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## June's Journey for MW Gary Arseneau

by Simon R. LaPlace

To look at the Grand Master's Trestleboard for this past June, one might think Most Worshipful Brother Gary W. Arseneau was running a marathon. He began the month with a visit to the York Rite annual convocations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Between the banquets, lunches, and meetings, he was asked for remarks on four different occasions, often to the same companions.



MW Arseneau addresses the Grand Council.



Grand Master Arseneau uncovers during a prayer at the rededication of St. Peter's Lodge No. 21.

Grand Master Arseneau's June journey continued on Tuesday, June 5, at St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford. He was joined by his line of Grand Lodge officers to rededicate the St. Peter's Lodge building, which was 120 years old. The beautiful former church, with its granite construction and cathedral dignity, was a fitting setting for the solemn ceremony. A large showing of brothers displayed the respect and support of the Second District to the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge.

On Thursday, June 7, at the apartments of Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, the Grand Master was able to surprise WB Gary W. Post with the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service. A profile of Brother Post will



MW Arseneau with Prince Hall Grand Junior Warden David Pinkins and Masonicare president and Brother Steve McPherson on Grand Masters Day.

be featured in a future issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*.

The next day, Grand Master Arseneau was able to break away from more formal duties to support the Relay for Life at Southington High School. The event helps communities across the globe celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

June 9 was a really big day, Grand Masters Day. Although the weather could have been a

little better, MW Gary's typical sunshine smile overcame the clouds. All the appendant bodies were there, along with crowds of well-wishers, bands, Klowns, and of course all his Grand Lodge officers, District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals marching in their distinctive formal white jackets. In the afternoon he met with most of his District Deputies for an informal review of the year so far.

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# JUNE'S JOURNEY...

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The center pages of this issue are devoted to those who came in support of Masonicare's patients and residents. Along with the Grand Master, it's their big day, as well.

On Sunday, it was off to Vermont with wife Chris and a visit with Past Grand Master



MW Gary with Island Pond Lodge No. 44 Worshipful Master Sam Boudle.

Jim McWain and wife Bonnie in Morgan, Vermont. This has been a tradition for the past few years, usually including a Monday night cookout with brothers of Island Pond Lodge No. 44, Island Pond, Vermont. This precedes a visit to the lodge for their first meeting after installation of their new Master.

Tuesday, June 12 was the time to travel to Burlington, Vermont, for the start of the



MW James T. McWain, back to camera, received the Phillip C. Tucker award from Vermont Grand Master Philip Morton at the Vermont annual communication.

Vermont Grand Lodge session. MW Gary had a great time visiting with his friends from the sister jurisdictions of the northeast. It was also great to see MW McWain be awarded the Philip C. Tucker award, one of Vermont's highest awards, at the annual session.

With the end of the Vermont session, Thursday was not just a travel day. The drive home was scheduled early enough to include a stop in Wallingford for Masonicare's Employee Appreciation Day. A very special person to everyone, Office Manager Marje Chick, was recognized for thirty years of service. MW Gary and the office staff gave her flowers, too.

But the day was not finished. After changing into formal attire, it was off to Union Lodge No. 31, Niantic, for an awards night, and a chance to surprise another worthy brother. Bro. Reid B. Burdick was awarded the David Wooster Medal and citation for service other than to Freemasonry in the fields of

art, science, business, government, entertainment, religion, or other service to humanity. A profile of Bro. Burdick will be included in a future issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*.

With the month half over, Friday was another awards night, with no surprises this time, but with the friends, brothers, and

strawberries, of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford. Grand Master Arseneau helped to present 50-



Marje Chick holds the flowers given her by the Grand Master and office staff after her recognition for 30 years service at Masonicare.

year awards to four distinguished brothers (see page 13).

Keeping his Grand Lodge officers engaged in their duties, MW Arseneau led them to another rededication on Monday, June 18. This time the celebration was the 250th anniversary of the issuing of a lodge charter. Wyllis-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, was chartered on March 21, 1762, and the original lodge bible was displayed upon the altar. 50-year service pins were presented to two well-known Connecticut brothers, RW Morton N. Katz and Bro. Daniel George.

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The Grand Lodge officers surround the symbolic lodge during the rededication of Wyllis-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford.



The Grand Master and Worshipful Master Gene Meltser stand with award recipients, left, WB Daniel George (60 years), and his wife, and RW Morton Katz (50 years), and his wife.

# JUNE'S JOURNEY...



Visitors from Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 posed with the Grand Master at the Table Lodge of Estuary Lodge No. 43, Old Saybrook.

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The next Wednesday the Grand Master was the guest of Estuary Lodge No. 43, Old Saybrook, where brothers as far away as Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge

An ecumenical service included Christian, Hebrew, Buddhist, and Islamic readings, truly a brotherhood-of-man celebration for St. John's Day.

On Saturday, the well rehearsed Grand Lodge officer

team rededicated yet another edifice. This time Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, celebrated 100 years in their lodge building. Worshipful Master RW Brian Beals welcomed MW Arseneau to perform the ceremony according to ancient custom and usages. A short informational

history of the renovations that had developed over the past century was warmly received, especially in the coolness of the recently air conditioned lodge room.

June 24 was St. John's Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Haven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2 was there to observe the occasion with the Grand Master (page 25.)

MW Gary W. Arseneau's Masonic duties for June ended with his own district's Blue Lodge Council picnic under



Grand Master Arseneau and RW Frank E. Rich, Jr., Master of Wooster Lodge No. 10, await escort into Federated Church for St. John's services after marching down the Main Street of Colchester.

tents provided by Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 at Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville. Through much of the month he was fortunate

a meeting with the heads of the appendant bodies, and administrative functions at the Grand Lodge office. These managerial responsibilities are



The cake was all misspelled, but, c'mon it was half price, at Estuary Lodge's Table Lodge.

No. 142, Easton, came to share in the festive board.

Estuary has a tradition of half price cakes when mistakes are made in the decoration, so it was no surprise to see misspellings on the Estuary cake, too. MW Gary, having a grand sense of humor, enjoyed the entire night.

Friday, June 22, was warm and sticky, but at least the Grand Master was able to parade with brothers and a police escort from Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester, to the Colchester Federated Church.



The "white coats" were out at the rededication of the lodge building at Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville.

to have his wife, Chris, accompany him, sometimes, when she was the only woman present. Now, his June journey was complete.

Brother Gary's June included more than is listed here. He also managed to find time for a Grand Lodge officer meeting, Masonicare meetings,

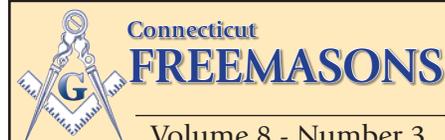
often overlooked by brethren who only see the ceremonial and "fun" time of being a Grand Master. The other obligations, some serious, some pleasant, others unpleasant, are all part of the journey of a Grand Master. June was just a good example of a part of our Grand Master Gary's journey.

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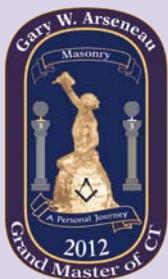
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Saturday, July 7, 12:00 noon	Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville, lobster festival	C	N	Y
Saturday, July 7, 4:00 p.m.	Scouters Lodge, Holden, Massachusetts, Fellowcraft degree performed at Putnam Lodge No. 46, South Woodstock	F	N	Y
Wednesday, July 11, 4:00 p.m.	Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Wallingford	C	N	N
Thursday, July 12, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	C	Y	N
Friday, July 13-15	Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, New York	C	Y	Y
Thursday, July 26, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	C	Y	N
Saturday, July 28, 8:30 a.m.	Committee on Masonic Education, Esoteric Masonry Seminar, Wallingford	C	N	Y
Sunday, August 12, 8:00 a.m.	Moosup V-J Day parade, Moosup	F	Y	Y
Wednesday, August 22, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	C	Y	N
Saturday August 25-29	Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Supreme Council, Cleveland, Ohio			

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# Grand Master's Message

## *L'eggo My Eggo (oops, I mean our Egos!)*

I have heard over and over, "well, it's a volunteer organization." While that might be true to some extent, you asked to join. No one asked you to "volunteer." Why do we serve in the various offices of our fraternity? Is it because we want to obtain titles, like Worshipful Master, or Right Worshipful, or any other?

I think not. We should remember that we are all brothers, and when we accept a position in lodge or in Grand Lodge, we should do it for our fraternity, not because we want a title.

My brothers, titles are short-lived. Your actions will mark your consequence among Masons, not the title. Once you have retired from the position, you retire back to the craft that you were chosen from. Your title of "Past" is given out of respect for your service, and confers no special privileges or authority save that of what any other brother would have.

We all have an ego, it is a human trait, and it is understandable that we are proud of our accomplishments, but not so proud that we come across as arrogant.

Over the past month I have had the opportunity to visit several other jurisdictions and the tenet of brotherly love was obvious. Brothers run for office against each other and do not get disgruntled when losing, but warmly congratulate the elected brother. I've seen the assistance given to brothers recovering from serious illness and showing up at the session.

Then I return home and the turmoil in the Grand Lodge National Français, where ego, pride, and power are destroying their Grand Lodge. I have written to them informing them that we are suspending Connecticut's recognition of the GLNF. It saddens me to see those who 'don't get it' are making it difficult for the brothers of France. They will no longer be able to visit in other jurisdictions, and brothers of Connecticut who visit or reside in France will not be able to go to lodge and enjoy one of our basic tenets: brotherly love.

As we travel that journey of life let us always remember to ask ourselves, "Is this the Masonic thing to do?" and then proceed accordingly. Let us all "Keep Masonry in front of us."

Have a wonderful summer, my brothers, enjoying all that the Grand Architect has provided.



Gary W. Arseneau  
Grand Master



## Friends of Masonicare Walk for Residents and Patients in Need

by Adam Raider

The 2012 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk, held on Saturday, May 19 at Great River Park in East Hartford, was a success on all accounts. Attracting 380 registered walkers, the event raised \$42,533, exceeding its goal of \$40,000. This year's Walk was chaired by Past Grand Master William L. Greene.

Organized by The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the Masonicare Quality of Life Walk benefits the Quality of Life funds at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford, Masonicare at Newtown, and Masonicare Home Health & Hospice. The Quality of Life funds at these Masonicare affiliates are used to meet the needs of residents and patients when no other funding sources are available.

"The success of this year's Quality of Life Walk would not have been possible without the generosity of our walkers, corporate sponsors, and donors," said Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "We are grateful for their support, as are the residents and patients of Masonicare."

Some recent examples of Quality of Life

Fund purchases include resident transportation, musical accompaniment for spiritual services, batteries for hearing aids, power chair repairs, low-vision items, and renovations to resident dining rooms and lounges.

Also playing a key role in the success of the event were the Walk Captains from across the Masonicare affiliates, as well as from the Masonic family throughout Connecticut, who worked hard to get walkers registered. Prizes were presented to Walk Captains WM Steve Allinson of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven; Jonathan Whitehouse; and Darlene Rawling-Plummer for having the most registered walkers.

Organizers were also thankful to have 80 volunteers on hand to assist Masonic Charity Foundation staff with event logistics. Many of these volunteers were members of Masonic youth organizations Connecticut DeMolay and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, who assisted with set-up and clean-up and helped to cheer on walkers along the walk route.

Breakfast and boxed lunches were provided in-kind by Morrison Senior Dining, Masonicare's dining partner.

"I want to thank everyone who participated in or made gifts in support of the 2012 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk," said Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, president and CEO of Masonicare. "Nancy and I always look forward to this event. It's wonderful to see people of all ages and backgrounds coming out to show their support for Masonicare, and for that I am truly grateful."



Employees, members of the Masonic family, and others came out in support of the 2012 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk.

