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The Gold in Grand Masters Day

by Francis G. Way

When a brother invites friends to his house, or if a special guest is invited to his lodge, then that brother is sure to roll out the red carpet, and offer his warmest welcome and hospitality. So it was on June 11, Grand Masters Day. The annual gathering, featuring a carnival atmosphere and the some of the best that Connecticut Freemasonry has to offer, was enjoyed by all who attended.

The day began early, with many different units gathering for the parade that opens the day. Shriners, little cars and fire engines, Knights Templar, Eastern Star, bagpipers, horse mounted riders, Scottish Rite, Blue Lodges, and Masonic Youth, all prepared to march. Old friendships were rekindled, and some brothers who'd seen each other perhaps only the evening before, found more to talk about, as they sipped coffee and waited for their units to form.

Then, lead by Grand Master Gail Nelson Smith, and the Grand Line officers, the parade began. The units formed, marched up the hill from the Grand Lodge, and around in front of the main entrance of the Home and Hospital, much to the delight of the residents and friends gathered there. Then around and down, past the statue of George Washington and to the tent.

The parade ended there, but the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, under the command of Right Eminent Grand Commander

Clyde W. Kayser, entered the tent and

formed an honor guard to receive and welcome MW Grand Master Gail Nelson Smith and MW Grand Master Ellis G. Simpson, Jr., of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, F & A.M. Prince Hall Affiliation. Speeches were given, welcome was made, and even a rain storm couldn't dampen the spirits of the day.

Once a year, Connecticut Freemasonry

gathers on the Masonicare grounds in Wallingford to celebrate the fraternity with its warmest welcome, and best hospitality. No matter the weather, no matter if there's rain, the gold of the fraternity shines through and all who attend leave with the warmth of friendship and a day well spent.



L-R, MW Grand Master Gail Nelson Smith and MW Grand Master Ellis G. Simpson, Jr.

Unity Lodge No. 148 Ladies Appreciation Night

by Roger B. Thorin

On May 17, Unity Lodge No. 148 held a Ladies Appreciation Night. The keynote speaker for the evening was the Honorable Erin E. Stewart, Mayor of the City of New Britain. The evening began with a delicious chicken dinner prepared by Suzy Dana in the lodge banquet hall, after which the members and guests retired to the Lodge room where WM Harry E. Needham III made his opening remarks. Brother Paul Catanzaro escorted and introduced Mayor Stewart and State Senator Theresa Gerratana 6th District. They were escorted to the east and welcomed by the WM Needham.

Mayor Stewart is the 40th Mayor of the city of New Britain and was elected in November, 2013, at the age of 26. She is the youngest mayor in New Britain's history, only the second woman to hold the office, and the only female mayor in New Britain to be elected to a second term. She spoke about her life and said she was raised in New Britain and attended local schools, graduating from New Britain High School. She grew up in a political family. Her father is former Mayor of New Britain Timothy Stewart. Her uncle was State Representative Domonic J. Badolato who represented New Britain in the Ct. General Assembly for 22 years. She said when she was younger she didn't have that much interest in politics. It wasn't until she graduated from Central Connecticut State University that her interest in education caused her to seek a position on the New Britain Board of Education. From her position on the board she could see that the city could use some improvements and she thought she could make a difference. She knew it would be a struggle, but decided to run for Mayor so

she could make a change for the better, and she won. She talked about her job as Mayor and challenges she faces and how good it feels when you accomplish something great for your city. She talked to the Rainbow and DeMolay youth in the room. Told them to set goals and work hard at what you wanted because anything is possible. She thanked the Lodge for having her and wished everyone a pleasant evening.

Guest speaker State Senator Theresa Gerratana 6th District was introduced and spoke about some of the things that were going on at the State level. She also spoke to the youth assembled and told them to get a good education in the field that they want to pursue and that perseverance is the key to success. She thanked the lodge for inviting her to speak and wished everyone a good

evening.

The DeMolay "Tribute to Motherhood" was presented by Connecticut DeMolay State Suite Officers lead by State Master Councilor Michael Gendreau. At the conclusion, all the ladies present received a flower. WM Needham then introduced Anne Needham, Supreme Inspector for Ct. International Order of Rainbow, Michael Gendreau State Master Councilor, State of Ct., Randal Hornaday RW District Deputy 5B, and Brian Beals RW Past District Deputy 5B. WM Needham then made his closing remarks and thanked Mayor Stewart, and Senator Gerratana for coming and being a part of the Ladies Appreciation Night. He thanked the DeMolay for this fine presentation, and the Rainbows Girls and the rest of the audience for coming.



WM Needham presents flowers to Mayor Stewart and State Senator Theresa Gerratana

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Sow A Positive Seed

by Gail N. Smith

At the end of a long day during my drive home, I, like many of you, have some quiet "alone time" which affords me the opportunity to reflect upon the occurrences of the day and time to scan my thoughts and make mental notes for the week ahead. One evening during my drive home from a Masonic event, I thought about one particular common occurrence I often see in lodges throughout the state; elder Brothers offering words of encouragement and sound instruction to new Masons. It is great to witness the enjoyment and laughter which is frequently exchanged.

It is the sharing, teaching and moreover, the kind things we say to one another which edifies, lifts us up and strengthens us. The words we impart to one another play a decisive role in temperament and culture of the Craft. Our membership in the Craft is a special privilege, one that deserves to be handled with care, deep respect and honor. Wherever we travel, we are united by a golden thread that runs through us all which is the belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. This bond between us is strongest when we stay focused on sharing with each other and giving to each other the very best that is within us.

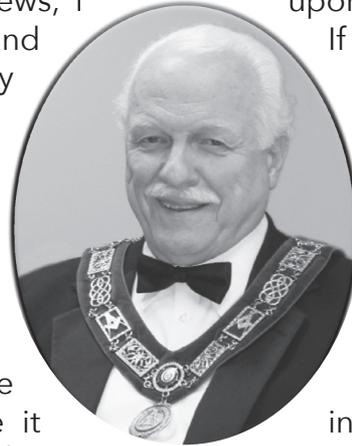
As I drove home, I thought about how powerful our words truly are. I contemplated the extent to which our words frame our reality and influence outcomes. Later that night

when I arrived home, rather than watching the late night news, I grabbed my leather bound book that I keep next to my couch; I flipped the pages to the book of Proverbs and read... **"A good man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth but the soul of the transgressors shall starve."** *Prov.13:2*

Though I have read the passage before, this time it seemed serendipitous, like a confirmation of the thoughts I had during my ride home. Reflecting upon the message in that passage and recalling the fellowship experienced earlier in the evening made me so very grateful for the day I had enjoyed. Freemasonry offers each of us wonderful camaraderie because there is a special bond that connects us all.

As Masons, it is important that we remain cognizant of the power of our words, for they are like seeds we are sowing, producing fruit and outcomes. By sowing the right seed we will eventually manifest the results we desire and produce a harvest of good things. Words are powerful. We can't speak negatively and expect positive outcomes; we can't talk of lack and expect to see abundance.

I realize that it is not uncommon, that from time to time, negative thoughts will come upon each of us but the key is to not speak these thoughts aloud and thereby give power to them;



rather let us speak favor and blessing upon ourselves and others.

If we resist verbalizing negative thoughts, they can die in our mind and never be born. This is not to suggest that we should not be pragmatic and discuss challenges or problems that we face, but let us do so in the spirit of optimism, recalling the masterpiece of insight shared by positive thinkers like Stanley Arnold and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale who shared these famous eleven words... **"Every problem contains within itself the seeds of its own solution."**

Brothers, as my day came to close, that day which inspired my writing of the thoughts herein; I turned to one of my favorite passages in my leather bound book and read... **"Brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."** *Philippians 4:8*

Brothers All, the next time you are on a journey homeward reflecting upon your day, may your mind be filled with the best of thoughts so that your words will always reflect the very best of that which is within you.

