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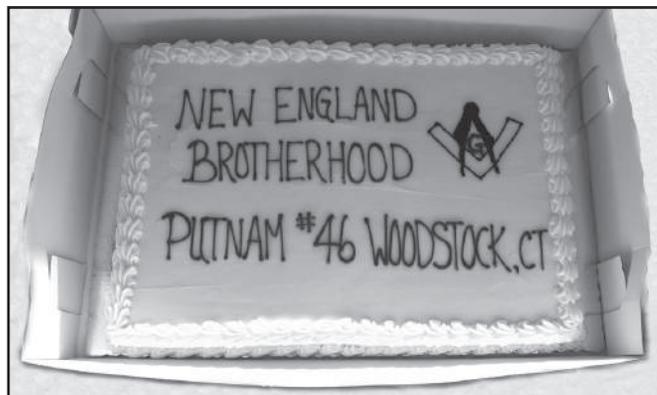
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Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, October 25, 2014

by Francis G. Way

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held on Saturday morning, October 25, at Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford. As with most semi-annual communications, business to be transacted included voting on proposed legislative changes, proposed lodge mergers, a petition for a new lodge to be created, and Perfect Ashlar certificates to be awarded. As far as those agenda items went, it was a routine session. In every other way, the session was anything but routine.

The morning began with the Masonicare portion of the meeting, including voting for Masonicare board members. This part of the day was quickly and efficiently dispatched and the Grand Lodge was opened in due for by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Simon R. LaPlace, and the Grand Lodge officers.

The roll call of lodges present was called, with every lodge called answering in the affirmative. It would later be confirmed that every lodge in the state was represented at the meeting. Because a longer day of labor was anticipated, more than normal at a semi-annual communication, the Grand Master called for a vote to dispense with the roll call at the end of the session. This was voted in the affirmative.

The Past Grand Masters were presented, and the altar was draped in memory of two Past Grand Masters, Stanley Sheldon and Robert Stika, who had passed to the Celestial Lodge Above during the past year. Their biographies were read, appropriate prayers offered, and a moment of silence held.

The Grand Master then ordered the Grand Lodge sealed. Brethren could leave, but would not be readmitted until Grand Lodge was unsealed. The Grand Lodge took up the matter of the Trial Commissions report on Right Worshipful Thomas M. Maxwell, II. RW William Deickler, chairman of the Trial Commission, was directed to read the full memorandum concerning their findings to the craft. The Trial Commission found RW Maxwell not guilty on all charges. A secret ballot was spread to allow the brethren to accept or reject the report. The report was accepted 347 to 67 and MW LaPlace indicated that RW Maxwell would be notified via registered mail that his suspension was lifted and his installation as Grand Master accommodated. Said letter was to be sent on Monday, October 27.



The brothers filled the auditorium seats at the Lyman Hall High School auditorium in Wallingford.

Then a voting began for the Grand Lodge elective officers. The brothers completed the ballot for each office; Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Trustee. The teller then went to a private room to tally the vote.

The Craft took up the cause of the merger of Eastern Star Lodge No. 44 and Ionic Lodge No. 110, both of North Windham. The brethren of both lodges had voted to merge their lodges, with the resulting lodge being called Ionic Lodge No. 110. This merger was approved by the craft.

Legal matters legislation was next on the agenda. The first four items in the packet of twelve proposed changes were quickly passed. RW Brian Beals introduced the ten recipients of the Perfect Ashlar Award. Each recipient received his certificate and a warm greeting from the Grand Master.

Following these events, the tellers returned and announced that there had been no election – that is, no candidate received the required majority of valid ballots cast for Grand Master – and Grand Lodge was called to refreshment to allow the brethren to eat box lunches provided by Masonicare.

After lunch, the brethren again voted, this time just for the position of Grand Master, using Ballot No. 1, one of the additional tear-off strips provided on the voting sheet. Legal matters legislation was wrapped up while waiting for the tellers. Again, no clear election and the brethren voted again.

Finally, on the fourth ballot for Grand Master, a winner emerged. Past Grand Master Charles Yohe was elected with 172 votes. Deputy Grand Master Donald Dean received 133 votes.

During the wait for the tellers to return

with those ballots, the Grand Lodge voted to grant a charter to Purity Lodge U.D., and they became the jurisdiction's newest lodge, Purity Lodge No. 150. They are located in Groton, and their first Master is RW Carl Mossberg.

Further voting for Grand Lodge officers was conducted, with Past Grand Master Gail N. Smith being elected Deputy Grand Master, RW Ted Nelson elected and advancing as Grand Senior Warden, and Right Worshipful Brother Marshall Robinson elected as Grand Junior Warden.

Grand Treasurer Charles Maxson announced he was retiring, and after several ballots WB Newton "Bud" Bucker was elected as Grand Treasurer. RW Bob Fitzgerald was elected to return as Grand Secretary. Several more ballots elected past Grand Master William L. Greene as Trustee for a three year term succeeding MW Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr. who retired after twenty-one years. of service.

MW Yohe was invited to present his budget but declined citing the need to discuss the budget prepared by RW Dean. In his comments, MW Yohe thanked the brothers for their confidence in him.

Finally, the session was closed in ample form at approximately 5:30 p.m., clearly the longest semi-annual communication in anyone's recent memory.

Our Cover

MW Charles W. Yohe, left, and MW Gail N. Smith, Grand Masters in 1996 and 1989 respectively, were elected to lead the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at its October 25 semi-annual session. Their installation is expected in April 2015.

"I am Joseph your brother"

Genesis 45:4

I am sure that the majority of us are familiar with the story of Joseph and his brothers who sold him into slavery. If we are not familiar with the biblical account from the Book of Genesis, we are at least acquainted with the Andrew Lloyd Webber version known as "Joseph and his Amazing, Technicolor Dream Coat!"

We read in that Book of Genesis that after he was sold into slavery, the Pharaoh of Egypt had a strange dream that Joseph was able to interpret. The dream warned the Pharaoh of seven years of famine to come and that he needed to prepare his kingdom. In reward for his interpretation, he appointed Joseph as Viceroy over Egypt.

When the famine raged, Israel sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognized his brothers and after testing them and finding true remorse in their hearts for their selling him into slavery, made himself known both to them and to Israel his father. In the 45th Chapter we read, "And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt."

Pope John 23rd, had seen first-hand

the plight of his Jewish brothers during the Holocaust and had come to know the distress and moral anguish of the Jews fleeing from their persecutors. He felt an urgent need to set against the immeasurable and bottomless hate of those days, a lasting new word of love.

Rabbi Dalin, professor at Ave Maria University and an expert on American Jewish history and Catholic-Jewish relations, tells the story of Pope John driving through the streets of Rome on a Saturday, when he suddenly ordered his car to stop in front of Rome's great synagogue. He got out of the car so he could bless the Jews of Rome as they were leaving: an important symbolic act that earned their gratitude.

"In doing this," Dalin observes, "he began to transform the history of Catholic-Jewish relations in our time, with initiatives inspired by his work on behalf of Jews during the holocaust."

The Pope, too, would meet with Jewish leaders, greeting the first delegation from America with the words, "We are all sons of the same Heavenly Father. Among us there must ever be the brightness of love and its practice. I am Joseph, your brother."

Masonry in Connecticut has undergone an extremely difficult and painful time. Brothers have turned against one another leaving some feeling betrayed and others voicing



their anger and discontent at others. The Grand Lodge session just ended was painful to all of us who love the teachings of our craft on both sides of the

aisle. We have spent so much time and energy on what separates us that we have failed to remember what unites us.

My brothers, we should listen to the words of Joseph echoed by Pope John, "We are all sons of the same Heavenly Father. Among us there must ever be the brightness of love and its practice. I am Joseph, your brother."

It is time for the fraternity to set aside our differences and it is time to heal. It is a time for us all to remember our obligations to "seek our brothers' welfare and happiness equally with our own." It is time to lay aside our private quarrels and seek to rebuild and repair the foundations that have been damaged. It is time for all of us to remember that we are brothers united in a common cause to make good men better and to promote the "Universal Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

It is time for us to be Masons.

God bless,
Joseph, your Brother.

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To All!**



Bro. Steve Aldi Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze

A native of Amsterdam, New York, Steven Charles Aldi was born on May 14, 1951, he was the first born to Ellie Mae and Peter Aldi, Jr. His two siblings, John and Andy, soon followed. Steve grew up in the heart of upper New York State, in the town of Canonjohorie, the sweetest smelling town in the United States. The Beech Nut Gum factory dominates the town, and you can smell the odor of spearmint from miles away. Steve received his elementary, middle, and high school education in Canonjohorie, and graduated in 1969. He was active in his church youth group, and his Cub Scout Pack. Steve also played clarinet in his church band.

Steve began his service to his country as a radio man for the United States Coast Guard from 1970-74. He went on to serve aboard the Cutter Rockaway, and then continued his service at the Coast Guard Air Station in Brooklyn, New York. He held the rank of Radioman Second Class.

Steve married Danette McKnight in 1972, in Hackensack, New Jersey. Afterwards, Steve and Danette lived in Brooklyn, New York, and then they moved to Vernon, Connecticut where Steve and Danette provided for their children, Sean, Erin, and Ambre.

In 1974, Steve went to work at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, in East Hartford at the sheet metal maintenance shop. He also worked as a mechanic at the sheet metal repair shop.

Steve was not content with being a sheet metalist extraordinaire. He had to know more and do better. That is Steve's nature.

Steve attended Central Connecticut State University, and graduated in 1984, earning a B.S. in Industrial Technology. Steve needed to know more. He went on to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Prior to retiring from Pratt & Whitney, he held a number of positions.

Steve has been a member of the Talcottville Congregational Church since 1989, and has also volunteered his service for little league baseball from 1982-87; Vernon Youth Soccer from 1985-86; and Vernon Girls Softball from 1990-97. He is also a retired Senior Volunteer for the Vernon Reading Program.

In his spare time, Steve enjoys gardening, and, like anything else he does, he is a perfectionist. In 2008, Steve earned the title of "Master Gardener," and in 2010, Steve earned the title of "Advanced Master Gardener."

Steve was destined to be a part of the Masonic Fraternity. He was already a Mason in his heart. In the autumn of 2003, he petitioned Friendship Lodge No. 145, Manchester. Brother Steve was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, at the

Grand Master's One Day Class, on November 22, 2003. He finally got around to signing the by-laws of his lodge on February 5, 2004, and he has not stopped since.

Brother Steve became extremely active in the lodge's affairs, almost from the beginning. He has served on several lodge committees, and has accumulated a Masonic resume which has qualified him as a veteran.

Brother Steve served as historian in 2008-9, and has been a member of the board of trustees since 2009, and is currently the chairman of the board of trustees.

As chairman, after Friendship Lodge's merger with Tuscan Lodge No. 126, Steve was instrumental in retrieving the assets of Tuscan Lodge which were held in the State of Connecticut's Treasury Unclaimed Property Accounts.

Steve is almost never home at night. Brother Steve is the first personal contact prospective petitioners to Friendship-Tuscan Lodge meet through the "EMR" Program. Steve also keeps the Friendship-Tuscan Lodge website up to date. Steve has organized and overseen Friendship-Tuscan Lodge's CTCHIP events. He also assists at the Rentschler Field concession booth, which has been a main fund raiser for the lodge.

Steve represents Friendship-Tuscan Lodge on the town's Brotherhood-In-Action Committee, which connects Temple Beth Shalom B'Nai Israel Brotherhood School, Knights of Columbus International, UNICO National, and Manchester Lodge No. 73. The committee hosts an annual fundraising breakfast to help a child with a life threatening illness. Steve is currently serving the Lodge Housing Committee.

Brother Steve was created Noble Steve, when he joined the Sphinx Shriners, on October 1, 2004. But, then again, Steve does not just join anything. Noble Steve is a member of the celebrated Funsters, which is the Clown Unit of the Sphinx Shrine. As an active member of the Funsters, his other persona, Snickers the Clown, takes the stage. Snickers is among the many Funsters, who performs at the annual Sphinx Circus. He also participates in many parades, and at parties, where he helps to raise money to help support the Sphinx Shrine, and all of her charities. This is especially so for the Shrine Hospitals for Children. Noble Steve is a past chief and past president of the Sphinx Funsters. Snickers the Clown is a regular attendee at the Tuscan Children's Halloween Party, where he is sure to bring his menagerie of balloon animals for the entertainment and joy



Bro. Steve Aldi receives the Pierpont Edwards Medal from Grand Master Simon R. LaPlace.

for kids of all ages.

