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A Profile of Brother. Jon-Paul Venoit

Named CEO of Masonicare effective Oct. 1

After a yearlong search process, Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit was named CEO of Masonicare, succeeding Bro. Stephen McPherson who retired after 16 years with the organization. This profile was written by Jim Battaglio who sat down with the CEO-elect for an in-depth interview. A freelance writer, Battaglio was the Corporate Spokesman for Hartford Hospital for 25 years.

The defining moment in the life of Jon-Paul Venoit—"JP" to all who know him—came without trumpets blowing, or a drum roll, or even the proverbial shout of "eureka!" In fact, for JP, who on October 1 becomes Masonicare's newest President and Chief Executive Officer, his defining moment came in an uncomfortable atmosphere of silence—actually, it was a snub—on an insurance company staircase leading to a cafeteria.

"Right after college, I took a job in an insurance company," said the 42-year-old Wallingford resident and current Chief Operating Officer for Masonicare, "and one day, while heading downstairs for lunch, I made a startling realization. As I descended the stairs, the company CEO was coming up, and when we met in the middle, I greeted him. It was like I was invisible. He looked right through me and never uttered a reply."

That was a bad move on the CEO's part, because at that moment the insurance company lost one of the hardest working individuals they could have had; a man Stephen McPherson, Masonicare's retiring

President and CEO, describes as "putting 28 hours into a 24-hour day."

JP immediately returned to his office and resigned, coming to the realization that he wouldn't—indeed he couldn't—work in a



culture where people weren't personable. He never even got lunch that day.

So he returned to Ashlar Village, Masonicare's retirement community in Wallingford, where he had begun working as a waiter while in high school. "I loved

being a waiter," he laughs. "I forged relationships with residents, staff members and guests who taught me life lessons, like the importance of family, of spending dinner time together—not watching TV in one room while others ate elsewhere—and of friendships forged from life experiences. And..." he says, interjecting just enough pause to make one aware that something exciting is about to come forth, "Ashlar Village is where I met my wife, Christine!"

Today, JP and Christine have two sons, Ethan 13, and Trevor 10.

With a BS degree in Finance and Insurance from the University of Hartford, he also considered becoming a state trooper. Instead, however, he stayed at Ashlar Village which became a staircase of sorts that would lead to the top of his career. After taking on a number of roles there ranging from special projects to IT to marketing and administration, he was promoted to run the community in 2000.

It's easy to tell that JP's "treat-everyone-with-dignity approach" goes well beyond lip service. In an enthusiastic manner, almost always peppered with smiles, JP professes another important lesson he learned from President McPherson: "Steve flattens the field...everyone is equal, regardless of their professional role. I like that." This

philosophy is reflected in JP's disregard to sit at the head of a conference table, opting instead to sit on the side, looking squarely at everyone.

When you speak with JP about his rise

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from waiter to Masonicare's chief operating officer over a 26-year period, he instead turns the attention away from himself to a love for the organization and a fondness for its employees and residents.

"My first priority (as president) will be to get out there!" he says, citing residents, stakeholders, clients, partners and employees as those with whom he plans to connect. This, he openly and proudly states, is a continuation of practices he learned from Steve McPherson, who retired on September 30 after 16 years with the senior living and healthcare non-profit. Clearly, these two men have a deep respect for one another.

Praise also comes from Masonicare Board of Trustees Chairman Howard W. Orr, who also chaired the Search Committee. He notes JP's "oversight of Masonicare's strategic planning process over the past several years. His execution of key initiatives was significant in our decision-making."

From the point of view of the Ashlar Village residents, JP has grown from being "like a grandson" into "a strong professional, admired by many," Steve observes. He credits JP with being a "major part of everything we've done over the past decade—a lot of it behind the scenes—and a very big player in what Masonicare has done east of the Connecticut River."

Over the years, much of Masonicare's concentration has primarily been west of the river, Steve explains. When the healthcare organization realized it needed an east of the river presence, JP took the lead on the new, soon-to-open Mystic retirement community that will offer a wide range of rental living choices, ranging from independent and assisted living to memory care assisted living. "The same can be said about Mansfield, where we plan to integrate our new community into the fabric of the

town and university environment," Steve says crediting JP with playing "a major role there as well."

"JP has stood out in a number of ways. At the top of the list is that he respects everybody in every profession, including, of course, Masonicare residents," notes Steve. "I recognized a long time ago that his ego didn't create a class system. He's also tireless; he's always moving, and he never accepts average."

As for JP, he has just as many accolades for Steve as Steve has for him.

"Steve has been my mentor who has led by example," he says. "He cares about this organization and its residents. Steve flattens the field...everyone is his equal."

Asked to prophesize about the future of Masonicare, JP liberally uses the word "continue" as he cites his goals, which build on the policies and practices set down by Steve McPherson: "Masonicare will continue to remain nimble by changing with the times. We're one of the national leaders in home healthcare. People know our name and reputation because our leadership has set the tone. I want to continue to be innovative; continue to fulfill our mission, and continue to push in ways in which we will be better able to serve our community as their partner."

JP points out that being a partner to the many communities Masonicare serves goes hand-in-glove with the reputation Masonicare's employees have of giving back. "Masonicare has a long and proud history of giving back," he says. "Our employees do incredible things within their communities—things that go far beyond their job responsibilities—and we plan to continue in that vein. Mystic will be our newest opportunity to give back."

Looking to the future, JP is determined

to keep Masonicare flexible to the nuances facing the senior living and healthcare industry—increased medical acuity levels, regulatory pressures, and striving to be an organization that can change before it has to. "Healthcare regulations written 20-30 years ago haven't kept up with the times," he says, emphasizing that Masonicare needs to continually remain ahead of the curve.

Entering his new position with eyes wide open, JP is aware that staying ahead of the healthcare curve includes factoring in the approach of Baby Boomers in a big way.

"Baby Boomers are a different dynamic from the present market," he says. "They clearly challenge the norm. We're seeing the front end of Baby Boomers who will radically drive changes within our industry." This, JP says, requires a balancing act of sorts in order to continue providing and expanding services to Masonicare's 4,500 residents while juggling regulatory restrictions and reimbursement pressures facing the healthcare industry nationwide.

One comes away from JP with the overall impression of a man raring to take the helm while bringing everyone along with him. His energetic manner and athletic appearance—he's an ardent sports fan—coupled with his penchant for smiling and a quick wit, translate to that of a leader with his sights on the target, his finger on the healthcare pulse, and an eagerness to bring Masonicare to even greater heights over upcoming years. He's a man who parallels the lessons learned while playing school sports to those of the business world, exemplifying the old adage surrounding mistakes: "It's not what you do wrong...it's what you do about it."

And you just know that if you meet him on a staircase, he'll never snub you.

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Train of Thought

by Gail N. Smith

Freemasonry is the most perfect and sublime institution ever formed for promoting the happiness of individuals and increasing the general good of the community. We must then, of necessity, embrace the great truths taught by Freemasonry and live by them, to live happily.

The pursuit of happiness is the "chief point" of Freemasonry, as well as the aim of life, as presented by philosophy, according to the ancient Greek moralists. All mankind, in every age, from the darkest period of barbarism to the present, has been striving after happiness. We may differ in the definition of the term and the means by which to attain happiness, and we may even take it for granted that we will be happy, yet despite all this, we are not happy. Brothers all, happiness is all around us and in reach if we open ourselves to it and make it a tenet in the

conduct of our daily lives.

Freemasonry is full of symbols leading us toward happiness. For example, a part of a Mason's wages are paid to the Fellow Craft in oil, which we are taught, is emblematical of the oil of joy. In ancient times oil was used as a symbol of prosperity and happiness.

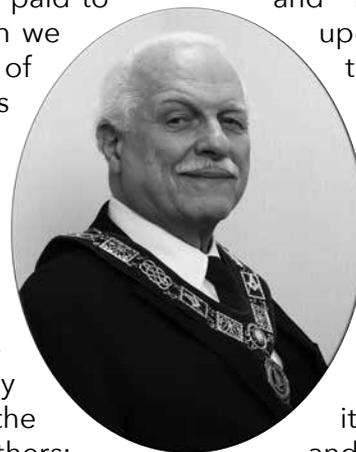
If any man be unhappy, let him remember that he is unhappy by reason of himself alone. The Grand Architect of the Universe has made all men to enjoy happiness. Happiness is the habit of giving our life to others; when we give our life away we possess more of it; the more we give the more we receive. This is the meaning of the clasped hands; one of the most divine and beautiful of all our symbols. The clasping of hands, uniting us, Brother to Brother.

The right train of thought can take you to a better station in life. Every man

has a train of thought on which he rides when he is alone; he contemplates the worth of his life to himself and others, and measures his happiness upon the direction in which that train is going, the baggage it carries and the country through which it travels. It does no good to get on the right track if you are headed in the wrong direction.

If Freemasonry can put that inner train of thought on the right track, freight it with precious treasure, and start it on the way to the City of God, what higher ministry can it render to a man? Brothers all, that is what Freemasonry does for any man who will listen to it, love it, and lay its truths to heart.

John 1:16 - "From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another."



Grand Master's Trestleboard

Oct 1	Moriah 15, Brooklyn - Table Lodge - 5:00 PM	Oct 22	Grand Lodge Semi Annual Communication @ AV - 9:00 AM
Oct 4	Masonicare Leadership Forum, Ashlar Village - 4:00 PM		Day Spring 30, Hamden - Wine Tasting Event - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Oct 5	Widow Sons, Berlin - Fraternal - 6:30 PM	Oct 23	125th Anniversary Celebration, Golden Rod 34, OES, West Haven
Oct 7	RI Grand Chapter, OES, Informal Opening, Warwick - 130 PM	Oct 25	Brainard 102, Niantic - Fraternal - 7:30 PM
Oct 8	Prince Hall Grand Lodge, New Haven - 9:00 AM	Oct 27	Housatonic 61, North Canaan - Fraternal - 7:30PM
Oct 11	Masonicare Benefactor Luncheon by MCF@ AV 11:30 AM	Oct 29	America-St John's 8, Stratford - 250th Anniversary Dinner - 7:00 PM
Oct 12	Ionic 110, Windham - Fraternal - 6:30 PM	Nov 1	Unity 148, New Britain - Prince Hall Recognition Program - 6:30 PM dinner
Oct 13	Ashlar Chapter 116, OES @ AV - 1:30 PM		Speaker - MWBro Kenneth B Hawkins, PGM - Ladies invited
Oct 13	Masonicare Benefactor Luncheon by MCF @ AV - 11:30 AM	Nov 12	Nationwide Scottish Rite Day - AM, Scottish Rite Theatre, Stratford - PM, Shelton Courtyard by Marriott
Oct 15	Washington 81, Cromwell - Awards Night - 6:00 PM dinner		
Oct 15	Composite 28, Suffield - Oktoberfest - dinner 7:30 PM		
Oct 18	Washington Commandery 1 - East Hartford - 6:30 dinner		
	Reception for RE Grand Commander		

Marissa Mayhew Addresses 9th District BLC

by William L. Greene

Miss Marissa Mayhew, the daughter of WB Christopher Mayhew, President of the 9th District Blue Lodge Council, addressed the 89 attendees as part of the evening's program on April 29. Her presentation was impressive and is presented here so that it may be shared more widely. It shows how we as members in our Masonic Family can positively influence the lives of our young Americans.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, my name is Marissa Mayhew, I am a 7th grade student at Woodstock Middle School. I was given an assignment by my social studies teacher to choose a topic about something historically important in my life. After much thought and consideration, I chose Freemasonry. This was my choice because it has been a part of my life for the past ten years. My father, Chris Mayhew is the current Senior Warden and Past Master of Putnam Lodge No. 46. He is also an officer of the Lodge's Temple Corporation as well as current 9th district Blue Lodge Council President for about 30 more minutes!

One of the main reasons I chose Freemasonry is that other relatives of mine are Masons, such as my cousin Brady Matteau, Uncle Jeff Roy, Uncle Dave Oleszewski, the late Uncle Dean Bunnell, Grandpa Russ Mayhew, Jr., Great Grandpa Russ Mayhew, Sr., Great Grandpa Maro K. Lewis, as well as great, great Grandpa George Young was was Master of Putnam #46 in the early 1920's. Now that you have an understanding of my connection to Freemasonry, here is how Freemasonry has impacted my life over the course of the last ten years.

