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Grand Lodge October Communication Fulfills Its Purposes

by Carl G. Ek

The October communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut has four basic purposes, and the session held on October 27 hit all of the marks on the way to the announced 12:00 noon adjournment.

Immediately after opening the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary W. Arseneau set the announced 327 voting delegates to work electing those who would be installed to lead the Grand Lodge in April 2013. Tellers MWPGM William L. Greene, RW Brian E. Beals, and WM Ryan Carlson took charge of the ballots and left the session to make their count.

These three brothers would return mid-morning to announce the following seven election results: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Simon R. LaPlace; Deputy Grand Master, Thomas M. Maxwell, II; Grand Senior Warden, Donald W. Dean; Grand Junior Warden, Michael B. Dodge; Grand Treasurer, Charles C. Maxson; Grand Secretary, Robert G. Fitzgerald; and Grand Trustee for three years Charles W. Yohe, PGM. The latter three officials all succeeded themselves in their positions. All accepted their elections, with



The past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut are welcomed by MW Gary W. Arseneault at the October Annual Communication.

the Grand Master accepting for Bro. Maxwell, who could not attend the session.

While the tellers did their work, the Grand Lodge was called to ease for another of the four purposes: the annual membership meeting of the Masonic Corporation. WB Howard W. Orr, chairman of Masonic Corporation, presided. Re-elected to three year terms on the Board of Trustees of Masonic Corporation were Brothers Francis X. Conlon, David A. Gessert, and Howard W. Orr. Representing the Order of the Eastern Star for three years was Sister Janet S. Berry.

Reports on the activities and condition of Masonic Corporation were offered by Bro. Orr and Bro. Stephen W. McPherson, president and chief executive officer of Masonic Corporation. Both spoke of the positive year enjoyed by the corporation and, more importantly, the seniors that it serves, and outlined plans for the future in the ever-changing world of medical care and medical finance. The substance of Bro. McPherson's remarks are included in his column on page 10 of this issue.

With those two items concluded, it was time for the Grand Master to move to the business of the Grand Lodge. First, he introduced WB Newton "Bud" Buckner, III, chairman of the Grand Lodge Legal Matters Committee, to present the proposed changes to the Grand Lodge governing documents. The first of these was an announcement of a proposed constitutional change that would make it possible to hold the annual Grand Lodge communication on any day of the week, not just a Monday.

Proposed regulation changes were next. Section 4105 was amended such that the discussion of internal qualifications of a petitioner would still not be permitted in open lodge, but brothers could communicate on matters of internal qualification to the Worshipful Master and members of the investigating committee.

Next presented were a series of changes in Rules & Regulations Subparts 30, 32, 33, 40, 41, 42, and 43. Many of these were related in that definitions were standardized across the document concerning various types of applicants to a Masonic lodge.

As approved at the communication, the following definitions are now in force: a non-Mason is a petitioner until balloted upon by a lodge; a petitioner becomes a candidate upon a favorable ballot of the lodge – if it is an unfavorable ballot, that petitioner becomes a rejected candidate; once a candidate has completed his Entered Apprentice obligation, he becomes a brother. Also, in the event a candidate is re-balloted and rejected before receiving his Entered Apprentice obligation – a procedure long allowed in the Rules & Regulations – he would also be a rejected candidate. With some corrections by Legal Matters of minor typographical errors, the seven-page set of amendments was approved.

Without discussion, it was agreed that the fee for charters from the Grand Lodge should be based on a vote of the Grand Lodge, and not a fixed fee. Later in the session, Grand Secretary Fitzgerald moved that this fee be set at \$100 per charter, which was the same fee as in the amended regulation.

Without debate, the Grand Lodge added Section 3414 to its governing documents. The essence of this addition was to allow, with the exception of documents described in Subpart 60, the delivery of Masonic paperwork by hand delivery, US mail, or electronic means. The definition of this term included facsimile, email, and text messages. Those unable or not desiring to receive electronic communications must still be provided with US mail. It was also clarified that a brother may request a dimit by electronic means.

Section 8203, relating to amendments of the Rules & Regulations, was amended to simplify the correction of "scrivener's errors." The Grand Secretary will have the power to correct spelling and grammar errors, indexing, and cross-referencing changes.

Most heavily discussed was the proposal to amend Section 4125 to allow the publication of the names of petitioners and those awaiting any of the three degrees of Masonry. Concerns were offered that many of a lodge's members might have moved or otherwise be unable to attend meetings; this change would enable them to learn who is petitioning their lodge and allow them to communicate with the Master information they might have about the applicant. Those opposed were concerned about the privacy of an applicant who might later be rejected and the potential from lawsuits. In a split vote, the craft rejected the amendment.

The process of chartering a new lodge or restoring a charter that had been surrendered were then discussed. Typographical corrections were made and three sections concerning the approval by existing lodges of a new lodge in their "general vicinity" were harmonized so that all would reflect the same verbiage. After these changes, the revisions were approved. Also approved were a series of "housekeeping" amendments offered by the Grand Secretary concerning the handling of NPD's within specific time frames, changes in cross-referencing, and pages moved to the Forms Appendix.

With that half of the business done, Grand Master Arseneau called upon a series of brothers to make committee reports. Discussed were membership, public awareness, including the just-completed Open House program, Grand Lodge structure, Landmarks, the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, and Grand Lodge awards. It was noted that



MW Gary W. Arseneau presents credentials to new Grand Representatives, from left, WB Steven Abati (New York), Bro. Edward L. Lawson, Jr. (Japan), and RW Charles C. Maxson (Rhode Island).

the Committee on Masonic Education would hold a "study hour" concerning The Master's Path following its November 3 seminar.

An annual component of the business section was the presentation of the Grand Lodge budget for the upcoming year. DGM Simon R. LaPlace presented the proposal, which includes funds to digitize the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1789 forward and the hosting of the 2013 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters. RW Simon noted the loss of over 1,500 taxable members from the last per capita increase in 2007 to date – a loss of over \$84,000 in revenue.

With that background, he moved acceptance of a budget that kept the per capita at \$55 for the upcoming year, with candidate contributions of \$5.00 to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and \$20.00 to the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation. The budget was approved without debate. Given the losses of membership and revenue, it was then moved by RW Donald W. Dean to increase the per capita tax by \$1 per member per year for the next five years; this was approved without debate.

Three new Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to other Grand Lodges were announced and credentials presented, after which WB Larry S. Baker was invited to the Grand East. There, on

behalf of the committee that ran the Masonic Country Jamboree, he presented to Grand Master Arseneau a check for over \$6,500, which will be distributed by the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation.

The session came to a close with the remarks of Deputy Grand Master Simon LaPlace, who thanked the brothers for their confidence in electing him to advance in 2013. Noting that he'd spent the last 7+ years as a 'talent scout,' he would be making appointment some 130 brothers to serve the Grand Lodge during his term. He also stated that the 2013 evaluations would be on the Entered Apprentice Degree between September and December, with the lodge Master or a Warden presiding.

After noting that three lodges had been unrepresented at the session, it was announced that the 2013 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge would be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, on April 7 and 8, 2013. With that, the Grand Lodge session was closed at 11:50 a.m.

The fourth purpose of the session? Getting everyone home before the arrival of Hurricane Sandy, then churning up the



Chairman of last August's Masonic Country Jamboree WB Larry Baker of Sequin Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, gestures to the check representing the amount earned for donation to three of MW Arseneault's designated charities: The Order of Rainbow for Girls in Connecticut, Connecticut DeMolay, and The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut's Quality of Life Fund. The Jamboree netted slightly in excess of \$6,500 for charity.

Atlantic coast. Fortunately, the brothers were able to reach their homes far in advance of one of the most destructive storms ever to hit the United States....

Our Cover

The elected Grand Lodge officers for 2013 pass over a crosswalk on the Masonic campus in their four Grand Lodge attires.



RW Simon R. LaPlace is congratulated by MW George S. Greytak who appointed him as his Grand Junior Steward in 2005.



Bro. Jim McKinney receives his Perfect Ashlar certificate from the Grand Master. Bro. McKinney was one of twenty who had earned the special honor.

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Gary W. Arseneau - November 2012

DATE	EVENT	ATTIRE	PUBLIC	DINNER
Saturday, November 3, 8:00 a.m.	Masters/Wardens seminar Ashlar Village, Wallingford	S	Y	N
Saturday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.	Rainbow Grand officers night, Newington	F	Y	Y
Sunday, November 4, 2:00 p.m.	Past District Deputies annual meeting Ashlar Village, Wallingford	S	N	Y
Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.	Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington	S	N	Y
Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield	F	N	Y
Saturday, November 10, 12:00 noon	Columbia Lodge No. 16 rededication South Glastonbury	F	Y	Y
Sunday, November 11, 2:00 p.m.	Masonicare Fall Gathering, Masonicare Health Center	S	Y	N
Sunday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.	Ladies at Table, Ashlar Village, Wallingford	F	Y	Y
Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.	Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup	F	N	N
Wednesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	C	N	Y
Thursday, November 15, 4:00 p.m.	Masonicare Board of Directors, Wallingford	S	N	N
Friday, November 16-18	Grand Lodge of Maryland Cockysville, Maryland			
Monday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.	Friendship No. 33, Southington, Master Mason degree	F	N	Y
Thursday, November 22	Happy Thanksgiving!			
Saturday, November 24	DeMolay luncheon, Southington	F	N	Y
Saturday, November 24	DeMolay Grand Master's class, Southington	F	N	N
Sunday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.	5th District permanent members, Southington	C	N	N
Wednesday, November 28, 5:30 p.m.	Grand Lodge officers meeting, Wallingford	C	N	Y
Thursday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.	5th District Blue Lodge Council Union Lodge No. 101, Unionville	S	N	Y



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Grand Master's Message



This past month has been a quite roller coaster ride, with great highs and lows. From the highs of being initiated into the Auvergne Honorary Chapter of DeMolay and into the York Rite College, to the lows of having to deal with brothers and lodges who don't seem to get what Masonry is about.

The Top of the Hill

The experience of being made a member of the Auvergne Chapter was a reflection of the time I took my Entered Apprentice degree. It was truly a spiritual and enlightening experience. The young brothers of the state DeMolay officers demonstrated ritual with conviction; they understood the meaning of the words they were presenting. The similarities of the degrees' message follow our own of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These young men inspired me and all the candidates who took the degrees that day. I think we left with renewed spirit.

Entering the York Rite College was another wonderful experience; great degree work, truly an inspiring degree with great ideals and lessons. The great feeling you get when you are surrounded by brothers who you look up to and admire is inspiring. Brothers who truly "get it" yet understand there is still more to learn.

I also attended a lodge awards night and saw a lodge caring for a fallen brother's family, showing real brotherly love. The lodge welcomed visiting brothers and guests as well as they did members and friends.

The Valley

I heard about a new brother who is dimitting because the lodge he joined made him uncomfortable and not feel welcome. The

lodge has brothers who conspire and talk behind each others' backs. No brotherly love there. A stark contrast to other lodges where this tenet is so prevalent.

