, there is more to "education" than talking and reading. Each Master should assess his lodge's educational needs and plan his program. The program should include "doing" as well as "talking."

The "Masonic Minute" can certainly be a "doing" minute as well as a lecture.

I hope everyone has had as good a summer as I have! Any time with family, children, and grandchildren is to be savored.

A special thanks to all involved in the picnic and the breakfast and parade. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all!



James T. McWain
Grand Master

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No Surprise: MW Bill Greene Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal

by Michael L. Castroll

No one was surprised when MW Brother Bill Greene was awarded the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service at our recent Grand Lodge session. It was the perfect topping to the recent Grand Lodge banquet.

Brother William LeRoy Greene was born in Willimantic, CT, on March 24, 1941, the youngest of three. Bill graduated Windham Regional Technical School in 1959 as class salutatorian then spent the next three years in the US Army. On his return, Bill went to work at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford. Bill ended his career 40 years later, having advanced to become a certified electroplater and member of several technical and professional associations.

In April 1983, Bill attended the New England Square Dance Convention in Burlington, Vermont. He had no idea that he would find a life-long dance partner in Sandra M. Clocher. They do-si-do'd each other to the altar that October, and together, they share eight children and 14 grandchildren. Daughter Susan requested to join Willimantic Assembly No. 28 of the Rainbow, prompting Bill to seek light in Masonry. On November 12, 1983, Brother Bill was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Uriel Lodge No. 24, Merrow.

Brother Bill took only four years to reach the Oriental Chair, a place clearly meant for him. Between two terms as Master of Uriel Lodge and six terms as Master of Ionic Lodge No. 110 in North Windham, Bill has gained a wonderful reputation. He also affiliated with Eastern Star Lodge No. 44, also in North Windham. He has served as Master of the Ninth District Actual Past Masters Association, and president and then secretary/treasurer of the Ninth District Blue Lodge Council. In 1991, he was the Ninth District's Mason of the Year.

Bill was asked to serve on the Grand Lodge's Prince Hall Recognition Committee in 1989. Right Worshipful Bill served our Grand Lodge as District Deputy in 1993 and 1994, and later was appointed to the Grand Lodge line, culminating in his becoming our 161st Most Worshipful Grand Master in 2007. Among the highlights of Most Worshipful Bill's year was the groundbreaking for our new Grand Lodge office building.

The Greene family has been involved with practically every organization laboring in our

Masonic superstructure in Connecticut. Bill's pin reflects the Masonic family, and in all his activity, Bill had Sandy's blessings, and her company, as well.

Brother Bill became Companion Bill when he sought further light in the Royal Arch Masons, where he served three terms as Most Excellent High Priest. He was an instrumental part in the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, Prince Hall Affiliates. Appointed to the Grand Chapter line, Bill served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2001.

Companion Bill served two consecutive terms as Thrice Illustrious Master of Olive Branch Council No. 10, Royal & Select Masters. Knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, he served as Eminent Commander in 1991. He is chairman of the Knights Templar Education Foundation and a Life Member of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. In 2000, Bill was awarded Knights Templar Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

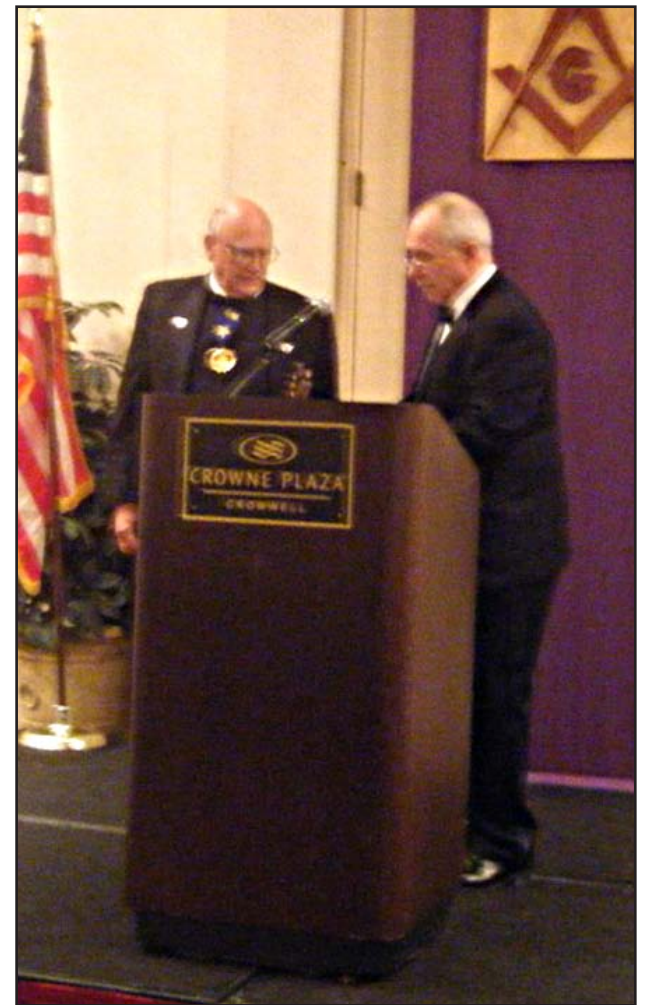
Sir Knight Companion Bill is a member of the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 and Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

Brother Bill is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Hartford and is a charter member of Nathan Hale Consistory and a Noble of the Sphinx Shriners, where his activity is centered around Shrine clubs and clans. Here again, Sandie is involved, as well. Bill is a Prophet and officer in Hejaz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., where again, Sandie is an ardent supporter.

Bill belongs to Laurel Forest No. 130, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, where he served as scribe for 17 years, and was Grand Tall Cedar in 2004 and 2005. He is a member of Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons of the USA and Nutmeg Order No. 17, Swords of Bunker Hill.

Sir Knight Bill keeps strong his affiliation with Rainbow Court No. 20, Order of the Amaranth, North Windham. He served as Royal Patron for several terms before serving the Grand Court of Connecticut as Grand Royal Patron in 1994-5. He is a Past Patron of Climax Chapter No. 98, Order of the Eastern Star, in Merrow. Sir Knight Bill is a Past Watchman of Shepherds in Vashti Shrine No. 2, White Shrine of Jerusalem, the only Shrine left in Connecticut.

Bill enjoys best working with our youth. Brother Bill serves as chairman of the



Then MW Charles A Buck, Jr., presents Past Grand Master William L. Greene with the Pierpont Edward Medal in Bronze at the Grand Lodge banquet on April 3.

Advisory Board of Willimantic Assembly No. 26, Order of the Rainbow for Girls. He was presented with the "Grand Cross of Color" by the Supreme Assembly for Distinguished Services to the Order. Bill has also served Connecticut DeMolay as a member of the Executive Officer's Staff, and is a holder of the DeMolay Appreciation Medal. In 1998, he was awarded the "Service to Youth Award" by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. For several years Bill was a Cub Scout Master, and later became an adult leader for the Girl Scouts. When does he ever enjoy "free time," or a hobby or two, or just travel? Bill and Sandie do this all the time.

Whether it's photography, hiking, fishing, hunting, cooking, or traveling, Bill and Sandie make sure they enjoy life together. They have visited most of the North American continent, making good use of their membership in National Camping Travelers (NCT), District 1, Chapter 6. Together they enjoy ballet, ice-skating, and the theater. Oh, and of course they enjoy square dancing, where it all began!

Is it any wonder that Most Worshipful Brother William Leroy Greene would achieve Connecticut Masonry's highest honor, the Pierpont Edwards Medal for Distinguished Masonic Service. Now, that's a family affair!

"The Great Light of Freemasonry"

Many of us are familiar with the Masonic book, *The Builders*, by Joseph Fort Newton. His most famous quote from *The Builder* reads, "We cannot tell what may happen to us in the strange medley of life. But we can decide what happens in us -- how we can take it, what we do with it -- and that is what really counts in the end. How to take the raw stuff of life and make it a thing of worth and beauty -- that is the test of living."

What you may not know is that he also wrote many other outstanding books about Freemasonry and religion. One of these works is titled *The Great Light in Masonry* and is a part of the Little Masonic Library published by the Masonic Service Association. I recently re-read my copy of this gem of Masonic literature and was deeply impressed by Newton's faith in God and his devotion to the craft. I would like to share some of the thoughts this work inspired in my heart regarding the central splendor of Freemasonry -- the Great Light upon the altar.

How often when we come to lodge do we stop to consider the arrangements of the lights, ornaments, jewels, and furniture? We are taught that lodges are arranged due East and West in commemoration of that great luminary of nature, the sun, which rises in the East and sets in the West. It also is in memory of the Ancient Tabernacle erected by Moses to commemorate the deliverance of the Jewish nation from the armies of Pharaoh,

when the hand of God parted the Red Sea by means of the mighty east wind. We observe the three principle stations in the East, West, and South occupied by the Master and Wardens that symbolize Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Many of the older lodges actually have a mosaic pavement in the center of the room symbolizing the mosaic pavement in King Solomon's Temple. Some lodges have the representation of the starry-decked canopy on their ceilings. Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, has depictions of lessons taught in the Webb Lectures around the walls of the lodge -- a source of great fascination and speculation when viewed by the uninitiated. Every lodge has a similar layout with different decorations. The one thing they all have in common is at the very center of the lodge -- the Great Light of Freemasonry upon the altar.

It is appropriate that the Holy Scriptures are the point in the center from which all else evolves. Without the word of God, all moral and spiritual efforts are vain. Wisdom, strength, and beauty judged in earthly terms are transient and fleeting concepts, but in the teachings of our Divine Creator they become realities and eternal truths. We are not a religion, we do not subscribe to any particular doctrine, but we all can agree that we are all creatures of the Divine Creator who made the heavens and the earth, who separated the light from the darkness, and who saw that it was good.

Dr. Newton gives a stern admonition regarding our approach to the Great Light of Masonry. He writes, "But what if the Book of Holy Law lies upon the Altar open but unread, honored but un-obeyed, taken as a token but ignored as a teacher? What we have most to fear is not an invasion of the atheist and the libertine -- neither of whom is interested in our Order, or in any other sacred office -- but the ignorance which bows to the noblest of all books as a fetish and is blind to its meaning as a faith; the indifference which acknowledges the heavenly vision but remains unmoved; which mistakes a high profession of high ideals for an actual performance of high tasks."

Our duty and delight as Freemasons and as children of the One, Living, and True God is to remember that just as the Great Light of Freemasonry rests upon the altar in the center of our lodge, so should the Sacred Word of God always be enshrined in the center of our being. Its lessons are to read, cherished, and practiced daily in our lives. Then and only then will our lives and our happiness be complete.

God bless!



Woman Donates Her Leg

by DJohn Watkins

When WB Dean Bunnell, Senior Warden of Putnam Lodge No. 46, south Woodstock, asked Brother DJohn Watkins if the Shriners Hospital in Springfield accepted donations of artificial legs, it was a real head-scratcher. As president of the Northeast Shrine Club of Sphinx Shrine, Newington, Noble Watkins asked Chief Rabban Jean Maheu to look into it for him.

The answer came back, yes. The Shriner's Hospital does recycle prosthetics and would welcome a donation. That was good news for Mrs. Jerri Willich of Eastford. She had lost her leg due to diabetic complications in 2007, and struggled to adapt to the prosthetic. When her other leg was

amputated, she knew she didn't have the strength to learn how to use two artificial legs, and preferred the ease of her wheelchair.

Mrs. Willich received a visit from the Shriners and they enjoyed her optimistic outlook and fun stories. All had a wonderful afternoon. Mrs. Willich and her husband, Richard plan to move to Florida but have to make some adjustments to their house down there to accommodate her wheelchair.