Civility - Setting a Standard in a Non-Civil World

by Charles W. Yohe

As members of a so-called highly civilized society, Masons are subjected daily to the same temptations that draw human beings into conflict and disharmony. The problem has become so bad that the Grand Lodge of California has undertaken a project to encourage Masons across North America to lead the way toward re-instilling civility in American life. How did we devolve into the uncivil society that we've become? More importantly, what can we, as Masons, do to lead the effort to restore civility in the world?

The incivility that is all around us has many causes. I would suggest that as our world has sped increasingly faster and more frantic, civility toward our fellow man has taken a back seat. The hurried pace at which our lives are conducted these days seems to continue to accelerate in each succeeding generation. We become locked in to attempting to complete

more tasks in a given time frame and in so doing, the niceties and nuances of a civil society get left behind. In our attempt to multi-task, we often forget the simple things that used to be considered essential in human relationships. The eventual result is that, as members of society, each of us is guilty of being rude or uncivil to some degree or another. Sometimes, the uncivil behavior is very noticeable such as when it results in road rage, a domestic dispute, or some similar outcome which then becomes fodder for the ever present news media to reinforce by constant reporting. But not only is the behavior reported, it is often spun, twisted, slanted or otherwise contorted by the media and repeated to the point that one cannot avoid exposure to it, and it, in turn, spawns additional incivility.

Increasingly, we live in a world where it is just not "politically correct" to disagree with anyone or anything that happens to

be the current "in" ideology. This is true of the current political atmosphere which is becoming increasingly confrontational and could serve as the poster child for incivility. What is worse is that, as a society, we've forgotten how to agreeably disagree - regardless of the subject. Rather, we become cynical or we dig in our heels and become vehement in our opposition to any number of things.

The tenets and principles of Masonry demand that we, you and I, as Masons, should be different. We have the secret to civility and it is taught very plainly and straight forward in our several degrees. What we tend to forget is that our Masonic obligation binds us to a higher standard of behavior in everything we do. The way we interact with our co-workers, our families, our friends, those who serve us and those who we may serve speaks volumes about us and reflects - for better or worse - on our Fraternity and the values it teaches.

The anonymity of the internet and the misuse of social media makes it easy for Masons to express

their incivility, sometimes without even thinking about it. To this end, a number of our Sister Jurisdictions have established specific guidelines with regard to social media and postings on the internet. Here we're not speaking about the private one-to-one communication between two individuals, but rather the posting of opinions, recordings, or videos which are derogatory or demeaning of another Brother, and consequently are derogatory to Masonry. My Brothers, like it or not, that is unMasonic conduct and subjects the Brother who posted it to Masonic discipline. What is worse however, is that it also does much to debase Masonry in the eyes of the general public.

As of this writing, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut has not established a rule that specifically cites improper use of social media, but if we review our Masonic obligations that each of us took on bended knee and if we re-read the "Ancient Charges" that are included as part of our Constitution, it

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Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

Leaving a Legacy: WB Jack Butterworth

by Adam Raider

Gifts to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut come in many different forms. Some donors, like the late WB John (Jack) Butterworth, choose to support The Foundation by way of beneficiary designations of certain assets or accounts they own.

"Jack was a great donor and friend to The Masonic Charity Foundation," recalled Jennifer A. King, The Foundation's Executive Director. "He had supported our Annual Appeal for many years, and contacted me about leaving a legacy gift to The Foundation. He had identified an old life insurance policy and wanted to name The Foundation as beneficiary."

Born in Lancaster, PA in 1922, Jack grew up in Nutley, NJ. After serving in World War II, he worked in research and production as an engineer and, later, as a commercial real estate broker. He and his wife, Lee, moved from Connecticut to Arizona in the early 1990s. The Butterworths lived in Arizona until Lee's passing in 2004. Jack returned to Connecticut in 2009, moving into the new Kenneth B. Hawkins apartments on the Wallingford campus of Masonicare.

"Masonicare suited my father perfectly," recalled Carol Proven, one of Jack and Lee's four daughters. "It has the kind of lifestyle that he wanted, including a corner apartment with a balcony where he could see the local wildlife. He loved the mornings when he would get his exercise walking through the halls to meet his friends, then catch up on the events of the previous day over breakfast. He used to call breakfast

the best bargain at Masonicare."

When visitors came to see Jack, he delighted in taking them around campus, proudly showing off the

Masonicare suited my father perfectly.

grounds and facilities. To celebrate his 90th birthday, Jack's family hosted a party for him in the Johnson Apartments dining room and the dining staff supplied lunch for over 50 guests.

"Masonicare," Carol said, "enabled my father to live his life as he wanted to: independently."

That included maintaining his ties to Freemasonry. WB Jack was a third-generation Mason raised at Nutley Lodge No. 25 in 1953. While living in Arizona, he served as Worshipful Master of Sun City West Meridian Lodge No. 78. He was also a longtime member of Washington Lodge No. 70 in Windsor, CT and an original member of Ashlar Lodge No. 332 in Wallingford.

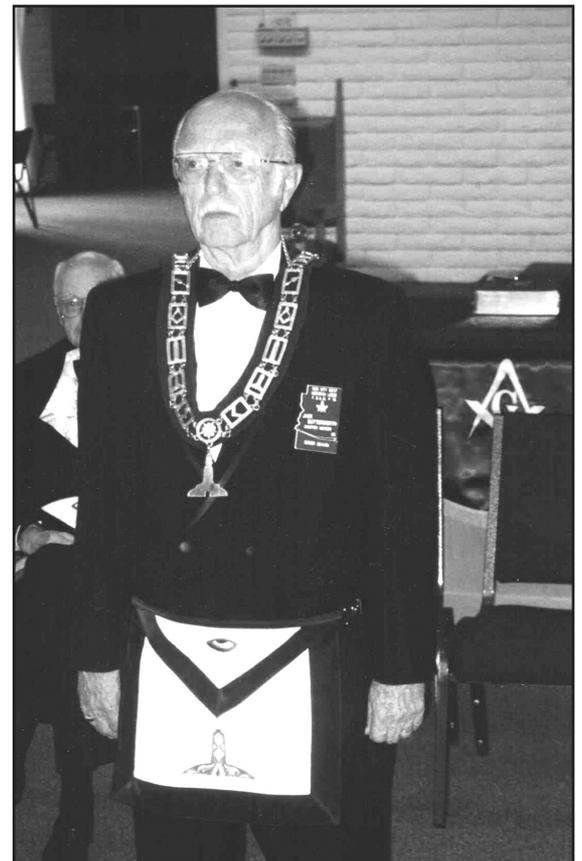
"Masonry was so important to him," Carol said. "Although he had four daughters and no sons, at least two of us joined the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls."

Ever mindful of our organization's Masonic roots, Jack had great appreciation for his life at Masonicare, and he valued The Masonic Charity Foundation's charitable mission of enhancing the quality of life for Masonicare residents and patients in financial need. He wanted to do what he could to give back. For Jack, naming The Foundation the beneficiary of his life insurance policy was the perfect answer. It was a very

easy and convenient way for him to support Masonicare and, at his passing in 2015, The Masonic Charity Foundation was issued a generous check for the life insurance proceeds.

"Masonicare deserved a place in his estate plan," Carol said, "just as his family did, because it had become his home. He believed in the Masons, and their commitment to helping others, for all of his life."

Your gifts to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut will help create "Masonicare Experiences" for others. To find out how you can support The Foundation or to make a gift, please call 203-679-5555 or 800-562-3952. You can also donate online at masonicare.org/mcf.



Jack Butterworth

Grand Master's Trestleboard

Attached are dates and places that M.W. Gail N. Smith will be in the immediate future.

July 7 5:30pm.....Grand Lodge Officers Meeting
July 15-17Northeast Conference of Grand Lodges, Killington, VT
August 1 7 p.m.Supreme IORG informal opening, Providence RI
**August 2 2 p.mCornerstone Ceremony, Masonicare at Mystic, Mystic CT, **
August 23 5 p.m.CT Freemasons Foundation Meeting
August 23 6 p.m.Grand Lodge Officers Meeting

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becomes abundantly clear that the posting of anything that is derogatory to Masonry or any Brother on line violates our existing rules. So how do we, as Masons, avoid exposing ourselves to discipline for unMasonic conduct, and, more importantly, how do we prevent giving Masonry a black eye?