I dealt with another lodge where brothers would defraud another brother to accomplish some task. Brothers who, instead of good and timely counsel, would rather attack another brother. These are the low points and make me wonder what we are teaching our new brothers who become members in these lodges.

But all in all, in spite of these wayward brothers, the majority continue to work together looking to improve each other and themselves. and be the example of Masonry that we believe it should be. This, my brothers, is why you are the reason I continue to have faith in the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; because of you, the brothers of Connecticut. To you who care and will work and best agree, I thank you for reminding me that a few bad apple will not spoil the barrel.

May the Grand Architect continue to bless us and allow us to do his work through Masonry.

Gary Arseneau

Address by the DGM Simon R. LaPlace on his Acceptance of Election as Grand Master 2013

Good Morning Brothers.

I would like to thank you for the enormous honor you have bestowed upon me.

I would like to thank Most Worship Brother Gary Arseneau for all the considerations he has afforded me, for his guidance, and for his friendship.

I suppose you all wonder what I'll do next year; what plans I have; what will be different. Well, brothers, we have a job ahead of us for the next five months and I don't want us to take our eyes off the ball.

We need to take a hold of Master's Path and make it successful. It has the possibility of transforming the leadership of every lodge in the state, and that can only be a good thing.

We need to deal with the outrageous number of those dropped from our rolls for Non-payment of Dues. It shouldn't be any easier to leave Masonic membership than it is to gain it. In January 2013, I will personally call or contact every member over the age of 65 who is dropped NPD, and woe to the lodge who hasn't contacted him before me.

I have some 130 appointments to make over the next five months. I do not consider

a current position as guarantee of future appointment. Anyone who feels they can contribute, please see me. I have spent the last 7 1/2 years as a sort of talent scout, looking to see who I want on my team. As a now Past Grand Master told me when I was first introduced to him as the new Grand Junior Steward, "Remember, Kid, it's a one year term." With your vote this morning, I feel you have given me my ninth one-year term.

The Electronic Membership Request situation has to change. We have to be more diligent, more responsive, and, perhaps, more selective. But we can't have 700 membership inquiries ignored, when we only raise a little over 400 in a year. Brothers, we can't pay lip service to membership.

You will hear more about next year in the coming months, but for now, note that the 2013 evaluation will take place for all lodges between September and December, on the Entered Apprentice degree, performed in total by only members of the lodge, and with one of the first three officers in the East.

Brothers, on the back of the base of the statue of George Washington at Flushing,

New York, is the quote, "Brotherhood is the foundation of world peace." The world needs Freemasonry, and it needs it now, more than ever. Bring Freemasonry to the world, bring it to your town, bring it to your family and friends, and bring it home.

You may have heard of the book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Well, all I really need to know, Masonically, I learned in lodge my first year. If I could be half the Mason those brothers were to me, my Brothers, you would have one heck of a great Grand Master next year.

I hope to give you an administration next year of improved communication, improved transparency, and, above all, compassion. We are on the right track to be better Masons, and not just better, but great. We can help make each other become the great Masons we know we should be, and the great Masons we know we can be.

I can't do it alone. I can't do it with 130 appointees, but with you, my Brothers, we can be great Masons; and we can be proud to call ourselves Freemasons. Thank you all. Thank you so much.

What We Can Truly Be Thankful For

Most of us in Connecticut will remember where we were on Saturday October 29, 2011 when Mother Nature unleashed her fury on the state and darkness fell across the landscape. The Grand Lodge officers were performing a cornerstone dedication of the New Britain Police Station when the snow began to fall and the mess began. Though travel was difficult and most of us had no electricity when we arrived home, we were truly thankful to be safely there. As the days wore on without power and heat (except for those who had generators) and frustration continued to build, how many of us were thankful we were alive, with family and friends or in a shelter? It is in these situations that we realize what is important and we should be truly thankful to the Lord every day of our lives.

Now that the Thanksgiving season is upon us, "All Hallows Eve" behind us; the holidays are just around the corner, the sense of commercialization is everywhere and the true meaning of the upcoming celebrations is sometimes lost in the advertising barrage. Thankfully the fifty-three Pilgrims did not have a "Black Friday" to look forward to as they celebrated their first harvest in the fall of 1621. Of course those were simpler times in the New World and survival and being thankful were of the utmost cares. They did not call their harvest festival a "Thanksgiving" although they did give thanks to God. To them, a day of Thanksgiving was purely religious and the first recorded day of Thanksgiving was held in 1623 in response to providential rainfall.

There are only two primary sources for the events of autumn 1621

in Plymouth. One is by William Bradford in *Of Plymouth Plantation*, and the other by Edward Winslow in *Mourt's Relation*. The following is an excerpt from *Mourt's Relation*:

"...our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it not always be so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

Thus the Pilgrims were truly thankful for all they had and realized that it may not always be so plentiful. So should we all be truly thankful for the ability to live our lives in the company of family, friends, brothers, and sisters, and to thank God every day for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.



Brothers Produce Their Share of Wine

by Thomas A. Burke

The brothers of Union Lodge No. 5 gathered on Saturday October 6 to participate

in the grape crushing at Blue Ridge Winery in Stamford. The lodge purchased a share of this year's production, so brothers were invited to

participate in the labors producing their own wine. The wine always receives the special attention paid in the production by "Master Winemaker" Enzo Iorfino!

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participate in the labors producing their own wine.

This year's production will be a Cabernet Sauvignon, and when the wine is ready next year, it will be used at many lodge functions including table lodges and holiday celebrations.

The brothers are grateful to WB Domenic Corbo and his family for allowing them to join in their family's private



Hard at work at the grape press are, from left, Brothers Adam Ellyson, Domenic Corbo, and Joe Richey.

The Masonicare EXPERIENCE

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

The Secret to a Successful Partnership? Common Goals and Good Communication

by Adam Raider

In addition to the scope of services it provides in home settings, Masonicare Home Health & Hospice also provides hospice care to patients in over 150 contracted hospitals and skilled nursing facilities around the state. This reflects a growing trend in medicine of healthcare agencies sharing resources to provide patients with the care they need, no matter they live.

"We had wanted to develop a relationship with Masonicare as far back as the late 1990s," explained Mary Filloramo, administrator of Apple Rehab in Colchester, a 60-bed facility offering short-term and long-term rehabilitation services as well as a dementia care unit. "But it wasn't possible until Masonicare opened its hospice branch in the Norwich area. Up to that point, we had tried to take care of our very ill patients as best we could but we did not have a hospice program. Once Masonicare came, it was a whole different ballgame."

Masonicare Hospice offers comprehensive services for helping patients and their families get the most out of their limited time together. Taking a holistic approach and adept at helping families cope with the many issues that arise at the end of life, the Masonicare Hospice inter-disciplinary team works to address the emotional and physical needs of

the entire family. They counsel the patient, caregivers, and family on important decisions; chief among them, how best to manage pain.

"When someone is in pain and they're in their last breath," Filloramo said, "it's not an easy thing for a nurse to know that the next injection they administer to that patient could be the last. I think that was the biggest hurdle we faced. What Masonicare's hospice team taught us was how to make those patients as comfortable as possible before they pass into the next world. No one should have to suffer, and we don't want anyone here to suffer. The partnership with Masonicare has worked so beautifully for us and, more importantly, for our patients and their families."

Masonicare's Sandra Dalton is the hospice case manager at Apple Rehab. She is joined by Massage Therapist Diane Cook, Home Health Aide Lori Fresquez, Expressive Arts Therapist Sandra Gold, and Spiritual Care Coordinator David Johnson. Together, they give Apple Rehab's hospice patients the one-on-one attention that all of the facility's caregivers try to provide but aren't always able to because of time constraints.

Dalton feels that she and her team have so seamlessly integrated themselves into Apple Rehab's culture that it's sometimes easy to forget that they're actually Masonicare employees.

"It took time to get to know everyone," she said, "but now, when I get here, it feels like home. I can relax and know that if we run into any problems, we'll address them together as a team



Masonicare Hospice case manager Sandra Dalton, left, with Mary Filloramo, administrator of Apple Rehab in Colchester.

with the Apple Rehab staff. We can share, we can talk. This is a perfect example of agency-to-agency cooperation. I've never encountered a relationship like this in my whole career. The people here are kind of like family to me now."

Dalton, who jokes that she's still waiting to be named an "honorary Apple Rehab employee," has worked in long-term care facilities since 1965, first as a nurse and then as an assistant director. She entered the field of hospice care six and a half years ago because she craved the one-on-one interaction that it requires of the caregiver.

"It was time for a change," she said. "I find this to be more rewarding."

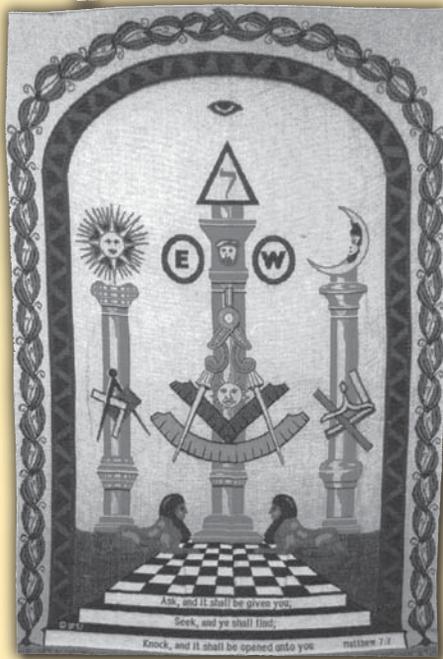
An added benefit not included in Apple Rehab's contract with Masonicare: Dalton has been known to stop by on Saturdays to entertain the residents as part of The Dalton James Trio, a soft rock group featuring Sandy's son, Rick Dalton, on guitar and vocalist Dan James. Sandy plays piano.

"We don't play the old standards," Dalton said. "We play songs like 'Mustang Sally,' but the residents love it."

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David Clark was a farm boy who grew up in rural Chaplin, born there in 1806. He went to work in Hartford and became a prominent Mason in Connecticut during the mid-1800s. His practice was truly exemplary as he gave away almost all he made above the needs of his family. His aim in life was to walk uprightly before God and to be charitable toward all mankind.

His wholesale grocery business and other businesses prospered under his leadership and perhaps because of the very principles by which he guided his life. When he died in 1889 his benefactions had exceeded \$500,000. He supported the Union cause during the Civil War and outfitted Company C

of the 2nd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry with his own funds and provided a revolver for every private. Most of the officers who went into the service from Hartford were given a sword from David Clark. When they came home, he was supportive of "Welcome Home" parties for the returning soldiers. He also contributed to education and helped out with educational costs of those who could not afford them, and even gave assistance for over a dozen men who went on to college.

David Clark was a member of most of the Masonic bodies in Hartford and was a presiding officer in each of them. As Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut (1853-1855) he dedicated

the new Waterbury Masonic temple and was helpful in the erection of the monument to David Wooster in Danbury. He was also Grand High Priest (1857-1859) and Grand Commander (1863).