Her donation will help out another similarly distressed, and the Shriner's Hospital will continue to provide the superb care they're famous for. And Sphinx Shrine learned how to answer the question, "Do the Shriner's Hospitals accept artificial legs?"



Jean Paul Maheu, Chief Rabban; Mrs. Jerri Willich; DJohn Watkins, president of the Northeast Shrine Club; WB Dean Bunnell, Senior Warden Putnam Lodge No. 46, enjoy an afternoon visit.

The Masonicare EXPERIENCE

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

Masonicare Community Services: Help ... With No Strings Attached

by Adam Raider

The process of finding the right health and social services to fit one's needs can be stressful and confusing, particularly for older adults.

That's why Masonicare Community Services (MCS) was created: to give seniors and their family members the tools they need to make informed decisions about their lives or the life of a loved one. A free, statewide outreach program funded by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, MCS is available to all Connecticut residents and can be accessed through a phone call or home visit from an MCS representative.

Bro. Carl H. Anderson, RW Grand Organist and vice president of fraternal relations for Masonicare, oversees MCS and believes the program is important because it helps fulfill Masonicare's mission to improve the quality of life for seniors.

"That includes reaching out to them in the community, anywhere in the state, and helping them with whatever issues they might be dealing with," Anderson said. "We can be a resource for them. We have the knowledge and expertise to be able to help people dealing with difficult situations. And it's not just for seniors - MCS is for *anyone* who has an issue or a need for a particular service and doesn't know where to turn."

MCS is staffed by two well-trained and highly dedicated individuals: MCS director Bro. Richard C. Memmott, Sr., RW Grand Tiler and Past Master of Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, and MCS community services representative Haley McCarthy. They counsel individuals on everything from home healthcare and housing options to insurance and medical coverage. They also provide information about caregiver assistance, health clinics and outpatient services, and nutritional programs.

Waterbury resident Gloria McKee says that her experience with MCS changed her life. A retired geriatric nurse who had been living in Virginia, Gloria moved back to Connecticut following the passing of her husband, John.

"I wasn't fragile or in ill health," Gloria recalls, "but I began to feel as though, at my age, it would be better for me to be living near my three daughters in Connecticut in case I need them."

Gloria was happy to be near family, but also noticed that she wasn't her usual upbeat self. She began to worry about the future. Would a gradual decrease in mobility prevent her from maintaining an active lifestyle? And where would she live once she required additional care?

That's when Gloria decided to contact Masonicare.

"My son-in-law, Bro. Scott Pierce, is a Mason," she says, "and I first learned about Masonicare through him. I joined him on a few visits to the Masonicare campus in Wallingford for various special events. While I was there, I spoke to a lot of people, including some of the residents and staff. I did a lot of listening. People seemed really happy there. And I realized that if I wanted to live there someday, I had better call."

Gloria was referred to Masonicare Community Services and soon received a visit from Haley. Both women remember that initial meeting well. It was early 2010 and Haley was new to Masonicare.

"It was my very first home visit since joining the company," Haley remembers with a chuckle, "so I was really nervous. But my visit with Gloria gave me the confidence to go for it and really touch the lives of all the people I've worked with since. It was a really good experience for both of us."

Gloria nods in agreement.

"Haley doesn't even know how good she is," Gloria says. "She had a way about her. She lifted my spirits without ever knowing she was doing it. She made me feel good about myself again. She talked to me nice and slowly and looked straight into my face as she spoke. Her eyes weren't darting all over the room like she was bored. She gave me so many great ideas, so many things to think about. She helped me realize that there are things I can do to improve my situation before I'm ready to move to the Wright Residence, Masonicare's independent living apartments."

"Gloria and I completed the necessary paperwork to put her on the waiting list to move to the Wright Residence," Haley says, "and we also did a benefits checkup, which



Waterbury resident Gloria McKee, left, with Masonicare Community Services Representative Haley McCarthy.

Photo by Val Cipriano

is a form we fill out with clients to determine what benefits and services they might qualify for through federal, state, local, and private sources. What we learned is that there were a lot of different assistance programs Gloria was eligible for but wasn't taking advantage of. For example, when I first met her, she wasn't having anyone come to her home to help with household chores. Now she does. That's our goal: to make sure people like Gloria are getting the care they need at no cost to them or at a discounted rate."

Thanks to MCS, Gloria has a renewed sense of optimism about the future. Approaching her 83rd birthday, she's volunteering at Waterbury Hospital and feeling like she has more control over her life.

MCS has had many success stories since Gloria's and Carl Anderson hopes to hear even more in the future.

"We'd like to see MCS utilized by more people," he says. "There are many people who don't know that it's available, or that it's a free service with no strings attached. It's just there to help people."

Your gifts to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut will help create "Masonicare Experiences" for others. To find out how you can support The Foundation or to make a gift, please call 203-679-5555 or 800-562-3952. You can also donate online at www.masonicare.org/mcf.

I have a letter written in 1945 from Ansel Packard, then Grand Master, who had led a campaign that raised \$105,669.47 for the Masonic Service Association (MSA) to aid brothers in the Armed Forces during World War II. Special gifts were received from Sphinx Temple, the Medical Masonic Club of Hartford, State Police Hi-Twelve Club, and pledges by brothers. Some of the larger lodge donations were from St. John's Lodge No. 3 (\$1,891), Union Lodge No. 5 (\$1,780), St. John's Lodge No. 8 (\$1,404), Corinthian Lodge No. 104 (\$1,576), King Hiram Lodge No. 12 (\$1,001), Federal Lodge No. 17 (\$1,225), Seneca Lodge No. 55 (\$1,500), Wooster Lodge No. 79 (\$2,304), Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125

(\$2,101), Trumbull Lodge No. 22 (\$1,546), Franklin Lodge No. 56 (\$1,202), Frederick Lodge No. 14 (\$1,391), Hartford Lodge No. 88 (\$2,528), St. John's Lodge No. 4 (\$2,435), Union Lodge No. 31 (\$1,816) and Fayette Lodge No. 69 (\$1,038). The MSA staffed service centers near base locations throughout the country. It was a place for brothers to relax and enjoy fraternal friendship while stationed away from home.



Master, was present for the evening.

Eleazer Hubbell, according to an article written in 1961, was prominent in civic and business affairs in Fairfield and, was at the advanced age of 62, old by standards of the day. We assume he was made a Mason in New York City but it is also possible he was made in an Army lodge during the French and Indian War.

He was related to both the Silliman and Burr families (prominent in Fairfield), and was a trader at Black Rock, where he traded goods from the West Indies. He speculated on lands in Willington where he lived for a short time (enough time for one child to be born there). Later he moved on to Newtown with his brother and town records show more children being born there. He was then located in New Fairfield, where he was a resident of the North Society, which later became the town of Sherman. He probably had a store in Sherman and traveled from Fairfield. Hubbell, as Master of the present day Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, saw the membership roster rise to 20. Sherman records indicate he died there, but there has been no sighting of his tombstone or final resting place. The lodge will celebrate their 250th anniversary this winter.



An interesting fact in the *New London Day* appeared on December 30, 1914. For the first time in history, the officers of Union Lodge No. 31, New London, were installed by the Grand Master. MW Edgar Parkman came from Thompsonville to install the officers and lay the cornerstone of the building. The dinner was prepared by Fidelity Chapter No. 54, OES. A luncheon was held for Grand Lodge officers at the nearby Crocker House in downtown New London. Also present was Grand Senior Warden Thomas Mackenzie of Pawcatuck. Charles Perkins of New London served as Grand Marshal. The installation ceremonies were held in the apartments of Brainard Lodge No. 102. WB Robert H. Byles was installed as Worshipful Master of Union Lodge No. 31 that evening.



Eleazer Hubbell (1700-1770) was the charter Master of the lodge at Fairfield. The geographical jurisdiction of the lodge was Fairfield County when chartered by George Harrison, Provincial Grand Master of New York. The date of the charter was February 12, 1762. Three days later, seven men met at the county seat for the institution of the lodge and the initiation of two candidates. Arnout Cannon, Deputy Grand



Twenty five years ago, Grand Master Dennis Elkins wrote in his quarterly message in the winter of 1986, "I cannot help but think of a statement I heard several years ago that certainly is appropriate for our situation. 'Institutions, organizations and situations cannot cause change... individuals can!' My Brothers, the time has come for us to stop discussing and start performing."

The statement says that individuals cause change, and the record of causing that change is left to the Masonic historian. Brothers have caused change in fraternal, social, and economic situations throughout this state in the 26 decades that Masonry has been in existence. The stories of these brothers are individualistic and interesting, and even sometimes bland. Sometime they exist only in the minds of friends or relatives and are lost when memories fade or individuals die. It is of utmost importance to write as many stories down for posterity, so that future ages may find out the right.

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Open House Training Session a Huge Success!

by *Committee on Community Action*

A standing room only crowd of brothers attended the Open House training session on July 30 at the auditorium of the Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. The two hour seminar covered topics including working with appendant bodies on an open house, preparing your lodge for an open house,



Bro. Tom Burke makes a point with his Power Point presentation at the Open House training session on July 30.

starting a public relations program for your lodge, answering questions from the public, being prepared to discuss topics found in Masonic literature, and information to be distributed about the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness program.

The seminar was organized to provide training and support for the upcoming Saturday, October 15, statewide Open House Program. Forty-seven lodges sent representatives. Several supporting materials were presented including banners to be distributed for each lodge, a media kit that includes a draft press release, newspaper media contacts, pocket cards with the Open House program information, and literature holders for the Organ and Tissue Donor program literature.

"The turnout for this seminar is outstanding," said WB Johnny Miller, COCA chairman. "This shows how interested the brothers are in making the Open House program successful for their lodge."



The lens wasn't wide enough to show all the attendees at the Open House seminar at the Masonicare Health Center auditorium.

Speakers at the program included RW Mike Dodge, RW Carl Anderson, RW Charles Tirrell, WB Johnny Miller, WB Carl Larson, RW Carl Ek, WB Chuck 2.0 Landau, and Brother Tom Burke. The Grand Lodge website, www.ctfreemasons.net, has copies of the presentations available for all members.

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.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson President & CEO of Masonicare



I'm blessed to have two grown daughters. Both have promising careers, one in Washington, D.C., the other New York City. When they were growing up, I was struck as a parent how society provided more opportunities for boys. Thankfully, through initiatives like Title IX, things have changed. I recall vividly the first time we watched the UConn Lady Huskies play the Tennessee Volunteers. The rivalry provided an opening for a father to have "quality time" with his daughters watching sports, talking strategy, the importance of teamwork, practice, and dedication – not to mention providing female role models. It was Gino versus Pat; Rebecca Lobo and Jen Rizzotti taking on and defeating the established dynasty. Wonderful times.

The news over the past few weeks that longtime Tennessee coach Pat Summitt has been diagnosed with early-onset dementia brought back a flood of memories for me. Some go back twenty years, others a few months. Former Tennessee standout and current Connecticut Suns player Kara Lawson was quoted as saying, "Coach is about living the moment, enjoying people, maintaining relationships." Another associate was quoted as saying, "Pat

stands for excellence, strength, honesty, and courage." I hope that through the bonding times of UConn basketball, these life lessons have been instilled in my daughters.

My mother passed away in May on the dementia unit at the Masonicare Health Center. The times I spent with her on the unit included times of reflection and times of celebration. During her last few weeks, life's lessons that she and my father passed on to me and I, in turn, to my daughters, became much clearer. "Excellence, strength, honesty, and courage" are at the top of the list. Equally important are humility and respect. Kara Lawson reflected on a situation when Coach Summitt could have exploited her status at Tennessee; instead, she told her player, "That's not how it works. You don't ever act like you're better than people or entitled to something. There is a time and place for everything."

