

# Connecticut FREEMASONS

November 2016



**Where  
Good Men  
Relate**

**THE  
FUTURE OF  
FREEMASONRY**

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF & AM  
69 Masonic Ave.  
P.O. Box 250  
Wallingtonford, CT 06492

# Table of Contents



**CT  
FREEMASONS**

**Volume - 12 Number - 6**

**Publisher**

THE GRAND LODGE  
OF CONNECTICUT AF & AM

**Publications Committee**

Theodore J. Nelson, Chairman  
Francis G. Way, Editor  
Margaret Steeves, Masonicare  
Jean P. Maheu, Marketing  
Rev. Carl Anderson, Masonicare  
Robert Dorr  
Jeff S. Bartlett

**Design**

Eric Lopkin  
Jean P. Maheu

**Contributors**

John Amarilios  
David R. Blythe, Sr.  
Donald M. Casey, Jr.  
David Cole  
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.  
Pat Kalinauskas  
William A. G. Mackey  
Chris Martinelli  
Bill Mellow  
Barbara Moore  
Roy Nealon  
Theodore J. Nelson  
Edward C. Page  
Adam Plotnick  
Sandy Potter  
Adam Raider  
Harvinder Somra  
Gail Nelson Smith  
J. P. Venoit  
Joseph A. Zannino



Semi-Annual Communication ..... 3  
Grand Master’s Message ..... 5  
Supporting Veterans ..... 6  
Masonicare Experience..... 7  
Passing The Hat..... 8  
Called To The Grand Architect ... 8  
Grand Historian’s Corner ..... 9  
District News ..... 10



Education Initiatives..... 10  
Pumpkins Go Purple..... 10  
Special Olympics Dream Ride..... 11  
Octoberfest ..... 11  
Charity Pig Roast..... 12  
Evening Star Initiates Four ..... 12  
Masonicare Holiday Fair..... 13  
Washington Computer Award ... 13  
Masonicare College Students ..... 14  
The Desk Of Jon-Paul Venoit..... 15  
Masonicare Mystic To Open ..... 15

Masonic Symbolism..... 16  
Widow Receives Aid ..... 17  
Semi-Annual Communication ..... 18  
Shriner Clown’s Dream..... 20  
Potentate’s Message..... 20  
Sphinx Schedule ..... 21  
History of Omar Shrine..... 22



Kaabans Shrine Club ..... 22  
Sphinx Caravan Shrine Club ..... 22  
Valley of Hartford ..... 23  
York Rite ..... 24  
Alzheimer’s Walk..... 26  
Moriah Table Lodge ..... 26  
Benefactors Luncheons..... 27  
Ashlar Village Holiday Fair ..... 30  
Longest Married Couple..... 30  
Craft At Refreshment..... 32  
Craft At Labor..... 33  
Grand Master’s Class..... 33  
Boosters ..... 34



**Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF & AM**

69 Masonic Avenue • P.O. Box 250 • Wallingford, Connecticut 06492  
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday  
First Saturday of the month: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
203-679-5903 • 800-529-4161 (in-state only) • Fax: 203-679-5996  
e-mail: grandlodge@masonicare.org • www.ctfreemasons.net

# Semi-Annual Communication: Harmony and Efficiency

by Francis G. Way

With a sprinkling of humor, and the harmony that has been the centerpiece of his term as Grand Master, MWB Gail Nelson Smith guided the Craft through the semi-annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Connecticut. After congregating the Craft, and sharing a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, "It's not what's before you, it's not what's behind you, it's what's within you," he opened the Grand Lodge promptly at 9 a.m.

An unintentionally humorous moment occurred when the top of

the Grand Junior Deacon's staff fell off as he returned after informing the Grand Tiler of the Grand Master's intention to open the lodge. Fortunately, there is plenty of time



between now and April to affect repairs. The staff, however, was not used for the rest of the session.

After opening, the Grand Master recognized the Past Grand Masters

present, and appointed two sets of tellers, to efficiently handle the morning's balloting. Wasting no time, he ordered the ballot spread for the election of the next Grand Master.

While ballots were being counted, Brother Biff Conlin chaired the Masonic Annual Meeting. The second set of tellers was employed to handle the vote for Masonic Trustees. Brothers J. Arthur Carbonaro, Geoffrey L. Ice and Robert A. Simon were elected

by the Craft to serve. Brother Thaddeus M. Stewart was elected as Prince Hall Representative. Brother J.P. Venoit, CEO of Masonicare,

**Continued on next page**

# Semi-Annual Communication *Continued from previous page*

addressed the Craft, highlighting the successes and challenges faced by Masonicare. Repeated reduction in reimbursement by state and federal government have created new challenges in finding more revenue sources, but Masonicare is continuing to provide excellent high quality care in more parts of the state.

Following the Masonicare meeting, the elections results were announced and RWB Theodore J. Nelson was elected as the 171<sup>st</sup> Grand Master. He addressed the Craft, quoting the Grateful Dead's "what a long strange trip it's been," and accepted the election and agreed to serve.

Other Grand Lodge officer elections were voted upon throughout the morning. RWB Marshall K. Robinson was elected Deputy Grand Master, RWB Melvin E. Johnson was elected Grand Senior Warden, RWB Stephen Petri was elected Grand Junior Warden, RWB Newton Buckner was re-elected Grand Treasurer, RWB Richard C. Memmott, Sr. was re-elected Grand Secretary. MWB Charles W. Yohe was elected Grand Trustee for a three year term.

The report of the Grand Treasurer spread the good news that the Grand Lodge's financial situation has turned around and is improving. There



will, however, be some challenges in the near future as the per-capita base continues to shrink. The corresponding revenue from the per-capita assessment will continue to shrink and will need to be carefully watched.

The Grand Almoner's Report indicated that, over the preceding year, the program helped 6 brothers, and a widow who needed a new roof on her 100-year old home, for a total disbursement of just over \$7,000. Over the life of the program, re-instituted by Past Grand Master Charles W. Yohe in 2015, \$20,000 has been disbursed to help 25 brothers.

The Grand Master turned the gavel over to the Deputy Grand Master and gave highlights of his report. He urged the brothers to travel to other lodges, telling of the harmony, light

and positive energy he encountered as he traveled to various lodges himself. Throughout the rest of the session he mentioned several lodges that brothers should try to visit for their various events.

In the absence of RWB Brian Beals, who administers the Perfect Ashlar program, MWB Gary Arseneau made a special presentation to the brethren of King Solmon's Lodge No. 7 from Woodbury. Earning not only the Master Craftsman Award, but also the Master Artisan and Master Builder Awards for their massive lodge renovation, MWB Arseneau remarked how unique it was for any lodge to receive all three awards. Washington Lodge No. 70 was recognized as an Honor Lodge, and seven brethren were awarded the

***Continued on page 29***

---

Connecticut Freemasons is the official publication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut AF & AM. All original articles are subject to editing. All checks for payments and donations should be made out to Grand Lodge Publications and mailed to the Grand Lodge office at PO Box 250, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Letters and advertisements may be sent to the Editor Frank Way at [submissions@ctfreemasons.net](mailto:submissions@ctfreemasons.net) or 860-659-7416. All submissions are required by the 15th of the

month prior to the next issue. Please note: The Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut, does not endorse any of the products or services contained herein nor imply any warranty of the goods, services, or claims advertised. While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of all advertisements, Connecticut Freemasons will only be liable to reprint, at no charge, any correction due to typographical error

---

ConnecticutFreemasons(USPS025-514)

is published monthly, except August

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF & AM, 69 Masonic Avenue, P.O. Box 250, Wallingford, CT 06492-0250. Periodicals Postage paid at Wallingford, CT and additional mailing offices.

---

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Connecticut Freemasons, c/o The Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF & AM, P.O. Box 250, Wallingford, CT 06492-0250.

## The Summoning of Everyman

My guess is that the title of this article caught your attention. I should begin by setting your mind at ease; your Grand Master is not summoning you. The title is a reference to a *moral play* that many of you may recall as required reading (back in the day) when the classics of literature were part of the standard school curriculum. The inspiration of this article came about when I was reflecting upon a familiar line we often hear: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" When we choose to immerse ourselves in the fellowship Freemasonry provides, we are blessed with the incredible gift of brotherhood, a gift which some of you may recall the main character in the play "Everyman" was not as fortunate to enjoy.

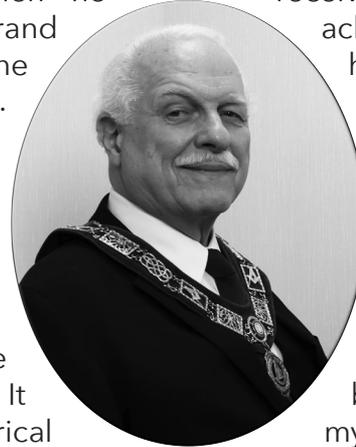
To jog your memory, I will digress with a short recap of the play. In the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, the spelling of the title when translated from original Dutch would have appeared as, *The Somonyng of Everyman*, also referred to as just "Everyman." The identity of the original author remains subject to debate. The play uses allegorical characters with names like Beauty, Strength, Discretion and others. The plot examines the requirements of a life well lived and the despair of abandonment. The main character, named Everyman, represents all of mankind. In the play, Everyman seeks to convince all the other characters to come with him on his journey, hoping that their presence will improve the account of his own life; so when the trials of his life are ended, he will have a better chance to be admitted into the temple not made with hands. He soon finds out how difficult it is for him to find characters to accompany him on his pilgrimage. He comes to the conclusion that he is essentially

alone, despite all the personified characters that he initially presumed to be necessities and friends to him. Everyman learns that when he is brought before the Grand Architect he will stand alone for the accounting of his life.