At an early age I was exposed to all the good qualities that true Masons possess, through family and friends. I was involved in many public events the Masons held - both in and out of the lodge: for example; the CHIP program held at the K-9 Olympics event, which was one of my first interactions with



Masons from other lodges. During this event, not only did I witness the hard work of the K-9 units, but I also witnessed how dedicated the Masons were to helping the community through their efforts of protecting children.

I remember enjoying the trip to New York City, an event organized by Uncle Dean. This was a time when I was able to connect with other Masons and their families. I would listen to the conversations taking place on the bus and realize how important this trip was to everyone. Within the last couple of years, I was able to participate in a Masonic day of caring event, where Masons come together to aid a needy brother. This taught me that helping others, and volunteering can be a rewarding experience by seeing the work efforts of everyone involved, and the impact it makes on the individual in need.

Though this lodge meets informally on Thursday nights, the friendships do not end there. Countless times I have seen brothers come together outside of the lodge. We celebrate many holidays, birthdays, and other special events together. Traditions have formed and memories have been made, which I will cherish. As a result of these gatherings and occasions, friendships have developed and in some cases where I actually refer to some brothers as uncles. These "UNCLES", have given me advice

on school, friends, relationships and life in general. Thanks to these caring and protective uncles, I may not be able to date until I am 35, let alone dance close to a boy through my teenage years. These Masonic individuals have taught me the importance of working in the community, along with my parents, doing my best in school, and being kind and considerate to others.

One of my Middle School highlights so far was being selected to receive the HERO award in 6th grade. The HERO award stands for "Helping Everyone Respect Others" in and out of school. This award is given to one student in each grade level each marking period.

Being around Freemasonry for many years has sparked an interest in learning more about its history. Three historic Masons that have caught my attention were Prince Hall, George Washington and Ben Franklin. Franklin was very attached to St. John's Lodge, he did almost everything he could to help them develop as a whole. He did his best to support the welfare of Freemasonry. Franklin did that for 60 years, and earned the highest Masonic honor and respect for all his efforts to make Freemasonry a stronger organization. Prince Hall, founder of a whole new branch of Masonry, helped Freemasonry flourish and extend to others. This Mason truly influenced male African Americans,

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The Masonicare Experience

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

What's Behind One Mason's Support of the Masonicare Annual Appeal?

By Adam Raider

Through their gifts to the Masonicare Annual Appeal, donors like Bro. Fred Neuffer are helping enhance the quality of life of Masonicare residents and patients in need.

Fred, who made a generous commitment to support the Annual Appeal for the remainder of his lifetime, fulfills his annual pledge through five monthly gifts. Doing so has allowed him to join The Masonic Charity Foundation's Masonicare Society, which honors donors who give \$520 or more to the Annual Appeal over a 12-month period.

"It's a sizable gift for me," Fred explained, "but not one that impacts me greatly because I don't give it all at once. I space it out over five months, but someone could just as easily do it over ten months. It's a convenient way to support the Annual Appeal, and I think more donors should know about it."

Born in Brooklyn, NY to German immigrants, Fred grew up in the nearby Ridgewood section of Queens. He worked as a manufacturing engineer for many years selling parts to mechanical engineers at machine shops throughout New England and upstate New York. He and his wife, Elsie, eventually settled in Cheshire, CT, where they raised three daughters.

A 52-year Mason raised at Cathedral Granite Lodge No. 1011 (now Queensboro Lodge No. 892) in Queens, Bro. Fred joined Temple Lodge No. 16 in Cheshire after moving to Connecticut. Later, he joined Sphinx Shrine in Newington and became

involved with the Motor Patrol, the group that drives miniature cars in parades and other events. Putting his skills as a machinist to good use, he helped maintain the Motor Patrol's

fleet of one-of-a-kind vehicles.

Fred and Elsie were retired and living in the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina when they began to

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Bro. Fred Neuffer is a dual member of Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, and Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Wallingford.

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experience health problems. They decided to move back north to be closer to family, and visited retirement communities in New Jersey and Connecticut before choosing Ashlar Village.

Ironically, though he'd visited Masonicare's Wallingford campus many times to drive in Grand Masters Day parades with his friends on the Motor Patrol, and was familiar with the area around the Health Center, Fred admits he had no idea what Masonicare had to offer on its upper campus.

"One of my daughters told me about Ashlar Village," he said. "At first, I was just impressed by the floor

plans. Then, when we came to visit, I was impressed

with how well the grounds were maintained and how friendly the people were. Everyone was smiling. We didn't see that in other places we looked at."

After relocating to Ashlar Village in 2011, Fred continued in his role as Elsie's full-time caregiver. As Elsie's health declined, however, it

became necessary for her to transition to Masonicare

Health Center. Fred is pleased with the high quality of care that Elsie receives there. That, he says, has been the greatest influencer in his decision to support the Masonicare Annual Appeal.

"I know how my gifts and other people's gifts are being used," he said. "I see it. My wife receives government support, so

she's benefiting from the Annual Appeal. And, as a Masonicare resident who might one day need additional care, I know I might benefit from it, too. I'm glad that I'm able to make a gift that is meaningful, but one that also makes financial sense for me."

Like Bro. Fred, you can make installment gifts to the Masonicare Annual Appeal on a schedule that's right for you. For your convenience, a monthly giving option is also available at masonicare.org/mcf by clicking "Donate Today." Or call The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut at 203-679-5555 or 800-562-3952.

"I know how my gifts and other people's gifts are being used. I see it."

Marissa Mayhew *Continued from previous page*

young and old, and has lead them to the practice of Freemasonry. George Washington was a remarkable leader; of our country and all the lodges that he supported throughout his Masonic career. George Washington helped Freemasonry extend higher than almost all other Masons have. These gentlemen dedicated a large part of their lives to Freemasonry and America.

One particular Brother, who I regularly call Uncle Teddy, has had a bold impact on my daily life. Uncle Teddy has become a common fixture in my house, especially on Friday nights. We discuss our daily events and conflicts, and create new adventures for the future. A regular topic that comes up is upcoming lodge events. From these discussions I have a better understanding of how much effort is put into planning a lodge event. Uncle Ted has taught me about personal safety, how to make a creative flashlight

for a science project, and helped me with computer technology.

I enjoy the fun times we've had, fishing, hanging out at our cottage and barbequing. With Uncle Ted's help, I have learned how to properly rub the seasoning on pork and how to pull it effectively. His compassionate attitude is a true reflection of his moral values, which I believe he has gained through his time with DeMolay and Freemasonry. I am glad to have such a great mentor who is also great to be around.

Definitely, the most influential and important mentor in my life is my father. I cannot thank him enough for everything he has done for me in the past 12 years. Through everything, he supported and encouraged me when I was close to giving up. I am glad I have someone I can trust with my problems and questions. He has made my years at Middle School much less stressful than

it could have been. He has made me the best athlete I can be so far. I genuinely believe that Freemasonry has helped him become the absolute best man he could possibly be.

From the many words I have read to you tonight, I hope you can understand how truly important this fraternity is to myself and other young people and how it has positively affected my life in almost every possible way. A Mason's dedication to improving themselves and others, their strong moral codes and values have had a bold impact upon many people. Other kids my age take glory in winning trophies and trying to impress their friends, while I take pride in earning and giving respect to others. It has been an honor to speak in front of all you this evening. Thank you for this opportunity to express how I feel about Freemasonry and Thank you for listening. Have a good night.

Grand Historian's Corner

by Gary A. Littlefield

Brother John Leeds is a forgotten man in the annals of Connecticut Freemasonry. He served as Grand Marshall for two years. He made his mark on Freemasonry in an unusual way. Brother Leeds was made a Mason in Wooster Lodge No. 79 in New Haven. Some historians have claimed that he was almost "Superman." He prevented a catastrophe in Darien on the railroad lines. It was the summer of 1849 when the railroad was still young. He was traveling on a crossroad between Darien and Stamford when he heard a train coming from the East. The single track line also had a train approaching from the West. The line had a deep cut and a sharp curve and a collision was inevitable unless he could stop it. In a blink of an eye, he sprang to the track, waved his hat (everyone wore hats in those days) so that the engineer on the westbound train could see his flagging. He jumped backward as the train went thundering past him. He was able to shout to the engineer that another train was coming. The engineer applied the brakes and reversed the engine. He followed with a long and loud alarm. This was a signal for the other train coming eastbound to do the same. The two trains stopped just a few feet apart. Brother Leeds was only thirteen at the time but was given a lifetime pass for his forethought and bravery. He was also presented with a silver goblet inscribed with his name. Three years later he was given a job on the railroad serving in many capacities

in the construction and mechanical trades. As an adult he traveled to Europe and the Orient, became Superintendent of the Wethersfield Jail, served six years in the Connecticut General Assembly and because of his extensive traveling he declined an appointment to the Grand Lodge line.

Two hundred and twelve years ago, the Connecticut political scene was in upheaval. Thomas Jefferson (who was not a Freemason) was sitting in the White House and the followers of his liberal Toleration platform were getting political plums. In Connecticut, the land of steady habits, the government formed by the conditions of the charter. It was a time when the clergy ran the affairs of the state and the state was governed by one of several elite families. There was a push to form a state constitution much like the federal government. It was not until Brother Oliver Wolcott took over the Governor's seat in 1817 did Connecticut obtain a new Constitution. William Judd was one of those fighting for a new order earlier in the century. He had been in the General Assembly and was a Justice of the Peace. He was vocal and because of his opposition to the old order, he and a dozen others were relieved of their Justice roles. He attempted to vindicate his viewpoints in the newspaper and the efforts took a toll on his health and he died in 1804, a dozen years before the Constitution



took form. Judd was Grand Master from 1791 to 1798 following in the footsteps of Pierpont Edwards. He chartered many new lodges and those lodges that were older than the Grand Lodge that were "holdouts" he brought into the Grand Jurisdiction. He traveled extensively and sat in every lodge in Connecticut

at that time, no small task since all traveling was done by horseback. He had been the charter Master of Frederick (14) and was made a Mason in the traveling military Lodge (American Union Lodge). His final resting place is in the cemetery in Farmington near the rear of the cemetery and is spotted with the square and compasses on the stone.

The year 1880 was a dark year for Connecticut Masonry as the Grand East was vacant for the annual communication. Most Worshipful Israel Bullock had passed to his eternal reward a few weeks earlier, the only Grand Master to die in office. Deputy Grand Master John Barlow presided and was elected in his own right for the next term. In 112 lodges, there were 1660 Masons. The Grand Lodge reported on the dedications of Acacia (83) in Greenwich, Bay View (120) in Niantic and Montgomery (13) in Lakeville.

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King Solomons Lodge No. 7 Awards Scholarships

King Solomon's Lodge in Woodbury recently awarded two \$500 scholarships to seniors at Pomperaug High School and Nonnewaug High School. Pomperaug's recipient, Joseph Ceccolini will attend the University of Rhode Island to study chemical engineering. The grant's other recipient was Nonnewaug's James Paige (not pictured), who will attend Naugatuck Valley Community College to study turf and landscape management. On hand to hand off the grant were WM Bob Stiles and SW John Novak.



WM Bob Stiles, Joseph Ceccolini, SW John Novak.

King Solomons Food Drive

On September 3rd, King Solomon's Lodge #7 held a food drive outside LaBonne's market in Woodbury.

The day at LaBonne's netted 395 bags of groceries and \$750 in cash! The subsequent Rockets on the Rock event later that evening at the lodge brought an additional 15 bags of groceries and \$250.

A total of 410 bags of groceries and \$1000 cash will find their way into the hands of those in this community that need it the most.

Thanks to the brothers who spent a few hours of their Saturday standing in front of LaBonne's to pitch in and help:

- Haron Andrews
- Doug Barry
- Kevin Brown
- Pete D'Amato
- Fred Holzbauer
- Steve Lewis
- Richard Miska
- John Novak
- Lee Warner



From left: Steve Lewis, Pete D'Amato, Bob Taylor, Lee Warner, Harmon Andrews, John Novak, Doug Barry, Richard Miska

And special thanks go to:

- The people of greater Woodbury for their generosity.
- Mr. Bob Taylor from Woodbury Community Services

for the work he does all year round to serve those in need.