Noble Steve is also a member of the Oases Shrine Club and the Omar Shrine Club, where he can be found at the secretary's desk.

Steve was recognized for his hard work and dedication by being the recipient of Friendship-Tuscan Lodge's prestigious Craftsman of the Year Award for four consecutive years, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012!

The way Steve tells it, "No good deed ever goes unpunished."

Recently, at Friendship-Tuscan's Awards Night, Steve was given the honor of presenting MW Simon R. LaPlace to the lodge. Steve told me, he had an inkling that something was strange because his family joined him for dinner. Then, Grand Master LaPlace would not let him leave the East. Steve could see a folder open, and then the Grand Master began to read Steve's biography. He knew he had been had.

Steve told me how taken aback he was. Steve told me he thought only those brothers who toiled for years would receive an honor such as this.

Yes, Steve, your time had come - to receive the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

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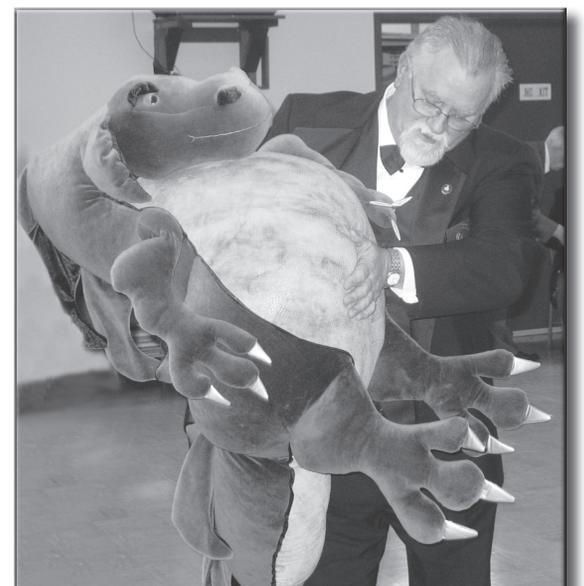


...with Sandy



...with a pen in hand

We Remember M.W. Bob Stika



... with a new friend!

M.W. Robert John Stika (1944-2014)

MW Robert Stika was taken from our presence by the Supreme Grand Master on October 6, 2014, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, after a short illness.

Robert John Stika was born on June 29, 1944, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He attended all of the local schools, pursuing his further education at the Kenosha Technical Institute, where he garnered his Bachelor's Degree, and went on to earn his M.B.A. in Data Processing. He would always say, "Yeah, they had computers, then."

His career started with the Electric Supply Company, in nearby Great Lakes, Illinois. This is where Bob met Sandy. Bob joined the U.S. Navy in 1965, and Bob and Sandy were married in 1966. The navy used Bob's technical skills to the max. Bob was hoping to see the world. He saw it behind a desk. After basic training in Newport, Virginia, he went on to the Bureau of Navy Development in Washington, D.C., but not for long. Bob brought his programming skills to the Royal Air Force Base at Braubay, Wales, United Kingdom. Bob was then sent to the Navy Sub School in Groton, where he remained until his retirement.

Brother Robert J. Stika was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Somerset Lodge No. 34, Norwich, (now Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34, Preston), in 1980. He served as Worshipful Master in 1984 and 1988. Bob then wound up behind a desk, again, this time, the secretary's desk, where he stayed for fourteen years.

Bob served as Right Worshipful District Deputy in 1991-92, and became our 162nd Most Worshipful Grand Master in 2008.



... with C.A. Duke



Bob was always in search of further light in Masonry. He was a Companion and Sir Knight in the York Rite Bodies of New London and Stonington.

Bob was also a very active member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Norwich and Connecticut Consistory. His efforts earned him his "red cap" as a recipient of the Ill. Arthur M. Brown 33° Meritorious Service Award from the Valley of Norwich in 2003.

Brother Bob became Prophet Bob when he was initiated into Nemrod Grotto, then meeting in Norwich. His joviality and close friendship with C.A. Duke provided Bob to open his big heart as a Grotto Clown. Prophet Bob later became a mainstay at Hejaz Grotto No. 42, M.O.V.P.E.R.

When Bob's daughter, Anne, found herself assisting at her son's DeMolay activities, Bob jumped in to help.

Bob was also a very active participant with the celebrated Sub Base Degree Team, and served as Worshipful Master for several years.

Bob was an invaluable member of the Grand Lodge Ad Hoc Secretaries' Committee. He served as chairman of the configuration control board for the Grand Lodge website.

MW Bob was a recipient of the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Thanks to his son in law, Steven Clark, the family was able to make a return trip to Bob's native home of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The trip was timely, as Bob leaves behind a multitude of close family, in addition to his beloved wife, Sandy, their two children, William D., and Ann Marie, and four grandchildren.

When he could, Bob loved to bowl and fish. Bob would always watch the Green Bay Packers, whenever he could.

Bob was a vibrant man with a lot of energy, and no one expected that he would leave us so soon.

A multitude of family, friends, and brothers paid a final tribute to Bob, at the Church & Allen Funeral Home, 32 Sachem Street, Norwich, on Friday, October 10. The Order of the Eastern Star conducted a memorial service. A Masonic Memorial Service followed with RW Theodor J. Nelson leading in giving MW Stika Funeral Grand Honors. The next day, Saturday, October 11, Bayview Lodge opened her doors at 32 Society Road, Niantic, for a memorial service at 3:00 p.m., and followed by a pot-luck supper. A committal was to be held at a later date, at Green Ridge Cemetery, in MW Stika's beloved Kenosha.



Presiding

I have had the pleasure of serving as Grand Historian under twenty-five Grand Masters. I have known MW Robert J Stika almost my entire Masonic career. Bob was an officer at Somerset Lodge No. 34 when I was an officer in Wooster Lodge No. 10. When he was District Deputy, he and his wife, Sandy as well as C. A. Duke and I would often travel together. His death in October was difficult because he was more than a brother, he was a friend. This column is for you Bob.



I am often asked about the library at the Grand Lodge office in Wallingford. Many lodges have their own libraries, some in dedicated rooms, some in foyers or entrance ways, others behind the treasurer or secretaries desks. The Grand Lodge library began

around 1852. Six years later it had grown to 170 volumes.

It was reported that the library contained the charter records and seal of American Union Lodge which met as a traveling military lodge until its final encampment in Ohio. In 1857 it was recorded as being safeguarded for all eternity. However a few years later, it was discovered missing and no one knows the exact whereabouts.



In 1859 a Masonic Historical Society was established. The organizer of the society had begun publishing a magazine entitled "The Masonic Casket" in 1861. Apparently some article made its way into the magazine that was deemed improper, the editor disciplined, and the magazine discontinued. The society was soon disbanded.

The formation of two research lodges in Connecticut (Philosophic Lodge of Research in 1942 and Masonic Lodge of Research in 1966) may have taken up the need for a Masonic Historical Society but enough interest might be percolating in Connecticut was the establishment of a new "Masonic Historical Society" which might be akin to some of the local historical societies. Several local societies have had small exhibits of Masonic nature for periods of time. There exists an active Committee on Museum and Libraries however the historical society would serve a slightly different purpose.



It wasn't until 1884 that more dignified collars and jewels rested upon the shoulders of the Grand Lodge officers. Prior to that time there were plain aprons, colors and jewels which were sufficient to dignify Grand Lodge officers. When there were dedications, cornerstone layings or other ceremonial occasions, the Grand Lodge depended on local lodges to provide the simple vessels and paraphernalia as well as the necessary furnishings for such events. A vote in 1853 actually allowed the purchase of suitable vessels for dedication ceremonies.



Arthur Benjamin Calef was five generations removed from



his ancestral line who came to Boston from England in 1688. Brother Arthur was born in 1825 in New Hampshire and came to Middletown to attend Wesleyan University where he graduated in 1851. He was a lawyer and served

in the courts in Middletown, a member of the Common Council and alderman. He was Treasurer of the State of Connecticut in 1855 and 1856. He was attorney for the city of Middletown and Postmaster. He also served as president of the Middletown Gas Light Co.

Masonically he joined St. John's Lodge No. 2 and rose to the position of Senior Warden. He was also a member of Washington Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons. In 1859 he was elected Grand Junior Deacon and advanced to Grand Senior Deacon. He did not advance beyond. His biography stated that he has spent so many years of his active life holding the respect of the citizens. He was a prominent figure at the centennial observance as reported in the centennial program.



Finally, to MW Robert John Stika, rest in peace my brother and may He welcome you into that house not made with hands, eternal unto heaven.



Masonic Family Holiday Dance Party!

A Fundraiser for Connecticut DeMolay and Connecticut Rainbow
Organized by the Grand Commandery and co-sponsored by Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, and Amaranth

— Family Members and Friends are Cordially Invited —

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014.
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Place: Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven.
Dress: Casual or Festive Casual.

Tickets: \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. \$5 for those under 18 years of age but not members of DeMolay or Rainbow. Free to active members of Connecticut DeMolay and Connecticut Rainbow.

Music, Dancing, Fun, and Food:
 Dance callers Terry Brettman & Jim Strein will be playing a variety of dance music. They will also be teaching and calling the dances. All dances will be easy to do. If you can walk to a beat, you really can have fun and dance! Light refreshments—chips, pretzels, popcorn, cookies, cake, coffee, tea, juice, and sodas—will be served. You are invited, if you wish, to bring an item on a potluck basis.

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In January 2015, the Grand Secretary will host a roundtable for secretaries who missed the November seminar. This will especially benefit newly elected secretaries.



Why We Give: RW James Pyskaty and Karin Ohr Pyskaty

by Adam Raider

A mix of gratitude, community spirit and Masonic pride have fueled one Wallingford couple's generous support of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

RW James Pyskaty and his wife, Karin Ohr Pyskaty, funded their first charitable gift annuity with The Foundation in 2013 in memory of Karin's parents, the late Bro. Andrew L. Ohr and M. Christine Ohr. Andy and Chris were themselves benefactors of The Foundation and Karin raves about the care her mother and father received at Masonicare Health Center.

"My mother spent her final three months at the Health Center and in fact received hospice care there," Karin said. "It was wonderful that she didn't have to go someplace else for hospice care – it came to her. My dad, who also spent some time there in rehab, visited her every morning and every evening. I think of how kind all of the clinical staff were to them. The doctors, the nurses, the CNAs. I would go in to visit my mom and notice that she'd had a manicure, or that someone had done her hair. I couldn't have been more thankful."

Recently, Jim and Karin decided to fund another gift annuity with The Foundation, this time in memory of Jim's parents, Vincent and Corinne Pyskaty. Corinne also received care at the Health Center.

"We support The Masonic Charity Foundation," Karin says, "because Masonicare just does it right."

"And it's local," Jim adds. "It's here in our community. You can actually see how your donations are being used. You can feel proud of the work they're doing. I had a friend come to visit from Lima, Peru, who is Past Master of his lodge. I arranged for us to get a tour of Masonicare Health Center, and he was just blown away. He'd never seen anything like it. It's the premier place."

RW Jim is Past Master of Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, and a Past District Deputy. Getting laid off from his job at a local steel mill was the best thing that ever happened to him, he says, because it gave him the initiative to start his own plumbing business. He enjoys being his own boss and interacting with people throughout the community. And that time an elderly customer paid for services with a roasted chicken? That's a story he wouldn't have gotten to tell if he'd stayed at the mill.

Also a Wallingford native, Karin originally had aspirations to work in textile chemistry but found she wasn't cut out for life in a white lab coat. She went back to school to get her teaching certificate and spent the next 40 years as an educator. She recently retired from Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford where she served as chair of the Career and Technical Education Department.

Jim and Karin have two daughters, one of whom is an occupational therapist who works at facilities in and around Wallingford, including Masonicare Health Center.

Although Jim likes to joke that he got Karin at an auction, he's only stretching the truth slightly. They did meet at an auction, where he was a runner for a local auctioneer and she was working as a bookkeeper.

Karin notes that Andy Ohr took a liking to Jim virtually from the start, probably because both men loved to work with their hands. Father-in-law and son-in-law soon became lodge brothers.