This literary work teaches numerous lessons. The lasting impression it made upon me was its intent to inspire and call upon the need for rightful thinking and action while on the pilgrimage of life. It is presented as the allegorical experience of one character for all to reflect upon the lesson therein, similar in some ways to the use of allegory in our ritual.

When reflecting upon this classic and the plight of Everyman, I couldn't help but think about the juxtaposed contrast compared to the attributes of Freemasonry. Unlike Everyman who is continuously abandoned, we are connected together by strong bonds in this fraternity which are nurtured. We are part of a community where individuals are truly embraced and we need not go through this pilgrimage of life alone. Moreover, teachings abound in our ritual to assist us on our journey. We are directed to passages in Holy Scripture which reassure that those who live a just and upright life and are covered by Divine grace will one day be welcomed into that temple not made by hands. In this hope, accepted by faith, we can take comfort.

During my many years in Craft, time and time again, I have witnessed so many lives uplifted in countless ways. Through good times and bad, celebration or tragedy, I have learned that the bonds and the brotherhood which Freemasonry provides are priceless. We are the recipients of an



immeasurable treasure. I, like so many of you, can attest to the incredible comradery enjoyed and the inspiration received to press onward toward achievements that might have otherwise never have been accomplished. I cannot count the times that a helping hand was extended to me. Through the years, I have been encouraged when dealing with difficult circumstances, been consoled when my heart was broken and received the whisper of wise counsel when I needed it. Moreover, I have witnessed the joy in others as they participated in the happiness imparted to recipients of the many charitable endeavors performed and made possible by our brethren and their families. Fortunately, we are not like the character Everyman, who endured continuous abandonment.

As Masons, we should occasionally remind ourselves how fortunate we are to have brothers to celebrate our life with and take solace in times of difficulty, knowing that we are not on this pilgrimage of life all alone. In lodge and beyond, wherever we travel, we are extraordinarily privileged to find an open door, an extended hand and a brother eager to help. Those that are not Masons may have never experienced this type of *lasting* fellowship or sense of welcome and perhaps never will. I often think about what this really means, how truly amazing it is and how fortunate I am to be a part of this organization. What an incredible gift we have to share with those whom convey interest in the Craft and we feel can be well recommended to join our ranks and participate in our privileges.

# 7th District Supports Returning Veterans



**Marie Roman, Bruce Fagan, LTC Lesbia Nieves**

**A**nchor Lodge No. 112 of East Hampton hosted a 7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Blue Lodge fundraiser pasta dinner on September 27. The theme of the evening was the veterans, who served, and the challenges they face when returning home. The guest speakers were Lieutenant Colonel Lesbia Nieves of the Connecticut Army National Guard and Marie Roman representing Masonicare's new veterans programs. Brother Robert (Bruce) Fagan worked tirelessly to arrange for these speakers.

The tone of the evening was set with the Table Ceremony, a very moving ceremony presented by LTC Nieves regarding MIAs and POWs. The table was

set with one chair, a white tablecloth, a Bible, a black napkin, a vase with a red rose and yellow ribbon, salt, lemon, a candle, and an American Flag. Space prevents a full explanation of the symbolism of these items, but further understanding may be found by viewing the YouTube video *POW and MIA Table Ceremony*.

LTC Nieves also explained the challenges she faced when she was deployed to the Middle East. She described her happiness upon her safe return home and her anticipation of returning to her former life with her husband and three children. She quickly realized that this would not happen and that her life had changed forever. She also realized that she needed a

new purpose to minimize her PTSD symptoms. She became the person who would answer the calls from veterans, as she was able to answer their questions, sympathize with them, and guide them to the most effective agency to help them move their life forward.

Marie Roman's Masonicare Presentation described a program for ALL veterans throughout the state. Masonicare's *Veteran to Veteran Volunteer Program* is based on the ability of veterans to relate to each other through their similar experiences. Some methods of interaction include playing cards or board games, replacement of lost military medals, respite care for caregivers, and above all...

just being there for them.

Training sessions for volunteers are offered in Newtown, Norwalk, East Lyme, Danielson, Wallingford, and East Hartford. For more information call 800-528-6664 or the Help Line at 888-679-9997. Information handouts are available through Masonicare.

The 7<sup>th</sup> District Blue Lodge Council made a donation of \$320 to *Braveminds*, a National nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of the spouses, children and loved ones of our United States military personnel, veterans and civilians who have sustained a brain injury, suffer from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) or face any number of other daily challenges.

# The Masonicare Experience

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

## Masonicare Ties Run Deep for Wallingford Family

by Adam Raider

Stephen Del Sole and his sister, Denise Kennedy, reminisce about working as kids and young adults at Masonicare Health Center, then known as the Masonic Home and Hospital.

"I was there for seven years," Denise said. "From 12 to 19. I started out as a candy striper (volunteer), then later I worked in the kitchen and the dining room. I also made beds. It was a great experience."

"I worked every Saturday and Sunday during my Junior and Senior years of high school, plus summers," Stephen recalled. "I'd go in at 4:30 in the morning to work the first of three meal shifts. At least, that's when I was supposed to be in. More often than not, my parents would get a call from Jerry the cook around 5:00 asking, 'Where's Steve?'"

Among other responsibilities, Stephen made toast and coffee for the residents. The two coffee urns in the home's kitchen were so tall that he had to climb a ladder to pour in the grounds.

"I remember thinking that it was a really great job," he said, "because I was being paid \$1.90 an hour when the minimum wage was \$1.60. You couldn't find jobs that paid that well. And I also got to have meals there. Not that my mother wasn't a wonderful cook, but the food at the Masonic Home was phenomenal. And we could have as much of it as we wanted."

The siblings and, along with their brother Michael, colleagues at the Wallingford law firm Del Sole & Del Sole, have developed a new appreciation for the work of Masonicare, now that their parents are part of our healthcare continuum. Dominic, patriarch of the

Del Sole clan and the firm's founder, and his wife, Jeanne, moved to Masonicare at Ashlar Village in 2007. As Dominic's health declined, and it became more difficult for Jeanne to care for him in their apartment, he transitioned first to Pond Ridge Assisted Living and then to Masonicare Health Center.

Jeanne - known as "The Judge" in a family full of attorneys - worked at the Masonic Home as a lab technician. She remembers occasionally being late for work because cows from the old dairy farm would wander into the road leading up to the home, backing up traffic.

"With so many members of our family having worked at the home," Denise said, "including me, my brothers, my mom, and even my two daughters, it was only logical that my

parents would choose Masonicare when it was time for them to move to a continuing care community."

"Masonicare is wonderful," Stephen said. "As adult kids of parents who are experiencing health issues, we really like that so many different levels of care are available all in the same place. And on those occasions when one of us is not able to take my mom to a medical appointment off-campus, Masonicare provides transportation. My mom raves about that. It gives all of us kids a great feeling of comfort to know that our parents are being well cared for there. But I think we also take some pride in knowing that we have a world-class facility and organization right here in little old Wallingford, the town where we grew up."



**Ashlar Village resident Jeanne Del Sole (left) enjoys a visit with her daughter, Denise Kennedy**

# Passing The Hat, Passing the Discomfort

*Ed Note: This opinion was sent in as Letter to the Editor, and the author requested his name be withheld.*

I was at a Masonic function a couple of weeks ago and the discussion came up about someone who was in need. As the brothers talked it over, one brother who probably really meant well stood up and said "Let's pass the hat." That's when I began to feel really uncomfortable.

Passing the hat always seems like a great thing to do - it raises some money right then, and it should make everybody feel really good that brothers are helping. But every time it happens, it makes me feel really uncomfortable. And if it makes me feel uncomfortable I'm guessing that some other brothers could feel that

way too.

The hat goes around the room, brothers are reaching in their wallets and putting cash into the hat. I open my wallet and see a single \$20 bill. That \$20 is lunch money for the week. And so I have to make a choice. Do I put the \$20 into the basket and not eat lunch? Do I pass the hat along and have brothers wondering why I didn't put anything in? I'm not going to put it in and make change, that just looks stupid.

It may sound unmasonic, but every time this happens I get really angry about having to make the choice, and that's not a way I want to feel when I'm with the brothers.

It's nice that the brothers are thinking of doing good for someone who is less fortunate, but they should think about the situation they put

some of their brothers in when they do this. I pay my dues, I love being a Mason but I work hard for a living and with a family don't always have a lot of extra cash. If I want to make the choice to go without lunch for a week to help support someone who is in need, I'd like to make it without being forced to by a brother passing the hat in the lodge room with everyone watching.

Look, if you really need to do this (and with Lodge Almoners now I don't see why you do) then at least put the hat someplace (maybe on a table in the dining hall) and let the brothers fill it that way.

I'm sure no one wants to make another brother feel uncomfortable but every time you pass the hat "for a good cause," that's exactly what you do.