- Brother Steve Lewis for planning and coordinating this event over the past handful of years.

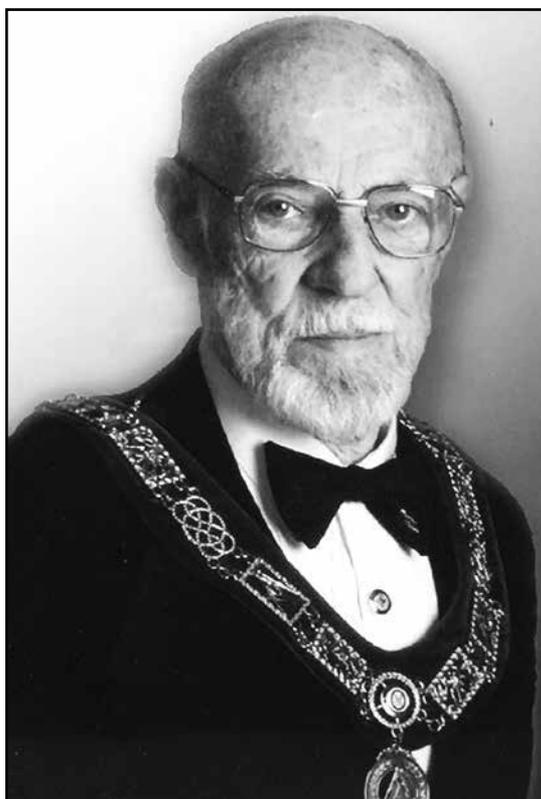
MWPGM Joseph J. Howard, In Memoriam

by Robert Dorr

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Joseph J. Howard, 158th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, laid down the working tools of life on July 29.

MWB Joe was born on October 22, 1928, the son of John and Sarah Howard, and one of seven children. He spent his formative years in Bridgeport, attending Waltersville Elementary School and Warren Harding High School. During his high school education, MWB Joe joined the work force part-time for the First National Food Stores. Later he was promoted to Assistant Manager and worked in Bridgeport, Fairfield, and Norwalk. Joe eventually left First National Food Stores to try his luck at door to door sales. In 1950, he joined U.S. Electrical Motors in Milford, Connecticut. He again made steady advancement from Storekeeper to Lead Man and finally to Night Foreman. He made one last major career move, applying for a job with the U.S. Postal Service. Hired as a Postal Clerk in 1958, he was promoted steadily to Supervisor, to Station and Branch Manager, and retired from the Old Saybrook Post Office as Assistant Postmaster in 1986.

MWB Joe's colorful work career was directly related to his Masonic Service. It is a parallel that can be drawn by anyone that knew him. Starting at the



bottom, striving to move to the top, and through his effort and labors, attaining it. MWB Joe was an achiever.

While raising his family, he was active in the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and also coached his son's basketball team. He was devoted family man as his moral principles would allow no deviation.

MWB Joe's religious service was also no less distinguished than his other endeavors, and no less active. In Church he served as Co-Superintendent of the Church School, leader of an adult education class, Vestry member, Licensed Lay-Reader and Chalice

Bearer, Delegate to the Diocesan Convention, Representative to the Bridgeport Deanery, Executive Board Member of the Greater Bridgeport Council of Churches, and Chairman of the Diocesan Lay-Readers Committee.

Most Freemasons can recall when their interest in Masonry was first sparked. For MWB Joe it happened with a man who was to become his father-in-law, a man who was deeply involved in his own Blue Lodge, Scottish and York Rite Masonry. But Joe was not able to cultivate this spark into a flame until some years later.

It was in May of 1979, at Siloam Lodge's famous annual Shad Bake, that this ember finally burst into a flame that burned strong and bright. MWB Joe asked about joining the fraternity, was given a petition and submitted it to Siloam Lodge No. 32. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on November 12, 1979, passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on December 12, 1979, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 2, 1980.

It should be no surprise that MWB Joe, who was so active in so many other things, became an active Lodge officer. MWB Joe was elected as Master for 1986. His year went smoothly not only because of his strong character, but also because of his skills as a diplomat.

MWB Joe was also active in the Grand

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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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Philosophic Lodge of Research Invites You to Learn About Hinduism

by Roger R. Cole

On behalf of Philosophic Lodge of Research, Worshipful Master Jonathan Beatty invites you to attend our October 21 communication to hear Dr. A.V. Srinivasan discuss the spiritual beliefs of Hinduism. Lodge will open early at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at

the A.B.C. Pizza restaurant below the Eastern Star building at 324 Main Street, Cromwell. Dr. Srinivasan will begin his program no later than 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Srinivasan is a world-renowned research engineer, specializing in vibrations, aeroelasticity and smart metals. An Elected Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he has

written and taught courses in engineering, management, and spoken word-wide on related these topics. During his lifetime of service to the aerospace industry, he was assigned as a Presidential Fellow to the U. S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, serving for a year as Technical Advisor in program reviews and long-term planning.

Dr. Srinivasan is a

practicing Hindu, a primary founder of The Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society, the author of *Hinduism for Dummies* and numerous other books related to Hindu culture. Fluent in Sanskrit, he travels widely to perform Hindu marriages and currently serves the Town of Glastonbury as a Justice of the Peace.

submissions@ctfreemasons.net - Please Use It

by Francis G. Way

The email address mentioned in the title is the email address for submissions to the CT Freemasons publication. It is probably familiar to anyone who regularly submits. However, quite a few articles still are submitted to my personal email address, and this causes more than a few problems.

Recently I was contacted about several articles that had not run. Neither had been submitted to the

submissions address. One had been submitted to my personal email address, edited and prepared, but was dropped from an earlier issue and should be running in this issue. The other article had never been submitted to any email address that I use.

It was the search through a very large personal email account for these submissions that prompted this article.

Quite frankly, I receive a lot of email to my personal email address, and it covers all of the interests I have in life - computers and

technology, sports, family, friends - not to mention emails I receive relating to my Masonic activities in lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite. If a submission comes to my personal email and "falls off the bottom of the screen," I may never know it came in. And while I routinely scan back through a month of personal emails as part of my regular editing cycle for CT Freemasons, this really should not be necessary.

The email address for submissions receives much less traffic than my personal

email. In addition, it is set up to auto-reply confirming to the sender that a submission was received. I routinely archive submission emails after an edit cycle so I see only current submissions. In short, it makes the job a lot easier.

So, in a nutshell, if you're still submitting to my personal email address, I will politely ask you to STOP! Send them in to submissions@ctfreemasons.net instead.

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Fred Taft Receives Pierpont Edwards in Bronze

Fred Taft, as he is known to most, and Ric as he is known to his family and a few very old and special friends, was born on February 13, 1949 to Frederick Swanston Taft and Harriet Lodge Taft. He was the first of three children, followed by sisters Susan McLarney, and Betsy Slater.

Fred's earliest years were spent in Farmington, and Unionville, where he attended Union School and Irving Robbins School. These boyhood years can best be described as Norman Rockwellian, with Fred's time in Pack 3 of the Cub Scouts and then Troop 37 and 170 of the Boy Scouts of America, and joining the First Church of Christ Congregational in Unionville. Fred even had a paper route for several years, starting at age eleven, which accounts for a portion of his tenacity and dedication to any endeavor to that he puts his hand. Fred graduated from Farmington High School in 1968 and subsequently from Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Well before this, Fred began his working life with Charles House and Sons felt mills in Unionville. When Fred left employment there he was in charge of the Up-Stairs Stock Room.

Fred soon joined Northern Heating Supply in Newington and remained there until his association with J.M. Ney in Bloomfield in 1974. Fred retired from Deringer-Ney, as head of receiving, after 41 years of service. About the time Fred started at Ney he joined the U.S. Army Reserve

1205th Division, to which he gave nearly 25 years of devoted service. As a side benefit of his years at Ney, Fred met and then married Catherine (Cathy) Hazen, a fellow employee. Fred and Cathy live in Canton CT. Their daughter, Lori, lives close by. Fred's retirement was short lived. Less than a year passed before Fred began a part time civilian position with the Simsbury Police Dept.

Fred's Masonic career began with his application to Evening Star Lodge No. 101 in Unionville in 1984. His Father assisted in Fred's raising on June 25, 1984. No time was wasted by the Master who appointed Fred as Marshal for 1985. Fred rose through the ranks and was elected Worshipful Master for 1991. WB Fred was duly installed and, just after the first regular Communication of his year in the East, his Army Reserve unit was called to active duty in support of the Persian Gulf War. WB Fred was deployed to North Carolina where he was to stay until his return in late September. Fred's year was well planned making it possible to carry on in his absence. WB Fred was to occupy the Oriental chair twice more, in 1994 and 2002. In the meantime Fred could be counted on to fill in any of the subordinate offices which he did without any apparent effort, a talent which he retains to this day.

WB Fred was appointed as Associate Grand Marshal for District 5A in 1996 and 1997. In 2004, Fred was busy again on behalf of the Grand

Lodge, being appointed as District Deputy for District 5A by MWGM Joseph J. Howard, and again in 2005 by MWGM George S. Greytak. RWB Taft has continued his search for light and opportunity to serve the Craft. He has taken his degrees in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Hartford, is an active member of Columbia Chapter No. 31 RAM and Lee Council No. 25, both in Collinsville, and Washington Commandery No. 1 in East Hartford. RWB Fred is a member of Sphinx Shrine in Newington where he was Commander of the Legion of Honor for several years, and where he is also a member, and Treasurer, of the Mounted Sheiks. Fred is active in the Scottish Rite Degree presentations and volunteers at the 5K Race. He received a commendation from the Scottish Rite, Connecticut Council of Deliberation, for his "Integrity, Initiative, Accountability, Compassion, and Altruism".

Lest anyone think that his Mother Lodge gets short shrift, please note the following: RWB Fred is active with the Unionville Masonic Building Assn., is a past president of the Past Master's Assn. is a key player in the portrayal of the Tragedy

in the 3rd degree, makes himself available to help with any program of the Lodge (CTCHIP, Charity Pig Roast, Fellow Craft Picnic) In addition RWB Fred has been elected and served as Treasurer for the last twelve years. Still managing to find excess time in his schedule he has taken dual membership in Village Lodge No. 29 in Collinsville where he is equally active.

Quiet, thoughtful, good natured, gentlemanly, well mannered, even tempered, generous and self effacing only begin to describe RWB Fred Taft, a Brother truly worthy of emulation!

In recognition of his service to his country, his contribution of time and talent to the Grand Lodge and the appendant bodies of Masonry, his unswerving and unstinting dedication to his Blue Lodge, and for the exemplification of the qualities of character and demeanor which Masonry espouses and by which Masonry is judged by the world, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut is very pleased to present to RWB Frederick James Taft the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.



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Why Aren't There Any Articles About...?

By Francis G. Way

I recently received a note from a brother who was very dismayed that the *CT Freemasons* was not carrying more articles and news about Masonic youth. Some months prior to that, I had received a note from a brother's wife who was dismayed that the article about her husband's Pierpont Edwards award had not yet run.

As editor I receive all sorts of correspondence, ranging from thank you notes, to congratulatory notes, to gripes and complaints... It comes with the territory, and I often think of Lydgate's quote, "You cannot please all of the people all of the time."

For some reason, however,

these particular notes stuck in my head and rattled around for a while as I pondered them. I slowly came to the conclusion that the general impression of the *CT Freemasons* must be more akin to that of a small city daily (we'll call it *The Daily Bugle*) than it is to what our "almost monthly" really is.

The Daily Bugle has a staff - an editor or even several, reporters, advertising editors etc. The *CT Freemasons* has a staff too - an editor, two brothers who do layout, some volunteer proofreaders, and... well, that's about it, come to think of it.

That realization put me in mind of when the staff of the *CT Freemasons* was definitely larger, and, sadly, reminded me that in the past few years

we lost two giants, not only in Masonry, but on the staff of the paper as well.