## Masons and Charity

A few weeks ago, as I was preparing the invocation for Grand Masters Day and pondering all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, I was struck by the obvious — charity. What better theme could there be for Grand Masters Day as we celebrated not only Masonic, but those most deserving of our praise and admiration — the residents? While marching in the brief parade and gazing on the smiling and appreciative faces of those along the route, I was struck with a feeling of pride knowing that I belong to the organization that made this all possible.

Masonry and charity can be considered synonymous terms because where you find

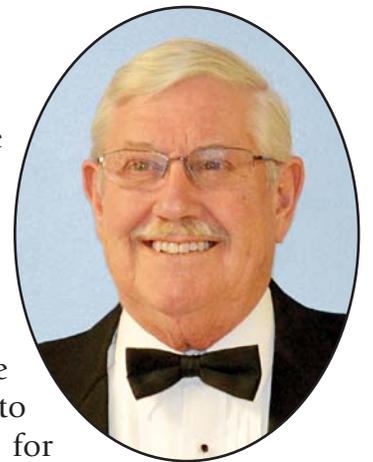
one there will inevitably be mention of the other. Acts of kindness and charity abound in the Bible and 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 is devoted to charity and its meaning to man. The last verse states "and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." How blessed we are as Masons to have been given the gift of charity.

Connecticut Masons contribute to more than 20 different charities, all in the cause of helping others. As we all know, charity does not just mean monetary contributions, but also acts of kindness, good will, and a feeling of love for one another. Those last three cost us nothing financially and

the rewards are immeasurable.

Though our blue lodges be darkened for July and August, may our charitable light continue to shine as it does for the other ten months.

Let us each endeavor to do a charitable act each day for the well-being of another, and the good will it promotes. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and in the words of Brother Roy Rogers – "May the good Lord take a likin' to ya."



## Grand Master Arseneau to Lead September Auvergne Class

by Carl G. Ek

MWGM Gary W. Arseneau will become a member of the Auvergne Honorary DeMolay Chapter when the degrees are next conferred on Sunday, September 23, 2012. Auvergne Honorary DeMolays are Master Masons who did not have the opportunity to join the organization in their

youth. Now, understanding the work this Masonic organization does for young men 12-21, they seek to learn more and serve better by becoming honorary DeMolays.

All non-Senior DeMolay Master Masons are invited to become Auvergne DeMolays beginning at 1:00 p.m. on

September 23. Officers of Connecticut DeMolay will exemplify both degrees of DeMolay upon the class,

again to be held at the New Haven Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Avenue. Each initiate is presented with a framed certificate and lapel pin identifying them as an Honorary Member of Connecticut DeMolay. The cost to each initiate is a single lifetime payment of \$100.00 to Connecticut DeMolay, with no annual dues.

Members of Auvergne Chapter are supporting work of the young men of DeMolay in several areas. Among them are service as a

local and state advisors, working on the *DeMolay Journal*, and playing in and sponsoring June's Connecticut DeMolay golf tournament.



Questions about the Auvergne Honorary DeMolay Chapter may be referred to Master Councilor George S. Greytak or chapter advisor Kenneth B. Hawkins, both Past Grand Masters. An on-line petition is available at [www.ctdemolay.com](http://www.ctdemolay.com), and it is to be returned to Mom Sue Carpenter at [scandsons@yahoo.com](mailto:scandsons@yahoo.com).

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## Valley of Waterbury Elects their New Leaders

by Shane Dufresne

On Wednesday, June 6, the Valley of Waterbury had a dinner to celebrate the installation of its officers and to award two academic scholarships. The recipients of the scholarships are both graduates of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut.

Cody J. Heimbrock is entering his sophomore year at the University of Niagara, studying hospitality. Also receiving a scholarship was Morgan Lauder, entering her freshman year in Southern Vermont University with plans to study psychology. The Valley is extremely proud of the progress of their former students and wish them well in their higher education pursuits.

At the installation of officers, the following brothers were installed: Doric Lodge of Perfection: Christopher Henry as the Thrice Potent Master and Michael Forino as Deputy Master. Ionic Council Princes of Jerusalem: B. Earl Canfield Jr. as Sovereign Prince and Howard A. Schwartz as High Priest. Also, Corinthian Chapter Rose Croix: Paul B. Iltchenko as Most Wise and Shane Dufresne as Senior Warden.

# The Masonicare EXPERIENCE

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

## It Takes Two to Tango: A Masonicare Home Health Success Story

by Adam Raider

For Martin Hartmann, flexibility isn't just a perk of regaining range of motion in his lower extremities – it's a quality he looks for in his healthcare providers.

Martin has COPD, a chronic condition that requires oxygen therapy. Because of his difficulty breathing, Martin's two-story home in Brookfield is equipped with a stair lift. After developing an unrelated infection in his legs, his mobility became further limited and his situation deteriorated to the point where he feared doctors would be forced to amputate. Thankfully, this worst-case scenario was averted through surgery and aggressive antibiotic treatment.

In May, after several hospital stays and a period of rehabilitation, Martin was discharged into the care of the Brookfield branch of Masonicare Home Health. He's been very pleased with Masonicare's willingness to meet his scheduling needs, a courtesy he says he didn't always receive from a different home health agency he'd used in the past.

"I told them that I needed to reserve Mondays and Wednesdays for my doctor visits," Martin recalled, "but a lot of times there was a problem with getting them to come out when it was convenient for me. Working with the patient is important. But Masonicare's been great. I have no complaints."

The Brookfield branch of Masonicare Home Health is managed by regional director Mary Cosgrove and supervisor of clinical services Aggie Ferraro.

Martin's interdisciplinary team of "road warriors" – clinicians who might travel as much as 100 miles a day to see all their clients – includes nurses Stefanie Ehnot, Karen MacKnight, and Marjorie Proietti, as well as occupational therapist Sabeena Ali and physical therapist Virginia McChesney.

"Sabeena and Virginia work with me a lot on balance and building strength in my legs," Martin said. "When they first started working with me, I couldn't get up the last three steps from the landing where my chair lift stops. It was terribly frustrating. I never felt so incomplete. Now I can do it all. I can sit in a chair and stand up without having to hold on to anything. That's a big deal, because there was a time when I couldn't do anything without help. They've taught me the techniques but they've

also given me confidence. That's equally important. I'd never heard of Masonicare before, but I'd have no qualms about recommending them to anybody."

A native of Queens, New York, Martin worked as an international quality control manager with PepsiCo before operating several small businesses, including a Pepperidge Farm franchise, a grocery store, and a transportation service. Having traveled extensively and interacted with people at all levels of business, he's developed a keen eye for recognizing when others show proficiency and dedication in their work. He believes he's seen those qualities in the employees of Masonicare.

"If they notice that you're doing something incorrectly," he said, "they have a way of telling you not that you made a mistake but, 'Why don't you try doing it this way?' They're very good at that. I told Sabeena the other day that I felt like we've known each other for 10 or 20 years. She has a gift. It's amazing to see people like that, and I think they deserve to be told. Virginia's the same way. I must've mentioned to her that I used to love to dance and that when I was in high school, I took classes at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. So the second or third time she came to my home, she had me doing the Tango."

A Zumba Gold fitness instructor in her spare time, Virginia laughs as she recalls that early session with Martin.

"We were doing a bit of a seated, Tango-like exercise," she said, "and I'm pretty sure we were listening to a piece called Hernando's Hideaway. If people enjoy music, then I like to use it because then the therapy won't seem like work and there's a much better chance that they'll follow through."

As much as she appreciates the positive feedback she's



Brookfield resident Martin Hartmann with Virginia McChesney, a physical therapist with the Brookfield branch of Masonicare Home Health.

received from Martin and other patients, Virginia insists that her career is rich with its own rewards. "I feel like I have the best clients in the world," she said, "and they mean everything to me. We have a wonderful time together. My patients restore my faith in humanity. They manage to be strong in the face of so many challenges or personal tragedies. That's why I've been doing this for 32 years. It's my therapy."

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## HEJAZ GROTTO, M.O.V.P.E.R.

### **GOOD FELLOWSHIP AT ASHLAR VILLAGE**

Dinner Meetings • Second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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The first Masonic funeral for which we have any surviving record in the annals of Connecticut was on June 16, 1754 in New London. Joshua Hempstead wrote in his diary that he was at 'the funeral of Newport who was buried in pomp with six men following in white lambskin aprons from the Freemasons.' The man, Brother William Newport, was a tiler.



Making a Mason at sight is a rare circumstance. It has happened occasionally in Connecticut, but Ohio can boast two famous Masons made in that manner. In 1909, William Howard Taft was made a Mason at sight in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati. Almost seventy years later, in 1978, the Grand Master reported making John H. Glenn, United States Senator from Ohio and the first American to orbit the earth, a Mason at sight. Because of the size of the event, the lodge was held at the Chillicothe High School gymnasium. Scioto Lodge No. 6 was the host lodge for the event and Glenn joined Concord Lodge No. 688.

The Grand Lodge officers conferred the Entered Apprentice degree, absent the

lecture. The charge and apron presentation were given by Grand Lodge officers. The obligation and charge of the Fellowcraft degree, as well as the obligation of the Master Mason degree, were then delivered by local lodge officers and the Grand Secretary. The second section was performed by Nobles from Aladdin Temple Shrine and Senator Glenn was raised by the Grand Master.

Through a friend and brother, Bro. Glenn was presented his Masonic ring, a gift from his wife, and after the presentation of his dues card, the newest Ohio Mason gave his impressions on the fraternity and work of the day. Brother Glenn spoke about his father's attachment to Concord Lodge No. 688 and his mother's devotion to the Order of Eastern Star.



This Grand Historian has often been asked about Presidents and their Masonic affiliation. Only two have held the position of Grand Master, Bro. Andrew Jackson (Tennessee), who was Grand Master from 1822 to 1824, and Bro. Harry S Truman (Missouri), who was Grand Master in 1941. Two served as District Deputy Grand Masters, James Buchanan (Pennsylvania) and Harry S Truman.

Four were Worshipful Masters: George Washington, Andrew Jackson, James Buchanan, and Harry S Truman. Bro. Washington was the only brother to ever serve as Worshipful Master while serving as President of the United States.

When Bro. Truman was President, he was often called upon to assist, when present, in the conferral of degrees and did so with the honor of being a Past Grand Master instead of President of the United States.

Beside those who presided in the East, Brothers James Garfield and James Knox Polk served in the officer line of their respective lodges. We have definite proof that eight were Royal Arch Masons (Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Andrew Johnson,



James Garfield, William McKinley, Warren Harding, and Truman) and some historians claim that George Washington was a Royal Arch Mason, although that remains to be proven.

Brothers Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding, and Truman were Knights Templar. Bros. Gerald R. Ford and Franklin D. Roosevelt, along with Bros. McKinley, Truman, Johnson, Garfield, and Harding were members of the Scottish Rite.

The honorary 33° was bestowed upon Bros. Harry S Truman and Gerald R. Ford; Bro. Warren G. Harding was elected to that honor but never received it.



At the annual session of the Grand Lodge fifty years ago, the Committee on Necrology reported that four Past Grand Masters, the Grand Treasurer, a Past Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Trustee all left this earth to that house not made with hands. MWs Charles Cramer (1921), Robert Nisbet (1952), Walter Pickett (1941), and Thom Corby (1954) all were remembered, as was Clarence Boyce, the Grand Treasurer, Francis Fisher, a Past Grand Treasurer, and Thomas Webb, a Grand Trustee. It was a difficult year for the Grand Lodge with that number of deaths. The Grand Master, Paul D. Collier, opened the session on April 4 at the Hilton Hotel in Hartford at the corner of Pearl and Ford Streets, overlooking Bushnell Park. On the first day, the session opened at 10:00 a.m. with the reception of guests. Twelve sister jurisdictions were represented from as far west as Michigan and north to Ontario.