The Waterbury Commandery was named Clark Commandery after he presented them a painting of the Ascension and in 1885 gave the commandry one thousand dollars for the establishment of the "Clark Good Will Fund."



There are many appendant bodies associated with our great fraternity. The Scottish and York Rite and the Shrine are more widely known and their histories will be discussed in future columns. This month we focus on the Masonic Rosicrucians. The organization known as the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis was organized about 1879 in America and is descended from the first organization founded in England about 1866, then adopted in Scotland, where some of the ritual was formulated. Membership is opened by invitation to Freemasons who are Christian (predominately) but the origins are lost in antiquity, as with most Masonic groups. Some Masonic literature shows references to Rosicrucianism in the 16th century. The local organizations are called Colleges and membership is limited to 72.

In the United States the organization is governed by a Supreme Magus and the individual colleges led by the Chief Adept. The



first meeting in America was held in Boston on September 21, 1880 and afterward annual meetings were held during what is called Masonic week in Washington, District of Columbia.

There are three orders (the first order has four grades, with the second has three grades and the third order has two grades). Aspirants of a college are required to submit a Motto in Latin with an English translation and it should not be duplicated. Research papers are required to be presented for advancement from the first to the second order.



Roger Viets (1738-1811) was a member of the lodge at Hartford and an Episcopal clergyman. He was a Yale man, class of 1758, and although he was raised as a Congregationalist he conformed to the Anglican church and brought his entire family with him. He studied in London, was ordained in 1763 and returned to Simsbury. While attending to his clerical duties, in addition to teaching and farming, he acquired one of the largest libraries in the state. He sympathized with the loyal British during the war and aided in the escape of two British officers from the nearby prison at Newgate. For this he was fined 20 pounds.

Later it was discovered he had been involved in some "traitorous correspondence" and spent some time in jail, and community churchgoers seemed a little unfriendly to him. He moved to Nova Scotia in 1786. He had been made a Mason in Hartford in 1765. When he returned to Simsbury in 1800 for a visit, he found St. Mark's Lodge already organized in neighboring Granby and was allowed to preach a valedictory sermon to them.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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Reid Burdick Receives David Wooster Medal in Silver

by Michael L. Castroll

Reid Brand Burdick was born to Jane Dudley Brand and Brother Benjamin F. Burdick of Brainard Lodge No. 102, Niantic, on June 24, 1950. He is the brother of William O. Burdick, WB Benjamin F. Burdick of Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, and Nancy Burdick. Reid is married to the former Ann Taylor. They are the proud parents of Jonathan R. Burdick, Atty. and Brother Benjamin James Burdick of Union Lodge No. 31, Niantic, and Mrs. Alma B. Ryan. They are also the proud grandparents

of four grandchildren: Natalie and William Burdick, and Abigail and Ethan Ryan.

After graduating from New London High School, Reid went to The American Academy of Funeral Service in New York City. After matriculation in 1972, he received certification in funeral service and embalming. Reid then affiliated with the Boxer-MacDougal Funeral Homes in New London and Groton.

Brother Reid was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1971 in Asylum Lodge now Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington. He is currently the Junior Warden of Union Lodge No. 31.

Brother Reid has always known the pleasure of helping others. Ever since he watched his own kids grow up, he hasn't wavered when someone needs a helping hand. He started off by being involved with P.T.A. when his children were in school. When they showed an interest and aptitude in athletics, Reid was the first to be a booster. By helping his family, others benefitted. That was the beginning of community service for Reid. Both of Reid's sons joined their local Boy Scout troop, and both became Eagle Scouts.

Reid followed family tradition and has been a communicant of St. Louis Episcopal Church in New London, where he was baptized. He is a trustee of the Historic Pequot Chapel in New London. His wife was the church's treasurer for over 30 years.

Reid is an active volunteer fire fighter of the F. L. Allen Hook and Ladder Company, the B. F. Hoxie Engine Company, and the Hoxie Ambulance Company.

Reid is involved, as well, with Lawrence Memorial Society, and their Beneficent Society.

He is an honorary member of Ballard Post No. 36, NAACP. Reid is also a Rotarian, and has been elected at various times to the New London City Council, and the Board of Education.

For a lifetime of service to his fellow man, Brother Reid Brand Burdick recently received the David Wooster Citation and Medal in Silver for Eminent Service to Humanity.

Reid says, "It's all been a lot of fun! If it wasn't, it wouldn't be worth doing." He says most of his activities were begun just to help his own kids, then he started attending Board of Education meetings. Someone there noticed his participation, and said, "You've got a big mouth, and some good ideas. Why don't you run for the Board of Education?" Reid told me the same thing happened with the City Council.

Reid also belongs to an American Legion post in Ludlow, Vermont. They didn't have a Wi-Fi connection, so he donated one so he could use his laptop. Now, the post has more of its vets with laptops.

What a guy! What a Mason!



Bro. Reid Burdick received the David Wooster Medal in Silver from Grand Master Gary W. Arseneau at Union Lodge's awards night on June 14.



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It was a pleasure to stand before the voting members of Connecticut Masonry at the Semi-Annual Communication on October 20 to report on the past year at Masonicare.

First and foremost, it was very meaningful to share the extremely high patient and resident satisfaction results we received this past year. It will always be a major focus of our staff to provide high quality care in a compassionate and thoughtful manner.

Financially, we had good news as well. Masonicare's bond rating by Standard & Poor's was recently affirmed. And, with our continued financial improvements and the help of a special Board committee led by RW Christopher Earle, we were able to restructure our debt – reducing risk and adding stability. Also, despite reimbursement challenges presented by Medicare and Medicaid, our balance sheet has recovered and our profit and loss statement has improved significantly. Nevertheless, we continue to hold the line on expenses and look to develop new sources of revenue.

The world of healthcare is undergoing change not seen since Medicare was enacted in 1965. One example: under the Affordable Care Act, an electronic medical health record is required. We completed Phase I of this conversion in our outpatient practice and in our two hospital units. By the time of the next Semi-Annual Communication, Phase II will have been completed. We are proactively planning for the future in other ways, as well, including growing our caseload in home and community-based services, providing inpatient acute hospice care in Wallingford, and, when the time is right, developing the property we purchased in Mansfield last year.

Masonicare is considered a leader in the care of services to seniors. This is borne out by the number of Masonicare executives who have been tapped to participate in initiatives on both the state and national levels. Bro. Richard Memmott is chairman of the State Commission on Aging; Bro. Carl Anderson is on the Ethics Committee of LeadingAge, our national association; Bro. JP Venoit is on the Board of the Connecticut Assisted Living Association; and Bro. Tom Gutner

represents Masonicare on the State Task Force studying Aging in Place.

I am honored to have been newly elected to the Board of LeadingAge in Washington, as well as serve on the Board of

its Connecticut affiliate, and I continue to be on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Communities and Services Association. Truly, Masonicare's voice is well respected and strong in the senior services industry.

Given the medical model we operate at our Wallingford and Newtown facilities, along with our growing presence in area nursing homes and the growth potential of our physician practices, the time is right to establish a Vice President of Medical Affairs for Masonicare. I am very pleased to announce that Steven J. Angelo, MD, will be joining us on December 18 in this role. Dr. Angelo is currently the director of hospitalist services for the Saint Raphael Campus of Yale-New Haven Hospital, and a clinical instructor at Yale University School of Medicine.

I would like to thank Boards of Masonicare, almost 80 individuals who give freely of their time and knowledge at numerous board and committee meetings; the very talented group of professionals I am privileged to work with — 2500 strong — and the residents and patients at all our affiliates — 4500 daily — who provide the spirit and purpose behind everything we do. It is an honor to serve in such a noble cause - all in the name of Masonry.

I look forward to 2013 with great anticipation. We will continue to strive to build on the historic foundations that our forefathers started 117 years ago.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Masonicare's Melinda Schoen Receives Prestigious Award from the University of Phoenix

Masonicare is pleased to announce that Melinda Schoen, MSN, LNHA, Masonicare Health Center's Vice President for Administration, received the 2012 Alumni Community Service Award for the Connecticut campus of the University of Phoenix. The award was presented on Thursday evening, September 27, at the University of Phoenix Alumni Association's annual celebration held at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk. Melinda earned her Masters of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

The University of Phoenix Alumni Association holds annual celebrations for all campuses across the country on the same night.

The award is presented to a graduate at each campus location for his or her outstanding accomplishments and compassion to better the community in which they live and work. The award is based on the University's belief that education is one of the primary factors that enable individuals to improve their lives and ensure healthy, vibrant, and prospering communities, and alumnae who meet that criteria are honored. Melinda was presented with a beautiful, engraved glass cube which she now displays proudly in her office at the Health Center.

Congratulations to Melinda for receiving this well-deserved recognition of her many accomplishments.



Lizett Campos, left, University of Phoenix alumni coordinator and Nancy Pluzdrak, center, who heads the University's Fairfield campus, with Melinda Schoen at the University of Phoenix Alumni Awards celebration.

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

Our Valley degrees are behind us for this Fall Reunion. We have some aspirants on their way to be the Commander-in-Chief. First Lieutenant Commander is our own Ill. Bradley K. Cooney, and not too far behind is Ill. Paul L. Chello.

Meanwhile, in the Valley of New Haven, we kick off this month with a stated meeting and our Oktoberfest on November 5. All brothers of the Valley of New Haven are encouraged to come, and bring a Master Mason, or two, who they think might enjoy the Scottish Rite. There will be a little business transacted, and much food and drink. It promises not to be a late night. The posted hours are 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come and have a great time in the Valley.

The next day we go to elect our national leaders. In researching the history of the Valley of New Haven, leaders appeared as if beckoning to me. Among them was The Honorable and Illustrious John Quillen Tilson (1866-1958), a lawyer, who represented the Third Congressional District in the lower house. A native of the Smokey Mountain region in Tennessee, he was raised in Mountain Lodge No. 406 in his home state. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War, and the Mexican Border Dispute.

When he came to Yale University, he stayed in New Haven, affiliating with Hiram Lodge No. 1 and all of the York and Scottish Rite bodies.

In the Valley of New Haven, he served Elm City Council Princes of Jerusalem as Sovereign Prince in 1948, was coroneted an Illustrious 33° Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in 1949, and received the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Well decorated Ill. Bro. Tilson was welcomed into the celestial lodge in 1958, and was brought home to Tennessee. A descendant of recent years, Ill. Bro. Phil Tilson, headed up the National Sojourners.

At this time of the year, it is only appropriate to give our thanks to God and to each other for the blessings they have bestowed upon our fraternity, our Valley of New Haven, and to each of us. I give kudos along with personal thanks and fealty to the Valley of New Haven for all that was extended to me when I needed a brother to extend a hand. Many, many thanks.

Before you know it, the curtain will close on this Fall Reunion. That means it's time

to get out those petitions, and double our numbers with the next Spring Reunion. Let's get some more black hats! And please don't forget to answer the call of the Blue Envelope when it

comes your way!

A lot has been happening in the Valley of New Haven. Come down, and see for yourself.

