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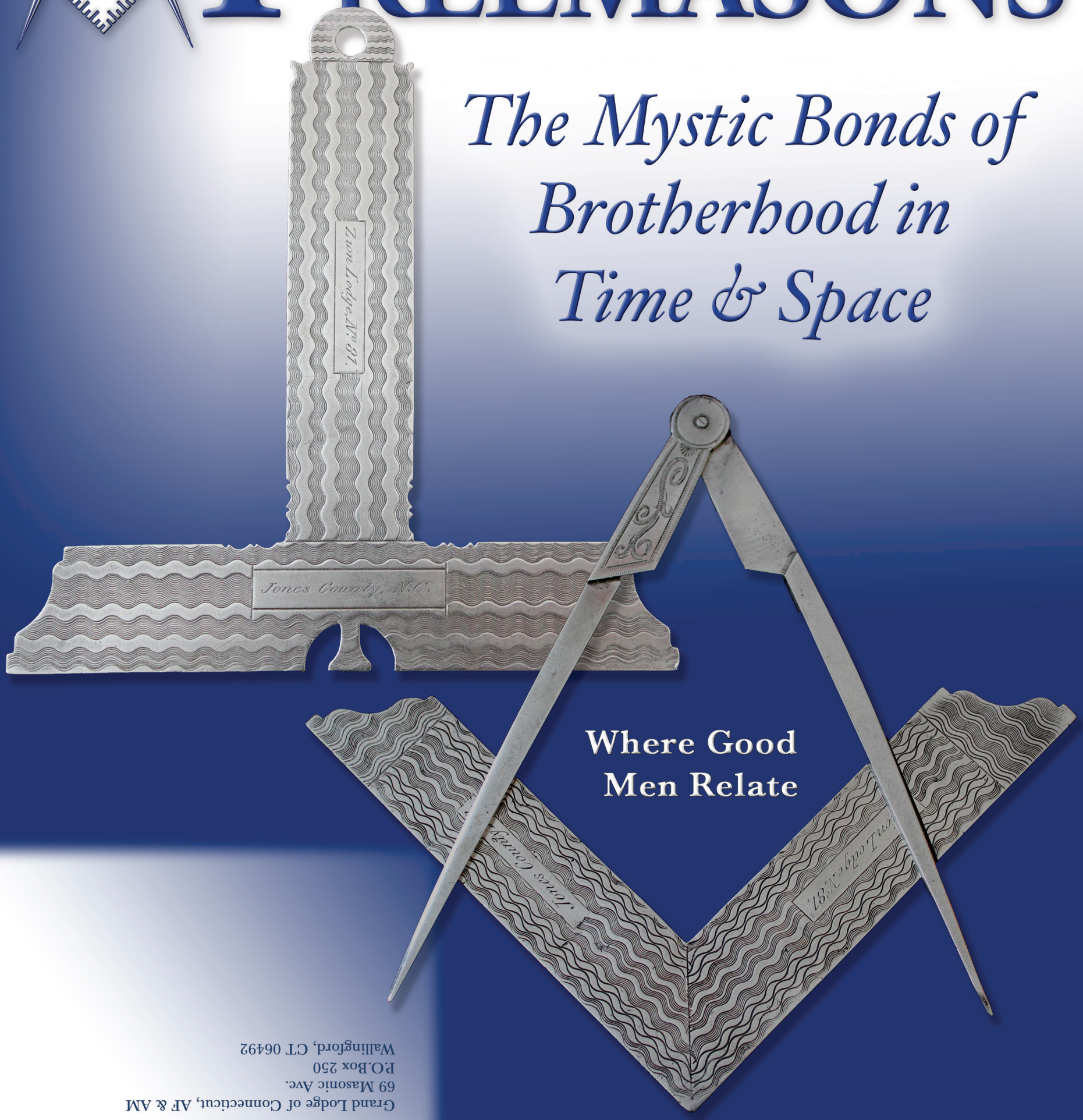

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The Mystic Bonds Of Brotherhood In Time And Space

by Carl Johnson

On August 6, 2015 four brothers of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4 of West Hartford were able to complete a reunion 150 years in the making. They traveled to Zion Lodge No. 81 in Trenton, North Carolina to commemorate the return of a set of officer jewels that had been placed in the care of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge during the Civil War. All the brothers involved, from both Connecticut and North Carolina, proved that the mystic bonds of brotherhood stretch across state lines and the centuries.

During the Civil War, a set of silver officer jewels from Zion Lodge came into the possession of a brother of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4. After this brother's death during the war, the jewels were transported to Hartford, CT for safekeeping until the conclusion of hostilities. At the end of the war, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4 and Zion No. 81 opened up communications and the jewels were returned in the winter of 1865. A brother of Wyllys-St. John's No. 4 personally escorted the jewels to North Carolina along with new collars that had been bought by the lodge.

This momentous occasion has become a story of profound significance for both lodges. Noticing the approach of the 150th anniversary of this special event, members of both lodges initiated communication and began planning a trip. It was decided that members of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4 would travel to North Carolina to symbolically commemorate the return of these jewels. A year of intense planning followed and the date of the visit was set for Zion Lodge No. 81's Stated Communication of Thursday, August 6, 2015.

Three brothers from Wyllys-St. Johns's Lodge No. 4 --Worshipful Master Joshua Dunn, Senior Warden Carl Johnson and Past Master Steven Bouffard – volunteered to make the trip. A fourth brother, Past Master Jonathan Stein, was vacationing in North Carolina and agreed to meet the other three at the Stated Communication. The three brothers traveled by plane to Washington, D.C. and then continued to North Carolina by rental car. They arrived the day before the stated communication in New Bern, North Carolina on Wednesday, August 5.

Brethren of Zion Lodge and Wylly-St. John's commemorate the anniversary of the return of the jewels.

On Thursday, August 6, brothers of Zion Lodge met the Connecticut brothers and gave them a full day tour of New Bern. The day started at a local diner and continued with a walking tour of New Bern. One of the highlights of the day was a tour of the St. John's Lodge No. 3 lodge room in New Bern. This lodge room dates to 1809 and has been restored to its 19th century condition. It has paintings on the walls that can be used for instruction during degrees and an impressive mural on the ceiling. The room has been restored to its full beauty and was truly a sight to behold.

That night, the brothers from Connecticut were escorted to Zion Lodge No. 81 for the Stated Communication. The evening began with a traditional southern dinner, held at a local church due to the expected crowd. Over 100 brothers from throughout North Carolina were in attendance, including Most Worshipful Brother Douglas L. Caudle, Grand Master of North Carolina and Most Worshipful Brother Dalton Mayo, Past Grand Master of North Carolina.

After dinner, the planned parade march down Main Street of Trenton was called off due to weather, and the special banners for the march, made by the brothers of Zion Lodge, were instead displayed at the Stated Communication.

The brothers of Zion Lodge opened with the Grand Master of North Carolina sitting in the East. The brothers of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge were then admitted to the lodge, each carrying some of the original

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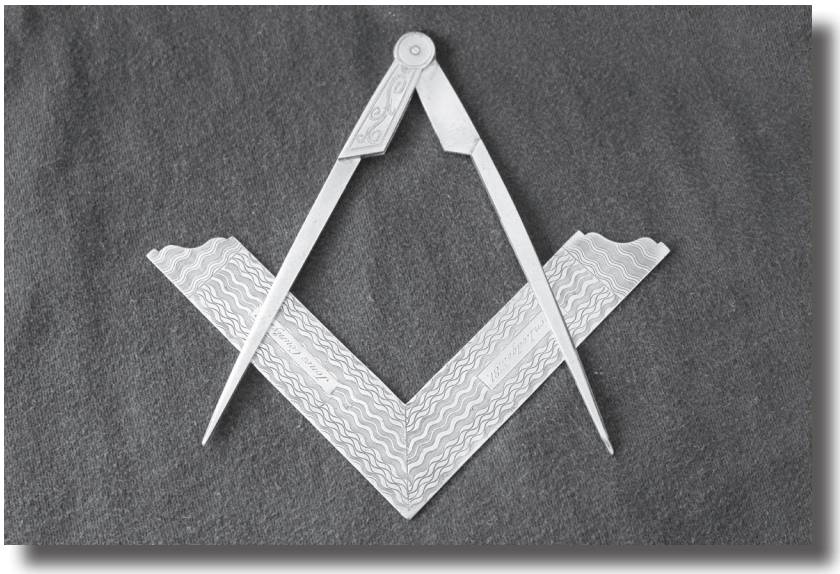
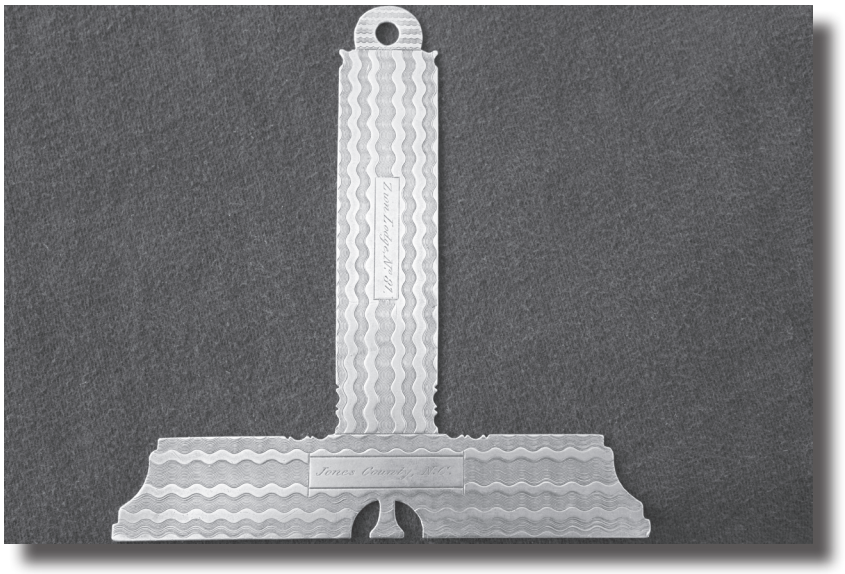


Zion Lodge No. 81 square and compasses (Masters's) Jewel, kept safe by St. John's Lodge No. 4, returned in winter of 1865.



Zion Lodge No. 81, level (SW's) jewel, kept safe by St. John's Lodge No. 4, returned in winter 1865.

jewels from the Civil War. The jewels are normally stored for preservation and security at the North Carolina History Center, and it was a special honor to have them outside the museum for this event. The brothers of Wyllys-St. John's were received in due form and were seated among the brethren. Then they were called upon to ceremonially present the historic jewels to each of the officers of Zion Lodge No. 81. Each of the Connecticut brothers circulated around the room investing them with the jewel of their office.

WB Johnny Surles of Zion Lodge and Brother Carl Johnson of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge gave historical lectures about the jewels. These included the reading of original minutes, letters, proclamations and a slide presentation. At the conclusion of the lectures, Brother Carl presented Worshipful Brother Johnny with two letters and a proclamation originally sent in 1865 from Zion Lodge No. 81. These letters and proclamation hold special significance to Zion Lodge because they were signed by the Worshipful Master who is credited with holding the lodge together during and after the Civil War. The brothers of Zion Lodge No. 81 had never seen a copy of the proclamation of gratitude that had been sent in 1865 to Wyllys-St. John's. While they had a record of it being sent in their minutes the wording had not been recorded.