As we break into summer recess, I cringe when I hear that lodges go dark for the summer. No lodge goes dark for the summer. They go dark permanently when they turn in their charters or disband. Many lodges do not have stated communications during the summer months, but they remain a lodge, gather for picnics and fellowship, and may unfortunately conduct a Masonic memorial service.

Please, in your Masonic communications, refer to the summer break as not meeting or at refreshment, as that is what we are throughout the year when not at labor. During the summer, the Junior Warden is still in charge of the craft during the hours of refreshment.

Have a Great Summer!

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# Masonicare's Chaplain Anne Baltzell Retiring

After more than 24 years of dedicated service and commitment to the residents and families of Masonicare, the Rev. Anne Baltzell, director of spiritual services, will be retiring on July 27. Chaplain Anne freely admits it was a difficult decision to make, but she feels this is the right time to take her leave – although the many residents and staff do not agree with that decision!

Prior to joining Masonicare in 1988, Chaplain Anne had served as chaplain and director of pastoral care at Minneapolis Children's Medical Center since 1976, ministering to seriously ill children and helping their families cope with the stress and emotional trauma the illness or death of a child can bring. At a chaplains' conference in Philadelphia, a friend mentioned that the Rev. Ray Cooley of the Masonic Home and Hospital in Wallingford was looking for an associate chaplain. Although she hadn't thought of ministering with elderly persons, Chaplain Anne was ready for a new challenge and decided to interview for the position. She and Chaplain Cooley connected immediately and the job was hers. In April of 1988, she moved from Minnesota to Wallingford and began her long and distinguished career with Masonicare.

My ministry has been blessed with many significant learnings about faith and spiritual care with older adults. I believe that when ministry is most meaningful and effective, there is a mutuality of ministry that occurs. Chaplains are most often seen as the 'spiritual caregivers,' and that is certainly true. But the residents

with whom I have ministered have so much to teach from their life experiences and enjoy sharing their stories of how faith has sustained them through both the celebrations and challenges of their lives. Our residents need to feel that what they have to offer continues to be valued and that they have something worthwhile to contribute to our lives, as well.

Residents tell me that they regularly pray for me and my ministry, and I know that this has given me the strength and compassion to develop the kinds of relationships with them that represent the connectedness of meaningful ministry. In this kind of milieu, residents feel free to share from their hearts the faith experiences that have enabled them to grow ever closer to God. One resident shared that about 20 years ago, she had a life-threatening brain tumor. As she awaited surgery, she had a vision of God's healing presence. Since that time she has had no fear of death, and recently passed peacefully from this life into everlasting life. Telling this story – first to me and then taking the risk of sharing it with other residents – was her ministry, which helped to deepen our faith.

Prayer is such an important part of ministry with many of our residents – especially praying from the heart. This means that I listen carefully to their concerns and celebrations during a visit and then use this in a prayer for the person. This makes the prayer very personal and shows that I

have truly heard and understood what they have told me. In these visits I am often inspired by the many ways our residents use their strength and faith resources to deal with serious illness and major losses in their lives. They genuinely trust in God's loving and healing presence. Many are more focused on praying for family members and their friends at Masonicare than they are on their own needs.

Masonicare often becomes our residents' worshiping community because many no longer have contact with their local churches, although pastors who visit make a major impression – even when their visits are very brief. The Sunday worship services, the weekly Episcopal and Roman Catholic services, the unit hymn sing and prayer services that we do continue to enable our residents to praise God in a familiar way with others.

Because spiritual care is so important, we need ways to provide more individual visits than two full-time chaplains can provide. So in 1993 at Ashlar of Newtown I began the "Lay Training in Geriatric Ministry" program, designed to train carefully selected community volunteers to provide sensitive and caring ministry with their assigned residents. The "Chaplain Volunteers" are expected to provide about four hours of service per week for one year, but many have chosen to serve years beyond that because of the meaningful relationships they formed with the residents. They state with enthusiasm, "We receive

more from this ministry than we give. The residents are wonderful and appreciate so much everything we do for them." In 2008 I brought the program to Masonicare Health Center. Overall, I have trained more than 50 Chaplain Volunteers. This has truly been God's program – with an impact that I could never have imagined.

My ministry here was greatly enhanced by the gift of a lifetime. In February 2011, the Connecticut Grand Commandery sponsored me for a trip to the Holy Land. In seeing the sights so essential to our faith, in walking the Via Dolorosa – Jesus' path to the cross – and through sharing the experiences of ministers from all over the country with whom I traveled, my faith was deepened in ways that have positively influenced my preaching and teaching in my life and ministry. What I learned and experienced will be with me always.

I cannot imagine a more meaningful and blessed ministry than the one I've experienced during the last 24 years, and I leave with gratitude for the relationships that I will hold in my heart always. My prayer is that spiritual care at Masonicare will continue to grow and develop long after my retirement in ways that only God knows!



Patients at Five Ramage chat with Chaplain Anne, rear center. Front, Dorothy Kasey, Phillip Votto, Rosamond Dunn, Lillian Marenholz, and Dorothy Greenough and back, from left, Ernest Philippi, Lynn Rieger, Betty Witt, Colin Sanders, and Stuart Davis.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

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



As I write this, we have just celebrated another Grand Masters Day. It's a time to celebrate our residents and our enduring partnership with the Masonic family of Connecticut. Held on June 9, our campus in Wallingford was overflowing with music, food, activities, and people. It may be a logistical challenge getting all the wheelchairs and scooters lined up, but thanks to our able-bodied volunteers and dedicated staff, a record number of residents were able to enjoy this year's parade.

The following week, we held the first of several Masonicare "Employee Appreciation" events. This year, more than 265 of our employees achieved "milestone" anniversaries. Three were recognized for 40 years of service! Congratulations to Patricia Barrett, CNA at Masonicare at Newtown, Karla Jespersen, nurse at Masonicare Health Center, and John Zocco, manager of the Wallingford campus powerhouse, for their combined

120 years of service to our residents and families.

On June 5, Governor Malloy visited us. He toured Masonicare Health Center and met with several of our long-term care and independent living residents. When one of them asked him about the state's new tourism campaign, we learned he is quite a student of Connecticut history. I'd like to thank Bro. Don Gladding, a member of Masonicare Home Health's board, for helping to arrange the Governor's visit. With 65% of the revenue at our nursing facilities in Newtown and Wallingford coming from the state's Medicaid program, it was important that the Governor see for himself the quality of care and breadth of services that we have.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of the Masonic Communities and Services Association was held in Louisville June 17-20, hosted by the Masonic Homes of Kentucky. More than 35 Masonically sponsored communities from throughout

the country were there, sharing our collective knowledge and experience in caring for children and seniors. It is inspiring to see the scope of Masonic care and services nationally, with a passion and commitment that are unmatched. Masonicare will host next year's conference, which is planned for June 9-12, 2013. We will be inviting our national colleagues to come a day early and join us at Grand Masters Day 2013. We are eager for them to visit and see for themselves our "ageless commitment to caring" in the name of Masonry.

Sincerely and fraternally,

## Past Grands Lend a Hand

RW Shane Dufresne started collecting Masonic pins a few years ago. He started his collection with some pins from lodges that he had visited, but moved on to collecting anything he deemed "important" to have. He began to collect Past Grand Master pins when he was appointed District Deputy in 2010 by then MW Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. He was able to collect past Grand Master pins back to 1992, MW Lou Vander Eyk's year.

Shane thought he had reached the end of his endeavor. He then contacted Past Grand Masters Norm Getchell (1987) and Richard Hodgson (1991) by email. Both live out of state and Shane had never met them. He explained to them what he was doing, asked if they

still happened to have pins from their year in the Grand East, and if they'd be willing to send them to him.

Unsure of what to expect of his inquiry, Shane was immediately contacted and all said they would see what they could do. Within a week he received packages from MWs Getchell and Hodgson. Not only did they send pins from their year, but also included other types of pins, some tie tacks, and tie bars. Also included were collector coins and medallions signifying important anniversary dates of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Shane was floored and astounded by their time and generosity. He thanks the Past Grand Masters for reminding him of how great his fraternity is.



Some of the pins sent to RW Shane Dufresne by Past Grand Masters Getchell and Hodgson.

{Editor's note: the first Grand Master to regularly hand out pins during his term was MWPGM Dennis L. Elkins (1986), who distributed small pewter lapel pins in the shape of the state, surrounding a frolicking whale – but with no Masonic insignia! As Denny explained, "Connecticut is a whale of a state!" MW Getchell's 1987 pin (top row, second from right) celebrated the bicentennial of the United States Constitution and features the iconic "We, the People" at its top. MW John Gonsalves did not authorize a Grand Master's pin in 1988 as preparations were well underway for the 1989 celebration of the Grand Lodge's bicentennial. That emblem (bottom row, second from right) was featured on lapel pins, tie tacks, cuff links, medallions, and stationery to celebrate the beginning of our Grand Lodge's third century. }

# Friendship Tuscan Lodge "Weighs Anchor"

by Jim Wilson

On a bright and sunny Friday morning, on June 1, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, sets its heading for 38°58'35.238"N by 76°29'36.4272"W in a bright red land cruiser supplied by Dattco Bus lines. Worshipful Master Eric Hoy and trip chairman and WB Steve Spencer had worked hard to put together the annual lodge trip for 2012. There was no question that WM Eric would select a nautical destination, having served in the United States Navy for a spell. WM Eric had also graduated from the U.S Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. The lodge learned that "aweigh" is a naval term, meaning to put weight on the ropes or chains that lift the anchor. "Atrip" means to be underway, thus today anything that begins might be said, as "that's atrip."

After checking in at the hotel and changing into proper attire, the brethren headed off to the final destination of Annapolis Lodge No. 89, Annapolis, Maryland. Annapolis Lodge is on a very narrow one-way street, but only a few doors from the nearest corner where we could "go ashore." WM Eric's desire to portray our Fellowcraft Degree in Connecticut ritual presented some concern. Friendship Tuscan Lodge does an unusual form of this Masonic ritual, using wooden sets of three, five, and seven steps, as well as other displays to physically illustrate the definitions of the various sections of the middle chamber lesson. The able bodied members of the cast loaded and unloaded all the necessary materials for the presentation.

Brothers of Annapolis Lodge were ready at the door to make making their guests feel like old friends. The ladies had joined the brothers as the host lodge had prepared a



*Worshipful Master Eric Hoy, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, and Worshipful Master S. Dirk Wiker, Annapolis Lodge No. 90, at the door of the lodge building.*

seafood buffet dinner, served in the dining facilities.

The lodge is a restored building from pre-Revolutionary War days, when it was part of the Mann's Tavern complex, originally a three-story hotel. The level between the 2nd and 3rd floor has been removed to make a much larger single room used for the lodge apartments. The street level has a double library and lounge area, a large modern kitchen, and dining hall. As is most everything

in the area, it is built of brick. Bro. George Washington stayed there while President in 1791 during a visit to Annapolis. The lodge is only a few short steps from the first Capitol of the United States after the treaty of Paris, 1783 to 1784.

After the dinner, the members of both lodges departed to the lodge room, while the ladies left to explore the quaint shopping area of the city, only a short walk from the hall.

Annapolis Lodge No. 89 opened their lodge using Maryland ritual, which is quite a bit different from Connecticut's. Worshipful Master S. Dirk Wiker welcomed WB Eric Hoy, and then proceeded to introduce those members in attendance, including a Past Grand Master of Maryland. WM Eric introduced his fellow travelers. Bro. Donald W. Dean, RW Grand Junior Warden and Past Master of Friendship Tuscan Lodge, traveled with his brothers for the three day event.

WM Eric was invited to the East and proceeded with the work of the evening. A great, well-rehearsed team portrayed a flawless degree enjoyed by all and entirely different from Maryland ritual. All the visitors were invited to return for future visitations.