Please have a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Ladies at the Table Program Celebrates Ladies of the Arts

by Thomas A. Burke

At Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, the September 26 Ladies at the Table program was like none other to be seen, and those in attendance enjoyed a truly interesting and educational event!

Several prominent ladies in the arts were celebrated for their contributions to literature, cinema, architecture, and philanthropy:

Betty J. Eadie, New York Times best-selling author of "Embraced By The Light";

Susan Hayward, Academy Award-winning actress;

Margaret Brown, aka "The Unsinkable Molly Brown", socialite, philanthropist, and Titanic survivor;

Norma Desmond, cinematic character from the movie classic "Sunset Boulevard";

Mary J. Colter, acclaimed architect with several buildings in the Southwest on the National Register of Historic Places

Nearly everyone in attendance was familiar with at least one if not all of the celebrated ladies of the

arts. Several had visited the Grand Canyon and seen Mary J. Colter's buildings; many had seen the movie "Sunset Boulevard." Brother David Jackson noted he has Tie No. 100 of the special edition Masonic ties created for the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Details of each woman's life and career were shared in toasts by the brothers, and the reason for their inclusion were shared by Worshipful Master Tom Burke, who chose "A Celebration of the Arts" as the theme for Union Lodge No. 5's 2012 calendar of events.

Brother Felix Lugo arranged the chicken marsala dinner. Dessert included gourmet chocolate-covered strawberries, more "chocolate" than "strawberry," and tiramisu cake.

Special thanks were extended to Suzanne Lugo, who assisted Brother Felix in the preparations, and to WM Tom's partner Greg Chrzczon, who spent the evening sitting in as the Worshipful Master's "lady"!

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Brothers and ladies at Union Lodge's Ladies at Table dinner, show off their special roses.

RECAP of – “Is it Time Now to Take the Next Step?” A Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R. Message to Masonic Brethren

by David Blythe Sr., Valley Secretary

For those of you who have been reading my past two articles regarding the question “Is it time to take the next step?”, I thank you. To those brethren who became members of the 2012 Fall Class, the Valley of Hartford officers and members welcome you and hope your journey has met your expectations.

To brethren already a member, hopefully the messages contained in the articles reminded you of the lessons and values you learned as you saw the degrees portrayed at a reunion. Perhaps they renewed your interest in completing those degrees you have not yet seen, or renewed your interest in seeing what changes have taken place. Perhaps they inspired you to meet old acquaintances, to look for a break from your current routine, or sparked an interest in getting involved in our Valley.

To our brother Master Masons who are still have not decided, perhaps you might want to talk to the members of the 2012 Fall Class, or a current member of your Blue Lodge who is also a Scottish Rite Mason. Or join us on February 7, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., when the Valley of Hartford will once again hold an open house and candidate information night. As Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, said: “Wherever

Freemasonry flourishes there will be found the highest type of citizenship and the best standard of living.”

During 2013, the Supreme Council Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary of brotherhood. All Valleys will hold special events for members and families as part of our Family Life Program. Although events have yet to be finalized, brethren may count on the continuation of successful trips to see musicals at the Goodspeed Opera House; our annual Rock Cats Baseball Game and picnic trips to a UConn sporting event; and bus trips. The Valley has traveled to Boston for sightseeing and a Duck boat ride; to New York to explore the Intrepid Aircraft Museum; to Salem, Massachusetts at Halloween; and to the Scottish Rite Heritage Museum in Lexington. The Valley helps subsidize many of these activities to make it more affordable so the whole family can attend.

Still not convinced that perhaps it’s time to answer “Is it time to take the next step?” You could be missing out on a whole new “World of Masonry.” Like our Blue Lodges, we pride ourselves that we have members that enjoyed the Scottish Rite for more than 50 years.

If you still have questions,

informational DVD’s are available. Contact the Scottish Rite Valley of Hartford office at 860-666-0712, or at sect@snet.net. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Otherwise, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

There is also a wealth of information available on our valley website: www.valleyofhartford.org. This includes membership applications forms, calendar of events, registration forms for activities, and electronic copies of

our quarterly publication *View of the Valley*.

Should you finally decide that in 2013 “It is time to take the next step,” and become a member, not only will you become part of what many believe is the greatest part of Masonry after Blue Lodge, you will receive a special Scottish Rite 200th anniversary pocket jewel to be worn under your name plate.

As we head into the holiday season, the officers of the Valley of Hartford wish all brethren and their family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Connecticut Amaranth Members Enjoy 31st Annual Trip to Pennsylvania

by Gwen M. Rochette

More than 20 members of the Grand Court of Connecticut Order of the Amaranth along with several family members spent a few days enjoying fun and fellowship with the members of Pennsylvania Amaranth. Activities included shopping, a trip to the casino, an evening of bingo and refreshments at the Stroudsburg lodge. One of the highlights of the trip was an informative ride on the Delaware Water Gap tourist trolley.

The annual trip began in 1981, when Connecticut’s Grand Royal Matron, Honored Lady Roxie Schneck and H.L. Helen Dupuis, Grand Representative to Pennsylvania from Connecticut, began the tradition of traveling to Pennsylvania in the fall.

On October 16, Honored Ladies and Sir Knights from Connecticut attended the official visitation of the Pennsylvania Grand Royal Matron and Patron at Dorothy Lim Memorial Court No. 110, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Supreme Royal Matron Barbara Ullrich of Pennsylvania and Supreme Royal Patron Anthony “Tony” Saitta of New Jersey were among the dignitaries present for the evening.



The Connecticut delegation headed by Grand Royal Matron Jullie Pudem Scanlon, center are greeted by Pennsylvania Grand Royal Matron Karen L. Hettel, with train, and Royal Matron Pamela Kilgore, white gown with crown, of Dorothy Lim Memorial Court.

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See what we have to offer by visiting our website: www.valleyofhartford.org

If at you would like more information about becoming a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or would like a copy of Scottish Rite Informational DVD Contact David Blythe Sr., 33°, Valley Secretary, at the Valley of Hartford Office 860-666-0712, or sect@snet.net or visit our Valley Website: www.valleyofhartford.org

Getting a Flu Shot – What you need to know

During her career as a nurse, Caroline Hebert, RN, manager of the Outpatient Specialty Clinics and Employee Health at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford, has seen dozens of patients with influenza and witnessed firsthand the serious complications that can result. With the flu season upon us, Masonicare asked Caroline to share her knowledge and experience to help protect you and your family.

Should I – and members of my family – get a flu shot every year?

Flu viruses are highly contagious. Many people don't realize it, but according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), everyone 6 months of age or older should get a yearly flu vaccine. It is the first – and ultimately the most important – step to take to protect yourself and your loved ones against flu viruses. The 'flu shot' is an inactivated (contains killed virus) vaccine given with a needle, usually in the arm. It can take up to two weeks after the shot for antibodies to develop, and the protection lasts about a year. You may have heard in the past that you should wait to get your flu shot, but people are now being urged to get it as soon as possible.

Each year in the United States, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and thousands die from flu-related complications. Although there are several different flu viruses, the 2011 - 2012 flu vaccine protects you against the three viruses that the CDC says are the most common this season – one of them is the H1N1 virus that appeared in 2009. I'm sure you'll remember that one! It caused a pandemic, a global outbreak of the flu caused by this new virus to which people had no immunity.

I don't like needles! Is there some other way I can receive the vaccine?

People who are healthy and between the ages of 2 and 49 (and not pregnant) have the option of getting the nasal-spray flu vaccine from their primary physician. It's actually made with live – although weakened – flu viruses and is given as a nasal spray. It's called LAIV or FluMist®. The viruses in the nasal spray vaccine DO NOT cause the flu.

Are there some people who should not be vaccinated?

The following people should not get a flu vaccine without consulting a physician:

- People with a severe allergy to eggs (the flu vaccine may contain some amount of egg protein), or those who've had a severe reaction to flu vaccine in the past.

- People who are moderately to severely ill and have a fever. They should wait until they're better.
- People with any history Guillain-Barre syndrome. (Guillain-Barre is a disorder that affects the nervous system and causes an acute onset paralysis.)

Will I experience any side effects?

Remember that almost everyone who receives the flu shot will have no serious problems with it. The viruses in the shot are inactivated, so you can't get the flu from a flu shot. There are a few minor side effects possible, however, such as soreness, redness, or swelling at the site, a low grade fever, and mild body aches. The nasal spray (LAIV or FluMist®) can cause symptoms in adults such as runny nose, headache, sore throat, and cough.

Who is most at risk to get the flu?

People at high risk of serious flu complications should be at the top of the list for receiving the flu vaccine:

- Young children, especially those over 6 months and under 2
- Pregnant women
- Those with chronic health problems like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease
- People who live in nursing homes
- People 50 and older

It is particularly important that healthcare workers and caregivers who live or care for high risk people are vaccinated. Masonicare, for example, makes the flu shot available to residents, employees, and volunteers. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated. It is especially important for those who have direct contact with patients and residents so as to avoid spreading the flu to the elderly, who are especially vulnerable to serious complications. It is the responsibility of all of us to protect our elderly and frail residents from harm, and this is just one simple way to accomplish that goal.

Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications as well, but unfortunately, they're too young to be vaccinated. That makes it imperative that parents and other people who care for infants – like daycare providers – are vaccinated!

How can we help stop the spread of the flu to people who haven't been vaccinated?

Of course, we should all be vigilant in taking preventive steps every day to stop the spread of germs, not just the flu. Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue if you cough or sneeze is very

important – and be sure to throw the tissue into the trash immediately after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth – germs spread easily that way – and try to avoid close contact with anyone who is sick. Remember – if you have flu-like symptoms, the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. And when you're sick, limit your contact with others whenever possible.



Caroline Hebert, RN

If you do get sick, how can you tell whether it's just a bad cold or the flu?

Both a cold and the flu are respiratory illnesses and have similar flu-like symptoms, and it can be difficult to tell the difference based on just symptoms. In general, the flu is worse than a cold, and symptoms such as body aches, persistent fever, fatigue, and dry cough are more intense. Colds are usually milder, and those with colds usually have a runny or stuffy nose. And colds usually don't cause serious problems like pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalization. To tell if someone actually has the flu, special tests must be done within the first few days of illness.

The CDC recommends that people get the seasonal flu shots as soon as the vaccine becomes available in their community. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, be sure to call your doctor now or seek out other locations where the vaccine is being offered. Most influenza occurs between October and May, so as long as the vaccine is still available, it's definitely not too late.

Remember – In addition to protecting yourself from serious illness, and possibly worse, you'll be protecting others as well!

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Eagle Scouts Receive Commendation Certificates

by David Elkodsi

The Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association recently presented two Eagle Commendation certificates at the young men's Eagle Courts of Honor.

RW Grand Secretary Robert G. Fitzgerald and RW Grand Junior Deacon Theodore J. Nelson were on hand to present an Eagle Scout Commendation certificate to Zachary T. Harrison. The Eagle Court of Honor was held on September 28 at the White Sands Beach Community Center in Old Lyme. A scout since 2008, Zachary has served his troop in a variety of leadership roles, culminating with Senior Patrol Leader, the youth leader of the troop.