Dementia care is a major service provided by Masonicare. The majority of apartments at Lockwood Lodge are for memory-impaired persons and 45 of the units at Pond Ridge at Ashlar Village are also. Half the beds at Masonicare at Newtown and 120 beds at Masonicare Health Center are dedicated to helping

patients and their families deal with this disease. And, increasingly, we are seeing younger patients with this heartbreaking diagnosis.

I've realized that this is where my personal and professional lives have come together. Over her last nine months, my mother was treated by the best caregivers our industry has to offer, starting with the home care personnel at Masonicare Home Health & Hospice and then the staffs of Wooster 3 and 4 and the Acute Care Unit at Masonicare Health Center. Everywhere we turned, my mother and I encountered caring, compassionate, consummate professionals. Trying to install in my young daughters the values of excellence, strength, honesty, and courage, together with humility and respect for others, I hope I've succeeded. Experiencing firsthand the care my mother received, I know that these values are in the fabric of everyday life at Masonicare.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve".

MAN Celebrates 25 Years of Free Concerts

In July, Masonicare at Newtown celebrated the 25th anniversary of providing free Summer Sounds Concerts for residents, patients, staff, and the community, including the Masonic family. In special recognition of this major milestone, Morrison Dining Services, Masonicare's dining services provider, hosted a free community picnic on July 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. prior to the scheduled concert.

Following a meal provided by Morrison, the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard Swing Band performed for the assembled crowd. As always, the band's nostalgic and ever popular music was a big hit, enjoyed by everyone who attended – no matter when they were born!

Administrator John Sweeney said, "A sincere thank you from all of us goes to Morrison Dining Services for their generosity and for making this special anniversary concert one we'll long remember."

A resounding "thank you" goes to Masonicare at Newtown for being such a good friend and neighbor to Newtown and area communities for the past 25 years.



More than 100 people attended the special celebration concert at Masonicare at Newtown on July 27.

Change Comes to Masonic Education

by Ben Isaccson

Masonic education has been a cornerstone of Speculative Masonry for almost four hundred years. The founders of Freemasonry possessed inquisitive minds, for each was born, educated, and raised during a revolutionary period of European learning and discourse called The Enlightenment. To these enlightened and educated brothers Freemasonry owes its present substance and form: the use of symbolism to assist each Mason to learn to discover inner perfection and thus be enabled to be a brother to all mankind.

Today, while education is viewed as necessary to earn a living, it is not universally valued as a science or art to attain personal perfection. This view is inconsistent with Masonic thought and practice. The Committee on Masonic Education (CME) urges all Masons to continue their search for Masonic light through continued reading, inquiry, discussion, and research in Masonry. For this purpose, a Fellowcraft learns to develop an inquiring mind, value knowledge,

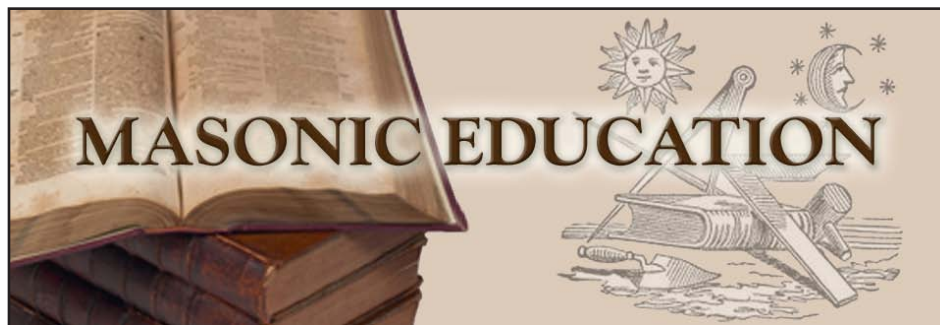
and acquire greater ability by pursuing "the study of the liberal arts."

Once attaining the rank of Master Mason, a brother has gained sufficient knowledge to "travel and work as such" visiting other lodges nearby or in foreign lands. Such visitation enlivens fellowship, provides a chance to learn and observe other customs, and strengthens Masonic character through

all brothers.

To assist the lodges and Worshipful Masters in delivering timely Masonic instruction at each stated communication, the CME has changed to provide more than officer training seminars. Thanks to the redesign of the Grand Lodge website, CME has been able to post online material that any lodge or brother will find of immediate use in attaining greater Masonic understanding. These include Masonic minutes, writings, research lodge papers, recommended readings, websites, a speakers bureau, Masonic trivia, and more. Questions or requests may be sent to the committee at CME@ctfreemasons.net.

The Grand Master's initiative has caused much discussion, and at CME, we endorse the Grand Master's edict, and cheerfully labor in the educational quarry for you. As our fraternal founders demonstrated, "Educationtends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind...." that it provides each Mason with the skills and knowledge to complete his Wayfarer's journey to Light.



crafting distant fraternal relationships.

Recognizing that lack of Masonic knowledge and practice weakens our Craft and diminishes brotherhood, Grand Master, James T. McWain, has charged all Connecticut lodges to raise properly educated Masons, and to provide continuing Masonic education for

MHC's Good Thyme Café Gets Rave Reviews

Dining To You, Masonicare Health Center's new dining service for patients of 2 Ramage, the Health Center's short-term rehabilitation unit, debuted July 18. The new service is designed to improve the overall dining experience by offering more menu choices and providing a restaurant-style



Now patients on 2Ramage can enjoy restaurant-style dining with the new Dining to You service, begun in July.

ambiance in the 2

Ramage dining room – now aptly renamed the Good Thyme Café.

The new dining experience has been a great hit with patients. Comments include, "What a great spread you put out. I'm stuffed;" "I never have to ask to microwave my food. The soup is hot and the meal is freshly cooked;" and "I can't wait to see my friends in the dining room tomorrow." Currently, lunch and dinner are served in the Good Thyme Cafe, but meals can also be served to patients in their rooms if they'd prefer.

The completion of the Good Thyme Café and the start of Dining To You is the result of several months of planning, including redecorating of the 2 Ramage dining room and training staff to assure the success of the new service.

Bro. Tom Gutner, administrator, said nursing and dining services staffs have been doing an excellent job. "They've worked together to assist the residents with their menu selections, serving them with a smile, as well as preparing the delicious meals.

It's rewarding for everyone involved to see how the planning and hard work have brought the dining experience to a whole new level for our patients."

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Marty Rudnick: Board Member, Volunteer, Donor, Friend

by Adam Raider

At some point in their lives, most people have had to rely on a small group of good friends to help them move from one home to another. But there is always one friend – strong and silent – who shows up at your doorstep just a bit earlier than the rest, promptly grabs the heaviest box in sight, and begins loading up the moving van. And he doesn't quit until the job is done.

In its own way, Masonicare is fortunate to have many such friends. Bro. Marty Rudnick, RW Past District Deputy, is one. Over the span of two decades, he has shown his support for Masonicare's statewide healthcare continuum as a board member, volunteer, and donor.

"I do recommend Masonicare and try to be an advocate for the company," Marty says. "When people ask me what it's like, I tell them, 'Here's what Masonicare has to offer, but don't just take my word for it. Go check it out for yourself.'"

A Scottish Rite Mason raised at Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, where he was a two-time Past Master, Bro. Marty is also a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 103, North Haven, and Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven. His extensive Masonic ties also include membership at Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, Philosophic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, and Lodge of the Holy Land No. 50 in Tel Aviv, Israel. He currently sits on the Grand Lodge of Connecticut's Ritual and Ceremonies Committee.

Born and raised in New Haven, Marty taught biology and marine science in Milford for 30 years. He and his wife, the late Rita Zamkov Rudnick, moved to North Haven, where they raised two sons. Rita passed away in 2007. Marty was remarried in 2008 to Paula Levy, a New Haven native who, like him, has a strong Masonic association within her family.

Marty sat down recently to reflect on his relationship with Masonicare and how he first took an interest in issues facing seniors.

"I had a grandfather who was retired from the Post Office," Marty recalls, "and we were living in the home that he had purchased from his father. I always had a responsibility,



RW Martin L. Rudnick, center, was on hand for the recent dedication of the resident library at Masonicare Health Center in memory of his late wife, Rita Zamkov Rudnick. Bro. Marty is joined here by Bro. William C. Piper, chief operating officer of Masonicare and President of Masonicare Health Center, and Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

from the time that I was eight or nine years old, to make sure he and my grandmother were doing okay. In that sense, relating to older adults has never been difficult for me. Years later, as I watched my father's health decline and my grandparents passed away, I became more familiar with some of the issues older people face."

That, he says, is why he took such a keen interest in teacher retirement issues. He spent 12 years with the State of Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Board and in that role, helped develop an insurance program for retired educators that is still in place today.

"I saw people who didn't really plan for their futures," he says. "And I don't mean monetary planning. It had more to do with providing for their own healthcare and physical well-being in the later stages of life."

These experiences made Marty a valuable resource to the various boards and committees on which he's served, including the first Masonicare Health Center Development Committee (which has since expanded into the Masonicare Quality of Life Committee) and Board of Directors of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Working with people with intellectual and physical disabilities in his youth gave Marty an appreciation for volunteerism. He continues to be generous with his time as a volunteer for Masonicare, participating

for many years in phonathon fundraisers and providing behind-the-scenes logistical support to some of The Masonic Charity Foundation's biggest events, including the annual Masonicare Golf Classic and the Masonicare Quality of Life Walk.

When Marty received proceeds from Rita's life insurance policy, he decided to donate these funds to The Masonic Charity Foundation in her memory. With this gift, Marty – who was already a regular contributor to the Masonicare Annual Appeal and Holiday Appeal and a member of The Foundation's Masonicare Society – became a Benefactor of The Foundation. The resident library at Masonicare Health Center was recently renovated and named in Rita's honor.

"I felt the best way to honor Rita would be to make a contribution to The Foundation in her memory," Marty explains. "The decision to name the library came later. Rita was a teacher who loved books and education and keeping people informed, so naming the library at Masonicare Health Center for her just seemed natural. She was very thankful for the care her folks got while they were at Masonicare Health Center."

Marty recognizes that Masonicare's goal of improving the quality of life of Connecticut's seniors is never done. He enjoys doing what he can, when he can, to further that mission.

"I just like making people feel good," he says. "It's something that's hard to explain, something internal. But I've always said that although it's nice to get a little recognition for some of the things I've done for Masonicare, the only thing I've ever wanted in return is for someone to say thank you. I've never looked for medals or honors or anything else."

Jennifer A. King, The Foundation's executive director, agrees, describing Marty as a "tried and true" friend of Masonicare who places little value on individual accolades.

"He's just so consistent," she says. "Marty is the kind of person who's always there when you need him. We are so grateful to Marty not only for his generosity towards The Foundation, but for everything he does for Masonicare as a whole."



Connecticut Freemasons Have the Power to *DONATE LIFE*SM



Why the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program for our lodge?

by Richard F. Denno

This question is often asked question by members: "Why should our lodge become involved with the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program?" The answer is three-fold.

The first reason is the most important one; it is good for our communities. "It is the right thing to do." Freemasons are, and have always been, involved in sponsoring or promoting projects and programs which benefit their communities. American Red Cross Blood Drives are run by Masonic lodges throughout Connecticut. When lodges hear of a problem in their communities, their brothers take action to solve that problem.

Ten years ago, Freemasons saw a need for an identification

agencies in identifying and locating abducted children. The Connecticut Child Identification Program (CTCHIP) is now in more than 36 states. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut was one of the first Masonic jurisdictions to become involved, and has participated in the evolution and enhancement of the program.

The second and third reasons are inter-connected. From good works comes community recognition. Yes, your lodge did a service program because "it is the right thing to do." Your communities notice, and applaud your lodge's efforts. Within your communities are quality men, looking for quality organizations to become involved with. Membership numbers are shrinking in clubs and service organizations across the country. Simply put, quality

(relevant, important) programs attract quality men. Could your lodge use 'A Few Good Men?'