Saturday was memorable also as everyone was given an escorted tour though the hallowed halls of the U.S. Naval Academy. Everyone noticed the building and grounds were meticulously manicured. The history of how the Navy took over the area, bit by bit, from the Army, and how the ram became the mascot for the Navy each have their own amusing story. The Sunday visit to Old Baltimore's restored waterfront ended the visit before returning to Manchester in the evening.



## Doric at Duck Race

*At the Eighth Annual Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce Duck Days in early June, members of Doric Chapter of DeMolay, Waterbury again served as volunteers. This year, instead of bringing the rubber racing ducks from the river to the shore for drying and storage, chapter members moved chairs and tables as requested as part of event set-up. Once the day-long event was in full swing, they served as a part of the 'trash' crew, using pointed poles to pick up discards on the ground. The orange-clad chapter members fill one of the carts used to ferry chairs and tables to exhibitors and other locations as they prepare for their next assignment. Doric Chapter members, from left, are Rob Torino, Tyler Brush, Glenn Mackbach, Ryan Torony, and Jason Ferenczy, Master Councilor.*

# Valley of New Haven, A.A.S.R.

by Michael L. Castroll

Here we are in the midst of our summer hiatus; no, it is not a vacation, there is much to do.

The Summer Solstice merely foretells the significance of time left to the three heads of our bodies, and to the directors of our degrees, to prepare for the work we will portray for the class of our Fall Reunion. Cast information was to be on our secretary's desk by July 1.

Next, put July 23 on your calendar. Then, get your reservations for the summer picnic to our Family Life chairman, calling, writing, or emailing him with the number of attendees, including your families. This will allow everyone to have a great time, and enough food. Our picnics at the picnic grounds at Ashlar Village, Wallingford get bigger each year!

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is now 200 years old. The work was brought to New York City in 1813, where it attracted the attention of Ill. Brothers J.J.J. Gourgas and Killian Van Rensselaer. The latter established the Valley of New Haven in the 1840's. Remnants of the anti-Masonic period prevented the Rite from taking hold; it would be another 20 years before a Lodge of Perfection

was reorganized with E.G. Storer as its first Thrice Potent Master. It was after his death that the Valley immortalized the work of Bro. Storer by naming the Lodge of Perfection in his memory.

A century and a half later, much of the work of the Valley of New Haven has been changed, especially as Supreme Council rituals have been updated. Still, over the years, we have produced a fine crop of leaders who have provided our classes with continuing top-rate portrayals of every degree that has been offered in our Valley.

The Valley of New Haven's first recipient of the newly-renamed Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, Jr., 33°, Meritorious Service Award – presented by Ill. and MWPGM Fred's widow, Carolyn at the June meeting of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation – was Jon Fischer, our Valley's very capable sound engineer. We congratulate Jon on joining those who wear red caps!

The nights to introduce brothers to Scottish Rite Masonry are September 17 and 24. The Lodge of Perfection will confer the 4° and 14° on October 1, with the usual dinner likely to be between the degrees for this

See you in the Valley!

# Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R.

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

The Valley of Hartford congratulates Bro. Frank Dlugoleski, the most recent recipient of the Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, Jr., 33°, Meritorious Service Award. Brother Frank has worked very hard supporting the Valley over the years.

We also congratulate the 19 young men and women receiving Abbott or Valley of Hartford Scholarships. We wish them well in the pursuit of their careers. Awarded Abbott Scholarships were: Nicholas E. Flynn, Deirdre N. Dlugoleski, and Sarah George. Those awarded Valley of Hartford Scholarships were: Jonathan D. Blythe, Christina M. Ferrara, Hannah Forsyth, Danielle C. George, Elizabeth C. George, Jason George, Rebecca George, Thomas C. George, Marcia R. Harris, Joseph Malespini, Hillary M. Maxson, Victoria K. Maxson, Alyssa M. Merrill, Tina F. Rousseau, Rebecca L. Warner, and Jason D. Willoughby.

For some the summer season is a rest from lodge labor and degree portrayal for a short while. It is a chance to recharge our batteries for the upcoming fall schedule.

Our fall class will start soon and we are looking for good Master Masons to fill that class. Invite a brother to our Valley of Hartford

open house and information night on Thursday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. at our Scottish Rite Cathedral in Newington.

In July the Valley will hold several Family Life events: our annual picnic outing at the New Britain RockCats baseball game on Saturday, July 14; and the 4th Annual 5K Race/Walk to raise funds for our Waterbury Dyslexia Center for Children on Saturday, July 28. The annual officers planning meeting dinner for the 2012-2013 elected and appointed officers, key production personnel, and special invited guests, is planned for Thursday, July 19.

Our fall degree schedule is: Thursday, October 11, 4° and 14° degrees; Thursday, October 25, 15°; Thursday, November 1, 18°; and Consistory Day on Saturday, November 17, with portrayal of the 23°, 31°, and 32°, followed by a prime rib luncheon at the Shrine. The Valley holds pre-degree dinners prior to each Thursday night degree at 6:00 p.m. at Sphinx Shrine, with the degrees scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Meal reservation forms can be found in the July-August-September issue of *View of the Valley* or at [www.valleyofhartford.org](http://www.valleyofhartford.org).

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# Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 Honors Veteran Members

by Robert D. Sherrick

On separate recent spring evenings, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, honored members of their classes of 1962 and 1987 with their 50 and 25 year pins.

The fifty-year class of four brothers received their 50-year Grand Lodge gold emblems from Bro. Bradley K. Cooney, RW Grand Senior Steward, assisted by RW Scott T. Sherrick, District Deputy 4B, and WB David K. Eisenman, Past Associate Grand Marshal 4B. Present to congratulate the brothers was MWGM Gary W. Arseneau.

As part of the lodge's annual Strawberry Shortcake Night, 1987 Master John D. Williams, II, presented 25-year pins to three members of his class, all of whom later served as Masters of Ansantawae Lodge. Worshipful Master Rob Thomas also presented Bro. Williams, WB James McCormick, and photographer extraordinary Moe Knox with their 35-year pins later in the evening.

50 year recipients, front, from left, WB Thomas R. Richards, Donald B. Baldwin, Grand Master Arseneau, WB Richard Vernon Travis, and Walter 'Skip' Hassenmayer. Behind the honorees are, from left, RW Bradley K. Cooney, Grand Senior Steward, RW Scott T. Sherrick, District Deputy 4B, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 Worshipful Master Rob Thomas, and WB David K. Eisenman, Past Associate Grand Marshal 4B.



Ansantawae Lodge No. 89's Worshipful Master of 1987, John D. Williams, II, second from left, presented 25-year service pins to three Past Masters of the lodge who he raised during his term. The recipients were Richard S. Zwiebel, 1997, Scott T. Sherrick, 2010, and also District Deputy 4B, and James H. Tweedie, 1999, lodge secretary and Past Associate Grand Marshal.

# Where is the Goat at Union Lodge No. 31?

by Craig Pedro

The Worshipful Master points to his watch: 7:25 p.m. Five minutes until the sound of the gavel. I work my way through the crowd. I knock and carefully open the door to the preparation room. I see that the candidates are prepared and I inform the Stewards that the Master is about to open lodge. The Senior Steward asks, "Where is the goat?" A hush comes over the preparation room and the candidates inquisitively await my reply. "He's on the secretary's desk tonight, Brother. Did you think I would let him stay locked up all night?"

This conversation has actually taken place and Union Lodge No. 31 does indeed have a goat in the lodge room. His name is "Big Bird" and he stands about 4 inches tall, 5 inches from nose to tail. He is a hand carved wooden replica of a real goat who lives with a family in Haiti. He is placed at one of the three principal stations or on the Secretary's or Treasurer's desk during every stated communication. Why?

Immediately following the 2010 devastating earthquake in Haiti, Brother Peter Hart asked that we sponsor the "Give a Goat" program. After the laughter and banter subsided, Bro. Peter assured the lodge that this was not a joke and in fact was a real charity. This unique charity is sponsored by the Haitian Health Foundation and was brought to Bro. Hart's attention by his students at the Waterford Country School. While donations from all over the world poured into Haiti via the Red Cross and other standard relief funds, this

was something different, very different. We were intrigued and agreed to sponsor a goat.

The premise of the "Give a Goat" charity is that for a donation of \$150, a pregnant goat will be given to a family in need. By offering the family an already pregnant female they can sell the offspring or use it to begin or increase a herd. Male goats are used to provide animal protein to the diet and goat's milk is also an important protein supplement for children. This gift provides a family with some self-sufficiency and hope for a better future.

For an additional \$10 donation you can name the goat. I'm not exactly sure why, but when it comes to goats, our secretary is the first to come to mind, so we named him after our beloved John Birdsall; "Big Bird" was named and given to a needy Haitian family.

We were surprised a short time after our donation when we received a little wooden "Big



The Haitian goat "Big Bird" named in honor of Union Lodge No. 31 secretary Bro. John Birdsall.

Bird" replica. He is more than just a novelty to us. Every meeting when we put him at a station we are reminded that not only did we help a needy family, but it brings a smile knowing that we actually named a goat after our secretary.

Bro. Peter Hart and Bro. John Birdsall are the ones who brought the "Give a Goat" donation to fruition and we, the brothers of Union Lodge No. 31, were happy to be a part of it. If you travel to Union Lodge, look around to the East, West, or South. Hidden in plain sight will be a four inch tall wooden goat named "Big Bird."



Brothers Brother Peter Hart, left, and John Birdsall hold "Big Bird," a token of Union Lodge's charitable gift.

# 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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Philip A. Beshany.....	Union 31	Robert N. Miller.....	Liberty-Continental 76
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Ernest L. Gladden.....	Valley 36	Harvey L. Settle Jr.....	Meridian 77
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Joseph P. Lemmon Jr.....	Bay View 120	Albert F. Varner.....	Acacia 85
George T. Macura.....	America-St. John's 8	Howard Weinz.....	Frederick Franklin 14
Anthony Mammola.....	Estuary 43	James D. White.....	Orange 143

## Thanks to the Resident Handicrafters



Masonicare residents Margaret (Pegg) Carpenter, left, and Phyllis Davis sold their handcrafts on Grand Masters Day, then donated the proceeds to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. The womens' wares included magnetic bookmarks, mesh hand scrubbers, and colorful walker bags. The Foundation is grateful for their efforts and creativity!

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## Brothers Enjoy Father's Day Breakfast With Dad, Kids

by Thomas A. Burke

On Saturday June 16, the brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, joined together to share breakfast with their fathers and kids in celebration of Father's Day one day early!

Worshipful Master Tom Burke manned the kitchen and prepared several delicious "Italian Sausage Pies," as well as eggs and sausage cooked to order. A self-

serve beverage and muffin bar consisting of coffee, juice, English muffins, and jam rounded out the breakfast. Several brothers brought their fathers to the event, and the kids who came along had fun playing games and coloring pictures for their dads.

A large number of requests for the recipe were made, so the recipe is reprinted here.

### Italian Sausage Pie

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pie shell, unbaked
- 3/4 lb Italian sausage, sweet
- 1/2 cup onions, chopped
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup cream or 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- salt & pepper, to taste

#### DIRECTIONS:

- Place pie shell in oven during the pre-heating time for about 5-10 minutes in order to firm the bottom some.
- Don't overcook the pie shell.
- Remove casing and crumble the sausage.
- Sauté sausage and onions; drain well and spoon into prepared pie shell.
- Blend eggs, milk, cheese, salt, and pepper; pour over sausage mixture.
- Bake at 350° for 35 minutes, or until custard sets and tests clean with a knife.
- Allow to cool so the dish firms well.
- Cut into 8 wedges and serve.