Worshipful Master Joshua Dunn of Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4 then presented gifts to the brothers of Zion Lodge. First was a series of gifts from the Grand Master of Connecticut, Most Worshipful Brother Charles W. Yohe, including an official proclamation from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut recognizing the historic significance of the meeting, a commemorative medal presented to the Grand Master of North Carolina, and MWB Yohe's Grand Master pin, presented to each officer and brother of Zion Lodge. Worshipful Master Dunn also presented a box of "Widow's Son" cigars from the Connecticut Valley Tobacconist in Enfield to symbolize Connecticut and a gavel in a presentation box inscribed with the words "May Brotherly Love Prevail", with the name of the two lodges and the date of the event.

Worshipful Master Jeremy Howard and the brothers of Zion Lodge presented the Connecticut brothers with a large artistic print of the jewels for the lodge room and individual prints for each of the brothers in attendance. At this point some of the brothers from both North Carolina and Connecticut expressed their personal thanks to each other for assistance provided in the planning and execution of the trip. The lodge was then closed in due form by the Grand Master of North Carolina.

The trip, and especially the night of the stated communication was an awe inspiring and profound demonstration of the tenets of Freemasonry for all those involved and in attendance. The fraternal greetings and hospitality and generosity that was shown by the brothers of Zion Lodge No. 81 was without comparison. The brothers of Zion Lodge have already begun the planning of a trip to Connecticut in the near future.

As is the often the case in Freemasonry, seeing the journey to completion was long and arduous. Masons know, though, that these journeys are the heart of masonic education and growth. For all the brothers involved in this journey, it proved that the bounds of brotherhood are strong, no matter the distance or time that has passed.

"Widow's Son" Connecticut cigars presented as a gift to Zion Lodge No. 81.

Grand Master's Message

"How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." Thus begins the lesson that accompanies the circumambulation in our Entered Apprentice degree. It is my sincere desire that all of us set aside our differences and work, as one, to benefit this great Fraternity. I trust that the summer season has given each of you an opportunity to recharge so that you are ready to re-double your efforts to move Masonry in Connecticut forward. Additionally, I am hopeful that the peace and harmony that your Grand Lodge officers have painstakingly attempted to instill for the past ten months has calmed fears of retaliation.

As I enter my sixth month as your Grand Master, I want to again thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me and for giving me this rare and unprecedented opportunity to serve you. In preparation for our semi-annual communication, I want to take this opportunity to share our accomplishments thus far and lay out our plans for the future which include:

Under M.W. Brother Thomas Maxwell II, the G.P.S. was initiated. This tool is intended to foster and improve the lines of communication between the Craft and Grand Lodge.

During the past few months, RWB Joe Porco has worked diligently to expand the G.P.S. so that it can be used by a broader spectrum of our membership. Updated information is forthcoming.

The significant deficit (close to $90,000) that was inherited from fiscal year 2014 is being remedied and a strict tracking of monthly expenses has been implemented to assure that we remain on budget.

Discretionary spending has been greatly reduced. All travel of the Grand Master, to date, has been at his own expense and most of the Grand Lodge officers have declined their stipends.

The minutes from the Grand Lodge officer meetings are now being posted on the "members only" portion of the Grand Lodge website for all Brothers to read and follow what is being pursued.

Expenses associated with Grand Lodge officer meetings have been significantly reduced.

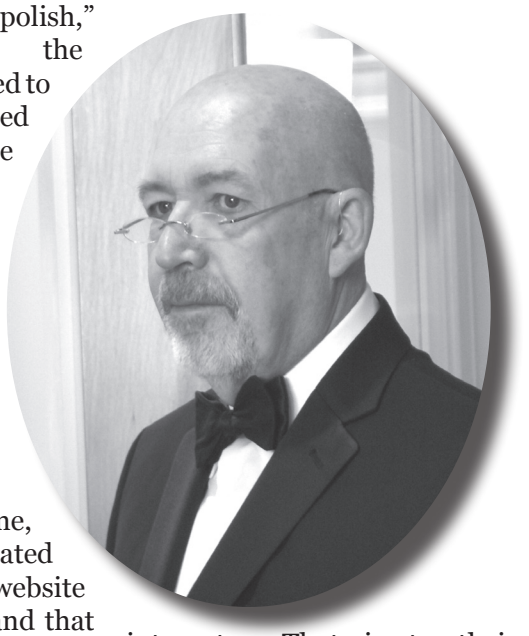
The Committee on Masonic Education hosted a very successful and well attended symposium on July 25. Brothers from a number of other jurisdictions, including 12 from New Jersey, attended.

The Grand Almoner has been working on your behalf to provide assistance to Brothers in distress. He continues to work to develop a handbook that local Lodges can use to guide them in supporting their entire membership, no matter the type of help needed. This is what each of us swore in our obligation to do.

The Grand Almoner's Fund is off to a solid start thanks to support pledged by the CT Freemasons Foundation and a $10,000 contribution by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. To date, contributions totaling more than $15,000 have been received.

We have re-established a strategic planning function within the Grand Lodge officer corps. Currently, one and four year goals are being developed to address the areas that are most critical for Connecticut Masonry's growth. The first two areas to be addressed involve bringing in high quality new Masons and developing a strong mentor network within each and every Lodge. Once these two programs have received their initial "polish," Lodges throughout the jurisdiction will be invited to training sessions designed specifically with these ideas in mind.

Amicable relations with our sister jurisdictions and with the various appendant and coordinate bodies within Connecticut have been re-established.



I know that some, including me, are frustrated from time to time with website issues. Please understand that the Brothers who are engaged in upgrading and migrating the website, are doing their best to address and correct issues as they become known.

Back in April, I expressed my desire to retain the excellent Master's Path program that was initiated by M.W. Brother Gary Arseneau. I was assured at that time that some of the questions were being reworked to be less obtuse and that it would then be reintroduced. I remain confident that resource for Wardens and Masters will resume shortly.

Last year's election was about management style: dictatorial versus participatory. No one is perfect. Each of us has our flaws and our weaknesses. However, a big advantage of the participatory management style that is currently in place is the fact that it helps to smooth out the flaws and strengthen us as a Grand Lodge. Every member of this Grand Lodge has been free to express his thoughts and concerns – without fear of retribution. Some have gone beyond the bounds of decency and have exhibited un-Masonic conduct. These Brothers have hidden behind a veil of anonymity afforded by the internet. That is to their discredit and speaks volumes about the truthfulness of what they have disseminated. On the other hand, officers have been encouraged to state their opinions and help to mold the direction of the administration of this Grand Lodge. So while the current elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers are united in the general direction that we should take, none are blinded by ambition or egotism, and all are willing to make changes, as necessary, to benefit you, the members and Lodges that comprise this Grand Lodge.

At the semi-annual communication that will be held on October 24, the voting members will once again select those Brothers who they want to continue to lead them after April 2016. The choice is theirs. While I personally feel strongly that both our Grand Lodge and Masonicare benefit greatly from a progressing elected line, each voting member must carefully assess the candidates for each position and vote in accordance with what he thinks best for the Craft. So mote it be.

Fraternally,
Charles Yohe

Progressive Line Of Officers

by Theodore J. Nelson,
Grand Senior Warden

Over the years there have been debates over which came first, the chicken or the egg? I don't know anyone who would argue which came first – the lodge or the grand lodge? We know from historical records that lodges, even speculative lodges of masons, predate the first grand lodge in England. I believe that Grand Lodges, at their core, are modeled after lodges. It is only after their authority is established that the Grand Lodge models and shapes the lodges that formed it.

The greatest example that the lodges gave to the Grand Lodge was the training ground of the progressive line of officers. The ritual points out the need for a time of learning and testing, a time for the junior officers to be subordinate to the Wardens and Master, a time to learn to follow in order to learn how to lead. All of this and more takes place when one starts in the lower progressive chairs in a lodge. If one proves himself cable of taking orders, fulfilling duties and delegating tasks to others, then one is appointed to the office above and ultimately elected to the office of Junior Warden. This is exactly the same way Connecticut's Grand Lodge Line Officers have moved through the chairs for well over 100 years.

Other Grand jurisdictions have shorter or longer lines of progression to Grand Master. Rhode Island has a 15 year line of progression beginning with serving as a District Deputy in each District before being appointed to the Grand Junior Steward and moving through the chairs to Grand Master. In Maine, a Past Grand Warden is elected Deputy Grand Master for two years and then elected Grand Master for two years. Some Grand jurisdictions like the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts don't even have a progressive line to the Grand East. Their Past Grand Masters select a Past Grand Warden or Past Deputy Grand Master to stand for election as Grand Master. He is then re-elected two more times to serve for three years total. Each Grand Lodge developed its system and it's theirs. Our system is somewhere in between the short and long progressive line, but most importantly it's ours, we developed it. In the early 20th century, Connecticut identified 9 different districts and from each of them a representative was chosen to serve in either one of the five lower appointed offices (Grand Junior Steward through Grand Senior Deacon) or in one of the four elected offices (Grand Junior Warden through Grand Master).

Thus Connecticut has had a progressive line for well over 100 years. With the rare exceptions of death or early dismissal from the line, each district has had a brother from his neck of the

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WB Robert Harriman Happy to be "Part of the Masonicare Family"

by Adam Raider

WB Robert Harriman is fond of an old saying, a motto comprised of ten, two-letter words: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

It's a maxim about taking charge of a situation, instead of waiting for someone else to do it. Robert has lived by that philosophy for most of his adult life. It has carried him through a busy but rewarding career spanning many decades, moved him to hold positions of leadership in numerous Masonic organizations and enabled him to remain active and productive despite living with a visual impairment.

> ***"Ashlar Village wasn't just at the top of his list, it was the list."***

When you think about it, supporting causes important to you is just another way of expressing that can-do spirit.

A Masonicare at Ashlar Village resident since 2013, Robert recently decided to fund a charitable gift annuity with The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. With his gift, Robert joined The Foundation's Baldwin Society, which recognizes donations of $10,000 or more in a 12-month period to The Foundation's Endowment Fund.

"I had some money which was just sitting idle," said the retired electrical engineer. "I decided to put it to good use, and for me, there was no better use than to give it to The Masonic Charity Foundation."

As a not-for-profit, Masonicare relies on the generosity of donors like Robert. Their gifts support Masonicare's high-quality healthcare programs and services, benefiting residents and patients in need.

"Yes, I could've done an annuity someplace else," he said, "but that would have defeated the purpose. I don't need the money. The Foundation is doing a fantastic job and I love to be able to help. I consider it a privilege. I'm part of the Masonicare family now."

Robert has been visiting the Masonicare campus in Wallingford for over 30 years. When the time came for him to move to a retirement community, Ashlar Village wasn't just at the top of his list, it was the list. He likes knowing that he has ready access to Masonicare's healthcare facilities, should he ever need them. He uses Masonicare Transportation Service to take him to and from his medical appointments.

"I've traveled the world," he said, "and I don't feel like I could have done better anyplace else."

Born in Paris, Robert emigrated to the U.S. as a teen during World War II. He enlisted in the military as soon as he was able. Thanks to the education and training opportunities afforded returning soldiers under the G.I. Bill, Robert was able to become an electrical engineer. His career took

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him all over the world, and his apartment at Ashlar Village is filled with mementos from his many travels.