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

Bradford E. Beadle	Uriel Lodge No. 24	George M. Krause	Manchester Lodge No. 73
Daniel N. Beard Jr	King Hiram Lodge No. 12	John C. Kuzmak	Meridian Lodge No. 77
Seymour Benson	Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140	John C. Lathrop	Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116
Clarence G. Brown Jr	Manchester Lodge No. 73	Harry D. McCutcheon Sr	Granite Lodge No. 119
Harmon E. Corey Jr	Widow's Son Lodge No. 66	C. Vincent Morrell	Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140
Walter C. Ehman	King Hiram Lodge No. 12	Ernest V. Plantz	Union Lodge No. 31
Jack Ente	America-St. John's Lodge No. 8	Robert G. Sandals	Manchester Lodge No. 73
William H. Ezell	Union Lodge No. 31	Joseph S. Schietinger	America-St. John's Lodge No. 8
Donald M. Flowers	Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34	Louis G. Schlosser Jr	Village Lodge No. 29
Ernest W. Frattini Sr	Ashlar Lodge No. 332	Charles T. Schreier	Ashlar Lodge No. 332
Preston O. Goslee	Housatonic Lodge No. 61	Donald M. Scranton	Manchester Lodge No. 73
William F. Hart	Coastal Lodge No. 57	P. Wayne Shadbolt	Harmony Lodge No. 67
Donald H. Hasbrouck	Day Spring Lodge No. 30	Gurdon H. Slosberg	Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34
Allen W. Hayes	Seneca Lodge No. 55	William T. Smith	Day Spring Lodge No. 30
Ralph E. Holmstrom	Unity Lodge No. 148	Raymond Sonazzaro	Corinthian Lodge No. 63
Joseph J. Howard	Anchor Lodge No. 112	William E. Steckel	Manchester Lodge No. 73
Henry W. Jones III	Ashlar Lodge No. 332	Carroll M. Vary Jr	Union Lodge No. 31
Henry W. Kinghorn	Anchor Lodge No. 112	James D. Wickwire	Manchester Lodge No. 73

# Grand Historian's Corner

As we near the end of 2016, I would be remiss if I did not mention that 100 years ago, my mentor and predecessor as Grand Historian, James Royal Case was made a Mason. November also marks his 122<sup>nd</sup> birthday. His death on Thanksgiving Day in 1987, although not totally unexpected was a severe blow to Freemasonry around the country. For those of us who knew him well, he remains a shining window in the Temple of Freemasonry. This month's column is dedicated to him.

In 1853, with David Clark sitting in the Grand East as Deputy Grand Master, the annual communication of the Grand Lodge met at the Masonic Hall in Hartford. Grand Master William Sanford was forced "to repair to warmer climate because of a protracted illness". Details of some of the questions and comments brought to the session are lacking but make for interesting reading. Harmony Lodge No. 42 had in its bylaws that no Brother living within its jurisdiction shall visit the lodge more than three times without consent of the lodge. The Grand Lodge session did not approve this bylaw. Apparently it had been brought by Morning Star Lodge No. 28 probably because a Brother from that lodge was the subject of the bylaw. There was a discussion (again with no details) about the charter of Meridian Lodge No. 77 where a Brother "T.E. Doolittle" urged amending the charter

for the lodge located at Meriden Center to strike the word "Center". The motion after discussion was laid on the table. The Brother who was reading the proceedings of the various jurisdictions and compiling a report of over sixty pages was given a compensation of fifty dollars.

When the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard was chartered in 1775 and a petition sent to the General Assembly, the names of several famous Freemasons appear. Hartford already had a foot guard as one of the dual capitals, but New Haven, wanted a company. Amos Doolittle (engraver) of New Haven was probably the most prominent name and well known in the New Haven area. Eleazer Oswald was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, a strong friend of liberty and described in the history of the company as "an accomplished foreigner". He was Benedict Arnold's clerk on the Quebec expedition and went to France to help establish a republic there. Pierpont Edwards, well known as the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and another member of Hiram Lodge, appears. Nationally known Benedict Arnold, another brother of Hiram Lodge was one of the first captains. The military genius became a disgrace to the company and was not mentioned when the



history of the company was written in the 1950s.

Many Masonic lodges have unusual aprons framed and hanging in lodge rooms, banquet halls or libraries of Masonic centers. I recently researched the 1824 apron of Ephraim Bronwell who was a member of Wooster Lodge in Colchester. The apron, beautifully designed, hangs on the wall of the banquet hall. The minutes of the lodge in 1928 mention that it was recently received as a gift from the Brother's daughter (then in her 90s) who was forced to move into smaller quarters. Brother Bronwell died in the 1870's but his memory retains a spot. This Grand Historian is trying to locate more information about him. If you have interesting aprons, your Historian and Secretary can research the Brother's civic and personal past and there is probably a good story.

It is important to chronicle the artifacts that are in your lodge room. Where did the ashlar come from, how were they obtained, how were they brought up the stairs? Each Brother can look around the lodge room, find an object, study it and research where it came from. Future ages will be indebted to your research.

Family Owned & Operated Since 1972



174 West Center St. Manchester, CT

## AUTO REPAIR INC.

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC REPAIRS  
Phil, Jim & Paul Locicero • Pete Buck

860-646-5036 • Fax 860-646-1552

Phil@P-Pauto@coxatwork.com  
[www.PP-AutoRepair.com](http://www.PP-AutoRepair.com)

## T. J. NELSON

Home Improvements

860-444-6771



[TJNelsonHomes.com](http://TJNelsonHomes.com)



## Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Extends Education Initiatives to Easton

by Joseph Zannino

This year, the Brothers of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 committed to expand education within the lodge. They have also extended it to the Easton community with two new initiatives.

"We are always looking for ways to not only better ourselves, but also take

the important lessons that we learn in the lodge and put them to use in the community" said Worshipful Master Joe Zannino.

In addition to continuing fundraising for the Easton Learning Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching Easton's commitment to quality education, Zannino said, "we felt that we could

do something more."

Ashlar-Aspetuck has instituted the Computer Award Donation Program in conjunction with Joel Barlow High School. They will be working with local high school officials to identify a Barlow senior who is an Easton Resident and has applied to an institution to continue their education, whether it is a vocational

school, college, or university. The lodge will then work with the student and their future institution's administrators to provide a computer package tailored to the student's course of studies, and choice of higher education.

The inaugural presentation will take place in June of 2017.

## Pumpkins Go Purple for Epilepsy Awareness

by Chris Martinelli

Approximately four years ago, Ron Lamontagne was brainstorming ideas on how to spread epilepsy awareness. The local pumpkin patch provided the solution. Since kids would soon be carving and decorating pumpkins, he thought why not make one purple and tell people about epilepsy when asked, "Why is your pumpkin purple?" Ron's youngest son was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2009 at the age of four. Since the diagnosis, Ron has seen how epilepsy impacted his son. Although he appears like an average kid on the surface, his son has experienced major challenges academically, physically and socially. Additionally, the misperceptions and fear about epilepsy have impacted relationships in the family.

Although Ron has been outspoken

about the challenges his son faces, many people still choose to keep their seizures private. By raising awareness, Ron hopes to support those people and increase overall awareness of epilepsy.

On Saturday October 15, Masonic Lodges in Waterbury and Naugatuck held a Purple Pumpkin Project to help spread awareness about the cause. Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78 in Naugatuck has held this event four years in a row and due to their success they asked Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76 in Waterbury to hold one in conjunction with them, and Liberty-Continental teamed up with Harmony Lodge No. 42. Both events in Naugatuck and Waterbury saw approximately 100 plus people come by to decorate pumpkins and donate to the cause. One family who has a daughter diagnosed with epilepsy came to the Waterbury Masonic



Lodge from Hartford, CT after seeing the event advertised on the Epilepsy Foundation of CT's website. Both events were a huge success.

# Liberty-Continental Supports Special Olympics Dream Ride Event



For the fourth consecutive year, Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76 spearheaded an effort to support Dream Ride, which promotes awareness and raises revenue for the Special Olympics. Dream Ride is hosted by Bozzutos. This gala grows in size every

year, and includes thousands of motorcycles, some of the world's most exotic cars, a fair for the kids, and the New England Patriots cheerleaders. Liberty-Continental sought assistance from neighboring lodges and Harmony Lodge No. 42, Seneca Lodge No. 55, and Shepherd-Salem Lodge

No. 78 answered the call. On a warm August day, Brothers, friends and families gathered at the beautiful Farmington Polo Grounds to help make the event a success. It was a wonderful example of Masons banding together for a common good.

Dream Ride 2016 raised

over \$1.5 million for the Special Olympics! Next year's event is slated for August 27, 2017. If any lodge or brother would like to participate, please contact Brother Dom Basile at [dot\\_dom1@msn.com](mailto:dot_dom1@msn.com).

# Octoberfest at Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 ist sehr gut!

by David Cole

Widow's Son Lodge's annual Octoberfest was successfully held on Saturday evening October 15 at the Branford Masonic Hall. This popular German tradition began in the early 1800's and is celebrated in Munich, Germany for 16 days. The annual tradition at Widow's Son Lodge was started by WB Ken Jalbert in 2001 and is

limited to just one night.

Each year the attendance at this event seems to grow. Thank you to the brothers of St. Albans and Annawaon Lodges who attended, hopefully more for the fellowship than for the beer tent and its contents. The food was once again plentiful.

For Octoberfest at Widow's Son, there is no head chef and the dinner is served buffet style. Those who are willing and adventurous bring a German dish, though there



is no requirement to do so.

For all the support from family, friends, and brethren

of other Lodges, Widow's Son Lodge would like to say "Thank you!"

## Evening Star Lodge No. 101 Charity Pig Roast A Success

by Bill Mellow

The Donald B. Studley Memorial Charity Pig Roast is a 20-year tradition at Evening Star Lodge No. 101 that honors the generosity of one of their brothers.