First, let us each be conscious of our behaviors in everyday life and do our best to eliminate those that reflect poorly on us and on our Fraternity. Slow down a bit, take a step back, and pause in thought before taking any action that contributes to incivility in our world. That goes for how we interact with other

drivers and pedestrians when we're in a vehicle, and it goes as well with how we interface with other people, whether in person, on the telephone, or on line.

Second, before you post anything to social media such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, or whatever, before you hit the "send" button, review it and ask yourself two simple questions: "How does this reflect on me?" "How does this reflect on Freemasonry and my fellow Brothers?" Similarly, before you respond to a posting or decide to re-post, ask the same questions and don't do so unless your answer is positive. Third, when you are gathered together with

other Brothers, whether in the Lodge or in a social setting, act and treat them in a manner that is complimentary. Be courteous, be thoughtful and be civil.

We, as Freemasons, cannot cure the world of incivility overnight, but we can avoid adding to the incivility that is all around us and we can start to effect a positive change for the good of Masonry and for the good of society. The tenets of Freemasonry provide a solid foundation for positive behavior. As a Freemason, each of us has an obligation to exhibit that very same positive behavior. Let's work together, as Masons, to make the world a better place.

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

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Grand Historian's Corner

An interesting article appeared in the 1976 proceedings of Quatuor Coronati Lodge in England, the premier research lodge in the world, regarding the evolution of the installation ceremony. The article by the renowned historian Harry Carr states there is no trace of even the most elementary ceremony of installation until after the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. By 1760, the new Master knelt in the "south" and the outgoing Master gave him the obligation before "resigning the chair." The new Master would swear not to divulge the grip and word and to be seated in the chair for every meeting. The jewel was then invested as the Master was rising from the kneeling position. Some of the works of William Preston state the order of business for the installation ceremony be that the lodge is opened with Master Masons, a Master is elected and charges read to him and the ritualistic part of the installation that pertains to "preservation of the charter, records" as well as the furniture, apparatus and property of the lodge including the liquid refreshments be given care. Then Master Masons other than the Past Masters are withdrawn and the Master is obligated while the others form an arch over his head. He is formally taught the grip and word and then the Master Masons who were withdrawn are invited back for the remainder of the ceremony. An oration was then given by the new Master (which sometime lasted for nearly an hour) and all were done

without the use of the printed word. We are unsure of how many would be able to serve as Master today if the same practice were to continue. James Anderson, in his works, make little mention of an address but has similar references as to the investing of the jewel.

In the same proceedings a description of the requirements for the London Masonic Temple (Great Queen Street) provides interesting details. Construction began in 1927 and completed in 1933. It includes such requirements as seating for 2,000 with galleries in the South, West and North. At least two vestibules, one with cloakroom and lavatories were necessary. The building also accommodated offices for the Grand Master and staff, library, museum and study areas. There was also a residence for the hall-keeper, conference rooms and an adequate banquet facility. As this essay was written 50 years after the design requirements, documents relating to the structure assure us that the designs were similar if not accurate.

The 1903 session of Grand Lodge was called the most harmonious and largest session that the Grand Secretary, John Barlow had ever seen. He had witnessed fifty sessions. The printed proceedings including reports and correspondence from other jurisdictions



covered 450 pages. The session also memorialized John Mix, a Past Grand Master who had been killed in a railroad accident in 1902. New technologies and media format adopted at our most recent session in 2016 show that a majority of proceedings will be set as permanent record either in digital or CD format however some printed copies are being produced for permanent record. Historians, even those with technological expertise, still rely on the printed word when other media fail.

In 1953 a stone with the Masons mark from the original walls of the White House was presented to the Grand Lodge at the annual session. MW Carl Claudy, who was a Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, was present and presented the stone on behalf of MW and Brother Harry S Truman. Every jurisdiction received a stone and Claudy recounted the Masonic cornerstone laying of the US Capitol. For two years from 1951 to 1953 the White House was rebuilt because there was grave danger the walls would cave in. While the outside structure remained the house was rebuilt totally from the inside. One can see the stone at the Wallingford campus.



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Habitat for Humanity, A Worshipful Master's Project Continues

by James W. D'Acosta

Last year my special Master's Project was to organize a work party from District 1 for Habitat for Humanity led by my lodge, Fidelity-St. John's No. 3. Being reelected to a second term, I again chose this

worthwhile charity whose work so well embodies our mission to improve society while calling to mind our past as operative craftsmen.

On May 7, we took up square and compasses, gauges and levels, and dedicated our time to helping those less fortunate

than ourselves.

Habitat's gentle taskmasters put us to work expanding the organization's store of second hand furniture and construction supplies in Stratford. Profits from ReStore recently made it possible for Habitat to purchase land and building

materials for seven homes in Bridgeport.

To my brothers aspiring to sit in the east, I urge you to plan ahead and to ask yourselves, "What will be my Master's Project?"



Jim D'Acosta, Eileen Bakos representing Habitat for Humanity, Greg Schroder, Don Demaine, Dave Kline



Don Demaine, Dave Kline

Master Mason Organizes a Fundraising Event for Kids in Crisis

Brother Donald M. Casey, Jr., a 30 year professional educator at Stepney Elementary School in Monroe, Connecticut, recently organized a red nose and clothing dress up day fundraising event to assist needy children. Faculty and students made a donation. In return, the Stepney Elementary School population wore red noses and clothing on May 26. All funds were donated to the Connecticut Kids in Crisis organization. Brother Casey is a Master Mason from Washington Lodge No. 19 in Monroe, Connecticut.



Red Noses Abound at Stepney Elementary School

Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Beautifies Cemetery

On the morning of May 14, eight Brothers from Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 in Easton gathered together at Union Cemetery for their first community project of the year. Union Cemetery is a very old, historic cemetery in town where some of the plots have become overgrown to the point that some gravestones have been completely hidden.

"We have what we are calling the Three Pillar Plan at the lodge this year. One of

the pillars, the Pillar of Beauty, represents our commitment to being more visible and active in the community," said Joe Zannino, Worshipful Master of Ashlar-Aspetuck. He went on to say "Many of our Brothers, along with their families, are buried in this cemetery so it was a naturally something that we were very interested in doing as part of our obligation both to our Brethren and to the community."

The Brothers spent half

of the day working hard to remove the weeds and bushes that covered the gravestones. "We made a big difference today and I'm excited that the Brothers can't wait to come back and do more. This will become a regular event for us" said Past Master Darrin Silhavy. "A lot of my friends and family ask me what do Masons do?", added Sr. Steward Eric Farrell. "Things like this, this is what we do."

Indeed the Brothers were

excited to offer a helping hand and plan on coming back throughout the year to continue their efforts. Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 would like to thank all of the Brothers that participated that day: WM Joe Zannino, SW Mark Smith, SS Eric Farrell, PM Darrin Silhavy, Marshall Don Berlekovic, and Brothers Max Kalkstein, Anthony Naveja, and Jose Guzman.



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by Chris Martinelli

The Waterbury Masonic Lodge already has an investment in literacy because of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut next door, that teaches those diagnosed with dyslexia how to read free of charge. So when it came time for Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76 to plan another community charity to support it seemed appropriate to get behind Stephanie Cummings' "Waterbury Reads: Gently Used Children's Book Drive."

Cummings, an Alderwoman for the City of Waterbury and an unopposed candidate for the State House of Representatives, created the charity after statistics showed that 1 of every 300 Waterbury inner-city residents had access to only one book. The book drive collects and distributes books directly to inner-city Waterbury

residents to help promote literacy and education.

Members of Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76 quickly contacted Cummings and teamed with Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 72 in Naugatuck, the Waterbury community, the Red, White and Blue Thrift Store in Waterbury, and the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut. To date, Liberty-Continental Lodge has donated more than 500 books to "Waterbury Reads: Gently Used Children's Book Drive." The donation has marked the single largest donation of books to the charity.