WB Robert joined the Freemasons in 1983. Raised at Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 in Milford, he is a Past Master of Orange Lodge No. 143, Milford, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge of Research and Past Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of France. His extensive Masonic resume could make an article in and of itself, and includes membership in York Rite Chapter, Council and Commandery, as well as Order of the Amarath, Order of the Eastern Star, Pyramid Shrine, the Valley of Bridgeport and Connecticut York Rite College No. 17.

"Masonry changed my life," he said. "It taught me to look at all people on the same level and to accept people as they are."

It was also a passion he got to share with his late wife, Dee. Together, they belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth, serving as officers in both organizations.

At Ashlar Village, Robert has added membership in Ashlar Lodge No. 332 to his lengthy Masonic resume and remains active in veterans affairs, reaching out to neighbors to inform them of resources available to them through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He credits

the VA for connecting him with programs that taught him how to survive on his own after being diagnosed with macular degeneration.

"Blindness is, for me, more of an inconvenience," he says. "It's like being left-handed. It's not easy winding your watch, but you find a way."

Which is just another way of saying, "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Line

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woods as Grand Master once every nine years. This system is quite unique and while it offers both pros and cons, it's ours, my brothers, and part of our heritage of how our Grand Lodge developed. I value this system because it lends itself to a proving ground for each officer to learn about his duties, serve his district and serve the programs intimately with each of eight Grand Masters as he himself progresses, develops, and ultimately grows into the office of Grand Master.

The operative word in the last paragraph is "serve". My brothers, every great leader, minister, or teacher knows that at the end of the day it's all about service. Serving mankind and serving our fraternity. We are here to serve you. It is only by God's grace that we are able to serve you. The Grand Architect of the Universe has always pointed out man's need to serve his fellow man. Almost every Worshipful Master I have met has not been afraid to roll up his sleeves and wash dishes, mop the floors or take out the trash. We lead by example, not to be served but to serve you in the hope of making us all better for serving each other and ultimately serving God.

I have learned much during my time in a progressive line of officers both in Brainard Lodge and in the Grand Lodge. It has proved to be of great value to me and to the fellow officers that I have served with and served. I appreciate the position that you have elected me to and shall never take it for granted.

Grand Historian's Corner

Ten years before the start of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, American Union Lodge was keeping records of their meetings. During the month of August, 1779, at least four times. The interesting entry of August 28, 1779 was:

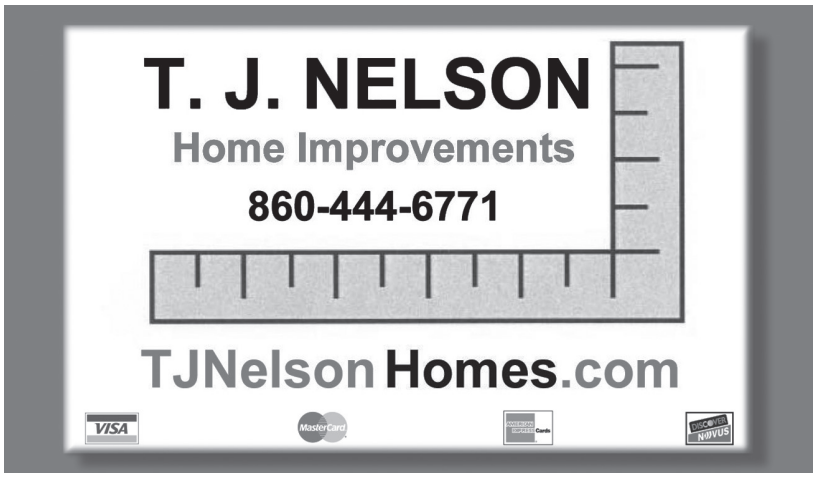
"Dr Finley of the Massachusetts line and Dr Graham of the Connecticut line and Col John Brooks of the Massachusetts line heretofore proposed, but not entered, were separately balloted for, accepted and made Entered Apprentices. Lieut Moses Cleaveland, Edward Palmer, Sylvanus Perry and Elijah Ransom were proposed to be made Masons." A listing of receipts followed and then the line "Closed till called by the W. Master".

On April 29, 1783 in pursuance of a recommendation of a committee of thirteen lodges in Connecticut that had met in New Haven on March 18, representatives met at Brother Brown's house and the first attempt to draw up bylaws for a Grand Lodge was approved. Jonathan Heart was selected to visit each of the twelve lodges (at the expense of the visiting lodge) to assist in uniformity of work. He was to visit the lodges in New Haven, Middletown, Fairfield, Norwalk, Woodbury, Stratford, Wallingford, Danbury, Hartford, Colchester, Derby and Litchfield. Strict attention was to be given to assure that unless a Brother was vouched for by a brother present and was visiting another lodge, a proper investigation must be done. We can only assume that Jonathan Heart was going to help lodges with uniformity so that visitors could visit other lodges. The minutes and records do not go into great detail.

"Jonathan Heart was going to help lodges with uniformity so that visitors could visit other lodges"

The records of our Grand Lodge sessions of early days are lacking a lot of documentation that present historians crave for. The spring 1799 session is all but four printed pages of which two and a half are devoted to those in attendance. Our detailed proceedings of the present day serve to assist future historians but still lack some detail (the whys on certain controversial subjects or votes) that are common knowledge for those who are present but future historians glean for explanations.

The 1906 Connecticut General Assembly had many Brothers who were members. Those were the days where many towns had two representatives. Pictures and a short biography were the norm for each politician. These men (still all men) were from both political parties and this list contains just some of them with their town and lodge. John L Wilson (Apollo No. 59) was a court officer and Assistant Superintendent of the Capital. William H Taylor (Quinebaug No. 106) was a journalist and doorkeeper. Some of the legislators included John Winchell (Blazing Star No. 74) who was a Cornwall farmer, William Wilson (Seneca No. 55) was a Harwington farmer, Luciuse Whiton (Brainard No. 102) was a mechanical engineer from New London, William Wilton (King Solomon No. 7) was a Bridgewater mail courier, Carl Viets (Union No. 31) was postmaster and book store owner in New London. The next few months will list others who were in the 1906 Connecticut General Assembly.



Entered Apprentice Degree Presented At Boy Scout Camp

by John Braddock

On Saturday August 15, the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association (CMSA) and Washington Lodge No. 19 hosted the presentation of the Entered Apprentice degree to James Joseph Joss V at the Camp-O-Ree field at Camp Strang in Goshen CT. This was the third continuous year in which CMSA hosted an Entered Apprentice degree at a Connecticut Boy Scout of America camp.

A group of Brothers from around the state gathered early in the day to create an outdoor lodge which was laid out to match the compass East to West. At the same time, another team of brothers was preparing the meal for the evening. All of the 34 brothers at the Camp for the degree presentation gathered in the dining hall at 5:30 p.m. for an outstanding meal of steak, corn on the cob, salads, and cake. After the meal, the brothers gathered at the outdoor lodge room where WM Mark Hawkins of Washington No. 19 placed the charter on the altar and congregated the lodge. RWB Donald Demaine then proceeded to open the lodge on the Entered Apprentice degree. Shortly after opening the lodge the sky darkened and lighting was seen in the North. The degree work was quickly moved to the dining hall and the presentation of the degree proceeded. The degree work was done in an excellent fashion. Following the conclusion of the degree work, the lodge was closed and all the brothers in attendance welcomed the newest Entered Apprentice into the Masonic Fraternity.

The Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association is already planning an Entered Apprentice degree at a different Connecticut BSA camp site in 2016. Those Master Masons who have an interest in Scouting, as a Scout or Scouter or BSA supporter and would like to get involved in the presentation of the Entered Apprentice degree in a Scout Camp setting should considering joining the CMSA. In addition to presenting a Camp EA degree, the CMSA recognizes Eagle Scouts with the Eagle Scout Commendation Award and Recognition Letter signed by the Grand Master. The work of the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association was addressed in the June 2015 "Emessay Notes' published by The Masonic Service Association of North America. Information regarding the CMSA can be found in the Grand Lodge Youth Award tab at the top of the Grand Lodge home page.

Connecticut Freemasons Have the Power to *DONATE LIFE*℠

Making a Difference and Saving Lives – National Donor Sabbath Month

by Richard F. Denno

Many Masonic Brothers have asked over the past seven years, how their Lodge and they can 'Make a Difference' in the effort to save lives through organ/tissue registration and donation. One of the best ways is for you and your lodge to participate in Donate Life America's National Donor Sabbath Month.

Held every November, it is a Donate Life America program that encourages religious leaders to involve their places of worship in lifesaving efforts to save or improve the lives of those on the organ donor waiting list. Currently, over 123,000 patients are waiting, hopeful of receiving the transplant that would save or vastly improve their lives. Many have been waiting for years. Every day, 18 people, still are waiting!

The actual weekend is Nov. 13-15, but groups run events all month long. We would like to work with your Lodge to help register organ donors during November. We can provide speakers if you so desire. For further information, please go to http://donatelife.nds. Here, you'll find many creative ideas on how religious groups can become involved. The website provides sample sermons and other ways to help. Messages delivered from the pulpit are powerful and move people to action. Many groups have one or more members who have been effected by organ transplants; everything from members who are recipients, to others who have had family members who became donors; or know friends or family who are still waiting for that organ that can make the difference in their lives. Their stories, spoken from the heart, also motivate fellow members to register as donors online. The website for registration is www.donatelifenewengland.net.

Won't you be the one who involves your house of worship in this noble cause? Speak with you religious leader. Encourage them to visit Donate Life America's National Donor Sabbath Month website, http://donatelife.nds and make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Have you registered online as an organ donor? Christians consider Organ Donation as a genuine act of love, and way to follow Jesus's example. In the Jewish faith, it is known as a mitzvah, or to 'express an act of kindness.' To learn how Connecticut Freemasonry has become involved, go to www.masonicdonatelife.weebly.com .

Make this November the opportunity for your lodge to 'Make a Difference' by encouraging your House of Worship to become involved through Donate Life America's National Donor Sabbath Month.

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Tenth Time's A Charm for Blennerhassetts

by Adam Raider

RW Bro. John L. Blennerhassett, Jr. and his wife, Pat, are looking forward to hosting their tenth Nutmegger Reunion in 2016.

The event, to be held on March 4 at Timber Greens Country Club in New Port Richey, Florida, will be one of five gatherings that offer Masons and Masonic widows in the region a chance to reconnect with old friends of Masonicare and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, establish new friendships, and receive an update about Masonicare. Fifty-year pins will also be awarded.

Bro. John, Past District Deputy and Past Master of Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, recalls how his late mother, Elizabeth, was a resident of the Wells Apartments on the Wallingford campus of Masonicare before transitioning to Masonicare Health Center. But his respect for Masonicare goes back further than that.

"As a District Deputy," he said, "part of my duties included giving tours of the facility once or twice a year to anyone who wanted one. But I never looked at it as a 'duty' because I considered it a privilege. I used to love to show that place off."

The Blue Lodge consists of three degrees, but John explains that when he was master of his lodge, he liked to give what he calls a "fourth degree" to new Masons and their families: an introduction to Masonicare.

"As part of the initiation into the fraternity," John said, "on the first Sunday after the man completed his Master Mason degree, I'd bring him and his family up to the Health Center for a tour. Afterward, we'd go out for lunch. And they loved it. It was very well received."