On October 15, Freemasons throughout New England will be opening their doors, inviting quality men to explore membership in Freemasonry. These very same potential candidates will be thinking and asking, "Why should I join this lodge?" What program is more important than saving the lives of our family, friends and neighbors through organ/tissue/eye donation?

At the July 30 Open House seminar, brothers were given Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program brochure holders, filled with our new informational brochures. On the back is our program's logo, and, more importantly, the www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org

website, where information on donation and online registration can be found. As your lodge's

first step in becoming involved in spreading the lifesaving message of organ and tissue donor registration, proudly display this holder at your Open House. Show your prospective new brothers that your lodge does important work within your community and they should seriously explore membership in Connecticut Freemasonry.

If your lodge did not receive a brochure holder and brochures on July 30, please email to toursone@comcast.net and we will see that you get one in time for your Open House.

As of this writing, over 111,860 are still waiting on the UNOS (United Network of Organ Sharing) waiting list – waiting for that organ which could save or greatly extend their lives. Help end their wait by becoming involved.

To register online, go to www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org. Remember – "Don't Take Your Organs To Heaven – Heaven Knows We Need Them Here!"

Renovated Patio Dedicated



Pictured here is the Board of Directors of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut along with Jennifer A. King, executive director, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. On this occasion, the newly renovated outdoor patio of the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Masonicare Health Center was dedicated in appreciation of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation for their generous support of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut in 2011.



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Brian V. Adams.....	Federal 17	Frederick G. Klimowicz.....	Temple 16
Jonathan C. Sales.....	Federal 17	Philip C. Newton.....	Temple 16
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Michael G. Farina.....	Friendship Tuscan 145	James M. Freire.....	Union 5
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Daniel Vitro.....	Harmony 67	Christopher S. Lent.....	Uriel 24
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Robert E. Pranitis.....	Hartford Evergreen 88	Anthony J. Starkowski.....	Village 29
Edward L. Chase.....	Hiram 1	Bryan J. Davis.....	Washington 70
Christopher R. Edwards.....	Hiram 1	Micael S. George Jr.....	Washington 70
Nelson Flores.....	Hiram 1	William S. Matthews Jr.....	Washington 70
Frank J. Mosca.....	Hiram 1	Kyle J. Pecor.....	Washington 70
Jeremy A. Peterson.....	Hiram 1	Richard H. Agins.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4
Lawrence E. Ogbogu.....	Hiram 18	Jonathan M. Cabral.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4
Bryan J. Belden.....	King Hiram 12	Timothy R. Clemens Jr.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4
Jonathan D. Klish.....	King Hiram 12	Lee C. DelValle.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4
Michael A. Rizzio.....	King Hiram 12	Jason W. Dion.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4
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Brandon C. Dunn.....	Madison 87	Shabrielee Matias.....	Wyllys-St. John's 4
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CONGRATULATIONS

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

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

Everyone knows the growth of an organization can only be achieved through an increase in membership. Whether you are a member who only attends on occasion or currently active, we invite you and your family to join us on Thursday, September 8, for the Valley of Hartford Fall Season Open House.

Formerly known as "Candidate Information Night," this a chance to renew old acquaintances, meet the officers for 2011-2012, learn about the fall degree schedule, and have an opportunity to take a tour of our Scottish Rite Cathedral. We will also be accepting petitions to receive the degrees for our fall class.

For Blue Lodge Masons, this is a time for you to learn more about what the Scottish Rite has to offer. The Scottish Rite is a family-oriented organization, so we will have a short program about our Family Life events. You and your family will have an opportunity to hear about the wide variety of programs that will bring you enjoyment should you become a member of our Valley.

If you are already a Scottish Rite member, now is the time for you to ensure that the Scottish Rite continues to grow. Bring a Master Mason to this event.

The evening's activities begin at 7:30 p.m., September 8, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 207 Deming Street, Newington, and will be followed by a social hour next door at the Sphinx Shrine facility.

For those Masons who are not yet members of the Scottish Rite, and who would like further information about us, our fraternal fellowship, or about the charities that we support, we also have informational DVDs available to answer your questions. Please contact the Valley of Hartford Secretary at 860-666-0712 or at sect@snet.net.

You can also learn about our activities, degree dates, and the benefits of belonging to the Scottish Rite by visiting *the website*.

Prospective candidates are reminded that the last date applications

will be accepted for the Fall Class is September 22.

Valley of Hartford members should have received the latest issue of the *View of the Valley*, as well as the 2011-2012 Directory and Calendar, but if not please contact the Valley Office.

The Valley will once again be having pre-degree dinners, starting at 6:00 pm on degree evenings. As always, reservations are required by the Monday preceding the degree. So come join us, meet the new candidates, your officers, and most of all your fellow brethren, and stay for the degree portrayals of the evening. You might see a degree that you have not seen before or an updated version of one you have!



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Sojourners on Parade in Stonington

by Jon Wilson

On July 4, the New London Chapter No. 58, Fort Trumbull Camp, had the honor of carrying the replica of the Stonington Battle flag in the Stonington Village Parade. Each year the Stonington Historical Society organizes a participatory parade for the town's people to join with the Society's members and including the town's fire trucks, and ambulances. The parade journeys past Cannon Square, where cannon that defended the town in during the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 are on display, back to the Village green, where the Declaration of Independence is read, and a "Pox on King George" declared.

The replica flag, 18 feet by 11 feet, is copied after the Battle Flag from the War of 1812. The first celebration took place on August 10, 1815, a year after the battle, the first year of peace. Stonington's battle flag, a huge, shot-torn banner of sixteen stars and sixteen stripes, was raised at the 1814 fort. The fort is shown on old maps as a curved rampart facing to the south and west.

A procession marched to the Congregational Church, listened to an address by the Rev. Ira Hart, and returned to the fort, then a



The winding streets of Stonington and the turns in the parade route caused the New London Chapter of National Sojourners to navigate their flag with dexterity.

prayer closed the day. The historic Stonington flag, a very rare 16 star, 16 stripe example and possibly the only period 16 star flag in existence, had been on display for many years in the Ocean Bank building in Stonington. Recently it was taken down for cleaning and an assessment, and a replica was made as the original is too fragile to even be displayed.

Estuary Lodge No. 43, Old Saybrook

A Candidate for a lodge "Fix-Up" Award



A weathered, tired facade with a strange mixture of styles.



Replace oil with gas and add air conditioning.



BEFORE

170 year old walls in need of insulation.



AFTER

Banquet hall ready for service.



BEFORE

1970's orange vinyl seats were in good shape...



AFTER

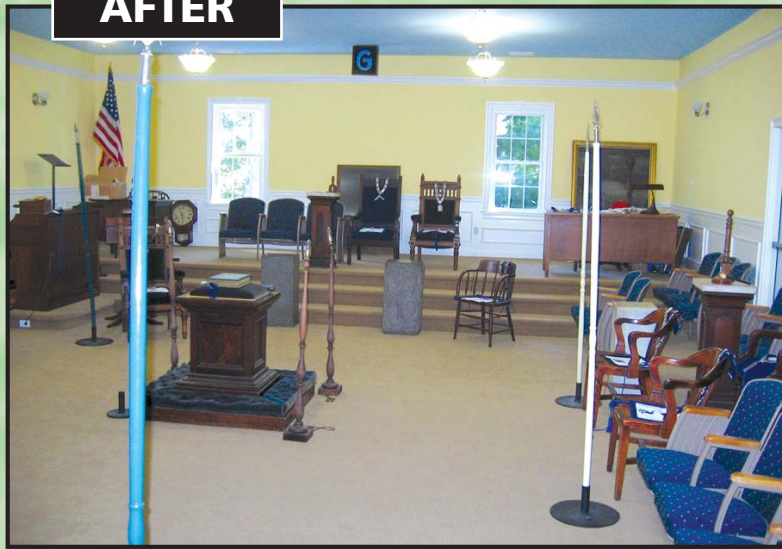
but recovered in blue material should be timeless.

BEFORE



The lodge room stripped to the wall joists.

AFTER



The finished lodge room ready to return to labor.



New larger kitchen and two new baths.



Finished exterior, ready for landscaping.

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Watch for your Grand Master's Appeal letter. It will also contain an important survey from the Strategic Planning Committee. We hope you will respond with a donation, and with your thoughts on the direction you wish the fraternity should pursue in the future.

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Ivanhoe Lodge in Darien Presents Longevity Awards

by David Polett

A rare Saturday afternoon meeting was the occasion for Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien, to present longevity awards to some of its most loyal members. Assembling at the Masonic Club of Darien, the lodge was opened for Masons and visitors in a semi-public ceremony honoring brothers who had reached milestones in their Masonic careers.

Worshipful Master Joseph McBride welcomed Bro. Maurice Heim, Right Worshipful District Deputy 1B, who was assisted District 1A Associate Grand Marshal WB Steven Petri.

Brother Eric Ferguson of Darien was presented his 60 year pin and certificate by WB McBride and RW Heim. Brother Ferguson has long been a benefactor of Ivanhoe Lodge and the Masonic Club of Darien. WM McBride thanked Brother Ferguson for his years of service to the fraternity, and his outstanding contributions.

WB Frank Booth was honored for 50 years in the fraternity by RW Heim, assisted by Bro.

Booth's son, Richard, who pinned the 50 year award on his father's lapel. Frank has been a solid contributor to Ivanhoe Lodge and the Masonic Club of Darien. He is a Past Master, and his expertise in ritual along with the upkeep of the building has been invaluable.

Brother Fred Glotzer was honored for 35 years. For most of that time he has been the treasurer of both the lodge and the club. He is a cherished member.

WB Medi Abadi received his 15 year pin and certificate. Medi is also a Past Master of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, as well as chaplain of Ivanhoe Lodge.

WB Steven Petri was the recipient of a 5 year certificate and pin. Steve is a Past Master of Union Lodge No. 5, and currently serves as Associate Grand Marshal of District 1A.

A moment of silence and reflection was held in memory of two Ivanhoe Lodge



WB Frank Booth is pinned with his 50 year pin by his son, Richard Booth, at Ivanhoe Lodge's awards celebration.

brothers who recently passed away, Roger Petrone, Sr., and Tucker M. Scott, Jr.

After the presentations the sixty brothers and guests were treated to a delicious meal prepared by WB George Moschos, Past Master of both Union Lodge No. 5 and Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107.

PM from India Visits Union Lodge No. 5

by Thomas A. Burke

A brother from India visiting his American family located Union Lodge No. 5's website, and decided to visit during the lodge's program on August 3. Worshipful Brother Kiran H. Baxi hails from Tyrrell Leith Lodge No. 43, Baroda, India. The lodge was named for RW Edward Tyrrell Leith, the District Grand Master for Bombay when the lodge was consecrated on October 27, 1886. It was one of the fourteen founding lodges of the Grand Lodge of India.

WB Baxi is a Past Master and 25-year member of his lodge, and has also held the office of Director of Ceremonies, performing many installation programs. After a thorough examination, including verification that his lodge is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, WB Baxi presented a letter of introduction from his lodge, and also shared a few copies of his lodge's "summons," which are calls to meetings.

Junior Warden David Jackson catered a meal of Indian food from Coromandel restaurant, including vegetarian dishes in consideration of WB Baxi's diet. WB Baxi enjoyed the meal, and said it was some of the best Indian food he has ever tasted; he also requested to bring some leftovers home to his wife.

At the request of WM Jon Ringel for the education portion of the program, WB Baxi shared details about Freemasonry in India and his lodge. Tyrrell Leith Lodge No. 43 donates blankets for the homeless, computers for schoolchildren, and health tests for those in need of medical assistance. The brothers felt honored to have such a distinguished brother from across the world visit with them.