"He's the one who got me into all of this," Jim says, recalling with a broad smile the day Karin's father stopped by with an application for Jim to join the Masons – a hint dropped with genuine affection and all the subtlety of a sledgehammer landing on a railroad spike.

"So I signed it and the guys from the lodge came out and interviewed me," Jim said. "I didn't know what to expect. All I knew of the Masons was what I saw at the Masonic Home when our auction business would have to come in and gather up the items of residents who had passed. And of course you'd see the Masons in the parades and they had that funny symbol."

He remembers fondly the "old-timers" of Compass Lodge who were there at the beginning of his Masonic journey – men who dedicated much of their free time to the lodge.

"Masonry was their life," he said, "and they



RW Jim Pyskaty and Karin Ohr Pyskaty attend The Masonic Charity Foundation's Benefactor Luncheon in October.

were the nicest guys in the world – the kind of people you want to associate with. Everybody was there for the same reason. We say that Masonry makes good men better, and it does. The more that you put into it, the more you get out of it."

Now Jim is wondering if his one-year-old grandson might one day follow in his footsteps.

"He's showing some promise," Jim jokes. "I've got an application for him to sign. Just another 17 years to go."

Your gift to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut will bring comfort to a Masonicare resident or patient in need. To find out how you can support The Foundation or to make a gift, please call 203-679-5555 or 800-562-3952. You can also donate online at masonicare.org/mcf.



Masonicare Health Center to host Veterans Day Program

On Tuesday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m. Masonicare will conduct a special program for Veterans Day 2014. The program honoring Veterans among our residents and patients will be held in the auditorium on the first floor of the Health Center in Wallingford. Bethany Scierka, director of therapeutic recreation services, says, "We will have music, speakers, poems and celebration to honor those who have served our country." All are welcome to attend.

FROM THE DESK OF:

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson President & CEO of Masonicare



It's a pleasure to note that at the Semi-Annual Communication on October 25, Bros. Sherwin Borsuk MD, William Deickler, Robert Polito and Sister Barbara Lott were elected to the Masonicare Board of Trustees. Their 3-year terms will end in October 2017. I've said it before, but I cannot stress how fortunate we are in our Trustees. These men and women volunteer literally hundreds of hours each year to Masonicare's governance. Their commitment to our mission helps ensure the enduring vision of our founding fathers.

I recently attended the 2014 LeadingAge annual meeting and conference in Nashville, Tennessee. A highlight of this year's conference was the debut screening of the movie, "Glen Campbell - I'll Be Me," about the singer and his family's journey with Alzheimer's disease. This powerful movie contains "teachable moments" that all families dealing with dementia will face. A moving scene in the film shows Glen's physician breaking the

news of his diagnosis to Glen and his wife, Kim. Along with Kim, Glen's children and his band, even his bus driver, are involved in caregiving support. It's also amazing to watch Glen's kids perform with him.

"Glen Campbell - I'll Be Me" will now go into distribution. Our state association, LeadingAge Connecticut, will be involved in promoting screenings in Connecticut in the hopes of raising more awareness of the disease. You can be assured of Masonicare's involvement in this effort.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Ebola Virus is Serious, but Rare

by Steven J. Angelo,
Vice President of Medical Affairs
at Masonicare

The current outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa is likely to take the lives of many more people in those countries where fragile public health systems, unsanitary conditions, and very limited resources persist. That two healthcare workers in Dallas recently contracted the virus from an infected traveler

reminds us of the tightly-knit global world we live in and how a health problem on the other side of the world can quickly become a problem here.

The heavy media coverage however has fueled irrational fears. Ebola is still an exceedingly rare disease with no evidence to date of transmission among the United States general public. The likelihood of Masonicare encountering a case of Ebola

is infinitesimally low, however, given our size and our steadfast commitment to the safety of our staff and the welfare of our patients, residents and clients, a multi-affiliate task force has been formed to address Ebola preparedness across our continuum. We have held "in-service" training, mock drills and other educational programs tailored to each Masonicare setting, i.e. nursing home, retirement home, physician office or home care. Our education has stressed when to suspect Ebola. The directive is this: If a patient, resident or visitor has either been exposed to a patient with Ebola or been to a high risk area (Sierra Leone, Guinea or Liberia) AND has symptoms such as fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained bruising or bleeding, this person should be considered at high risk of having Ebola.

We have completed the Center for Disease Control Hospital Checklist and are actively meeting all expectations as required by the Connecticut

Department of Public Health. All our physicians, physician assistants, **advanced practice registered nurses**, and nurses are being educated regarding the identification of suspected Ebola disease, the use of personal protective equipment, the rapid transfer of the patient to isolation status, and the arrangement of rapid transfer to a center more equipped to care for a potential Ebola patient. At Masonicare Healthcare Center and Masonicare at Newtown, we are conducting inventories to ensure adequate personal protective equipment for those individuals who would be assigned to care for a suspected Ebola patient for the short time they are with us. Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, the Medical Office Building and Masonicare at Home are employing screening tools to identify any concerns among new community referrals and patients requesting sick visits.

Being prepared ensures that, in the unlikely event we see someone with suspected Ebola, we are ready and can act in a calm and collected fashion.



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Walter H. Michalke Jr.....	<i>Center</i> 97	Milton P. Tedford	<i>Friendship Tuscan</i> 145
Allen F. Fraser	<i>Columbia</i> 25	Raymond L. Milyo.....	<i>Hiram</i> 1
Leroy W. Spiller	<i>Columbia</i> 25	Robert F. Gladding	<i>Moriah</i> 15
Richard T. Walsh.....	<i>Columbia</i> 25	Manuel N. Wendrow.....	<i>Sequin-Level</i> 140
Lloyd G. Wood	<i>Columbia</i> 25	Oscar C. Legaspi.....	<i>Union</i> 31
William C. Joram Jr.....	<i>Compass</i> 9	Advah H. Reynolds Jr.....	<i>Union</i> 31
Santiago G. Canales	<i>Corinthian</i> 104	Allen J. MacNeal Jr	<i>Washington</i> 70
Frank L. Stoddard Jr	<i>Corinthian</i> 63	Karl W. Marsh	<i>Widow's Son</i> 66
Robert J. Gordon	<i>Cosmopolitan</i> 125		

Carpenters Honored in Milford by DeMolay

On Saturday afternoon, October 11, State Master Councilor Nicholas S. Carpenter and his mother, Mom Susan Carpenter, were honored with the DeMolay Chevalier and Cross of Honor Investitures.

Until a recent job promotion, Mom Carpenter has served Milford Chapter as Scribe since the chapter's resurrection in 2007 - managing to keep the chapter calendar, minutes, registrations and even advisors in order. She has served Connecticut DeMolay during this time as

well, managing the calendar, website, DeMolay International paperwork and more. For all this and more, Mom Carpenter is a very deserving recipient of this prestigious honor. The ceremony was performed by advisors of Milford Chapter, Dad Kevin Field served as Master Councilor, Dad Mike Sheffler, Senior Councilor, and Dad Mark Hawkins as Junior Councilor, assisting them as Marshal was PSMC James Cavanaugh. Executive Officer Harry E. Needham III made a few remarks about

Mom Carpenter, presented the patent and requested Dad Ken Hawkins present the medal to his daughter.

State Master Councilor, Nicholas Scott Carpenter received the Degree of Chevalier. Nick has been a principle player in the growth of Milford Chapter since joining at Brotherhood Weekend in 2007. He has served as Master Councilor and has earned the Blue Honor Key for recruiting ten members into DeMolay. He's been an outstanding leader for Connecticut DeMolay having

served as State Marshal, State Senior Councilor, Deputy State Master Councilor and now as State Master Councilor.

The degree team was headlined by Executive Officer Harry E. Needham III as Commander in the East; Past Grand Master Ken Hawkins, Commander in the West; Dad Kevin Field, Commander in the South; Region I Cabinet Member James Cavanaugh, Grand Chaplain; and Grand Junior Deacon Sal Ferrigno, Grand Chaplain.

In attendance was Rhode Island State Master Councilor, Justin Cargill, Grand Commander of the Connecticut Court of Chevaliers, Harry E. Needham IV, and State Sweetheart Elisha Valencia.

A Walk for a Cause

On a crisp autumn morning, Sunday, October 12, State Master Councilor Nicholas Carpenter and state suite officers headed to the Litchfield hills for a good cause.

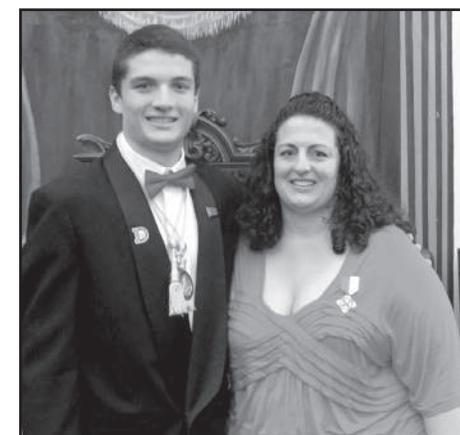
Hope Assembly No. 46, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, hosted a walk in support of Ovarian Cancer, a cause close to their hearts, as one of the advisors of the assembly has been diagnosed with this disease. Mom

Darlene Aubin was the chief organizer for the event. Ephraim Kirby Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, along with our state suite officers volunteered to assist to help make the event a success.

The walk was for T.E.A.L. (Tell Every Amazing Lady) about Ovarian Cancer. There were 83 walkers and \$2,320 was raised. Donations are still coming in. If you would like to make a donation, please visit www.tealwalk.org/Litchfield.



Rainbow and Demolay gather at the walk in support of T.E.A.L. (Tell Every Amazing Lady) about Ovarian Cancer.



DeMolay of Connecticut State Master Councilor Nick Carpenter and his mother, Susan, were honored for their service with the DeMolay Chevalier and Cross of Honor.

Every Man is as Entitled to Justice as to Air

by James W. D'Acosta

Norwich is a long trek to the Rhode Island border from my home near New York. Stillness and beauty mark this cool Saturday morning. Five candidates are given prominent, comfortable seating in the front row as many of the forty or so in attendance assume parts in the degree.

The prologue gives the setting as a tribunal in Germany, near Westphalia, late in the 12th century. Representatives of a secret society gather to punish wrong, support virtue, protect innocence, and relieve the poor and afflicted in the face of corruption among the civil and ecclesiastic authorities. Society rests on justice which must be dispensed regardless of a wrongdoer's wealth or status. Provocatively, the allegory could just as easily use an American setting in the old west where vigilante committees often took matters into their own hands.

The Grand Chapter of Patriarch Noachites, made up of richly dressed knights and nobles, hears two cases. In the first, the judges consider the claims of well-known Count Reinfred who has seized the estate of a former friend and benefactor. In the second, Sir Adolph the Saxon, a penniless knight recently returned from a

crusade, appeals the seizure of his estate claiming that church and court officials did so with forged documents. Wealth and influence are on the side of Count Reinfred and against Sir Adolph.

Proceeding with dignity and care, the judges gather and examine evidence and interview witnesses. Exceptional staging fixes our attention on the action as ancient tests of fire, air, and water are applied to verify Sir Adolf's word. He puts his trust in God knowing death is the penalty for false statement. Justice prevails in both cases.

The Deputy for Scottish Rite is on hand, as are eight 33° Masons. He points out that the Scottish Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction is celebrating its Bicentennial and reminds the candidates, and everyone, of the Entered Apprentice injunction to converse with well-informed brothers to gain further light.

In Pike's twenty-first chapter of *Morals and Dogma*, "Noachite, or Prussian Knight," Pike proclaims God to be living, guiding, and protective, ". . . a Father and a protector, who loves, and sympathizes, and

compassionates; and that the eternal ways by which He rules the world are infinitely wise, no matter how far they may be above the feeble comprehension and limited vision of man." He praises humility and rails against journalism as intrusive, sensationalist, and profit driven. Acknowledging no defense for the freedom of the press or its crucial role in maintaining a free society, he turns to the individual and asserts that, "One ought, in truth, to write or speak against no other one in this world. Each man in it has enough to do, to watch and keep guard over himself."

In language borrowed from Felltham's *Resolves* of the early 17th century, he condemns arrogance as "a weed that ever grows on a dunghill." Further, "To be modest and unaffected with our superiors is duty; with our equals, courtesy; with our inferiors, nobleness." I contemplate the fine line between confidence and assertiveness on the one hand, and arrogance on the other.