Carl Ek was invaluable to the newspaper. If you attended a Masonic event anywhere in Connecticut, you'd see Carl there, camera in hand, to record the proceedings. And he could write too! So there would be a very well written article with photos to put into the paper.

Mike Castroll was another fixture on the Connecticut Masonic scene. Mike could report on happenings and goings-on, he'd write up the Valley of New Haven news, but he was especially valuable in writing up stories on Pierpont presentations. Through it all, he'd sprinkle in historical nuggets from his vast knowledge of local and national history.

Their passings hit the paper particularly hard. Many of us took them for granted, and it was only when they were no longer with us did we realize how deep a loss we suffered.

The *CT Freemasons* does receive articles from brethren who think to submit

them - District news, various articles mostly on Blue Lodge activity. But we do miss the articles written by those two late, great Brothers. We miss having a brother or two who will travel the state, camera in hand, to take note of the great goings-on of our fraternity in this State.

While we will probably never scale to become a Masonic version of *The Daily Bugle*, we would like to remedy this situation.

If you are involved with Masonic youth, please consider submitting stories on whatever is happening. Photos are nice too.

If you are a brother who is interested in becoming a reporter for the paper - like Carl and Mike were - by all means, please contact me.

In closing, to answer the brother concerned about lack of Masonic youth reports, we don't have anyone submitting stories about Masonic youth. When they do, we will gladly run them. And as to the Pierpont Edwards stories, if we can bring in a reporter, that will be a top priority.

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From the desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

I am honored and fortunate to have been chosen to lead Masonicare, an organization which has given me so much. Let me "shout out" a huge Thank You to the many brothers, residents, board members and staff who overwhelmed me with cards, letters and emails of congratulations and support. They further inspire me to make sure we continue to grow and provide the best in senior care throughout Connecticut.

Let me also say how appreciative I am for the wonderful legacy left for us by my predecessor, Bro. Steve McPherson. Steve was not only a mentor to me but someone who led by example and demonstrated to residents and

employees every day just how valued and important they are. Our success comes directly from tireless service to those in our care and a culture that dictates that everyone is a member of the same team.

As we continue to innovate and embrace the future, we will look for ways to support seniors as they age in the environment of their choice. Our emphasis on home care services, customer service,



strategic partnerships and data-driven decision-making will help us do so. Our newest campus, Masonicare at Mystic, is nearly complete. We expect to welcome our first move-ins on November 29 and to host a grand opening shortly after the holidays. Stay tuned for more information about that!

It is an honor to help carry on Masonicare's mission "to help, aid and assist" - as articulated by our founding brothers more than 125 years ago.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon-Paul Venoit".

Anderson Elected Vice Chair of MCSA



Rev. Bro. Carl Anderson, R.W. Grand Organist, has been elected Vice Chair of the Masonic Communities and Services Association (MCSA). This is a national organization of the Masonically affiliated nursing homes, retirement communities, orphanages and outreach programs that serve the Masonic Family, as well as the general community.

The group's mission is to promote understanding and share best practices among member organizations and to provide education and support.

Bro. Carl also chairs the MCSA Membership and Marketing Committee, and he has served on the Program Committee. In 2013, he co-chaired the MCSA conference hosted by Masonicare here in Connecticut.

Bro. Carl's term is for two years.

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Of Oaths and Masonic Fidelity

by John A. Amarillos,
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The Fall degree season is now in full swing, providing all Scottish Rite candidates the opportunity to complete their series of "bookend" degrees, so as to qualify for the 32nd degree on November 12 when the 32nd degree will be conferred throughout the United States. This is a historic event, as never before has the 32nd degree been conferred on the same date throughout the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions. Being part of this historic Scottish Rite class will be a unique and unforgettable experience for those who participate!

October degrees include:
 October 3 - Secret Master Play - Open to all MM's - Stratford 7:30 p.m.
 October 15 - 21st degree - Stratford - 11:00 a.m.
 October 17 - 15th degree

- New Haven - 7:30 p.m.
 October 24 - 24th degree - Stratford - 7:30 p.m.
 October 26 - 6th and 26th degrees - Waterbury - 7:30 p.m.

Remember you can start your Scottish Rite journey at any time by informing the Consistory office that you would like to see the 4th degree prior to the presentation of the above live degrees. The office can be contacted for information, degree and dinner reservations at (203) 375-0064.

The 21st degree this October examines the issue of using Freemasonry as shield for evil doing and reminds us that the pillar of Justice is one of the chief supports of our fraternity.

Indeed these matters of evil and Justice arise subsequently and proximately from having violated the oaths and pledges taken during our very thorough blue lodge



Roman Goddess Fides on Roman coin.

initiations. This brings to mind the solemn undertakings that each one of us have taken when initiated, passed and raised and the unfortunate fact that some fail to fully digest or choose to ignore their significance.

These undertakings are not mere words, repeated for ritualistic effect, or to exhibit memorization acumen, but for the very real and everlasting effect of binding the eternal essence of the candidate.

The oaths are a contractual agreement, to abide by a lifestyle encompassing a Masonic mode of conduct, in return for membership in a fraternal school of thought and wisdom. Perhaps too few initially realize the obligations and benefits that they have subscribed to. One of the purposes of the Rite, is to help them become aware of the full scope of the potential benefits to the growth of

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DATE	LOCATION	DEGREE(S)
SAT 10.2016	STRATFORD	21ST DEGREE 11:AM
MON 17.2016	NEW HAVEN	15TH DEGREE 7:30PM
MON 24.2016	STRATFORD	24TH DEGREE 7:30PM
WED 26.2016	WATERBURY	6TH DEGREE

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Two Communications for Two Centenarian Brothers



Br. John Hutt receives his Masonic Centenarian Plaque

by Howard Schiller

On May 14, Uriel Lodge No. 24 honored two brothers in recognition of their 100th birthdays. A special communication was held at the Mansfield Center for Rehabilitation to honor Brother John Hutt. Working under dispensation from MWGrand Master Gail N. Smith, 18 brothers traveled to the Mansfield Center that afternoon to recognize Brother John, who is a 72 year Mason. Lodge opened on the Master Mason degree and went to refreshment. In recognition of Brother Hutt turning 100 years old he was presented a special "Masonic centenarian" plaque by Worshipful Master Michael A. Simmons. Brother Hutt expressed his appreciation to the members and guests for this special recognition. While at refreshment Brother John's wife and other non-masons were welcomed so they could extend their congratulations and view the plaque presentation. All present enjoyed a special cake, after which the Lodge returned to labor and

closed in due form.

After closing the special communication at the Mansfield Center for Rehabilitation, the Uriel brothers returned to Uriel Lodge for its Stated Communication and scheduled Awards

Night. They were joined by spouses and other members and guests for a scrumptious prime rib dinner donated by W.B. Herbert E. Klei. An Awards Ceremony was held and service pins were presented to brothers in recognition of their incremental levels of membership. Two brothers, Carlton Csiki and Joseph Csiki, Jr., were recognized for 50 years of membership. Present to award Brothers Csiki their fifty-year pins were MWB Gail N. Smith and MWPGM Charles A. Yohe.

Receiving special recognition was Brother Herbert N. Zepp, a 66 year Mason, who had also reached centenarian status. To recognize his milestone Worshipful Master Michael A. Simmons presented Brother Zepp with a "Masonic centenarian" plaque. Brother Zepp thanked all who were present for according him this special recognition.

After the dinner and presentations were concluded the brothers returned to the Lodge room where recognition was given to the Grand Master and his suite. Needless to say, an enjoyable day was had by all.



Br. Herbert N. Zepp receives his Masonic Centenarian Plaque

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice- Norwalk Branch Graduates Class of Hospice Volunteers

Eight local residents, ranging in age from 16-80, have successfully completed the Masonicare hospice volunteer training held recently at Nathaniel Witherell Short-Term Rehab and Skilled Nursing Center in Greenwich. These newest members join an interdisciplinary team of professional caregivers and clinicians in providing companionship and comfort to patients and their families.

There is an ongoing need for volunteers, and a training class will be starting soon in Norwalk. If you are interested in learning how you can give of your time and presence by participating in this rewarding experience, please contact Cindy Kemp, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at [203-831-8882](tel:203-831-8882) or ckemp@masonicare.org.



Pre-School Students at Masonicare Child Development Center Hold Fourteenth Annual "Farmers Market" and Bake Sale



The Preschool class at the Masonicare Child Development Center held their fourteenth annual Farmers' Market and Bake Sale on August 18 at the Center, located on the Masonicare campus in Wallingford.

The market featured a variety of fresh-picked vegetables, mostly grown by the children in the garden they planted and tended throughout the spring and summer. The sale also included an assortment of delicious baked goods prepared by the children - with a little help from staff and parents. The preschoolers were taught how to count money, learned what good "customer service" is all about, and how to work together as a team to achieve a goal.

As always, many resident "Grandma's" and "Grandpa's" from Masonicare Health Center, along with parents and employees, provided support and assistance, helping to make the highly anticipated event a great success.

A Lodge on the Rocks

by *The Brothers of King
Solomons Lodge No. 7*

"And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon the house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on the rock." Mathew 7:25

The Brothers of King Solomons Lodge No. 7 adopted this verse as a theme when they began the monumental project of preparing for the 250th anniversary of the lodge in 2015 by reviving their building and grounds. Inspired by the ancient heroes of the lodge, like Col. Joel Clark (founding Master of the American Union Revolutionary War Military Lodge), Br. Horace Oatman (KS Lodge No. 7 Builder), and WM Benjamin Doolittle, the lodge established goals to rebuild the lodge and the brotherhood, rededicate the charter as part of the 250th Anniversary celebration, and rediscover the relationship with the community.

Many brothers took key roles in the effort, including WB Albin Weber, Br. John Novak and Br. Pete D'Amato. These brothers and the many others involved in the renovations may all take pride in what was achieved.

King Solomons Lodge is one of the few and oldest lodges in the country that continues to operate out of its original building. The Temple portion of the lodge was constructed in 1834 and remains one of the most iconic historic buildings in the Town of Woodbury. Its perch "on the rock" is seen in many photos of buildings in Woodbury. The Social Hall was added in 1975. Unfortunately, time had not been kind to the lodge. Over the decades, the Temple and Hall buildings have been gradually aging and deteriorating. The recent hurricanes and snowstorms has exacerbated and accelerated this problem causing interior water damage as well.

The Lodge retained the service of Bennett Sullivan Associates Inc. Architects and Planners from Southbury. Bennett Sullivan Associates Inc. is known for their renovation skills of historic buildings as well as their attention to detail in authentic design and project management.

One critical issues was water in the basement and the resulting mold growth.



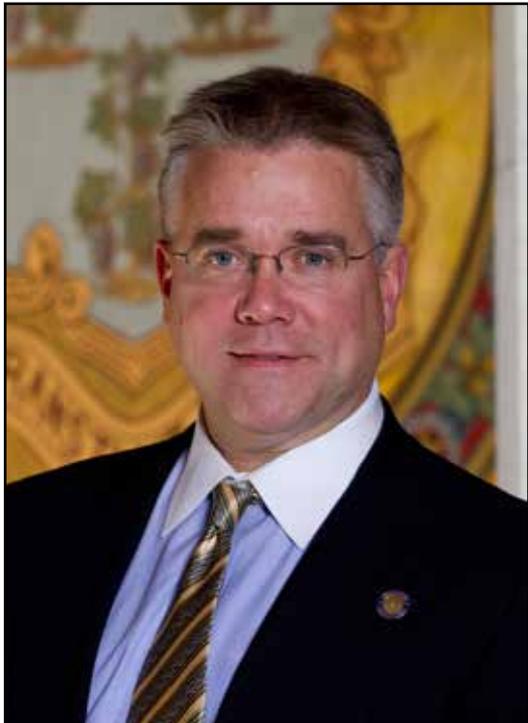
Lodge Ceiling Before

The brothers dug to the foundation, repaired the walls and footing, and then installed 75 feet of footing drain, 6-8 feet deep. Much of this work was done by hand by the brothers. On several occasions, the first section lectures were practiced orally

in the trenches. To address mold and mildew under the Temple floor, the entire floor was removed and a vapor barrier installed. After removing the floor, it was

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Just and Upright Masons, In Service and On the Move



John Shaban

by James Saraceni

Ark Lodge No. 39 and Union Lodge No. 40 are proud of two of their members for their service to their communities and their desire to take on new challenges. Brother John Shaban and Brother Dan Carter are currently serving as State Representatives in the Connecticut Legislature and both are looking to expand their service. Brother John Shaban is currently running for the United States Congress and Brother Dan Carter is running for the United States Senate.