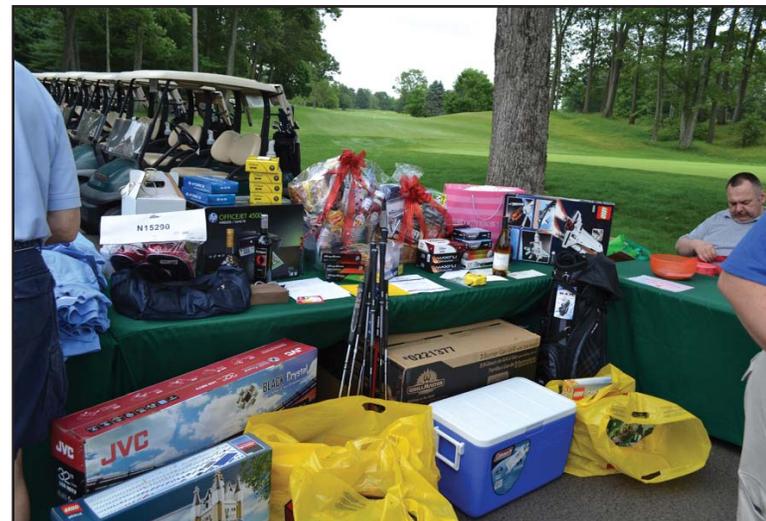
# Golf Tournament Raises \$16K for DeMolay

by Carl G. Ek

The Fourth Annual Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament featured a new location, an increase in golfers, more sponsors and donors, and, with the accounting complete, the addition of more than \$16,000 to Connecticut DeMolay and the Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc.

The Farms Country Club of Wallingford hosted 84 golfers on a cool, overcast day

in mid-June. A flawless golf course awaited the shotgun start, which features prizes for low gross and low net foursomes, closest-to-the-pin contests, a long drive contest, and several dozen opportunities to win donated prizes. Also, on two separate par-3 holes, golfers had the opportunity to win a car from McDermott Auto Group of East Haven or Toyota of Wallingford. The cars went home to their dealerships un-won.



One of the check-in tables at the Fourth Annual Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament groans under the weight of donated door prizes that were given out during the dinner served after 84 golfers played The Farms Country Club.

Golfers of all skill and age levels teed off at 10:30 a.m. after checking in, receiving gift bags that included various coupons, pens, and a golf towel. For the first time in the tournament, players were presented with tournament golf shirts, sponsored by Beecher & Bennett Funeral Service.

After the golfers returned to the clubhouse, a fine dinner concluded the afternoon and prizes were presented.

The committee, chaired by RW Chris Earle and WB David O. Stern, invited everyone to return in 2013 for the Fifth Annual Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament.



The Hejaz Grotto foursome at the Fourth Annual Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament pauses for a team photo. From left are tournament co-chairman David O. Stern, Gary Matican, Gary Cohen, and David Berger. (Apparently RW Matican didn't get the memo about shirt color.) All are also members of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven.

# World Famous Quarry Rite Degree Returns

by Jim Verge

After a two-year hiatus, the highly anticipated return of the Moosup Lodge No. 113 Quarry Rite will be Saturday, July 14.

In 1996, the first Quarry Rite conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree.

In recent years, the Quarry Rite has conferred the Master Mason Degree in the Neolithic setting of the operative stone quarry in Eastern Connecticut. This Quarry Rite will confer the Master Mason Degree on

five Fellowcrafts.

Over the years, brothers from all over the Northeast, Nova Scotia, and as far away as the Philippines have attended. In 2009, Quarry attendance was 123 brothers.

The floor of the quarry will be expanded this year to allow for a larger than usual crowd to enjoy this infrequent event.

With the help of the Moosup Lodge and Masonic Life Facebook pages, interest has poured in from all over the country. A brother from New Zealand is expected to be among the craft that evening. Dinner is by reservation only and already near the maximum limit of 100 brothers. If you would like to make reservations for dinner, please contact WB. Brian Keith at [baddogbk@yahoo.com](mailto:baddogbk@yahoo.com) or at 860-564-8807.



Brothers prepare for the 2008 Quarry Rite degree, held in an operative stone quarry.

For more Quarry Rite information, updates and directions, please visit <http://www.moosuplodge113.org/>.



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# Masonicare Residents Celebrate



*Grand Master Arsenau leads off the parade .*



*District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals follow.*



*Everyone could hear the singing Rainbow girls.*



*Sphinx Shriners cycles and motor patrol were a crowd pleaser.*



*MW Gary was thrilled by the turnout.*



*The residents crowded the sidewalks waiting for the next parade group.*

# ate Grand Masters Day 2012



An elderly veteran stood and saluted every time a group carrying the American flag passed by.



Patricia L. Morgan, director of development for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut presented MW William L. Greene with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts as honorary chairman of the successful 2012 Quality of Life Walk (see page 5).

## CONNECTICUT FREEMASON'S FOUNDATION

The Connecticut Freemasons Foundation was organized to support philanthropic pursuits beyond care of the elderly so ably done by The Masonic Charity Foundation.

In the past a portion of the Grand Lodge assessment was allocated directly to Masonic charities. This is no longer the case. Now these charities receive support from the Foundation which in turn gets its support from donations such as the Grand Master's Appeal. Please keep us in mind when you receive the mailing for the Grand Master's Appeal.

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# Waterbury Lodges March In Memorial Day Parade

by Chris Martinelli

Sunday May 27 was a sunny

day with temperatures hovering around 90 degrees at 11:00

a.m. That did not stop Liberty Continental Lodge No. 76 and Harmony Lodge No. 42 from marching in Waterbury's Annual Memorial Day parade.

This parade marks an annual tradition of Waterbury's Masonic community being invited to march in the parade, and this year the brothers, dressed in tuxedos and suits were accompanied by a classic car that earned the admiration of the spectators.



Brothers of Liberty Continental Lodge No. 76 and Harmony Lodge No. 42 get ready to march in Waterbury's Memorial Day parade.

Flanking a 1971 Barracuda owned by District Deputy Andrew Weimann, II, both lodges which comprise Waterbury's Blue Lodge Masonic community marched in the annual parade to honor those patriots who died serving our country home and abroad.

The mile and a half trek in the sizzling sun was not only an opportunity to honor our troops, but also helped to unify two lodges located in the same city and in the same temple.

It was an enjoyable opportunity to spend quality time with brothers for a good cause.

## Sisters' Project Gift Benefits Masonicare's Hospice Program

by Adam Raider

Six private Inpatient Hospice rooms at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford have received special pressure-relieving air mattresses as well as flat screen televisions thanks to a generous donation to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut from The Sisters' Project.

The Sisters' Project is a 501(c)3 charitable organization founded by a group of women in Wallingford committed to raising funds in support of cancer patients and their families. Turning its attention to projects within the community, the group decided to direct proceeds from a January dinner dance event to the Inpatient Hospice Unit.

"We've had nothing but positive feedback from the community on our fundraising efforts," said Mary Gilson of The Sisters' Project. "People are so happy to give locally. Although there are other worthwhile causes in places like Hartford and New Haven, Masonicare Health Center is right here in Wallingford. It's wonderful for us to be able to reach out and touch members of our community - to help our friends and neighbors in their dying moments. We are all honored to be a part of this beautiful program of Masonicare."

"The Sisters' Project deserves so much credit," said Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. "Its members devote a lot of their time as volunteers, providing leadership for the dinner dance fundraiser. We know it's a labor of love. We also deeply appreciate that they've taken the time to get to know Masonicare and familiarize themselves with

the work we do in caring for seniors. They have not only shown their support for Masonicare with their dollars, but with their kind words as well."

Purchases made possible by the Sisters' Project donation will provide hospice patients and their loved ones with increased comfort at a time when they need it most. The air-circulating technology of the new mattresses will help with pain and symptom control in terminally ill patients, while the flat screen televisions feature integrated DVD players and can be enjoyed by patients and their visitors.

"The Sisters' Project gift really hits home for me," said WB Jon-Paul Venoit, Masonicare's senior vice president of residential and community-based services, "because a loved one passed away in one of the Inpatient Hospice rooms. It fills my heart with a tremendous amount of warmth to know that patients in hospice care will be more comfortable in the final stage of life. We have a great staff and they're the ones who truly make a difference for those we serve, but gifts like the ones we've received from The Sisters' Project make their job easier."

This is the second year The Sisters' Project has focused its fundraising efforts on the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Masonicare Health



Members of The Sisters' Project are joined by representatives from Masonicare's senior management team at Masonicare Health Center's Inpatient Hospice Unit.

Center. In 2011, a generous contribution from the group provided funding to completely refurbish the unit's Family Lounge, paid for a one-day bereavement retreat for Masonicare's hospice families and a one-day employee retreat for Masonicare's hospice clinical staff, subsidized the Animal Assisted Therapy program, and made possible the purchase of portable compact disc players for hospice patients and their families.

"Everything that The Sisters' Project has helped us formulate and bring to fruition on the Inpatient Hospice Unit has added another dimension to our program," said Melinda Schoen, vice president of administration at Masonicare Health Center. "Our little unit is one of the best-kept secrets in the state but we don't want it to be a secret anymore. We want people talking about it. The Sisters' Project just keeps adding to it, and I can't express my gratitude enough."

# Masonicare Partners HH & H Helping a Community Heal

For more than a century, Masonicare has been committed to helping others whenever they can, whether those needing assistance are part of the Masonic family or from the community at large.

This proud tradition of caring was apparent during a recent crisis in Salem, Connecticut, when a six-year old boy tragically lost his life in a horrific accident. On the day of the accident, the Connecticut State Police contacted Bill Hodge, a State Police volunteer chaplain and a hospice spiritual care coordinator with the East Hartford office of Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice, to be a first responder in the incident. The school and community then asked if it would be possible to have counselors from the agency help the child's school community deal with this terrible loss. Bereavement and spiritual care coordinators from Partners' East Hartford office and the East Lyme office of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice immediately responded, spending the next week at the school helping children and adults deal with their grief. Staff provided comfort, support, and counseling whenever and wherever it was needed.

As outlined in a letter to Masonicare Partners written on behalf of students, staff, parents, and the extended school community by H. Kaye Griffin, Salem's interim superintendent of schools, the support provided by Masonicare "made it possible for us to find our way, in

spite of our tremendous loss, to a place of comfort and reassurance." The letter also went on to thank all involved for their efforts. "Words can never adequately express the depth of our appreciation for the caring, committed and dedicated people who reached out to us in our time of need."

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, Masonicare's president and CEO, said the organization is extremely proud and grateful to the hospice staff and to all of the many wonderful people who work throughout the continuum. "This is a true example of the caring and compassion our Masonicare family brings each and every day to all who rely on us. We can't thank you enough for your dedication and commitment to our residents, patients and the community and for upholding Masonicare's mission and values."

In addition to providing expert care and comfort for those who are terminally ill, Masonicare's hospice team offers support and counseling for family members and others as well, such as those affected by the tragedy in Salem. Many people think of hospice as a "place" – but it's a philosophy

## Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice

A partnership of Masonicare and Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

of care that encompasses body, mind, and spirit and is delivered in a variety of settings.

Bereavement counselors can provide counseling for families for up to thirteen months after a loved one's death. Trained volunteers are available throughout an illness and beyond to help families deal with the loss of a loved one. Hospice care focuses not only on physical needs, but on the psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual needs of the patient, family, and caregivers as well.

Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement, said it best: "You matter to the last moment of life and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but to help you live until you die."

## Ionic Lodge Recognizes Good Citizenship

by William L. Greene

On June 14, Ionic Lodge No. 110, North Windham, presented four local high school graduates with the "William L. Greene Good Citizenship Award." Each student received a monetary grant in recognition of their good character and commitment to service to their family, school, and community. The program started in 2003 and this is the tenth year that Ionic Lodge has presented this award to

graduating students.