Bro. Richard Werner Celebrates Life!



When compiling the lists of obituaries and 50 year pin recipients for the October issue, Brother Richard Werner was inadvertently put into the wrong list. Needless to say this caused him much distress when he had to prove to brothers he was very much alive. His pin presentation gave a good reason to provide relief for many friends. He received his pin and certificate from RW Steven M. Allinson whose petition he signed as Recommender.

Congratulations, Brother Werner!

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Another Perspective on the 21°

by John A. Amarilios

The actual historical context of the 21° emanates from the period of the middle ages, when in Germany, a social situation had degraded to the point where the Holy Roman emperors were faced with an increasing lawlessness and general societal disorder. There was rampant feudal warfare which had to be held in check, so in effect, an extra-legal but very efficient criminal tribunal known as the Vehmgerichte was established.

These secret courts received their original jurisdiction from the old royal courts and filled a void in medieval criminal law. They operated successfully by forming secret "holy bands" which operated mostly in secret during the 14th and 15th centuries. Their members were sworn to secrecy, and they adopted a secret language with attendant signs. Their historical documents bore the mark of the S.S.G.G. which many believe to allude to "stock, stein, gras and grein" which translate to "stick, stone, grass and woe," alluding to the tortures and punishments

that miscreants would be subjected to.

Only two verdicts were possible from these tribunals – either acquittal or hanging. Accusations against defendants were mysteriously brought by someone posting notices of charges to a tree. These tribunals reached the acme of their power in the 15th century when they began to be populated by triers of fact who became increasingly corrupt and abusive of their power, and eventually powerful princes began to usurp their power in the 16th century. These tribunals actually lasted until the early part of the 18th century when they were eliminated altogether.

This degree is a powerful one, and inculcates an underlying lesson that one should devote themselves to the cause of those who are unjustly wronged or oppressed by the powerful and corrupt. How many, even in our somewhat transparent legal system are unjustly accused, or have suffered from being

accused and tried as a result of bribery, law enforcement indolence, or corrupt judges. How many, even today, are denied proper legal process because they are uneducated, illiterate, not fluent in English, otherwise distressed or destitute?

The Patriarch Noachite cannot retain his honor unless he is actively championing and protecting the rights of those who are wrongfully oppressed by those who have the means and motivation to do so. Every one of us must rise up to the occasion to ensure that these things do not happen within the small sphere of influence that we experience – be it in our communities, neighborhoods or families. I urge all of you to attend the 21° degree on November 24 at 7:30 at the Stratford Scottish Rite Theater, 2422 Main St., Stratford.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Ronald G. Busch.....	America-St. John's 8
James P. Edgett.....	Ansantawae 89
Carleton M. Emery.....	Ashlar-Aspetuck 142
Frederic B. Richardson	Brainard 102
William A. Cook.....	Center 97
Ralph U. Bergman.....	Cosmopolitan 125
Sawyer T. Grayson	Cosmopolitan 125
Russell J. Muller.....	Evening Star 101
William Fotopoulos	Friendship 33
Arthur M. Hall.....	Granite 119
Thomas H. Feero Jr.....	Harmony 42
Richard A. Werner	Hiram 1
Russell W. Partridge.....	Hospitality 128
Ylo Anson	Manchester 73
Robert F. Silva	Manchester 73
John Miller Jr.....	Morning Star 47
Edward Hadigian.....	Sequin-Level 140
William Sloat.....	Sequin-Level 140
Donald W. Reddick	St. Albans 38
Joseph H. Bement	St. Andrew's 64
C. Frederick Neuffer	Temple 16
Carl E. Johnson Jr.....	Trumbull 22
Fred J. Serricchio Jr.....	Union 5
Herbert D. Bendell.....	Valley 36
Theodore A. Christensen	Valley 36
Gunnar F. Erickson.....	Wooster 79

We welcome our new brothers to the fraternity.

Keith D. Laska.....	Harmony 67
Christian M. Anderson.....	Seneca 55
Michael J. Fryar.....	Sequin-Level 140
Christopher D. Jones	Sequin-Level 140
Jose N. Sisco	Sequin-Level 140
Christopher J. Woodward	Sequin-Level 140
Mark E. Hubina.....	Trumbull 22



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Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice and Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center are co-sponsoring an informative event entitled "Walking the Journey with You." The event, which is open to healthcare professionals and the community, will be held on Thursday, November 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center Rotunda, 114 Woodland Street in Hartford. The event is being held during National Hospice and Palliative Care Month to highlight and

celebrate the important services and compassionate care hospice provides to patients and families everywhere.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and talk with hospice nurses, social workers and hospice volunteers, enjoy live music, and meet some of the hospice therapy pets. The event will also feature complimentary hand massages, information tables, and raffle prizes

In addition, three free educational seminars are offered in the adjacent Chawla Auditorium. If you would like

to attend any or all of the free seminars, please call 888-679-9997 to confirm your attendance:

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.:

Walking The Journey With You: A physicians perspective on caring for patients at the end of life- Satyarani Tallapureddy, M.D., C.M.D.

10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.:

Funeral Customs and Rituals: Ways to Say Goodbye- Jonathan Raymond, Dignity Memorial Funeral-related customs and rituals of the Roman Catholic,

Protestant, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and Hindu faiths as well as Asian culture. Designed to encourage better communication with patients from different faiths during end-of-life care. 2 CEU's available.

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.:

The Impact of Military Experience on End of Life Care- Ellen Williams, R.N., A.P.R.N., Connecticut Department of Veteran Affairs, Reverend Carol Ann Celella, Chaplain, CT Department of Veteran Affairs

Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center and Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice Offer Free Healthcare Planning Workshops

Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice and Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center are offering a series of free educational workshops that are open to the public. The workshops will cover a wide range of topics including making a health care plan, the types of care that are available, and the role of a caregiver.

The series will be held at the New Covenant United Methodist Church, 16 Church Street

in East Hartford. If you would like to attend any or all of the free workshops, please call ahead to register at 860-528-2228.

How to Talk to your Doctor, November 6, 2014 from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Tips on effective communication with your doctor, how to prepare for a doctor's visit. Discussion on how to be your own self advocate in an ever-changing medical environment.

The Different Medical Services Available to Me, November 13, from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: This session provides information on what is out there, the difference between acute and chronic care, payer sources, short and long term care as

well as the different settings in which care may take place (home, hospice, nursing home, assisted living, and others)

Caring for the Caregiver, November 20, from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Tips on developing self-care skills, identifying stressors, seeking resources to help, and discussion around the normalization of the caregiver role.

Caring for Yourself when you are No Longer a Caregiver, December 4, from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Discussion and tips for self care during a time of change and grief, reinventing yourself, creating new traditions, and dealing with well-intentioned but hurtful actions.

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Several area vendors will be offering a wide variety of unique gift items for purchase, including purses, scarves, handmade jewelry, sports memorabilia, candles, homemade candy and much more. In addition to great shopping, coffee and donuts and a delicious, reasonably priced lunch will be available.

For additional information, please call Alyssa Pagan at 203-679-6015 or Noreen Caffrey at 203-679-6402 or email apagan@masonicare.org or ncaffrey@masonicare.org.

Public Speaking Difficult? Get Involved with Ritual

by Jason Andrew Dolce

Glossophobia. A term many of us have never heard before. Glossophobia is the fear of public speaking. For decades, this phobia consistently ranks number one in surveys on global fears. For millions of people, they would rather be confined in a small cramped space; or put in a dark room with spiders and snakes; or climb a ladder up several stories onto a roof on a windy day, than stand in front of a group of people, with the focus being on them, and talk about something.

As we all know, speaking in public or "on the floor" is a large make up of our fraternity. To many of our newly initiated brothers, demonstrating their proficiency on the floor can be a terrifying experience. Not only are they tasked with memorizing a large amount of material they've never seen before, but they must also demonstrate it in front of a group of brothers. If the newly initiated brother wasn't aware of his fear of public speaking, he surely is by this point.

One year ago, I was initiated, passed, and raised into this wonderful fraternity. After being initiated, I dove into my Masonic studies and began to rigorously study the lecture, which I was required to memorize before advancing to the next degree. Prior to our next stated communication, I met with the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden and demonstrated what I had been tirelessly practicing. They were both impressed.

The Worshipful Master asked me if I'd be willing to demonstrate my proficiency on the floor at our next meeting in front of the brothers. At first, I was nervous and a little unsure if I had the courage to do it in front of an audience, but being a newly initiated brother I wanted to please the Worshipful Master and show the brothers that I was taking my studies seriously, so I agreed.

At the next stated communication, I slowly but surely made it through the lecture. Although I stumbled on several words and paused a few times while I was on the floor, afterwards I was greeted with congratulations and pats on the back from the brethren. It broke the ice for me. That gut-wrenching feeling of nervousness was gone and quickly changed to a feeling of achievement. I felt accepted.

From that night on, I knew that I wanted to get involved in the ritual and help my lodge in any way I could. I studied hard for the degree lectures that followed and willingly demonstrated my proficiency on the floor, each time feeling more and more comfortable. In December, I was appointed Senior Steward and over the course of this

year, I've continued to challenge and improve myself in Masonic knowledge. In addition to presenting all of the first section lectures, I've presented all the working tools, the Bee Hive lecture, and all three charges. I've had the privilege of being invited by Masters of two other lodges to give the charge for their degrees, one when the Grand Master was in attendance. This past Thursday, I was given the ultimate honor by my Worshipful Master to sit in the East and preside over our Fellow Craft Degree. It sure is a different view sitting in the East!

If a brother were to tell me while I was going through my three degrees that one year from now I'd be sitting in the East presiding over an entire degree, I probably would have run for the hills! However, during the course

of this year, after each time I spoke on the floor, my confidence and ability to speak more calmly and clearly improved. All of which helped me when it came time to pick up the gavel and put on the master's hat.

So to any newly initiated brother or to any brother who shares the same gut wrenching feeling of nervousness that I once had when it came to speaking in front of others, challenge yourself. With there being so many parts that make up a degree, find a part in the ritual that's right for you. Build up your confidence by starting out slowly but surely. Break the ice. I promise you'll accomplish a great sense of pride and will enjoy attending lodge that much more. A past master of my lodge said it best, "There is no need to be nervous, you are among your brothers."

The Scarecrow on the Green was a Mason

by David Cole

The Garden Club of Branford Connecticut sponsored a "Scarecrow on the Green." The event was meant to "scare up" funds to replace the trees lost during tropical storm Irene. Proceeds were also to be used by the club to maintain and continue plantings throughout their town, and include maintenance of town gardens, Harrison House Historical Gardens, Daffodil Project, Baskets on the Green, wreaths and arrangements at the Recreation Department Community House, Blackstone and Willoughby Wallace Libraries and other civic development projects.

Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, Branford, took up the challenge and created their own scarecrow to be placed on Branford's green. Senior Warden Jeff Knapp, his family, and brothers of the lodge put together a splendid offering. Some felt that other than being way too skinny for a Brother Mason, the resemblance is uncanny.

The Branford Garden Club is an award-winning civic organization engaged in a wide variety of community activities. They are a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., an educational, charitable non-profit organization made up of 7,234 individual members, 152 clubs and 13 affiliate organizations"

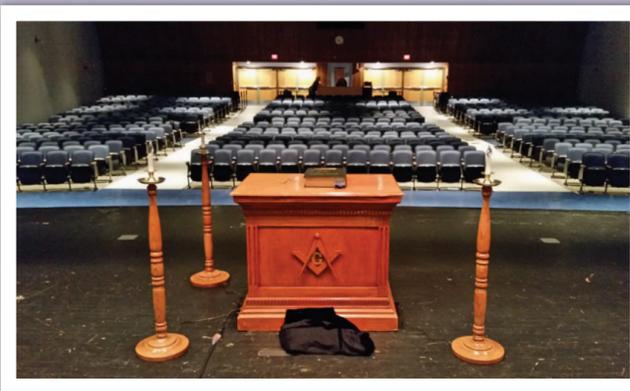


Brother Branford Mason greeted everyone for the "Scarecrow on the Green" event.

Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication



From the back of Lyman Hall High School auditorium the lodge stretched across the entire stage.



Approximately 450 brothers registered but many more attended the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.



A charter was voted for a new lodge in Groton called Purity Lodge No. 150. The Grand Master presented a charter to Worshipful Master Carl J. Mossberg.