Brother John Shaban has served the communities of Easton, Redding and Weston since 2010. Yet, Brother Shaban does not choose to define himself as an elected official. He emphasizes that he is a husband, father, football coach and neighbor. For nearly thirty years, Brother Shaban and his wife have raised their three sons in various communities within Fairfield County. As a former semi-professional football player, Brother Shaban has shared his

expertise as a Coach and President of the Aspetuck Wildcats, a youth football and cheer association, guiding his 2008 team to a National Championship in Florida.

Professionally, Brother Shaban is an attorney focusing on issues involving the environment. Not surprisingly, as a State Legislator Brother Shaban has pushed for sound environmental policies, including banning the use of microbeads in consumer products, supporting the Sound Blue Plan, and promoting the clean-up of contaminated properties.

Brother Shaban's purpose for seeking to serve in the United States Congress is that he rejects the current "it's us versus them" approach that has frozen the federal government. During his five years in Hartford he has operated in a manner respecting the fact that he and his colleagues do not always agree. He believes representatives are elected to solve problems and to promote freedom through prosperity -- needless bickering does neither.

Brother Dan Carter is serving the communities of Bethel, Danbury, Newtown and Redding for his third term. However service is not something new for Brother Carter. Growing up as the son of a police officer and nurse, service to the community was a natural progression. As a young man Brother Carter was a Boy Scout, earning the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout. In college, Brother Carter earned degrees in Political Science and Aeronautical Science. Additionally Brother Carter joined the U.S. Air Force ROTC program which led to his service as a member of the military. Brother Carter earned the rank of Major after serving as a C-130 "Hercules" pilot during operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, two tours in Bosnia supporting operation Provide Promise (the largest humanitarian airlift

in history), and missions supporting the country's drug interdiction programs. After active duty, Brother Carter served in the Air Force Reserve mentoring candidates for the United States Air Force Academy, while working in the health care industry. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Danbury Animal Welfare Society.

Brother Carter believes staying in touch with his community is a priority and has hosted a variety of in-district forums on the state budget and healthcare for seniors. He has welcomed open dialogue with his constituents about everything from job creation to veterans affairs by keeping regular office hours.

During these tumultuous political times it is comforting to know that just and upright Brother Masons, regardless of party affiliation, are willing to step forward and serve their country, their neighbors and their families.



Dan Carter



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Then, Now & Beyond

by Richard F. Denno

THEN - In March 2009, the Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program was approved as a Masonic Committee by MWGM Robert 'Bob' Stika. Starting with few members, we began by contacting The Donate Life affiliate in Connecticut, LifeChoice Donor Services, which is part of the New England Organ Bank (the oldest in the country). The following year, online organ donor registration made registering very easy. Here in New England, donors can go online to www.donatelifenewengland.org and register; this was a major breakthrough for our committee, allowing us to refer our brothers to the Donate Life America website.

During this period, there were happy and sad stories. WB Ernest 'Ernie' Gladden, a heart transplant patient of nine years passed away; as did WB William 'Bill' Peruccio. One of our committee Members, WB Anthony 'Tony' Giunta received a kidney transplant. Brother John Puzles was on the heart transplant waiting list. Thanks to WB Joe Bonola, three patients on the waiting list for corneas had their vision restored or improved.

Encouraged by a talk given by WB Lee Harris and myself, he spoke to his dying mother-in-law, who agreed to donate the corneas upon her death. A year later, her son tragically died, and he donated his cornea. It is fitting that the MWPGR Bob Stika, who assisted in starting the program, became a cornea donor upon his death. He truly "talked the talk and walked the walk."

NOW - Transplantation has made vast strides since 2009. At a Donate Life America Conference, I met a man who received a complete face transplant. I would defy you to know, by looking at him, of this medical miracle. Corneas are being split, allowing two or more patients to benefit from each cornea. Because of advances in organ transplantation, many who previously did not qualify to become donors or recipients can now do so. Yet these advances have proved to be a two edged sword. While these medical advances have allowed others to be placed on the organ donor waiting list, it has also increased the need for organs, tissues and eyes. Today, brothers are asked to visit www.donatelifenewengland.org and learn more and register to become a donor. The good news is that after

eight years, Brother Puzles is being worked up to receive his new heart. For many, time will run out before that organ can be found which would save or improve their lives. By the selfless act of registering online, you can help some of that are STILL WAITING.

BEYOND - Highlights of the Donate Life America 2016 update include:

The launch of a mobile-friendly National Donate Life Registry at Registerme.org

A partnership with Apple to bring organ donation registration to the iPhone

A national partnership with Walgreens, touching hundreds of millions of consumers

The creation of a new social media campaign targeting Millennials

As Donate Life America's President and CEO, G. David Fleming, said, "We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing hope, healing and life to the 120,000 men, women and children currently awaiting transplants."

Remember - "Don't Take Your Organs to Heaven - Heaven Knows We Need Them Here"

We Welcome Our New Brothers to the Fraternity

Lincoln F. Clark,
Dylan W. Irish,

Wolcott Lodge No. 60
Wolcott Lodge No. 60

Jason Hyde,
Matthew A. Lors,

Corinthian Lodge No. 104
Corinthian Lodge No. 104



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.

OCTOBER 2016

01-02			RE	U	DeValois 16 KT, Vinalhaven ME
04				F	Keystone 26 RA, Meriden. Mark Master deg, 7 pm
04	ME		RE	F	Franklin 02 RA, New Haven. Royal Arch deg
05		MP			Halleck 44 RA & Menunketuck 36 SM, Madison. Din 6:30 p
06-09			RE	U	Grand Commandery KT of Ohio
08	ME				AMD/SRICF, Windsor. 9:30 am
10					COLUMBUS DAY
10		MP			Union 07 RA & Cushing 04 SM, Preston. Din 6:30 pm
11				F	Hamilton 22 SM, Meriden. Select Master deg
11	ME		RE	F	Harmony 08 SM, New Haven. Select Master deg
12	ME			F	Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. Mark Master deg
13-15	ME	MP	RE		Grand York Rite of MA/RI
14				F	Baldwin 13 RA, Stratford. Royal Arch Mason deg
15					Hamilton 22 SM, Meriden. Robert DiPasquale Memorial Steak or Lobster Dinner, 5-8 pm. Tickets \$25. For info contact B Padula 203-228-4447, J Braddock 203-235-5596, or D Luft 203-537-1610.
15-16		MP			DeMolay Brotherhood Weekend
18			RE	U	St. Elmo 09 KT. Joint with Washington 01 KT, East Hartford
18		MP	RE	U	Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Reception of REGC. Din 6:30 p
18	ME			F	Burning Bush-Washington 06 RA, Middletown
20			RE	U	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Knights Patriot dinner, 6 p. By Reservation only to Stu Drost, 203-944-0861
21	ME		RE	U	New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Insp. Order of Temple. Din 6:15
22	ME	MP			Grand Lodge AF&AM of CT, Ashlar Village, 9 am
22		MP		F	Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor Reception, Torrington. 5 pm
22	ME				Masonic Lodge of Research. Case Award, 2 pm
25				U	St Elmo 09 KT, Meriden. Order of Temple. Din 6:15 pm
26		MP	RE	F	Pulaski 26 RA & Crawford 19 SM, Branford
28			RE	F	Jerusalem 16 SM, Stratford. Select Master deg
29	ME			F	Connecticut YRC 17, Meriden. 10 am
31					HALLOWEEN

NOTE >> >> >> When there is a dinner, reservations are usually req'd.
 ME indicates attendance by the ME Grand High Priest
 MP indicates attendance by the MP Grand Master
 RE indicates attendance by the RE Grand Commander

COMING UP

Nov 01	ME @ Franklin 02 RA, New Haven	Nov 18	ME @ New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Din 6:15 pm
Nov 4,5	ME @ SRICF High Council, Louisville KY	Nov 19	AMD/SRICF, East Hartford. 9:30 am
Nov 08	ME @ Harmony 02 SM, New Haven.	Nov 19	York Rite Testimonial Dinner, Nutmeg Restaurant, East Windsor. Social Hour 6:00, Dinner 6:30 p
Nov 09	Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. PM & MEM deg	Dec 14	Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. RAM deg
Nov 12	Scottish Rite Consistory Day, 1 pm	Dec 17	Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Christmas Observance. Dinner 6:30 p
Nov 15	Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Order of the Temple		
Nov 17	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Inspection on Order of the Temple.		



NEW GRAND COUNCIL RITUALS AVAILABLE

After being out of print for a while, the Second Printing of the Ritual for the Grand Council is now available from Grand Recorder Fowler. A few minor errors were corrected in this printing, but all previous editions may still be used. Cost for the new books is \$6 and must be ordered through your own Council Recorder.

YORK RITE TESTIMONIAL DINNER ON THE MOVE

The Marco Polo Ristorante in East Hartford closed suddenly in August, so the York Rite Coordination Committee has had to arrange for a new venue on short notice. The Testimonial will be held at the Nutmeg Restaurant, 297 South Main Street (Rt 5), East Windsor on 19 November. Social hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations by 12 November to CA McCollum, 71 Eunice Parkway, Stratford 06615. Prime Rib is \$40, Chicken, Salmon and Vegetarian are \$35, payable to York Rite Coordination Committee.

FROM MEGHP MARTIN EDE Greetings, Companions and Brothers,

As you go to lodge meetings this year, always have the idea of Royal Arch Chapter education and understanding in your mind. Be prepared to answer any questions that may come up to promote the Chapter, and the York Rite by extension. There are many resources online to help with this from the official York Rite page at www.yorkrite.org to the Educational Bureau of the General Grand Chapter (email at ramintl@sbcglobal.net) that has a wide range of materials available at very reasonable prices for the promotion of the RA Chapter. Many books are available today, many as e-books and 'print on



demand'. Bernard Jones' Book of the Royal Arch and Albert Mackey's Book of the Chapter are good starting points together with Piers Vaughn's Capitular Development Course now available through Amazon as well as the General Grand Chapter. Being somewhat of a bibliophile, I have found out that there are more books available than before and searching Amazon for Royal Arch books can be very fruitful.

If your blue lodge or blue lodge council are in need of a speaker on the chapter and its degrees, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the grand Chapter officers for a program. As I have noted before, there are still a number of misconceptions concerning the Chapter and the York Rite and we, your Grand Chapter officers, are here to help. Remember, every brother needs to be a companion to complete his Masonic education,

FROM MPMG J. ANDREW BIRDSALL

Companions, Our Fall Masonic Season is underway...

I'm working to visit all of the Councils before the winter weather arrives. I appreciate the warm receptions and the invitations I have received, thus far, and I'm looking forward to sharing the fellowship in the Councils that I have yet to attend, as well as the continued fellowship in all of the Councils I visit this year.

The Grand Council has four 50 year Companions during this Cryptic Year:

Fred Ruble of Cushing Council #4 - 6/1/66

Robert Gardner of Crawford Council #19 - 11/3/66

William Senk of Wolcott Council #1 - 11/25/66

Richard Eppler of Crawford Council #19 - 3/16/67

Congratulations to these Companions, and thank you for

your service to Cryptic Masonry.

If you haven't done so, please make contact with your Grand Council Officer to schedule your inspection. It can be on the degree of your choice. All Councils are encouraged to participate in the Honor Council Program this year, I would certainly like to recognize each and every Council for the exceptional work that is being done.

The Grand Council has a Facebook page and group, Cryptic Masons of Connecticut. Please look us up, like it, share your Council's activities, information, pictures, and more. It is my hope that this will help promote Cryptic Masonry and interest in our craft.

If your Council, Lodge, or Blue Lodge Council, has a program that you would like the Grand Council Officers to attend, please let us know, we will be happy to be there for you and will even help promote it.

