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Dinner With Our Prince Hall Brothers: A Reflection Of The Last 25 Years

by Michael Castroll

A little over twenty-five years ago, Connecticut Freemasons made history with an unbelievable breakthrough in relations when a mutual agreement of co-recognition occurred with the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., P. H. A. The Prince Hall Brothers had been hoping for this recognition with Connecticut Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. for a very long time. While both Grand Lodges were of like minds, it took the ground-breaking information in WB Raymond H. Dragat's research paper summarizing the life of Prince Hall, and his quest for what has become the oldest extant Masonic charter in the Western Hemisphere.

MWB Gail Nelson Smith and MWB Lewis Myrick joined together to make this renewed pledge of recognition possible. Both were on hand when MWB Simon R. LaPlace hosted a festive occasion in recognition of this long standing brotherhood and the



MWB Hawkins



Twenty five years ago these men guided the Craft to official recognition of Prince Hall Masonry (l-r): Kenneth Hawkins, Lewis Myrick, Gail N. Smith, Preston L. Pope

fervent zeal to solidify the bond of fraternal amity with one another.

MWB Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr. was the chairman of the Prince Hall Recognition Committee of Connecticut's Grand Lodge, and has been widely acclaimed for his steadfastness in bringing about the recognition and broadening its scope.

Several other Past Grand Masters were on hand for the anniversary dinner and each had added a little to the feat that this dinner commemorated. Those in attendance were gracious enough to impart a few words, not just about the event, but this long standing brotherhood.

MWB Simon R. LaPlace was privileged to be at the helm of our fraternity for a number of milestones for our Grand Lodge, but in this instance, MWB LaPlace was pleased to be a spectator after welcoming MWB Hawkins, who chaired this event. He was the natural choice for the task, in as much as he

had chaired the Grand Lodge Recognition Committee twenty-five years earlier. Of all of the tried and true brothers who sat on the Prince Hall Recognition Committee, MWB Hawkins paid special homage to the memory of the late MWB Preston L. Pope. He also indicated that it was WB Dragat's fervent dream come true to see the recognition process work.

MWB Hawkins presented an extremely detailed history of the procedure, challenges, pros and cons of the monumental agreement between The Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of CT.

The issue of recognition had been bandied around for years, and its time had come.

WB Dragat wrote a research paper for Philosophic Lodge of Research, in which he finely detailed the history of Negro Freemasonry in the United States. He then proceeded to present the story of one free Black Mason, Prince Hall, living in Boston, MA, who, with a dozen other free Black Masons, sought and received a charter from the Grand Lodge of England for the assembly of African Lodge No. 459, located in Boston. Prince Hall was also named Provincial Grand Master. This gave Prince Hall the right to charter other (grand) lodges. When he passed away in 1807, the brothers of African Lodge changed the name of their lodge to reflect the memory of their pioneer and charter master. However, after three years of missing roll calls at the assembly of the Grand Lodge of England, they were dismissed from the Grand

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Where's My CT Freemasons Paper?????

by Frank Way

Several years ago, an internet meme circulated around the Internet with a humorous looking walrus lamenting about someone stealing his bucket and where was his bucket? Some Connecticut Masons may have felt the same way about their February issue of the *CT Freemasons* newspaper.

The February issue was late...very late.

As with many mysteries, there's sometimes a good story behind it. With the walrus, a Google search will turn up a story in photos that chronicles the plight of the poor walrus, missing his bucket, and his ultimate happiness in finally being reunited with that blue plastic bucket (that his fish come in) which pretty much defines his world.

With the *CT Freemasons* newspaper there are no buckets involved, but there is intrigue with a government agency, shipments of newspapers traveling here and there and back again, and even good old-fashioned money, real money, not the electronic-transfer kind.

In any management transition, there is always the possibility that some details fall through the cracks. Outgoing management may not remember to transition every detail and incoming management may sometimes not know the questions to ask. If the business models are slightly different, there's even more chance of something being overlooked or worse, of not even being on the radar. So it was with the postal permit that allows Grand Lodge Publications to mail the



A brother waiting for his paper(photo by Rachel Way)

newspaper to the Masons of this state and elsewhere.

At the end of the publication cycle, each issue is sent to the printing house electronically, and they turn the PDF into the honest-to-goodness newspaper that arrives, ideally very early in the month, in every brother's mailbox. They then load the newspapers on a truck and deliver them to the Post Office.

When Ben Franklin was named Postmaster General in 1775, everyone wrote letters with quill pens, and paid for goods and services with cash money. It is hard to believe, but the Post Office of today, in this age of electronic, light-speed transfers and email, still operates the same way.

The payment for the Postal Permit is much like a pay-as-you-go cellphone. The account has to be "topped up" from time to time, to ensure there is enough money in there to cover the cost of mailing. The Postal Service, unlike many other businesses (Constant

Contact, the bulk email service comes to mind), does not alert an account holder when the balance is low. They do not invoice, either, probably because by the time the invoice was written out with a quill pen and dries, and they find a carrier pigeon or pony express rider to deliver it...

And so it came to pass that the account was low when the driver arrived with the newspapers. At this point, a 21st century man might assume that there was a delay while the driver made a couple of phone calls and the account holder was able to transfer some money into the account. That same man might even assume that the driver was allowed to drop off his delivery on the loading dock, so that it would be ready to mail when the transfer hit the account. That man would, of course, be wrong.

The Postal Service only deals with money – either cash money or a bona fide "pay to the order of" check. And the

newspapers? Well, back to the printing house.

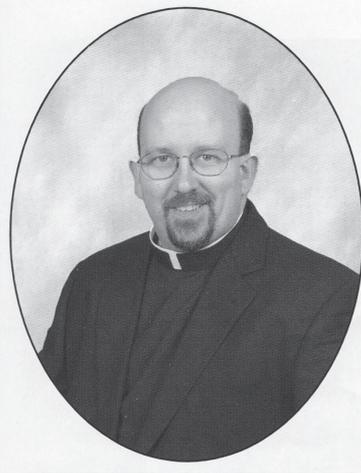
If this drama seems so 1775, well, that's because it is....But Masons were around in 1775 and are well equipped to deal with 1775 problems. And by the time all was said and done, the February issue took about as long to deliver as it would have in 1775.

After a fashion, a check was hand delivered to the Postal Service to top up the account, the newspapers were again driven to the Postal Service and they ultimately made their way into the US Mail and into the mailboxes of the brethren.

Management transfers are sometimes rocky. Learning that a government agency does not operate the way some private businesses operate can also be a bit rocky. Combine the two and it can leave a brother feeling like that poor walrus, lost without his bucket....

Entering More Deeply into the Mysteries

As I'm sitting down to write this month's article it's still only the middle of February. There's enough snow on the ground – and more expected – that I fear the children of my community will be celebrating July 4th this year with a snowball battle in our parking lot. It hardly seems possible that spring, green grass and Opening Day at the ballparks really are on the way. Deep down though, we all know differently. We know the temperatures will again rise and soon we'll be arguing over our favorite team's pitchers' stats. This month also gives us the opportunity to escape the cold by entering more



deeply into the mystery of Divinity. The greatest feasts of both the Jewish and Christian calendar are very nearly upon us: Passover and Easter.

Each feast, in its own way, celebrates the great love of the Deity for His people. Working through Moses God frees his people from centuries of slavery and brings them back to their long-promised home. If we read the Book of Exodus in the Hebrew Tanakh or the Christian Bible we know that Moses' path was not a smooth one. First he had to rediscover who he in fact was and have his own sense of self-worth rebuilt.

Then, of course, he faced a stubborn adversary in Pharaoh, with whom he had been raised in the royal palace. He must then call on God to show Pharaoh, and his own people, that God has not forgotten them in the depths of their despair and for those who remain faithful He will literally pass over in the final plague upon Egypt.

Likewise for Christians the course of Jesus' public ministry is a gradual unveiling and revealing of Christ is and what He has come to achieve. We see in the redemptive act of Jesus upon the Cross and in His resurrection a renewed sign that God has not forgotten His people as well as a foretaste of the glorification of mankind in the Kingdom of Heaven. In a certain sense many Christians come to view Christ, mystically,

as a new Adam, a renewal of creation – in a certain sense.

Each of these celebrations invites its devotees to enter more deeply in the mystery of the Divine. For men and women of faith these are not simply historical events that we fondly remember as in a history book. These become deeply personal moments of human sharing in the actions of the Divine. These are moments pregnant with the Divine, open invitations for us to encounter the action of the Divine in our own lives. To call to mind who and what we really are. Masons are men of faith, each in their own way. Perhaps each of us can enter fruitfully into these mysteries and find renewed meaning and depth for our lives.

What is Justice?

By Charles W. Yohe

What is justice? To a thief, justice is "getting away with the deed" without being caught. However, the victim probably looks at justice in a much different light. The point is that each person looks at justice from his or her own perspective, and the justice meted out may or may not be just or right.

Our Grand Lodge has been through a particularly trying time and there are still some Brothers who are convinced that justice has not been served. For some Brothers, the outcome of the semi-annual communication was especially trying and

some have been left with deep hurts. It is even rumored that some are working behind the scenes in an effort to secure their version of justice at the next semi-annual in October 2015. As your Grand Master-elect, I will not waste your time or

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mine worrying about what these Brothers may or may not attempt to do to further disrupt the harmony that has begun to spread once again throughout our jurisdiction. I will, however, go on record and allay the rumor that I do not intend to be installed as your Grand Master on April 13, 2015. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As we move forward, each of us has an obligation to ourselves, to our Brothers, and to our Grand Lodge to be measured in our actions and to assure that each action is one that moves Masonry forward, not back. My acceptance as

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Washington Commandery No. 1 Knight Templar Installs 2015 Officers



Incoming officers take their obligation (photo by Nancy Grot)

Over the weekend leading up to the planned Tuesday installation ceremony of Washington Commandery No. 1, the Sir Knights carefully kept an eye on the weather forecast. As many others have done during the winter of 2015, they were sweating out yet another snowstorm. At stake was a planned dinner, guests traveling from as far away as White Plains, New York and the continuation of long standing traditions. Last year a storm rolled in the night before, and lifted only hours before the ceremony. This year looked to be a repeat of that nail-biting time.

Fortunately though, the slight dusting of snow came through on Monday night, and the sun was shining by 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning. All was in readiness. On Tuesday evening, February 17, the oldest extant Commandery of Knights Templar in North America installed its corps of

officers for the 2015 year.

The evening began with a ham dinner, skillfully prepared by Good Intent Chapter of the Eastern Star. It was a cold evening, but the good food and fellowship warmed the dining hall. The Sir Knights and their ladies enjoyed the meal, and at one point several laughingly joked that Good Intent Chapter might want to change their name to "Good Eatin' Chapter" since their meals were always so wonderful.