The lodges in North Windham appealed to the Grand Lodge for permission to merge. The resulting lodge is Ionic Lodge No. 110.



The Grand Lodge officers took their seats.



Past Grand Masters were introduced from seats in the front row.



The altar was draped in memory of Past Grand Masters Sheldon and Stika.



Perfect Ashlar recipients were presented Certificates of Completion.

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Brother Edward I. Childs Awarded the Meritorious Service Award

by Bill Breed

At the semi-annual meeting of the King Solomon Lodge Of Perfection, Valley of Norwich, Brother Edward I. Childs was presented the Illustrious Brother Frederick H. Lorenson, 33° Meritorious Service Award.

The award was presented by Ill. Brother Bruce T. Work, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of Connecticut. Accompanying Ill Brother Work was Ill. Brother Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, newly appointed Active for the State of Connecticut on his inaugural visit to the Valley of Norwich. The members of the Supreme Council

were introduced by Thrice Potent Master Brother Charles B. Clark, 32°, MSA.

The Constitution of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, provides that an "Award of Meritorious Service" may be conferred upon members of the Scottish Rite, who by reason of meritorious service of a Masonic character, they are worthy of such recognition.

The award in our jurisdiction of Connecticut is conferred by the Council of Deliberation upon the recommendation of the members of the specific Valley. In the Valley of Norwich, the four presiding

officers meet in secret session each year to vote on candidates worthy of consideration. From that time, until the award is conferred, only they, the Valley Secretary, and the Council of Deliberation's committee know the results. In 2012, the Connecticut Council of Deliberation voted to rename the Meritorious Service Award in honor of Illustrious Brother Frederick H. Lorenson, 33°.



Brother Edward I. Childs, second from left, is joined by, from left, Ill. Brother Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Brother Edward I. Childs, Ill. Brother Bruce T. Work, 33° and Brother Charles B. Clark, after receiving the Frederick H. Lorenson, 33° Meritorious Service Award.

Brother Ed Childs has been very active in the Masonic community. In the Valley of Norwich, he has served as part of the degree setup team since its inception in 2003. He has been a member of the cast for many degrees and is currently serving as First Lt. Commander in the Connecticut Consistory. He is a past Master of Coastal Masonic Lodge No. 57, Stonington, served as Treasurer and is currently serving a Senior Warden. He is a Past District Deputy. Brother Ed is a member of National Sojourners, New London Chapter and has served as president, Camp Commander for the Heroes of '76, and as coordinator for the Build the Flag team that promotes patriotism by telling the history of our country's flag to various community groups and lodges.

Elsewhere, he is an active member of Submarine Veterans of WWII and The US Submarine Veterans Inc. He is currently the president of the East Submarine Veterans of WWII. He headed to committee that provides for the care and upkeep of the National WWII Submarine Memorial East for many years and continues to serve on that committee as Treasurer. He is also a member of the Holland Club, indicating he has been qualified in submarines for over fifty years. The Holland Club was named after John Philip Holland an engineer who developed the first submarine to be formally commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

All around, Brother Ed is always willing to give a brother a helping hand and a cheerful smile. This award is well deserved.



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The Masonic Lodge of Research will present its

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Brother de Hoyos will present his Fellowship paper after dinner.

Hiram Lodge No. 18 Help Students Begin Fall Studies

by Joseph J. Porco

Two Newtown High School graduates are now hard at work with their freshman year college curriculum. Before departing for their respective universities, a special evening reception was hosted by Worshipful Master Richard Goessinger and the brethren of Hiram Lodge No 18, Sandy Hook.

The evening honored two deserving 2014 Newtown High School graduates. MW George Greytak served as Master of Ceremonies and presented a \$500 scholarship to each of the students who had previously

been identified by the Newtown High School career office for their exceptional community service and contributions to their fellow classmates.

The recipients were Ms. Ridhi Sahani and Mr. Brandon Unger.

Despite her very busy schedule, Ridhi Sahani had contributed over 200 hours of community service. Last May, Ridhi put together a free two hour dance performance called "Spreading Smiles" which was open to the public. In addition, Ridhi served as secretary of her chapter of the National Honor Society and dedicated considerable time and energy to the chapter's

Masonicare Committee which visited nursing home residents for monthly events.

Brandon Unger's accomplishments are equally impressive. Brandon is a recent recipient of the prestigious honor of being a double bronze Eagle Scout. He has dedicated countless hours of community service. In addition,

Brandon was a section leader for the marching band, project manager for the Tech Team, and vice president for the Rocket Club.

The brethren of Hiram Lodge No. 18 were pleased to recognize these two fine young students and we wish them well with their ongoing scholastic endeavors and future achievements.



RW Tony Neri, right, congratulates Brandon Unger with a scholarship as WM Richard Goessinger looks on.



MW George Greytak gives a scholarship check to Ms. Ridhi Sahani.

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice Offering Support Group for Widowers

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice cordially invites men from the community who are grieving the loss of a spouse to become part of a Widowers' Support Group, specially designed to help them share and process their grief with other grieving men in a safe and supportive environment. The group will explore some of the gender-specific reactions men may experience as they transition through their grief journey. The sessions will be facilitated by Dennis Farrar, MSW, a hospice social worker with Masonicare.

Beginning in November, the Support Group will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to

12:00noon at Masonicare Home Health and Hospice, 33 North Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford.

There is no charge to participate in the group, but pre-registration is recommended. For additional information or to register, please call 203-679-5395.

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

From the desk of David R. Blythe, Sr., 33°, Valley Secretary

We are halfway through the fall season and our current class is halfway through the degree schedule. However, there is still time to join the class and become a Scottish Rite Mason.

Our current class started on October 9, viewed the 4° on the new DVD from Supreme Council, NMJ, and the 11°, portrayed theatrical style, under the direction of Ill. Bro. Francis G. Way, 33°, M.S.A. and Bro. Frank Dlugoleski, M.S.A.. On October 23, the candidates saw two additional live presentations, the 14°, portrayed by the officers of the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection under the direction of Bro. Dlugowski and the 15°, under the direction of Bro. Grube.

October 23 was also a special evening for the Valley as Brother Walter Grube was presented the Ill. Frederick H. Lorensen Jr., 33°, Meritorious Service Award from the Valley of Hartford, recognizing his many years of hard work and devotion.

Special thanks go to all the support staff: the stage crew, make-up and costume crew, the control booth crew, the hospitality staff especially to Assistant Secretary, Bro. Tony Angelica. These brethren made the degrees successful and enjoyable.

The valley will host a Family Life evening on Friday, November 14. This is open to all Valley Of Hartford members, their families and friends. The evening starts with a traditional turkey dinner at the Sphinx Shrine Facility at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Masonic play, *Treasure of Darkness*. Paid reservations are required for dinner, but not for the play. The play will start after the dinner at approximately 7:30 p.m. Reservation forms can be found in the October-November-December issue of the *View of the Valley*, or at www.valleyofhartford.org.

The Valley of Hartford congratulates Ill. Bro. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, who was appointed Active for the State of Connecticut by the Supreme Council, NMJ.

Finally, a reminder to look ahead to the spring of 2015. Please seek out members of your lodge to see how they feel about seeking further light in Masonry by joining the Scottish Rite. Or ask the Worshipful Master if he would be interested in having a member of our Membership Committee put on a short program in Lodge. For more information please contact the Valley Office.

From your fellow brethren at the Valley of Hartford, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving

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

by Michael L. Castroll

Last month, our Membership Committee brought forth a number of Family Life programs. On October 19, we paid homage by attending the graves of E. G. Storer, William E. Sanford, and other pioneers of the Valley of New Haven. The tour was led by Chief Docent Patricia Illingworth. She pointed to a stone marking the grave of Brother Dwight B. Snow, where 32° is etched in stone. Our October schedule ended when the Valley of New Haven hosted the Valley of Bridgeport's rendition of the 11° also known as the Sublime Master Elected.

November will start with our annual Oktoberfest celebration on Monday evening, November 10. On Wednesday evening, November 19, we take our candidates to Waterbury, where the Valley of Waterbury will exemplify the 16° or Prince of Jerusalem.

On November 24, our class will be in Stratford enjoying the light of the 21°, or Patriarch Noachite, taking them back to the days of Alfred the Great. Meanwhile, the cast put together to confer the Degree of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., or 18° will gather in the Valley of New Haven's home at 285 Whitney Avenue, on Monday evening, December 1.

Remember, all degrees are preceded by a dinner. The dinners in New Haven and Waterbury begin at 6:15 P.M. The dinners in Stratford require a reservation. You can call the Consistory office at 203-375-0064.

The Valley of New Haven celebrates 140 years of Scottish Rite Masonry since its beginnings on August 19, 1874, when E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection was constituted by our Supreme Council. The Elm City Council Princes of Jerusalem and New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix were constituted the following year. The Valley of New Haven has maintained her connection with Lafayette Consistory for the Sublime Degree conferrals. Over the years, there have been ten Illustrious Brothers, who have become Commander-in-Chief of Lafayette Consistory. Our own Bradley K. Cooney, currently presides this year.

The Degree of Sublime Master Elected, or the 11°, was performed on the home grounds of the Valley of New Haven, by an all-star cast from various parts of Lafayette Consistory.

Don't forget to take heed of the Blue Envelope when it comes to you. This helps all our Scottish Rite charities. We should all be mindful of the needs of others. 'Tis the season, but the season should last all year long.

From all of us in the Valley of New Haven have a very happy Thanksgiving.



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If you would like more information about becoming a member of the
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1969, 1979, 1983, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89...

Nine Times in 30 Years

by Jim Wilson

A tribute to a Worshipful Brother who never gave up on the future of his Lodge, the former Tuscan Lodge No. 126. Nine times as Master, seven in a row, and it is worthwhile what he has to say for the future of any lodge, now and in the future.

Born Jan 28, 1928, in Hartford, WB "Bob" Benson was the first Mason in his family that he knows of. He was entered the fraternity on February 2, 1962. This only happened because he

was good friends with then WB George Kraft. He continued on and was passed as on March 2, 1962 and raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 1, 1962.

At the age of 36, he was appointed an officer, probably by WB Gerald F. Shew in 1964. He enjoyed the journey, eventually serving in every officer's chair, except Junior Steward. He served his first term in the Oriental Chair in 1969. As every "new" Master will tell you,

it was a wonderful, if not a bit of confusing. There was much to learn, besides the ritual and protocol. In 1970 he served as Chaplin, and again in 1990.

He was installed again as Worshipful Master in 1979 following WB S. John Dickman. He jokingly thought that with a "second term" the job would be easier, but this was not the case. Much had changed in ten years, everything from the earlier protocol, to Grand Lodge rules and regulations. Even the membership changed. There were new members, officers, and even with attending a great many of the lodge meetings, these change can come and go as routine business, which is hardly the case in any lodge, anywhere.

Another four years pass, and in 1983, WB Robert Benson is once again called upon to lead Tuscan Lodge No. 126. This turned out beyond anything that he could have imagined. During the span of years, he had the pleasure of raising his own father, and his two sons, Eric and RW Carl to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

Then, he remained as Master for the next seven years. In talking with WB Bob, he has never lost his love for our great fraternity. His reason for staying so long as



WB "Bob" Benson

Master was to leave the future of the lodge in capable hands. WB Bob has now retired to Florida to be near his family there.

His advice for all future Masters, anywhere, is to make sure that there are others in the lodge who will take new members under their guidance, and get them involved in activities. Make these new Brothers understand what Masonry is all about. It's not a club, to "hang out" but a fraternity where we learn what "on the level" means, and "love one another." Those who see a future in the lodge as an officer should understand how important it is to go through every station for the learning curve that leads East. Everyone should study ritual, to pro-tem a station. Finally, he would say to Past Masters, "you need to support the Master of your lodge in every way possible, but most especially by adopting a new Master Mason and teaching the art of 'Making Good Men Better.'"

Masonicare Memory Keepers



On Sunday, September 28, the Masonicare Memory Keepers team participated in the 2014 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven. It was a glorious 80° day with a record-breaking turnout of walkers! The 30+ member team comprised of employees, along with their spouses and children, was organized by Community Services Representative Audrey Grove.