His Eagle project was to partner with the

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to lead cutting/clearing trees, brush, and debris from portions of the Nehantic State Forest public access road. Over 50 people contributed time and effort to the project.

Zachary is a sophomore at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School and interested in robotics, lacrosse, and electronic gadgets. He is considering a career in engineering or architecture.

WM Robert L. Thomas of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for William J. Weishaupt of Troop 1, Milford, on October 9, at the First United Church of Christ (Congregational), Milford.

William joined the troop in May, 2008, and earned 44 Merit Badges along the way to earning the Eagle rank. Under the leadership of Scoutmaster Mark Krom, William built shelves for the library at the Milford Historical Society. He also volunteers as a docent, giving tours of three historical houses, explaining their history as well as their exhibits and artifacts.

Currently a sophomore at Fairfield Preparatory School, William aspires to be an attorney when he grows up.



Eagle Scout William J. Weishaupt received his commendation from WM Robert L. Thomas.



Eagle Scout Zachary T. Harrison received his commendation from RW Bros. Ted Nelson, and Robert G. Fitzgerald.

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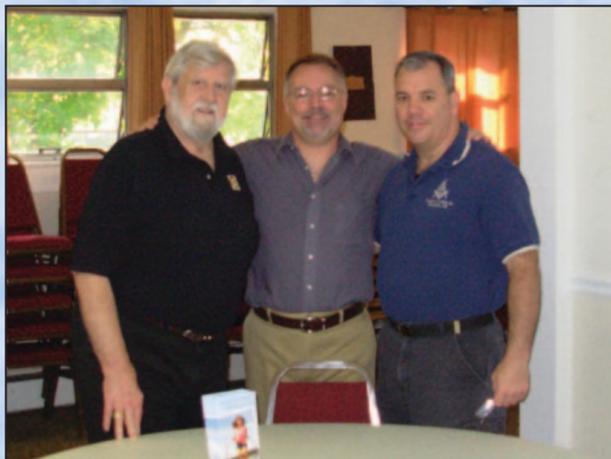
Unity Lodge No. 148, New Britain



The New Haven Temple displayed literature, costumes, and regalia from New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar.



Also at New Haven, Connecticut Eastern Star Grand Worthy Matron Debbie Boychuck, left, and her predecessor, Janet S. Berry, provided information about their organization.



Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford



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One of the best kept Masonic secrets is the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation. The Grand Master's Appeal letter has gone out asking for your support of its charities.

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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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God and the American Government *(part 3)*

by Bro. John White, Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, a Knights Templar, and 32° Scottish Rite Mason, an author of 15 books. His next book, *America, Freedom and Enlightenment, is about the Declaration of Independence as a spiritual document.*

God in the Constitution

Although God is not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, it nevertheless was assumed by its Framers that the principles expressed in the Declaration provided the basis on which our laws and policies would be articulated. Equally important, it assumed that government officials would conduct themselves in accordance with that moral view of life. In fact, the American theory of government also has a clear demand for moral behavior by those holding governmental office; it reflects the Founders' understanding that God demands moral behavior of us all. Elected officials are required to take an oath or to affirm that they will support the Constitution. Obviously, supporting the Constitution means upholding and honoring the fundamental principles which it embodies. An official who egregiously violates that understanding is subject to impeachment, whether his or her misconduct involves high crimes (violations of law) or misdemeanors (grossly immoral misbehavior).

Separation of Church and State

The phrase "wall of separation between church and state" doesn't appear in the Constitution. It was noted by Thomas Jefferson in 1802, when he was President, in a personal letter he wrote replying to a question by the Baptist Association in Danbury, Connecticut. He told the Baptists that the First Amendment built "a wall of separation between

church and State" because it is the "expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience." The wall keeps the government from controlling religion and also from "prohibiting the free expression thereof." He concluded his letter to the Danbury Baptists by saying, "I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man..."

The men who gave us the Constitution believed there should be a jurisdictional separation of church and state, but only to keep the state out of the affairs of religious establishments. That wall was not intended to keep religious or moral thought and behavior out of government or public life. Religion and morality were regarded as fundamental to the education of the youth who would become the electors of our republic. This, they felt, would ensure that religious principles and moral behavior will always be present in American government. Civic officials will be chosen from people of conscience who are free to worship God according to the dictates of their hearts and minds, and who will carry that moral stance into their public life.

For example, the Northwest Ordinance passed by Congress in 1787 said, "Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Likewise, in 1798, when John Adams was President, he wrote to a military group, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion.... Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." Jefferson himself said, "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God?"

The Theory of American Government

Thus, the American theory of government has a hierarchical structure and a religio-moral, or spiritual, foundation. At the top is God, the Spirit of Liberty. From the Spirit of Liberty descend the basic principles of liberty, expressed in the Declaration of Independence. Next comes the architecture of liberty, expressed in the Constitution

of the United States, which describes how our federal government is constructed, and the Bill of Rights, which enumerates the unalienable rights of each individual citizen, no matter what any government body or group of people may want to do otherwise. (Majority rule, executive order, and judicial decree can never override those individual rights.) Last, at the level of daily living, come the specific policies and practices of liberty, or the laws and legislation governing the behavior of citizens at the local, state, and federal levels. All laws and government actions must conform to the Constitution, which is the supreme law of the United States of America. Nothing can supersede or replace the Constitution, so long as America exists as America. This theoretic structure of American government is reflected in the reverse side of Great Seal of the United States, which is an unfinished pyramid watched over by the Eye of the Deity. God is the Founding Spirit of America, operating through the Founders.

God and "We the People"

Finally, and perhaps most important, the American theory of government has a clear expectation that we, the citizens of America, will conduct ourselves in a moral manner and will vigilantly require the same of our elected representatives and appointed officials. Since American government is essentially self-government, we citizens have an obligation to understand the principles which are intended to direct our lives, privately and publicly. Those principles are spiritual; they express our Founders' deepest understanding of God's will for humanity. They are the religio-moral compass which keeps us on course to provide the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. That course points directly to the Spirit of Liberty.

Without public recognition that God is the basis of our government, our social order, and our moral character as a people, this nation will not stand. The Fortress of Freedom would be undermined without understanding American history and political theory. America cannot be divorced from God. Our nation's foundation is, quite literally, Godly. Without this clear insight, America would decline in civility, morality, and patriotism.

I suggest reflection on these words from George Washington in his 1789 Thanksgiving proclamation:

"It is the first duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor in holy fear."



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Baseball at MHC, Hiram Style

by Steven Allinson
and Timothy Wilkins

On September 30, Hiram Lodge No. 1 held its Fourth Annual Baseball Tailgate Party at the Masonicare Health Center. Every year the rivalry heats up and the residents are always ready

for a great time. Everyone was cheering the New York Yankees versus the Toronto Blue Jays, even some reluctant Red Sox fans. The view of the game was excellent on the new widescreen in the 4th floor social room.

As always, traditional game

day foods included hot dogs, French fries, chips, salsa, soda, and beer. The residents all said the event was like being in the baseball park. The Hiram brothers and MHC residents always have a lot of fun enjoying the ballgame and each other's company.

As always, special thanks go to Noreen Pappas for coordinating the event. Noreen always goes above and beyond for the residents and makes these events extra special. The annual baseball tailgate party couldn't go on without her.



There is always a good time for Hiram Lodge brothers to visit and root for favorite baseball teams with the residents at the Masonicare Health Center.

Your lodge can get involved with the EBDV

by the Committee on Community Action

The University of Connecticut's Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Disabled Veterans (EBDV) held its 2012 graduation ceremony on Saturday night, September 29 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Hartford. Program Director Lieutenant Colonel Mike Zacchea, USMC (retired) was very appreciative of the Committee on Community Action's attendance to celebrate the graduate's achievement.

Six of the twenty-six graduates were from Connecticut: Meghan Brunaugh, Pocasset; Jared Luce, Coventry; Tiffany Mellers, Bridgeport; Joseph Morrison, Ridgefield;

Justin Nash, Cheshire; and Douglas Yeager, Winsted. These distinguished men and women are committed to starting their own businesses and giving back to their communities.

Mr. Nash, whose brother, Corey Nash, a member of Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, is a West Point graduate who is starting a construction company; you can visit Mr. Nash's new company at www.yourveteran.com. Many of the other graduates are pursuing solid business plans that will lead to economic growth and job creation, both of which are needed for our state's economy and returning veterans.

Your lodge can get involved with the Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Disabled Veterans in a number of ways:

- Contact a local Bootcamp graduate and ask them to speak at your lodge to discuss their business and the program
- Consider donating to the program
- Mentors who can provide expertise for the graduates

- Goods
- Services
- Funds
- Sponsor a local graduate or future attendee
- Raise funds for the program
- Contact Program Director Zacchea to learn about other specific needs

Beyond helping disabled veterans with their entrepreneurial spirit and business plans, another goal of the program is to reduce the isolation that our returning veterans often experience.

How many of you or your lodge brothers are veterans? Perhaps you could provide some guidance for these veterans on many of the issues you have both experienced upon your return to society.

For more information about the program, please contact Lieutenant Colonel Mike Zacchea, 516-728-5055, or michael.zacchea@business.uconn.edu.



At the EBDV graduation were, from left, WB Johnny Miller (COCA chairman), Cory Hixson, Edward Young, Justin Nash, and WB Tom Burke.

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Masonicare Health Center Changed His Life

Marshall Blevins, 90, has been a resident of Milford for 70 years. Since his beloved wife, Barbara, passed away a few years ago, he's lived on his own in their Milford home, although he still misses her very much. "Barbara was a wonderful woman and she meant the world to me." Although he does get lonely at times, he says he's getting along pretty well. "I love to cook, and luckily, I still have all of my marbles," he says with a chuckle.

Although he's had a heart condition since suffering a serious heart attack in his early 50's, eventually resulting in the insertion of a pacemaker and then a defibrillator, he's always tried to stay as active as possible and enjoy life to the fullest. As an example, he had just finished painting his back porch shortly before this telephone interview.

In addition to his heart problems, Marshall has had to deal with other serious medical issues recently. In August of last year, after having trouble swallowing, he underwent a barium swallow test at Milford Hospital and was diagnosed with moderate dysphagia, a disorder characterized by swallowing difficulties mostly caused by nerve or muscle problems. And on October 6, to make matters worse, he experienced 25 shocks from his defibrillator due to cardiac arrest. He called 911 and was rushed from home to Milford Hospital by ambulance, where he was operated on and given a new defibrillator. He was discharged from the hospital, but just three days later, he was rushed back to the hospital's emergency room with generalized abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. Another barium swallow test determined he now had severe dysphagia, and a feeding tube was inserted six days later. "They told me I wouldn't be able to eat or drink anything again. It was devastating news, to put it mildly," he says. "Frankly, I almost didn't care if I lived or died. Why would I want to spend the rest of my days like that?"