With full bellies and smiles, the Sir Knights and ladies retired to the Asylum for the installation ceremony. Sir Knight Francis G. Way, Eminent Commander for 2014, welcomed everyone, introduced Past Commanders and guests, and then, before retiring, turned the ceremony over to Installing Commander, Sir Knight William Lindsey Miller II, a Past Commander of Washington Commandery and Past Right Eminent

Grand Commander for Connecticut. SK Miller was assisted by SK Charles Bryan Fowler, Jr., another Past Commander of Washington Commandery and Past Right Eminent Grand Commander as Installing Marshal, and SK William A. G. Mackey, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, as Installing Chaplain. SK David Soderberg, Eminent Grand Organist, provided wonderful musical accompaniment for the ceremony.

Warder, SK Bob Nordstrom, Flag Bearer.

After the officers were installed, traditional presentations were made. Eminent Grand Commander Grot was divested of his sword and chapeau and presented with a Commander's sword and chapeau.

In keeping with a tradition that is nearly 100 years old, Sir Knights Michael Quigley, Albert Frohlich, and Manfred Wutke of Bethlehem-Crusader Commandery No. 53, White Plains, New York



Officers at Present Swords during proclamation (photo by Nancy Grot)

SK Arnold Grot was installed Eminent Commander of Washington Commandery No. 1 for the year 2015. His officers include SK William E. Bohman, Generalissimo, SK Charles D. Weiss, Captain General, SK Charles B. Fowler, Jr., Recorder/Treasurer, SK Rene Burce, Junior Warden, SK Richard Sawyers, Excellent Prelate, SK Ed Varjabedian,

traveled to East Hartford. They presented Commander Grot with the Bethlehem-Crusader Cross. This tradition began in 1917 and since then, representatives of each Commandery have traveled to the other's installation to present their respective jewels. Washington Commandery No. 1 will travel to White Plains in June to present

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Masonicare 4, Winter 0

By Adam Raider

When it comes to winter storm preparedness, Masonicare has all the bases covered. Secure facilities against frozen pipes? Check. Make sure emergency and alternate utility sources are working? Check. Ensure that there are ample supplies of food and water, medicine and medical supplies, and fuel? Check, check and check.

But to maintain the highest level of care for our residents and patients – even during extreme weather conditions – you need people. A string of recent storms that dumped several feet of snow on the region made travel difficult for Masonicare staff but, as always, they found a way to get the job done.

At Masonicare Health Center, preparation for winter begins before a single snowflake has fallen. All staff

are provided with information about how to be prepared for a weather emergency.

“It includes tips on how to keep your family safe at home,” explained Melinda J. Schoen, Vice President for Administration at Masonicare Health Center, “but also steps you should take in case you need to get to work, like things to keep in your car or things you should pack in a bag to bring with you in case you need to spend the night here. It gets everyone in the mindset of, ‘It’s that time of year again.’”

In weather emergencies, sleeping arrangements are made for staff throughout the Health Center. Mattresses, pillows and clean linens are provided in the auditorium. Open beds on the third floor of the Sturges Building and vacant apartments in the Wright Residence, Hawkins Apartments, or Johnson

Apartments might also be utilized. Some staff come in the night before a storm, even though they aren’t scheduled to work, to make sure they’ll be on the premises and ready to start their shift the next day.

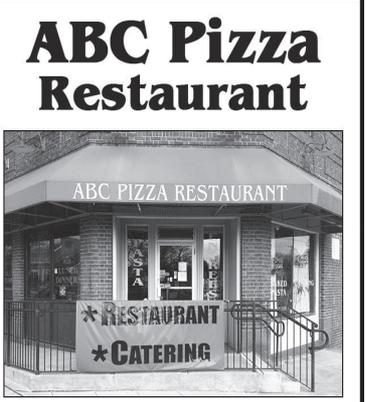
“We also remind everybody that no matter what your position is here at the Health Center, everybody is essential,” Schoen said. “You don’t have to be a nurse or a CNA. Whether you work in Laundry or Housekeeping or if you’re the Director of Medical Records, we can all help pass out meal trays or transport patients. Everybody can help.”

Rev. Bro. Carl H. Anderson, Vice President for Mission Effectiveness at Masonicare, spent the night at the Health Center to lend a hand during the first and, so far, biggest of the storms.

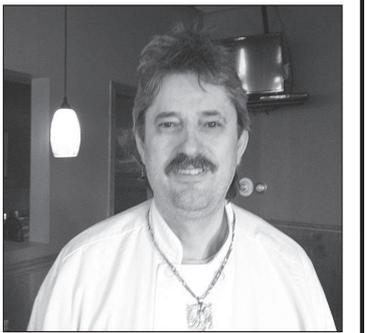
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All hands on deck at Masonicare Health Center during the January 27 blizzard that blanketed Connecticut with snow.



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Blizzard Brings Out Masonicare Best

by Sandy Potter

On January 26 and January 27, the state faced a good old fashioned blizzard, yet spirits were high within the walls of the Masonicare communities.

Staff from every branch and in every department came through with shining colors, above and beyond the call of

duty, to ensure patients and residents felt cared for and safe. Everything from food service to laundry to clearing of parking areas was handled without interruption.

Many employees were away from their families for multiple shifts, staying overnight to ensure Masonicare's quality of care. And the home health staff never missed a beat,

which was especially challenging in the eastern part of the state where the snowfall amounts made for extra tough going.

Masonicare commends everyone for the tremendous

demonstration of patience, cooperation and support to make operations as close to normal as possible. It was a true show of Masonicare

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Grand Historian's Corner

“My Brothers, yours is the priceless heritage of a glorious past – a veritable library of great riches in knowledge and inspiration for building the upright man and Mason.” These words, penned sixty five years ago by a historian who had just completed the history of his mother lodge, apply today and hopefully for ages to come. Our Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education is preparing a CHOT seminar, for Chaplains, Historians, Organists and Tylers to be held on March 21. Details are in another article in this issue of the newspaper. We hope that Historians will attend this seminar which will be an exchange of ideas and will offer inspiration and guidance. This article is being written during one of our weekly February snowstorms and hope that the seminar planned for late March will be an advent of spring weather.

Thirty years ago, when I was Worshipful Master of my home lodge, Wooster Lodge No. 10 in Colchester, the importance of a historian took hold when my lodge historian, RW James Royal Case, who was also Grand Historian, told me that because of the tally of his years and his limited ability to perform all the requirements of his office, he would suggest to me and my Senior Warden that I be appointed Historian of Wooster Lodge. In January of 1986, he relinquished his jewel to me and for the next 23 months, I listened and



learned from him. Sadly in November of 1987, he passed to the celestial lodge above. His daughter, Julie and granddaughter Jill both saw to it that I got a few of his papers that had not already been given to the Grand Lodge Library. Those historians writing articles on events and their lodge histories should try to make multiple copies and place one on the web to assure that the ravages of time will not destroy what they have written.

In 1838 the Grand Lodge met at New Haven with Thomas Hubbard PGM sitting in the Grand East. William Ellis was serving as Grand Master but was absent from the state at the time of the annual communication. Dyter T Brainard of New London was elected. MWHubbard died the following June. Hubbard had been Master at Putnam Lodge No. 46 and was a practicing physician in Putnam. He was also a professor of surgery at Yale. Hubbard had been Grand Master in 1831 when the start of the anti-Masonic frenzy was traversing across the state. It was a difficult year for Connecticut as only 29 of the 75 chartered lodges were present for the annual communication and there were only 38 initiates reported. A record number (14) of lodges were requested to surrender their charters for failure to meet certain requirements (probably reporting).

One of my favorite Governors in Connecticut was Marcus Holcomb. His home

is now the home of Friendship Lodge No. 33 in Southington. Holcomb was a graduate of Wesleyan and he was brought up in New Hartford. He contracted sunstroke from an unknown source and was forced to curtail his education. In 1871 he had gained enough knowledge to pass the bar exam and was admitted to the bar in Litchfield county. In 1917, as Governor, he was granted an honorary law degree from Trinity and Wesleyan and four years later a degree from Yale. After his marriage to Sarah Bennett who assisted him in his practice, he was Judge of Probate, State Senator, Speaker of the House of Representatives and a judge of the Superior Court. In 1914

he was elected to his first two year term as Governor and was re-elected twice more. He was a real political conservative and didn't support the growing sentiment for the right for women to vote. He even stated that "It would be better for the state and the country, if we could cut the vote we have in half rather than to add women to it." It was during his third term, despite his opposition, that women gained the right to vote in Connecticut. Masonically, Holcomb was raised in Northern Star Lodge No. 58 on January 21, 1867 and was Worshipful Master five years later. In 1875 he was in Southington and affiliated with Friendship Lodge No. 33 and remained

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Masonicare Honored for Creating a Healthy Workplace!

By Cheryl Sheehan

Masonicare was among 44 area employers honored by The Business Council of Fairfield County at their 2015 Healthy Workplace Employer Recognition Program held recently at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel.

This program applauded the efforts of employers who understand the competitive advantage of a healthy workforce and who have implemented a diverse range of programs to promote a healthy workplace and assist their employees to live healthier lives.

The Healthy Workplaces Employer Recognition Program offers three categories of distinction, Platinum, Gold and Silver. Masonicare was honored in the gold category for recognition of our wellness incentives and programs, including no cost biometric

screenings, HSA incentives, and an ongoing plan of wellness initiatives. Tony Papandrea, Director of Human Resources Compensation, Benefits and

HRIS, accepted the award on behalf of Masonicare. Congratulations, Masonicare!



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active until his death in 1932. In 1933 the Masonic Temple of Southington purchased his home, remodeled it and the dedication occurred on October 21, 1936. Fifty years

later a renovation and addition was completed so that the temple would be modernized. An interesting resolution at the 1851 session of Grand Lodge was that all visiting

brethren present be invited to take seats with us, participate in all our doings except voting. A second resolution was that

those lodges working under dispensation be allowed to have the first three officers seated and voting.

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Lafayette Consistory News

Dear Brothers All,

This March Lafayette Consistory will be presenting a number of degrees in its constituent Valleys. With a variety of performance dates, and an opportunity to see a number of infrequently presented degrees, you have many opportunities to make progress in completing your Scottish Rite Passport:

Monday March 2, New Haven 14th Degree 6 pm

Wednesday, March 18, Waterbury 15th Degree 6 pm

Monday March 23, New Haven 16th Degree 6 pm

Saturday March 28, Bridgeport 8th Degree 11 am

We look forward to seeing you there.

John A. Amarilios, 32°
Membership Chairman
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This month, we'll leave you with some

reflections from Br. James W. D'Acosta, 32°, as he sets forth his two cents on Pike's Eighth Chapter, "Intendant of the Building":

In Morals and Dogma: Pike gushes with optimism and happiness. Life "is a great and glorious gift" and the only remedy for all the evils in the world is a contented spirit, for no man is poor who does not think himself poor. Happiness depends on attitude, not circumstance. I consider this and look around at advertisements which base the appeal of products on the proposition that happiness requires, in at least some measure, certain possessions and circumstances: a home, a vacation, certain clothes, a car, health, and marriage. I think of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and consider how strong a person's will would have to be to achieve a positive attitude when lacking food, shelter, or safety, each an early prerequisite to feelings of emotional fulfillment and self-actualization (Abraham Harold Maslow).