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Moriah Lodge Does It Again!

by Edward C. Page

Moriah Lodge No. 15, Brooklyn, held its 4th Annual Down East Maine Ye Olde Table Lodge on September 20 to a sold out crowd. This year's program included a Tex/Mex theme to honor Grand Master Simon R. LaPlace's beverage of choice, tequila, and Table Lodge Master WB Edward C. Page's entertainment plan.

As in years past, the guests were greeted as they entered with music and video playing on a large screen. Each of the artists playing were born in Texas. WB Christopher Carrot, Worshipful Master of Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, served as Junior Warden and Moriah Lodge's sitting Worshipful Master, WB J. Michael Wolf was Senior Warden.

Table Lodge Master WB Edward then introduced the distinguished guests at the head table; RW James E. Verge, District Deputy, MW Past Grand Master William L. Greene, MW Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck Jr., RW Frank E. Maxim III, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut William A.G. Mackey, RW Deputy Grand Master Donald W. Dean, MW Past Grand Master from Rhode Island and Providence Plantation Russell R. Davis, Sr., and finally grand honors were bestowed to MW Grand Master Simon R. LaPlace. It was the first time in Moriah Lodge's history that both the current Grand Master and Grand Commander were in attendance at an event.

After the lesson and explanation of the ceremony, WB Edward recounted how this current edition of table lodge evolved, including a conversation between RW Michael B. Dodge and RW Kenneth R. Sheldon,

what the Down East Maine Table Lodge would become. Each year the table lodge has grown, nearly doubling in numbers. WB Edward explained, "This year has surpassed my expectation and imagination, as we have a staggering 52 brothers enrolled. So much that we had to add additional seating." Working

tirelessly behind the scenes was his wife Christina L. Page, who instructed for the servers for every course. She also donated staff shirts with an embroidered commemorative display and individual names.

The first toast, to our country, was followed by the sing-a-long of "Deep in the Heart of Texas" by Bob Wills of Kosse, Texas and concluding with a hearty round of applause. WB Edward assisted the Grand Master in the first of many presentations. As luck would have it, traveling with Brother Wendell Reeves, Associate Grand Marshal, was his father-in-law from Texas. In conjunction with the Tex/Mex theme, Brother Jack Mabe of Mount Hored Lodge No. 137, Mahomet, Texas, was presented the Grand Masters pin, and received a bottle of Sam Houston whiskey.

The next presentation was a bottle of Makers Mark bourbon to RW James E. Verge for his tireless work as District Deputy, and for assisting in Chicken BBQ ticket sales as Moriah Lodge tried to financially recover from the loss of its furnace earlier in the year. Also recognized for his continued support of Moriah Lodge was Bro. Dan Buchanan, from Moosup Lodge. WB Dan was presented a bottle of Jägermeister, which he in turn shared with the kitchen staff.

With some fifteen brothers from Rhode Island, WB Edward thanked them for their support. He recounted at last year's Table Lodge someone "stole" his gavel and on a visit to Manchester Lodge No. 12, Coventry,



After receiving a bottle of tequila as a gift, the Grand Master poured a toast for the brothers at the Down East Maine Table Lodge with a Tex/Mex theme.

Rhode Island, WB Edward was presented a bag of sawdust and the contents were in fact his stolen gavel. After a laugh his gavel was returned, unharmed. Now holding that same bag, WB Edward let it fall to the floor to seat the brothers, and asked WB Robert Sweet to remain standing. WB Bob was identified as the culprit for taking WB Edward's gavel. WB Edward then told the guests he had taken the liberty of preparing WB Bob's dinner himself. Raising a large cup of a very unappetizing liquid, WB Edward explained, "I have pre-cooked your lobsters and potato, put it in a blender and pureed it for you." A good laugh was had and RW Sweet did later receive his twin lobsters.

After second toast, to the Holy Saints John, presented by REGC William A. G. Mackey, MW Buck presented the charge. Waylon Jennings of Littlefield, Texas led the next sing-a-long of "Good Hearted Woman." which spurred a hearty round of applause. WB Edward presented MW Greene what has become a custom between the two, a bottle of St. John's Commandery wine.

MW Greene was presented an honorary dues card, only the third to be given. WB Edward then recounted a visit to LaFayette Lodge, Cumberland, Rhode Island, when a brother accidently dropped a \$20. WB Edward jokingly said it was "his" and the brother who dropped the bill, in all seriousness responded, "If you need it, it is yours." WB Edward was so touched by the brotherly gesture that he recognized WB Mark Eddelston with a Cohiba cigar and a one dollar silver certificate. The bill was acquired at Mount Vernon, Virginia, in memory of his late father WB Orville C. Page. WB Edward conveyed the respect his father had toward

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Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. inspects his gift of an official Boston Red Sox 2013 World Series baseball bat. A great gift for a true fan.

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his country and the character of our founding father, Brother George Washington.

The evening took a more somber tone when WB Edward proposed a toast to our dearly departed brothers. Two Moriah Lodge brothers had recently been directly affected by losing their fathers; WB Donald Gladding lost his father Robert Gladding, a member of Moriah Lodge; and WB John Glenn's father recently past away. WB Edward spoke with a heavy heart as he described another brother who always supported Moriah Lodge and attended Moriah's golf tournaments and Table Lodges. His character struck the strongest chord with all who knew him, WB Dean E. Bunnell. WB Edward had cigars handed out and asked everyone to remember Brother Dean as they smoked them or kept them for later reflection. The silence was appropriately followed by Kris Kristofferson playing, "Why Me Lord," and the voices of the craft filled the hall.

WB Edward presented WB J. Michael Wolf a container of his favorite pipe tobacco, for his selfless assistance and personally helping him when he needed it most. Rhode Island's RW Glenn S. Carlson and Brother Edward share a passion for smokers, and at one smoker, Brother Glenn had a goal to win a lighter, unsuccessfully! So at the Table Lodge, WB Edward called up RW Glenn and in appreciation of his support for Moriah Lodge

and WB Edward, presented him a cigar box of RW Glenn's favorite cigar brands, a cigar cutter and of course, his own personal lighter.

Another brother from Rhode Island was recognized for his support, and encouragement, not only as a brother, but as a golf partner. Past Grand Master Russell Davis Sr. was presented a bottle of his favorite Ginger Brandy.

After Grand Master LaPlace presented his Table Lodge message, WB Edward presented him his honorary Moriah Lodge dues card and a bottle of Don Julio tequila. He offered to share it and all interested brothers were served by the Grand Master as he made his way around the lodge room accompanied by the Champs classic, "Tequila." Once the canons were charged the Grand Master received the next toast from RW James E. Verge. The Grand Master returned the toast and received a standing ovation. While the craft enjoyed chips and salsa, an informative video of how Don Julio Tequila is made was presented, followed by the Eagles "Tequila Sunrise." Lead singer, Don Henley is from Gilmer Texas.

Brother Junior Warden led the toast to Moriah Lodge and WB Edward and Moriah Lodge members returned the toast. Before the main course, WB Edward made the final presentation. He recalled during his first year as master he worked with then Grand Master Buck on an apron presentation to the lodge. Since then, the two have played golf

at the annual Moriah golf tournament and Brother Charlie has attended all four table lodges hosted by Moriah. Brother Charlie was the first to receive an honorary dues card from Moriah Lodge. At last year's table lodge Brother Charlie kept the Table Lodge Master abreast of the Red Sox score. With that in mind, WB Edward presented to Past Grand Master Buck an official Boston Red Sox 2013 World Series Baseball Bat in a display case.

With dinner, the craft was serenaded by Willie Nelson of Abbot Texas. WB J. Michael Wolf presented the sixth toast to the visiting brethren, Past Rhode Island Grand Master Davis returned the toast, and commended the lodge on putting forth a wonderful event. WB Edward led the seventh toast to our Veterans, to which Past Grand Master Greene returned the toast with the assistance of all veterans in attendance. The brothers sang along with Kenny Rogers of Houston, Texas to "Ruby, don't take your love to town."

The eighth toast to our founding fathers was followed by dessert, Buck's famous Ice Cream, brought by MW Buck. WB Edward toasted Freemasons where-so-ever dispersed with final toast after which the kitchen crew received a standing ovation for a job well done.

The evening ended with everyone singing Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline." Table Lodge Master Edward thanked everyone at the door as they emptied the hall to Glenn Campbell's, "Try A Little Kindness."



It was a typical great crowd having a great time at the Maine Down-East Table Lodge at Moriah Lodge No. 15, Brooklyn.

Traveling Man Goes to a Masonic Barn Raising

by Ryan Howard

The date, September 27. The place, a picturesque sheep barn in South Windsor. The memories, I'll hold onto for a very long time.

The Master Mason was a beautiful display of what it means to be a Mason. The cooperation to put something like this together was amazing. Three blue lodges of the area Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, South Windsor; Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor; and Manchester Lodge No. 73, Manchester, worked together setting up the barn, preparing lunch and performing the ritual.

At 10:00 a.m. just off Ferry Street, a mile down the road from Hartford Evergreen Lodge, is a rustic New England sheep farm. A large red barn was the venue for the degree work. Rows of seating were in the north, and also up atop a hay loft in the south looking down onto an altar surrounded by hay bales. The officers had their usual positions and the three hosting lodges

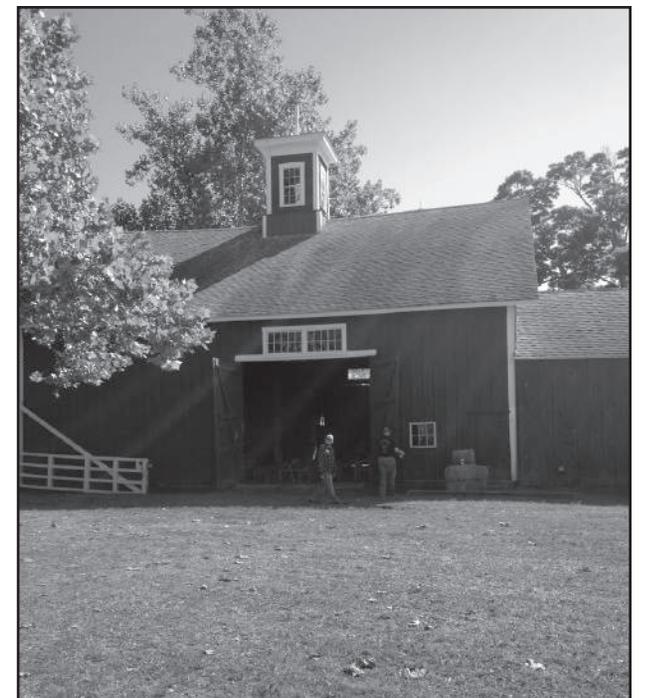


Ryan Brown

and one lodge from southern Massachusetts.

This "Barn Raising" was the second of what will hopefully become a long lasting tradition. The brothers performed the degree wearing garments that are reminiscent of the medieval era. The brothers' floor work was well executed, and the lectures throughout the day were performed equally well.

The ritual was intriguing to watch. There were differences one might not be used to seeing. For instance, the order in which the three principal officers rapped their gavels during the opening and closing of the ceremony three times in a row rather than one after the other. Its little differences like this, that I find incredibly interesting as I travel around this great state we brothers call home.



It was a beautiful Fall day, and lunch was just down the road in South Windsor.



The "Barn Raising" was suitably adorned with hay bales and barn siding for the Master Mason degree.


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Wallingford, CT 06492

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A Just and Upright Mason

by Francis G. Way

"The roll of the workman has been called and one Master Mason has not answered to his name..."

At 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, the man who was one of the pillars of my existence, silently and peacefully laid down the working tools of his life and joined his father and grandfather in the Celestial Lodge Above.

While my father's passing was not unexpected – we were blessed with the time to say what we needed to say to each other – and his death has not assailed me with sudden surprise waves of grief, it has left a tremendous void in the fabric of my life, an emptiness so deep I have yet to come to terms with it.

My father, Angus Park Way, was a Mason for 70 years. He was entered, passed, and raised by my grandfather, in St. Johns Lodge No. 4 over the course of two months in 1944 during World War II. While for some of those 70 years he was unaffiliated, his dimit the result of seriously needing to cut expenses

after his employer's company folded when I was a newborn, he was a Mason for all of those years, keeping his obligations, and more importantly, living the tenets of our fraternity.