An overwhelmed Cummings showed her appreciation by posing for several photos and offering to help the Lodge at future events, and by hosting WM Chris Martinelli and Brother Dom Basile at a wine-tasting fundraiser event held at Aria in Prospect, CT. The wine-tasting

fundraiser was emceed by ESPN's Chris Berman, who is also a CT resident and was attended by various other State of CT and City of Waterbury

politicians. This marked the first time any Masonic Lodge in Waterbury was openly thanked at an event organized by city officials and dignitaries.



Donated books fill the tables at Liberty-Continental Lodge

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Liberty-Continental Honors Fallen Veterans

by Chris Martinelli

The weather was hot and humid outside but that did not stop Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76 from firing up the ovens and hosting a breakfast to thank veterans for their service and to honor fallen veterans on Memorial Day. The lodge prepared breakfast for more than one hundred veterans and held a brief ceremony before dining. The ceremony included an honorary head table to remember fallen veterans and an honorary Flag Presentation from St.

Elmo Commandery No. 9. Taps was performed by Junior Deacon John McManus and speeches given by City of Waterbury Alderman Roger Sherman and City of Waterbury Alderwoman Stephanie Cummings. The Boy Scouts also volunteered setting up for the breakfast, busing tables and cleaning up after. This event exemplified Masonic organizations working together with the Boy Scouts and City of Waterbury organizations and officials. All leftovers were accepted by St. Vincent DePaul's homeless

shelter in Waterbury and were served that morning to help feed the city's homeless.



Color Detail from St. Elmo's Commandery No. 9

Grand Senior Warden Requests Degree Team Information

by Marshall K. Robinson

Years ago, in our grand jurisdiction, there existed many degree teams. A few come to mind such

as the Sub Base Degree Team, the Telephone Company Degree Team, The Artificers Degree Team, and The State Police Degree Team. We also had

some wonderful ritualists who travelled around the state doing ritual and other appropriate presentations, J.D. Krell comes to mind.

Many of these teams and ritualists have gone on to the Grand Architect or other places and they are missed by those who knew them.

My purpose for writing this is to attempt to identify, and even make available, those few teams that may still exist. So, my Brothers, if you know of a

team, or ritualist, or you yourself that enjoys doing ritual, degrees, or other presentations appropriate for a Masonic Lodge will you please let me know. How far they are willing to travel and any other restrictions would be helpful to know. With their permission, I would like to make the information available through the Grand Lodge web site.

You may email the information to me at mkrobinson318@att.net.



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Ansantawae Lodge Ramps It Up...

by David K. Eisenman

In the Entered Apprentice Degree Masons are taught to divide the 24 hours in a day into three equal parts, where they find eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight hours for their usual vocation, and eight hours for refreshment and sleep. Recently brothers from Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 in Milford, along with a Methodist Church group called "Spirit Builders," combined forces for NINE

hours to help a very worthy distressed brother by building a wheelchair ramp for WB T. Ray Brooks, Past Master of Ansantawae Lodge. Last January WB Ray took a nasty spill on ice and because of his injuries has been confined to a wheelchair, and until now, also confined to his house. Each day with therapy WB Ray continues to make progress in the healing process.



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From the desk of Bro. Stephen B. McPherson

President & CEO of Masonicare

Grand Masters Day is always special. This annual celebration, hosted by the Grand Master, began soon after our 1895 founding when our forefathers began providing care to distressed master masons and their widows. Masonry is steeped in tradition and I can't think of a more noble tradition than honoring our residents in this fashion. It was my pleasure to welcome this year's crowd to campus and give some remarks on the state of Masonicare. Here are some key points I shared:

- Today Masonicare is Connecticut's largest non-profit provider of pre and post acute services to seniors. We deliver this care not just on our campuses but also in patients' homes in the community, as current realities are shifting resources away from facility-based care to home and community based programs, including hospice.
- Keeping seniors safe in their homes is a goal of Masonicare at

Home. One area of growth is technology that monitors a person's movements and vital signs to provide early warnings to reduce emergency situations and costly hospital admissions.

- I am particularly pleased by the progress being made at our Mystic location. Under the capable direction of Bro. JP Venoit and John Sweeney, we expect a November date for our first resident to move-in. A Masonic cornerstone ceremony will be held there at 2:00 p.m. on August 2. I hope you can join us. We will finally have a permanent location "east of the river"!

- As Congress endlessly debates and attempts to reconcile how best to spend our tax dollars, reimbursement to healthcare providers is changing. "Value based



purchasing" and "accountable care organizations" are changing the way we do business and the way we are reimbursed.

- I'm confident that Masonicare is positioned for the coming changes. While we must focus on more operating efficiency and on growing revenue, it cannot be at the expense of quality. In addition to our quality of care, our depth of services, strong statewide reputation and improving financial performance will benefit our patients and residents as we adapt.

This was my last Grand Masters Day as president of Masonicare. You should be proud of what has been accomplished as we build on the historic foundations begun by our forefathers 121 years ago.

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29th Degree: Knight of Saint Andrew The Patron Saint of Scotland

by John A. Amarilios, MSA

On Saturday, July 23, the Valley of Bridgeport will present the 29th degree, "The Knight of Saint Andrew" at 10 a.m. at the Leo H. Lohrman II, Scottish Rite Theatre, in Stratford. This is an excellent time for both Scottish Rite members, as well as all Master Masons who have been desirous of starting their Scottish Rite explorations, to come out and enjoy this important Consistory degree in air-conditioned comfort! If you are interested, please contact the Valley office at the phone number below for a petition, further degree and/or luncheon information and reservations.

This is an intriguingly, traditionally Chivalric degree that takes place in what is today Bulgaria in 1396, after a Christian Army goes down in defeat to the Turkish Army, which was led by Sultan Bayazid el Ilderim. Through the travails of the captured Knights of St. Andrew, many important Masonic precepts related to virtue and Masonic

high ideals are exemplified and imparted to the audience. This degree is of particular interest to any brothers who harbor an interest in Chivalric degrees and Templary in general.

But who was Saint Andrew? St. Andrew was the brother of St. Peter, and was one of the first disciples chosen by the Nazarene and who was later made the Patron Saint of Scotland. His character was truly a model of Masonic aspiration: According to the Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, (Vol A-D, P. 126), St Andrew is described as: "Continually open to new light; he was pliable and teachable. When truth broke upon him, he accepted it enthusiastically and wished others to share it." The cross bearing his name appears on the Scottish flag. It is a symmetrical cross which reveals much if we delve into the symbolism. He was sentenced to death by crucifixion by the Romans in Greece, but asked to be crucified on a diagonal cross as he felt he wasn't worthy to die on the same shape of cross



St. Andrew's Cross

as the Nazarene.

One school of symbology promulgates the thought that crosses, in general, are symbolic of the conjunction of opposites, thus we see, in the St Andrew's cross the balance between the competing earthly and spiritual forces within man.

Later, during the time of Scottish King Robert Bruce, impoverished and persecuted Knights Templar were given protection and put to active use in his army. The Templar's assistance was thus invaluable and critical to Bruce's eventual victory over King Edward 2nd. Bruce thereafter formed the Order of Saint Andrew of Scotland, thus enabling the Templar Knights to be incorporated into the Scottish system of knighthood.

What is everlasting and eternal is indeed the spiritual dimension of man, and regardless of the physical condition or material circumstances that any man might find himself in at any moment, men of high virtue and ideals always remember the inherent equality of all persons. Whether captive or victor, rich or poor, vital or disabled, the most debilitated Knight is always equal to the greatest King. The true Knight always remembers that the differences on the

earthly plane are mere dross, obscuring the existence of an evolving and struggling soul, seeking to master the lessons appropriated for it by Diety. At death all material distinctions terminate and what remains is the immortal self - completely void of any physical or material significance. Toleration and respect for others, their way of life and habits, their language, diet, religion, station, appearance and dress, are the underpinnings of the true Knight of Saint Andrew, who is ever cognizant of the illusory and impermanent nature of our short material lives and who is always consciously aware of his timeless self.