The 2016 Nutmegger Reunions will be held from February 29 to March 4, 2016. The complete schedule of events will appear in a future issue of Connecticut Freemasons.

A Point of View

by Donald W. Dean

The most recent CT Freemasons newspaper emphasized a quote in an article that states "Our focus must include fairness in all situations, transparency and fiscal accountability to the Craft."

In the body of the article it continued "as well as the continued empowerment of open communication, so that all voices may have opportunity to be known and heard.

Not one Brother approached me when I was serving as Deputy Grand Master and expressed a desire to discuss the issues facing the Grand Lodge. The lack of communications lead to a session where I, along with many others, felt that fairness was not in play.

We in Connecticut have our share of problems to overcome but working together with open discussions will go a long way to help resolve any problems that may arise.

It is my fondest hope that this year's session will see the restoration of an open, honest and fair communication.

The future of our Craft depends on these concepts.

Past District Deputies Association

by Lawrence S. Elsner, Sec'y

I'm sure many have wondered just what the Past District Deputies Association is and what is its function? I often wondered myself until I became involved with it in 2010 when I was appointed a District Deputy for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The purpose of the District Deputies Association is the cultivation of the growth of Masonry in the State of Connecticut; the preservation of the high standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the Masonic Fraternity; the cultivation of the sphere of brotherhood among all members of the Association; and to have its members prepared to serve the Grand Master, The Grand Lodge, The Grand Lodge committees and the President/CEO of the Masonic Charity Foundation upon their request; and the promotion of good public relations between the Association and the general public.

The Association is comprised of all current and past District Deputies appointed by the Grand Master for his respective term. In most cases a District Deputy is appointed by the Grand Master for a 1 year term, and MAY be reappointed by the next Grand Master for a 2nd term.

The Officers of the Association are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. They are elected annually in April by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting. All other officers are appointed by the President.

The President of the Association presides at all meetings of the Association, appoints other officers as necessary and appoints members to, and supervises the work of, all committees he

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

Tree of Life

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5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Mystic Arts Center
9 Water Street
Mystic, CT

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Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Italian Center of Stamford
1620 Newfield Avenue
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For more information, including details on how to purchase a light, please call The Masonic Charity Foundation at 800-562-3952

There is Still Time!

By John A. Amarilios
MSA 32° Membership
Chairman, Lafayette
Consistory

2016 will be a special year at the Scottish Rite. Both the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions have agreed to hold their respective 32nd degrees on one day in the fall, nationwide. There will be significant pageantry associated with the degree next year. This implies, that, if you have been contemplating attaining the 32nd degree you will either have to do it this December, or wait till fall of next year.

The good news is that even if you begin your journey this month, there is ample time to be ready to do so by December 12 in Niantic. The prospective candidate can avail himself of all the degrees listed below in order to satisfy the "bookends" requirement in order to sit for the 32nd. The schedule going forth is as follows:

10.19.2015
Stratford - 13th Degree

10.21.2015
Waterbury - 14th Degree

11.02.2015
New Haven - 15th Degree

11.11.2015
Waterbury - 16th Degree

11.16.2015
New Haven - 28th Degree

11.30.2015
Stratford - 19th Degree (Live) & 22nd Degree (Blu-Ray)

12.07.2015
Stratford - 23rd Degree

12.12.2015
Niantic - 32nd Degree

Any candidate who needs the initial 4th degree, should make it known to the Consistory office, so that he may view the degree prior to the above listed cast performed degrees. Contact Lafayette Consistory at (203) 375-0064 so that the relevant Lodge of Perfection officer at either New Haven, Stratford, or Waterbury Valleys is aware of your need to take the 4th before that evening's scheduled degree. If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to also email me at membership@lafayetteconsistory.com .

I would like to leave you with some reflections on the 14th degree, penned by brother James D'Acosta 32° after receiving the degree, which degree will be performed in Waterbury on the 21st of October.

"I find myself in a converted church for the Fourteenth Degree. I see pews and can easily tell where generations of choir members sang hymns, anthems, and dirges. I wonder whether the congregation prospered and moved to a larger site or withered and left their dead in a forgotten graveyard? I realize that buildings are more transitory than their bricks and mortar appear. Buildings serve people. When people move, buildings stay behind providing the community with an echo of the past. Dinner reminds me of Christian's, a favorite restaurant in New Orleans which serves its soft shelled crabs in a former sanctuary.

Two blue lodges make use of the building for regular meetings and a principle charity of this Scottish Rite Valley is housed next door. The Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut provides tutoring for dyslexic children. My reading is slowed as I pause to distinguish lower case "b's" from "d's." Children with crippling levels of this malady must find school intensely frustrating and life as adults very difficult in our highly literate society. This is a wonderful charity.

Props include the Ten Commandments and the Arc of the Covenant. I inch forward as the Arc comes into view and recall the magnificent model displayed at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Few objects from antiquity are subjects of such awe.

Bread and wine are passed. I am uncomfortable. The brotherhood and virtue commended is not in conflict with the Gospel but it is not the same as claiming to be blood and body in a religious ceremony. The contrast is heightened by the use of the same tray and plate

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From the desk of Bro. Stephen B. McPherson

On Friday, September 25, Masonicare at Ashlar Village celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Although some might feel that a 30th doesn't demand the hoopla of a 25th or a 50th, this was actually a big day. The anniversary celebration was preceded by a special ceremony marking the visit of Edgar G. Kilby to campus.

For those who were around in the '70s and '80s, Ed Kilby's name will be very familiar. From 1971 to 1990, he was chief executive of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut when it was our parent company, before the creation of "Masonicare." It is Ed (or "Mr. Kilby" as he was known to the staff) who is widely credited with having the vision of establishing a retirement community on the Wallingford campus to expand our mission of caring for seniors and lessen our reliance on the government or charity for revenue.

Working with the Board of Managers (all key members of the fraternity), he developed the Ashlar Plan. The Plan detailed a self-supporting community of independent seniors with a variety of accommodations and access to nearby medical services on the Wallingford campus. Approved by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1982, the construction of Ashlar Village took over two years. Its long-awaited ribbon-cutting took place on September 28, 1985, less than 24 hours after Hurricane Gloria blew through Connecticut.

A framed photograph of Ed along with a tribute, written by Carleton Erickson who was Board Chair during Ed's tenure, now hangs in tribute in the lobby of Masonicare at Ashlar Village. It was an honor to be there to witness its presentation on September 25. As Carleton wrote, Ed was indeed "a leader with a vision."

Sincerely and fraternally,

Past Deputies

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"The Association is comprised of all current and past District Deputies."

creates.

The Vice-President presides in the absence of the President, and performs such other duties as may be delegated to him.

The Treasurer receives and preserves all funds of the Association, makes such disbursements that the Association directs, and presents a report of all receipts and disbursements at each annual meeting of the Association.

The Secretary preserves the records and conducts the correspondence of the Association, keeps an accurate, signed, roll of officers and members, and prepares and files an annual report of all activities. The Secretary also constitutes the Committee on Necrology.

The Association meets twice a year and from time to time as the President deems advisable.

The annual meeting is held in April or May of each calendar year and the final order of business is the election and installation of officers. A second meeting which is a social gathering is held in October or November of same calendar year.

I was recently elected and installed as the Secretary of the District Deputies Association. Since this is the age of e-mail, I would like to use e-mail to send out notices related to dues and other items concerning the Association. These are in addition to the email notices the District Deputies will receive from the Grand Lodge. If Marje does NOT have your email address, please get it to her as soon as possible, or send it to me at solymoon@cox.net. There are currently just over 400 members but only about 250 email addresses.

Gary Littlefield Biography

Ed. Note: The MW Grand Master has asked each Grand Lodge officer to provide a biography for publication in CT Freemasons newspaper.

Gary Littlefield was appointed Grand Historian in 1989 by MW Gail Nelson Smith. He was born in Willimantic in 1954 and was raised in Lebanon, Connecticut. He graduated from Lyman Memorial High and graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1977. Since 1978 he has been involved in Information Technology as a programmer-analyst. Since 1983 he has been employed by UCONN Health. He was raised in 1979 at Wooster Lodge No. 10 in Colchester, when his father was Worshipful Master. He is active in the York Rite as secretary and past presiding officer of Trinity Chapter RAM and Montgomery Council RSM. He is a member of St Johns Knights Templar and is Grand Historian for all three Grand York Rite bodies. He is a member of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to Ashlar No. 332 and Ionic No. 110 as well as several research lodges including Philosophic Lodge of Research, American Lodge of Research, Maine Lodge of Research and South Carolina Lodge of Research. He also belongs to the Scottish Rite Research Society and the Philalethes. He is a Past Patron of Radiant Chapter OES and a member of Nathan Hale Council AMD, Connecticut College MSRICF, Connecticut York Rite College No. 17, Sword of Bunker Hill, Knight Masons, Red Branch of Eri, Order of High Priesthood, Order of Silver Trowel and is a Past Grand Tall of Laurel Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Currently he is the President of the Windham C&E Association and treasurer of the Wooster Masonic Building Corporation. He received the Pierpont Edwards medal in bronze in 1999 and the General Grand Chapter (Royal Arch) medal in bronze in 2001. In the community he is a Justice of the Peace (performing nearly 100 ceremonies), and serves on the Republican Town Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals. He attends the First Baptist Church of Lebanon where he is moderator and has been a deacon, newspaper editor and Sunday School Teacher. He has been attending the church his entire life and is currently the longest attending male member of the congregation. He also belongs to several historical and genealogical societies. His monthly column in the newspaper provides an insight into Connecticut Masonic history.

Gary was a close friend of RW James Royal Case who was Grand Historian from 1953 until his death in 1987 and was his driver on many Masonic opportunities when Jim was in Lebanon. "Jim taught me a lot and I had lots more to learn when he passed away. He was a great mentor, Brother and friend." Gary also credits his love for Masonic history to MW William Saars and MW Merle Tapley both of whom had a lasting influence on Gary's Masonic career. He lives in Columbia with his wife Marcy and teenage son Logan.

Richard Andrew Eppler

by Michael Castroll

Richard Andrew Eppler was born on April 30, 1934 in Lynn, MA, the son of Walter Trowbridge and Faith Edith Marden Eppler. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Cranford, NJ, where Dick attended public schools, graduating from Cranford High School in 1952. He went on to the acclaimed Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he received a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering. He earned a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Illinois in 1960.

While at Illinois, Dick met and married Ruth Marilyn Coon. Employed by the Corning Corporation, they lived in Corning, NY, where their two daughters, Katherine Ruth Sieckman, and Rebecca Elaine Prouty-Wyatt, and son, Walter Richard Eppler were born. Two more sons, Douglas Rollin Eppler, and Bruce Andrew Eppler were born in Timonium, MD, where Dick was employed by Pemco Corporation for 19 years. Dick and Ruth have seven grandchildren: Michael Lukavic, James Prouty, Richard Scott Lukavic, Sarah Eppler, Daniel Eppler, Raquel Eppler, and Caleb Eppler. Dick told me there are four step-grandchildren, as well. They have provided Ruth and Dick with one great-grandchild to dote on.

Relocating to Cheshire, CT, in 1984, the Epplers found a home with all of the aspects of permanency. Dick was able to take a position with Olin Corporation as a Group Supervisor in the Ceramics Research Department. Dick now owns and runs his own consulting business, Eppler Associates, which specializes in the development of ceramic coatings. A recognized authority in this field during his career, he has published over 100 papers in technical literature, and holds 22 U. S. patents. He has written two books that were published by the American Ceramic Society.