WM Jon Ringel, right, welcomes WB Kiran H. Baxi from Tyrrell Leith Lodge No. 43, Baroda, India, to Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford.

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Temple Lodge No. 65 Supports Local EMS

by Anthony Foote

WB Anthony Foote presented a check for \$3,000 to paramedic Michael R. Salvatore on behalf of the brothers of Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport to purchase two specially equipped emergency response bicycles for the community.

The bikes are specially built for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) departments and carry a broad range of first response equipment, thus offering faster emergency services to the people of Westport.

The bikes are 2010 Fuji Police Specials; each is equipped with mountaineering bags, a medication bag, and emergency lights with siren. The total weight of the bags, when fully loaded, is about 35 pounds. Each bike carries spare tire tubes, a small tool kit, and an air pump.

Each two-bike team consists of a paramedic and an EMT. The paramedic bike carries oxygen, breathing tubes, oxygen masks and supplies, intravenous

supplies, basic bandaging equipment, blood pressure cuffs, and medications for allergic reactions, cardiac and diabetic emergencies, drug overdoses, and medications for breathing problems.

The EMT bike carries oxygen, a heart defibrillator, oxygen supplies, bandaging

and splinting equipment, neck collars, ice and heat packs, a child birthing kit, blood pressure cuffs, and medications for allergic reactions.

A bike team can be on standby at large crowd events in Westport and surrounding towns. Out of town use requires coordination with their ambulance service and approval from the Westport EMS Director. The team also can provide information on bike safety, proper helmet fits, public relations, and information on Emergency Medical Services and EMS Cycling.

The required 32 hour training program from the International Police Mountain Bike Association teaches bike control, crowd control, safe riding skills, navigating in crowds, and how to ride up and down stairs and over rough terrain. A bike team can get to areas of need faster than an ambulance to begin care and stabilize a patient until a transport unit arrives.



Brothers of Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, and Paramedic Michael R. Salvatore stand beside the two bikes to be used for responding to unique medical emergencies.

Summer Picnic Beats the Heat!

by Thomas A. Burke

With the sun blazing and temperatures nearing 90 degrees on Saturday, July 16, Union Lodge No. 5's summer picnic was bound to be filled with lots of food, fun, and several ways to beat the heat.

New easy-to-setup tents were set up to provide additional areas of shade (thank you WB Corbo!). WB Doug Burchard rigged a large tarp in front of the big tent for even more shade. The tarp also had the effect of diverting wind downward, creating a natural fan effect and helping to keep everyone cool.

Responding to specific dietary requests, Senior Warden Tom Burke expanded the picnic menu to include options for nearly every palate – from traditional burgers to turkey burgers and veggie burgers, from traditional hot dogs to chicken hot dogs and turkey hot dogs, beef or cheddar bratwurst, and barbecued chicken breasts.

Picnickers had their choice of broccoli or summer slaw, red potato salad, vinaigrette pasta salad, green garden salad, and five different kinds of potato chips.

Dessert included a gigantic watermelon,

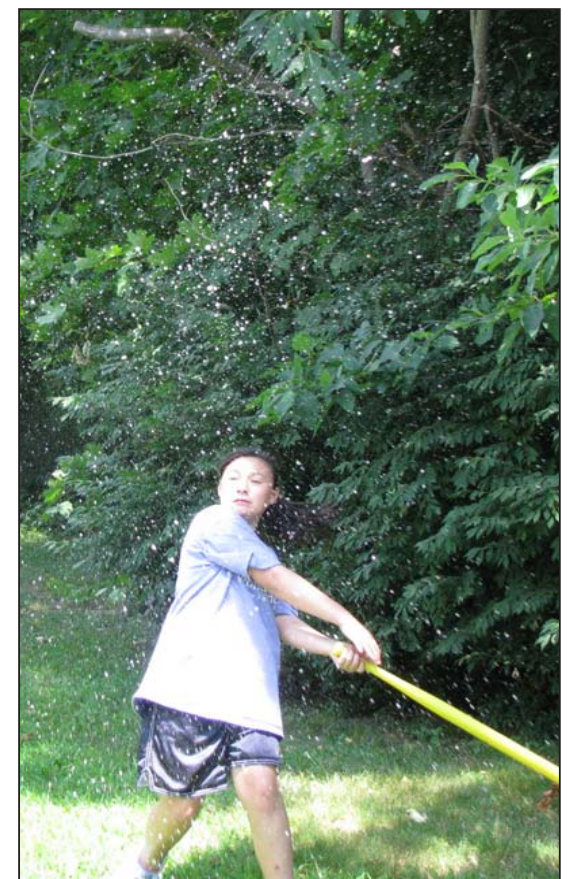
assorted cookies, brownies, and several kinds of ice cream treats. WB Sal Florio brought a carton of gourmet Italian cookies from his own bakery, "Golden Glow Cookie Company, Inc."

Several visitors included men interested in Freemasonry and were shown inside the lodge building to learn more about Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford.

The water balloon filling station was well attended throughout the day. Kids used the water balloons for batting practice, which made huge sprays and some complete soakings before the big afternoon Wiffle Ball game, led by WB Domenic Corbo.

Junior Warden David Jackson provided the most memorable image of the day as he taught his young daughters how to jump rope by jumping rope himself!

Toward the end of the day, several attendees lined up for a water balloon toss – with no one minding if they missed their balloon. Winners of the water balloon toss were Junior Deacon Adam Ellyson and his fiancée Jennifer Riggot – congratulations Adam and Jen!



The kids found another way to keep cool, smack a water balloon, or try to play catch with them.

DISTRICT No. 4

- (a) RW Charles H. Tirrell, DD • WB Wayne G. Bailey, AGM
(b) RW Kenneth L. Greenhill, DD • WB David K. Eisenman, AGM
(c) RW Vernon A. Conklin, Sr., DD • WB Robert G. Guarnieri, AGM
(d) RW William S. Clark, DD • WB Gregory K. Whitehouse, AGM

Hiram No. 1 on the Harbor

by Michael Calderone

The brethren of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, along with family and friends set sail on a cloudy Saturday in August aboard the schooner *Quinnipiac* for an early evening cruise in New Haven Harbor.

Two years ago, as a newly raised Mason, I sailed with Hiram Lodge without my wife, Jennifer, or our two daughters. They were all at home awaiting the arrival of my third daughter who was due a few days later. My new brothers and I all had a memorable time pulling the rigging and seeing how exhilarating sailing could be.

Unbeknownst to me, however, my wife was having her first contraction as the ship pushed off from the dock at 7:00 p.m.

Two hours later, I called her to let her know we had come ashore, and she informed me that we needed to get to the hospital!

Happily all worked out well. To celebrate my daughter's second birthday we all joined the Hiram family on the *Quinnipiac* this year. Sadly, a storm was racing up the coast and threatened the excursion. The Captain thought it wise not to raise the sails, which left us bobbing lazily on the water.

Nonetheless, brethren who had not seen each other all summer caught up, new friends were made, and all enjoyed a relaxing time on deck. With the lodge work of autumn rapidly approaching, we were all happy to have this moment to simply enjoy each other's company.



Brothers Steve Allinson, Glenn Jaques, Gary McKoy, WM Paul Corriveau, Jr., and RW Doug Graay speaking with friends and crew members on the schooner *Quinnipiac*.

The Meriden Masonic History Museum in association with Meridian Lodge No. 77 presents

Brotherhood and The Civil War

Published Civil War scholar, Matther Bartlett, will be presenting material about Freemasons in the American Civil War and how their actions shaped the war and their brotherhood.

Books will be available for purchase from the author.

September 24

Meriden Masonic Temple
112 East Main Street, Meriden

Dinner buffet at 6:00 p.m. (\$10.00 per person)
Program at 7:00 p.m. - Book signing to follow

For dinner reservation or more information contact: Bro. Paul Magnotta at 860-398-0685



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



Time for a Picnic!

by Arnie Grot

Members of Columbia Lodge No. 25, and Good Intent Chapter No. 17, Order of Eastern Star, both of South Glastonbury, held their annual picnic on July 16. The festivities were held along the Mystic River at Gerry and Betty Thompson's cottage in Noak. The sun was out, the breeze was steady, and the land seemed to rock.

Members of the South Glastonbury Masonic lodge and Eastern Star assembly paused from their picnic to pose for a photo along the Mystic River.

photo by Herb Grommeck.

MW William Storer Graveside Service

by Justin A. Duffy

MW William Storer was called to the Celestial Lodge on May 30, 1872, and was laid to rest in New Haven's historic Grove Street Cemetery. In his 74 years of life he did much to advance the Craft in Connecticut. He had been a member of Asylum Lodge No. 57, Stonington, dimiting in 1831 to join Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven. He would later move to West Hartford and become a member of St. John's Lodge No. 4, then in Hartford, the closest lodge in the area.

Brother Storer found it difficult to attend lodge meetings in Hartford. The trip down Albany Avenue by horse and buggy took more than an hour. The long journey, made longer by the inclemency of New England winters, caused Bro. Storer to see the importance of a new Masonic lodge in the community of West Hartford early in 1865.

In 1866, a petition was presented to St. John's Lodge No. 4 to establish a lodge of Masons in West Hartford. The request was granted and Wyllys Lodge No. 99 was born. Its first meeting was held on March 5, 1866; its charter was dated May 17. The lodge was named in honor of Colonel Samuel Wyllys, Revolutionary War hero and Mason. Bro. Wyllys was first captain of the First Company of Governor's Foot Guard when it was formed in 1771. Brother William Storer was elected the first Worshipful Master of Wyllys Lodge No. 99. He then served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1867 and 1868.

On June 26, brethren of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4 traveled to Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven to pay homage to their illustrious brother with a graveside wreath laying ceremony. Grove Street Cemetery historian Patricia Illingworth provided an enlightening tour; the cemetery contains many notable historic figures including Noah Webster, Eli Whitney, Walter Camp, the "Father of American Football", a empty gravesite for David Wooster, "Father of Freemasonry in Connecticut", and first Grand Master Bro. Pierpont Edwards.

It's Time for Camp

by Steve Aldi

For the past two summers, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, has put together a team of volunteers and gone to the Channel 3 Kids Camp in Andover to offer the CTCHIP program to the summer campers there. During those visits, more than 300 campers have gone through the identification process.

The team consists of members, family and friends of Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Police Explorers Post No. 800 from Vernon, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls – Meriden Assembly No. 11, and volunteers from the UCONN School of Dental Medicine in Farmington.

This year, the team went "west of the river" to Camp Courant on Batterson Park Road in Farmington to offer the program to campers there. Our host, Tarra Johnson and her staff were spot-on diverting pre-registered campers ages 5-15 from their daily activities to our open air set up in one of the pavilions. None of the campers missed their swimming sessions on this warm mid-July day. At the end of the session, another 70 young people had joined the Connecticut Child Identification Program alumni.

Event chairman Steve Aldi thanked the continued support of



Brothers of Wyllys-St. Johns Lodge No. 4 honored their first Worshipful Master, MW William Storer, at his final resting place in Groves Street Cemetery in New Haven.

The names of the streets in the cemetery reflect the names of major streets in New Haven so that citizens could be buried on the "street where they resided in life." Thus, the brothers ended their tour on Central Avenue Row where, at the grave of MW Storer, they performed a short program adapted from the official Grand Lodge funeral rite by WB Larry S. Baker.

Those in attendance included WM Justin A. Duffy, Chaplain RW Melvin E. Johnson, WB John Forlenza-Bailey, and Brothers Jonathan Stein, Joshua E. Dunn, and Shabrielee Matias. Wyllys-St. John's Lodge feels it is important to pay homage to those great Masons who have gone before. They serve as examples of what determined brothers can accomplish, and are the bedrock on which the Masons of today continue to build.