FROM REGC CLYDE W. KAYSER II

Sir Knights,

As I write this message we have just returned to work in September following the summer hiatus, so I have nothing really to report. However, I do have one item of food for thought. Last year my Lodge, Federal No. 17, celebrated its 225th Anniversary. I had the privilege of presiding as Worshipful Master in 1990, which was their 200th Anniversary year. At that time we had a Lodge Historian, Worshipful Brother Herbert King, who spend over five years compiling a 200-Year history of the Lodge. The final published booklet was 71 pages long and included a synopsis of the early history of Watertown, Connecticut. In the early years Federal Lodge had a major impact on the history of the town. He had actually written of 300 pages, with a complete



history of Watertown, which was way too much to print in a book. Worshipful Brother King had at his disposal written records of every meeting of Federal Lodge. All he had to do was condense this information into a presentable format. I have been Secretary of the Lodge since 1990, and since I have all the records for the last 25-years, I was charged to write the history for that period of time. So why is this important? Last year I was contacted by a Sir Knight of Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 to trace the Commandery records for his father and grandfather. The problem is that I could only find records back to 1940 for the Commandery. I have had similar requests for New Haven Commandery No. 2 and find those records only exist for a few years. I'm sure other Secretaries have run into the same problem. The simple fact is that old historical records have been lost. They most likely were stored in the home of the former Secretary or Recorder and were discarded when he died or during the consolidation of bodies they were not passed on to the new body. This is truly sad because history can never be recovered. In closing, I would like to impress upon the Brothers that it is important to document, and even more importantly, to preserve the records of Masonic bodies. Take the time to scan old documents to save them. Ironically, with the advent of computers and electronic media, it is fairly certain that current and future records will be preserved.

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

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

by Charles H. Tirrell

The Fall Reunion of the Scottish Rite Valley of New Haven is underway! This fall we have many opportunities to participate in our labors with the following degrees.

4th and 15th Degrees - Monday, October 17

18th Degree - Monday, November 7

32nd Degree - Saturday, November 12

Additional degrees can be experienced across Connecticut at any of our five Valleys throughout the season. If you are interested in joining the Scottish Rite, please contact our Membership Development Chairman, Brother Wayne Murray at (203) 393-5518 or wmurray2629@gmail.com, who will assist you in determining which degrees to attend and how to start your journey.

We hope to welcome you to our valley and join with you on your search for further light in Masonry.

In addition to degree work, we have an exciting social event planned with our Fall Oktoberfest! On Saturday, October 8, our Valley will hold a fantastic Oktoberfest Feast at Sleeping Giant Park in Hamden. We'll have authentic German cuisine, beer, and songs! All Master Masons are invited to join us and enjoy some fantastic fellowship. Contact Brother Wayne Murray for details. RSVPs are required.

On Nov. 12, Valleys, Orients, and Councils of Deliberation from both the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions will come together to celebrate the Scottish Rite. It is the first time the fraternity has held such a nationwide day of honor. Brethren in both jurisdictions will commemorate Scottish Rite Day simultaneously. Our hope is

that you see it as a chance to enjoy a fun, memorable occasion where you can reach out to and connect with your Brothers.

Connecticut is planning a statewide 32° conferral and a banquet with our ladies, where a jewel or medallion presentation will be made to all candidates who received the 32° during 2016. The 33° members will be asked to wear white tie and tails to the conferrals and/or the banquets while all other brothers are asked to wear either a tuxedo or dark suit. For more information, visit <http://srday2016.org/>.

We hope that you have a chance to visit our valley and labor among us. Let us not forget the lessons taught to us in the 14th degree and let us be thankful for this great brotherhood of the virtuous whom death cannot separate. - "Virtus junxit mors non separabit."

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
THE VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN
Masonic Temple, 285 Whitney Avenue New Haven

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SOMETHING MORE
IN MASONRY?**

*Applications still being
accepted for the current
Scottish Rite Classes*

**See what we have to offer
by visiting our website:
valleyofnewhaven.org**



For further information, please contact
Valley Secretary III, Vernon K. Cleaves, 33° at 203-269-0336
or any member of the Valley.

Masons Entertain Families At Ice Cream Sundae Party

by Donald M. Casey

Masons from Pyramid Shrine Temple and Trumbull Lodge No. 22, participated together at the annual Family Ice Cream Sundae Party in New Haven,

Connecticut. Pyramid Shrine Temple Clowns dazzled patrons at the party with balloon artistry. Children enjoyed launching balloon rockets. The brethren from Trumbull Lodge provided a variety of ice cream and toppings for patrons to make their own sundaes.



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

*Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R.
by David Blythe Sr., Valley Secretary*

The Masonic Fraternity has long been known as the silent fraternity. However, during the Civil War an act of mercy by one Mason assisting a dying brother on the battlefield in Gettysburg, PA, was noticed, and ultimately inspired the Brother to Brother program.

This tradition of Brother to Brother aide still continues in other ways, often out of sight. That is one reason why the Scottish Rite vision statement is "We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members." Over the years the Scottish Rite, through its Almoner's Fund, has assisted our brethren that were in need. To this end, the Supreme Council NMJ has pledged more than \$1 million in Disaster Relief to Louisiana Freemasons. So the next time you receive an appeal from the Supreme Council, if you can please contribute as best that you can to the Almoner's Fund they can continue to assist Masonic members throughout the US and here at home.

Returning to labor for the Fall, the Valley portrayed the 4^o and 14^o on a new class of candidates on September 22, and on September 24, a Family Life bus trip was held. A full bus of members and family members ventured to NY to visit the Brotherhood Winery, have lunch at the River Grill in Historic Newburg, and take a boat cruise aboard an authentic New Orleans paddle wheeler. Unfortunately more wanted to attend than we could accommodate.

Upcoming degrees are the 19^o (DVD) and 15^o on October 13. On October 27, the Rose Croix officers will portray the 18^o. If you have not already signed up for the pre-degree dinners for these degrees please do so ASAP. The meals are buffet style and reservation forms can be found in the latest copy of the View of the Valley or on the Valley's website www.valleyofhartford.org. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. at the Sphinx Shine Facility,

and the degree work starts at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget your passport book and/or dues card to get credit for attending.

Consistory Day this year, a nationwide Scottish Rite celebration, will be held on Saturday, November 12. Both the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions, will be holding special activities. In Connecticut, all five Valleys will gather at the Leo Lohrman II, Scottish Rite Theatre, 2422 Main Street, in Stratford, CT. Degree work starts at 1 p.m. at the theater for candidates and Scottish Rite members, and a special ladies program will take place at the Courtyard Marriott Shelton, 780 Bridgeport venue, Shelton, CT.

Once the degree work has been completed, the brethren will join the ladies at the hotel for refreshments in the Hospitality Room. At 5 p.m. there be a cocktail hour (cash bar) with music by Marty Q. At 6 p.m. dinner and dancing will start, followed by award presentations, and 32nd degree diploma presentations. Food price per couple is \$50 or \$25 per single. Dinner reservations can be made through the Valley of Bridgeport, telephone (203) 375-0064 A limited number of overnight rooms are available at the hotel at a rate of \$90 (just mention Scottish Rite Freemasons Group Rate). The telephone number of the hotel is (203) 929-1500.

Should you need more information regarding degree nights, or about Consistory and its activities, or have a candidate interested in joining the Valley of Hartford please contact the Valley office any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 a.m. and noon or e-mail at sect@snet.net.

The Valley would like all members to ensure that their personal data (address, phone, email address) is up to date with the Valley office, especially phone number and email address. Please let the Secretary know if it has changed, or if you are not sure what is on file is up to date.



ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
The Valley of Hartford
207 Deming Street, Newington, CT 06111

UPCOMING DEGREES

October 13, 15^o and 19^o

October 27, 18^o Rose Croix

The meals are buffet style and reservation are a must.

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

For more information about becoming a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or to receive a Scottish Rite Informational DVD.... Contact David Blythe Sr., 33^o, Valley Secretary, Valley of Hartford AASR
(860) 666-0712 Email: sect@snet.net

Free Screening of Documentary, "Being Mortal," Based on Best-Selling Book

Masonicare is hosting free community screenings of the PBS "Frontline" documentary, *Being Mortal in Moodus* and West Hartford. The dates and times are:

Thursday, October 6 at 1:30
East Haddam Senior Center
15 Great Hillwood Road
Moodus

Thursday, October 13 at 1:30
Elmwood Senior Center
1106 New Britain Ave.
West Hartford

Based on the 2014

best-selling book by Atul Gawande, M.D., the film delves into the hopes of patients and families facing the end of life. Following the screenings, a panel of experts will share thoughts with the audience. The panel includes a minister, an elderlaw attorney, a physician and an author, Lynn McPhelimy. A Connecticut resident, Ms. McPhelimy wrote the book *In the Checklist of Life* which landed her on the Oprah Winfrey show.

Being Mortal follows Dr. Gawande as he shares stories

from the people and families he encounters. When his own father gets cancer, Dr. Gawande's search for answers about how best to care for the terminally ill and dying becomes a personal quest. The film sheds light on how a medical system focused on a cure often leaves out the sensitive conversations that need to happen so a patient's true wishes can be known and honored at the end.

Being Mortal underscores the importance of people planning ahead and talking with family members about

end-of-life decisions. The free screening is made possible by a grant from The John and Wauna Harman Foundation in partnership with the Hospice Foundation of America.

The programs are being co-sponsored with Sage Solutions LLC, Geriatric Care Management. The screenings are free but a reservation is requested. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 888-679-9997.

Lodge On The Rocks

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discovered that the ledge the lodge was built on was only 12 inches below the floor in some areas. The entire floor area was cleaned, treated for mold and a plastic vapor barrier was installed. The rotted beams were reinforced or replaced and a new subfloor structure

was installed. The original flooring was re-used as much as possible.

Once the floor work was completed, new carpeting and tile flooring were installed in the entire Temple. Further, it was decided that the East should be re-worked to create

two levels so that only the Master sat on the highest level.

The original roof of the lodge was made of metal tiles and exceeded its lifespan. When the tiles were removed, it was discovered that the roof decking was made of rough sawn planks that had gaps as much as 2 inches between them. New plywood decking was installed and a new asphalt shingle roof installed. Much of the original trim needed to be repaired instead of replaced, due to its historic significance.

To make the lodge handicap accessible, a new handicap ramp was installed on the outside of the building. Inside, the existing floor and steps were removed and a ramp was installed there as well.

The original knob and tube wiring in the Temple was in desperate need of replacement. Earl Canfield, Past Master of Federal Lodge No. 17, donated a tremendous amount of his time to help

rewire the Lodge and upgrade the circuit panel. Recessed lighting was installed and a grand chandelier and ceiling medallion were added over the altar. Under the altar, a black and white masonic tile floor was designed and installed. In that floor, a custom ceramic five pointed star was installed for our resident OES chapter. To complete the design of the Temple, base molding, chair rail and a crown detail were installed.

At the western front of the building, new mahogany exterior decking was installed. In order to ensure the safety of people in the front porch area, a new white metal fence with gates was installed.

In the parking lot, a large tree precariously leaned over the kitchen and a car-sized boulder limited the parking at the lodge. The tree was removed by brothers and O & G Industries sent equipment

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Stephen B. McPherson Receives Pierpont Edwards in Bronze

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson was born on January 27, 1949 in Hartford, Connecticut. He attended and graduated from East Catholic High School in Manchester, Connecticut. Steve earned his B.A. in Business from New England College in New Hampshire, where he met his wife, Nancy. They were married on July 27, 1974 and are the proud parents of two daughters, Piper and Lindsay, and delighted grandparents of Jack, who will be two at the end of April.

Steve has been President & CEO of Masonicare since 2005. Masonicare is Connecticut's largest provider of healthcare services to seniors. Its not-for-profit continuum of care includes skilled nursing, long-term and dementia care, assisted living, home health and hospice care, as well as physician practices and retirement communities.