I believe Pike recognizes the difficulty

inherent in being happy when there are people with grander possessions, finer natural looks, greater vitality and happier family relations. And how much less are these challenges to a happy attitude than unemployment, violence, or loss? He does so in combining this theme with an explanation of the progression of the Scottish Rite: "Step by step men must advance toward Perfection; and each Masonic Degree is meant to be one of those steps. Each is a development of a particular duty". Scottish Rite degrees train the spirit, fortify it, make it resilient and impervious to pessimism and doubt through a succession of exercises and propositions.

In the end, the Scottish Rite Mason gives thanks to God for life by being happy, regardless of circumstance. Pike exhorts us to, "Enjoy the blessings of this day ... for this day only is ours: we are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to the morrow". Content with himself, a Mason then helps others.

Blue Lodge Awards Highest Award



RWB Shane Dufresne, President Blue Lodge Council No. 2, awarding Brother John Novak of King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, the Hiram Abif Award

by *WB Albin Weber, Worshipful Master, King Solomon's Lodge No. 7*

King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 is proud to announce that Brother John Novak has received The Hiram Abif Award.

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PLAN NOW! For April – Donate Life Month

By Richard F. Denno

How will your lodge be assisting in the saving or improving of lives next month, during Donate Life Month? What is your lodge be doing in April to encourage organ/tissue/eye donor awareness and registration? How many of your family, Masonic Brothers, friends, co-workers and neighbors will participate in this noble effort to increase the chances of those on the donor waiting list to have a better quality of life (or any life at all)? The answer to these questions lies with you and your lodge.

Over 123,000 patients are currently on the transplant waiting list, hoping to share many more future precious moments with family and friends. Each day, 18 more of these patients die, still waiting for that transplant that could have made the difference.

How many times have you made a promise or vow to accomplish positive life style changes only to find those good intentions evaporate into

thin air – especially at year’s end? It’s usually after numerous attempts that we finally accomplish those changes.

It all starts with us, as Masonic Brothers. If you and others in your lodge are committed to the goal of informing and registering organ donors, lives will be saved. It’s just that simple!

How can you and your lodge help? First and foremost, if you are not a registered donor, please visit www.donatelifenewengland.org, learn about organ donation and register online. When you do, please check off “Freemasons” as the source of your motivation when that question appears. It’s simply a way for Donate Life New England to know that Connecticut Freemasons proudly support their lifesaving efforts. If you are already registered, encourage everyone at work, in your lodge, or in your email address book, to do the same.

As a lodge, much can be accomplished without a lot of effort.

Every day in April, fly the Donate Life flag your lodge received a number of years ago. If you can’t find it, email toursone@comcast.net and we’ll do our best to get one to your lodge. Another good idea would be to take the Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program brochures and holders and drop them off at public areas, such as town hall, libraries and super markets in your town/city.

We’re not the only source of good ideas on promotion of donation. I am sure that many Brothers in your lodge have good ideas as well. Have a discussion in lodge – and be sure to share your ideas with our committee and other groups in your area.

Make a difference in your lodge’s area! Let your lodge stand up and be counted as supporting increasing the number of precious moments for Brothers, family and friends alike.

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Happy Donate Life Month!!

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March and April Events at Sphinx Shriners!

Sphinx Shriners are holding a public Open House on Saturday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m. at Sphinx Shrine Center, 3066 Berlin Turnpike in Newington. This is for Masons, non-Masons and anyone who wants to know more about "little cars," motorcycles and the clowns of the Shriners! Come learn about all the various units and clubs of the Shrine, as well as the work that supports the

kids in the Shrine Hospitals. Refreshments will be served. Walk-ins are welcome, but please let us know how many are attending so we can plan accordingly, so please try and reserve on our website events page.

Looking for something great for the kids? How about the Sphinx Shriners Annual Easter Breakfast on Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 AM at Sphinx Shrine? Admission is \$5, and

children under 12 are free! The kids enjoy the Shrine Clowns making animal balloons, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and best of all, the Easter Candy hunt!

Also upcoming in April will be the Sphinx Reception at the Rocky Hill Sheraton. This runs from Friday, April 24th through Sunday, April 26th. Attendees can spend all or part of the weekend with Shriners from Sphinx and

Shrine dignitaries from all over the Northeast. Or, just come for dinner and dancing on Saturday evening. See any Sphinx Shrine officer for tickets or contact the Sphinx office at 860-666-5449.

For more information on any of these events, visit the events page at www.SphinxShriners.org.

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Write a comment...

Corrine Stevens thank you to everyone.
Unlike · Reply · 1 · January 26 at 10:52am

Adrian Villagra For 2 hours of sleep I look pretty awaks.
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Richard Claing Outstanding thank you all
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Beverly Coulthurst Hulme Everyone did a great job. Thanks for taking care of us.
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Ann Polanski As a resident, I couldn't think of a nicer place to be. Thanks to you all!
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Myriam Osborne Good job everyone!
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spirit!

P.S. Enjoy these pictures from some of the "survivors" of the storm, who received

heartwarming comments

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MARCH 2015

03			Keystone 27 RA, Meriden. Royal Arch deg. Dinner 6:15
05-07	ME		Grand Chapter RA of NY
06		RE	Templar Quiz Bowl, New Haven. Dinner 6:30 pm
06-07		MP RE	Grand York Rite of NJ
10	ME		Franklin 02 RA, New Haven. Mark Master deg
10			Hamilton 22 SM, Meriden. Royal Master deg
11			Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. Royal Arch Mason deg
12	ME	MP	Rittenhouse 11 RA & Washington 06 SM, Darien
13-15	ME		Grand Chapter RA of DE
13			Baldwin 13 RA, Stratford. Royal Arch Mason deg.
19		MP	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Illustrious Order of Red Cross
20		RE	Grand Chapter Rainbow, Farmington Marriott
20			New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Order of Malta. Dinner.
21	ME	MP	Tri-State Cryptic Festival, Agawam MA. 9 am. Lunch
24		MP	Montgomery 02 SM, North Windham
24			Wolcott 01 SM, East Hartford. Inspection. R&SM degrees
26			Hamilton 05 KT. Order of Malta at Darien
26	ME	MP	Trinity 03 KT, Darien. Order of Malta

NOTE >> >> >> *When a dinner precedes the meeting, reservations are usually required*
ME *indicates attendance by the ME Grand High Priest*
MP *indicates attendance by the MP Grand Master*
RE *indicates attendance by the RE Grand Commander*

COMING UP:

04.03	Good Friday. Order of the Temple in Danbury, East Hartford, New Haven
04.05	EASTER Sunday. KT Services at Masonicare. 8 am. Breakfast
04.11	York Rite College 17
04-11	AMD/SRICF, East Hartford.
04.13	Grand Lodge AF&AM of CT
04.18	Grand Commandery KT of CT. Sheraton, Rocky Hill. 9 am
04.24-26	Grand York Rite of ME

NEW CHAPTER RITUALS AVAILABLE



The supply of the Pocket Study Guides having been exhausted, the Grand Chapter Committee on Ritual decided that rather than have another printing of the study guide, it would make sense to print the entire Standard Work in pocket size. These new books include all the notes, figures, and changes adopted since the large size books were adopted in 2002. The existing supply of the 8.5 x 11 three ring binders containing the Standard Work will be destroyed, though holders of these books may wish to keep them for their large size diagrams and ease of copying. The new rituals are the same cost, \$10 each, as before, and may be ordered by Chapter Secretaries from the Grand Secretary. Individual Companions may be able to purchase a copy directly from the Grand Secretary as well.

TRI-STATE CRYPTIC FESTIVAL

The 2015 Tri-State Cryptic Festival will be held on 21 March in the Masonic Hall, Rt 187 in Agawam MA. The hall is located just over the CT state line. Massachusetts will confer the Royal Master degree, and New York will confer the Select Master degree. After lunch, Connecticut will confer the Super Excellent Master degree. This will be the only conferral of the Super Excellent Master degree this year. All Select Masters are urged and encouraged to witness this beautiful ceremony. Candidates for the RM and SM degrees are welcome, but must have been elected by their Council before arriving, and should be accompanied by an avoucher.

PLANS SET FOR GRAND COMMANDERY ANNUAL CONCLAVE

As in past years, the Sheraton Hartford South hotel, located in Rocky Hill, will be the site of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut on 17-19 April. The format is much the same as in the past except that there is no Friday evening buffet, and on Saturday, the ladies will join the men for lunch.



Information and reservation forms are available at www.yorkrite.com/ct. Hotel reservation cutoff is 26 March. Meal reservations to William Miller by 10 April. REGC William A. G. Mackey will preside over the business, and Lady Kari will host the ladies. Don't forget to support the ladies craft room as they raise money for the Eye Foundation.

FROM MPMG CHARLES A. McCOLLUM

Companions, This month we travel to Massachusetts for the Tri-State Cryptic Festival. Connecticut Council of Super Excellent Masters will be portraying the SEM Degree at the festival. This is an opportunity for all those Select Masters in your Councils who have not seen the Super Excellent Master Degree to see the work of Connecticut Council of Super Excellent Masters.

Any Councils that are planning on having candidates take the Degrees that day must have already balloted on them prior. I shouldn't have to say it, but please do not send candidates without a Companion to help them navigate the festival. In fact, the first line signer should be the one there for this.

I am still soliciting Companions who would like to serve as Grand Representatives to some of our sister jurisdictions. I truly enjoy communicating with the Grand Jurisdictions I am assigned, and I think it is a worthwhile effort for any Companion. Please let me know if you are interested.

FROM REGC WILLIAM A. G.

MACKEY

Templar Quiz Bowl: Friday, March 6, 2015:

All Connecticut Commanderies are invited to take part in a Templar Quiz Bowl, which will be held on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the New Haven Masonic Temple. General knowledge topics to be covered will include Blue Lodge Freemasonry, the York Rite, Historic Knights Templar, and the Bible. New Haven Commandery No. 2 will be hosting this special evening. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. New Haven Commandery will be opened at 7:30 p.m. The Templar Quiz Bowl will start at 8:00 p.m. Assembled Sir Knights will be divided into two teams, formed from representatives of each Commandery. Please mark your calendars for what promises to be a fun and enlightening evening!

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Grand Chapter RAM of CT:
<http://yorkrite.org/gcramct/>

Grand Council R&SM of CT:
<http://yorkrite.org/gcrsmct/>

Grand Commandery KT of CT:
www.knightstemplar.org/gkct/ct

They can be reached directly at these addresses, or through a link from the www.yorkrite.org site. Just select CT under the Grand Chapters/Councils/Commanderies logo. For useful information common to all three York Rite bodies, such as the petition, go directly to www.yorkrite.com/ct.

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Inside The Door

by Creighton English

Last Month the Grand Master began to roll out his plan for renewed solidarity, a plan to bring open communication between the Grand Lodge and all members of the Craft. I encourage each Brother to see the GPS program on line and/or hear the presentation at our Blue Lodge Council and Lodge meetings. Through the renewed solidarity system, it is the intention of the Grand Master to allow the Craft to express its opinion on the number of districts within this jurisdiction; this will allow the Craft an introduction to this new system and how it

is designed to empower the Craft.