On October 31, 2011, Marshall was admitted to Masonicare Health Center (MHC) in Wallingford for in-patient short-



Lisa King, left, of Masonicare Health Center's Rehabilitation Department, is a patient, caring therapist who specializes in geriatric speech and swallowing disorders.

term rehabilitation to see if anything could be done to improve his condition.

"We chose Masonicare because my son, John, lives in Wallingford and wanted me to be near him so he could visit as often as possible. And he'd heard good things about the care there, so we decided to give it a try. I know now that we definitely made the right decision," he says confidently. He also says he doesn't remember too much about his first weeks at MHC. "I had just had two major surgeries and was still pretty much out of it."

Lisa King, M.A., CCC-SLP, one of the knowledgeable and highly-trained speech-language pathologists in the department, was very involved in Marshall's therapy from day one. "Shortly after Marshall arrived here, he was given an initial swallowing test, and on November 23, a FEES swallow test confirmed his severe dysphagia." The FEES test, or a fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing, uses a thin, flexible tube to look at swallowing. The tube or scope is connected to a TV and VCR where the picture is recorded so it can be studied again after the test is completed. "As a result of the test, Marshall was allowed to have ice chips three times a day, but was still not permitted to have anything to eat or drink outside of swallowing therapy."

Because he had regained a little strength by Thanksgiving, Marshall's physician at MHC gave him a leave of absence so he could spend the holiday with his family. "I went to my brother-in-law's for dinner. I sat alone in the living room while the rest of the family

ate turkey and all the trimmings. I just couldn't sit at the table and not be able to enjoy the meal with them. This year, I'm happy to report, I'm going to go to Gozzi's turkey farm in Guilford, buy the biggest turkey I can find, and eat as much as I can!"

Marshall received intense therapy during his stay, and on December 19, another FEES test showed he now had moderate dysphagia, with significant improvement since the last FEES test in November. After more therapy, Marshall's condition was upgraded in early January, and he was allowed to begin an oral diet of nectar thick liquids and magic cup ice cream, a special ice cream that doesn't melt. Just two weeks later, he was taking thin liquids and whole regular solids. On February 3, Marshall's physician removed the feeding tube, and Marshall was thrilled when he was told he could eat just about whatever he wanted. He was discharged on February 8.

Lisa says Marshall was a great patient. "He was eager to do whatever he could to improve his condition and return to a normal life. Patients with Marshall's 'can do' attitude definitely help make our jobs a little easier. And to see how much he improved during his stay with us was motivational for the whole department. Needless to say, we were elated. We couldn't have hoped for a better outcome."

Marshall was extremely pleased with everything during his stay. "Masonicare treated me very well! The care, service, and entire staff were great – I have absolutely no complaints about anything. Even the food I finally got to eat was great! I would recommend Masonicare to anybody – it was wonderful."

Marshall also has nothing but praise for Lisa and the care and compassion she showed him. "She's a very nice person and a terrific therapist – she's the one who got me swallowing again. I can't thank her enough for everything she's done for me. I owe her and Masonicare so much."

Masonicare Health Center's Rehabilitation Department evaluates speech patterns, language, and swallowing, and assists with the latest techniques for more effective communication. The therapy can be received on either an in- or outpatient basis. Medicare and most major insurance are accepted. If you'd like to learn more, call Masonicare Health Center's Rehabilitation Department at 203-679-6909 or the Masonicare HelpLine at 888-679-9997.

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The 'Early Holiday Gift' or 116,000 and Counting...

by Richard F. Denno

Have you ever felt like you were shoveling sand against the incoming tide? or 'running on a treadmill and getting nowhere?' Has a feeling of 'helplessness or hopelessness' ever overtaken you? If any of these have occurred, you can in some small way realize how members of the organ donation community have felt. This of course includes your Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program. As hard as we try to contribute towards reversing that 116,000+ number, it keeps rising. What are the causes of this ever increasing number, and how can the increase be stopped?

Perhaps the ever increasing number is a factor of the strides the medical/research community has made in making the 'transplant opportunity' available to many who would have suffered a shorter lifespan and early death. These medical strides may have made transplants more accessible to some, but has the number of potential donors

kept pace with those strides? Obviously not. It becomes a matter of simple math. More patients have gone on the list than donors signing up on the donor registries.

We NEED YOU to register online as an organ/tissue/eye donor! What better gift can a Mason make than to assist other Freemasons and non-Freemasons alike, in their time of need? Isn't that what Freemasonry is all about? The holidays are once again upon us. Those who were on the transplant waiting lists and have received the lifesaving/life enhancing gift of a transplant this year truly have something to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving.

Please go to www.donatelifenewengland.org, to learn about becoming a donor. Then

take the lifesaving step of registering online. Make that special gift in honor or memory of a loved one. Then multiply that gift by emailing a copy of the article to as many friends, employees, family members, and yes, Freemasons, as you have in your email address book. Then ask them to do the same. Let's see how far we can spread the lifesaving message of organ and tissue donor awareness and registration.

Another way of getting the word out is to contact us at my email of toursone@comcast.net, and schedule an informative visit to your lodge from our committee members.

On behalf of your Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program, Happy Holidays!



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Brothers Walk to Support Cromwell Food Pantry

by Cleve Huggins

The Cromwell Christian Clergy sponsored a walk on Sunday, October 14, to benefit the Cromwell Food Pantry of the Cromwell Christian Clergy. Washington Lodge No. 81, Cromwell, organized a team to walk in support of the effort.

After registration, the walk began at 1:00 pm. Nearly 50 participants walked just under five miles. The lodge team wore their Washington Lodge 81 shirts and raised \$300 of the total \$4,400 raised.



Brothers of Washington Lodge No. 81, Cromwell, turned out to walk in support of the Cromwell Food Bank.

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Masonicare Home Health & Hospice Sponsoring Bereavement Support Group at Masonicare at Newtown

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice is sponsoring a free, 7-session Bereavement Support Group to be held at Masonicare at Newtown during the months of November and December.

Designed to help individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one, the support group will bring people together for grief education and to share their stories and offer support to one another. The group will also discuss how to cope with loss during the upcoming holiday season. Refreshments will be served at each session.

The Bereavement Support Group is open to all and will meet on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Nutmeg Room at Masonicare at Newtown, 139 Toddy Hill Road, Sandy Hook. The dates are as follows: November 5, 12, 19, and 26

and December 3, 10 and 17. The group will be facilitated by Anne-Marie Davenport, M. Div., spiritual coordinator for Masonicare Home Health & Hospice. Pre-registration is

required, and group members are asked to attend all seven sessions, if possible. Please call Sharon Bournival at 203-775-0675 to register.

MCF Visits Union Lodge to Discuss Tree of Life Program

by Thomas A. Burke

Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, recently welcomed The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut's Director of Development Patricia L. Morgan and Special Events Coordinator Kate Tedford to learn about the Tree of Life. Proceeds from the event will benefit Masonicare Home Health and Hospice to meet patients' needs throughout Fairfield County.

The event is a celebration for those who have lost loved ones and want to honor them with a light on the Tree of Life. A tree-lighting ceremony will be held at the Italian Center on Newfield Avenue in Stamford on Sunday, December 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The names of honorees will also be added to the Tree of Life Honor Roll.

Donations in support of the Tree of Life are tax-deductible and make it possible for Masonicare to provide quality, compassionate home health and hospice care to patients and their families.

For more information, or to light up a light on the Tree of Life, visit www.masonicare.org/tree-life or call The Foundation at 800-562-3952.

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut and Masonicare invite you to honor or remember loved ones by lighting up a light on the



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You can honor or remember a loved one by lighting up a light on the Tree of Life. To purchase a light, please provide all necessary tribute information on our online response form at

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Loved ones will be honored at one of two non-denominational tree-lighting ceremonies:

Tree of Life - Meriden
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Augusta Curtis Cultural Center
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Tree of Life - Stamford
Sunday, December 2, 2012
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Italian Center of Stamford
1620 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905

For more information, please call The Masonic Charity Foundation at 800-562-3952



The Masonic Charity Foundation's Patricia L. Morgan, left, and Kate Tedford were guests at Union Lodge No. 5, invited by WM Tom Burke to explain the upcoming Tree of Life program.

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"The Masons' Secret Ball" Scholarship Fundraiser

by Thomas A. Burke

Stamford's Union Lodge No. 5, hosted their third annual scholarship fundraiser, "The Masons' Secret Ball", on Saturday, October 20. Over seventy-five participants, including attendees and donors, joined together to make the ball and fundraiser a huge success!

The gala event was held at The Water's Edge at Giovanni's in Darien. The ball continues a tradition of excellence, excitement, and fun for the organization and the community. WM Thomas Burke, WB Stephen Petri, and Bro. Sam Maurer planned the event, with other assistance. Bros. Thomas Burke and Felix Lugo managed the public relations, including press releases, social media, and poster creation. Music was provided by Retro Express; flower arrangements were donated by Bro. Teddy Gianokos of Peter's Wholesale Florist in Stamford.

The highlight of the evening was the silent auction which featured a variety of donated items including exquisite art, antique collectibles, a visit to a day spa, a surprise gift from Nagi Jewelers, a child's toy, tickets to shows at two theater companies, and other gifts and gift certificates.

Some unique auction items included "The Mad Things", WB Jon Ringel's band, and a one-of-a-kind, handmade detailed reproduction of Henry Jones, Sr.'s famous Holy Grail diary from "Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade," created by Bro. Felix Lugo. The most competition was for an original oil painting by well known Russian/Israeli artist Leonid Afremov with a Certificate of Authenticity. The ball, donations, and silent auction brought in a net profit of over \$2,000 for the scholarship fund, and generated community awareness and goodwill for the

lodge's charity programs.

In 2012, Kate Donohoe, a graduating senior from Westhill High School, was awarded \$1,000 as an entering freshman

at Pace University. The success of the ball allows Union Lodge No. 5 to continue, and perhaps expand, their scholarship program.



Worshipful Master Tom Burke, standing, greets Bros. Felix Lugo, left, and Stephen Petri, with wives, to the Masons' Secret Ball.

Take 25 Event at Stamford Museum and Nature Center's Fall Harvest Festival

by Thomas A. Burke

The brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, hosted a Take 25 event at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center's Annual Fall Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 21. Greeted by a crisp and blustery sunny day, along with the morning sounds of crowing roosters

and honking geese, Bro. David Cooper, WB Digger Odell and WM Tom Burke hung a Take 25 banner. Bro. Cooper's laptop was plugged in so visitors could watch some videos about the program, and the brothers distributed the Take 25 literature.

WM Burke brought coffee and donuts for the morning setup shift, and WB Domenic Corbo arrived at noon with pizza. Take 25 literature was distributed, and visitors asked many questions. Many children were in attendance with their parents, participating in a Children's Story Hour, and listening to a band play fun songs for kids.

Everyone thought the information was very helpful, and several parents started to go through the points with their children right away.



Bro. David Cooper, left, and WM Tom Burke set up a Take 25 educational event to give safety instructions for children,

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Michele Ackerman Promoted to Assistant Director of Nursing for Masonicare Health Center

Michele Ackerman, RN, BS, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Nursing at Masonicare Health Center.