Dick has held several key positions in the American Ceramic Society, and the Whitewares Committee of ASTM International.

Dick's Masonic career is a story all its own. Dick was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on February 27, 1962, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 27, 1962, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Corning Lodge No. 1038, in Corning, NY. He later demitted to Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 116, in Towson, MD, and then to Arcana Lodge No. 110, in Baltimore, MD where he served as Worshipful Master from 1981-83.

Upon coming to CT, Dick affiliated with Compass Lodge No. 9, in Wallingford. In 2009, Dick became a charter member of Ashlar Lodge No. 332 also in Wallingford, CT, where he currently serves as Worshipful Master.

In Royal Arch Masonry, Dick was exalted in Tuscan Chapter No. 42 R.A.M., in Towson, MD, in 1968, and served as High Priest in 1972. He was set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood that same year, and served several terms as a Grand Inspector for the Grand Chapter of MD. Coming to CT, Dick affiliated with Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R.A.M. in Branford, where he served as High Priest in 1988. He served as Secretary from 1990-2013, and has been Treasurer ever since. Dick became a dual member of Keystone Chapter No. 27 in 2008, and has been Secretary ever since. From 1991-97, Dick also served as Editor of the Connecticut Supplement of the Royal Arch Magazine and he is also the Grand Representative of MD near CT Dick received the

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Ephraim Kirby Citation in 1994. He has been an active part of the Connecticut Convention of High Priests since 1988.

Dick has served the Grand Chapter of CT as a Custodian of the Work 2004-08, and as Chairman of the Custodians from 2008-10. He was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest earlier this year.

Dick was greeted in Baltimore Council No. 18, Royal & Select Masters, in Towson, MD, in 1968, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1976. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (Order of the Silver Trowel) the same year, and was awarded the Knight of Ish Sodi by the Grand Council of MD in 1977. He was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in 1983.

On coming to CT, Dick affiliated with Crawford Council No. 19, where he has served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1988, 1995, 2001, 2009-10, and 2013. In 2002, Dick affiliated with Hamilton Council No. 22, serving as T.I.M. in 2006-07. Dick affiliated with the CT Council of Anointed Kings, where he was Thrice Illustrious King in 2004, and has been Scribe/Treasurer since 2005. He regularly gives the prologue in the degree. Dick's service merited his appointment to the officer line in Grand Council, and he served as Most Puissant Grand Master in 1998.

Dick has long had an interest in the Super Excellent Master Degree. While in Maryland, he organized a team to confer it in amplified form. In 1988, he organized a team in New Haven for the same purpose. The latter group is now the CT Council of Super Excellent Masters, which confers the degree annually in amplified form.

Since the Spring 2010 issue, Dick has been the Editor of the Cryptic Freemason Magazine, sponsored by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. In 2013, Dick received the Order of the Secret Vault from the General Grand Council.

Dick was knighted in Baltimore Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, of Baltimore, MD, in 1972, where he served as Eminent Commander in 1979, and later served as Adjutant. Dick is a Past Commander of the Association of Past Commanders of MD. Upon coming to Connecticut, Dick affiliated with New Haven Commandery, he served as Eminent Commander in 1993. He became a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 in 2002, served as Prelate for several years, as Commander in 2009-10, and now serves as Treasurer. He is a member of Knight Crusaders of the Cross, serving as Knight Crusader of the East in 1993, and for many years as Recorder.

He served the Grand Commandery of CT as Grand Inspector in 2011, and is the Grand Representative of MD near CT. Dick was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor in 2009.

Dick was received as a member of Francis Scott Key Priory No. 14 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor in 1982, and is now a member of Connecticut Priory No. 28, where he served as Prior in 1997. He is now the Registrar/Treasurer.

Dick's involvement in York Rite activities continue serving as cast director of the Order Knight of York for CT York Rite College No. 17. He later served as Governor in 1999. He received the York Rite Sovereign College Award in 1994, and the Order of the Purple Cross with the rank of Associate Regent in 1996. He was appointed Associate Grand Governor for CT in 2001-06, succeeding to Grand Governor 2006-10, and as Grand Herald for two years thereafter.

In the Scottish Rite, Dick is a member of the Valley of New Haven and Lafayette Consistory. He served as Thrice Potent Master of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection in 1990, as Most Wise Master of New Haven Chapter Rose Croix, and was Treasurer for a number of years. He received the Arthur M. Brown 33°Meritorious Service Award in 1997.

Dick was a member of Baltimore Chapter No. 7, National Sojourners, serving as President in 1981. On his arrival to Connecticut, Dick joined Hartford Chapter No. 56, serving as President in 2008, and then Chaplain. Dick is also a major part of Lafayette Camp, Heroes of '76, where he was Commander in 1980.

Dick is a Noble of the Pyramid Shriners, where he has been the director of the Ceremonial Cast for several years.

Dick seems to be everywhere. He has a photographic memory that allows him to step in to any part, wherever needed, and his recall ability extends to his profession, as well as his avocations.

For all of this and more, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. was proud to present to W.B. Richard Andrew Eppler her highest honor: The Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Fraternal Synergy from Down Under

by Arnie Grot

I am the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand at or near the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Connecticut. Reading the Freemasons New Zealand has provided many insights and pleasure, especially so during this, the 125th Anniversary year of the Grand Lodge of F&AM of New Zealand. Three particular items in June 2015 issue lead me to send this image for Where in the world? for consideration on August 26. Brother Williams, the editor of the Freemasons New Zealand, published it in the September 2015 issue.

As is typical, I received the June issue in the second week of August from our Grand Secretary RW Bob Fitzgerald. The first fortuitous item, on page 4 of the June issue, was a photo of Bro John Litton, MWGM in the wheel house of the steam tug William C. Dalby. The issue arrived just after I had finished working with Worshipful Master Radu Sapatoru on the Columbia Lodge No. 25 AF&AM fall Trestleboard. In his message WB Radu had used the term "tomona", which is a naurtical term referring to the wheel of a boat. "It's full steam ahead!" is what the WM wished to convey for the remainder of his year.

The next item catching my special interest was an article about WB Andy Deuchars journey of relating freemasonry to his avocation and his founding of Renaissance Brewing. My forays into home brewing have earned me a favorable reputation of providing great tasting ales at various Masonic events in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. As a past Thrice Potent Master (2005-6) of the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R., I related to WB Andy's experience in naming his first creation "Perfection." As he discovered, too many maintain a misunderstanding of embracing this term. Bringing what you love to do into Freemasonry adds much character to our fraternity.

The third item focusing my attention in this issue, was the Where in the world? photo on page 6. It inspired me to contemplate generating this image for New Zealand Freemasonns of the craft in Connecticut. My taste in ales gravitates to the

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Where in the world?

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand at or near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in the United States of America, Arnold (Arnie) Grot Associate Grand Marshall 2014–15 of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut with his brew…

… and a copy of the *New Zealand Freemason* magazine June 2015.

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" Bringing what you love to do into Freemasonry adds much character to our Fraternity"

Fletcher W. Kinsley, Jr. Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze

by Michael Castroll

Fletcher W. Kinsley, Jr. was born on January 30, 1939, the only son of Fletcher W. Kinsley, Sr. and Mary Brandenburg. Fletcher's father was a booking agent for the entertainment industry and his mother Mary was Miss Hartford in 1925 and competed in Atlantic City for the title of Miss America. In 1943, the family moved to West Hartford. Fletcher attended public schools in West Hartford, CT. In 1956, Fletcher graduated from Watkinson School in Bloomfield, CT. Fletcher's first employment was at Chandler Evans in West Hartford in 1956 as a Computer Operator/ Programmer and later as a Programmer Analyst. Fletcher retired in 2002 after 44 years of service.

In 1965, Brother Fletcher met Jane Murelli at Chandler Evans where she worked in the Accounts Payable Department. On September 16, 1967 Fletcher and Jane were married. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Kerri-Lynn, born on April 24, 1974 and Heather, born on December 19, 1977. Today, Fletcher and Jane are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren: Samantha, Cody, and Madison.

Brother Fletcher's Masonic career began on June 13, 1960 when he was raised as a Master Mason at Hartford Lodge No. 88 in Hartford, CT. He was appointed to the chairs in 1966 and served as Worshipful Master in 1972 and again in 1995. He was elected as Trustee in 1987 and served for over 25 years.. He also served as President of the Past Masters Association.

Brother Fletcher was instrumental in the merger of two lodges, Hartford Lodge No. 88 and Lafayette Lodge No. 100, into Hartford-Lafayette Lodge No. 88. Ten years later Hartford- Lafayette Lodge No. 88 and Oriental Evergreen Lodge No. 114 merged and are now known as Hartford-Evergreen Lodge No. 88.

Brother Fletcher is Treasurer of the Oriental Masonic Building Corporation.

Brother Fletcher served as a Right Worshipful District Deputy in the sixth Masonic District 1991-1992 and as Past President of Past District Deputies Association of the State of Connecticut.

Brother Fletcher is a Member of Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection, Hartford Council Princes of Jerusalem, Cyrus Goodell Chapter of Rose Croix and Nathan Hale Consistory, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Hartford, CT, and has been a member since 1961.

Brother Fletcher is a member of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Wolcott Council No. 1, R. & S.M. and Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

Brother Fletcher has been a member of Sphinx Temple Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine since 1961. He is a former member of the Sphinx Temple Guard and a past president of Sphinx Temple Past Masters Club.

In 2010, Brother Fletcher received recognition from Governor M. Jodi Rell in honor of his many hours of dedication to the Town of South Windsor and its citizens, through the Masonic Chip Program for his outstanding service and commitment to excellence.

In June 2010, Brother Fletcher received his 50-year pin as a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In recognition of his service to his family, to the many branches of Freemasonry, to the Grand Lodge and in particular to his own Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Connecticut was pleased and proud to present to RWB Fletcher W. Kinsley, Jr. the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Fletcher has proven in every way to be worthy of all of his accolades and awards. He is a true leader in our fraternity.

New London Walk

Walking to End Alzheimer's - Masonicare had teams walking in three of the state's Alzheimer's walks. Here are some of our team members from the New London walk, held Saturday, September 19 at Ocean Beach Park in New London. Pictured with their "mile marker" sign are l to r: Audrey Grove of Masonicare Community Services, Colette Emery of Masonicare at Mystic, Hilde Sager, Executive Director of Residential Services, and Jamie Cornell of Masonicare at Mystic and her son in front. Also walking in the New London walk were Bill Phinney and Kayla Simon of the East Lyme branch of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice.

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

Paul R. Bucklin	Ionic Lodge No. 110	Todd B. Lovell	America-St. John's Lodge No. 8
John Butterworth	Washington Lodge No. 70	Ross A. Randall	Hiram Lodge No. 1
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Marshall K. Robinson Biography

"Ed. Note: The MW Grand Master has asked each Grand Lodge officer to provide a biography for publication in CT Freemasons newspaper."

Brother Marshall K. Robinson was born in New Bedford, Mass on February 7, 1939 to Charles and Dorothy Robinson. He attended public schools in Stratford, Bridgeport, Trumbull and Westport. Brother Robinson attended the University of New Haven in the evening division for five years. Brother Robinson was elected to the Presidency of the Evening Student Council at UNH and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Fraternity.