On January 12 the Grand Lodge Officers met for their monthly meeting. In attendance were Grand Master Elect MW Charles Yohe and Deputy Grand Master Elect MW Gail Smith. In cooperation with the incoming Grand Master Charles Yohe, Deputy Grand Master Gail Smith, Grand Senior Warden Ted Nelson and Grand Junior Warden, Marshall Robinson, planning has begun for the Annual Communication in April and the installation of Grand Lodge officers. MWGM Maxwell believes the decision to include the next line officers

at the monthly meetings and to design an orderly transition is in the best interests of the Craft.

As the meeting progressed, the theme of the meeting became mending fences. The meeting turned to discussion of district models (past, present and future) and the roles of District Deputies, Associate Grand Marshals and Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master emphasized that it is the responsibility of the Grand Lodge to serve the Craft rather than have the Craft serve the Grand Lodge.

The next item was 50-year pin presentations and a brief history on the current practice

of mailing pins to brothers who achieve this high mark in their masonic careers. Policy will be developed to address the 50-year pin presentations as well as District Deputy Public Presentation Ceremonies and Masonic Youth Awards. More on these items will follow in the months to come.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on the overall sentiment of the Craft and with Grand Master Maxwell reminding the officers that the Grand Lodge is designed to make the Masonic system work.

From the desk of Bro. Stephen B. McPherson

President & CEO
of Masonicare

Over the past two years we've been spending a great deal of time and effort addressing the culture at Masonicare. We established "Club 332" (so named for the \$332 with which The Masonic Charity Foundation was founded in 1889) which is held monthly and employees attend

in their anniversary month.

These sessions allow for lively interaction that affirms our expectations of what it means to work for Masonicare. The message is that no matter where we work in the Masonicare continuum, we are working in a place that our patients and residents call *home*. This means we are invited guests, and must embrace the values that

go along with that. Further, this expectation carries over to fellow employees and visitors. Ultimately, through dedicated teamwork, we fulfill our mission. Our trademarks are transparency, high quality service and open communication without fear of reprisal. We earn this each and every day with each and every interaction.

The weather of February 2015 has been an opportunity to put this philosophy to the test. I'm so pleased to share that our employees passed with flying colors. This



includes not only arriving at work on time, but with

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The Traveling Man: The Masonic Passport Program

by Ryan Howard

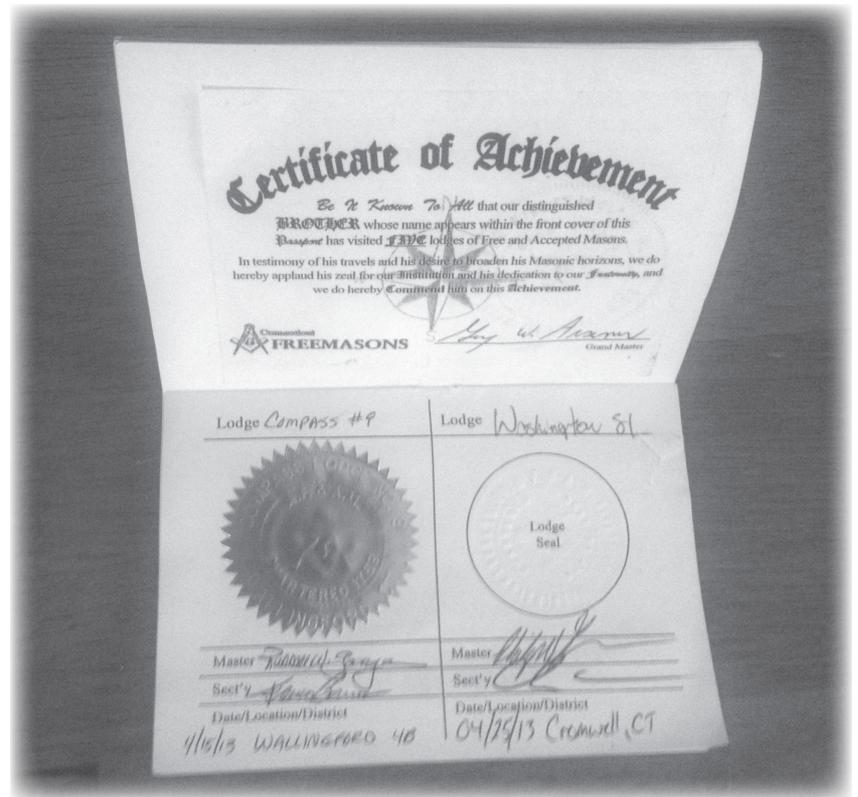
The Masonic Passport program is a great way to keep track of every lodge to which you travel. It allows you to collect lodge seals from each lodge you visit. The program was created in 2011 after RWB Michael Dodge witnessed a similar program implemented by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The passport is designed to help promote traveling by encouraging brothers to visit a certain number of lodges, and earn a cool lapel pin that only fellow Masonic travelers of Connecticut can wear.

The passport looks much like a regular travel passport and can be purchased from Grand Lodge for \$20. It

does not cost Grand Lodge twenty dollars to create the passports and administer the program, so the extra money collected is donated to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory to fund their research in finding cures for heart disease.

For brethren who may not know how the program works, it is simple. Ask the secretary of your lodge for a passport. The secretary will order it from Grand Lodge. Depending on your lodge you will either pay the secretary up front or when it comes in. When you receive it, fill out the personal information on the inside of the front cover and have the secretary emboss it with the seal in the first quadrant. The first



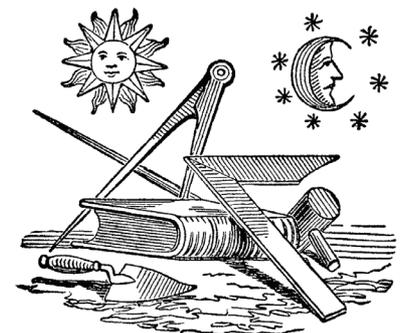
quadrant is for the seal of your Mother Lodge. Notify your district deputy that you will be traveling and filling up the passport. Then go visit lodges. At each lodge, have the secretary emboss the passport with that lodge's seal, and have the Worshipful Master and Secretary sign it.

After visiting three, five and seven lodges, the District Deputy will present certificates to be pasted into the appropriate pages in the passport. After visiting nine lodges you are eligible to receive the Traveling Man lapel pin.

The program is not limited to lodges in Connecticut. Many states have similar programs to help promote traveling in their jurisdictions. States who may not have a similar program will still be willing to stamp your passport, and you may actually inspire them to

start their own program.

I started my first passport the year I was made a Master Mason and I found great enjoyment in collecting the seals from surrounding lodges as well as the the fraternal union I gained from traveling. If you are not currently traveling and filling up a Masonic passport you should start now. It is enjoyable and rewarding and it also helps a great charitable organization. Reach out to your secretary or the Grand Lodge and take the first step by purchasing your own Masonic passport today.



The Duke's Men of Yale University Entertain in Newington

by Francis G. Way

Saturday evening, January 31 was, as most evenings have been this year since Christmas, cold and snowy. But the warmth of Masonic fellowship spread through the dining room at the Sphinx Shrine Center as over 75 Masons, their families and friends sat down to enjoy a hearty meal in anticipation of a long awaited concert.

The joint Family Life Event, sponsored by the Sphinx Shire and the Scottish Rite Valley of Hartford, had been in the planning stage since last year, and was planned as a nice respite during the winter break of the Scottish Rite degree season. In 2014-2015, the

Valley had scheduled one long season of degrees instead of their usual two, and added more Family Life events to the calendar. The previous November the brethren and families enjoyed a Masonic play presented in the Scottish Rite auditorium, but the January event was even more special.

Through the efforts of Brother Frank Dlugoleski, MSA, one of the famous Yale University a cappella groups was contracted to give a concert. The Duke's Men of Yale University, in existence since 1952, are perhaps not as well known as the Whiffenpoofs, but anyone in attendance on the last Saturday of January would say that they were every bit as entertaining.

The meal finished, and with the heat

up and running in the auditorium, the guests made the short, but cold, trip to the Valley of Hartford Cathedral and took their seats. The co-hosts for the evening, Valley of Hartford Commander-in-Chief Illustrious Brother Eric W. Manner, 33° and Sphinx Shrine Potentate Noble Richard White welcomed the assembled brethren, family and friends, and introduced the group.

In short order the twelve young men from one of the oldest universities in the country were entertaining the audience with their crisp, clean, a cappella stylings. Their harmonies were brilliant, and their performance was sprinkled with a large dose of humor. Particularly entertaining was the witty way in which

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The crowd at the buffet line as guests prepared to dine at the Shrine Center (photo by Shawn Coulter)

Duke's Men

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Some of the Duke's Men relax and get ready backstage before the performance (photo by Shawn Coulter)

they introduced themselves and told the crowd what their particular majors were.

Various numbers from different time periods were effortlessly presented, and the one highlight of the evening was when the singers came off the stage, some stationing themselves in seats in

the audience and performed like that. But the pinnacle was when two of the Duke's Men came down to the front row, and serenaded the wives of two of the members of the Scottish Rite Choir who were seated front and center with the song "What's Your