Under Steve's leadership, Masonicare has experienced significant growth: Masonicare at Ashlar Village nearly doubled in size and opened the Hartog Activities Center which includes a large auditorium space for community and masonic events and houses Ashlar Lodge No. 332; new buildings were dedicated for the Grand

Lodge of Connecticut, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the Kenneth B. Hawkins Apartments and the Medical Office Building on the Wallingford campus; and Masonicare also expanded its home and community-based services. The latter include Masonicare at Home - providing non-medical in-home care - as well as Mobile Health Technologies and Masonicare's newest community, Masonicare at Mystic, projected to open in the fall.

Steve also has an M.B.A. from University of New Haven, where he was a faculty member in the Masters of Public Health program. Highly respected in the field of senior services, Steve currently serves as Treasurer on the national Board of Directors and Executive Committee of LeadingAge, the Washington D.C.-based advocacy organization for seniors and senior care providers. Steve served on the search committee for LeadingAge's recently named new president. He has also served on the Board and as President of LeadingAge Connecticut, which in 2014 presented him with their Distinguished Service



Award. He is a diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and an advanced member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, whose Connecticut chapter he has served as President.

Steve has testified on behalf of seniors in Hartford and served on a number of statewide committees addressing healthcare issues including the State Rightsizing Strategic

Plan for Long Term Care. Over the years, Steve has appointed Masonicare representatives to the Connecticut Commission on Aging and he has mentored many executives and emerging leaders in senior healthcare.

Steve is a member of the Orange Congregational Church, where he has been a member of the Christian Service and Outreach Board, a Deacon and Assistant Moderator among other church committees. Steve

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<p><i>Wishing a Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>To our October Birthday Brothers</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Christopher Aquila</td> <td>Eric Blalock</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Louis Carangelo</td> <td>Richard Ciriello</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matthew Cucolo</td> <td>Joseph Cyr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Daskal</td> <td>Robert Dyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elias Haddad</td> <td>James Hutt Jr.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DeVonne Jones</td> <td>Colin Kearns</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Lyon</td> <td>James O'Sullivan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Pattillo IV</td> <td>Willard Revaz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Tangney</td> <td>James Watson Jr.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thomas Watson</td> <td>William Wesson</td> </tr> </table>	Christopher Aquila	Eric Blalock	Louis Carangelo	Richard Ciriello	Matthew Cucolo	Joseph Cyr	Michael Daskal	Robert Dyer	Elias Haddad	James Hutt Jr.	DeVonne Jones	Colin Kearns	George Lyon	James O'Sullivan	James Pattillo IV	Willard Revaz	Michael Tangney	James Watson Jr.	Thomas Watson	William Wesson	<p>Harmony Lodge No. 42 531 Highland Ave, Waterbury Ct.</p> <p>CHILI COOK-OFF</p> <p>Thursday October 6th – 8:00 PM All Freemasons Welcome to Enter 1 Entry per Participant Trophy for Best-Overall Note- There will be No Dinner at 6:30</p>	<p> Recent Events <i>Special Thanks to all the Brothers from Liberty-Continental No. 76 and Harmony No. 42 who volunteered at the Dream Ride on Sept. 18 to benefit Special Olympics</i></p> <p></p>
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<p>Election Trivia We all know of the many brothers among our founding fathers and presidents, but did you know that 13th president Millard Fillmore, nominated by the Whig party, was a member of the Anti-Mason party and elected to the New York Assembly and US Congress as such? At a local level, Harmony Lodge is proud of the 10 Brothers of the lodge who have been elected mayor of Waterbury.</p>																						

Masonicare Names Perry Phillips Executive Director in Mystic



Perry D. Phillips of Mansfield has joined Masonicare as Executive Director for Masonicare at Mystic, the organization's new residential community expected to open later in the fall.

Mr. Phillips comes to Masonicare from Hartford Healthcare where he was Regional Director of Assisted Living Operations. He has also served since 2004 as the Executive Director of Mulberry Gardens in Southington. In addition, he is on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Assisted Living Association.

The announcement was made by Hilde Sager, Executive Director of Residential Services at Masonicare. "We are thrilled to have someone of Perry's experience and dedication to seniors at the helm in Mystic. This is an exciting time for us and his mix of skills is a great addition to our team," she said.

Masonicare at Mystic is under construction on Clara Drive in Mystic. The 18-acre campus will have 179 rental apartments offering independent living, assisted living and memory care.

A Leader

An anonymous poem, contributed by Thomas Knowlton:

I went on a search to become a leader.
I searched high and low. I spoke with
authority and people listened, but alas
There was one wiser than I and they followed
him.

I sought to inspire *confidence*
But the crowd responded, "Why should we
trust you?"

I postured and I assumed the look of
leadership
With a countenance that glowed with
confidence and pride.
But many passed me by and never noticed
my air of elegance.

I ran ahead of the others, *pointing* the way
to new heights.
I demonstrated that I knew the route to
greatness.
And then I looked back and I was alone.

What shall I do, I quivered. I've tried hard
and used all that I know.

And I sat down and pondered long.

And then I *listened* to the voices around me.
And I hear what the group was trying to
accomplish.

I rolled up my sleeves and I *joined* in the

work.
As we worked I asked, "Are we all *together*
in what we want to do and how to get the
job done?"

And we thought and we fought together
and we struggled towards our goal.

I found myself encouraging the fainthearted.
I sought the ideas of those too shy to speak
out.

I taught those who had little skill.
I praised those who worked hard.

When our task was complete, one of the
groups turned to me and said,
"This would not have been done but for your
leadership."

At first I said I didn't lead.
I just walked with the rest.

And then I understood *leadership* is not a
goal.
It's a way of reaching a goal.

I lead best when I help others to use
themselves creatively.
I lead best when I focus on my group, their
needs and their goals.

To lead is to serve. To give. To achieve.
Together.

PRE-HOLIDAY TABLE LODGE

by Temple Lodge #65 of Westport

November 17th, 2016



@ Masonicare of Newtown,
139 Toddy Hill Road, Sandy Hook, CT

Reception: 6:30 PM Main Lobby

Dinner: Theme Fall Festive 7:00 PM

Buffet, Salad, Beef Tenderloin Bourguignon
with Wild Mushroom

Chicken Piccata in a Lemon Caper Butter Sauce,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Garlic Green beans

***If you are vegetarian, or you have any special
dietary restrictions please include in your RSVP.***

Coffee Service & Desserts
No meeting. Closed to Brothers.

Tickets \$30.00 per Brother.
(Proceeds to benefit the Masonic Home General Fund)

Space extremely limited to first 50 people.
All payments due by Nov. 11, 2016.

Kindly **RSVP** to WB Richard Ruggiano @
(203)222-9046 or
Richard.Ruggiano@Amherstre.com

their eternal self, by embellishing that which is often merely alluded to in the Blue Lodge.

The position of the candidate at the time of his oath taking is of paramount importance. "An oath taken with the face towards the east (emblematic of the creative power) was deemed more solemn and binding than when taken with the face towards any other cardinal point." Pierson, Traditions of Freemasonry

Masonry is generally conceded to hold the strongest bond of fidelity between member and member amongst all modern fraternities. Our oaths bear enormous significance to our eternal spiritual selves and are not mere words to be discarded and forgotten, until such time as we have progressed in a line, and must recite them for the benefit of some future candidate. They must be lived and exemplified - indeed hard work that goes against the inherent nature of the mortal temporary self.

In Sickles' General Ahiman Rezon, we are told that "Valerius Maximus tells us that the Ancients had a moral Diety whom they called Fides. Fides was the Goddess of honesty and fidelity and when the Romans pledged anything of old, they gave their right hand to pledge it, as we still do today. Fides was always represented as giving her hand and sometimes her two hands conjoining." Chartarius more fully describes this by observing that the proper residence of faith and fidelity was thought by the Ancients to be in the right hand.

In the Biblical scriptures we find frequent references to the use of the right hand, either to confirm an agreement or again, as an emblem of truth and fidelity. In Galatians 2:9 we read: "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas

the right hands of fellowship..."

In Psalms 144:8 we find text imploring Diety to protect us from those "Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood."

Nothing in our rituals is random or happenstance. The source of every little event, word or machination during our degrees is deeply steeped in the minutiae of the Western Traditions.

Therefore, next time you greet a fellow Brother and present a grip,

consider carefully the significance and meaning of what your hand is saying, its intended purpose, and its' eventual effect on your eternal self..

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.

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
104 South Turnpike Road
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.

www.masonicare.org

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Jon-Paul Venoit Awarded Piepont Edwards In Bronze

Jon-Paul (JP) Venoit is the son of Stanley and Linda Glen Venoit. He was born on November 3, 1973 in Wallingford, Connecticut. He attended Wallingford schools, graduating from Sheehan High School in 1992. He then attended the University of Hartford, earning his B.S. in Business and Finance. He is currently pursuing a Master's in Healthcare Administration

at C. W. Post College.

While still in high school, JP started working as a waiter at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, which is Masonicare's nationally accredited, not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community. It was there that he met his future wife, Christine Pappallo, whom he married on May 6, 2000.

After graduating from college, JP moved into

positions of increasing responsibility at Ashlar Village. He was just 26 in 2001 when he was named President of Ashlar Village, overseeing day-to-day operations on a campus with more than 500 residents and 150 employees. In 2007 and 2008, JP directed Ashlar Village's multi-million dollar expansion, adding hundreds of residences and enhancing amenities on the campus. JP was promoted in 2012 to Senior Vice President of Residential Living and Community-based Services for Masonicare, with responsibility for its retirement communities, home-care services, technology, corporate learning and human resources. In 2014, he was named Chief Operating Officer, with Masonicare Health Center and Masonicare at Newtown coming under his purview.

Through the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA, now known as LeadingAge), JP earned his Certified Aging Services Professional license in 2003 from the University of Texas. In 2005, he was named to the "Forty Under 40" by New Haven Business Times. In 2007, he earned his AAHSA Fellow certificate from its prestigious program for emerging

leaders in the senior housing and healthcare field. He was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Wallingford Education Foundation in 2009. In December 2010, he received the Connecticut Assisted Living Association's Distinguished Service Award. In November 2015, he was inducted into the Mark T. Sheehan High School Hall of Fame.

JP received his Entered Apprentice degree at Compass Lodge No. 9 on October 2, 2000, followed by his Fellow Craft degree on November 6, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 20. Since then he has served as a master of Compass Lodge No. 9, and is a member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, Sphinx Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Newington, and Ashlar Chapter No. 116, Order of the Eastern Star.

When the Hartog Activities Center was being designed and built, JP made sure that a special area was set aside for a lodge room. This would ultimately become the meeting place for Ashlar Lodge No. 332, facilitating attendance at meetings for Masons living at Ashlar Village and sending a

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Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016 5:00-7:00 PM Mystic Museum of Art (formerly Mystic Arts Center) 9 Water Street, Mystic	Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 5:00-7:00 PM Italian Center of Stamford 1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford

For more information, please contact Lindsey LaFemina at 203-679-5571 or LLaFemina@masonicare.org

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welcoming message to potential members. He was one of the leading creators of the Lodge and is a Charter Member. He also belongs to the Masonic Communities and Services Association of North America.

In addition to his job and his Masonic commitments, JP is very active in community and professional circles. A past chairman of the Quinipiac Chamber of Commerce, he has served on Wallingford's Planning and Zoning Commission for several years, starting as an alternate in 2008. He serves on Wallingford's Board of Ethics Committee, the Board of Governors of Mid-State Medical Center, and he chairs the Institute for Senior Living Education

of the Connecticut Assisted Living Foundation. JP is the Chairman of the Wallingford Education Foundation, a 501(C)3 which raises funds for programs and projects outside the school budget to benefit the students of the Wallingford Public Schools. He is a past surveyor for CARF/CCAC (Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities / Continuing Care Accreditation Commission,) past Chairman of the Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA) and a former mentor for Junior Achievement.

JP and Christine live in Wallingford with their two sons, Ethan and Trevor. They are members of Our Lady of Fatima Church. JP is an active coach

in his sons' baseball league.

JP's commitment to his family, the Town of Wallingford, the Senior Services industry, Masonicare and the fraternity is exemplary. He is fully committed to the ideals of freemasonry and "giving back." His energy and "can-do" attitude represent all the best attributes of the fraternity and, indeed, mankind.

In recognition of the attributes described in the preceding paragraph, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Connecticut is pleased and proud to present to Worshipful Brother Jon-Paul Venoit the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.