On September 19, Masons from miles around gathered at Camp Happy Hill in Farmington to partake in a friendly feast and practice charity and fellowship. The generosity of 115 brothers raised over \$1000.

Among the charities

that benefit from the Pig Roast are Connecticut Hospice, New Horizons Assisted Living Center, the Unionville Museum, and the Oasis veteran outreach at Tunxis Community College. Continuing a new tradition, Evening Star Lodge assembled and donated 75 lbs. of non-perishable food items to the food pantry, who were very grateful for the gesture. The brothers of Evening Star Lodge look forward to serving their community further in the future.



## Evening Star Lodge No. 101 Initiates Four



Junior Warden Matt Ross was proud to sit in the East as four new candidates were initiated as Entered Apprentices. He and the rest of Evening Star Lodge No. 101 look forward to mentoring their new brothers' progress in Masonry. The new brothers are Timothy McCarty, Brian Bergin, "AJ" Assaad Sakr, and John Astarita.

**Porter's**  
**FUNERAL SERVICE Inc.**  
111 Chamberlain Highway  
Kensington, Connecticut 06037

**Christopher H. Porter**  
*6 Generations of Family to Family Service*

Established 1869 (860)223-0981  
www.portersfuneral.com

**DEE'S ANTIQUES**  
**Experienced Antiques Dealer Will Buy**  
*Collectibles, China, Old Furniture, Paintings, Silver  
Coins, Jewelry, Clocks, Books and Picture Frame*  
**Estates Liquidated and Purchased Outright**  
**Estate and Insurance Appraisals**  
*Over 40 years Experience*  
**Call Thomas Spratta 203-235-8431**  
600 West Main St., Meriden, CT 06450

# Shop 'Til You Drop at Masonicare Health Center's Holiday Fair Saturday, November 26

**M**asonicare Health Center, 22 Masonic Avenue in Wallingford, cordially invites the community to attend this year's free Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and on the indoor "Main Street" at the Health Center.

Don't wait until the last minute to do your holiday

shopping this year. Avoid the crowds at the mall - and the stress - by taking advantage of a great opportunity to buy the perfect gift for that special person - or for everyone on this year's holiday gift list. The fair will feature a wide array of unique items offered by some of the best artists and crafters in Connecticut.

Gifts will include kitchen items, cosmetics, jewelry,

hand-poured candles, fresh and dried florals and wreaths, ornaments, pet toys and ornaments, holiday decorations, baked goodies, scarves, shawls, hand-made soaps, purses, and more. Residents will also have their own hand-crafted items available for purchase. Food and drinks will be available. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be on hand for the children and there will be a free "make and take" ornament table. The model train room will be open to all. A highlight of the day is a special drawing that will be held

for a beautifully decorated, 3-ft tall Christmas tree. Tickets will be on sale in the Health Center lobby.

For additional information, please contact the Masonicare HelpLine at 888-679-9997. A few vendor spots are still available. Interested vendors should contact Carla Young at 203-679-6253 or Maria Santiago at 203-679-5980 as soon as possible to make arrangements. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

## Washington Lodge No. 19 Annual Computer Award

**E**very year Washington Lodge No. 19 donates a computer to a worthy Masuk High School Senior. The individual is selected for their character and willingness to help their peers. This year Peyton Northrop is our recipient. The Brethren of Washington Lodge wish her well in her future travels.



Members of Washington Lodge, Sarah's mother, Sarah, and her sister Karley

## Real Accountants Real Solutions It's An Art

Providing innovative services and consulting  
to Closely Held Business  
Real Estate • Financial Institutions  
Health care • Nonprofits



Accounting • Auditing • Tax Planning  
Business Advisory Services  
Technology Consulting

Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C.  
Hartford, CT [www.whcpa.com](http://www.whcpa.com)

# Masonicare Welcomes College Students



**Joe and Victoria pose under the banner welcoming them on their move-in**



**Students Joe Huberman and Victoria Kozar enjoy meeting Masonicare residents Howard Luppi and Rosemary Carver.**

In what is believed to be the first of its kind in New England, if not the U.S., Masonicare has two college students living in its Assisted Living community in Wallingford.

On August 23, two Quinnipiac University students moved into assisted living apartments on the Masonicare at Ashlar Village campus in Wallingford. Victoria Kozar, 21, of New

Milford, Connecticut, and Joe Huberman, 24, from Long Island, will spend the school year living and engaging with Masonicare residents. Victoria is a senior majoring in Health Sciences and planning to go into medicine and care for seniors. Joe is a 5th year Occupational Therapy major from Long Island, with music and therapy in his background as well as

a devotion to seniors.

"Although there have been programs in other states where students lived with Independent Living residents, we believe Masonicare is the first organization nationwide to have college students living in an Assisted Living community," says Bro. Jason Rieger, Assisted Living Administrator. "Our strong relationship with Quinnipiac University also helped make this dream a reality," noted Hilde Sager, Executive Director for Residential

Services at Masonicare. "I am so excited to see how our program will inspire, grow and prosper both our students and our residents."

Each student has their own two-room apartment with kitchenette off opposite hallways. In addition to a full schedule of classes, they will take some meals with residents, participate in activities with them and just appreciate the opportunity to have this intergenerational experience.



**BEECHER & BENNETT**  
**FUNERAL SERVICE**  
*Serving South Central Connecticut Since 1894*

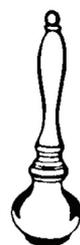
**2300 Whitney Avenue, Hamden**  
**48 Cook Avenue, Meriden**  
**410 Cambell Avenue, West Haven**

Arthur L. Erickson - Carleton V. Erickson

*Helping families provide a meaningful tribute while celebrating the life of their loved one. Providing options for every budget*

**(203) 288-0800**

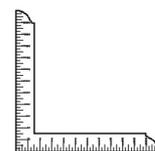
For Information, give us a call or visit our website:  
[www.beecherandbennett.com](http://www.beecherandbennett.com)



## Eastbound Woodworks

### Craftsmanship for the Craft

Masonic themed custom woodworking. Setting Maults, Gavels, Columns, furniture, etc. of the highest quality crafted by a Brother. Engraving available.



Jason E. Morse  
 203-414-6968

[jason@eastboundwoodworks.com](mailto:jason@eastboundwoodworks.com)



# From the desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

## President & CEO of Masonicare

This is a very busy time at Masonicare. The new fiscal year is just underway and we are already busy with plans for November and December ranging from flu shots for all patients, residents and employees to the opening of our newest community, Masonicare at Mystic, at the end of the month - not to mention the holiday activities that will soon be upon us.

It is also the time of year when The Masonic Charity Foundation holds its Tree of Life ceremonies. Now in its sixth year, these non-denominational tree-lightings give families and friends the opportunity to remember a loved one. Donations raised through the events help underwrite Masonicare's hospice care. Please feel free to join us at one of the Tree of Life ceremonies - the dates, times and locations are on the back page of this

issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*.

I am proud to note that last month LeadingAge Connecticut presented our Memory Resource Coordinator, Grace Martha Giannini, with its *Chairperson's Award*. Grace works in our Assisted Living community in Wallingford where she championed the ground-breaking "Students in Residence" program. This program has brought joy and learning to both our residents and the students - and you can read more about it in this issue. Also in conjunction with LeadingAge Connecticut, two Masonicare employees completed the year-long Leadership Academy program.



Congratulations to Traci Bonassar, Corporate Director of Employee Relations, and Michele Gerard Ackerman, Director of Nursing at Masonicare Health Center!

As I shared at the Masonicare Annual Meeting during the Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge last month, it is an honor to help carry on our mission "to help, aid and assist" - as articulated by our founding brothers more than 125 years ago. Masonicare is truly appreciative of your support whether you volunteer time, serve on one of our boards or committees or just "put in a good word." As the holiday of Thanksgiving approaches, let me say "thank you" most sincerely and fraternally.

*Jon-Paul Venoit*

## Masonicare At Mystic About To Open

Progress continues on Masonicare's Mystic campus as the community prepares to welcome its first residents at the

end of the month. Below is a photo of the Independent Living rental apartments offering a variety of floor plans and spacious balconies.



**Thinking of Buying  
or Selling?  
Think of Stamm Eddy!**



❖ SMARTER  
❖ BOLDER  
❖ FASTER  
**CHIP  
STAMM**  
Broker/Owner  
860-558-8310(c)



**39 East Cedar Street  
860-666-1449**

*"on the square"  
in Newington Center*

[www.StammEddyRealty.com](http://www.StammEddyRealty.com)



# The Latent Opportunity Contained in Masonic Symbolism

John A. Amarilios,  
membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

Just a quick reminder - November 12, is the International 32nd degree date, the date when the 32nd degree will be conferred throughout the United States this fall. 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 unique historic Scottish Rite class will be a unique and unforgettable experience for those who participate. For those of you who have qualified to take the 32nd degree, contact the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064 to take part in this Historic event!

November and December Degrees:

November 7 - 18th degree

- New Haven  
November 12 - 32nd degree - Stratford  
December 5th - 22nd degree - Stratford

It should be very clear, to any brother following this year's banal electoral shenanigans, that there never has been a greater need than at the present time, and never so great an opportunity for Freemasonry to ascend to a position of great institutional relevance in our society. Freemasonry with its simple but powerful message of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth is based on a philosophy that exists nowhere else, but in our ancient forms of symbolism. It is sad that a majority of our votaries do not realize or ignore the value of our "possessions" - our very rich heritage which is imbedded within our system of symbolism. These symbols, which are alluded to in our three Blue Lodge Degrees

and their lectures require further and repeated study by the devoted student who must unfortunately search further afield, probably on his own, to locate and study the balance of them. Only by obtaining a full understanding of these symbols, taking them to heart and employing them in one's daily life, making them "yours" so to speak, does one transform himself from a drone servant to an actual Builder.