Ms. Ackerman has been employed at Masonicare Health Center since 1999, most recently serving as clinical nurse manager for several nursing units. In her new role, she'll work directly with the vice president of nursing, providing leadership and managerial support throughout the entire nursing department.

In making the announcement, Melinda J. Schoen, RN, MSN, LNHA, vice president of administration for Masonicare Health Center, said, "Michele has been a valuable member of our nursing team for several years and has made significant contributions to the departments she has managed. We look forward to the expansion of her talents across the entire Nursing Department."

Ms. Ackerman received a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Manhattanville College and an Associates Degree in Nursing from Wilcox College of Nursing. She and her husband, Andrew, and their two children are residents of Northford.

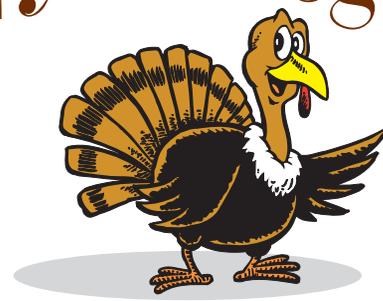


Michele Ackerman, RN

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Happy Thanksgiving!



RW Simon R. LaPlace: A Blue Lodge Mason

by Michael L. Castroll

Little did we know that a purple apron could have such an extensive fraternal lineage. Such is the case with our next Grand Master. It seems there is an ancient heritage within our next chief exec whose blue blood has flowed in our craft.

Simon Royal LaPlace was born in Hartford, on February 7, 1950 to Jeanette (Owen) and William Bissell LaPlace. Simon's first taste of Masonry was as a youngster when he would see his father on "lodge night." It was "don't ask, and I won't tell" back in the fifties. In the 1960's he briefly got acquainted with DeMolay when he took his initiatory degree. He wouldn't receive his DeMolay degree for another forty years, through special dispensation approved by Executive Officer Harry Needham. In 1970, his uncle, Carl O. Carlson, drove around with "MWGM70" license plates, a "Most something or other." His aunt, "Didi" LaPlace Carlson was head dietician at the then Masonic Home, wherever that was.

What Simon didn't know then was that not only were his father and uncle Masons, but that his grandfather and great-grandfather had also been raised in the same lodge, Trinity Lodge No. 43, Deep River. And from the early Bissells was an interesting

character, Ozias, who was raised in 1756 at St. John's Lodge No. 2, Middleton, and a charter member of American Union Lodge during the Revolutionary War.

Simon grew up in Deep River and was educated at local schools. He went off to Ithaca, New York, to the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University, graduating in 1972.

A short career managing in a chain of restaurants convinced him it was better to come home and return to the family retail home furnishings business, established by his great-grandfather in 1897. Great-grandfather William G. got as far as Senior Warden of Trinity Lodge No. 43 in 1897. The next year, on Dec. 23, 1898, Simon's grandfather, also Simon Royal LaPlace, joined Trinity Lodge, and served as Master in 1915. Simon's father, William B. LaPlace was also a Past Master of Trinity Lodge No. 43 in 1951.

In 1973, Simon married Deborah Kathryn Larson. After a while, their son, Julian Royal LaPlace, came along, and after his graduation from University of California at Berkeley, Simon had the pleasure of raising Julian a Master Mason in his lodge

On May 14, 1994, Simon was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Freemasonry

intrigued him, and he hardly missed a meeting. He voluntarily moved where the elders put him, first as Junior Deacon, the next year, Secretary, then Senior Warden and finally Worshipful Master in 1998, where he stayed for the next four years.

After his first two years in the East, he was appointed District Deputy by MW Leonard F. D'Amico, and reappointed by MW Gustaf R. Bodin, and MW Walter E. Kaechele. He is a member of Washington-Burning Bush Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, Middletown, where he is a Past High Priest. Simon is also a member of Columbia Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters, Haddam; Connecticut College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; and Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valleys of Hartford and Norwich.

In 2005, he was appointed Grand Junior Steward by MW George S. Greytak. Also, in 2005, he helped consolidate Pythagoras Lodge No. 45, Old Lyme; Siloam Lodge No. 32, Old Saybrook; and Trinity-Mt. Olive Lodge No. 43, Deep River, into Estuary Lodge No. 43, Old Saybrook, and served as Charter Master. In 2005, Simon closed the 108 year old family



RW Simon R. LaPlace

business, and he's been a full-time Mason ever since.

RW Simon has been active on Grand Lodge committees, and stops by all committee meetings whenever he can. In December 2006, MW Chuck Fowler appointed him Editor-in-Chief of *Connecticut Freemasons*, which he has successfully published, and now at his 65th issue.

RW Simon is proud to declare, "I am a Blue Lodge Mason." His travels as a Grand Lodge officer have taken him to all but three of the Blue Lodges in the state, and he plans to visit those before his installation as our next Grand Master on April 8, 2013.

Remember, Brothers: Mind your Masonic Manners

by Peter A. Anderson

When good manners shall lie in one or two men's hands, and the unwashed, too, 'tis a foul thing. — Romeo and Juliet Act 1, Scene 5

As Masons, we take pride in our rituals. They are dignified and courtly in the manners required to perform well. Our lodge officers dress in formal wear to further the image of gentlemanly behavior. Masons have long been seen as men who preserve values that are sadly fading in a society far too often motivated by selfishness. We are proud of that image. Why then do we so often leave our good manners in the lodge hall? Do we regard

being well mannered as less than manly?

Good manners represent a concern for the well being of others. That concern is a Masonic virtue. When asking something of another person, include the word, "please" in your request. It matters not whether the request is large or small. The word "please" is never out of place. When another person does something for you, say, "thank you." If you can not say it to their face, call them or send them a short note. That is the gentlemanly thing to do. Old fashioned perhaps, but still appropriate. Failure to say "thank you" leaves the

other person wondering if his act was unnoticed or worse, unappreciated. If another person says "thank you" to you, reply "your welcome."

How often have you left a message for someone and received no reply? Annoying isn't it? Whatever the form of the message, do not ignore it. There is nothing wrong with an interim reply such as, "I received your message and will get back to you." This takes away the doubt that the message was not received. It is only considerate to do so.

Treat ladies and the elderly with deference. Stand up when

speaking to them Hold a door for them to pass. Let them go ahead of you. Be a gentleman.

What the other fellow has to say is just as important as your words. Wait for him to finish speaking before you start to talk. Listen to him. Do not interrupt. After all, you want him to extend that courtesy to you, don't you?

Good manners are the lubrication of society. As Masons we should lead the way and set a good example of gentlemanly behavior. Any failure to do so is an abandonment of Masonic principles and the lessons which have given us light to see the proper path.

Grand High Priest William L. Miller visits Cyrus-Meridian Chapter

by Andrew G. Weimann II

Most Excellent Grand High Priest William L. Miller visited Cyrus-Meridian Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Torrington, on Thursday, September 13 when five Past Masters took the Most Excellent Master Degree — Michael Fraser, Howard Schwartz, Mychael Scribner, and William Bulman Sr. and Jr., father and son. RE Clyde Kayser presided.

After the degree, MEGHP Bill Miller was greeted with Private Grand Honors. His

suite included two PMEGHPs, Andrew G. Weimann and Danny A. Camp. MEGHP Bill spoke of upcoming plans for the Grand Chapter and also brought small ritual books newly reprinted and said that the work was well done. He looks forward to the Grand Chapter growing in the future from seeing the enthusiasm that is developing, and hopes it will continue into future years.

An excellent meal was prepared by Companion Andrew Welsh and his team.



New Most Excellent Masters stand with Most Excellent Grand High Priest William L. Miller and the degree team at Cyrus-Meridian Chapter, Torrington.

"A Proper Charlie!" or "Guinness is Good for You!"

by Arnie Grot

Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, held a dinner and reception for REGC Sir Knight Charles D. O'Neill, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut on October 2. After dinner and the REGC had been received, the Knights, their ladies and guests were treated to the original tragical-comical-historical morality play in two acts: "A Proper Charlie!" or "Guinness is Good for You!" The play was written by Em. Grand Generalissimo William (Will) A.G. Mackey.

The prologue set the stage: "From villages scattered around Dublin, rumors are swirling that Sir Charles D. O'Neill, Knight Templar, has doped in becoming the record-setting, seven-time winner of the Tour de Ireland Bicycle Race. Sir Charles is the immensely popular Captain of the Irish Postal Service Team.

Founded in 1103, the Tour de Ireland is the world's oldest and most prestigious bicycle

race, despite all arguments to the contrary by the French. Cheating is therefore a serious matter, is it not? By the way, should it strike you as somewhat strange that Sir Charles has won these seven bicycle races riding aboard his faithful war horse Charlie? Sir William A.G. Mackey, Executive Director of the Irish Anti-Drug Agency (IADA), is in hot pursuit of Sir Charles over doping rumors persisting during the past seven years.

"Far beyond this Irish brouhaha, 2,535 miles away in Jerusalem, a pandemic of the ague has broken out at St. John's Hospital. The hospital is now filled to overflowing with bedridden pilgrims who have come to Jerusalem to worship at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Grand Master of Knights Templar, Guillaume de Chartres, has become concerned that the outbreak at the hospital could spread to his fighting forces. Something needs to be done! Word has reached Grand Master de Chartres about Sir Charles O'Neill's sporting exploits in the Tour de Ireland. Could the rumored dark elixir involved in beating out the competition be of therapeutic value, he wonders?

"Will Grand Master Guillaume de Chartres recall Sir Charles D. O'Neill to Jerusalem for direct investigation? For that matter, will Pope Innocent III rule on the matter of his often-considered, super-secret excommunication of Sir Charles D. O'Neill for various and sundry sporting activities over and above the seven Tour de Ireland victories? A public hearing has been summoned to meet on Tuesday

evening, 2nd of October, 1212 at the Brazen Head Public House in Dublin to decide on Sir Charles D. O'Neill's fate!"

The cast had Sir Mackay as the prosecutor and presiding judge and Sir Charles as the defendant. Fifteen Sir Knights completed the cast with their assignments handed to them by Will prior to the dinner, at which a home brewed porter and now lesser appreciated ale, precursors to Brew Master Arthur Guinness' famous dark elixir, were bountifully available. After the play, Em. Commander Richard Jones presented Sir Charles with a sword and Sir Knight Robert Nordstrom presented Sir Charles with a pewter vessel for his stout.



Sir Charles' innocence is proven beyond doubt when the dark elixir, which was administered under the direction of two doctors and three nurses of St. John's Hospital, miraculously and instantly cured a pilgrim of the ague in the play's final scene.

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Information to be included in York Rite Opportunities must be submitted by the 10th of the preceding month to the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Charles B. Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor, CT 06095-3842 or yrctramrsm@yahoo.com.
NOTE: All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice.