With the roots of Freemasonry in the craft trades, and our belief in community service, the members of Ionic Lodge designate this award for individuals who are well-rounded, conscientious, and responsible citizens.

In addition to the grant, each student receives an engraved trophy and are invited with their families and school guidance counselors to an awards dinner at Ionic Lodge.

## Joint Rainbow-DeMolay Team at OES



At a joint Rainbow-DeMolay presentation for the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Connecticut DeMolay State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista, standing left, honored Rhode Island DeMolay State Master Councilor Karl K. Parks, center, with the Flower Talk. Standing at right is State Marshal Nick Carpenter. Bro. Parks is a Past Master Councilor of New Haven DeMolay who is now attending college in Rhode Island. Becoming a dual member, he was elected to lead the Ocean State's DeMolays in March.



MW William L. Greene, Past Grand Master, for whom the award is named, stands with recipients from area schools; Blaze Estrada; Sam Richardson; Worshipful Master Fred L. Watts, III; Stacie Meikle; Albert Ernest Garcia; and WB Edward C. Page, Associate Grand Marshal, 9A.

# Ivanhoe Lodge Presents Longevity Awards

by David Polett

Saturday, June 9, was the occasion for Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien, to present longevity awards to 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 Jose Roosevelt Zoffoli welcomed all, then WB John Amarilios read a letter from Brother Nelson Close, one of the lodge's longest living members and now residing in Arizona. He reflected on his 70 years of Masonry, and mentioning his anticipation of the receipt of his 70-year pin. Another letter read was received from Brother Harold O.W. Jordan, celebrating 40 years and currently residing in London, England.

WB Bramwell Bolton, the oldest living Past Master of Ivanhoe Lodge, was presented his 50-year pin and a certificate by WB Zoffoli. WB Bolton then delivered one of his famous performances of Rudyard Kipling's Masonically themed poem, "The Mother-Lodge," in a dialect appropriate to the spirit of Kipling's work.

WB Robert Hair of Darien was honored for 40 years service and as Master in 1976 and 1977. WB David Polett was honored for 30 years service and as Master in 1988. He was president of the Masonic Club of Darien for 12 years and is currently the lodge's tiler. Brother Polett took a moment to recall brothers he was raised with, William Koop, Tucker M. Scott, John Perez, and Peter L. Wilson. Koop, an accomplished organist, passed away many years ago and Tucker

Scott, a long-time former Darien resident, passed on last year.



Ivanhoe Lodge brothers receiving longevity awards included, front from left, Dennis Smith, Michael Jachimczyk, Bramwell Bolton, George Moschos, Jr., Robert Hair, and David Polett; back from left, John Amarilios and Jose Roosevelt Zoffoli.

# A Grand Time for Companions of York Rite

by Arnie Grot

The 2012-1013 grand officers were installed at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut and the assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut on June 2 in Rocky Hill.

William L. Miller, II, of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, was elected and installed as the 2012 Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. By unanimous consent, James A. Backus was presented Honorary Most Excellent Grand High Priest status for his long service to the Grand Chapter. Companion Backus was previously presented with the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service at the Friday night banquet. Companion Andrew G. Weimann, II, PGHP, was awarded the

General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Service.

Edward R. Ham of Jerusalem Council No. 16, Stratford, was elected and installed as the 2012-13 Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut at the afternoon assembly. Companion Ham was also presented with the Phillip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award at the Friday night banquet.

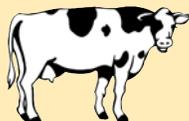
Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary W. Arseneau came prepared with to pledge his support and that of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. His message was so well received that MW Gary was provided with eight opportunities to address the companions during the convocation and assembly. The three grand heads likewise pledged mutual support.



Most Excellent Grand High Priest William L. Miller, II, and his wife, Lisa.



2012-2013 officers of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut take the oath of office.



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# Bristol Eagle Scout Receives Commendation

by Chet Russell

The Eagle Court of Honor for Brandon J. Hoffman was held at the Bristol Historical Society on Saturday, June 16, and was attended by Mayor Art Ward and state representative Frank Nicastro. Brothers from Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, WB Charles Weiss and RW Chet Russell, presented the Masonic Eagle Scout commendation on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

It took Brandon over 300

hours to complete his journey to become an Eagle Scout. His Eagle project was to design and build a new archery area for the Girl Scouts at Camp Carlson in Bristol. Working with other Scouts in clearing the land, building target stands, and building a storage shed for their equipment was a very substantial undertaking. Hours of planning, soliciting donations, and physical labor were expended.

Brandon's determination and commitment to his project by making the improvements to Camp Carlson will be appreciated for a long time.



At the Masonic Eagle Scout commendation presentation to Brandon Hoffman, center, were WB Charles Weiss, Chris Hoffman, Brandon, Christine Hoffman, and RW Chet Russell.

## DeMolay Names New State Sweetheart



At the recent Connecticut DeMolay State Sweetheart Ball, held in the New Haven Masonic Temple, Sister Janae Stodgen of Norwich Assembly No. 30, Order of Rainbow, was elected DeMolay's 2012-13 State Sweetheart. Janae, who is also Grand Hope of the Grand Assembly of Rainbow, succeeds Sister Emily Blanchette of Milford Assembly No. 4 in the office. Here she is preparing for her first official dance with Bro. Matthew Lingenfelter, Deputy State Master Councilor of Connecticut DeMolay.

## Grand OES Has Grand Opener



When the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star held its informal opening at the end of April, Worthy Grand Matron Janet S. Berry, left, arranged for a very special presiding officer to bring down the gavel to kick off the weekend. Sister Betty Stoddard celebrated the golden anniversary of her term as Worthy Grand Matron in 1962 by bringing the session to order in 2012. Additionally, it was announced that Betty had recently celebrated her 100th birthday! Betty is the widow of OES Past Grand Patron Edmund Lockwood Stoddard, who, among his many Masonic distinctions, was a charter member of New Haven DeMolay in 1922, when Betty was only 10.

## Cup Cake Wars At Grand Masters Day



At Grand Masters Day, the dining staffs from Masonicare Health Center, Masonicare at Ashlar Village, and Masonicare at Newtown sold cupcakes to benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Anyone who purchased a cupcake was encouraged to vote for their favorite and Masonicare Health Center's 'Chocolate Lover's Cupcake' (chocolate, Guinness and S'mores buttercream) was declared the winner of the first "Cupcake War."

Morrison Senior Living's Dave Coyle, food service director at Masonicare Health Center, was congratulated by Jennifer A. King, executive director of The Masonic Charity Foundation, for the creation of the most popular cupcake.

## New DeMolay Chevalier



As Connecticut DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III looks on at right, Grand Commander of the Connecticut Court of Chevaliers Christopher J.M. Buck extends his hand to the state's newest Chevalier, Bro. CJ Keenan. Bro. CJ is a Past Master Councilor of New Haven Chapter who is also an active member of the Connecticut National Guard.

## Rainbow, DeMolay Honored as All-State Shooters



Brigitte Curcio and James Kavanaugh were both honored by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference for their skill at high school riflery at the year-end shooter's banquet. Sister Brigitte, the Worthy Advisor of Milford Assembly No. 4, was chosen as an All-State shooter, representing Bunnell High School in Stratford. In addition to her local duties, she serves as Grand Love of the Grand Assembly of Rainbow. Brother James, a Past Master Councilor of Sleeping Giant DeMolay, North Haven, is the State Junior Councilor of Connecticut DeMolay. His high school's Most Valuable Player during his senior season, James received Honorable Mention as an All-Stater.

## Masonicare Employees Cheer Appreciation Day

Masonicare's Employee Appreciation Day Carnival, an annual event that recognizes employees for all they do every day, was held this year on June 14 under the "big tent" on the lawn at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. Employees from Masonicare Health Center, Ashlar Village, and local offices of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice enjoyed lunch, chair massages, a raffle that included more than 35 gift certificates and baskets, an ice cream truck on site, and more.



Employees of Masonicare at Newtown and Masonicare Home Health & Hospice offices in that area celebrated their Employee Appreciation Day on June 20.



A highlight of Masonicare's Employee Appreciation Day was the special recognition of 99 staff members who are celebrating milestone employment anniversaries in 2012. Melinda Schoen, vice president of administration for Masonicare Health Center, right, congratulates Karla Jesperson, LPN, who marked 40 years of service to Masonicare.



Marje Chick, Grand Lodge office manager, received her certificate from JP Benoit, senior vice president of residential and community-based services, for her thirty years of service at Masonicare. Grand Master Gary Arseneau later presented flowers in appreciation of her dedication to the fraternity.

### SAVE THE DATES

**July 21, Open House Seminar**

**July 28, Esoteric Freemasonry Seminar**

**July 28, 5K Run/Walk**

**Valley of Hartford Road Race**

**October 20, Open House**

**October 27, Semi-annual Session**

**November 3, Wardens Seminar**

**November 10, Secretaries Seminar**

# Day Spring Lodge Finishes the Spring with a Bang!

by Chuck Warfield

The final meeting before summer of Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, was held at the Masonicare Health Center for a couple of reasons.



They brought the meeting to Brothers Morris Gamm, unable to do much traveling at the age of 104, and Donald Hasbrouck, also unable to travel long distances due to recent surgery.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner of Chinese food. After opening the lodge, WM Robert Behler presented the lodge's eldest brother, Morris Gamm, with his 65 year pin. Bro. Scott T. Sherrick, RW District Deputy 4B, presented Bro. Donald Hasbrouck with his 50-year pin.

*Brother Morris Gamm, 104 years young, greets Bro. George Poulos, a youthful 91 years, before the meeting.*



*WM Bob Behler presents Bro. Morris Gamm with his 65 year pin. Kneeling next to Morris is Bro. Jon Behler, Day Spring's youngest brother and son of the Master, raised on June 6.*

## DeMolay's Paul Evangelista visits Union Lodge No. 5

by Thomas A. Burke

DeMolay State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista visited Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, at their June 6 stated communication. Bro. Evangelista presented a talk on the symbology of the DeMolay emblem, explaining the various aspects of the design and the meaning behind each part of the image.

WB Kirk Trofatter, Jr., accompanied Bro. Evangelista and assisted in the presentation. WB Trofatter explained the history and structure of DeMolay, including how lodges and brothers can participate in the organization, and answered many questions from the audience.