*"Freemasonry is modeled on the plan of the ANCIENT Mysteries, with their glyphs and allegories... In brief, then, the real secrets of Freemasonry lie in its symbols, and the meaning of the symbols reveals a profound philosophy and a Universal Science, that have never been transcended by Man...The ancient Landmarks may be discovered in every nation and time.. Freemasonry.. should be considered an initiation rather than a continuation of those ancient mysteries, for initiation into them was the entering of a school, wherein was taught art, science, morals, law,*

*philosophy, philanthropy and the wonders of the worship of nature" - Dr Buck, Mystic Masonry*

How many men join our fraternity and neglect to avail themselves of the great expansive opportunities and possibilities contained in "The Work"? "The Work" is what separates our Fraternity from Service Organizations or groups such as the Elks. The expansive, soul altering, and awakening tools of which I list partially, and in no particular order, are found herein below:

- Rough & Perfect Ashlar
- Anchor & The Ark
- White Lambskin
- Cable Tow
- Euclid's 47<sup>th</sup>
- Masonic Eye
- Ark of the Covenant
- Masonic Gavel
- Letter G
- Mosaic Pavement
- Acacia
- Masonic Shoe
- Square & Compasses
- Sheaf of Corn
- Beehive
- Corn Wine and Oil

What a majestic nation

**Continued on page 31**



**ATTENTION ALL MASTER MASONS!**  
**LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY ANNOUNCES**  
**Nov. & Dec.**  
**DEGREE SCHEDULE**

DATE	LOCATION	DEGREE(S)
<b>IN NOVEMBER</b>		
MON 07.2016	NEW HAVEN	18TH DEGREE
SAT 12.2016	STRATFORD	32ND DEGREE
<b>IN DECEMBER</b>		
MON 05.2016	STRATFORD	22ND DEGREE

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

**Contact any Scottish Rite Mason or the Valley near you today!**

<p><b>Valley of Bridgeport</b> 2422 Main Street Stratford, CT consistory@sbcglobal.net 203-375-0064</p>	<p><b>Valley of New Haven</b> 285 Whitney Avenue New Haven, CT sphinx97@juno.com 203-269-0336</p>	<p><b>Valley of Waterbury</b> 531 Highland Avenue Waterbury, CT cwk@juno.com 203-754-8209</p>
---	---	---

**Or simply contact: MEMBERSHIP@LAFAYETTECONSISTORY.com**



**PATHWAYS LEGAL GROUP LLP**  
INNOVATIVE PATHS. UNIQUE SOLUTIONS.

Divorce & Legal Separations | Business Law | Wills  
Estate Planning | Probate | Real Estate | Criminal Defense

Call Attorney Mike Kaczynski at 203-903-4529 or [mjk@pathwayslegal.com](mailto:mjk@pathwayslegal.com)  
[www.pathwayslegal.com](http://www.pathwayslegal.com) | All major credit cards accepted

# Grand Almoner's Fund: Widow Receives Aid

by Shane Dufresne

In August, Dorothy Bunn contacted the Grand Lodge requesting assistance. Her late husband, Brother Raymond Bunn of Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, told her that was what to do if she ever needed help. She said her 101-year-old home needed a new roof. She was able to get the money together for the materials but could not afford the labor.

The Grand Almoner sent a labor request throughout the jurisdiction. Soon, lodges and individuals sent in donations, especially when they heard that the 80-year old widow works 5 days a week and supports an adult son. However, it was feared that the task might be too big to undertake. Some suggested hiring a company to do the job - professional roofers had already been contacted for estimates and the job would cost \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Others said it would be hard to get people to do that type of work. They said it's not like you are asking for help moving tables or marching in a parade. But as Masons we knelt and swore to help our brothers, widows and orphans in their time of need. The Grand Almoner decided to keep the faith that



the brothers would come through.

The weekends of September 24 and October 1 were scheduled for the work. Both weekends, about 25 brothers showed up. All brought different skill sets and experience. Some were comfortable on the roof while others were content to do the groundwork.

Under the direction and guidance of two roofers, Brothers Kyle Canning and Fred Frost, two layers of asphalt

shingles and a layer of wood shingles were stripped. New plywood was installed and new shingles were put down. New gutters will also be put in and the chimney will be re-pointed in the near future.

During the work and during lunch, prepared by the widow and her son, brothers from all over the state got to know each other and bond under one cause, fulfilling their obligation. More than one brother said this is what masonry is all about.

The Grand Almoner would like to thank all who helped, and the job could not have been completed without Brothers Canning and Frost. Also, thank you to Brothers Mike Butteri, Chet Russell and Silvestro Manente from Frederick Franklin who spread the word to the brothers from the area.

All Brothers should remember why they became a Mason, and also remember their obligations. Being a Mason is not just wearing a ring or marching in parades or participating in chili cook-offs. No task is too big if Masons come together as Brothers with a common goal of helping someone in need.



# Semi-Annual Commu



# Annual Communication



# Pyramid Shriner Clown's Dream Comes True



by Donald M. Casey

Five years ago, Monroe, Connecticut resident and volunteer Pyramid Shriner Clown Douglas "Willie" Wilson, Sr. dreamed about creating a coloring book for children to enjoy while receiving medical services at the Shriner Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. Willie decided to take pictures of all the Pyramid Shriner Clowns. He then met with the faculty and students at Paier College of Art in Hamden, Connecticut to develop

a coloring book. Art students used the photographs and created replica drawings of each clown for children to color.

Willie Wilson passed away this past summer. On October 12, 2016, the Pyramid Shrine Temple Clowns presented the first annual Douglas "Willie" Wilson, Sr. Memorial Award to the faculty and students at Paier College. Willie's dream of creating a coloring book has come true. Most importantly, children at the Shrine Hospital will benefit from Willie's hard work and determination.

Douglas "Willie" Wilson, Sr.

## Sphinx Potentate's Message

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Sphinx Potentate in 2016. My goal this year was to bring Sphinx Shriners into the 21st Century, to promote awareness of the Shriners in the community and to continue the tradition of fun, fellowship, and philanthropy.

The year started with a bang! First Lady Lisabeth's Project was to raise funds in support of the new B-Fit Program at the Springfield Shriners

Hospital. On Saturday, February 27, Sphinx Shriners hosted "Dance So Our Kids Can Walk!" with music played by the 70's classic rock band, Crossroads. This event attracted a great crowd who rocked the night away! We promoted the event on line, on Facebook, and in the newspaper. This event raised \$5,000 for the B-Fit Program, which was an amazing accomplishment and a credit to First Lady Lisabeth. We had the pleasure of presenting the check from the dance to the Springfield Hospital this spring.

Sphinx Shriners celebrated its 120 years of philanthropic service in 2016. This milestone is a significant achievement for our organization and it was my desire to mark this anniversary with a gala celebration. Our 120th Gala was held at the Windsor Marriott on June 18. Shrine Imperial Potentate, Jerry G. Gantt, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons for the State of Connecticut, Gail N. Smith were guests of honor. It was truly a special occasion to have both Masonic leaders appear at the same event. We are deeply grateful to the editors of Connecticut Freemasons newspaper for allotting Sphinx Shriners the cover photo and

lead article in the September issue of the magazine.

The new format Sphinx Shriners News appeared as a four-page color insert in the September edition of Connecticut Freemasons. The insert featured articles about Shriners Hospitals for Children and a calendar of our events. By publishing in Connecticut Freemasons newspaper, we increase tenfold the potential readership of news about Sphinx Shriners and raise awareness of our mission as Shriners. My special thanks go to Ill. Sir Jean Maheu for his advice, expertise, and unstinting efforts in bringing the new Sphinx Shriners News to fruition.

This year we updated the Sphinx Shriner Website and enhanced the content of the Sphinx Facebook page. Specifically, more than 1,000 photos were uploaded to the website and Facebook page to let everyone view some of our many events and activities. Both sites also contain information on planned activities and articles about the Springfield and Boston Hospitals.

The new generation of Shriners is tech savvy. We plan increase our membership by reaching out to them through social media and electronic communications.

**Continued on next page**



# Sphinx Shriners

## Calendar of Events: November and December 2016

**Remembrance Sunday: Sunday, November 13, 2016, 2 p.m.**

All Nobles and their Ladies are invited to honor the memory of departed Nobles of Sphinx Shrine. Light refreshments served at Sphinx Shrine Center at the conclusion of the memorial service. Call the Recorder's Office 860-666-5449 by November 7 for reservations. Dress Code: Divan Suit/Business Attire.

**Stated Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 6 p.m.**

6 p.m. Social Gathering [cash bar]. 6:30 p.m. Dinner. 7:30 p.m. Meeting: Presentation & Review of Proposed Budget for 2017. Light refreshments served at the conclusion of the meeting. Call the Recorder's Office 860-666-5449 by November 11 for reservations. Dress Code: Divan Suit/Business Attire. Dress Code: Divan Suit/Business Attire.