This degree reinforces these concepts and makes a great everlasting investment of time, during what will probably be a steamy summer July morning - time well spent - time which is even more beneficial - if you bring another Brother along and share the light of this degree!

As always, your Consistory stands ready to help further your understanding of the Three degrees of Freemasonry. Should you have questions about the Scottish Rite, please feel free to contact me at the email address above, or call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.



Contact the Consistory office if you desire to arrange for seating and meals for any of these degree events.

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Quality of Life Walk - Recap

by Adam Raider

The 2016 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk, held on Saturday, May 14 at Great River Park in East Hartford, attracted 360 registered walkers and raised over \$56,000.

Organized by The Masonic Charity Foundation, the Walk benefits residents and patients in need at Masonicare Health Center (MHC), Masonicare at Newtown (MAN), and Masonicare Home Health & Hospice (MHHH) by funding programs and services not covered by any other source. These include dental care, outdoor concerts, power chair repair/replacement, home health aide visits, software and equipment used in speech therapy for Parkinson's patients, and new HDTVs in resident common areas.

The Foundation is grateful to all the Walk Captains for their efforts in registering new walkers as well as all Masonicare employees who made gifts or held their own fundraisers in support of the Walk. Thanks, also, to everyone who volunteered at the event and to Premier Sponsor Morrison Community Living for providing a light breakfast and boxed lunches for all.

Finally, a warm thank you is extended to The Connecticut Freemasons Foundation for its excellent gift of \$5,000 to the Walk, which was presented by MW Grand Master Gail N. Smith at the event.



Heading out from the amphitheater at Great River Park



Clouds and rain gave way to blue skies and sun!



The event attracted 360 registered walkers, many of them from the Masonic family.



From left: Shirley L. Hungerford, PGM, Connecticut Order of the Eastern Star, MW Grand Master Gail N. Smith, and Masonic Charity Foundation Executive Director Jennifer A. King

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The Connecticut Masonic Family has been proud sponsors of two of the greatest youth organizations in our society, DeMolay and Rainbow, responsible for getting youth ready for life. Many of our masonic leaders were in fact members of these great organizations in their youth. The lessons they learned have transcended to role models for today's youth.

With that Excellence of Youth for the future in mind, we are pleased to announce a campaign to raise awareness of our organizations and have undertaken a major recruitment effort during this coming year. Our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, MWB Gail Smith, himself a Senior DeMolay has joined with us in this recruitment and educational effort.

MWGM Smith will be working with Blue Lodge Councils, asking them to invite Rainbow and DeMolay to one of their meetings where they will perform some of their ceremonies showing their masonic based teachings.

Connecticut DeMolay and Rainbow will organize open houses to educate lodges, masons and families about our organizations. This letter is to solicit referrals who can be invited to these open houses.

Specifically, we are looking for referrals of young men and ladies from the ages of 10 to 16 years old. These referrals will be private and handled only by us. They will not be kept in any database or electronic storage medium. They will be used for an invitation letter to an open house and the letter will be sent to parents in the name of the youth.

We thank you for your support of our organizations and we look forward to a bright future.

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Masonicare at Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund Helps 23 Young People Further Their Educations



by Cheryl Sheehan

The twelfth annual Masonicare at Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund presentation was held on Sunday, June 5, in the Hartog Activity Center at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Masonicare's Continuing Care Retirement Community on Cheshire Road in Wallingford.

Twenty-three young men and women, who are either employees of Masonicare at Ashlar Village or the children of employees, were honored during the presentation. A total of \$31,000 in scholarship funds was raised this year and distributed at the special awards ceremony. Hilde Sager, Executive Director of Residential Services, offered welcoming remarks and scholarship recipients were introduced by David Gessert, Chairman of the Ashlar Village Board of Directors.

The young men and women

receiving scholarships this year are Elizabeth Akier, Stephany Arendt, Matthew Baum, Maria Bianco, Devyn Brewster, Samantha Colberg, Carley Fitzgerald, Asia Hutchins, Danielle McIntyre, Amanda Mendoza, Daniel Morrison, Olivia Ney, Zachary Rezendes, Kevin Rodriguez, Hailee Schmidt, Jennifer Stewart, Jonathan Stone, Christina Ward, Sean Wilder, Jr., Daniel Zakrzewski, Jeffrey Zakrzewski, Samantha Zeoli, and Elizabeth Zielinski.

The recipients are students at Quinnipiac University, Southern Connecticut State University, Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, The University of New Haven, Sacred Heart University, Gateway Community College, Middlesex Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Emmanuel College, High Point University, University of Saint Joseph

and Duquesne University.

Special thanks were extended to residents Irving Pease and Bob Bissell, residents Phillip and Donna Lint, and Al and Marie Scharf, the family of deceased resident Donald F. Warner, and the family of deceased resident Blanche Newman, for their generous donations of special memorial and appreciation awards.

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



Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

Information to be included in York Rite Opportunities must be submitted by the 8th 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.

JULY-AUGUST 2016

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NOTE >> >> >> When there is a dinner, reservations are usually req'd.
 ME indicates attendance by the ME Grand High Priest
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COMING UP

Sep 9-10 Northeast York Rite Conference, Mansfield MA

FROM MEGHP MARTIN EDE

Greetings Brothers and Companions,
 I would first like to thank our Chapters for their confidence in me. My motto for the year is a simple one, "Every Brother a Companion". As many of you know, my enjoyment of Freemasonry lies in the history and philosophical nature of our Craft. Since the eighteenth century when our degrees were forming, the Royal Arch was seen as the completion of and was possibly part of the Master Mason degree. In it we receive the real word and grip of a Mason and learn why it could not be given in the Master Mason degree. Also, with the Mark Master degree, we learn how to receive our wages, the nature of which was detailed in the Fellowcraft degree - indeed, the Mark degree can be seen as the completion of the Fellowcraft degree, with the Most Excellent Master degree taking place at the completion of

the building of King Solomon's Temple. Every Brother, regardless of creed, is welcome in our Royal Arch Chapters to complete their Master Mason degree. My aim for the year, with a simple motto, is to promote the knowledge and precepts of the Royal Arch and to educate all Brothers and Companions in the sublime mysteries and discoveries of the Royal Arch. As such, I will be happy to visit all of the Blue Lodge Councils to answer any questions Brothers may have on the Royal Arch and the York Rite in general, and I look forward to greeting all my Companions throughout the year.

FROM MPGM J. ANDREW BIRDSALL

Companions, for those on social media, please look for our Facebook page "Cryptic Masons of Connecticut", or join our group of the same name. It is my hope to help promote our Cryptic Rite and keep everyone informed of

all the great events going on in our Councils. As always, if there is anything that the Grand Council Officers can do to help, please let us know. I wish for all to have a safe and enjoyable summer.

FROM REGC CLYDE W. KAYSER II

Sir Knights, It is hard to believe that we are already entering the third month of this Templar year. The first two have been very busy with visitations to the Grand Commandery sessions in Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

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Three Honored For Their Contributions

by Arnie Grot

On May 18, Columbia Lodge No. 25, recognized Mario Accornero, Gilbert Spencer and David Soderberg for their excellence and unselfish service.

The Emerson C. Reed Award for Excellence is presented to a brother who has demonstrated excellence in some significant field of endeavor for the benefit of the Lodge. It is named after the late Brother Emerson C. Reed who set an example of excellence in all that he undertook in the field of Masonry. This year the award was presented to Mario Accornero and Gilbert Spencer.

MARIO LOUIS ACCORNERO

Mario was born November 23, 1926 in New York City, and his family moved to Glastonbury, Connecticut in 1932, where they purchased a fruit and vegetable farm.

Brother Mario attended public schools and graduated from Glastonbury High School in 1944. Farm expansion and the demands of farming required that after graduation from High School, Brother Mario go to work full time on the family farm.

Brother Accornero was raised a Master Maston in Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury on March 21, 1951. He served as President of the Building Association for 29 years. In that capacity, he represented the Association at all meetings with Town Officials. His dedication allowed the Lodge to obtain the necessary permits to rent the Hall to the Hans Christian Anderson Montessori School and showed a way Masons could provide assistance to a worthy endeavor, and be recognized and visible in the Community.