Brother Robinson began his Masonic travels at King Hiram Lodge No. 12 in Shelton, CT, receiving his sublime degree of Master Mason in November of 1975, and progressed through the chairs serving as Worshipful Master in 1982 and again in 1991.

Brother Robinson affiliated with Harmony Lodge No. 42 in Waterbury and became Worshipful Master in 2004.

Brother Robinson is a member of Keystone Chapter No. 27, Hamilton Council No. 22, St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 and was recently made a member of York Rite College No. 17.

Brother Robinson was appointed Associate Grand Marshal for District 3B in 1992 by MW Brother Lou VanderEyk. He was appointed District Deputy for District 3B in 2007 by MW Brother William Greene.

Brother Robinson was awarded the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze on April 7, 2008.

Brother Robinson is a Compatriot of the Sons of The American Revolution and has been president of the General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 in New Haven as well as President of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Brother Robinson was a member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants and a member of the Order of Founders and Patriots.

Brother Robinson served in the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1962 and was honorably discharged.

In April 1965, Brother Robinson was accepted in the Connecticut State Police Department. His career began as a trainee in Troop A, Ridgefield Barracks. His final assignment was as a firearms examiner in the Forensic Lab. He retired in 1985. Brother Robinson still works as a forensic firearms examiner both freelance and for the Bridgeport Police Department.

Brother Robinson's hobbies include riding and collecting BMW motorcycles, gun collecting, competition pistol shooting, bottle collecting, golf, and bowling, to name a few.

In 2010, Brother Robinson was selected by District 3 to become Grand Junior Steward and was appointed by MW Charles Buck. Brother Robinson then served as Grand Senior Steward and Grand Marshal. In 2014, Brother Robinson was elected by the craft to serve as Grand Junior Warden.

Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

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

OCTOBER 2015

02	DeMolay Night & GKT Officers meeting, New Haven. Pizza 6:30 p
06	Keystone 27 RA, Meriden. Past & Most Excellent Master deg, 7 p
06	Washington 01 KT, East Hartford
08	Joseph Andrews 46 RA, West Haven
09	Baldwin 13 RA, Stratford. Past Master deg
10	Connecticut YRC 17
12	Union 07 RA, Preston
13	Wolcott 01 SM, East Hartford
14	Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford
14	Pulaski 26 RA, Branford. Mark Master deg
15	GKT Officers Meeting, Stratford
15	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Knights Patriot dinner 6:30 p
20	Washington 01 KT, East Hartford
22	Trinity 03 KT, Darien. Order of Malta. Din 6:30
23	Jerusalem 16 SM, Stratford. Select Master deg
23	Grand Council SM of MA Grand York Rite of Maryland
24	Grand Lodge AF&AM. Semi-Annual Communication. 9 am
27	Trinity 09 RA, North Windham
28	Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. Model Past & Most Excellent
29	Connecticut Priory KYCH, New Haven
31	Mohawk 28 Knight Masons, East Hartford. 10 am
31	York Rite Coordination Committee, East Hartford. 1 pm

When dinner precedes a meeting, reservations are usually req'd.
indicates attendance by the ME Grand High Priest
indicates attendance by the MP Grand Master
indicates attendance by the RE Grand Commander

COMING UP:

03 Nov	Keystone 27 RA, Meriden. Model Royal Arch Mason deg
19 Nov	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Order of the Temple. Inspection.
22 Nov	York Rite Testimonial Banquet, Marco Polo Restaurant, East Hartford
13 Dec	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Christmas Observance, 3 pm. Buffet follows.

FROM MEGHP EPPLER

As I have mentioned previously, the focus this year is on improving the quality and uniformity of the degrees conferred by the several Chapters. To this end, we are in the process of calling for attendance at three meetings at which a Chapter degree is conferred by a single Chapter, providing a quality presentation using their own members. By this time, all should have attended the portrayal of the Mark Master degree by Rittenhouse Chapter on September 10. The remaining portrayals are at Pythagoras Chapter (East Hartford) on October 28 and Keystone Chapter (Meriden) on November 3.

After attending each of these meetings, all Chapters should think critically about their capabilities and deficiencies and develop a list of the problems they face in conferring a first quality degree. From that list, they can proceed to develop a plan to get from where they are now to where they can confer the degree properly, and in such a manner that their candidates will be impressed and will want to take a part in the work.

My companions, this process of improvement can be done! I have seen it happen. It is only a few years ago that Keystone Chapter (where I am Secretary) was in very bad shape. Some even thought they might go out of existence. But, by following this process, in less than ten years they are now one of the strongest Chapters in the State.

Do you need some help in developing your plan of action? If so, send me an email stating your problem and what, if anything, you have tried to solve it. I will try to give you some additional avenues to try.

FROM MPGM SEAMON

My companions and brothers, as we transition from our summer activities to our return to our labors in the secret vault, let us reflect on my message for this year.

My theme this year is REBUILD using the 3- Rs.

Retain - meaning lets not have new companions come in the front door, only to leave out the back! Lets have worth while programs and engage our companions, give them purpose, give them a reason to come back!

Recover - Communicate our concern for those who are not present! Lets reach out to those NPDs.

Renew - Communicate to our Chapter companions and Blue lodge brothers what Council can offer and how important the degrees of preservation are!

Lets have a presence at Blue Lodge events, Lodge meetings, table lodges, and Blue Lodge Council meetings. If we can share any Presentations with other Councils and promote York Rite! Then by all means lets do so! Lets help those Councils that need our support!

Labor well for our Fraternity, Brothers!

COUNCIL RITUALS ARE SOLD OUT, NEED TO BE REPRINTED

The supply of the pocket size Council rituals procured last year is now exhausted. Before we print a new supply, we need to correct any errors. If you know of any errors in the existing rituals, let the Grand Recorder know what the error is and where it occurs**. I have heard from none of you, but people have told me that there are errors. Please tell me where they are!**

YORK RITE WEBSITES

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/gckt/ct

Common to all three YR bodies:
www.yorkrite.com/ct

Notes From The Valley Of New Haven

by Michael Castroll

The cumulus clouds are dotting the azure sky, the golden hue of the brilliant foliage is in full bloom, and so is our Fall Reunion, but there is always room for one more. With consideration of our Supreme Council's "bookend program," it seems that any worthy Master Mason can join the Scottish Rite at any convenient time. The Supreme Council now allows us the ability to start a candidate into our reunions at a moment's notice.

September was cluttered with much needed business, paperwork, and candidate introductions. The October schedule really kicks off the degree schedule. It starts on October 5, when a taped production of the 4°, "Master Traveler," is followed by a live cast conferring the Knight of Rose Croix, or the 18°. The Master Traveler sets the candidate on his way to further light in the Scottish Rite, while the Degree of Rose Croix is considered the philosophical center of the Scottish Rite.

Each of the degree nights starts with a dinner at 6:15 P.M. for $5.00.

On Monday evening, October 19, we go on the road. The first stop is the Valley of Bridgeport, where the 13° will be performed by an outstanding cast. The degree is also known as Master of the Ninth Arch. It is most enlightening. The degree is preceded by dinner at the Pyramid Shrine Center, where all you need is a reservation. The degree takes place next door at the Leo H. Lohrman, II Scottish Rite Theater, formerly the Stratford Theater.

Just two days later, on October 21, we will be in Waterbury for the conferral of the 14°, Grand Elect Mason. It is a degree that should not be missed. Dinner precedes the degree. The cost is $15.00, and reservations are a must. Part of any candidate's fees include the bill of fare at any Scottish Rite degree.

On Monday evening, October 26, at 285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven there is a stated meeting, and our annual Oktoberfest. It is a treat to behold to finish the month's activity. It has been getting bigger and more popular every year. Come and enjoy.

Over the years, we have enjoyed the fruits of the labors of those who have preceded us. We have also seen some of our degree titles change, as well as their sequence. Do not be alarmed. Everything is there and more. We have interjected some degrees that speak of our American history and heritage. There is a lot to learn in the Scottish Rite. Enjoy the ride.

See you in the Valley...

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darker brews. I was mesmerized with the thought of cloning Renaissance Stonecutter Scotch Ale and was joyous to discover a recipe from a brew hobbyist from Wellington (www.homebrewtalk.com/showthread.php?t=486563). His was the basis for my modified (to use ingredients available in the states) recipe, I brewed a batch the morning on which I sent my photo to Brother Williams. I look forward to raising a bottle with my brothers in toast to New Zealand Freemasons. I hope in the not too distant future to be able to raise a pint of the original Stonecutter with WB Deuchars among his brothers in Nelson Marlbourgh.

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News From The Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R.

by David Blythe Sr.,
Valley Secretary

The pastor of a local church loved to play golf. One Sunday morning he woke up early, noticed what a beautiful day it was and decided to take the day off to play golf. Since it was Sunday, he did not want to tell anyone, so he went to his two curates. He told one to take the early service and asked the other to take the later service without an explanation. He then drove 30 miles away from the parish so he would not run into any of his parishioners while playing golf. Meanwhile, in Heaven, St. Peter said to God, "Isn't it awful what he is doing? Are you going to do anything about it?" The Lord said nothing. Back on the course, the pastor put in his tee and placed his golf ball. He took a perfect swing and hit the ball so hard that it traveled over 450 yards, landing on the back of the green before rolling back to the hole, finally dropping in for a hole-in-one. St Peter asked God again "Are you going to let him get away with that?" Finally, the Lord responded, "Who is he going to be able to tell about it?"

Like the pastor, we were often unable to talk about our Masonic Fraternity, which had been referred to as the Quiet Fraternity. But that is not the case with the Scottish Rite. Members of the Scottish Rite can talk to fellow Masons about the Scottish Rite with little restrictions, and the Valley of Hartford has a group of brothers who are willing to go out to Blue Lodges to talk about the Scottish Rite whenever a Master makes a request. If any Lodge is interested, please contact the Valley of Hartford Office (860-666-0712).

The upcoming fall degree season begins on Thursday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m., with the portrayal of the 40 and 70. Prior to all Thursday degree nights, the Valley will be hosting pre-degree dinners at the Sphinx Shrine Facility. See the View of the Valley for more details, or the valley website www.valleyofhartford.org for the cost and to obtain a dinner reservation form. The remaining fall degree schedule is: Thursday, October 22, 140 and 150; Thursday, November 12, 180; and Saturday, November 21, 260 and 320, on Consistory Day at 9 a.m., followed by a Prime Rib luncheon.

At the present time, the Valley will be concluding the first half of the Scottish Rite year on Sunday, November 29, hosting a Family Life Event. Open to all members and family, there will be a bus trip to see the Christmas musical "Nunsense." A luncheon is included in the price of the trip, and the cost of the bus will be covered by the Valley. Space is limited so check the cut-off date. The reservation form can be found on the valley website, or in the Oct-Nov-Dec issue of the View of the Valley, or on the information table in the lobby of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The officers and active members of the Valley hope to see you once again this coming Scottish Rite season at the degrees. Remember you can be as active as you like depending on how much you want to be involved. We are always looking for help as cast members, or as workers behind the scenes. Otherwise, please just come and see the degrees.

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Masonicare's Hospice Team Launches Veterans Volunteer Program

One out of four dying Americans is a Veteran. Masonicare Home Health & Hospice has engaged trained volunteers for years to assist with bringing comfort and support to patients receiving hospice services. Now Masonicare has launched a unique Veteran-to-Veteran Hospice Volunteer program.