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

- Tuesday, November 6 (ME) (F)** Keystone Chapter No. 27, Meriden, 50 year pins
Thursday, November 8 (RE) Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, Darien
Thursday, November 8 (ME) (F) Joseph Andrews 46, West Haven
Tuesday, November 13 (F) Wolcott Council No. 1, East Hartford, Royal and Select Master degrees
Tuesday, November 13 (ME) (F) Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven
Tuesday, November 13 (RE) (U) Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Middletown, inspection, Order of Temple
Wednesday, November 14 (ME) (F) Hiram Chapter No. 1, Sandy Hook, 50 year pins
Wednesday, November 14 (F) Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Mark Master Mason degree
Thursday, November 15 (MP) (U) Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, inspection, Order of Temple
Friday, November 16 (RE) (U) New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, DeMolay program
Saturday, November 17 (ME) (MP) (RE) York Rite testimonial dinner, 6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner, The Gallery, Glastonbury, reservations to Chuck McCollum
Saturday, November 17 (ME) AMD/SRICE, East Hartford, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 20 (ME) (U) Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, inspection, Order of Temple
Thursday, November 22 (ME) MP (RE) HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!
Wednesday, November 28 (ME) (F) Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford

COMING UP

- December 8 Trinity Commandery No. 3, Darien, 3:00 p.m. Christmas observance, dinner to follow
December 9 Cyrene Commandery No. 8 and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden. 5:00 p.m. Christmas observance, dinner to follow
December 12 Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degree
December 14 New Haven Commandery No. 2, Christmastime service at Masonicare, Wallingford. 6:00 p.m.
December 16 Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Christmas observance, 3:00 p.m., dinner to follow
December 17 Milford Chapter No. 49, Milford, 6:00 p.m. dinner and Christmas sing-a-long
December 18 Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, dinner 6:30 p.m., joint York Rite Christmas program, 8:00 p.m.
December 21 New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Christmas observance, 7:30 p.m.

Pocket Rituals Sold Out

The first printing of 100 copies of the Pocket Study Guides of the Grand Chapter ritual have sold out, and a second printing has been ordered. They are expected to be available early in November. Bound in red, the books are 4.75" x 7", just the right size to fit in your pocket. They do not contain all of the instructions nor any of the diagrams which appear in the full size Standard Work, which remains the "Bible" as far as Capitular Ritual is concerned. Grand Chapter officers are taking orders at \$10 each.

FROM THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

From the moment we first trod the outer courts of the Tabernacle, we learned and are continually reminded that charity is a capstone in Masonry, evidenced by our well-developed network for fraternal charity across our state and nation. Among these, RARA and our RA Education Fund are our primary charities worthy of your support. But making your charity selections even more difficult as we shift into our holiday season, there are an ever-growing number of appeals to assist those in need elsewhere in our society.

Our teachings as Royal Arch Masons give us comfort and guidance in this difficult task of being charitable.

In *Chronicles II.7* God extends to us His Eternal charity at the dedication of KST and we respond "For He is good and His mercy endureth forever." We have the parable in *Matthew 20* of the householder being charitable to his workers in the vineyard; and, for our zeal and industry in rebuilding the Temple, we are given that which we have so long sought.

So as we gather with our families at Thanksgiving and later during Christmas, let us be ever mindful that "All things come of Thee, O Lord" and strive to share our bounty among our brethren, companions and communities.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving,

Bill Miller

Craft at Labor...

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Thursday, November 1, St. John's No. 6, Norwalk

Friday, November 2, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, advancement night, SD Jesse Batterton in the East

Monday, November 5, Solar No. 131, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation

Wednesday, November 7, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation

Wednesday, November 7, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, Junior Warden in the East

Wednesday, November 7, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 7:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation

Wednesday, November 7, Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation

Monday, November 12, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, November 13, Village No. 29, Collinsville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

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

Monday, November 26, Jephtha No. 95, Clinton

Tuesday, November 27, Brainard No. 102, Niantic, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Fellowcraft Degrees

Monday, November 5, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m. dinner, step up night, WB Russ George in the East

Monday, November 5, Federal No. 17, Watertown, 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner

Monday, November 5, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, SW Mark Stumacher in the East

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

Monday, November 12, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, SW Rob Ingvertsen in the East

Tuesday, November 13, Shepherd - Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, November 14, Ark No. 39, Danbury

Thursday, November 15, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 6:15 p.m. dinner, step-up night

Thursday, November 15, Warren No. 51, Portland, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Bro. Tom Mumford in the East

Friday, November 16, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, advancement night, JW John Hanson in the East

Monday, November 19, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 6:15 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, November 27, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, WB Charles Rowland in the East

Tuesday, November 27, Acacia No. 85, Greenwich, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Master Mason Degrees

Monday, November 5, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, November 8, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, November 14, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, November 14, Wooster No. 79, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner

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

Thursday, November 15, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

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

Friday, November 16, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, 6:45 p.m. dinner

Saturday, November 17, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, 3:30 PM, 6:00 pm dinner

Monday, November 19, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:00 p.m. dinner

Monday, November 19, Federal No. 17, Watertown, Past Masters

Monday, November 19, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m. surf and turf dinner

Tuesday, November 20, Union No. 40, Danbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, November 21, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston, 6:30 p.m. dinner at break

Saturday, November 24, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 6:00 p.m. evaluation, dinner at break

Monday, November 26, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 5:30 p.m. dinner

Monday, November 26, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville

Activities for *Lodge at Labor* and *Lodge at Refreshment* are taken from calendars on lodge websites. Please visit the lodge websites for updates and more information. For a directory of all lodge websites visit www.ctfreemasons.net

Templar Sword is Topic of DeMolay Visit to Commandery

by J. Andrew Birdsall

For the second consecutive year, New Haven Commandery No. 2 and the Grand Commandery of Connecticut are inviting DeMolays, their prospects, and families to learn more about the Knights Templar.

On Friday, November 16, the "Templar Sword" will be the topic of the evening. DeMolays will learn the traditions behind the sword, carried into battle by the crusading Knights Templar of the Middle Ages. These

swords are now used in fraternal ceremonies, so DeMolays will be taught how to properly carry and use swords in their activities.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m., and Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles D. O'Neill and New Haven Eminent Commander Bradley K. Cooney look forward to a good turnout of the DeMolay family and others interested in Templar swords. After the demonstration, pizza will be provided for all in attendance.

SAVE THE DATE
Secretaries/Treasurers Seminar

November 10 • 8:30 a.m.

Hartog Center, Ashlar Village

Craft at Refreshment...

Thursday, November 1, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, presentation about Nathan A Willcox Fund

Thursday, November 1, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night and memorial ceremony

Thursday, November 1, Bay View No. 120, Niantic, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, 8th District breakfast, Groton Townhouse Restaurant

Thursday, November 1, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Veterans appreciation night

Friday, November 2, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Cathedral Table Lodge and game dinner

Saturday, November 3, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:00 p.m. Ladies Table Lodge

Saturday, November 3, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 5:00 p.m. fundraiser dinner for Amaya Lynn Beaudreault

Sunday, November 4, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. all you can eat breakfast

Monday, November 5, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, cigars, fine wine, and artisan cheeses

Tuesday, November 6, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Spooner House paper goods collection

Wednesday, November 7, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, appendant body visit, awards night

Wednesday, November 7, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, Masonic enlightenment and candidate instruction

Wednesday, November 7, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, Daniel Carter Beard award to Bro. Jonathan Glassman

Friday, November 9, Ark No. 39, Danbury, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Table Lodge

Friday, November 9, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 7:00 p.m. dinner, Table Lodge

Friday, November 9, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 8:00 p.m., UConn vs. Pittsburgh football

Saturday, November 10, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 12:00 noon, lunch, Grand Lodge rededication of lodge building

Saturday, November 10, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 7:00 a.m., tag sale

Saturday, November 10, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:00 p.m. annual dinner dance at Costa Azzurra

Sunday, November 11, Union No. 5, Stamford, 8:00 a.m. breakfast for Pyramid Shrine's Motor Patrol

Sunday, November 11, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 1:00 p.m., ladies appreciation formal tea

Sunday, November 11, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 5:00 p.m. annual semi-public Thanksgiving dinner

Monday, November 12, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, 6:00 p.m. Past Masters dinner

Monday, November 12, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Fellowcraft proficiency

Monday, November 12, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, appendant body night

Tuesday, November 13, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, visit to Manchester No. 73

Tuesday, November 13, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m. dinner, WB

Bernard Pawlicki presents the second and third section lectures of the EA degree

Tuesday, November 13, Acacia No. 85, Greenwich, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

Tuesday, November 13, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, Carl Anderson

presentation: "Masonicare and VNA"

Wednesday, November 14, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 6:30 p.m.

Hirams Café: ham dinner, split pea soup

Thursday, November 15, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m.

dinner, annual business meeting

Saturday, November 17, Union No. 5, Stamford, 249th anniversary cocktail party

Saturday, November 17, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m.

harvest dinner and military whist

Sunday, November 18, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m. country breakfast

Sunday, November 18, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 8:00 a.m. Toys for Tots breakfast

Sunday, November 18, Moosup No. 113, Moosup, 8:00 a.m. all you can eat breakfast

Monday, November 19, Federal No. 17, Watertown, Past Masters dinner

Monday, November 19, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, Fellowcraft education

Tuesday, November 20, Union No. 5, Stamford, 8:00 p.m. dinner, lodge blitz: Harmony Lodge No. 67

Tuesday, November 20, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, education topic: Rough & Perfect Ashlars

Tuesday, November 20, Village No. 29, Collinsville, enlightenment conclave

Tuesday, November 20, Seneca No. 55, Torrington, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Liam Cunningham: Freemasonry in the province of Munster, Ireland

Tuesday, November 20, Harmony No. 67, New Canaan, 7:00 p.m. dinner, speaker from Masonic Lodge of Research

Tuesday, November 20, Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Wednesday, November 21, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, presentation: Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association

Wednesday, November 21, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 6:30 p.m. dinner, annual meeting

Wednesday, November 21, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, annual business meeting

Wednesday, November 21, Jephtha No. 95, Clinton, 4:00 p.m. Thanksgiving soup kitchen at Clinton's Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 21, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, presentation: Don Allen

Saturday, November 24, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, 9:00 a.m., hot dog cart at MHC Fair

Sunday, November 25, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast

Sunday, November 25, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 2:30 p.m., Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen

Monday, November 26, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Blue Lodge Council

Monday, November 26, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, annual audit

Monday, November 26, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, Masonic symbolism

Monday, November 26, Brainard, No. 102, Niantic, 8th District Blue Lodge Council

Tuesday, November 27, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, memorial service

Wednesday, November 28, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 7:00 p.m. Mory's Night dinner

Wednesday, November 28, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 7:00 p.m. dinner, fellowship night

Thursday, November 29, St. Alban's No., 38, New Haven, 4th District Blue Lodge Council

Thursday, November 29, Estuary, No., 43, Old Saybrook, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7th District Blue Lodge Council

Thursday, November 29, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 6th District Blue Lodge Council

Thursday, November 29, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 5th District Blue Lodge Council

Friday, November 30, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 3rd District Blue Lodge Council

Friday, November 30, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, "From Russia With Love," James Bond night

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