Accornero's activities go far beyond his Masonic Membership. Mario joined Glastonbury Grange October 16, 1947 and served as Master in 1954. In 1947 Accornero joined the Glastonbury Volunteer Fire Department, Company No.2. He served as Captain of Company 2 in 1962 until 1980 when he was made Assistant Fire Chief, and then Fire Chief in May of 1988. He retired in 1991 when he turned 65 years old. and was appointed Chief Emeritus in 1992.

GILBERT D. SPENCER

Gil was born April 15, 1939 in Hartford, Connecticut, the son of Edith and Raymond Spencer. He was raised in Wethersfield, graduating from Wethersfield High School



WM Erik Roberts presented WB Mario Accornero the Emerson Reed Award.

in 1957. He attended the New England School of Mortuary Science in Boston, Massachusetts to become a funeral director. In 1970 Gil and his wife Rhoda established

the Glastonbury Funeral Home where he continued to define service and became an active member of the community. Although

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RWB Gerry Thompson presents Brother Gil Spencer the Emerson Reed Award.

News From The Valley of New Haven, A.A.S.R.

by Charles Tirrell

During the last meeting of the Valley of New Haven Executive Committee, a discussion was held regarding communicating the value of the Scottish Rite experience to our fellow Master Masons. Two young and enthusiastic officers, Brothers Wayne Murray and Leland Moore, in an attempt to define the benefits of the Rite, posed to our group a simple question, "What is the Scottish Rite?"

What are the qualities that make a good Scottish Rite Mason?" This conversation began a deep discussion with many different perspectives being voiced.

In an attempt to simplify this profound question, I sought out source material presented by the governing body of the Scottish Rite. The Supreme Council states that....

A Member Of The Scottish Rite Seeks To:

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- *Aid mankind's search in God's universe for identity, and for destiny, and thereby produce better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world.*

Furthermore, the Supreme Council states that the core values of the Scottish Rite are *Reverence for God, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, Devotion to Country, and Service to Humanity.*

As our conversation continued, we discussed if and how the Scottish Rite is relevant to the men of the 21st Century. We questioned if the men of today need our

ritual and fellowship with the advent of electronic mass-media and internet connectivity. With the ability to connect with anyone in the world with a click of the finger, does society need a fraternity that focuses on morality, virtue, and the multitude of attributes described above?

After reviewing this material and reflecting on this question internally, I feel that the answer is simple and clear, "Yes, Yes! A thousand times YES!" Plainly seen by any person today, our society is rife with discord and contention. Politics of division are the norm. Hatred and intolerance is the focus of our mass-media. Many of our fellow citizens spend the majority of their time distancing themselves from their fellow man, rather than strengthening our bonds.

Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite explicitly rejects this trend. Our goal is the improvement of the common man and building a better world. Some may ask, "Are the values of the Scottish Rite still relevant?" To this, I emphatically answer, "The values that define us are not only relevant, they are far more needed today than ever in our history."

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

What Is Scottish Rite?

The SCOTTISH RITE is one of the two branches of Masonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the three degrees of the Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry, the other being the York Rite. Scottish Rite includes the degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty-third, inclusive. The moral teachings and philosophy of Scottish Rite are an elaboration of the basic Masonic principles found in Blue Lodge or Symbolic Freemasonry. Something likened to a "College of Freemasonry". Scottish Rite uses extensive drama and allegory to emphasize the content and message of its degrees.

As a result Scottish Rite answers many questions raised in the Symbolic or Blue Lodge. It can provide a better understanding of the meaning of Freemasonry and its principles though the use of drama and appeal to the eye as well as the ear. However, the work is always conducted in an atmosphere of reverence and dignity. Our Scottish Rite degrees strengthen the Core Values of life, namely: Reverence for God; Devotion to Country; Integrity; Justice for all; Tolerance; and Service to Humanity and Youth.

If you are ready to take that next step and join this fall, then become a candidate for what will be an historic event on Saturday, November 12, when all five Scottish Rite Valleys in Connecticut joining in a special day of activities throughout the Northern and Southern Scottish Rite Jurisdictions. For more information on how to join the 2016 Fall Class feel free to contact me at the Valley of Hartford Office (860) 666-0712 or via e-mail at set@snet.net. We will be glad to talk to you and send you more information.

The Valley of Hartford wrapped up the 2015-2016 Scottish Rite calendar year, on June 2, holding a Summer Picnic for members and family. The highlight of the evening was the presenting of Abbott and Valley of Hartford College Scholarships to this year's recipients. This year, twenty-nine scholarships were awarded to those recipients who qualified.

The event was under the direction of

Chairman, and Chief Cook, Bro. Frank Dlugoleski, M.S.A. His staff served hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken to 135 attendees. Before the award ceremony, the crowd was entertained by the "The Humble Bees". Despite the chilling wind, a good time was had by all. The Valley is planning holding the picnic again next year, but perhaps a week or two later in the month.

This summer activities at the valley do not come to a halt. On Thursday, July 21, the newly elected and appointed officers for 2016-2017, will hold their Annual Summer planning meeting at which time the final touches for the upcoming Scottish Rite season will be discussed.

The preliminary degree schedule is scheduled to start on Thursday, September 22, with the presentation of the 4th degree on DVD followed by the live portrayal of the 8th degree. The 19th degree DVD and live portrayal of the 15th degree will be on Thursday October 13. Thursday, October 22 will see the portrayal of the 18th degree; and the degree season will conclude on Saturday, November 12, with the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Celebration-USA Nationwide Day.

The Thursday night pre-degree meals will again be offered. Reservation forms can be found in the View of the Valley or on the Valley website: www.valleyofhartford.org.

Rounding out the summer activities is the Valley's annual fundraiser for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut. The 10th Annual 5K Race/Walk will be held on Saturday, July 23.

Bring the family and enjoy the day while supporting this event by either taking part in it, cheering on the participants, or by helping at one of the designated stations.

The 2016-2017 Family Life events begin with a bus trip on Saturday, September 24, to a wine vineyard in New York, with a luncheon on the Hudson River and a 2-hour river cruise aboard a New Orleans style paddle boat. Details be found on our website, in the View of the Valley, or call the office for a flier and reservation form. Reservations are on a first come

basis, with a deadline of August 19.

In closing, have a safe and happy summer.



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Coastal Lodge No. 57 Awards Ceremony

by William L. Breed

On May 21, Coastal Lodge No. 57 had the pleasure of MWGM Gail Nelson Smith, visiting the lodge for their awards ceremony.

WM Trad Dart, greeted the brethren, wives and families offering remarks and stating in part, "Today I have opportunity to formally recognize those Brothers who have distinguished themselves from the many exceptional Brothers of our Lodge, those Brothers who have brought credit upon themselves through their hard work and labors.

Today I have an opportunity as well to formally recognize the ladies of the Lodge."

WB Dart then proceeded to make awards for a variety of Masonic Service:

Craftsman Award

To WB Robert Williams. The Craftsman Award is presented to that Brother of the Lodge that has distinguished himself in and around the Lodge.

Community Service Award

To Brother Philipp Baumann. This award is presented to that Brother who has distinguished himself through service to the community.

Ritualist Award

To RW Bro. Edward I. Childs. One of the most important though sad duties that Masons perform is our Masonic Memorial service when we say good morrow to that Brother who has laid down his working tools. Brother Ed, thank you for setting the bar for excellence in special lectures.

Ladies Award

To Mrs. Ruth Childs. What can I say? You personally do more in getting Brothers to come to lodge



50-year Masons, with their wives, and MWDGM Ted Nelson and MWGM Gail Nelson.

than any Brother can manage. Thank you Mrs. Ruth for your contribution of so much of your time and energy to this Lodge.

Master's Award

To WB Kenneth Bickford. The Master's Award is presented to that Brother that has distinguished himself in his assistance to the Master and I would say to all the Brothers of the Lodge. We are lucky the Brother Ken has shared his hard work and talent with this Lodge.