The brother with the biggest smile, CTCHIP Committee Chairman Ted Hasty, center, back row, couldn't have been more pleased with the diverse turnout of help at the Camp Courant event in July.

the CTCHIP state committee for getting supplies and equipment to support the events, and most especially WB Ted Hasty, committee chairman, who has participated every year.

DISTRICT No. 8

(a) RW Gerald F. Cross, DD • WB Clyde A. Fox, AGM
(b) RW I. William Clark, DD • WB Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., AGM

Perfect Craftsmen from District 8

by Richard Allen and Clyde Fox

At the 8th District Blue Lodge Council, held at Moosup Lodge on Monday, June 27, three brothers recently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, were recognized as having completed the requirements to receive the Perfect Ashlar Award. The award is earned by completing ten out of a possible eighteen tasks. By completing the endeavors the new Master Mason will gain a fuller experience and a better understanding of Masonry.

Brothers Terry Lyons, Charles Gibson and Les King are among the first brothers to achieve the recently created honor. Bros. Lyons and King are from Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34, Preston, and Bro. Gibson is from Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup.

Each aspiring Perfect Ashlar awardee is given a mentor. WB Chuck Clark was Bro. Terry Lyons mentor from the time he was raised on March 16. Bro. Terry said, "The two types of activities I enjoyed the most were; visiting other lodges, and attending

the degrees. I enjoyed meeting with other brothers in District 8-A, as well as in Japan while I was lucky enough to get to go to help with humanitarian relief after the Tsunami/Earthquake/Nuclear disasters.

I also enjoyed participating in the sub base degree team and helping to put on the Fellowcraft degree twice since being raised. I was lucky enough to have them put on my Fellowcraft degree, and now I get to enjoy working with this wonderful group of men and do the same for our new brothers."



RW Gerry Cross, 8A District Deputy, left, and RW Ted Nelson, Grand Marshal, right, congratulate, continuing from left, Brothers Terry Lyons, Charles Gibson and Les King, on their completion of tasks to earn the Perfect Ashlar Award.



Bro. Terry Lyons, seated on right, visited Yokosuka Lodge No. 20 in Japan. Seated in the middle is Most Worshipful Donald K. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan F&AM.

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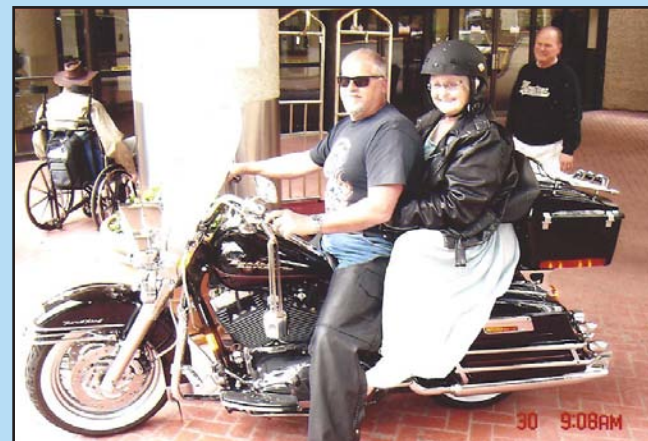
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Grand Representative Takes a Ride

Grand Representatives in Eastern Star get to travel, meet new friends, and have memorable experiences. Amelia Coffman is Grand Representative to Connecticut from the state of Washington. Though in her 80's, it was her wish to someday ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle. At the Grand Chapter session this last April, Johnny Miller, Escort to Grand Ruth, helped Amelia cross off one on her wish list by giving her a ride. In the rear is RW Russ McClelland, Past Grand Patron and Grand Representative to



Washington in Connecticut, Amelia's counterpart, who also took the Coffmans to Mystic Seaport. Amelia said she had grand memories to take home with her.

Dale Cunningham — Mason of the Year

by Howard B. Schiller

At its Spring meeting, the Blue Lodge Council for the Ninth Masonic District presented WB Dale T. Cunningham with the Mason of the Year Award for District 9-B. WB Dale was raised in Fayette Lodge No. 69, Ellington, on November 12, 2002, and progressed quickly through the chairs. He served Fayette Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, and presently serves as the lodge treasurer. WB Dale is very active in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Hartford and the York Rite, Royal Arch Masons and Council. He serves on the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee.

WB Dale's interest in Masonry was originally stimulated by a trip to Arkansas where he had gone to do family history research. Having information that his great, great, great grandfather, Wylie Cunningham, was buried in a particular cemetery, Dale

went in search of confirming evidence. The cemetery was a derelict cemetery in the center of a cow pasture, overgrown and obscured by hanging vines.

Dale and his family climbed the wire fence and located the family burial area. He spied a stone lying face down which he turned over and righted. That turned out to be the stone for Wylie D. Cunningham with his age and date of death, and just below that a good sized square and compass. Prior to this, Dale had no idea any of his ancestors had been Masons.

In addition to his dedication to his lodge, Brother Dale has a keen desire for education. He has been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints since 1968, loves to read, and has a wide variety of interests, including: science, religion, electronics, ham radio, astronomy, music, and philosophy. He is very devoted to his Masonic interests



WB Dale T. Cunningham and wife, Gwendolyn, after being presented the Mason of the Year Award for District 9-B.

and the tenet of making a good man better. For his dedication to his family, church and lodge, WB Dale was recognized as Mason of the Year for District 9-B.

Vania Violante, LPN, Receives Nursing Scholarship

Masonicare at Newtown has awarded Vania Violante, LPN, a resident of Wolcott, the 2011 Nancy Turko Memorial Nursing Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded yearly to an employee who is enrolled in a state-approved nursing program. Ms. Violante received the award at the facility's Employee Appreciation Day celebration held in June.

The scholarship was established by Masonicare at Newtown in 1996 memory of Nancy Turko, a dedicated nurse there who provided outstanding, compassionate care to residents of the skilled nursing

and rehabilitation facility for 23 years. The scholarship criteria are based on academic and clinical excellence, career goals, and financial need.

Ms. Violante has been an LPN at Masonicare at Newtown since 2005. She is currently attending Naugatuck Valley Community College, where she's pursuing her R.N. degree. John Sweeney, Masonicare at Newtown's Administrator, praised Ms. Violante for her enthusiasm and desire to continue her nursing education. "We are very pleased to have Vania as part of our care team. She's a valued employee and a very worthy recipient of this special scholarship in memory of Nancy."



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Masonicare at Newtown's Patricia Russell, director of patient care services, left, and Maureen Jennings, assistant director of nursing, right, congratulate Vania Violante, LPN, recipient of the Nancy Turko Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

Daniel Bissell: Spy, Revolutionary War Hero, Freemason

by Deborah LaPlace

There are many Daniel Bissells in early Colonial and American history. Their heritage dates back to John Bissell, one of the original settlers of Windsor, the oldest English settlement in Connecticut.

The Daniel Bissell of this report was born to Daniel and Elizabeth Bissell in East Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut in 1754. A romantic narrative of his childhood and service was written by Mildred Dunn and Edwina Hillemeier, and a play, based on that narrative, was performed in Windsor early last century when a memorial to him was placed in front of the site of his birthplace in Windsor.

Daniel enlisted as a corporal in the Fifth Regiment of the Continental Line under Colonel Philip Bradley in Abner Prior's Company on April 1, 1777, and was promoted to Sergeant on September 1, 1777. In 1781, he had transferred to the Second Regiment Connecticut Line in Captain John St. John's Company.

Under the direct orders of General George Washington, Daniel Bissell posed as a deserter in New York City from August 14, 1781, to September 29, 1782. His military record states he was "absent on secret service" during that period. He realized that to get the information Washington needed, he would have to join the British Army.

For 13 months, he served in a British infantry corps led by Benedict Arnold. Bissell memorized everything he was able to find out and then made his way back to friendly lines where he was placed under arrest until Washington verified his story. Sergeant Bissell was able to furnish valuable information including detailed maps he drew of the enemy's positions. He spent two days recording his account.

On August 7, 1782, George Washington issued a badge of merit with the following order: "Whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding... Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinels which officers are permitted to do. The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all."

This badge was the only award issued during the Revolution, and only three men – all of them sergeants of the Connecticut Continentals – are on record as having been awarded it by General Washington. Daniel's was presented to him by Jonathan Trumbull, Washington's aide-de-camp and the only colonial governor to support the revolution. Washington's citation did not elaborate on the service that Daniel performed because revealing that he acted as a spy would put his life in danger if he was captured by the British. It read:

"... whereas Sergeant DANIEL BISSELL of the Second Connecticut Regiment has performed some important service, within the immediate knowledge of the Commander-in-Chief, in which his fidelity, perseverance and good sense, were not only conspicuously manifested, but his general line of conduct throughout a long course of service, having been unspotted but highly deserving of commendation.

"Now, therefore, know Ye, that the aforesaid Sergeant Bissell, hath fully and truly deserved, and hath been properly invested with, the Honorary Badge of Military Merit... and is further recommended to that office that Notice which a Brave



This memorial stone along Palisado Avenue, Windsor, commemorates the birthplace of Daniel Bissell.

and Faithful Soldier Deserved from his Countrymen."

This award was highly prized by Daniel, and he kept it carefully pressed between the leaves of the family Bible. But in 1810, on returning from Sunday service, the Bissells found that their house had been struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The Order of the Purple Heart was destroyed with all of their other possessions.

After the war, when Daniel returned to Connecticut, he married Thoeda Hurlburt in Windsor on Dec. 30, 1789 and they moved to Vermont. They subsequently relocated to Richmond, New York. Their union produced six sons and three daughters. When he named his first son Daniel a neighbor said that it might create confusion. Daniel told him that he liked the name Daniel, and would name all of his sons Daniel, and he did.

It is well known that George Washington was a Freemason, but only a few know that Daniel Bissell, the spy, was a Freemason. He took his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees in Travelling Lodge No. 15, United States Army, in Newburgh, in 1782. Daniel was raised to Master Mason in Aurora Lodge

No. 22, Montpelier, Vermont. When he moved to Richmond, Ontario County, New York, he became a member of Genesee Lodge No. 138, Honeyoe Village. Genesee Lodge went dark as a result of the Morgan affair.

Two of his sons, Daniel H. and Daniel V., were made Master Masons at that Genesee Lodge. Dr. Daniel H. Bissell continued his Masonic career as a charter member of Genesee Lodge No. 214, Genesee, New York. His Masonic apron is on display at the lodge. He was a noted physician and pharmacist in Genesee.

The elder Daniel Bissell died in 1824 in Richmond, New York, where he was buried with Masonic honors in Allens Hill Cemetery. His tombstone is inscribed, "In memory of Daniel Bissell, Who died August 21st, 1824, Aged 70 Years, He had the confidence of Washington and served under him."

Windsor's Bicentennial Fife and Drum Corps was named in Daniel Bissell's honor and the color purple appeared in their uniforms.

Daniel Bissell, patriot and confidant of Washington, was an example of early Americanism in true Masonic character.

Masonicare Purchases Property in Mansfield

Nearly three years after being selected by the Mansfield Town Council to be its preferred developer of a senior community, Masonicare has purchased a 40-acre parcel of land on Maple Road in Mansfield.

"This is a major step forward in our plans," said Masonicare CEO Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, following the closing on June 30. Masonicare envisions a 100-unit retirement community "to start," featuring apartments that can accommodate both independent living services

as well as additional support services, including assisted living, to allow seniors to "age in place." The property's proximity to the University of Connecticut, town services such as the senior center, and to Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation also make it ideally suited for a retirement community. In addition, Windham Hospital is just 8 miles from the site.