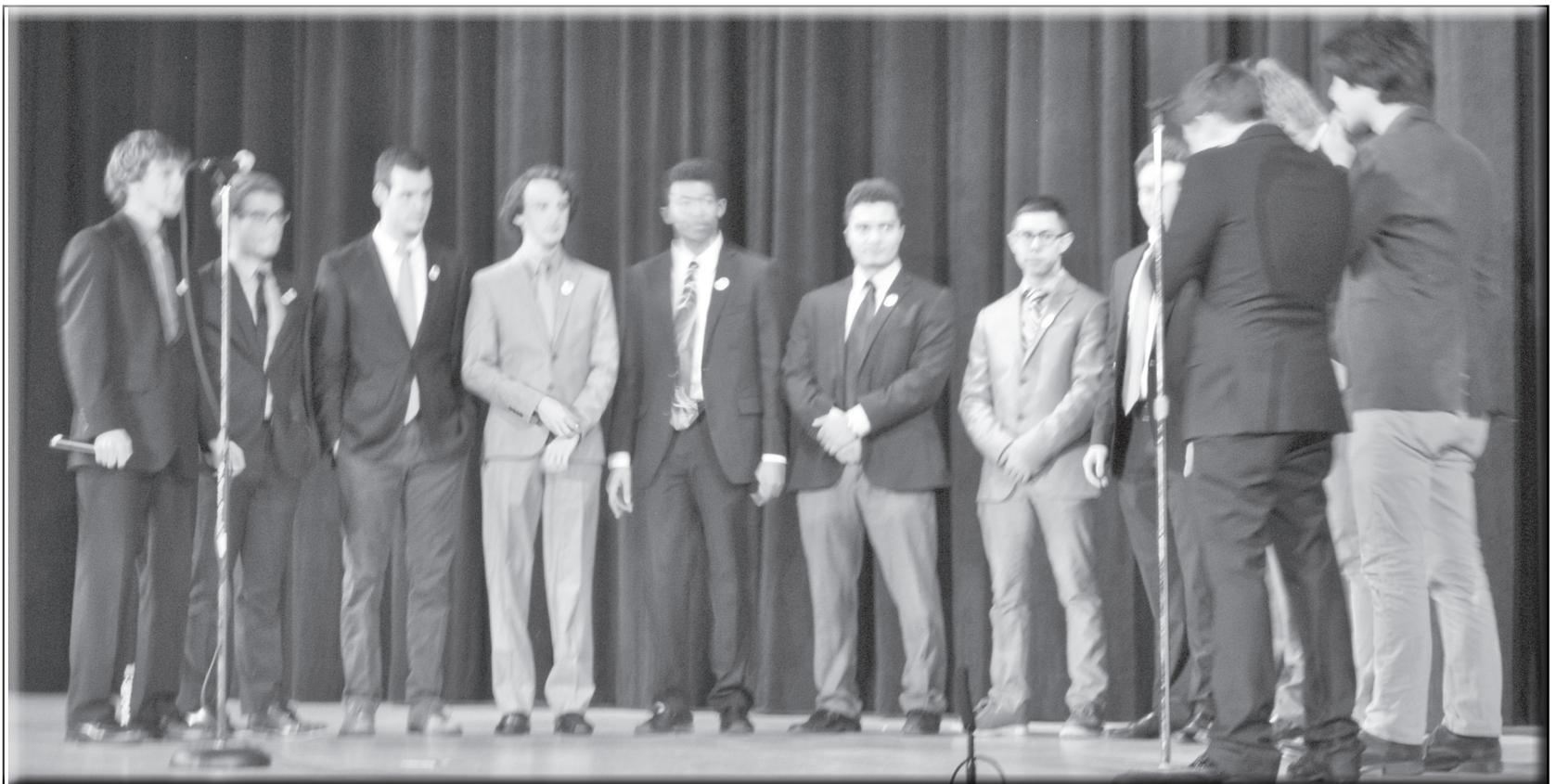
Commander-in-Chief III, Brother Eric W. Manner, 33° and Sphinx Shrine Potentate Noble Richard White welcome the crowd and introduce the Duke's Men (photo by Shawn Coulter)

Name?"

All too soon the concert was over, but as the crowd retired to the lobby for libations and dessert, the buzz around the room was all about how great the event was, and how they all hoped there would be another wonderful event like

it soon.

For more information on the Duke's Men of Yale University, including information on their concert schedule or how to book them, see www.dukesmen.com



The Duke's Men of Yale University on stage (photo by Shawn Coulter)

MWB Samuel B. Walker Cannot Tell a Lie

by Tom Mumford

At a recent Stated Communication at Warren Lodge No. 51, the highlight of the evening was the learned and entertaining MWB Samuel B. Walker as guest lecturer. Warren Lodge has been blessed over the years in having Brother Sam extend his friendship to the Lodge and, in anticipation of his presence, many Brothers, including some from other Lodges, were in attendance. Brother Sam's topic for the evening was George Washington.

After setting the Lodge at ease, WB Ronald W. Kutz introduced Brother Sam. His talk began with some humorous insights into the legends of George Washington – as an example, his teeth were porcelain, not wooden. When he inquired as to what Washington's true passion was, many wrong answers were volunteered from the Craft. MWB Walker told the brethren that, although Washington is best known as General and Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and, of course, the first President of the United States of America, he was much more. Masons, of course, know him to be a significant Masonic brother.

However, the answer Brother Sam's question was his home and farm at Mount Vernon.

Washington was a very progressive farmer, experimenting with crop types, fertilization methods and crop rotation. Although tobacco was becoming increasingly more valuable, by 1766, he had ceased growing it at Mount Vernon. He replaced it with as many as 60 other crops including hemp, flax, cotton and silk. He also played the major role in the development of the mule population in America. Recognizing the value of the mule in agriculture, he became the first American mule breeder.

It was an enlightening evening much enjoyed by all of the brethren present. And, all felt blessed once again to be in the presence of such a knowledgeable and generous man as Brother Sam.



Image is of a painting by Junius Brutus Stearns that he did in 1851; it is called "Washington as a Farmer at Mount Vernon" and is courtesy of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



WB Ronald W. Kutz (WM) looks pleased presenting a cake to MWB Samuel B. Walker (PGM) after his presentation to Warren Lodge #51 on George Washington. (--photo by Dave Solek)

Dr. Joseph Warren: His Life, Death and Masonic Influence

By Tom Mumford

Although being a Mason of Warren Lodge No. 51 for almost ten years, it wasn't until recently that I became curious about the Lodge's namesake, Joseph Warren. I became fascinated with the man, but even more so, with his relationship with Masonry and how it influenced his life and his death.

Freemasonry's influence charted a course for this country, due in no small part to the actions of Joseph Warren, but it ultimately led to his death.

Who was Joseph Warren?

He was a student. He enrolled in Harvard College at age fourteen, and legend has it that he was fearless, climbing a 30 foot rainspout in order to participate in a closed door meeting of the Spunkers Club. Despite being illegal at the time, he led the

"Spunkers" in recovering cadavers to increase their anatomical knowledge. In 1759, he received a Bachelors of Arts from Harvard College, and in 1762 a Masters of Arts studying disease.

He was a doctor. After studying as an apprentice for a year, in 1763 he started his own practice. The next year, he joined Perkins & Co., a group of doctors that volunteered time to inoculate the community against the dreaded disease of their time, smallpox. He even inoculated John Adams. The records indicate that he did remarkable work, evidenced by the fact that all of his patients survived. He was also influential in the creation of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1782.

He was a writer. He wrote under pseudonyms for the Boston Gazette. Under 'Phylo Physic' he wrote about the need to improve community health. As 'Graph Iatroos' he wrote

about the cause of organizing Boston physicians. As 'B.W.', he wrote about liberty at a more 'gut-level' since the arguments were already being made at a logical one. Under the pseudonym 'Paskalos', he harangued ceaselessly the then British-appointed Governor Francis Bernard. And, finally, his 'A True Patriot' persona he became very combative, separating the Tories and Whigs and began to be noticed by the British.

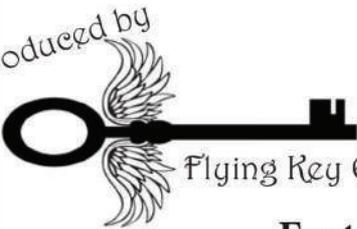
He was an activist. Warren had already made a name for himself with the general public and the Whigs. However, he knew he could learn more. In 1768, Samuel Adams became his patient and his mentor. Warren followed and learned from Adams, however he was never his inferior. Both were strategic, but Adams was more radical and Warren more thoughtful. Together they achieved

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Warren

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great things.

He was an Orator. On the second anniversary of the Boston Massacre, Warren was asked to speak. This was his first opportunity to speak to an audience, but his reputation preceded him and it was very well attended. This large attendance caused the service to be moved to the Old South Meeting House.

He was a Patriot. Late in 1773, the Tea Act would be tested. Known as the “Boston Tea Party”, colonists dressed as Mohawk Indians, destroyed the tea on the ships. Dr. Warren was suspected of engineering the act – but it was never proven. The secrecy with which this was accomplished was remarkable.

He was a Statesman. Warren led the Committee of Correspondence, sending letters to area towns and villages trying to persuade them to boycott British goods and local businesses that did business with the British. This put a large number of colonists out of work, creating a true hardship. He then led the Committee of Donations that provided for these poor distressed workers and families. Seeing war in the offing, and wanting to avoid it if possible, Dr. Warren sent an emissary to Britain to try to avoid this inevitability, but it was in vain. As things escalated, in September of 1774, he quelled a confrontation between British soldiers and local

militia in Cambridge. He knew they weren't yet ready to take on the mighty British Empire. He co-wrote the Suffolk Resolve which was an outline for creating a Revolutionary government. He was also elected as an additional delegate to Massachusetts Provincial Congress In February of 1775, the Committee of Safety



appointed Warren and several others as delegates who, if the situation warranted, could call an alarm to take up arms. This was prophetic.

He was a Leader. In March 1775, Warren again gave the memorial Oration at the 5th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Forty British

officers were in attendance, most likely for intimidation purposes. They were given seats in front by Paul Revere, “to keep them where we could see them.” Warren was not intimidated. Coming out in front of them, he gave a stirring 35 minute talk in a toga! This was a tip of the hat to his education in Latin reasoning known as the Socratic Method. It was described as a “speech of a lifetime” and was printed across the colonies. Right in front of the British, he spoke about the need for liberty and the causes for, and actions of, a Patriot. Fearless!

Was he a Scoundrel? Suspicion arose regarding Warren's relationship with Governor General Thomas Gage's wife, Margaret Kemble Gage. Was she a conspirator/ liaison of Warren's? Is that where Warren's uncanny knowledge of the British military movements were derived? Again, as with so many other things of which Warren was suspected, it was secretive and never verified. But, on April 18, 1775, from sources that remain unknown to this day, Warren received information that indicated the British were headed to Concord to seize a store

of military materiel. This was a vital asset for the colonists and could not fall into the hands of the British. He unilaterally ordered both Paul Revere and William Dawes to Concord and shout the alarm! Later that evening, Warren left the City of Boston before

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the British military shut down traveling in and out of the city

He was a Strategist. Dr. Warren took a leadership role during the Siege of Boston. In late April, Warren met with Benedict Arnold and planned an attack on Fort Ticonderoga to liberate and acquire their artillery. He gave up much of the scarce gunpowder in order that Arnold succeed with his mission, but with the mission successfully accomplished, the artillery was sent back to Boston to aid in the siege and ultimately make the difference between success and failure. But too late for Dr. Joseph Warren.

He was a General. After being offered his choice of a becoming Chief Surgeon, playing a political role, or becoming a military General, on June 14, 1775, Warren accepted the latter. He immediately went to the front where the British were preparing to attack Charlestown in the area of both Bunker and Breed's Hill. Refusing to take command until it was properly conferred, he instead took a position on the front lines with the infantry on Breed's Hill – a pivotal point where the fighting would be the fiercest. His presence brought cheer and encouragement to the infantry soldiers. After repelling the British army's first two waves of attacks, the patriots on Breed's Hill ran out of gunpowder and were overrun by the third British wave. Dr. Joseph

Warren was shot in the head and killed.

He was a Mason. On September 10, 1761, he was initiated at St. Andrews Lodge in Boston and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft two months later on



November 10. Like so many Masons, life got in the way and he remained inactive for the next four years. On November 28, 1765, he was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Warren was elected as Senior Warden in 1766, even though he did not “go through the chairs” as was, and still is, customary. The next year, 1767, Warren was elected Worshipful Master with Paul Revere as his Senior Warden. During his tenure, and with the assistance of three British Army Lodges, he petitioned and succeeded in his request that St. Andrews Lodge be chartered as Grand Lodge of Ancients in Boston. Thus, in September 1769, he became MWB Joseph Warren, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancients. Initially it was for the greater Boston area, but was later extended across all of North America.