Mason of the Year

To Brother Kristopher Dorsett. The Mason of the Year Award is presented to that Brother that has distinguished himself in and around the Lodge and elsewhere. When I look to the West I have to smile for I know this Lodge and fraternity will be in good hands for Brother Kris is a Mason's Mason.

Outstanding Masonic Service Award

To Brother David Delaney. The Outstanding Masonic Service Award is presented to that Brother that

has distinguished himself through the superior ideals of Freemasonry. Thank you Brother for all your hard labors.

After presenting the individual awards, WB Dart announced that the brethren to be recognized by Coastal Lodge has amassed more than 1835 years combined Masonic service. WB Dart assisted by MWGM Smith presented Service Awards to the following Brothers.

- 10 yrs. – Bro. Shaun T. Welsh
- 15 yrs. – Bro. David C. Whelden
- 20 yrs. – Bro. Robert W. Ambrose
- 45 yrs. – R.W. John F. Plante
- 70 yrs. – W.B. Harry A. Muller

WB Dart turned his gavel over to Deputy Grand Master Nelson who then called the Brothers who have served for 50 years as a Master Mason to the East. These Brothers were presented by RW Craig Pedro,

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Masonicare at Newtown's FREE Community Summer Sounds Concerts

For the 30th consecutive year, Masonicare at Newtown will sponsor FREE Summer Sounds concerts on its beautiful grounds at 139 Toddy Hill Road, Newtown. Area residents are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy a variety of wonderful musical performances given by many of the area's most popular bands. All concerts will be held at 7:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, rain dates are listed below.

2016 Concert Schedule

Wednesday, June 15	The Berkshire Big Band (Music of the 30's, 40's, and 50's)	Rain Date - Thursday, June 16
Wednesday, June 29	The Larry Ayce Band	Rain Date - Thursday, June 30
Wednesday, July 13	The Vinny and Ray Orchestra	Rain Date - Thursday, July 14
Wednesday, July 27	The Frank Porto Band (Sounds of Swing)	Rain Date - Thursday, July 28
Wednesday, August 10	The Big Beat Band (Music of the 50's and 60's)	Rain Date- Thursday, August 11

For additional information, please call Masonicare at Newtown at (203) 426-5847.

Compass Lodge #9 , Wallingford
& Temple Lodge #16, Cheshire

Invite our Brothers to the 13th Annual



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So, You Want Your Photos in the Paper?

by Francis G. Way

Everyone has seen them. Open the pages of the CT Freemason newspaper and there they are. Photos submitted with articles about Lodge events, community events, degree work, all there, page after page in some editions. And then it happens. They begin to all look the same. Indeed, there are times when the photos from one article could be switched with those of another article, and very few readers would know the difference. Why is this?

Most of the photos submitted to the paper fall into one of two categories. The industry has termed the first category the "grip and grin" photo. I call the second category the "police lineup" photo.

Invariably, at the end of a lodge or community event, something like this happens: "Hey," someone with a camera will shout, "let's get a picture. Where's the Master and the new EA?" And the Worshipful Master and the youngest Entered Apprentice in the lodge stand under the letter G in the East, look at each other and smile, and shake hands. The photo is submitted, and another "grip and grin" photo runs with an article about Brother Joe Dokes taking his EA at the lodge.

Or it goes like this: "Brothers, great degree! Before everyone leaves, line up on the steps there and let me get a few pictures!" And the brothers line up, joking about height and what to say to smile as the photograph is taken, and within seconds, a "police lineup" photo has been created. I can envision the Masonic detective saying to the newly raised Master Mason, "do you see the brother here who struck the fatal blow?"

Truth be told, the staff at the CT Freemason newspaper loves to have

photos accompany articles. And readers love to see the photos. But how much more interesting would it be if those photos showed some kind of action? While photos of degree work cannot be taken, for most other events, there is some kind of action taking place that would make a great photograph. Is the lodge cleaning up a local cemetery or helping with Habitat for Humanity? Plenty of opportunity for action photos. Is the lodge running a chili cookoff? Photos

of brothers with steam coming out their ears from the heat of the chili would be ideal! A dart tournament? How about an action photo of a dart shot...

There are times when the "grip and grin" or the "police lineup" are perfectly acceptable photos. But most of the time a good lodge photographer can find some action that is worthy of a photo. And those action shots make a good story that much more interesting.

Widowers Support Group

~ A Group for Men who are Grieving the Loss of a Spouse ~

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

Location: Masonicare Home Health & Hospice
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Wallingford, CT

Date/Time: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: No charge.

Availability: Open to the public.

Registration/Information:

Facilitator: Dennis Farrar, MSW/Hospice Social Worker
Masonicare Home Health & Hospice
104 South Turnpike Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information or to register, please call 203-679-5395.

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**The Annual Walk
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When: Sunday, October 2, 2016
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1:00 PM Step Off (start of event)

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Masonicare's FREE Community Summer Concert Series

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Beginning on Thursday evening, June 23 and on every Thursday evening through August from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., area residents are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy wonderful musical performances given by many of the area's most popular bands. In addition to free parking on site, the grounds will be available for picnics starting at 5 p.m. In the event of rain, or if it appears rain is imminent, concerts may be cancelled. In those instances, CALL 203-679-5900 - after 3 p.m. - for the latest information.

Concert Schedule Thursdays 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

June 23	After All (Nick & Nancy)	July 28	The Big Beat Oldies Band- 50's and 60's music
June 30	Willie Nininger Band	August 4	The Undercover Band- 50's and 60's music
July 7	Eddie Foreman Band	August 11	Larry & Doreen
July 14	Vinnie Carr Band	August 18	Kid's Night with T-Bone
July 21	Johnny & The Prom Kings with John Paolillo	August 25	Season Finale: Eight to the Bar



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For recurring events and breakfasts, they may not take place during the summer months - call to check.

Recurring Events

First Sunday of the Month, Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 8 a.m., Masters Round Table & Field Day

Join our Master for breakfast and help clean up our home

Every Sunday, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, 12 p.m., Build a Brother Go over and ritual or questions you may have on masonry.

Prospective candidates and new brothers welcome.

Every Tuesday, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, 7 p.m., BINGO Open to the public, all Masons and Eastern Stars. Refreshments

First Wednesday of the Month, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, 7 p.m., Mason Night @ OAH, **Orange Ale House 517 Boston Post Rd**

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Every Friday, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, 7 p.m. 3XB in the Chapel

Brothers, Beverages and BS every Friday night at 7p.m.

Second Saturday of the Month, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, 7 p.m., Movie Night

Films, Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Recurring Breakfasts

First Sunday of the Month, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 7 a.m., SBA Breakfast Fundraiser

Third Sunday of the Month, Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe, 8 a.m., Country breakfast

First Thursday of the Month, 8th District Lodges Niantic, 9 a.m., District Breakfast Groton Townhouse, Rt 12, Groton CT

Events

Monday, Jul 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday, Jul 4, Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, 9 a.m. July 4th Flag Count

Each year on the Fourth of July brothers from Temple Lodge drive around and count the American Flags proudly displayed by the residents and businesses of Cheshire.

The tallied results are later sent to the Cheshire Herald for publication.

Thursday, Jul 7, Union Lodge No. 31, Niantic, 6 p.m.

Open House Picnic / Stated Communication

Saturday, Jul 16, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 8 a.m., Newington Mill Pond Extravaganza CTCHIP Event

Tuesday, Jul 19, Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 6 p.m., Scholarship presentations & picnic

Saturday, Jul 23, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 6 p.m., Scotch & Cigar Night Steak dinner at 6 p.m. followed by program featuring a fine assortment of Scotches from the various parts of Scotland. Tickets: \$25.00

Sunday, Jul 24, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, 12 p.m., Annual Lodge Picnic

Wednesday, Jul 27, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien, 7 p.m., Masonic Club of Darien

Business meeting followed by Social Hour; Light snacks during meeting

Friday, Jul 29, Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville, 6:30 p.m., Pot Luck Supper

Saturday, Jul 30, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 4 p.m., Masonic Awards Picnic

Sunday, Jul 31, Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, 12 p.m., Temple Lodge Annual Family Cookout

Thursday, Aug 4, Union Lodge No. 31, Niantic, 6 p.m., Open House Picnic / Stated

Communication

Monday, Aug 8, Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, 10 a.m., Two Ball Cane Golf Classic The 13th annual Two Ball Cane Golf Classic at the Farms Country Club in Wallingford CT. See <http://twoballcanegc.com/> for information.