While the exact timeline for groundbreaking is dependent on the establishment of a reliable water supply, there is a state

bonding project underway to bring water to the area. "It could be two to three years out, but our plans are to integrate the new community into the fabric of the town and the university environment," Bro. Steve added. "We are appreciative of the confidence and support of the town, especially Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, director of human services Kevin Grunwald and town manager Matthew Hart. With the construction of the Storrs Center project and the continuation of UConn's 21st

Century building program, there are great things going on in Mansfield. We anticipate being an integral part of that excitement and growth."

"The acquisition of the land represents an important step and demonstrates Masonicare's commitment to moving the project forward," said Hart. "We look forward to a continued partnership with Masonicare as we work to bring this project to fruition."

Ashlar Village Residents Enjoy New Yoga Classes

Did you know that the classical techniques of yoga date back more than 5,000 years? According to the American Yoga Association, yoga means "to join or yoke together" to bring one's body and mind together into one harmonious experience. The practice of yoga is a combination of physical postures often done in a flowing sequence, breathing exercises, and meditation, and it teaches people how to use all of these techniques to benefit mind and body.

Jennifer King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, has been practicing yoga for six years now, and is a true believer in its many benefits. "I had been experiencing knee pain since I was a child and also sustained a wrist injury that was really giving me trouble. I read about the physical benefits of yoga, and I decided to give it a try and see if it might help."

Jennifer initially began practicing three times a week and now practices daily. "I soon discovered that yoga is a great stress reliever and an efficient way to exercise. And it's really done wonders for my physical complaints. My knee pain is now gone and my wrist has been

strengthened and is fully functional again."

Jennifer had such a positive experience with yoga that she felt compelled to share it with others. In 2009, she enrolled in a part-time yoga teacher training with YogaSpirit Studios of Hamilton, Massachusetts. She successfully completed the training and has been certified with the Yoga Alliance as a 200-Hour Registered Yoga Teacher since 2010.

Because Jennifer enjoyed working and interacting with the seniors she met throughout the Masonicare continuum, she decided to focus on teaching safe and gentle yoga to seniors. "Our senior population is growing rapidly, and many are committed to leading active lives and staying fit. Unfortunately, we tend to move less, not more, as we age, which makes us susceptible to all sorts of ailments. Practiced regularly, yoga is a great way to increase joint flexibility, build strength, improve balance and posture, and alleviate chronic pain. It also enhances breathing and its calming effects bring about peace of mind."

Jennifer approached Kerry Hatch, activities manager at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, and offered to teach yoga to residents of the continuing care retirement community. Always seeking to diversify resident activities, Kerry agreed. Jennifer is currently offering a six-week series of yoga classes. She has 22 members in the class, ranging in age from 71 to 98. The hour-long classes, twice a week include breathing and centering, gentle warm-ups, standing balance poses, standing strength poses, sun salutations, and final relaxation.

Hilda Hohmann, a Notch Hill Apartment resident, is enjoying Jennifer's classes. "I love this yoga program, and all of the poses. I can do this, and I never feel embarrassed. And the breathing is



Students attending the August 17 Gentle Stretch Yoga Class, front row, from left, Jennifer King, Georgia Erickson, Lois Read, Frances Noyes, Genevieve Smith, Madeline Pease, and Bill Buick; back row, from left, Bill Simon, Bob Bates, Bart Bates, Alice Bates, Ray Mussen, Hilda Hohmann, Irving Pease, and Chris Smith.

so good for you. I'm learning to breathe again!" Ashlar Village resident and RW Brother Irving Pease is feeling the positive physical effects of practicing yoga. "I'm really enjoying these yoga classes, and haven't missed one yet. When I started, I had limited range of motion in my shoulder. Now, I can raise my arm over my head again."

And Jennifer is enjoying the classes too. "Teaching yoga at Ashlar Village has been so rewarding, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to share the many benefits of yoga!"



Jennifer King leads her yoga class of seniors through their movements at Masonicare at Ashlar Village. Many have found the routines have enhanced their flexibility and breathing.

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Masonicare Home Health & Hospice

Keeping Us Well, Safe – And At Home

by Susan F. Adams

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice strives to provide the highest quality of comprehensive care to the patients we serve statewide. Meeting the needs of patients who want their healthcare provided in the comfort of their own home is our mission.

We see patients who have a wide array of conditions. A patient who has just had a heart transplant is an example of the type of acute care patient we care for. CHF (congestive heart failure) and COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) are examples of chronic diseases we are able to manage very successfully at home.

Technology helps us to monitor our patients very closely and significantly decrease their likelihood of returning to the hospital. Where appropriate, we can provide "telehealth," which allows a patient to monitor their own weight, vital signs, and oxygen saturation as often as deemed necessary. We also utilize lifeline services, wound vacs, readings measuring blood clotting capacity (known as INR), and other high-tech interventions. Allowing patients to stay safe and at their optimum level of health – in their own home – is what we do best.

There are a variety of ways a person can access care at home. Most of our patients are introduced to homecare after a hospitalization or time spent in an extended care facility. A referral is made by the care coordinator or discharge planner from the facility. A patient's physician may also order homecare. By law, all patients are to be given a choice of homecare providers, which means you can request Masonicare. We employ community liaisons who are on site at area hospitals and rehabilitation facilities to educate

"Providing all the right services to the right patient at the right time is what makes homecare so successful."

and support co-ordination of care with patients, families, discharge planners and care coordinators.

The homehealth professionals who provide services in the home include registered nurses; Licensed Practical Nurses; physical, occupational and speech therapists; medical social workers; hospice nurses and palliative care nurses; home health aides; homemakers; and companions. We have specialists in cardiac, telehealth, wound care, CHF, COPD, and joint replacement, to name just a few.

Once a patient referral has been made, we go to work! We determine what insurance the patient has and what services will be covered by that payor. We review the medical information provided by the referral source and choose the right professional to make the first visit. At the time of the first home visit, a full assessment of the patient's needs is completed. All medications and procedures to be provided are fully explained to the patient and family. They are an integral part of designing the care the patient will receive. The physician who is in charge of the patient is contacted and reviews the plan of care established by the nurse or therapist and the patient and family. Providing all the right services to the right patient at the right time is what makes homecare so successful.

Teaching patients signs and symptoms to be aware of, when to call their doctor, how to manage their individual healthcare needs, and when to appropriately seek care are key to helping the patient

be an effective part of the effort to keep them home.

We are the eyes and ears of healthcare in the home. Close communication with the patient's physician helps us to adjust plans of care as the needs of the patient change. We also assess the home environment and make suggestions for simple changes to that environment that will also help the patient to be maintained at home safely.

At Masonicare, we are very fortunate to be part of a much larger continuum. The needs of our patients who require more than homecare can easily be met within Masonicare. We have rehabilitation, long term care, a hospital unit, independent living, assisted living, physician services, and more, right at our fingertips. Transitioning across Masonicare's continuum is easily accomplished because of our series of well organized systems. Constant attention is given to extended needs of Masonicare patients.

Another example of the Masonicare continuum is Masonicare at Home, our state-registered homemaker-companion agency. When "skilled" care is no longer needed by a patient, and non-medical services can be supportive to allow the patient to stay home, we refer to Masonicare at Home. A care plan is also designed to meet the individual needs of the patient. Caregivers are carefully screened and selected for each individual patient. Services provided can include bathing and dressing, light housekeeping, companionship, shopping and meal preparation, transportation,

live-in services and more.

Payment for all of our services is dependent on an individual's insurance coverage. We accept Medicare, Medicaid, and most commercial insurances. Each insurer has specific criteria for payment. We are very familiar with all of the nuances of insurance coverage and work very closely with the insurer's to make certain we can meet the needs of the patients. Where needed, we even strive to achieve a one-time contract, should the patient's insurance be one we don't usually work with. When there is no insurance coverage for a service, we will also accept private payment.

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice and Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice (a partnership with St. Francis Hospital) have several offices statewide. If you or someone you know might need homecare services now or in the future, please call

the Masonicare Helpline at 888-679-9997 or our referral line, 888-482-8862, for additional information or to request a consultation with a professional who can help assess your needs.

At Masonicare Home Health and Hospice we distinguish ourselves from all other homecare agencies by putting the patient at the center of every decision. Our employees have all "signed on" to success which can only be accomplished by assessing and providing services to our patients, not just because that's what we do – but because we care.



Susan F. Adams, RN, BSN, PhD, regional vice president and administrator for Masonicare Home Health & Hospice.

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.



(ME) Most Excellent
Grand High Priest
(MP) Most Puissant
Grand Master
(RE) Right Eminent
Grand Commander
(U) Uniform
(F) Formal
(S) Semi-formal
(C) Casual

Tuesday, September 6, (ME) (MP) (F) Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven, MPMG homecoming, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Thursday, September 8, (ME) (MP) (F) Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15, and Buel Council No. 20, Torrington, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Friday, September 9-10, (ME) (MP) (RE) (S) Northeast Regional York Rite Conference, Rocky Hill Marriott
Tuesday, September 13, (ME) (MP) (F) Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, Mark Master and Virtual Past Master degrees
Thursday, September 15, (U) Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Red Cross and Malta
Friday, September 16, (MP) (U) New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven
Friday, September 16-18, (RE), (U) Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New York
Saturday, September 17, (ME) (MP) (F) York Rite College Regional Assembly, Meriden. 9:00 a.m., lunch
Monday, September 19, (U) St. Johns Commandery No. 11, North Windham, inspection
Tuesday, September 20, (MP) (F) Montgomery Council No. 2, North Windham
Tuesday, September 20, (U) Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Red Cross
Thursday, September 22, (ME) (RE) (U) Trinity Commandery No. 3, Darien
Saturday, September 24, (ME) (MP) (RE) (C) York Rite Training Session, New Haven, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Wednesday, September 28, (F) Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Mark Master Mason degree
Wednesday, September 28, (F) Crawford Council No. 19, Branford, Select Master degree

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

September 6, Harmony Council No. 8 New Haven, MPMG 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 Training Session

A special York Rite Training Session will be held in New Haven on Saturday, September 24. Register at 8:00 a.m., session to start at 8:30 a.m. There will be programs on York Rite history, membership retention and program planning, among others. Scheduled to end at 11:45 a.m. Open to all York Rite Masons.

Connecticut to Host Regional York Rite College Assembly

The annual joint assembly of the York Rite Colleges in New England and Eastern Canada will be hosted by Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 on Saturday, September 17, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in Meriden. Companion Knights and their ladies will enjoy a day of fellowship. The College will open at 9:30 a.m. so that each of the visiting colleges may conduct any business needed, followed by a rehearsal of the composite cast for the Order Knight of York. After lunch with the ladies, the ladies will enjoy a program and the brethren will confer the Order and receive dignitaries. Of special note – Grand Governor General Joe R. Manning, Jr. is scheduled to attend. All Companion Knights are urged to be present. Luncheon reservations at \$10 per person must be made with Bruce Padula, 181 Forest Ave, Waterbury CT 06708. As York Rite College is an invitational body, this meeting is open only to members and elected candidates.

York Rite Websites

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut: <http://yorkrite.org/gcramct/>

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut: <http://yorkrite.org/gcrsmct/>

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut: <http://knightstemplar.org/gckt/ct>

They can be reached directly at these addresses, or through a link from the www.yorkrite.org site. Just select CT under the Grand Chapters/Councils/Commanderies logo. These sites contain useful information including officer listings, constituent Chapter/Council/Commandery listings, Opportunities, the More Light pamphlet and the York Rite petition. The 2011 proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council are also available on the websites.

Craft at Labor...