Although there had long been animus, in 1773, Warren was able to gain reconciliation and

cooperation between Moderns (St. Johns Lodge) and Ancients (St. Andrews), the two Grand Lodges in the colonies. This became key in gaining unity to oppose the British. Eventually, this began the process that

resulted, in 1792, of the two Grand Lodges merging into the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Through the actions of Dr. Joseph Warren, Freemasonry's influence set this fledgling nation on a course that resulted

in it being free today. His secrecy in acquiring cadavers while a student, in influencing opinions through pseudonyms, by masterminding the Boston Tea Party, and by possibly gaining secrets directly from the wife of the British Governor General steeply turned the tide for the colonies. His bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of the most powerful military force on the planet at the time was remarkable. His patriotism and charity again reflects Freemasonry's tenets and precepts.

But these same obligations ultimately led to his death. First, by sacrificing the gunpowder in order that a greater good could be achieved – the winning of

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Notes From The Valley Of New Haven

by Michael Castroll

The blizzards of February became a snow job par excellence! It seemed that every time we turned around we were receiving more of the white stuff. It would not have been so bad if it was that fluffy kind. That, although a nuisance, can be fun, and nice to see. But when the ice and sleet make regular appearances, enough is enough!

This March is sure to be filled with much further light than we have experienced at this time of the year in recent history. In earlier days, there were many brothers eager to receive further light. In the intervening years, however, membership numbers have dwindled. Different programs have been employed to try to stimulate Scottish Rite membership. Now, through the “bookend

concept” the Valley of New Haven is able to work in concert with its sister Valleys to provide much further light than in the past. With the assistance and cooperation of the Valleys in Waterbury and Bridgeport, the brothers who have joined this Spring Reunion will receive much greater light. They have had the opportunity to take advantage of twice as much light in the Lodge of Perfection, as in the past. Through this cooperation the class has witnessed a live or DVD performance of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Twelfth Degrees.

The schedule for March combines necessary business, degree portrayals, and fun. March labors begin on Monday evening, March 2, with the 14th Degree, where the class will become Grand Elect Masons. Inside

of all Fourteenth Degree rings is the quote, “*Whom virtue unites, death cannot separate.*” It is one of those adages written by Brother Benjamin Franklin. This particular quote most typifies the levity belonging to the Grand Elect Mason, as well as the solemnity of this degree.

Then, the Valley hits the road. On Wednesday evening, March 18, the Valley of Waterbury plays host, as Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem confers the 15th Degree, the Knight of the East, or Sword.

The Saturday evening, March 21, it is Movie Night in New Haven! To commemorate the the return of the Spring season the focus on levity. The feature presentation is *Caddyshack*. It is an all-time favorite. This evening of fun and entertainment is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Make reservations with Family Life Chairman, Brother Jim Kleinkauf. He can be reached jkleinkauf@comcast.net, or (203) 453-9536. Bring the kids or leave them home (properly supervised, of course); but, do not forget to bring along some prospects! They might find the camaraderie of the Scottish Rite Valley of New Haven to their liking! All attendees will be able to enjoy popcorn, soda, and candy!

Less than 48 hours later, it is back to business.

On Monday evening, March 23, at dinner, the curtain will rise on the 16th Degree, as Sovereign Prince Steven M. Allinson presides, and the members of the Spring Class will all become Princes of Jerusalem. This will be a special performance, as the allegory of this degree is set in the midst of a banquet. The week concludes by bringing the class to the Valley of Bridgeport to witness the 8th Degree, Intendant of the Building.

On Monday evening, March 30, the Valley of New Haven sits for a memorial feast. Under the auspices of the New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, the Valley will celebrate the lives and contributions of those Scottish Rite brothers who have passed, as their inspiration is rekindled in the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. Leading those brethren, who have been called to their eternal reward are Ill. Robert A. Coburn MSA 33°, and Ill. John D. Williams, Jr. MSA 33°. Before the ceremony, a very special dinner will be served. Be sure to make reservations with the Valley secretary, Illustrious Brother Vern Cleaves. He can be reached at sphinx97@juno.com, or (203) 269-0336.

Throughout the degree schedule, the cost for meals at the Valley of New Haven is \$5.00. At the Valley of Bridgeport,

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*From the desk of
David R. Blythe, Sr., 33^o,
Valley Secretary*

Hopefully, “Old Man Winter” may be seeing his last days, especially after the bitter cold, a major snow storm in January that closed down Connecticut roads, and the snow storms in February. But despite the snow and cold on January 31, the Duke’s Men of Yale University concert was one terrific event. The dinner and performance was attended by 80 members, family and friends from both the Scottish Rite and Sphinx Shrine. The talented young men from Yale University, mainly freshmen and sophomores, delighted those in attendance with a wide variety of music and humorous commentary. The major highlight of the a cappella group’s performance was when several members came off stage sang “What’s Your Name” to two ladies sitting in the front row whose husbands are members of the Scottish Rite Choir. The Duke’s Men also had the audience laughing when they humorously explained their majors and what they expected to do with those majors. This event fulfilled the “E” in the Scottish Rite’s ICE concept – to provide INSPIRATION, CONVIENCE,

and ENJOYMENT to its members.

Events like this show why the Scottish Rite is often referred to as the “Fraternity of Choice.” It offers Master Masons who are seeking “More Light in Masonry” a place where they can build upon their initial Masonic teaching and also involve their family members in various fun events. A special thanks goes out to Bro. Frank Dlugoleski, M.S.A., whose effort made it possible to bring “The Duke’s Men of Yale University” to Newington, as well as to our hospitality staff: Ill. Kenneth Barrett, 33^o, and Brothers Jack Boyce, Art Tinsz, and Gordon Willoughby, who helped serve refreshments after the show.

In February, despite more major snowstorms, the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection presented the 4th and 6th degrees after being forced to adjust the February degree schedule dates. Director Frank Dlugolski, M.S.A., calm in spite of the weather, handled the changes with ease.

Hartford Council Princes of Jerusalem’s 16th degree, under the direction of Bro. Walter Grube, M.S.A., has been moved to Thursday, March 12th.

The 2014-2015 degree season will enter the home stretch on March 26th

with the portrayal of the 18th Degree and on April 25th, an All Connecticut Consistory Day will culminate the candidate’s journey as they finish their requirements and becoming known and accepted as Sovereign Princes of the Scottish Rite, or Scottish Rite 32^o Masons.

The Valley would like to recognize the cast members, directors, and the support staff needed to put on these degrees (the stage crew, the make-up and costume personal, sound and lighting, greeters and hospitality staff) for all the efforts to make the degrees enjoyable for the candidates.

There are more family life events on the horizon as well. On May 16 there is a bus trip to historical Lexington/Concord for a guided tour, a luncheon at the 1719 Colonial Inn, and a visit to the Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum. The reservation deadline is April 13th and the trip is open to all members and their families. Full details on the trip can be found on our Valley of Hartford website; www.valleyofhartford.org, or fliers can be found on the Information Table in the Scottish Rite Cathedral lobby. A flier will also be available in the April-May-June issue of

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Blue Lodge Awards

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The Hiram Abif Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served his Lodge and the Masonic fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor (other than being elected and installed Master of the Lodge) that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge. The Hiram Abif Award is not given for service as Worshipful Master or any elected or appointed office or committee. The recipient is recognized by

his brethren in Masonry for his service to the fraternity, because of his efforts to support one or more Masons, a Lodge or the fraternity as a whole.

It is a singular distinction, and indicates the esteem, respect and admiration of the members.

The award consists of an engraved trophy and is recorded in the records of the Blue Lodge Council.



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*** 2015 Spring Schedule ***

Thursday, March 12....Portrayal of the 160 at 7:30 p.m. in banquet format. Pre-degree dinner at 6:00 p.m. advance reservations required

Thursday, March 26....Portrayal of the 180 at 7:30 p.m. Pre-degree dinner at 6:00 p.m. – advance reservations required

Wednesday, April 1....Submission Deadline:
Abbott and Valley of Hartford College Scholarship Applications

For more information about becoming a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or to receive a Scottish Rite Informational DVD...
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Prince Hall

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Lodge of England's rolls. This was the challenge that our Recognition Committee came to face.

On March 29, 1989, MWB Gail L. Smith installed his son, MWB Gail N. Smith, as Connecticut's 143rd Grand Master. After the ceremony, MWB Gail N. Smith asked if any brother has any business to come before the Grand Lodge. Up to the podium came his father. MWB Gail L. Smith took the microphone and said, "I have something Grand Master."

He took a crumpled piece of paper out of his jacket pocket. He must have carried this piece of paper for decades, waiting for the time to be right. As he read from the paper there was silence in the room. He then called on the Grand Lodge to formally recognize and be in amity with The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of CT. Mayhem broke out. But it the real work was just the beginning.

MWB Smith contacted MWB

Lewis Myrick, and informed him of the reading of the proclamation and assured him that Connecticut Masons were determined to see it through to a positive outcome. The first meeting of MWB Smith and MWB Myrick took place in New Haven, after the Freddie Fixer Parade.

From May until September, separate committees and a joint committee met to carry through this effort on a positive note. Everything went smoothly. Assurances were give to the Prince Hall Brothers the Grand Lodges would remain separate but equal. This was not a takeover action.

A special communication of the Connecticut Grand Lodge A. F. & A.M. was called at Mark T, Sheehan High School in Wallingford, for the sole purpose of ratifying the proclamation. The date coincided with the annual communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in Rocky Hill. Needless to say, the votes in both Grand Lodges were by acclamation.

Ever since that day, Connecticut

has been both praised and scorned. Forty-two States have joined in this effort of true brotherhood.

This was a concerted effort to do the right thing. Being the first to do so is a matter of historical record. MWB Ken Hawkins said it best, when he said, "It started in the hearts and minds of men..."

MWB Lew Myrick indicated that being a part of this groundbreaking historical event was more than he bargained for. He thought he would never live to see the day. MWB Gus Bodin also felt very proud of being a part of the process. MWB George Greytak, and MWB Bill Greene were very proud to be there as well. However, the most profound reaction came from MWB Gail Nelson Smith. He said, "Twenty-five years is a long time. To consider we have come so far to celebrate this milestone is a blessing in itself. I just hope twenty-five years from now, people will remember what we did."

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the *View of the Valley* .

If you would like more information about the Scottish Rite, there are informational DVDs available upon request. Contact the Valley of Hartford Office, on Monday, Wednesday, or

Friday between 9:00 a.m. and noon to request one or call (860) 666-0712, or email sect@snet.net. And of course, there is no better way to learn who we are, and what we do, then talk to a Scottish Rite Mason.

Valley of New Haven

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the lunches are free, but call for reservations (203) 375-0064. Dinners before the degrees at the Valley of Waterbury cost \$15.00 and reservations can be made with Illustrious Brother Clyde Kayser, MSA 33° by e-mail at cwk33@juno.com.

Meanwhile, do not forget to get scholarship applications in to Ill. Brother Vern Cleaves.

There is a lot happening in the Valley of New Haven.

See you in the Valley...



What is Justice?