When I became a Mason 18 years ago, I was at first surprised by how familiar all of the tenets of our fraternity were to me. Lessons taught through the example of our beloved implements of architecture were lessons that were basic to the way my parents raised me; love and respect for God, respect for others, self-control, and basic tolerance for all, resonated with me because not only had I been raised that way, but also because my father always "walked the walk." It did not take me long to realize that what I was learning in lectures and in lodge were just formal statements of how I had seen my father act for years.

Dad would probably laugh at me if I called him a great teacher, yet that is what he was. He did not lecture, he did not say "Ok, this is how you do it," he just provided a daily example of what a man should be and how he should

conduct himself.

He worked hard, he was fair, he was steady, he was loving, and in his last days he carried himself with such grace and dignity that everyone who came in contact with him remarked to me just how sweet and gentle he was.

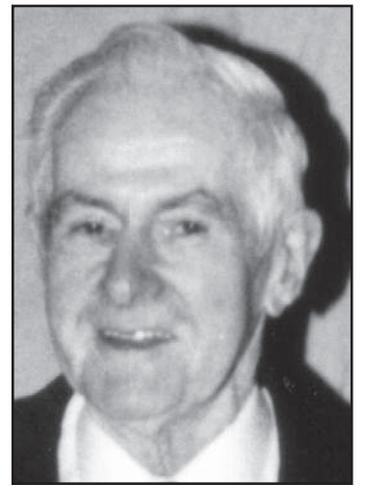
Throughout the last months of his life, my father's overwhelming concern was how all of us were taking it, were we ok with his decision not to undergo treatment for the bladder cancer that was killing him. He never complained about the hand he had been dealt, he never moaned that because he was so old he was not a good candidate for treatment. He just tried every day to maintain his independence and not be a burden to anyone.

Late in the day on which he died I had a few quiet moments to myself, to sit and reflect. I was feeling some regret that over the last several years of his life he had been too tired to come to lodge, or Commandery or Scottish Rite with me. It was then that I began to realize that while we had not sat together formally in lodge or asylum or valley, we had been laboring in the quarry together every day, and that he was teaching me those final life lessons, lessons that had no lecture, but that are now deeply embedded within me. It was good work, square work, and true work...

As Masons we talk so much about different facets of our fraternity. We hold seminars where we discuss all of the minutiae of what this symbol means or that word means, and we pontificate on these deep, deep concepts. Yet as I think about it now, I have really learned the most about Masonry by watching my father live his life. When he stood in that northeast corner in 1944 he was charged to always be a just and upright Mason. That is what he did, not only for himself, but for all others who cared to watch and learn.

In closing I would like to thank the brethren of Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145 who performed his service, and all the brethren who attended. I know Dad would have said "why are you making such a big fuss over me?" but my family and I are forever grateful to you all.

Finally, to my father, I will say "Ave atque vale", hail and farewell. Godspeed, Dad, and I miss you more than you can know. Thank you for all you did for me. I love you.



Angus Park Way

As the air cools we know it's once again time to Run, Santa, Run! The annual classic 5K run/walk and kids fun run for charity, has open registration. This year, the race's 4th brings a BIG change as we change locations to Bethel, and is presented by The Bethel Chamber of Commerce along with yours truly, Santa Claus. The date is November 29, and we will hold registration at the Municipal Center in Bethel. Start time to be announced on the registration page and will be posted on the Facebook page. The name of this year's race is "Run Santa Run 4 - Buddy in Bethel" and we are inspired by the happiest adopted elf ever. If we are lucky, maybe Buddy will even be there, with syrup in hand.

All registration information can be found on active.com, via our Facebook page "Run Santa Run" or on our website www.runsantarun.org. All ages are welcome, but if you have a child who is under 8 and would like to join the "fun run" there is no charge. We encourage you to bring a new and unwrapped toy as we will make a donation to "Toys for Tots" and your child will receive a book, courtesy of Scholastic.

The cost on race day is \$28 per entry, however runners can register early online for just \$23.25. The first 300 online registered runners will receive a free event t-shirt. All runners are encouraged to wear Christmas attire and costumes. Trophies will be handed out so be creative ... Santa is watching!

The event will directly benefit Masonicare this year, as it did last year. The funds raised will assist the elderly in their daily needs and help them live their lives with dignity. We highly recommend you visit www.masonicare.com for more information on this amazing organization. We will also be donating a portion of the proceeds to a local family whose 4-year-old son is battling Guillan Barre.

For more information please e-mail Santa himself at poppachristmas@live.com or contact Bobbi Jo Beers at the Bethel Chamber of Commerce at 203-743-6500. We hope to see you there as a runner, a walker, a volunteer or simply as a spectator. It's quite an event to see and brings in the season with pure joy and a sense of caring. Every entry gets a free hug from Santa!



Connecticut York Rite Messages

FROM MEGHP CHARLES D. O'NEILL

Companions,

"To the doors of the Chapter room comes the you. At this time of Thanksgiving, we pause to count our blessings; the freedom of this great country in which we live; it's opportunity for achievement; and the friendship and confidence you have shown in us.

For all of these things, we are deeply thankful. Our best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

FROM MPMGM CHARLES A. McCOLLUM

Companions,

November is the month we set aside to give thanks to the Grand Architect for the manifold blessings he has bestowed upon us, our families, our fraternity and our country. I hope each of you will reflect on these blessings and offer a heartfelt prayer

of thanks, not just on Thanksgiving but every day.

During each Grand Council officer visit, to include my own, a formal discussion of the two-year term for Grand Council officers will be had and your input earnestly solicited. This discussion can be done during the Assembly or after during fellowship but it is important that we as a Grand Council know your feelings on this proposal.

FROM REGC WILLIAM A. G. MACKKEY

You are invited to a "Masonic Family Holiday Dance Party" on Saturday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at New Haven Masonic Temple. This event, a fundraiser for Connecticut DeMolay and Connecticut Rainbow, is sponsored by the Grand Commandery in partnership with all Masonic bodies in Connecticut.



The party will feature music, dancing, fun, and food. Terry Brettman and Jim Strein will be playing a mix of traditional, country, and popular dance music. They will also be teaching and calling the dances. All dances will be easy to do. If you can walk to a beat, you really can enjoy some fun and dance!

Light refreshments, chips, pretzels, popcorn, cookies, cake, and beverages will be served. You are invited to bring an item on a potluck basis. The dance is free to active members of Connecticut DeMolay and Connecticut Rainbow. A reservation form is published in this issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*. Please mark your calendar for this special holiday season event!

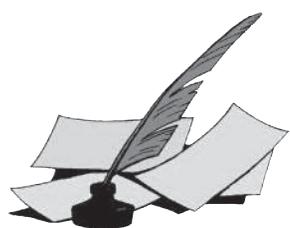
INFLATION STRIKES AGAIN

At the recent Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter, the delegates voted to raise the per capita from \$1 per member to \$2 per member, effective in 2016, and another dollar in 2018. Chapters should start collecting the extra \$2 with their next dues cycle so that they don't get caught short.

Also, at the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, per capita was raised from \$21 to \$25, effective in 2015. Commanderies take note.

NEW VENUE FOR GRAND CHAPTER/COUNCIL ANNUAL

After visiting and reviewing proposals from three different properties, including the Sheraton Hartford South where we had met previously, the dais officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council were unanimous in choosing to hold the annual sessions for the next three years at the Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden. The hotel is large enough to serve our needs quite well, but small enough that we should not have to compete with another group on the same weekend.



Open Letter to the Craft

by Paul H. Rice

To the members and officers of Eastern Star Lodge No. 44 and to the craft of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Thank you for the support that you have all given to me over the past three years as Worshipful Master of Eastern Star Lodge.

The task of merging two lodges, ours and Ionic Lodge No. 110, was recently completed and with it we have strengthened Masonry in the North Windham area. For that I thank all those who helped make it possible.

Closing a lodge is never an easy task. Sure enough, the "mechanics" are, however relinquishing the history, the strong bonds developed, and the pure pleasure of bringing new members into the Masonic Brotherhood, will be hard to forget as we turn the key for the last time. I for one will forever cherish those moments and memories as we transition to a new beginning with the brothers of Ionic Lodge. We all look forward to a long and lasting new home.

At our last meeting, I recited the following poem, and I want to share it. It was originally presented by RW J. G. Kelley, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Australia.

*With the closing of the Volume and the opening of a door,
Think not this Lodge has ended, think what has gone before.
Remember all those worthy men who as apprentice came,
And who developed love and skill and worked in friendship's name.*

*When you take up the Working Tools too gently put aside,
Think not their work has ended, think how they were applied.
Remember well the lessons taught, to craftsmen tried and true,
Of Masons worthy of the name and apron white and blue.*

*When your Tracing Boards are covered and the Columns laid at rest,
Think not their teaching ended, think more a message blessed.
Remember the special meaning to Master Masons all,
Of birth and life and learning and waiting for the call.*

*With the sounding of the gavel and as the lights at last go out
Think not your Lodge has ended, dispel all lingering doubt,
Master, Wardens, Brethren, remember as you depart,
Your Lodge will live forever in every Masons' heart.*

Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

Information to be included in York Rite Opportunities must be submitted by the 10th of the preceding month to the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Charles B. Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor, CT 06095-3842 or yrctramrsm@yahoo.com.



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

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

- Saturday, November 1, (MP)(RE)(F)** Reception for Grand Worthy Advisor, Costa Azzurra Restaurant, Milford
- Tuesday, November 4, (RE)(U)** Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford
- Tuesday, November 4, (ME)(F)** Keystone Chapter No. 27, Meriden, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees
- Tuesday, November 4, (MP)(F)** Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven.
- Tuesday, November 4, (F)** Adam Sattig Council No. 35, Milford, Royal Master and Select Master degrees
- Wednesday, November 5, (ME)(F)** Halleck Chapter No. 44, Madison
- Saturday, November 8, (RE)** Grand Lodge Ladies at Table, Hartog Center, Wallingford
- Tuesday, November 11, (MP)(F)** Hamilton Council No. 22, Meriden, Select Master degree
- Tuesday, November 11, (ME)(U)** Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Middletown, inspection OOT
- Thursday, November 13, (ME)(F)** Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15, Torrington
- Thursday, November 13, (MP)(F)** Buel Council No. 20, Torrington
- Friday, November 14, Baldwin Chapter No. 13, Stratford, Most Excellent Master degree**
- Friday, November 14, (U)** Palestine Commandery No. 6, Preston, inspection, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
- Saturday, November 15, (ME)(MP)(RE)** York Rite testimonial dinner, Marco Polo Restaurant, East Hartford, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 18, (U)** Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, inspection, Order of the Temple
- Tuesday, November 18, (U)** St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta, 6:00 p.m. dinner
- Wednesday, November 19, (ME)(F)** Columbia Chapter No. 31, Collinsville
- Thursday, November 20, (U)** Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, inspection, Order of the Temple
- Friday, November 21, (ME)(MP)(U)** Trinity Commandery No. 3, Darien
- Friday, November 21, (U)** New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, inspection, Order of the Temple, 6:15 p.m. dinner
- Saturday, November 22, (ME)(MP)(RE)** Nathan Hale Chapter No. 78 Allied Masonic Degrees and Connecticut College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, East Hartford, 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, November 22, (MP)** Mohawk Council No. 27 Knight Masons, East Hartford, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 27, (ME)(MP)(RE)** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sunday, November 30, (MP)(RE)(U)** St Johns Commandery No. 11 and Palestine Commandery No. 6, North Windham, Christmas observance, 2:30 p.m. potluck dinner

COMING UP:

- December 2, MP at Adam Sattig Council No. 35, Milford
- December 2, RE at Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford
- December 5, Columbia Chapter No. 31, Collinsville, inspection, Mark Master degree
- December 6, Masonic Family Holiday Dance Party, New Haven, 7:00 p.m.
- December 7, St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 and Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Meriden, Christmas Observance
- December 10, MP at Crawford Council No. 19
- December 11, MP at Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 and Washington Council No. 6, Darien
- December 11, Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, West Haven, Mark Master degree
- December 12, Baldwin Chapter No. 13, Stratford, Royal Arch degree
- December 13, Trinity Commandery No. 3, Darien, Christmas observance
- December 14, Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Christmas observance
- December 15, Milford Chapter No. 49, Milford, Carol Sing, 6:00 p.m. dinner
- December 16, York Rite of East Hartford, joint Christmas observance, 6:30 p.m. dinner
- December 17, RE at Boston Commandery No. 2, Boston, Massachusetts, Christmas observance
- December 19, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven. Christmas observance

YORK RITE TESTIMONIAL BANQUET

The York Rite Coordinating Committee cordially invites you and your lady to the York Rite Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marco Polo Restaurant, 1250 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford. Attire: Men—Business Suit; Ladies—Cocktail / Evening Dress. Honorees include Charles D. O'Neill, MEGHP; Charles A. McCollum, MPMG; and William

A.G. Mackey, REGC.