**Chief Rabban's Night: Saturday, November 19, 2016 6 p.m.**

Come learn about 2017! Chief Rabban John Taylor and his Lady Darlene invite all Sphinx Nobles and their Ladies to be their

guests for Chief Rabban's Night 2016. Festivities start at 6:00p.m. Refreshments served at no charge [cash bar] throughout the evening. Come and enjoy good food and drinks while learning about the fun and fellowship and events in store for you in 2017. Call the Recorder's Office 860-666-5449 by November 11, for reservations. Dress Code: Divan Shirts/Shrine Casual.

**Fall Ceremonial: Saturday, December 3, 2016**

Illustrious Sir David J. Herbert and the 2016 Divan cordially invite all Nobles and their Ladies to join them in inducting new Sphinx Shriners. The Ceremonial will be held at Pyramid Shrine Center, Stratford. Dress for this Saturday will be gray (Divan) business Jackets. (Not Tuxedos!)

**Children's Christmas Party: Saturday, December 10, 2016 2 p.m.**

All Nobles, their families, and friends are cordially invited to join in the holiday festivities at the Children's Christmas Party from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Sphinx Shrine Center. There will be photo opportunities

with Santa and Sphinx Funsters. Children under 12 will receive a present from Santa. Cost is \$5 per child. Call the Recorder's Office 860-666-54499 for reservations. Dress Code: Divan Shirts/Shrine Casual.

**Lady Kaabans Annual Christmas Party: Sunday, December 11, 2016 5 p.m.**

The party begins at 5 p.m. with Gourmet Hors-d'oeuvres, followed by Christmas Dinner. Maybe Santa will visit, if you were good this year! All are invited to Kaabans Shrine Club, 115 Wilton Road in Plymouth. Call Walter Sherman at 203-437-0860 for details.

**Stated Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 6 p.m.**

6 p.m. Social Gathering [cash bar]. 6:30 p.m. Dinner. 7:30 p.m. Meeting: Election of Officers for 2017 and Approval of 2017Budget. Light refreshments served after the meeting. Call the Recorder's Office 860-666-5449 by December 16 for reservations. Dress Code: Divan Suit/Business Attire.

## Sphinx Potentate's Message

*Continued from previous page*

I am especially grateful to Noble William A. G. Mackey for helping to move the Sphinx Shrine Center into the twenty-first century. He has worked diligently as writer, editor, and photographer for the Sphinx Shriners News, Sphinx website, and Facebook page.

We now have a beautiful, shiny, blue and gold sign welcoming visitors to the Sphinx Shrine Center and Scottish Rite building. Our Sphinx statue was repaired, painted gold and put in a place of honor. These are small things, but they increase our presence to the

community. Our new Directory was revised for the first time in several years. It is helpful reference guide for Sphinx Shriners Units and Clubs.

Thanks to the efforts of Arabian Shrine Club, Northeast Shrine Club, and Omar Shrine Club, we raised money for the hospitals through a number of successful Paper Crusades. In October, the Arabian Shrine Club hosted a "Canning Event" for the benefit of the Springfield and Boston Hospitals. Sponsored by the Board of Governors of the hospitals, this was a Northeast

regional event to benefit Springfield's EOS machine and Boston's radiology unit. Our Nobles stood in front of Walmart all day and asked for donations for the hospitals. Thank you for your tremendous dedication.

As we go forward, I am committed to help find more ways to spread the message of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Thank you for the opportunity to lead Sphinx this year.

David J. Herbert, Potentate

# History of the Sphinx Omar Shrine Club

Steven Aldi, President & Secretary

The forerunner of the Sphinx Omar Shrine Club was the Quarry Club of Manchester. In 1947, several Manchester Nobles formed the Quarry Club when they decided to meet once a month for social and fraternal fellowship. The Club officially affiliated with Sphinx Temple on January 1, 1949.

The late Dan Reed, who served as Potentate of Sphinx Shriner in 1947,

helped with the initial organization of the club, as did past Recorder Francis Stancliffe. Club members look upon them with affection as the granddaddy and daddy of the Omar Shrine Club.

The original Quarry Club officers became the first Omar Shrine Club officers. Walter Joyner was elected president, Ross V. Urquart, vice president, Thomas Rogers, treasurer, and Earl Trotter, secretary.

Members of the officer line serving

for 2016:

President & Secretary - Steven Aldi  
1st Vice President - Vincent Kalinauskas

Treasurer - Arthur Tinsz  
Directors - Alexander Matthew and Robert Murdock.

We welcome all Shriners in good standing as members of the Sphinx Omar Shrine Club. Our club is comprised primarily of Nobles living in and around the Manchester area.

## Sphinx Kaabans Shrine Club

Kaabans Shrine Club hosted its annual Fred Kramer Lobster Bake on September 17, 2016 at its clubhouse on 115 Wilton Road in Plymouth, Connecticut. The annual event is named in honor of the late Fred Kramer, who served as Potentate of Sphinx Shriners in

1984. Shriners gathered from all across Connecticut for a dinner of lobster, steak, clams, corn-on-the-cob, and all the fixings.

Club members like to describe Kaabans as "The Best Little Shrine Club in North America." "Kaabans is a little place of heaven, it is peaceful and quiet place to gather," says Walt Sherman, the driving force behind Kaabans Shrine Club. Kaabans is one of a number of

Shrine Clubs that are part of the Sphinx Shrine Center, which is headquartered in Newington.

The Shriners support twenty-two Shriners Hospitals for Children® that provide specialized pediatric care for burns, spinal cord injuries, orthopedics, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Call Walt Sherman at 203-437-0860 for more information.

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

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE IN MASONRY?**

*Applications for the upcoming Scottish Rite Class are now being accepted...*

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



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

## Sphinx Caravan Shrine Club

The Sphinx Caravan Shrine Club promotes convivial fellowship among its members and helps to spread interest in the fraternity within the jurisdiction of greater Middlesex County. Membership is open to any Noble in good standing at Sphinx Shrine.

Our main philanthropic purpose is our support of the Transportation Fund. Other programs that we have supported include the Sphinx Shrine Soccer Program, Christmas Tree Auction, Easter Baskets, and for past two years the "Calling of the Hogs" charitable fund raising project. Last year, the Caravan Club was able to raise the most money of all clubs in the Shrine.

The Caravan Shrine Club meets ten months a year on the second Wednesday of the month. We do not meet in July

or December. Just like a Middle Eastern caravan, we enjoy traveling around. Each month, members get pick a restaurant in Middlesex County for their next dinner meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their wife or significant other to these dinners. We also invite the widows "special ladies" of past members to our meetings. Cost of dinner is \$25, which is all-inclusive.

Come and join our creative and fun Shrine Club. For more details, please call Ray Moore at 860-267-7125. He would love to hear from you and would welcome you into our club. Our meetings are fun and our purpose is to help support the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield and Boston.

Ray Moore, President

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

by David R. Blythe, Sr.,  
33<sup>o</sup>, Valley Secretary

The Supreme Councils, AASR, for the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions have designated Saturday, November 12, as the day in which all Valleys will hold special activities to celebrate Scottish Rite.

The five Valleys in Connecticut will hold a joint Consistory Day to confer the 32<sup>o</sup>. Ladies are invited to participate in this year's activities as well.

Activities will center around the Shelton Courtyard by Marriott, 780 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton, CT. Bus transportation will be available for all Scottish Rite brethren to the Leo H. Lohrman II Scottish Rite Theatre, 2422 Main Street, Stratford. Ladies will remain at the hotel.

The day's schedule is:

11 a.m. - Check-in begins at the hotel

1 p.m. -- Portrayal of the 32<sup>o</sup>.

1:30 p.m. -- Doors open for ladies program (cash bar available).

2 - 3 p.m. -- Ladies program, features a mentalist, open bar and munchies,

3:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room Opens.

5 - 6 p.m. -- Social Hour, Cash Bar. Music by Marty Q.

6 p.m. - Banquet Room opens. Welcome Ceremony, Awards Presentation, 32<sup>o</sup> diploma presentation, short speeches, dining followed by dancing to the wonderful sounds of the Marty Q 5 piece band.

After dancing the Hospitality Room re-opens.

Cost and Reservation Information:

Food price per couple (member and guest): \$50.

Food price per couple (Candidate

and Guest) \$25.

No charge for candidate if he attends alone..

Dinner reservations must be made directly with Lafayette Consistory. Call the Valley of Bridgeport office at (203) 375-0064 for more information

A limited number of rooms for an overnight stay, including breakfast the next morning, are available at \$90. Book directly with the reservation desk at the Shelton Courtyard by Marriott and ask for the Scottish Rite Masons Group Rate.

If there are members who only want to attend the degree and not the dinner and evening events, and who would prefer to take a shuttle bus to the Valley of Bridgeport, please contact the Valley of Hartford office. If there is enough interest we will make a bus available. If you would like to attend the degree and dinner only (and not stay at the hotel) let us know so we can arrange car-pools.

Do you know a Master Mason who is not a member of the Scottish Rite? If so, explain to him what the Scottish Rite is all about and the advantages of belonging to what is called the fraternity of choice - the Scottish Rite. The Valley is now accepting applications for the 2016 class.

To those brethren active in both Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite, the Valley needs you to look ahead to the spring of 2017. Without taking away currently newly raised Master Masons, we hope you will seek out members of your lodge who want to build on the lessons they have learned. Or, perhaps you can ask the Worshipful Master of your Blue Lodge and see if he would be interested in having a member of our Membership Committee put on a short program in your Lodge. For more information please contact the Valley Office.