"We pair patients who are Veterans with a volunteer who is also a Veteran and shares their common language and experience," says Marie Roman, LCSW, of Masonicare Partners in East Hartford. Veteran volunteers create rapport with Veterans who are terminally ill through companionship, Veteran pinning ceremonies, documenting their life stories, providing respite for family caregivers, and more.

Masonicare is proud to be a part of the We Honor Veterans project, a collaboration between the U.S. Veterans Administration and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice is one of the few "level four" We Honor Veterans providers in the entire state.

Veteran volunteers receive specialized training both in hospice volunteering and the Veterans program. For more information, call The Masonicare HelpLine at 888-679-9997.

WE HONOR VETERANS

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of individual cups of wine and small servings of white bread as used in many Protestant communion services. Is this an attack on a familiar symbol? I listen closely. We are called to behave as brothers. There is no dogma here. Trust in God. Enjoy the gift of life. Help those in need. Live in peace.

This night I am one of three candidates. One speaks with the heavy accent of an eastern European language I can't distinguish. The other brother, visiting from Hartford, is accompanied by an officer of his Consistory and is a different African American man than I met in the Fourth Degree. We are treated to equal measures of warmth and sincere welcome. The current political debate over immigration and the persistent remnants of prejudice hold no currency here.

Rain makes driving conditions dangerous as I leave. I left my glasses at home and now try my prescription sun glasses. Within moments I nearly hit another car. I throw off my sun glasses and squint for the remainder of my trip. I place my trust in God. "There are no atheists in fox holes" wrote Stephen Ambrose describing soldiers on the front lines during WW II. Danger prompts prayer.

Other images push their way into my mind's eye. Tonight I examined the bylaws book of the Valley of Waterbury. This book contains the signatures of every member since 1897. Graceful strokes of fountain pens dominate the early decades and notations in pencil give death notices in the margins. Men have come together here for over one hundred years. The building is changed but the ideals of Masonry ever call men to mutual support in making themselves and society better.

I left my glasses at home and Tom Kozlowski, my brother candidate from Poland, forgot his wallet. His face became radiant as he described the joy of handling his four month old grandchild just before our meeting. New life overtook his regular cares. God called, I believe, reminding him of the beauty and goodness of life and the

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It's "Full Steam Ahead!" this Fall in Columbia Lodge No. 25

by Arnie Grot

(L-R): District Deputy Steve McMahon, WB Steven Canada, WM Radu Sapatoru, WM Prof. Dr. Johannes Miholic and Associate Grand Marshall WB Arnie Grot.

God works in mysterious ways and so does Freemasonry when it comes to building character. Radu Sapatoru was born in Romania where he became a licensed physician. Immigrating to America, he and his family had to start over. Medical doctors cannot practice in the United States until they undergo the certification process which is similar to that of a graduate of medical school. It is a path he is pursuing. He works as a nurse in assisted living facilities to support his family. Soon after moving to Glastonbury, Radu petitioned Columbia Lodge and was raised a Master Mason on April 18, 2007.

Through his first ritual role as Jubela in the Master Mason Tragedy, his passion for Freemasonry was soon apparent to all. He projected a character one would not want to meet in one's worst nightmare. First, Radu has the body of a bear. Second, Radu's command of English is derived from his native Romanian and then first speaking French through which he learned English. His resulting measured speech (due to mentally double translating) dramatically conveys the persona of a rogue.

He joined the officer line as Marshall in 2008 and was installed in 2015 as Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25 in South Glastonbury. In his first Trestleboard Master's Message, he said "I have dreamt of becoming a Freemason since I was a child. I first became aware of Freemasonry when my father told me the amazing stories about the Freemasons in Romania. Freemasonry existed in Romania before the communists were in power. However, once the communist government took over, they banned free association rights and made Freemasonry illegal. As an emigrant from an ex-communist country, I could only hope one day to become one myself…."

Since his message was published, the "likes" on the Columbia Lodge No.25 Facebook page have risen from 178 on January 3 to 1145 on September 9. I believe much of this interest (likes have been equally both from the US and overseas) is the result of the universal message of brotherhood embedded in Freemasonry and conveyed in Radu's message. His intelligence, life experiences and passion brings a unique perceptive that makes stated communications and committee meetings interesting. In the least, discussions have all brothers revisiting what it is to be a Mason and involved in determining the direction the lodge should take.

Radu's September message "This quarter we will be busy as usual … We will do the same hard work and have the same dedication as before." was emphasized with the image of him and his "suite of officers were installed at the tomona of Columbia Lodge No. 25". Coincidentally, after I had finished working with WM Sapatoru on the Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M fall Trestleboard, I discovered in June issue of the Freemasons New Zealand, a photo of Bro John Litton, MWGM in the wheel house of the steam tug William C. Dalby on Auckland Harbor to convey his message of "It's full steam ahead!". The term tomona is a nautical term referring to the wheel of a boat and "It's full steam ahead!" coincides with our WM wishes for the remainder of his year.

Having two speakers on September 2 was a positive start to a "It's full steam ahead!" fall schedule. First, Dr. Johannes Miholic, a surgeon and Worshipful Master of Lodge Europa (zu neuen Welten) Vienna presented an interesting history of Masonry in Austria. His lodge has 45 members and meets weekly. There are about 50 lodges in Vienna. The first lodge in Austria was chartered in 1742, and most of the great composers were members, including Mozart. There were long periods of Masonic suppression by political leaders, including from 1795-1867, and again during World War II. The second speaker was WB Steven E. Canada from Temple Lodge No. 16 who gave a lecture on Esoteric Masonry. He emphasized a lesson from the EA Degree – the continual struggle to subdue our passions. While many brothers brought up the "seven deadly sins" in the discussion of misguided passions, the virtues of love, hope and belief were acknowledged as positive passions. Passions can be a double edged sword. Men of good character learn to wield them correctly. Both talks were well received and much discussed with passion in the Lodge Fellowship Room after the meeting.

Masonicare Health Center's Hidden Gem

There is a small but state-of-the-art hospital within the Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. This special 30-bed unit provides acute care hospital services specially tailored to the needs of seniors. With a physician's referral, the 24/7 "direct admission to a hospital bed" process saves patients and their families the hassle of a noisy urban hospital and the frustrating wait times of an emergency room.

The warm, experienced acute care staff features physicians, PAs and nurses who help seniors recover in an environment of privacy, comfort and warmth. "Although many patients come from within the Masonicare continuum, such as Ashlar Village, we also accept referrals from area nursing homes and the community, including physicians' offices and area ERs," notes Devika Umashanker, MD, medical director of the unit. She adds, "Our patients love the peace and high quality care they experience here. Our average 'lengths of stay' are consistent with national Medicare norms and we are proud of the care we deliver." Dr. Umashanker provided examples of diagnoses treated:

Stroke, TIA and syncope (fainting, loss of consciousness)
Wound management
COPD and pneumonia
Acute hyperglycemia
UTIs and urosepsis
Intractable pain including fractures, compression fractures and back pain
Gastroenteritis
Congestive heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias and attacks not requiring surgical intervention
Dehydration
Cellulitis

Like all hospitals, Masonicare's Acute Care Hospital for seniors performs a range of diagnostic tests and procedures on site. These include any needed laboratory tests, cardiac telemetry, x-rays, ultrasounds, 2D / dopplers and echocardiograms, GI endoscopic procedures, blood transfusions, TPN/IVF/IV medications and wound vac therapy.

Masonicare Health Center is conveniently located off Route 150 in Wallingford, and off Exit 65 of the Wilbur Cross Parkway. The 50-acre campus has free, convenient parking, 24-hour security, a gift shop, chapel, café and cafeteria. Insurances accepted include Medicare, Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, ConnectiCare, Cigna, Oxford and Yale Health Insurance.

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promise of immortality.

Two Cents on Pike's Fourteenth Chapter, "Grand Elect, Perfect, and Sublime Mason," in Morals and Dogma: There is enough heresy here against Catholic dogma to condemn a man to burn at the stake. I can picture a Papal functionary peering greedily into the eyes of a Masonic defendant reciting Masonic philosophy, "Masonry, around whose altars the Christian, the Hebrew, the Moslem, the Brahmin, the followers of Confucius and Zoroaster, can assemble as brethren and unite in prayer to the one God who is above all the Baalim, must needs leave it to each of its Initiates to look for the foundation of his faith and hope to the written scriptures of his own religion" (226). And, "He is our Father; and we are all brethren" (227). Well, spread the charcoal brickets, throw a match on the lighter fluid, grab the hot dogs and get the party going!

I am thankful that men took action long ago to end the Inquisition but I am aware of similar intolerance today. My brother-in-law, a conservative Christian, quit Masonry because of its universality. An Imam at a Mosque in Bridgeport said Buddhists are idolaters condemned to the hell fire although a Buddhist monk in a temple a few buildings away made clear to me that Buddhists do not worship the myriad images of Buddha proliferating their temples, homes, work sites, and public spaces. The nightly news carries examples of religious fanatics slaughtering non-believers. I am also thankful for our secret modes of recognition because danger depends more on local circumstances than on history."

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice

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

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10am to 12pm

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

WB William R. Bonaminio Receives Pierpont Edwards in Bronze

by Michael Castroll

William Robert Bonaminio was born on March 11, 1943, in New Haven, CT. He is the son of the late Frank and Susie (Signore) Bonaminio. His late Brother, Frank was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1947. At the time of his death, in 2003, Bill's brother Frank was a 50-plus year Brother of Day Spring Lodge, in Hamden.

Bill attended Hamden public schools, and graduated from Hamden High School in 1961.

On June 14, 1967, Bill celebrated this particular Flag Day, by taking into marriage the former Roberta Weber. They entered into their Blessed Sacrament at the church of that name in Hamden. Bill and Roberta have been blessed with two children, Susan and Catherine. They now enjoy doting over their granddaughter, Jennifer.

Bill's love of gardening started at an early age. He started with a garden and a greenhouse while he was still in high school. He worked weekends for a local florist while he was in his teen years. This proved to be an opportunity for a lifetime for Bill, as he designed floral plants and growing plants. Bill attended the UCONN Radcliffe–Hicks School of Agriculture from 1961-63. His leadership was recognized, and he was chosen as co-chairman of the annual Horticultural Fair.

Bill was also a participant in the Northeast Agricultural Tractor Driving Contest competing against three other agricultural colleges. Bill's team placed first.

After graduating from UCONN, Bill considered several career moves. He went to work for the State of Connecticut as a landscape technician. Bill's expertise allowed him to be a key figure in several projects as a landscape designer. Over the years, some of Bill's projects included the redesign of the Merritt Parkway landscape which was completed in 1986. In this capacity, Bill had the opportunity of "being the good landscape architect." It was Master Mason Thayer Chase who did the original plans for the Merritt in the 1930's. Bill retired from State service in 1997.

During the last fifty-plus years, Bill started the Bonaminio's Farm in Cheshire. The farm has become an institution over the years. Its reputation is heralded as a landmark. At Bonaminio's Farm, they grow beading plants, and flower boxes are available for commercial and retail sales to residences and businesses, as well. Bill serves as Grounds Superintendant for Charlton Hill in Hamden.