Entrée Choices: \$35 per selection, Prime Rib of Beef; Stuffed Breast of Chicken; Broiled Salmon; Eggplant Parmesan; Vegetarian Pasta. Reservation deadline is November 8. Please mail your payment and dinner selection to: Charles A. McCollum, 71 Eunice Parkway, Stratford, CT 06615-6647.

Make your check payable to York Rite Coordinating Committee.

Craft at Labor...

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Tuesday, November 4, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, inspection
Thursday, November 6, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Wednesday, November 12, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, inspection
Monday, November 17, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, Newington, 6:30 p.m. dinner, inspection
Monday, November 17, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Monday, November 17, Hartford Evergreen No. 88, South Windsor, 5:30 p.m. dinner at Red Onion, Sullivan Ave., South Windsor

Fellowcraft Degrees

Wednesday, November 5, Widow's Son No. 66, Branford, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Monday, November 10, Washington No. 19, Monroe

Tuesday, November 11, Shepherd-Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Wednesday, November 12, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. dinner
Monday, November 17, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19, Federal No. 17, Watertown
Wednesday, November 19, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven
Thursday, November 20, Fidelity-St. John's No. 3, Fairfield, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Saturday, November 29, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 12:00 p.m. dinner, RW Bernard A Pawlicki to perform the Middle Chamber

Master Mason Degrees

Thursday, November 6, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Wednesday, November 12, Federal No. 17, Watertown, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Past Masters to confer the degree

Monday, November 17, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Tuesday, November 18, Seneca No. 55, Torrington, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Tuesday, November 18, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 5:30 p.m. dinner at the break
Wednesday, November 19, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook
Thursday, November 20, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner
Thursday, November 20, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Past Masters to confer the degree
Monday, November 24, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville
Monday, November 24, Annawon No. 115, West Haven

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

Craft at Refreshment...

Sunday, November 2, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 8:30 a.m., Master's roundtable and breakfast
Sunday, November 2, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 8:00 a.m. fellowship breakfast
Wednesday, November 5, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield, Guy Fawkes Day Table Lodge
Wednesday, November 5, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, Wayne Murray: Masonic information
Wednesday, November 5, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 7:00 p.m., Orange Ale House
Thursday, November 6, Bay View No. 120, Niantic, 9:00 a.m., District Breakfast at Groton Townhouse Restaurant
Thursday, November 6, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Veterans Day program
Sunday, November 9, Widow's Son No. 66, Branford, 9:00 a.m. monthly breakfast
Monday, November 10, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, step-up night
Monday, November 10, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, step-up night
Monday, November 10, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night
Tuesday, November 11, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. Veteran's Day dinner
Wednesday, November 12, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 6:30 p.m. Harvest Table Lodge

Thursday, November 13, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 8:00 a.m. Fellowcraft Club breakfast at State St. Café, North Haven
Saturday, November 15, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 6:00 p.m. Venison Table Lodge
Sunday, November 16, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 8:00 a.m. country breakfast
Sunday, November 16, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast
Sunday, November 16, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 5:30 p.m. annual Thanksgiving dinner
Tuesday, November 18, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m., Light Night: education by WB Ken Jones
Tuesday, November 18, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 6:00 p.m. joint Table lodge with Ark 39 and Union 40
Wednesday, November 19, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Tobacco Valley Blue Council
Saturday, November 22, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 6th annual Fall harvest
Saturday, November 22, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 1:00 p.m. dinner, awards night
Saturday, November 22, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, UConn vs. Cincinnati football, Rentscheler Field
Saturday, November 22, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 5:00 p.m., Tree of Life

Sunday, November 23, Center No. 97, Meriden, 8:00 a.m., breakfast
Monday, November 24, Bayview No. 120, Niantic, 6:30 a.m., Blue Lodge Council
Tuesday, November 25, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Blue Lodge Council
Tuesday, November 25, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m., Fellowcraft dinner
Tuesday, November 25, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, annual memorial service
Tuesday, November 25, Shepherd - Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 7:30 p.m. dinner, necrology lecture by RW Al Rollinson and RW Stephen Nevins.
Wednesday, November 26, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield, 7:30 p.m., Blue Lodge Council
Wednesday, November 26, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 7:00 p.m. dinner, Thanksgiving dinner
Wednesday, November 26, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 7:00 p.m., monthly fellowship social
Wednesday, November 26, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m., Lodge of Fun
Thursday, November 27, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, 8:00 a.m., Manchester Road Race beverage booth

DeMolay Conclave 2014 is in the past

With a rap of his gavel, the 84th Annual Connecticut DeMolay Conclave was declared closed by new State Master Councilor Nicholas S. Carpenter on Sunday July 13, 2014.

Conclave was deemed a success by the many who attended. There was competition, chapter enthusiasm and spirit, but most of all DeMolay Comradeship.

Connecticut DeMolay was proud to host the Grand Master, Dad Simon R. LaPlace.

Milford Chapter earned themselves the 2014 Mid-Year Growth Award, having brought five new members into DeMolay and achieving net growth for the year. Connecticut DeMolay is still working toward the goal of at least 54 by year end.

Executive Officer's Award of Excellence was given to Mom Dori Stern for her work as registrar at the many DeMolay events (Conclave, Brotherhood Weekend, Winterfest and more) over the last 10 years - having touched the lives and improved the processes for all DeMolays during this time.

Another Executive Officer's Award of Excellence was awarded to the members and advisors of New Haven Chapter for having been the most improved chapter during the last year (Conclave to Conclave) - bringing 19 young men to Conclave this year was quite a feat and was well above and beyond the total from any other Chapter.

Nathan Hale Chapter took home the coveted PSMC Conclave Chapter Spirit Award for their united display of chapter

brotherhood and enthusiasm all weekend long.

Marcus Anyafulu was awarded the Damian Becroft Conclave Sportsmanship Award "For conduct and attitude considered as befitting participation in sports, in life's lessons and in living the precepts of the Order of DeMolay, especially fair play, courtesy, and gracefulness in victory and in defeat during this year's Conclave. This is an annual award that is presented at each Conclave in memory of Brother Damien Becroft, who exemplified all of this and more."

Doric Chapter, for the fourth year in a row, emerged as the Conclave Winners. Having dominated the sports field, the chapters placing in ritual did not stand a chance against this "dynasty."

Sleeping Giant Chapter took second place, New Haven Chapter came in third.



2013 State Master Councilor James Cavanaugh obligates 2014 State Master Councilor Nicholas S. Carpenter.

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Chicken Challenge Donation

A combined team from Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, and Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, took top honors at the fourth annual Chicken Challenge, a competitive eating contest sponsored by Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven.

Proceeds from the event benefitted The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. From left are Friendship Tuscan Lodge's Senior Warden Scott D. Pierce and Treasurer Russell L. Scull II, The Foundation's Director of Development Patricia L. Morgan, and Hiram Lodge's Worshipful Master Richard S. Calabria, II and SW Michael Calderone.



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



Your tax-deductible donation in support of the Tree of Life enables us to provide quality, compassionate home health and hospice care to our patients and their families. Your support helps us ensure that care will be given to those in need.

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Loved ones will be honored at one of three tree-lighting ceremonies:

Tree of Life - East Hartford Saturday, November 22, 2014 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. East Hartford Community Cultural Center 50 Chapman Street East Hartford, CT	Tree of Life - Mystic Sunday, November 23, 2014 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Mystic Arts Center 9 Water Street Mystic, CT	Tree of Life - Stamford Sunday, December 7, 2014 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Italian Center of Stamford 1620 Newfield Avenue Stamford, CT
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For more information, please call The Masonic Charity Foundation at 800-562-3952

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My Last, Last Word...

For this Grand Master, the first half of the 2014 Grand Lodge year has been extraordinary and unique. My travels throughout the jurisdiction have been combined with travels in other jurisdictions and conferences, and I have seen much more activity in the Grand Lodge office. The cases involving jurisprudence have complicated an already convoluted schedule, but somehow there is always time.

I am particularly indebted to my wife, Debbi, who is a wise counselor, a shoulder to lean on, and the one who absorbs the frustrations of this office with aplomb. She has been positive when I might have been negative. She has been inspiring when I might have been discouraged. And she has been realistic when I might have been impractical.

Grand Secretary Robert G. Fitzgerald has been a treasure to work with and I will always remember my relationship with him for his wry sense of humor, his ability to cut to the chase, and his sound judgment. The latter I have always set as a cogent test of my own resolutions. I am grateful for his forthrightness and his hard work and dedication for this Grand Lodge.

Ms. Marje Chick has everything under control. I doubt there is anyone who has not been blessed with her efficiency and her calm and helpful demeanor. I am certainly one who gives her all my thanks for the help she has so earnestly given me. I count her as a special friend and as a guardian angel.

My experience as a Grand Lodge officer encourages me to make several recommendations. I realize they will likely sit in the dustbin of history, perhaps one day for a young Grand Lodge officer to brush off and implement. Herewith, therefore, are my observations and proposals:

- The jurisprudence section of the Rules and Regulations leads me to have extreme concern that the rights of the accused and the accusers are not handled in the best interests of the Craft. We speak of protecting the first gate from the admission of the unqualified, but have little resolve to rid ourselves of those who sully our reputation. We are too well meaning as Masons to have the resolve to discipline ourselves. We need to lower the burden of proof to the level of "preponderance of evidence" rather than the current "clear and convincing" standard. In this way, we will raise the bar of our expectations of conduct. As Masons we can allow no doubt but that we stand by what we say, and back it up so that when the scale of evidence tips against one of us, we are prepared to deal with that imbalance with expediency.
- As elections for Grand Lodge officers must be held at the October Communication, there is no reason to wait for an installation six months later at the April Communication. If an installation of the Grand Master was held in January, it would still give him enough time to plan and would align his year with that of the constituent Lodge officers.

An April session could still be held, and some business might be able to be considered. A January installation would allow the relatively new Grand Master to benefit from the Conference of Grand Masters held in February. It would allow his installation to be properly attended by family and friends nearer to his home lodge.

- Our rule against nominations is naive. Too often this causes the opposite of what it intends, and in doing so, the contradiction

yields unMasonic thoughts and acts. A special committee should propose a change to address a nomination process, and for having a candidate become known to the Craft.

- We see two year terms as a regular occurrence in lodge leadership and as terms for District Deputies. The Grand Master's job is more than merely the ceremonial aspect the Craft observes. We should only be concerned with having the best man as Grand Master, not what part of the state he comes from.
- I propose the name of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies be changed to Custodians of the Work. This is a more appropriate description of the function of the committee, and it explains exactly what is important to their purpose.
- Two years ago my budget resolution reported: "The membership decrease since the last assessment increase in 2007 deprives the budget of \$84,095, based on a decreased assessed taxable membership from 10,763 and to 9,234. It is doubtful the operations of your Grand Lodge can continue without an assessment increase in the near future."

The Deputy Grand Master considered a budget with a taxable membership of 8,000. The dollar per year assessment increase fails to cover the loss of membership from non-payment of dues. His budget had no provision for Open House advertising, or having the Senior Warden attend the Grand Master's Conference. It anticipated a decreased Internet presence for lodges, and a decrease in support for seminars, Call 'em All, and other activities that have been beneficial for lodges in the past.

Our Grand Lodge should establish a policy that 4% of the principal held by the Grand Trustees be available for budget purposes. Brothers, our dues are set for the coming year, but this would allow us to reduce future increases and likely allow for a decrease in assessments.

This policy is followed by many other jurisdictions, and our principal is large enough to allow such a withdrawal. The past erratic withdrawal of \$20,000 now and then was different when the Grand Trustee's balance was half of what it is now. We must plan now for the future when our membership is estimated to be halved again in twenty years; when it is 4,000 members. 4,000 members!

I leave office with far more friends than when I came in. I know where to go to find brotherhood. It's at a Masonic lodge. See you there.

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