Saturday, Aug 13, Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, 8 a.m., Mystic Art Festival - Annual Booth at Mystic Art Festival

Saturday, Aug 13, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, 10 a.m., Blue Lobster Festival

Saturday, Aug 13, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, 5:30 p.m., CMSA Camp Degree CAMP DEGREE (EA) Presented by the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association at Camp Pomerag Union, Connecticut

Sunday, Aug 14, Coastal Lodge No. 57 Stonington, 8 a.m., Mystic Art Festival - Annual Booth at Mystic Art Festival

Monday, Sep 5, LABOR DAY

Saturday, Sep 10, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 12 p.m., Lodge Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, Sep 11, Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, 8 a.m. Compass Lodge Fellowship Breakfast

To have your lodge events appear in the newspaper, please update your lodge website calendars prior to the 10th of the previous month. If your lodge needs assistance accessing the website please have the Master or Secretary contact Grand Lodge.

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please contact the Secretary of the lodge to verify all times and events and to inquire about dinner reservations.

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Thursday, Jul 21, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m, Stated Communication & Dinner

(Entered Apprentice Degree)
Texas Night - BBQ Western wear (no tuxes): Hats, boots, bandanas & big-ass belt buckles

Master Mason Degrees

Wednesday, Jul 13, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien, 8:10 p.m., Summer MM Degree

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RWB George McPherson receives his pin from daughter Donna Keyon

DD8B, and were: RWB George E. McPherson Sr. and WB Louis Thavenet Jr. Brothers not present for the award, were Frank E. Penny and Edward P. Sanderson

The Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented these Brothers a lapel pin signifying 50 years service, a certificate signifying the same, and their last dues card representing they are no longer required to pay annual dues.

MWGM Smith also recognized MWPGM Roger Read who had been presented the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Silver at the Grand Lodge

session. He also recognized Barbara Read's award of the David Wooster Medal for her dedicated service to the Craft.

The memorable afternoon ended with refreshment and fellowship in the dining room. It was an honor and privilege to have MWGM Gail and RWDGM Ted join us and participate in this event.



Thanvenet receives his pin from wife Evelyn

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After reviewing all of the receipts for Boosters, the following list are the Boosters who are current (i.e., within the 11 issue window). If your name does not appear and you feel that you should be on the list, please contact us. But for now, these are the Boosters we show as valid.

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Three Honored

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he officially retired for the first time in the late 1980s, and then for the second time in 2005, Gil still continues to serve families upon request.

When Gil was still living in the family home in Wethersfield, he joined the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department. Fueled by his interest in firefighting, Gil is the longest serving member of the Glastonbury Fire Commission, serving 35 years, many of which were as Chairman or Vice Chairman. He still serves as the Chairman and enjoys being a part of the fire department.

Gil is a past member of the Hartford JCs, the Scottish Rite bodies, Sphinx Temple AAONMS of Newington and a former member of the Royal Order of Jesters of Hartford. He has been active in Rotary for many years, where he later served as President and received the Paul Harris Award for Service Above Self. Gil continues to be part of Rotary and is a "senior member" on their Board of Directors. He was also a member of the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce and received the Businessman of the Year Award in the late 1980's.

Gil and his brother Jim were both raised Master Masons in Hospitality Lodge No. 128 in Wethersfield, Jim on October 2, 1958 and Gil on April 12, 1961. They were both honored to be raised by their Uncle, Worshipful Master Raymond E. Britney, assisted by their father Raymond, a longtime Secretary of the Lodge. In recent years, both Gil and Jim, who have lived for many years in Glastonbury, transferred their masonic affiliation to Columbia Lodge No. 25 in South Glastonbury.

The Daskam-Nott Award is presented to a brother who has demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service to Columbia Lodge or Masonry in general for an extended period of years. It is named in honor of Brother George F. Daskam who was Grand Master when Daskam Lodge No. 86 was chartered in 1858, and Brother John Nott who was the first Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25 when it was chartered in 1793. This year the award was presented to David Soderberg.

BROTHER DAVID E. SODERBERG

David was born October 19, 1954 in Hartford, Connecticut, the son of Carol and Walter Soderberg. When David was four years old the family moved to Farmington where he attended public schools, graduating from Farmington High School in

1972.

David was born with Cerebral Palsy, a condition which creates spasticity in muscles. He was a happy child with a "can do" attitude, and enjoyed most activities to the fullest. He rode a bicycle, took walks with his sisters to the candy store for a treat, and once during gym class climbed a rope clear up to the ceiling! At a young age David began taking piano lessons which he enjoyed very much. Getting him to practice was never a problem, but getting him to stop was!

Following graduation from high school, David attended Hartford State Technical School to get the ground level courses needed to continue on to college for a major in architecture. In his last semester he took a course in computer programming, which he fell in love with, and he never looked back. He transferred to the University of Hartford and ultimately graduated with a degree in computer science.

The years passed and David continued working as a Software Engineer at various companies. He returned to college part time and earned a Master's Degree in Computer Science at Rensselaer/Hartford. He and his wife Carolyn bought a home and

moved to Glastonbury, which was an easy commute to his job at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. It was during this time that David was introduced to Masonry by one of his friends. He joined Daskam-Columbia Lodge No. 25 and was raised a Master Mason November 19, 1997 with WM Walter Grube presiding. David had the distinction of taking his Fellowcraft Degree September 27, 1997 in the George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia when the lodge enjoyed a bus trip to Washington DC and surrounding areas.

When it became known that David has musical abilities, he was appointed Columbia Lodge Organist. He is very creative in his musical offerings at the lodge, always introducing new music. He has even written music to accompany degree work. David has joined many other Masonic bodies, and plays the organ for all of them, including the Scottish Rite, the Philosophic Lodge of Research, and all three York Rite bodies - the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. He is also Grand Organist for the York Rite, performing at their state-wide functions.



Brother David Soderberg and wife Caroline after receiving the Daskam Nott Award.

Masonicare's Summer Sounds Concerts

You are invited to join us for our **FREE** summer concerts on our Newtown and Wallingford campuses. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Scheduled bands are subject to change.



CONCERTS AT MASONICARE HEALTH CENTER 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford

Thursday evenings from 6:15 ~ 7:45 p.m. Grounds available for picnics at 5:00 p.m. In case of rain, concerts are cancelled. For more information, call 203-679-5900.

- June 23 After All (Nick & Nancy) ~ 50's & 60's
- June 30 Willie Nininger Band ~ Popular Sounds
- July 7 Eddie Foreman Band - Polka and More!
- July 14 Vinnie Carr Band - Big Band Sounds
- July 21 Johnnie & The Prom Kings *(with John Paolillo)*
- July 28 The Big Beat Oldies Band
- Aug. 4 The Undercover Band~ 50's & 60's
- Aug. 11 Larry & Doreen ~ Nashville Sounds
- Aug. 18 T-Bone ~ Children's Night
- Aug. 25 Eight to the Bar ~ Popular Music

CONCERTS AT MASONICARE AT NEWTOWN 139 Toddy Hill Road, Newtown

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. In case of rain, concert is the following evening (weather permitting). For more information, call 203-426-5847.

- June 15 The Big Berkshire Band
30's 40's, 50's
Rain Date ~ June 16
- June 29 The Larry Ayce Band
Nashville and More!
Rain date ~ June 30
- July 13 The Vinny & Ray Orchestra
Jazz with a Salsa Beat
Rain date ~ July 14
- July 27 The Frank Porto Band
30's & 40's Music
Rain date ~ July 28
- August 10 Big Beat Band
40's & 50's Sounds
Rain date ~ August 11