*Worshipful Master Tom Burke presented a donation of \$150 from the lodge to SMC Evangelista to help support DeMolay's upcoming programs, including the 82nd Annual DeMolay Conclave on July 13.*

## DeMolay Basketball Tournament a Sure Winner



*In mid-June, Connecticut DeMolay and Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain sponsored a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for local young people and members of DeMolay across the state. New Master Mason Ed Battle of Unity Lodge, a former college basketball player, organized the tournament, which drew several dozen entrants. Young men not a part of a team were quickly added to existing teams so as to enhance comradeship. Winning team members received medals for their skill, and all players were introduced to the possibility of membership in Nathan Hale DeMolay in New Britain. Here, members of the championship team pose under the tent with organizer Bro. Ed Battle and State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista, third and fourth from left, and State Scribe Andrew Birdsall, right.*

# We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Jean-Pierre Bolat .....	Compass 9	Desi Baustista .....	Oxoboxo 116
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Michael A. Lopez .....	Compass 9	Jason A. Fletcher .....	Somerset-St. James 34
Jonathan D. Stern .....	Compass 9	Kenneth L. Semeraro .....	Somerset-St. James 34
Joshua R. Baldwin.....	Evening Star 101	James L. Weldon .....	Somerset-St. James 34
Patrick M. Kiely.....	Evening Star 101	Danny R. Worrell .....	Somerset-St. James 34
Carl A. Murawski .....	Evening Star 101	David S. Mott .....	St. John's 6
Michael V. F. Araujo .....	Friendship 33	Mitchel C. Ray.....	St. John's 6
Joseph Charette.....	Friendship 33	Michael T. Smith.....	St. Peter's 21
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Scott K. Abrams.....	Hiram 1	Adam D. Dudek.....	Trumbull 22
Gavian H. Cervantes.....	Hiram 1	Joshua M. Giovanni.....	Trumbull 22
Nicholas Demayo .....	Hiram 1	Joseph S. Martus .....	Trumbull 22
Robert B. Hotaling.....	Hiram 1	Howard A. Wilson Sr.....	Trumbull 22
Nahin I. Jorgge.....	Hiram 1	Edmond J. Battle.....	Unity 148
David C. Langer .....	Hiram 1	Paul D. Catanzaro.....	Unity 148
Joseph J. Menna.....	Hiram 1	Shawn C. Coulter.....	Unity 148
Nathan J. Carberry.....	Housatonic 61	Matthew R. Palmieri.....	Unity 148
Cole W. Creighton .....	Jerusalem 49	Jose L. Sanchez Jr.....	Unity 148
Carlos A. G. P. de Villa-Amil .....	Jerusalem 49		

## Three Take Second Degree In Winsted

by Michael Bates

More than two dozen brothers representing three Masonic districts were on hand at St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64, Winsted, on April 18, to support three Entered Apprentices being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

Bros. Kyle Canning, Craig Murphy, Jr., and John Anderson received the second degree that evening, following fellowship

and food prepared by the lodge's stewards. St. Andrew's' Worshipful Master Peter Keefe presided over the proceedings, and Bro. Scott Rosengrant from Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, delivered the Middle Chamber lecture in long form.

Representing the Grand Lodge was Bro. Ernest Phillips, RW District Deputy of District 3A, from Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury.

St. Andrew's also welcomed Bro. Truman Lodge No. 1066, New York City, New York.



Brothers gather in the East after the Fellowcraft Degree at St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64, Winsted. WM Peter Keefe, center, presided.



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# AASR Presents First Lorenson MSA's

by Carl G. Ek

At the 133rd annual meeting of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the body voted on a proposal made the previous year to rename the state's highest honor the 'Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, Jr., 33°, Meritorious Service Award.' This proposal was made to recognize the Masonic service of Ill. Bro. Fred, Connecticut's Most Worshipful Grand Master for 1983-84 and the Deputy for Scottish Rite for Connecticut from 1994 to 1997.

With the stage thus set, Ill. Commander-in-Chief David Sharkis, 33°, invited into the gathering Mrs. Carolyn Lorenson, Fred's widow, and his

three children, to present the newly created 'Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, Jr., 33°, Meritorious Service Award' to the first class of four recipients.

Ill. Bruce T. Work, 33°, Active for Connecticut, announced the names of the honorees, each nominated by their local Scottish Rite Valley without their knowledge. Thereafter, members of the Lorenson family presented the jewels of an MSA and last year's recipients crowned the new MSA's with the distinctive red cap of the award.

Connecticut's newest MSA's are: Robert Cascone, Valley of Bridgeport; Dennis Cyr, Valley of Waterbury; Frank Dlugoleski, Valley of Hartford; and Jon Fischer, Valley of New Haven.



Mrs. Frederick H. (Carolyn) Lorenson, standing left, widow of the Past Grand Master and Illustrious Scottish Rite Deputy, addresses the first recipients of the newly named 'Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, Jr., 33°, Meritorious Service Award' at the June annual meeting of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation. Standing before the head table are recipients, from left, Frank Dlugoleski, Valley of Hartford; Robert Cascone, Valley of Bridgeport; Jon Fischer, Valley of New Haven; and Dennis Cyr, Valley of Waterbury.



## Sir Knights Host St. John's Service

On St. John's Sunday, June 24, Grand Master Gary W. Arseneau and Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles D. O'Neill were special guests of New Haven Commandery No. 2 to their services at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Haven.

Pastor Ryan Mills, who led the service, was the recipient of a gift of a Holy Land Pilgrimage earlier this year, presented by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and

sponsored by New Haven Commandery.

The service focused on St. John the Baptist, one of the two patron saints of Freemasonry. Biblical readings by MW Arseneau and Sir Knight O'Neill augmented the program. Sir Knights Bradley K. Cooney and Randy Stevens provided a musical duet.

Beside the Knights Templar, several brothers and Grand Lodge officers also attended the St. John's service.

Brothers and Knights pose at the altar of Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Ryan Mills after the June 24 St. John's service.

## St. Peter's Masonic Lodge in Memorial Day Parade

by Daniel W. Nichols

On a cool Memorial Day, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 marched in the New Milford Memorial Day parade to honor all that gave all. It was a beautiful day to honor those that have served their country to the utmost.

For over 220 years, St. Peter's Lodge has been part of the New Milford landscape. The lodge is alive with veterans from every branch of the military, and has plaques honoring those brothers

who gave their lives to protect our freedoms.

It is a cliché when people say "freedom is not free," but driving through any town in the country one can see monuments erected to remember those who gave their lives.

St. Peter's Lodge has been honored to march in the New Milford Memorial Day parade and looks forward to many more future parades to thank all veterans.



A beautiful day greeted St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 brothers at the New Milford Memorial Day parade.

# Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund Helps 21 Young People

More than 200 people attended the eighth annual Masonicare at Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund presentation held on Sunday, June 3, in the Hartog Activity Center.

Twenty-one young men and women who are either employees of Ashlar Village or the children of employees were honored during the presentation. More than \$24,000 in scholarship funds were raised this year and distributed at the special awards ceremony. WB Jon-Paul Venoit, Masonicare's senior vice president of residential and community-based services, offered welcoming remarks, and recipients were introduced by Bro. David Gessert, chairman of the Ashlar Village board of directors. Bro. Carl Anderson, Masonicare's vice president for fraternal relations and his

wife, Betsy, provided musical entertainment. With Carl accompanying her on the piano, Betsy performed an especially moving rendition of "Climb Every Mountain."

The young men and women receiving scholarships this year are Kevin Beaudry, Mayra Cerna, Shannon Corbett, Jennifer Fengler, Stephanie Griffin, Bernadette Hernandez, Bryan Kirdzik, Brittany Landon, Chelsie Morais, Lindsay Mongillo, Thomas Murray, Alexendar Ney, Eric Peavey, Brandon Rusczek, T. Erik Sager, Amanda Smith, Michael Terzi, Julia Truong, Sarah Willis, Kristen Zakrzewski, and AnnMarie Zielinski. Some of the colleges they will be attending include Central and Eastern Connecticut State Universities, Lasell College, Excelsior College, North Park University, Gateway Community

College, and Quinnipiac University.

Special thanks were extended to resident Mike Johnson, residents Phillip and Donna Lint and Al and Marie Scharf, and the family of deceased resident Donald F. Warner for their generous donations of special memorial and appreciation awards.

Masonicare at Ashlar Village residents established the scholarship fund in 2004 to provide educational scholarships for young people who either work at Ashlar Village or are children of employees. The funds are raised in a variety of ways, but mainly through the sale of unique, handmade craft and clothing items in the Ashlar Village Specialty Shop. The items are made by residents of Ashlar Village, and the Specialty Shop is manned and stocked solely by resident volunteers.

## First Annual Community Health Fair on Grand Masters Day

Grand Masters Day at Masonicare Health Center is always a highly-anticipated event enjoyed by residents, staff, the community at large, and, of course, members of the Masonic family. This year's event was no exception - comfortable weather, a variety of events and

fun activities that appealed to all ages, an exciting parade, delicious food, great entertainment, and more. There was one addition this year that was especially well received - Masonicare's first annual Community Health Fair, held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Masonicare's on-campus

Medical Office Building.

Free blood pressure, body mass index, balance, and podiatry screenings were offered, along with informative presentations by Masonicare's expert doctors and therapists, who explored a variety of timely health and wellness topics. Attendees learned how to snack the healthy way, heard sound advice on how to cope in a changing world, received valuable information on the importance of maintaining balance to remain safe, and what one needs to know about congestive heart failure. As an added bonus, every person who visited the Health Fair was given a coupon for a complimentary lunch under the main tent and was entered into a special raffle. A number of attendees were members of the Wallingford and Cheshire Senior Centers who were provided transportation to Grand Masters Day by Masonicare.

Bro. Tom Gutner, assistant to Masonicare's president and CEO Bro. Steve McPherson, was a member of the planning team for

*Jenny Starr, RD, clinical nutrition manager at Masonicare Health Center, offers advice on how to snack the healthy way.*



MWPGM Bill Greene receives a complimentary balance screening from Anne Hennessey, RPT, director of rehabilitation services at Masonicare.

the Fair. "We were pleased by the number of attendees who were very complimentary about the presentations and appreciative of the valuable health screenings that were available at no charge. We look forward to continuing the Health Fair as an annual event on Grand Masters Day."



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- Saturday, July 7, (RE) (F)** Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Utica, New York
- Friday, July 13, (ME) (RE) (F)** Connecticut DeMolay Conclave, Central Connecticut State University
- August 11-15 (ME) (RE) (U)** Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America Triennial Conclave, Alexandria, Virginia
- August 25 (ME) (C)** Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons training, East Hartford, 9:00 a.m.

## COMING UP

September 7-8 Northeastern York Rite Regional Conference, Albany, New York

## COMPANION MILLER IS NEW GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Due to illness at the top of the Grand Chapter officer line, the companions reached down into the ranks and elevated Companion William L. Miller, II, to the office of Most Excellent Grand High Priest at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter on June 2. Behind Miller as Grand King is Companion David C. Abrames, and Companion Charles D. O'Neill is the new Grand Scribe.

The several new appointments to the Grand Chapter line are Companions Paul A. Edberg, William R. Deickler, Richard L. Sawyers, and Anthony J. Raiani. The General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award was presented to Companion Andrew G. Weimann II, and the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service was presented to Companions James A. Backus, Earl F. Korngiebel, and Peter M. Sloan. Companion Backus, who was serving as Grand King, was unanimously elected an Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

## A MESSAGE FROM NEW GRAND HIGH PRIEST MILLER

Companions of Connecticut,

As your new Grand High Priest, I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me and my corps of new officers to represent you and address your needs as we start our new year together. We sincerely appreciate the confidence you have placed in us and to this end have already descended into the quarries to begin our labors. You will notice some new faces in the line, all well qualified and excited to have been empowered by you to take on the challenges we have before us, and I trust you will give them your utmost support in their efforts to serve you and your chapters. They will be in contact with you soon and often as we prepare for the fall season.

To have the opportunity to take on this task has not come without the selfless sacrifice of Companions Jim Backus and George Cronk, whose health precluded their advancement. I am happy to report Companion George has earned the new title of Right Eminent Past Grand Scribe for his service, and that Companion Jim will be continuing as Editor of our Royal Arch Magazine, and was honored with both the Ephraim Kirby Award and official rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest for his service. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers for their continued courage and healing.

I again thank you all and look forward to my visits to your chapter. And please have a pleasant and safe summer.  
Bill Miller

## GRAND COUNCIL LINE REMAINS STABLE

As expected, the officers of the Grand Council advanced regularly so that the Most Puissant Grand Master is now Companion Edward R. Ham, the Right Illustrious Deputy Puissant Grand Master is Companion Charles A. McCollum, followed by Companion Danny A. Camp as Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. There were no Ish Sodi awards, but Companion Edward R. Ham was presented with the Phillip J. Jones Award by then MPGM Bruce R. Bellmore. The Grand Council was saddened to find that Companion Bradley K. Cooney found it necessary to resign from the Grand Council line. New appointments are Companions J. Andrew Birdsall and Rev. Joseph Krusienski.



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# Craft at Labor...

## FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

**Tuesday, July 3**, Seneca No. 55, Torrington, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Saturday, July 7**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 4:00 p.m. dinner, Scouters Lodge, Holden, Massachusetts, passing one of their candidates using Massachusetts ritual

**Tuesday, July 10**, Acacia No. 85, Greenwich, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Wednesday, July 18**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, WB Corbo sitting in the East

**Saturday, July 21**, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 8:00 a.m. breakfast

**Wednesday, August 8**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. dinner

## MASTER MASON DEGREES

**Wednesday, July 11**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. dinner

**Saturday, July 14**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 4:00 p.m. dinner by reservation, degree conferred in a working stone quarry, bring a lawn chair

**Wednesday, July 18**, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven

# Craft at Refreshment...

**Thursday, July 5**, Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston, 8:00 a.m. 8th District breakfast, Groton Townhouse Restaurant

**Monday, July 9**, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:30 p.m. dinner, computer award

**Thursday, July 12**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, parade on July 14, food booth July 12-14

**Friday, July 13**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m., Shakespeare on the Green

**Saturday, July 14**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 12:00 noon summer picnic

**Saturday, July 14**, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, Sam Adams Brewery trip, leave lodge at 8:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday, July 15**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. all-you-can-eat breakfast

**Tuesday, July 17**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:00 p.m. lodge picnic

**Thursday, July 19**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 5:30 p.m. dinner, steak and ale

**Saturday, July 21**, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 10:00 a.m. shoreline picnic, 24 Bayside Avenue, Noank

**Saturday, July 21**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 8:00 a.m. lodge picnic, Mill Pond Park

**Tuesday, July 24**, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m. Fellowcraft dinner, bring a guest

**Wednesday, July 25**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 6:00 p.m. summer social

**Saturday, July 28**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 6:30 p.m., Masons only ice cream social

**Saturday, July 28**, Temple No. 65, Westport, 11:00 a.m. summer picnic at John Hall's

**Sunday, July 29**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. all-you-can-eat breakfast

**Thursday, August 2**, Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston, 8:00 a.m. 8th District breakfast, Groton Townhouse Restaurant

**Saturday, August 4**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 10:00 a.m., Plainfield Pride Day

**Saturday, August 4**, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 9:00 a.m., Dog Day Afternoon canine parade

**Saturday, August 11**, Union No. 5, Stamford, 8:00 a.m., The Cloisters

**Saturday, August 11**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 11:15 a.m. summer picnic, Pear Tree Island Point, Darien

**Sunday, August 12**, King Solomon's

No. 7, Woodbury, 12:00 a.m., lodge picnic, Hollow Park, Woodbury

**Sunday, August 12**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, VJ-Day parade, dark suit or tuxedo

**Wednesday, August 15**, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 6:30 p.m. Table Lodge with Hiram Lodge No. 1

**Thursday, August 16**, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:00 p.m. lodge picnic and scholarship awards

**Saturday, August 18**, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, 3:00 p.m. summer picnic with Robert and Susan Everest, 19 Saxon Brook Drive, Simsbury

**Saturday, August 18**, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 12:00 noon lodge family picnic, Salmon River State Forest.

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

**Wednesday, August 22**, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. summer social

**Saturday, August 25**, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 7:00 p.m. family picnic

**Saturday, August 25**, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 4:00 p.m. chicken barbecue

**Sunday, August 26**, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. all-you-can-eat breakfast

**Tuesday, August 28**, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m. Fellowcraft dinner, bring a guest

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# Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

by Richard F. Denno

**Yesterday**, referring to this year to date, has been one of success and sadness. We continue to 'get the lifesaving message of organ and tissue donation out to our brother Freemasons, families, friends, and anyone who will listen.' Our committee members have spoken in various lodges, and distributed information on the importance of becoming registered online at [www.donatelifenewengland.org](http://www.donatelifenewengland.org). Has your lodge had a visit from us? We would be honored to share time with your brothers, answering your questions and bringing you up to date on what is going on in the world of organ/tissue donation registration and transplantation.

Sadly, we lost one of our own this past Easter. Ernest 'Ernie' Gladden passed away, having lived over eight more precious years with a transplanted heart. He was able to experience the birth and growth of grandchildren thanks to the generous act of someone being a registered organ donor. The love, brotherhood, and friendships he was able to share were truly priceless. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

WB Joseph Bonola shared how his mother-in-law, by agreeing to be a donor, was able to give sight to two people who would otherwise still be

'in the dark.' People who spread the message seldom hear of the successes their efforts produce. It reinforces the need for our committee to do all the more to get people to see how important it is to be a registered donor.

In the past few months, *Facebook* has played a significant role in increasing the number of registered organ/tissue donors nationwide. *Facebook* is now partnering with Donate Life America. Many have gone on *Facebook* and either registered or encouraged others to do the same, resulting in a huge increase in signups. This is all well and good, but so many more are needed to stop the needless deaths of our loved ones, still waiting for that transplant that 18-20 times a day fails to come in time.

**Today**, during the hot and steamy days of summer, our committee is busy planning for the remainder of the year. Thanks to the efforts of our more "computer savvy" committee members, we will have new and exciting ways for lodges to 'get the word out.' *Facebook* will play an important role in the coming months. Fresh ideas on how members and lodges can assist in our efforts within their own communities will be offered. Local community recognition and the quality of new candidates who come from these efforts await those lodges willing to

help spread 'the message.' There are many ways to accomplish our goals, while fellowshipping with our Masonic brothers, family, and friends. After all, if it's fun, won't it be easier to accomplish?

**Tomorrow** refers to our plans for the rest of the year. One key component in our planning is the October 20 New England Open House. Here, lodges will be able to proudly fly their Donate Life flags, distribute information, and generally 'spread the message.' If your lodge didn't get a flag, contact me at [toursone@comcast.net](mailto:toursone@comcast.net) and we'll see you get one. All lodges received brochure holders and brochures to hand out. If you need more brochures, contact us. We'll also be available to talk at events your lodge may be holding. Let's make this a spectacular second half of the year.

David Fleming of Donate Life America, a Richmond, Virginia-based organization says: "I think it's rare in our lives here on this earth that we have an opportunity to do something that is going to impact, save or heal someone's life, or restore sight. And what an incredible way to leave this world is to be able to offer someone else a chance at a second life, to be able to have children, or get married, or see their children graduate from high school or college. It's just an incredible, selfless act of kindness."

## What Defines a Good Man?

by Bob Curwen

What defines a good man? We talk of making good men better yet the men who come to Freemasonry's door are generally unknown to us.

Who determines these individuals to be good men? Do they truly possess what we seek, what we classify as the qualities of a good man?

Could it be argued that some of the best Masons never took any degrees to actually become a Mason? Men who, over time, upheld and lived by everything we believe in and stand for, yet, interestingly enough, never came to the doors of Freemasonry.

It makes one wonder. Do the good men of the world seek out our craft? Or are they living their lives, making good use, and in some cases, better use, of our working tools?

Recently a brother talked about his entrance into Freemasonry, and how long it took him to understand that it wasn't 'what was in it for him,' but rather how can he could serve the craft, and what he could bring to it.

We say we make good men better, but maybe these good men make us better with what they bring to us. Maybe what defines a good man is his ability to make others around him better, to bring out their best, and to foster and add to an environment of growth in knowledge and virtue.

## Father's Day Blood Drive a Big Success

by Roy Nealon

Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe, has a country breakfast run by the brothers on the third Sunday of every month. Members of Eastern Star and the Rainbow Girls help out to give everyone a great breakfast.

On Sunday, June 17, Worshipful Master Isack Wasserman arranged for the American Red Cross to hold a rare Sunday blood drive, and he provided every participant a

hearty breakfast. For a while there was a backlog of participants, and this Father's Day produced more than forty units for the Red Cross and a great breakfast for the contributors.



*The Red Cross Bloodmobile stopped by Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe, on Father's Day, where participants donated blood, then received a great country breakfast.*

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# St. Peter's Lodge Celebrates 220 years of Masonry

by Daniel W. Nichols

On Tuesday, June 5, Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary W. Arseneau and his line of Grand Lodge officers traveled to St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, Milford, where they were greeted with a home-style meal that included

a Peruvian beef stew, chicken parmesan and baked salmon. The meal was prepared by RW Rafael Figueroa, Jr., and his father, Bro. Rafael Figueroa, Sr.

The event brought brothers from lodges across the state, one of the largest meetings St. Peter's has seen in years with well over 70 brothers present. After the public rededication was complete, RW Andrew Armstrong spoke about the acquisition of the lodge building, once an Episcopal Church, which was bought for just \$18,000 in 1963. The lodge was fully renovated and has been home to St. Peter's ever since.



MW Gary W. Arseneau accepts the gavel from Junior Warden Greg Bollaro at St. Peter's Lodge's rededication in New Milford.

The evening was also a special one as both MWGM Arseneau and Junior Warden Greg Bollaro were able to see the Master's Path in full effect. Worshipful Master

Daniel W. Nichols and Senior Warden Richard McDonnell were away for the evening so Junior Warden Bollaro stepped up to the East for the very first time.



The traditional photo of attendees gathered in the East after the Grand Master performed the rededication ceremony.

# Dads Needham, Greytak Honored at DeMolay International

by Carl G. Ek

At the 82nd annual meeting of DeMolay International, two Connecticut youth leaders received special recognitions.

MWPGM Dad George S. Greytak was elected a Deputy of DeMolay by the body. This is the first step to becoming a voting member in the governing

body of DeMolay International. Now a Deputy Executive Officer for Connecticut DeMolay, Dad Greytak served for three years as State Chapter Dad after concluding his service as Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

For the second time in five years, Dad Harry E. Needham, III, was honored with a bronze eagle

by the Grand Master of DeMolay as the 'Executive Officer of the Year.' DeMolay Grand Master J. Weldon Clampitte of Texas praised the work Dad Needham has done in his nearly 10 years at the helm of Connecticut DeMolay. He also noted that he had asked Dad Needham to serve as the acting Executive Officer in Vermont, and that Dad Needham had unhesitatingly agreed to take that assignment. After solving many of the issues in Vermont and training a successor, Dad Needham was able to resign that assignment in the week before the annual session.

For the second consecutive year, session attendees from Region 1 (the six New England states and Atlantic Canada) took a coach bus to the session. The 15-hour, each way, trip, gave the jurisdictional officers the chance to get to know one another better, while the

adults sharpened their cribbage skills. With the 2013 session set for Minneapolis, however, it is likely the next trip to DI will be by the more traditional aircraft.



Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III, left, and State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista, right, congratulate Dad George S. Greytak, MWPGM, on being elected and collared a Deputy Member of DeMolay International.



A happy Connecticut DeMolay Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III poses in Louisville with his second gold eagle earned in the last five years as DeMolay Executive Officer of the Year. From left are: Past State Master Councilor and Region I Congress cabinet member Tyler Anderson; Deputy State Master Councilor Matthew Lingenfelter; Dad Needham; State Master Councilor Paul Evangelista; and Active Member of DeMolay International and PSMC Carl G. Ek.

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| July 5  | Larry Ace Band ~ Country Western            |
| July 12 | Broadway Cabaret                            |
| July 19 | Airborne Jazz                               |
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| Aug. 2  | Frank Porto Band ~ Golden Oldies            |
| Aug. 9  | Night Moves ~ Popular Music                 |
| Aug. 16 | Eddie Forman ~ Polish Music                 |
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| July 11 | The 42nd Street Band<br>Rain date ~ July 12                          |
| July 25 | Big Beat Band<br>50's & 60's Sounds<br>Rain date ~ July 26           |
| Aug. 8  | The Frank Porto Band<br>30's & 40's Music<br>Rain date ~ Aug. 9      |
| Aug. 22 | St. Luke's Steel Band<br>Calypso Island Music<br>Rain date ~ Aug. 23 |