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Grand Master-elect was not an easy one for me. I too

had concerns and asked myself if it was the right thing to do. Right Worshipful Brother Donald Dean served in the Grand Line for eight and one half years and is deserving of recognition for his many dedicated years of service to our Craft. But the vote for Grand Master-elect was about one thing and one thing only: did the Craft want its leadership to continue down the same road that had been started - a road where the leadership followed the letter of the law and utilized overlapping rules to autocratically govern while they ignored the Craft's needs and desires, or did the Craft want to try different leadership - leadership that is benevolent, adheres to the representative

traditions that have evolved over the past one hundred years, and is willing to listen to their concerns and give them a say in how they are governed?

Connecticut Lodges are not unique in the problems they currently face. Many Lodges throughout North America are grappling with similar issues regarding declining membership and difficulties financing individual Lodges as well as the Grand Lodge. The officers who you elected in October 2014 are committed to working to address these concerns. Each of them pledge to build upon the strong foundation of our Fraternity's tenets in order to erect a spiritual edifice that will enable Lodges to attract good men to join with us and perpetuate our great Institution. While it is true that we must utilize all the tools of modern communication to our

advantage, new Masons are made one at a time and on a personal basis. Personal contact, sincere interest, intelligent mentoring, and enlightened leadership within our individual Lodges will offer us the best opportunity to once again grow our Fraternity. We may not reach the numbers we realized in the late 1950s and early 1960s, but we can and we must stabilize Lodge membership, not with quantity alone, but with quality.

There's a saying that "Attitude is Everything!" And so it is with the future of Connecticut Masonry. If some, in their selfishness, choose to row the opposite direction, Connecticut Masonry will continue to decline. If however we, as Masons man the oars and all row in the same direction, we will move the ship that is Masonry forward.

Washington Installs

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Jewel to Bethlehem-Crusader's incoming Commander.

Another long standing tradition, actually dictated by the By-Laws of Washington Commandery is the reading of the historical pamphlet that outlines and proves Washington Commandery's claim as the oldest extant Commandery in North America, chartered in 1796. This was done by SK Fowler.

Past Commander Way was presented with his Past Commanders jewel and then Commander Grot asked who were not Knights Templar to retire to the anteroom, as he had to do some short business and then close the Commandery.

Traditions are important to organizations and perhaps even more important to Masons. The traditions of Washington Commandery No. 1 have grown over long years of labor. Some, such as the tradition of having the Past Commanders Association

escort the installing suite into the Asylum and introduce them, are no longer kept. But others, such as the reciprocal and warm tradition with Bethlehem-Crusader Commander No. 53, are almost sacred. All serve to inspire and instill in the new

officers a feeling of responsibility to those who have gone before and to make a good future. Washington Commandery No. 1, the oldest extant Commandery in North America, is well poised to continue its tradition and good work in 2015.



Eminent Commander Arnold Grot is presented the Bethlehem-Crusader Cross by SK Albert Frohlich of Bethlehem-Crusader Commandery No 53, White Plains, NY (photo by Nancy Grot)

We offer our condolences to the families and friends of these brothers who have been called by the Grand Architect of the Universe

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Are Your Widows Interested in the CT Freemasons Newspaper?

We have heard from more than a few brothers that there are widows in their lodges who miss receiving the CT Freemasons newspaper. When a brother passes to the Celestial Lodge Above, his subscription to the paper

ends.

However, we hear of many Masons whose wives will grab the paper first, and then brothers have to wait to read the issue until after their wives have read it. Many wives are involved in the life of the lodge, if not

always actively, then at least as someone who loves to know what is going on in the fraternity. Sadly, that ends when the brother passes and the subscription ceases.

We would like to make subscriptions of the newspaper available to any widow who wishes to receive it. However, mailing laws require that we must have a request on file from the widow otherwise it is considered unsolicited mailing. With a request on file, we can add their name and address to the mailing list, and the widow will receive the paper.

We are asking all lodges to poll their widows to see if any of them might like to receive the paper. If there are widows

who wish to receive the paper, please send their name and address to Marje Chick in the Grand Lodge office. This request by the lodge on behalf of the widow will fulfill the mail law requirements.

We are also asking that the lodge make a donation of \$15 per year for each widow who wishes to receive the paper, to help the CT Freemasons paper defray the costs of the subscription.

Please do this as soon as possible in your lodge. While there might not be many widows who are interested, if we can make even one widow happier by doing this, then we will have fulfilled part of our Master Mason's requirement to care for our widows.

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Masonicare 4, Winter 0

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"I was up on the fifth floor of the Ramage building serving food and helping out wherever I could," Anderson said. "I witnessed a lot of great teamwork from our staff. They're so dedicated. They just do what they have to do. I remember one woman who had worked all night and was still working in the morning. She was still so cheerful with all the residents and so helpful and caring, and yet I know she had just worked 10 hours and probably wasn't done yet. She was just totally committed to taking care of our residents, no matter what."

"Obviously, there will always be staff who have situations at home that prevent them from getting in," said Hilde Sager, Executive Director of Residential Services whose office is at Masonicare at Ashlar Village. "They would love to be here to help but maybe they have young children or a spouse who's out plowing the snow. But we found that during these blizzards, we had more staff than we needed because enough people volunteered. We're really fortunate."

"Our staff were amazing," said Masonicare at Newtown Administrator Elyse Dent. "Every department, including the directors, all stayed and pitched in. Food Service provided meals. Housekeeping and Maintenance made sure

that staff who spent the night had blowup mattresses, blankets and toiletries. We had people sleeping in vacant apartments, the rehab gyms, in offices. And they've done this more than once. During the first blizzard when staff stayed over, everyone had a lot of fun. It was like a bonding experience. The residents got a hoot out of seeing all of us – even the medical director – serving food and clearing plates. And their families were thankful that we were here for them.

And then there are the "road warriors" of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice: the nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and others who navigate icy city streets and back-country roads then clamber through slush and over snow banks to reach their homebound patients.

Theresa Wilson, Supervisor of Clinical Services for the Danielson branch of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, just celebrated her 19th year with the company. She's seen her share of bad winters in that time but insists this one tops them all. All of the Home Health & Hospice branches have been hard-hit by snow but Danielson, the northernmost MHHH outpost in Windham County, has really gotten slammed.

"We are proactive and that's

why we're able to maintain a high level of care for all of our patients at home," Wilson said. "We make sure they have all of their medications, that they have food and heat and anything else they need, bringing in social workers wherever necessary. We stay in touch with their families. And we make sure all of these steps are taken *before* a storm comes. And then after a storm hits, we'll follow up with patients to remind them to take their medications."

One common strategy is to adjust schedules so that clinicians can get out to their patients before the roads get too treacherous, or wait until after the plows have had a chance to give the main roads a pass.

"The challenge comes when a nurse arrives at a patient's home and can't even get inside because the driveway isn't plowed or shoveled out yet," Wilson said. "We've been lucky in that we have patients whose families have been able to dig them out. But there have been times when our nurses will get stuck out there in snow banks because they're so dedicated and will do whatever they need to do to reach their patients."

MHHH staff will travel with

bags of kitty litter to spread in front of their tires in case they get stuck, and wear traction devices over their shoes.

"There are risks involved in what they do," Wilson said, "and they're aware of those hazards, but they're used to it and they're very careful. Here in Danielson, I stay in the office until I know that all my staff is home. They know to call me to let me know they're safe."

Concern is a two-way street. It's not uncommon for homebound patients to call a Home Health & Hospice branch to report that their sidewalk hasn't been shoveled or their steps are icy. In some cases, Wilson said, patients will cancel or reschedule visits on their own because they fear for the safety of the clinicians.

Back at the Health Center, as the first of four snowstorms in as many weeks pummeled the state, there was a sense that everyone was in this together.

"Residents were very appreciative," Bro. Anderson said. "They were starting to see the same people for extended periods of time. I'd hear them tell staff, 'I'm glad you're here and not out on the roads. I'm glad you're here safe with us. Thank you for coming in.'"

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Applications should be submitted and post-marked to me no later than May 15, 2015. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews.

Nominees should have qualifications in business, corporate leadership, finance, law or medicine, which qualify them for board service. Candidates should be aware that board members assume fiduciary duties with respect to their service, and that violation of these duties can entail personal liability. Service on our boards requires a considerable time commitment, varying with the needs of each corporation. While Masonicare's board is comprised of those who are specifically members of the Masonic fraternity or related appendant bodies, affiliate board membership may also contain qualified members of the local community.

MASONICARE is the Parent Corporation of our system, and all nominees must be members in good standing of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, with the exception of three who shall be members in good standing, and appointed one each

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MASONICARE AT ASHLAR VILLAGE has a board of at least seven, but no more than fourteen, members and governs Masonicare at Ashlar Village, our continuing care retirement community and assisted living facility, Pond Ridge.

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MASONICARE AT NEWTOWN, our skilled nursing facility in Fairfield County, complete with rehabilitation services and Lockwood Lodge, an assisted living facility, is governed by a board of at least twelve, but no more than sixteen, members.

MASONICARE HEALTH CENTER provides a full continuum of services including skilled nursing, rehabilitation, acute hospital unit, psychiatric services, independent living as well as various outpatient services. The board is composed of at least twelve, but no more than sixteen, members.

MASONICARE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE, our home healthcare provider is the largest provider of

home health care services in the State. Masonicare Home Health & Hospice is governed by a board composed of at least seven, but no more than fourteen, members.

MASONIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES provides management services and consultation to healthcare providers in various areas of operation, and includes management of independent medical practices and psychiatric services to long-term care facilities. A board of at least three, but no more than six, members governs Masonic Management Services.

THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF CONNECTICUT safeguards and nurtures the system's assets, including the Endowment Fund, and houses our planned giving and development efforts. A board of at least seven, but no more than fourteen, members governs the Foundation.

The board seats which are not filled through this nomination process will be filled through the appointment of cross-directors from the parent corporation board, through the appointment of the corporation's Senior Administrator to the board, through the appointment of residents to the board, and/or through the appointment of an officer of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, to the board. Please feel free to address any questions you may have regarding this process to Stephen B. McPherson, President and CEO, 203-679-5000.

Thank you for your assistance and participation.

Sincerely and fraternally,



J. Arthur Carbonaro, Chairman
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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR BOARD SERVICE

Requests for a Nomination Application can be completed by returning the attached request. Once completed, the form can be sent to J. Arthur Carbonaro, Chairman of the Masonicare Nominating Committee, via U.S. Postal Service to the address listed below; by Facsimile to 203-679-5001; or you may send the information electronically to DRoemmele@masonicare.org. A Nomination Application will be sent to all applicants for completion. The Nomination Application may be returned via U.S. Postal Service, Facsimile, or electronically. Please indicate your preference.

J. Arthur Carbonaro, Chairman
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Masonicare
22 Masonic Avenue, P.O. Box 70
Wallingford, CT 06492

Name: _____

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Warren

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the Siege of Boston through use of the acquired artillery. This may have been directly attributable to the fact that he and his fellow infantryman ran out of gunpowder on Breed's Hill, leading to his death. But also, being a man who was not at all haughty, it is most likely that he put himself in harm's way because he had not yet been installed as a General.

MWB Joseph Warren

Bro.