The Bonaminio Farm is not only famous for all varieties of landscape needs, gardening equipment and floral designs. Bill raises all kinds of farm animals ranging from geese, goats, chickens, and rabbits for commercial and retail sales. The Bonaminio Farm has become a landmark, over the years, and it remains a vibrant part of the community.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Bill was destined to seek Masonic light, and naturally did so at Day Spring Lodge No. 30, in Hamden. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 4, 1968; passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft, on October 2, 1968; and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, on November 6, 1968. Bill was never one to sit on the sidelines. He jumped right into the chairs, and when he was installed in the East in 1976, he was Day Spring Lodge's youngest Worshipful Master ever.

Bill was instrumental in acquiring prospects for Day Spring's old building at 2459 Whitney Avenue, as well as construction of the new building at 3732 Whitney Avenue. Both buildings stand today as proud Hamden landmarks. Bill has been an active part of the Hamden Masonic Temple Associaton, Day Spring's Fellowcraft Club, a trustee, and rental custodian for many years.

Bill participates in the design and implementation of special events to meet the financial obligations of the lodge. Bill became involved in COCO, providing help to the disabled. Bill's talents include the use of his farm equipment by and for his church, and Ashlar Village, as well as snow plowing in winter months.

Bill's energetic spirit is never-ending. Every Tuesday evening, you can always find Bill at Day Spring's Fellowcraft Bingo Night. He is the caller, or working the floor, or preparing or serving food.

He has been recognized for his outstanding work by Cheshire's Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Cheshire, receiving the following citations and awards:

In 1997 – Town of Cheshire's Occupational and Career Opportunities Annual Helping Hand;

2010 – Town of Cheshire's Chamber of Commerce Special Award – "Support to the Chamber;"

2012 –Garden Plaque at Charlton Hill for his devotion and maintenance at the Hill.

W.B. Bill Bonaminio has proven over and over again, that he is a true Mason in his heart. Over and over, again, he has earned the respect and rewards of his brethren. Bill has been chosen as Day Spring Lodge's "Mason of the Year," in 1998, and again, in 2008. In 2010, Day Spring Lodge paid special recognition to both Bill and Roberta.

In 2012, Bill was named the "Mason of the Year" of the Fourth District Blue Lodge Council. His award was presented at the Bridgeport Hospital Burns Unit, where he was recovering. Upon his return to lodge, after his discharge from the hospital, Bill received a special Certificate of Appreciation from WM Bill Behler.

In 2013, Bill served the Blue Lodge Council as vice president, and led that body as president, in 2014.

For all that W.B. William R. Bonaminio has meant to his family, his chosen craft, his community, his church, and to his lodge, and all of CT Freemasons, it was only fitting that Bill be the centerpiece of Day Spring Lodge's celebration of those who put their lives on the line for their community, when MWGM Charles W. Yohe presented him with the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Well done, good and faithful servant...

The Point Within a Circle

by Ken Coman

The following was taken from a discussion in Wolcott Lodge No. 146:

The 3rd lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree teaches that "In every well governed lodge there is a certain point within a circle. The point represents an individual brother. The circle the boundary line of his conduct to both God and man - beyond which he should never suffer his passions, prejudices or interests to betray him on any occasion."

Unlike the working tools, this symbol is something that is made by using the working tools. It is simple, beautiful, and instructive. It is made by taking the compasses and making a circle. For ancient brethren this symbol could have been one that they would make and see on a daily basis.

Some of the most instructive symbols are those that are the smallest and seemingly insignificant experiences of daily life. It could be the daily rise of the sun, the smell of the grass, the ritual of putting the children to bed. In these most basic places we should be mindful of the beautiful lessons available to us – if only we could open our eyes to them.

People often feel that a life of significance is found in the great events of history, in scientific breakthroughs, great deeds on the battlefield, billion dollar business deals or curing worldwide diseases. A life of significance is not just found in the great events. If it were so, then only in a state of constant war, ever increasingly larger diseases, the creation of global monopolies and ever increasing political strife could greatness be found for an ever decreasing number of people.

In reality, a great and significant life is found every day in loving those around us, serving the downtrodden, doing our absolute best in our daily activities and in magnifying our sphere of influence to include all within the length of our cabletow. Speaking of the brotherhood of man does very little if we cannot help the brothers just around us.

This symbol is also beautiful in that it is a circle. Pythagoras considered the number one to be a sacred number - the number of God, because it is the first number by which a shape, the circle, can be made. It is pure and simple. It is Perfect. This smallest of all numbers represents the greatest of all - the Supreme Creator and Ruler of Worlds. It reminds us that in the small deeds and decisions greatness can be found.

This symbol is instructive. The circle represents the boundary of our conduct toward God and man. We are in the center and the line is God's law. One arm of the compasses represents man and the other God. The Compasses, therefore, is a representation of the unification of God and Man in equal partnership and harmony of instruction and obedience.

Knowing that the point represents an individual brother, where is it that the brother is in relation to the boundary line?

He is as far from crossing the line as possible. He isn't on the edge, over the edge, closer to one side orfurther from another. The closer we get to the line, the greater is the temptation to cross it. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "We gain the strength of the temptation we resist."

What is it that tempts a brother to cross that line and what can be done to ensure that we are always kept within due bounds towards God and our fellow man?

The answers are also found in that same lecture, in the four cardinal virtues:

Temperance – which combats excess and imbalance

Prudence – the antidote of rashness and of those who do not take counsel

Fortitude – reminds a brother to be aware of weakness in the hour where strength is required and not to "go with the crowd"

Justice – the opposite of not rendering to each person their just due.

We have the power within us. We are stronger than we think in our ability to do good and to be good. We only discover that strength as we exercise our faith in the law we espouse and seethat it is worth it to hold to our values even when it is difficult. Only then will our metal be tried and we will be as pure gold.

C.S. Lewis wrote: "A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is... A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in."

Let us be grateful for the rules set down by the Grand Architect in the book of life that guides us in our hearts, that leads us, and that reminds us that all truth is circumscribed into one, great whole. Let us seek truth and let us live by Truth – using both arms of the compasses to keep us within due bounds.

No matter how strong the temptation to cross that line, our goal is to become the perfect Ashlar. May we live what we know to be right in our hearts. May we abide in it. May we be it. That is the lesson of the point within the circle.

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Thursday, Oct. 1, Bay View No. 120, Niantic, District Breakfast, 9 a.m.,Groton Townhouse Restaurant

Friday, Oct. 2, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Friday, Oct. 2, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Applest Harvest Festival, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Festival, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Ladies at Table/Widows Night, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, Autumn Cleanup and Cookout, 8 a.m., Cookout at 12 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 2015 Walk for Dyslexia, 12 p.m. Waterbury Masonic Temple, 531 Highland AvenueWaterbury CT 06708

Sunday, Oct. 4, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Festival-Parade Step-Off at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, SBA Breakfast Fundraiser, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield, Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Mason Night @ OAH, 7 p.m. Orange Ale House 517 Boston Post Rd Orange CT 06477

Friday, Oct. 9, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, Pool Tourney Rematch with Unity No. 148, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Friday, Oct. 9, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Festival, 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9, Unity No. 148, New Britain, First Annual Billiards Tournament, 7:30 p.m. This event will be held at Frederick-Franklin Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30pm.

Saturday, Oct. 10, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, Hiram Lodge #1 Charity Gala, 6 p.m. At the Shrine Center in Newington Connecticut.

Saturday, Oct. 10, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, ASJ Oktoberfest Lunch, 10 p.m. Casual Dress $15/per person Authentic food refreshments. All are welcome!

Saturday, Oct. 10, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 10th Annual Wine Tasting (Cellar Secrets Wine Festival), 6 p.m. by ticket only ($35/pp) Advance ticket sales only! Tickets available by contacting Craig Witzke at 860-633-2763

Saturday, Oct. 10, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Festival, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10, Quinta Essentia No. 500, New Haven, Salem Trip, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, Compass No. Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Festival, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, Hiram's Cafe, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn 225th Year Anniversary Moriah Lodge Re-Dedication, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16, St. Peter's No. 21,New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Saturday, Oct. 17, State-wide Open House, All Lodges

Saturday, Oct. 17, Composite No. 28, Suffield, Oktoberfest, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, Annual Steak Dinner, 5p.m. Tickets available. Call 860-576-3482 for tickets or more information.

Sunday, Oct. 18, Washington No. 19, Monroe, Country Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, York Rite Breakfast, 8 a.m. $8 All you can eat

Thursday, Oct. 22, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, Oktoberfest at the Lodge, 6 p.m. Contact lodge officers for tickets.

Friday, Oct. 23, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Saturday, Oct. 24, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 Art Auction, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, Fall Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and CTCHIP Event, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, Fellowcraft Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 30, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, Table Lodge, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 30, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Friday, Oct. 30, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, Cromwell Trick-or-Trunk Event, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, Annual Halloween Table Lodge, 6 p.m. Costumes are encouraged but not required!

Saturday, Oct. 31, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, Halloween Children's Party, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Nightmare on Broadstreet, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 1, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Annual Dart Tournament Friendship 33 vs Sequin-Level 140, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 1, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, SBA Breakfast Fundraiser, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, St. Paul's No. 11, Litchfield, Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Mason Night @ OAH, 7 p.m. Orange Ale House 517 Boston Post Rd Orange CT 06477

Thursday, Nov. 5, Bay View No. 120, Niantic, District Breakfast, 9 a.m. Groton

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Friday, Nov. 6, St. Peter's No. 21,New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Saturday, Nov. 7, Village No. 29, Collinsville, Ladies Night Wine Tasting, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Ladies at the Table, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Masonicare Trip, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 Masters Dinner, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 8, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, Compass No. 9 Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 8, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, Turkey Trot (Parking Cars/Directing Traffic), 7 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 9, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, Craftsman Club Date Night Out, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, Union No. 5, Stamford, Fellowship Night, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, Hospitality No. 128, Wethersfield, Thanksgiving Dinner, 7:30 p.m, This s a stated communication.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, Harvest Table Lodge, 6:30 p.m. Please contact our chef WB Charlie(chefhiram124142@yahoo.com)or JW Marcus Jackson (jrwarden.142@gmail.com) for tickets ($15)

Friday, Nov. 13, St. Peter' No.s, 21,New Milford, 3XB in the Chapel, 7 p.m., "Brothers, Beverages and B.S. in the Chapel"

Friday, Nov. 13, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Table Lodge, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, Pork Loin Dinner, 5 p.m. Tickets available in October.

Saturday, Nov. 14, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, Veterans Day/Pin presentation, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15, Washington No. 19, Monroe, Country breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, York Rite Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, Lodge Maintenance, 10 a.m. Help set up our holiday decorations.

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Entered Apprentice Degrees

Monday, Oct. 5, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6, St. Peter's No. 21, New Milford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Village No. 29, Collinsville, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, Hospitality No. 128, Wethersfield, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22, Washington No. 81, Cromwell, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 7:45 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degrees

Friday, Oct. 2, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Corinthian No. 104, Fairfield, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, Dinner, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, Seneca No. 55, Torrington, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26, Washington No. 70, Windsor, Fellowcraft Degree, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, Shepherd – Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2, Compass No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner, 6 p.m.

Master Mason Degrees

Wednesday, Oct. 14, Ivanhoe No. 107, Darien, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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

Friday, Oct. 16, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, Union No. 5, Stamford, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, Cosmopolitan No. 125, New Haven, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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