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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 Orange CT 06477**

Second, Fourth Wednesday of the Month, Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, 7 p.m., Fellowship Night at the Lodge. Open to all brothers, friends. Refreshments and discussion. Please call to verify.

Third Thursday of the Month, Day Spring Lodge No

30, Hamden, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Information Night Open to all who may be interested in Masonry, with interesting presentations and discussion.

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.**

***** OCTOBER EVENT MOVED TO OCT 15 *****

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

Saturday, Oct 1, King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, 6 p.m., Table Lodge

Saturday, Oct 1, Moriah Lodge No. 15, Brooklyn, 5 p.m., Sixth Annual Down East Maine Table Lodge

Monday, Oct 3, ROSH HASHANAH -- FIRST DAY

Tuesday, Oct 4, ROSH HASHANAH --SECOND

Friday, Oct 7, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 7 p.m., Duck Pin Bowling Challenge Village vs St. Andrews & Seneca - Laurel

Lanes - 266 Main St. Winsted

Saturday, Oct 8, Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, 4 p.m., Pig Roast

Saturday, Oct 8, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, 6 p.m., Ladies at Table/Widow's Night Special dinner for the ladies of Washington Lodge Brothers and also for the widows of our deceased Brothers.

Saturday, Oct 8, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, 11:30 a.m. UCONN Football Game

Wednesday, Oct 12, YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Oct 15, Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6 p.m., Grape Harvest Wine Festival Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door 860-633-2763 Craig Witzke

Saturday, Oct 15, Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, 1 p.m., Open House and Lodge Picnic

Saturday, Oct 15, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, Branford, 6:30 p.m., Oktoberfest 2016

Saturday, Oct 15, Hamilton Council No. 22 R&SM Meriden, 5 p.m., Robert DiPasquale Memorial Dinner Steak or Lobster, \$25, 203-235-5596 reservations or info.

Sunday, Oct 16, Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, 11:30 a.m., Making Strides Walk Lighthouse Park in New Haven. Registration starts at 11:30am with the walk starting at 1pm. This event raises money to fight cancer.

Saturday, Oct 22, Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 4 p.m., Haunted House & Plainville Pumpkin Fest This year we will be selling

Apple Fritters

Saturday, Oct 22, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, 6 p.m., Wine Tasting Event Tickets \$25 in advance \$35 at the door. RSVP Friday October 14. Wine Finger foods raffle prizes.

Saturday, Oct 22, Corner Stone-Quinebaug Lodge No. 122, Thompson, 5 p.m., Annual Steak Dinner Annual All You Can Eat Grilled Steak Buffet Please email streichelectricalservices@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

Saturday, Oct 22, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, 11 a.m., UCONN Football Game

Saturday, Oct 29, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 6 p.m., Oktoberfest Dinner

Monday, Oct 31, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, 5:30 p.m., Nightmare on Main Street Washington Lodge is a part of the town green's Nightmare on Main Street festivities. Come down and help us give out candy to the trick-or-treaters!

Thursday, Nov 10, Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, 7 p.m. Table Lodge

Saturday, Nov 12, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, 6 p.m., Movie Night Proceeds benefit the New Haven Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. \$20 pp, \$10 12 and under. Includes the movie and a light deli sandwich dinner. RSVP to Bro. David Elkodsi elkodsi@earthlink.net or (203) 257-1156

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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Grand Lodge

Saturday, Oct 22, Grand Lodge of CT Wallingford, Grand Lodge Semi Annual, Registration 8 a.m., Session begins at 9 a.m.

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Tuesday, Oct 11, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 6:30 p.m., Dinner - Spanish/

Mexican Meal

Tuesday, Oct 11, Manchester Lodge No. 73, Manchester, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 19, Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Wednesday, Oct 19, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 25, Corinthian Lodge No. 104, Fairfield, 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Fellowcraft Degrees

Tuesday, Oct 4, King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Thursday, Oct 6, Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, Fairfield, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Tuesday, Oct 11, Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Monday, Oct 17, Friendship

Lodge No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Tuesday, Oct 18, Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Wednesday, Oct 19, Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Thursday, Oct 20, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m., Dinner

Monday, Oct 24, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Monday, Oct 24, Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct 24, Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Master Mason Degrees

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

Monday, Oct 17, St. John's Lodge No. 2, Middletown, 6 p.m., Dinner

Thursday, Oct 27, Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Thursday, Oct 27, Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, 7 p.m., Dinner

Tuesday, Nov 1, King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Saturday, Nov 5, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 5 p.m., Dinner follows Degree

Tuesday, Nov 15, Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

Joseph Howard

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Lodge, serving as District Deputy of Masonic District 7B for three years: 1989, 1990, and 1991. He was a visible Grand Lodge Officer, regularly attending Lodge communications. He also served as the Vice-President of the Past District Deputies Association. In 1996, MWB Joe was appointed Grand Junior Steward by Charles W. Yohe.

MWB Joe was a Past High Priest of Burning

Bush Chapter, No. 29, Royal Arch Mason. He was also the Grand Custodian 8th District for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. He was as a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Columbia Council No. 9, where he also served as treasurer. Brother and Companion Joe was a Sir Knight in Cyrene Commandery No. 8 where he was a Past Eminent Commander and an officer

in the Grand Commandery. He was also president of the Sphinx Temple Ritual Cast, a member of the York Rite College No. 17, the Order of Amaranth, Nutmeg order of Sword of Bunker Hill, and Senior Knight of Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons of U.S.A., and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

In the Community, MWB Joe served as a AARP Tax Counselor and was a

member of the Old Saybrook Chapter of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). He was the recipient of the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for his Masonic Service.

MWB Brother Joe was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 2003 and installed the 158th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF&AM, in April 2004.

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McPherson Pierpont Edwards *Continued from page 27*

has coached Little League and been a loyal fan of every team that his daughters ever played on. An avid Red Sox fan, he enjoys visiting Fenway Park, cheering the team on to victory.

Steve's Masonic career includes being raised a Master Mason in Orange Lodge No. 143 in 2002. He has served on the

Connecticut Freemasons Foundation and the Grand Lodge Community Action Committee. A charter member of Ashlar Lodge No. 332, Steve belongs to both the Scottish and York Rites. He is a member and past president of the Masonic Communities and Services Association of North America.

In recognition of his contributions to

the Lodges to which he has belonged, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Masonicare and the wider needs of seniors and the healthcare community, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M. is pleased and proud to present to Bro. Stephen B. McPherson the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Lodge On The Rocks *Continued from page 26*

to break up the boulder. This area was re-graded and S&S Paving paved the area.

The entire Temple and all the trim both inside and out were repainted. The Social Hall, was reconfigured for new doors and windows and all new energy efficient windows were installed. The flooring was replaced with a new high-traffic vinyl floor. The old florescent lighting has been removed and replaced with 30 new energy efficient recessed lights. The exterior siding on the Social Hall was removed and all new siding and trim were installed. And, finally, to enhance the use of the Social Hall, a 36' x 12' deck was installed.

Financing for this project is an ongoing process consisting of a bank loan to ensure timely completion of the project, and ongoing fundraising efforts to expedite retirement of the loan.

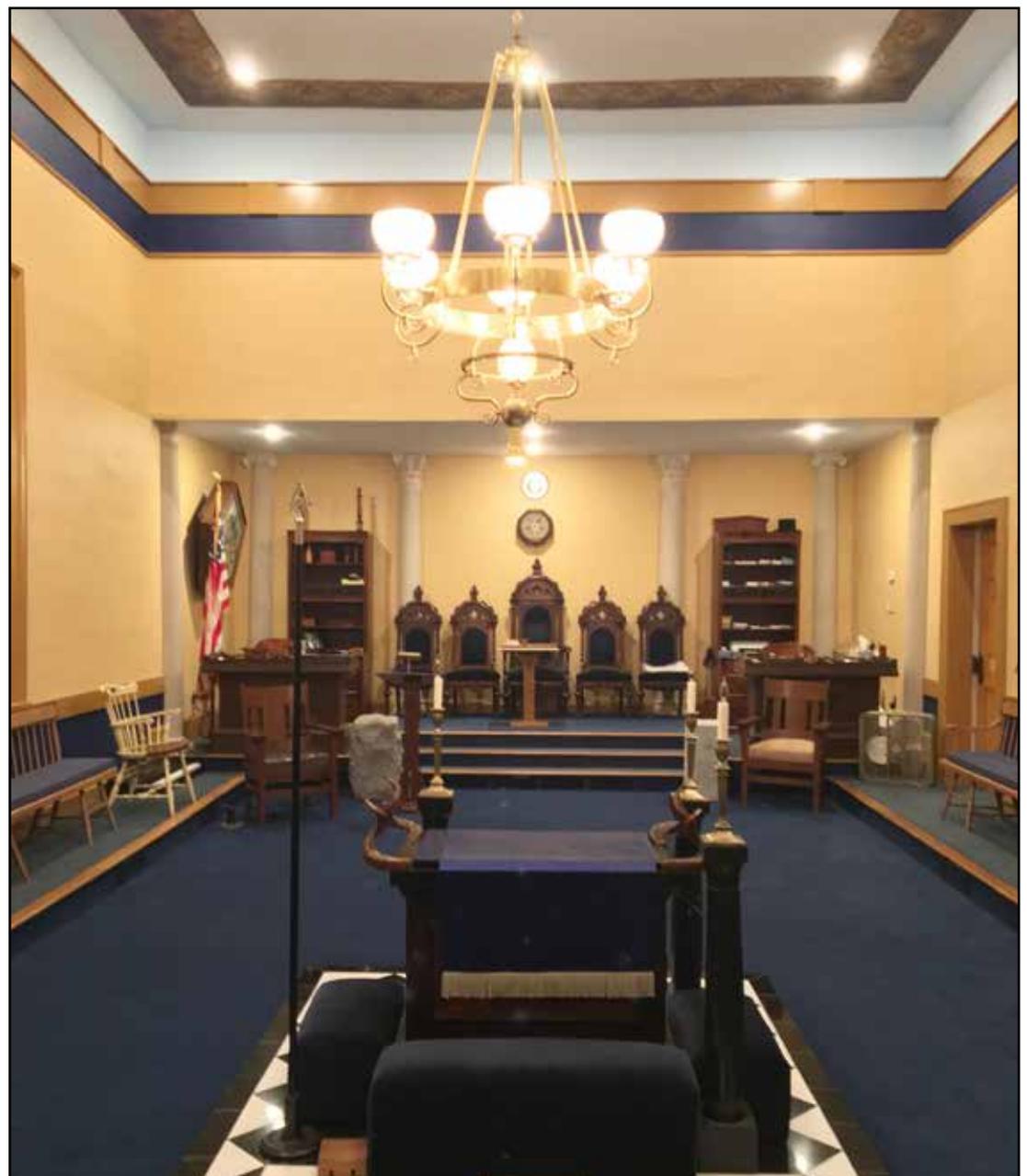
All original goals were accomplished! The revitalized building was completed in time for an amazing year of celebration in 2015 for the 250th anniversary, which included the rededication of the charter originally granted by the Grand Lodge in Boston in 1765. And, the lodge currently has a strong membership roll and healthy line of developing brothers.

The lodge is currently planning an evening of appreciation for all who participated in the project to officially thank them and acknowledge all of the effort made in the many different ways.

The brothers of King Solomon Lodge No. 7 are very proud of the accomplishment. The Lodge and its brothers have been nominated for the Grand Lodge Awards as Master Craftsman, Master Artisan, and Master Builder. These awards will

be on display and a reminder to all brothers, family, friends, and community of all of the hard work that went into this achievement. King Solomon Lodge No.

7 was transformed from a lodge on the rocks, to its historic majestic rightful place as The Lodge On The Rock!



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West Hartford

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Mystic Museum of Art

(formerly Mystic Arts Center)

9 Water Street, Mystic

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016

2:00-4:00 PM

Augusta Curtis Cultural Center

175 East Main Street

Meriden

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016

5:00-7:00 PM

Italian Center of Stamford

1620 Newfield Avenue

Stamford

Tree of Life events also include live music and words of inspiration. For more information, please contact Lindsey LaFemina at 203-679-5571 or LLafemina@masonicare.org

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