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changes of clothes should they be required to spend the night at one of our communities. All done without being asked. Residents and patients expressed their appreciation for the peace of mind they had knowing that their care and support services would be uninterrupted. The attitude of patient/resident first, followed by supporting coworkers, was evident throughout our continuum, including home care where juggling appointments was handled with professionalism and vigilance.

Our forefathers would have been proud to see their ethic live on 126 years after our founding.

Sincerely and fraternally,



was a hero – he made his last stand, and inspired that generation of patriots, by fighting and dying on Breed's Hill. He was a hero of the American

Revolution and this fact has gone unheralded for the last century. And, he probably would have been fine with that – he was a self-sacrificing man that

put country in front of any personal gain. A perfect example of Freemasonry making good men better. In the case of Joseph Warren, it made him great.



Widowers Support Group

...A Group for Men Who Are Grieving the Loss of a Spouse...

-Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month-

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

10am to 12pm

This "On-Going" Widowers support group will provide a place for men to process their grief experience in a safe and supportive way with other grieving men. We will explore some of the common gender-specific reactions experienced by men as they transition through their grief journey.

Location: Masonicare Home Health and Hospice
33 North Plains Industrial Road
Wallingford, CT
(Small Board Room)

Dates: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning in November 2014

Cost: No Charge

Availability: Open to the general public
(Pre-registration is recommended)

Registration/Information:

Facilitator: Dennis Farrar, MSW / Hospice Social Worker
Masonicare Home Health and Hospice
33 North Plains Industrial Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

Pre-registration is recommended!
For more information or to register, please call (203)-679-5395

Craft At Refreshment

Sunday, March 1, Corinthian No. 103,
New Haven, 8:00 a.m.,
Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, March 1, Frederick-Franklin No. 14,
Plainville, 8:00 a.m., Masters
Roundtable w/ Breakfast

Monday, March 2, Hartford
Evergreen No. 88,
South Windsor, 8:00 p.m., Magic
Act by Peter Hadadd

Tuesday, March 3, Composite
No. 28,
Broad Brook Brewery, East
Windsor, \$8 pp

Wednesday, March 4, St. Paul's,
No. 11,
Litchfield, 6:30 p.m., Potluck
Dinner

Thursday, March 5, Bay View
No. 120,
Groton Townhouse Restaurant,
9:00 a.m., District Breakfast

Saturday, March 7, King
Solomon's No 7,
Woodbury, 9:00 a.m., Work Day
At The Temple

Saturday, March 7, Fidelity-St.
John's No. 3,
Fairfield, 7:00 a.m., Annual
Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 7, Widow's Son
No. 66,
Branford, 6:30 p.m., Robert
Burns Night (must be 21 or over)
\$25pp/\$35couple

Sunday, March 8, Compass No.
9,
Wallingford, 7:00 a.m. Breakfast

Sunday, March 8, Widow's Son,
No. 66,
Branford, 8:00 a.m., Monthly
Breakfast

Tuesday, March 10, Unity No.
148,
New Britain, 6:30 p.m. Brother
Night Out

Wednesday, March 11, Ashlar-
Aspetuck No. 142,
Easton, 5:30 p.m., Hiram's Cafe

Wednesday, March 11, Union No.
5,
Stamford, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship
Night

Thursday, March 12, Friendship-
Tuscan No. 145,
Manchester, 6:30p.m. Irish Night,
\$25pp/\$40couple

Thursday, March 12, Trumbull
No. 22,
New Haven, 6:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Night

Saturday, March 14,
Ansantawae No. 89,
Milford, 3:00 p.m. St. Patrick's
Day Parade

Saturday, March 14, Ashlar-
Aspetuck No. 142,
Easton, 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's
Day Table Lodge

Saturday, March 14, Washington
No. 19,
Monroe, 3:00 p.m., Pin
Presentation/St Patrick's Day
Dinner

Saturday, March 14, Wolcott No.
146,
Wolcott, 5:00 p.m., Couples
Dinner

Sunday, March 15, Anstantawae
No. 89,
Milford, 12:00 p.m., York Rite
Breakfast, \$8 All U Can Eat

Sunday, March 15, Friendship
No. 33,
Southington 6:30 a.m. Pancake
Breakfast

Sunday, March 15, Hiram No. 1,
New Haven, 12:30 p.m. St.
Patrick's Day Parade New Haven

Sunday, March 15, Trumbull No.
22,
New Haven, 12:30 p.m. St.
Patrick's Day Parade New Haven

Sunday, March 15, Washington
No. 19,
Monroe, 7:00 a.m., Country
Breakfast

Tuesday, March 17, Unity No.
148,
New Britain, 6:30 p.m., St.

Patrick's Day Celebration \$10pp

Thursday, March 19, Putnam
No. 46,
South Woodstock, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Night Meetings

Thursday, March 19, Trumbull
No. 22,
New Haven, 6:30 p.m. St.
Patrick's Day Table Lodge

Friday, March 20, Corinthian No.
103,
North Haven, 6:00 p.m.
Corinthian Card Night

Friday March, 20, Friendship-
Tuscan No. 145,
XL Center Hartford, 7:30 p.m.
Lodge of Fun Night (Hockey)

Saturday, March 21, Frederick-
Franklin No. 14,
Plainville, 6:00 p.m. Corned Beef
Dinner (Public welcome)

Saturday, March 21, Jephtha No.
95,
Clinton, 5:00 p.m. Blue Lodge
Council Table Lodge

Saturday, March 21, King
Solomon's No. 7,
Woodbury, 11:00 a.m., Relaying
the Cornerstone Ceremony

Saturday, March 21, Somerset-
St. James No. 34,
Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 7:00
a.m., GL Historian, Organist, Tiler
Seminar

Sunday, March 22, Friendship
No. 33,
Southington, 12:00 p.m., Dart
Tournament Vs. Sequin-Level No.
140

Monday, March 23, Washington
No. 70,
Windsor, 5:00 p.m., Table Lodge

Tuesday, March 24, King
Solomon's No. 7,
Woodbury, 6:30 p.m. Fellowcraft
Dinner "Thunder On The Rock"
Chili Cook-off

Friday, March 27, Frederick-
Franklin No. 14,
Plainville, 5:30 p.m. Friday Night
Gathering (6:30 p.m. Service Dog
presentation)

Saturday, March 28, King
Solomon's No. 7,
Woodbury, 8:00 a.m. Work Day,
Completing Move-In to Social
Hall

Saturday, March 28, Oxoboxo
No. 116,
Montville, 9:00 a.m., Annual
Easter Egg Hunt, Camp Oakdale

Saturday, March 28, St. Alban's
No. 38,
Branford, 12:00 p.m., Thimble
Islands Brewery Tournament

Sunday, March 29, Ashlar-
Aspetuck No. 142,
Easton, 11:00 a.m. Easter
Eggstravaganza

Sunday, March 29,
Cosopolitan No. 125,
New Haven, 4:30 p.m., Passover
Ladies and Family at Table,
\$15pp

Sunday, March 29, Friendship
Tuscan No. 145,
Manchester, 8:00 a.m., Annual
Pancake Festival

Tuesday, March 31, Coastal No.
57,
Stonington, 5:30 p.m. Coastal
Card Night

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and photos submission to the CT Freemasons newspaper.

From this point forward, please submit articles and
photos to submissions@ctfreemasons.net.

See the submissions guidelines On the next page

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Wednesday, March 4, St. Paul's No 11, Litchfield, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 9, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, Ionic No. 110, North Windham, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, Seneca No. 55, Torrington, Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, Ionic No. 110, North Windham, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, Granite No.

119, Haddam, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, Housatonic No. 61, North Haven, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degrees

Monday, March 2, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 2, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 2, Meridian No 77, Meriden, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, Union No. 40, Danbury, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, Widow's Son No. 66, Branford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, Snack, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14, Uriel No. 24, Merrow, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, Newington, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, Federal No. 17, Watertown, Dinner \$10, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, Meridian No 77, Meriden, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, St. Alban's No 38, Branford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, Friendship-Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, Quinta Essentia No. 500, New Haven, Dinner, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 23, Valley No. 36, Simsbury, Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 23, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, Bay View No. 120, Niantic, Snack, 6:00 p.m.

Master Mason Degrees

Wednesday, March 11, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 16, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, Union No. 31, Niantic, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 23, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Craft At Labor

To have your lodge events appear in the newspaper, please update your lodge website calendars prior to the 15th of the previous month. If your lodge needs assistance accessing the website please have the Master or Secretary contact Grand Lodge.

NOTE: *All times are supplied by the lodges. The CT Freemason Newspaper is not responsible for errors. When traveling, please contact the Secretary of the lodge to verify all times and events.*

Guidelines for Submission to CT Freemason Newspaper

by Frank Way

The CT Freemason newspaper is one of the primary sources of communication of information relating to Masonic events, news, lodge business, Grand Lodge business, and Masonic to all Masons in the state of Connecticut. As such we solicit articles from our membership for printing.

The following important guidelines will facilitate easier editing and layout of the paper for timely printing and mailing:

1. Please submit all articles and photos to submissions@ctfreemasons.net. (Please note that this has changed from the earlier issues).

2. Articles and should

be submitted in Word .doc format, single spaced.

3. Articles and photos should be submitted as attachments to the email. There need not be a separate email for article and photo. Do not write the article as the body of an email.

4. The email subject should be indicative of what the article is about – "Here's an article for submission" is not acceptable subject line. "Installation of Officers, Hospitality 128" is an example of a subject line that relates to the article.

5. Photos should be jpg or tif format, in the highest resolution possible. Today's smart phones will take a great picture but be sure that your mailer

does not resize the photo when emailing it.

6. Multiple photos per article are certainly acceptable. If we cannot use all of them, it is nice to have a choice of what photo to use.

7. If there are explicit captions for photos please be specific as to what caption goes with what photo.

8. Articles should be preferably written in the third person as a news report. While first person articles are acceptable at times (e.g., op-ed type articles), and several of the regular columns are in first person, the third person point of view is preferred.

9. While the format of the paper is still undergoing some change, use the rule of

thumb that between 750 and 850 words is one page. While 100-200 word articles, especially with photos, are certainly acceptable, chances are the readers want more details, and some personal insights from some of the people in the article. Don't be afraid to submit something long – it can always be edited down for length much more easily than bulked up.

10. If there are questions, do not hesitate to contact me at my regular email address (fgway33@gmail.com) or the submissions@ctfreemasons.net address. I will monitor both of them.

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Ruth loves the entertainment offered at Masonicare, especially the Western concerts, visits from the daycare children, and the writing class. “I’m calling my story ‘I Remember When’ says this “can-do” lady who went back to college and graduated at age 75!

Ruth and CNA Sarah Wallace have a great relationship. “She’s tops. She knows just what to do and when, and makes me feel secure.” For her part, Sarah speaks from the heart: “The residents are like my family — they are the grandparents I never had. I’ve learned so much from them.”

To learn more about our long-term nursing care and how we can help you or a loved one, call 888-679-9997.

Ruth enjoys preparing an apple pie with Sarah Wallace, Certified Nursing Assistant at Masonicare Health Center.

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