From your fellow Brethren at the Valley of Hartford to each of you, Happy Thanksgiving



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

**All Connecticut  
Consistory Day Event  
Ladies Invited  
Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**SEE THE VALLEY OF  
HARTFORD ARTICLE  
IN THIS ISSUE  
FOR DETAILS...**

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<sup>o</sup>, Valley Secretary,  
Valley of Hartford AASR  
(860) 666-0712 Email: sect@snet.net  
[www.valleyofhartford.org](http://www.valleyofhartford.org)



# 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](mailto:ctramrsm@gmail.com). **NOTE: All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice.**

## NOVEMBER 2016

01	ME		F	Franklin 02 RA, New Haven
01			F	Keystone 27 RA, Meriden. PM & MEM deg, 7 pm
04-05	ME		F	Masonic Rosicrucians High Council, Louisville KY
08		RE	U	Cyrene 08 KT, Middletown. Insp on Order of Temple
08	ME		F	Harmony 02 SM, New Haven.
09			F	Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. PM & MEM deg
11				VETERANS DAY
11	ME		F	Baldwin 13 RA, Stratford
12	ME	MP		Scottish Rite Consistory Day, Stratford 1 pm
14		MP	F	Union 07 RA/Cushing 04 SM, Preston. Mark Master. Din 6:30
15		RE	U	St Elmo 09 KT, Meriden. Insp on Order of the Temple. Din 6:15 p
17		RE	U	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Inspection on Order of the Temple.
18	ME		U	New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Din 6:15 pm
19	ME			AMD/SRICF, East Hartford. 9:30 am
19	ME	MP	RE	York Rite Testimonial Dinner, Nutmeg Restaurant, East Windsor. Social Hour 6:00, Dinner 6:30 p
24	ME	MP	RE	HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!
26		MP		DeMolay Grand Master Class, Hartog Activity Center, 4 pm
29			F	Connecticut 28 KYCH, Branford. Din 6:30 pm.

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

- Dec 02 ME @ Columbia 31 RA, Collinsville. 8 p
- Dec 04 St Johns 11 KT & Palestine 06 KT, Christmas Observance, North Windham, 2 p
- Dec 06 Franklin 02 RA, Holiday Dinner, North Haven Masonic Hall. 6:30 p
- Dec 06 Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Inspection, Order of the Temple
- Dec 11 St Elmo 09 KT & Cyrene 08 KT, Christmas Observance, Merriden. 4:30 pm, Din after
- Dec 12 ME/MP @ Union 07 RA, Preston.
- Dec 13 ME @ Harmony 08 SM, New Haven. Royal Master deg
- Dec 14 ME @ Pythagoras 17 RA, East Hartford. RAM deg
- Dec 16 New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Christmas Observance, 8 pm
- Dec 18 Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Christmas Observance
- Dec 19 Milford 49 RA, Milford. Carol Sing. Dinner 6:30 p
- Dec 20 Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Christmas Observance, 8 pm. Refreshments after.

### 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 C A 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 I write this, I have just received yet more books on Masonry - I am slightly addicted to buying books and having both Barnes & Noble and Amazon is a good thing! They go in to my ever-growing to read pile(s). They include a collection of Ben Jonson's plays (a contemporary of Shakespeare, and primarily to look at his play "The Alchemist"), and two books by Masons: one by Robert Lund "The Hidden Code in Freemasonry: Finding Light Through Esoteric Interpretation of Masonic Ritual", and one by PGHP of NY Piers Vaughan, "Renaissance Man & Mason", a collection of talks given over 20 years. These books are examples of how good it is to be a brother and companion interested in the philosophy of our Craft today. E-books and print on demand (I tend to prefer printed and both the Masonic books were printed and bound only a few days ago) are so easily available now and a number of companies (Kessinger, Forgotten Books and The Lost Library to name a few) are dedicated to printing books out of copyright that have not been printed in many years. Many Masonic and philosophical/esoteric books are now available cheaply that would a few decades ago have been very hard to find except in dedicated or select university libraries. A prime example of this is Elias Ashmole's "Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum" originally published in 1652 and is his collection of all works on alchemy written in English at that time. Until recently, you would have been hard pressed to find a complete copy, to reference much less to buy, but now with print on demand, I purchased Kessinger's facsimile copy from Amazon for around \$40. Facsimile copies of many Masonic books, including Anderson's Constitutions of 1738 for example, are readily



available to the regular Masonic researcher. We need to realize the opportunities that we have and set up book or study clubs in our lodges and chapters and take this chance to really understand what we are about, especially as we move to modern Freemasonry's 300th Anniversary next year,

**FROM MPGM J. ANDREW BIRDSALL**

Companions, November begins with elections, a salute to Veterans, and finishes with Thanksgiving. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have served and continue to serve our beloved country. As Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday season, the season of giving, please consider donating to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF), this is the charity of the Grand Council - this fund helps to provide grants in the field of Vascular Biology, which helps to affect a wide range of medical issues, such as heart disease, diabetes, COPD, erectile dysfunction, and more. CMMRF is a 501c(3) charity.

Harmony Council #8 has been granted dispensation to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, until their By-Laws are ratified by the Grand Council in June.

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,

The first weekend in October Lady A. J. and I enjoyed a weekend visit to Vinalhaven, an island 12 miles off the coast of Maine. It is 168 square miles, of which 145 square miles are water, with a population of approximately 1200 permanent residents. It can only be reached by a 75 minute ferry ride from Rockland, by private boat or by a small plane air taxi service. This is really a neat place. It was initially a part of the Fox Islands, but in 1789 the two larger islands were incorporated by a Maine attorney, John Vinal, who proceeded to rename the island Vinalhaven, after himself. In 1847 the northern island in the group seceded and became known as North Haven. For many years the primary industry on the island was lobster fishing, but in 1826 large deposits of granite were discovered there, and it was actively mined for granite for nearly a century. This was a distinctive type of pinkish-gray granite, and it found its way into many prominent buildings, including Pennsylvania Station in New York and the Philadelphia Masonic Temple. Now the primary industry has returned to lobstering, with a big boost from tourism. So much for the history lesson of Vinalhaven.

Vinalhaven has another distinction; it is the home of the only true island Knights Templar Commandery in America. DeValois Commandery No. 16 was constituted in September 1891 by the Grand Commandery of Maine and has met almost continually since that date. Currently there are 68 Sir Knights in this Commandery; 12 are residents



of the island and another 28 Sir Knights from the mainland belong. The unique aspect of this Commandery is that there are also 26 members from the other New England states and Pennsylvania and New York. Several years ago, the Commandery started to hold a fall reunion on the first weekend in October. It was initially started to help them confer the Order of the Temple on candidates, but has grown into a weekend visit of Sir Knights. This year this meeting was doubly important in that it was used to assure the future of the Commandery. Recently DeValois Commandery had fallen on hard times and a lack of membership and officers made its future doubtful. The number of interested men on the island was rapidly dwindling. A change was necessary.

Friday evening the Sir Knights and their Ladies met at the firehouse for a lobster and steak dinner. Following the dinner the Sir Knights present, by dispensation of the Grand Commander, opened a Special Conclave of the Commandery, called for the purpose of revising the by-laws and electing and installing a corps of officers for the year. The main purpose of the change was to move the Stated Conclaves of the Commandery to meeting four times a year on a Saturday afternoon. This would allow the mainland members to take a morning ferry to the island, hold a meeting, and return home on the last ferry in the afternoon, and not have to stay overnight. This change allowed the election of non-islanders as officers.

**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/gckct/ct](http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckct/ct)  
Common to all three YR bodies: [www.yorkrite.com/ct](http://www.yorkrite.com/ct)

# Walk to End Alzheimer's 2016



Masonicare was honored to take part in both the New London (right) and New Haven (left) Walk to End Alzheimer's 2016 events again this year. Hats off to our dedicated team members and many thanks to all our supporters!

## Moriah Lodge 6th Annual Table Lodge a Smooth Success

by Edward C. Page

Moriah Lodge No. 15 hosted their 6th Annual Down East Maine Table Lodge on October 1, with over 50 people in attendance. Guests were asked to be a bit more formal this year

with the secondary theme being black tie. The Lodge room underwent a cosmetic makeover of black linens and a black drapery that made the evening more intimate. With the black tie theme in mind, Table Lodge Master RWB Edward

C. Page surprised guests by bringing the Rat Pack to life with banners and sing-alongs. To the amazement of everyone, RWB Edward also donned a Frank Sinatra wig and serenaded the group to Sinatra's "That's Life."

Moriah Lodge Master William Petrey accepted the donation of brand new black padded chairs in memory of Edward's father, Orville "Gus" Page, who was a 50-plus year member of Freemasonry in Maine. Guests had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win a cigar humidor filled with cigars, or a special edition bottle of bourbon. The brothers of Moriah Lodge presented RWB Edward with a bottle of Tin Cup whiskey and a Davidoff Anniversary No. 3 cigar for his dedication and support to the lodge. They also put a place mat, shot glass and lobster bottle

opener from Maine at his table setting.

The head table included Connecticut Most Worshipful Grand Master Gail N. Smith (presented his favorite; Johnny Walker-Gold), Past Grand Master William L. Greene, Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck, Jr. (presented a gift set of My Fathers cigars), Past Grand Master Charles W. Yohe, RWB Glenn S. Carlson of Rhode Island, MWB Russell R. Davis, Sr. of Rhode Island, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander William A. G. Mackey and RWB Marshall K. Robinson. WB Robert E. Sweet of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation was presented his honorary membership.