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Thursday, September 1, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner

Thursday, September 8, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 6:30 AM, dinner

Thursday, September 15, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 7:30 p.m. dinner

Friday, September 16, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Kiddie Corps

Monday, September 19, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Junior Warden in the East

Monday, September 19, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 7:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation night

Tuesday, September 20, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Senior Deacon Max Rosenberg in the East

Tuesday, September 20, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, evaluation night

Tuesday, September 20, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 7:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, September 21, Union No. 5, Stamford, 7:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, September 21, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Brother Swan in the East

Wednesday, September 21, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, September 21, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston

Wednesday, September 21, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook

Saturday, September 24, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, annual lodge trip, Middletown/Newport, Rhode Island

Monday, September 26, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 6:15 p.m. dinner, step up night

Monday, September 26, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner,

Monday, September 26, Jephtha No. 95, Clinton,

Tuesday, September 27, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation night

Wednesday, September 28, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 6:45 p.m. dinner,

Fellowcraft Degrees

Thursday, September 15, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Senior Warden in the East

Friday, September 16, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, evaluation night

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

Tuesday, September 20, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, September 21, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, September 21, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven

Tuesday, September 27, Village No. 29, Collinsville

Wednesday, September 28, Granite No. 119, Haddam, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Friday, September 30, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Senior Warden Rob Thomas in the East

Master Mason Degrees

Tuesday, September 13, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, joint degree with Universal Fraternity No. 149

Thursday, September 15, Union No. 31, Niantic, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, September 22, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, September 22, Temple No. 65, Westport, 7:00 p.m. dinner, presentation of the full Hiramic tragedy

Monday, September 26, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Craft at Refreshment...

Thursday, September 1, Union No. 31, Niantic, 6:00 p.m. picnic

Thursday, September 1, Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m. 8th District breakfast, Groton Townhouse Restaurant

Thursday, September 1, Warren No. 51, Portland, 6:30 p.m. Master's picnic

Thursday, September 1, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 5:00 p.m., help needed, UConn vs Fordham, contact Chris Ramsey, cdr Ramsey@cox.net

Friday, September 2, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 7:00 p.m., games night

Friday, September 2, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, Woodstock Fair, motorcycle parking

Friday, September 2, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, annual roll call night

Sunday, September 4, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast

Monday, September 5, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 9:00 a.m., Newtown Labor Day parade

Tuesday, September 6, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, Hawaiian shirt night

Tuesday, September 6, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, school of instruction

Wednesday, September 7, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, awards night

Wednesday, September 7, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, blood drive

Wednesday, September 7, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, program: Civil War re-enactor

Thursday, September 8, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. Table Lodge

Thursday, September 8, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, pizza booth, North Haven Fair

Friday, September 9, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, booth at North Haven Fair

Saturday, September 10, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, 9:00 a.m., tractor show

Saturday, September 10, Warren No. 51, Portland, 3:00 p.m., 200th anniversary rededication ceremony, followed by dinner at Firemen's Grounds, Portland

Saturday, September 10, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, booth at North Haven Fair

Saturday, September 10, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 11:00 a.m. lodge family picnic

Sunday, September 11, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 10:00 a.m. dinner, potato pancake festival

Sunday, September 11, Brainard No. 102, Niantic, 4:00 p.m. dinner, awards night

Sunday, September 11, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, pizza booth, North Haven Fair

Monday, September 12, Housatonic No. 61, North Canaan, 2nd District Blue Lodge Council

Monday, September 12, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, program: WB Steven Canada, Esoteric Masonry

Wednesday, September 14, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, blood drive

Wednesday, September 14, Granite No. 119, Haddam, 6:30 p.m. dinner, welcome back picnic

Craft at Refreshment...

Wednesday, September 14, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Hiram's Café, Italian night

Thursday, September 15, Warren No. 51, Portland, share memories and anecdotes from the anniversary celebration

Thursday, September 15, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Beehive lecture

Friday, September 16, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 6:00 p.m., Mohegan Sun bus trip

Friday, September 16, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, help needed, UConn vs. Iowa, contact Chris Ramsey, cdramsey@cox.net

Friday, September 16, Philosophic Lodge of Research, Cromwell, 6:30 p.m. dinner, program: Chamber of Reflection, WB Justin Duffy

Saturday, September 17, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, Habitat for Humanity volunteering day

Saturday, September 17, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, 3:30 p.m., awards afternoon

Saturday, September 17, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 9:00 a.m., Guilford Day parade

Saturday, September 17, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, Woodstock Lions Club book sale

Saturday, September 17, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 7:00 a.m. breakfast, blood drive

Saturday, September 17, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 8:00 a.m. pancake breakfast, blood drive

Sunday, September 18, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m., country breakfast, special Father's Day menu

Sunday, September 18, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, Woodstock Lions Club book sale

Monday, September 19, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 7:30 p.m. dinner, program: Captain Samuel Wyllys, hero, patriot, Freemason

Friday, September 23, Federal No. 17, Watertown, 5:30 p.m. dinner, annual Steward's dinner

Friday, September 23, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, widows night,

Friday, September 23, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7th District Blue Lodge Council

Saturday, September 24, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 12:00 p.m. family picnic at Masonicare at Ashlar Village

Saturday, September 24, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, Mum Fest food booth

Saturday, September 24, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, annual clam bake,

Saturday, September 24, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, breakfast with the Master at Brunches Restaurant

Saturday, September 24, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. dinner, presentation: Masonry in the Civil War by author and Bro. Matthew Bartlett

Saturday, September 24, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night, Masonicare at Ashlar Village

Saturday, September 24, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, annual lodge trip, Middletown/Newport, Rhode Island

Sunday, September 25, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, Mum Fest food booth

Monday, September 26, Temple No. 65, Westport, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 1st District Blue Lodge Council

Monday, September 26, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8th District Blue Lodge Council

Monday, September 26, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 10:00 a.m., Two Ball Cane golf classic

Tuesday, September 27, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m., Fellowcraft dinner, bring a guest

Tuesday, September 27, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, esoteric Freemason class

Wednesday, September 28, Union No. 5, Stamford, 7:30 p.m., Ladies at Table,

Thursday, September 29, Silas Dean No. 147, Newington, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 5th District Blue Lodge Council

Thursday, September 29, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 6th District Blue Lodge Council

Friday, September 30, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest fest

Friday, September 30, Amos-Beecher No. 121, New Hartford, 3rd District Blue Lodge Council

Friday, September 30, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Monty Python Table Lodge

Andrea Joseph Joins Masonicare's Behavioral Health

Masonicare is pleased to announce that Andrea Joseph, LCSW, has joined the organization's behavioral health practice. Ms. Joseph, a social worker, will assist in identifying sources of mental distress experienced by older adults and provide clinical services on an out-patient basis to individuals and couples with an emphasis on developing group therapy sessions as well. Ms. Joseph comes to Masonicare with several years of experience in the geriatric mental health field, most recently as a consultant with Collaborative Behavioral Health in Plainville. She also

spent 10 years as a social worker with the Connecticut Mental Health Center in New Haven, a collaborative endeavor of the Yale University Department of

Psychiatry and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Ms. Joseph is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, where she received both a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies and a Masters in Social Work.

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Our Ritual is Still Speaking to Us!

by Michael B. Dodge

The latest issue of *The Northern Light*, the journal of the Scottish Rite's Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, contained an article Tales from the Tavern. The article related a conversation the author and Sovereign Grand Commander William McNaughton had at the [Joseph] Warren Tavern in Charlestown, Massachusetts with three "new Masons."

The article discusses how Masonry, like General Joseph Warren, was revolutionary in thought and forward-looking in philosophy in the mid- and late 18th Century. Influenced by the Enlightenment, the tenets of the craft influenced the creation of a nation. The article continues with the idea that present day Masonry has lost that revolutionary aspect and no longer looks toward the future, but looks to the past for inspiration. The article advocates the resurrection of this revolutionary spirit.

The three new brothers lament that they don't have time to learn ritual, and, despite that they are skilled leaders, they fear they will never be able to rise to the Oriental Chair. The article recommends that Masonry recapture the forward-looking spirit of General Warren and revolutionize our structure by doing away with the ritual requirements. It suggests those who like ritual become an in-house degree team. The progressive line officers would have no ritual duties.

My initial reaction? Appalled, outraged, and horrified. My present feeling is, "they just don't get it." A Worshipful Master has many jobs. He is a delegator, an administrator, a peace-maker, and a planner. The most important job of a Worshipful Master is to impart light and knowledge to his lodge. In Masonry, that light and knowledge is exemplified in our ritual. A Master who cannot perform ritual cannot perform the most important duty of his office.

And one does not truly learn the lessons of our ritual without reading and re-reading the beautiful ceremonies, commit the words to memory, and understand the meaning so well that the words can be presented in a meaningful manner. Rote memorization does not express our teachings with the proper emphasis required to truly impart the significance and importance of the lessons.

Just because a man can perform ritual does not mean he will be a good Worshipful Master. However, in order to be a good Master one must be able to do ritual. Shortcomings in the managerial aspects of running a lodge can be compensated for with those very brothers who do not have the desire to

perform ceremonial duties.

As I travel and speak with many brothers, I hear that we need quality members! I just don't understand how lowering our standards will increase quality.

MW Thomas Jackson, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, has questioned why the "great" men of today are no longer members of the craft. A Grand Master was once asked if the lack of Masonic membership among the upper echelon of society indicated that Masonry was out of touch and no longer relevant in our time. After careful consideration, his response was that given the character of too many of our politicians, businessmen, actors, and athletes, Masonry indeed has lost touch with the accepted mores of modern society.

The reason the 'great' men of today aren't Masons is because we don't want them. They couldn't pass the ballot. Politicians' reputations are tainted by corruption, and some athletes spend as much time in police custody as they do on the sports field. Entertainers consistently fall prey to "the snares of the insidious." Our economic woes are predominantly due to the greed of avaricious businessmen.

Masonry is a reflection of its members. Masonry did not make George Washington great. George Washington made Masonry great! When great men belong to an organization, that organization excels. Consider our proclaimed motto of taking good men and making them better: the foundations of morality ("greatness") must be present as a prerequisite to membership!

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has adopted the slogan, "is there greatness within you?" The idea that Masonry gives a man the tools to unlock the latent greatness within himself is a powerful message. Masonry, however, does not wrap "greatness" in a nice package and deliver it as soon as a new Mason is raised. Masonry offers a man the place where he can do the work required to unlock his potential. Masonry is a progressive moral science, requiring a lifetime of dedicated effort. For a new Mason to dismiss the ritual is akin to abandoning his journey after only a few steps.

The idea that our rituals are outdated ignores the universality of Freemasonry. It does not mean that Masonry exists throughout the universe. The lessons,



morals, and values espoused in Masonry are "universal."

They have been deemed important and embraced by all major societies, religions, and cultures throughout history. This being so, we should expect that shining examples of Masonic virtue should be present in today's society.

Our universal tenets have not survived because every successive culture has altered them to fit their own circumstances.

They have persisted because they have been relevant. We must apply our message to modern society, not change our principles to adapt to an increasingly egocentric culture.

Our ritual is still speaking; it still provides us with valuable lessons if one is willing to do the effort required to learn its lessons.

In a world divided by blue state/red state, Christian/Muslim, and gay/straight, what could be more powerful than an organization whose purpose is to find common ground and conciliate true friendship? Anyone who thinks that the purposes and values of Masonry are outdated and no longer needed has not taken the effort to try to learn the lessons inculcated in our degrees.

Masonry has much more to offer than spaghetti suppers and dusty old buildings. As Masons we are the keepers of thousands of years worth of moral knowledge. We wrap this knowledge in ritual because it requires work and effort to truly learn from the wisdom of the past, and apply it to the present.

Those unfortunate three new brothers failed to see the relevance of Masonry in today's world. By our own carriage and attitude, we show respect for a system of morality that took five millennium's worth of knowledge to compact into a comprehensive message that is accessible to all good men. Our ritual, my brothers, is relevant, and is still speaking to us.

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