The evening was a true success and could not have been achieved without the



NORWALK

# Luncheons Honor Foundation Benefactors

In October, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut held its annual Benefactor Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at Masonicare at Ashlar Village to honor donors who have made major outright gifts and/or generous estate plan provisions for The Foundation.

The Masonic Charity Foundation is the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare, the state's leading provider of healthcare and retirement living communities for seniors. Through charitable gift annuities, bequests, and other major and planned gifts to The Foundation, our benefactors help provide for the future

well-being of Masonicare.

To accommodate our many benefactors and distinguished guests from the Masonic family and the community at large, The Foundation holds two luncheons. At each luncheon, new benefactors are recognized and presented with a special award. In addition, existing benefactors are honored and acknowledged for additional gifts contributed to The Foundation throughout the year.

If you have an interest in becoming a Foundation benefactor, please contact Alison Koons, Gift Planning Associate, at 203-679-5573



**Brothers and Benefactors: From left are Bro. John R. Boyce, Bro. Arthur R. Tinsz and Bro. Everett W. Spencer**

or [akoons@masonicare.org](mailto:akoons@masonicare.org).

Here are some snapshots from this year's luncheons,

graciously contributed by photographer MWPGM William L. Greene:



**Representing Hiram Lodge No. 1, Bro. Douglas Gray and his wife, Marie**



**Benefactor WB Robert W. Harriman and his guest, Francette Gingell**

*Wishing a  
Happy  
Birthday*

**To our November Birthday Brothers**

Lynn Anderson	Joshua Bartlett
Timothy Brady	Jordan DeAngelis
Morgan Evans	Rahn Finley
Richard Johnson	Martin Macary
James Messina	Shaen Murteza
Arthur Nonenmacher	Mark Orsini
Christopher Poulin	Wilson Ramirez
Steven Sexton	Robert Voghel
Donald Wismann	Earl Wooster III

## Harmony Lodge No. 42

531 Highland Ave, Waterbury Ct.

### Awards and Necrology Night

Thursday November 3rd – 7:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Reservations Required

To: Hall Elwell – (203) 525 - 0234

[halewtby@aol.com](mailto:halewtby@aol.com)

Or Matt Elwell – [melwell98@hotmail.com](mailto:melwell98@hotmail.com)



**Recent Events**

*Special Thanks to all the Brothers from Harmony No. 42 and local lodges who recently volunteered to put a new roof on the home of a widow.*



**Harmony Lodge Trivia**

It can be said with truthfulness that Harmony No. 42 has something on everybody as the investor of the modern sewing machine, Bro. Allen B. Wilson, was raised as a Master Mason at Harmony No. 42 on February 2, 1865.

# Moriah Lodge Table

Continued from page 26

Brothers who worked the event: Eric Boise, Dan Buchanon (received as a token of appreciation for his service to the Table Lodge events, a humidor with an assortment of cigars), Adam Feeney (who served as lead server and did a sensational job), Brian Keith, Daniel Klewin, Greg Messier (who managed the cooking with seamless effort), Dave Rukakoski, Bob Sharlack and Jim Verge. They gave up their Saturday evening to ensure the guests attending this annual event would receive excellent service and great food. They added flair to the black tie evening by wearing black faux tuxedo shirts embroidered with the event title and year by Lady Christina L. Page, wife of RWB Edward. Her efforts leading up to the event, suggestions, guidance, and post-cleanup help were indispensable and without whose effort this event would not be as smooth as it has come to be.

To thank the Brothers from Rhode Island whose attendance at Moriah events has fostered a strong fraternal

bond that will last for years to come, they were presented a bottle of 1792 bourbon on behalf of Moriah Lodge. Also greatly appreciated are all the work Jill Feeney, wife of Brother Adam Feeney, did to prepare the lodge for guests, and Worshipful Brother Bob Sweet for his assistance with part of the meal. Finally, thank you to all dinner

guests who attended Saturday's Table Lodge; your continued support is how Moriah Lodge is able to achieve their community efforts.

It was an amazing night full of ritual, laughter and brotherhood, and plans are already being drawn up for next year's dinner. Moriah Lodge looks forward to seeing you all there!



**RWB Edward C. Page does his best Frank Sinatra**

## **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

# Semi-Annual Communication *Continued from page 4*

Perfect Ashlar award.

RWB Brother Stephen Petri presented a very promising technology report. Efforts are underway to change all the websites to a Word Press platform, with flexible options for lodges to use that platform on the same servers used by Grand Lodge, do their own websites (with certain requirements that must be met), or, if a lodge doesn't feel as if they have enough technology expertise to handle a website, to have a simple page on the Grand Lodge website. Lodge calendars will be based on Google Calendar, and all websites will be mobile-fiendly. There will be a help desk presence for lodges needing assistance. The EMR program will be getting an update to make it more useful, with notifications going to a lodge's Master and Secretary as well as their EMR representative. Finally, the GPS system will be upgraded.

There were six items of legislation presented, the last of which was presented for information only and not for vote. Item 1, regarding duties of trustees, was amended to allow the Grand Master to use the previous year's interest income, and passed. Item 2, specifically defining terms of a Past District Deputy becoming a permanent member of Grand Lodge, was not passed. Items 3 and 4, housekeeping changes to sections on lodge business, were approved. Item 5, about background checks and information gathered, was not passed, with the Craft indicating that the proposed revision should be reworked.

Item 6 was presented for information only and was put together after the other revisions were presented in the August issue of the *CT Freemasons* newspaper. It concerns alcohol and lodge

functions. RWB Bud Buckner highlighted the need for lodges to have adequate insurance, including D&O insurance to protect the officers in case of law suit. The Grand Lodge and Legal Matters committee are investigating a myriad of options to better protect lodges, officers, and individual brothers, navigating a daunting maze of Connecticut statutes. More information will be forthcoming.

Business completed, the Most

Worshipful Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge in ample form, and the brethren returned to all corners of our state after once again exercising their prerogatives to decide important matters facing Freemasonry in Connecticut. With harmony, and a sprinkling of humor, the work of our Gentle Craft continues in this land of steady habits, steadfast and perpetual.

## Widowers Support Group

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

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.masonicare.org)

Masonicare  
Home Health & Hospice

# Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, November 12 at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford

**D**on't wait until the last minute again to do your holiday shopping! Avoid the crowds by taking advantage of a great opportunity to buy the perfect gift for that special person or for everyone on your gift list at Masonicare at Ashlar Village's Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair. Open to the community, the event will be held at Masonicare

at Ashlar Village (Hartog Auditorium), Cheshire Road in Wallingford, on Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Several area vendors will be offering a wide variety of unique gift items for purchase, including purses, scarves, handmade jewelry, sports memorabilia, candles, homemade candy and much more. In addition to

great shopping, coffee and donuts and a delicious, reasonably priced lunch will be available.

For additional information, please

contact Noreen Caffrey at [203-679-6402/ncaffrey@masonicare.org](mailto:203-679-6402/ncaffrey@masonicare.org), or Marisa Dominello at [203-679-6059/mdominello@masonicare.org](mailto:203-679-6059/mdominello@masonicare.org)

## Corinthian Brother & Wife Longest Married Couple in America

by Adam Plotnick

**W**B Dennis Parkenson, Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, announces birthdays every month in lodge, and includes the year the brother was born. Recently he read the name of Brother John Betar, and the year of his birth caused some brothers to believe that the Master had made a mistake. Brother John was born in 1911. When they discovered that Brother John was indeed born in 1911 and had just turned 105 years old, they visited him at his home.

Brother John was a 21-year old Syrian refugee escaping war. He made a new home in the United States, and literally fell in love with the girl next door - his neighbor Ann, who was 17. Ann's father did not approve of their

relationship, wanting her to marry a man twenty years her senior. The Depression gripped the country, and Ann's father wanted to ensure his daughter would be well cared for. Ann loved John and the couple eloped in 1932. Some thought the marriage would not last, but they were wrong. The Washington Post has declared Brother John and his wife Ann (101 years young) as the longest married couple in America, having been married 84 years.

Brother John was raised a Master Mason on November 11, 1953 in Corinthian Lodge, and he is also a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

When asked how he lived so long, Brother John explained that he doesn't drink...except for a cold beer!

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut invites you to remember loved ones and friends by lighting up the

**Tree of Life** 

Tax-deductible donations in support of the Tree of Life enable Masonicare to provide quality, compassionate hospice care to our patients and their families. This year, non-denominational tree lighting ceremonies will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016  
2:00-4:00 PM  
West Hartford  
Conference Center  
50 South Main Street,  
West Hartford

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016  
2:00-4:00 PM  
Augusta Curtis  
Cultural Center  
175 East Main Street,  
Meriden

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](mailto:LLaFemina@masonicare.org)

# Masonic Sybmlism

Continued from page 16

and world it could be, if our national and global leaders were persons who were inculcated in our symbolism and who actively adopted the concepts contained in our system of symbolism.

Indeed, during our nations' early formative period, when many of our leaders were well acquainted with our symbolism, and adhered to the philosophy contained therein, our nation grew and prospered with opportunity abounding for all who came here.

Today, the symbolism unfortunately lays dusty and dormant, for the most part ignored because of

expediency and the exclusive emphasis on rote ritual learning. Today our fraternity sputters in membership because it perhaps has forgotten the value of our symbolic inheritance and has thus relegated itself into the category of "just another" social group with a nil or marginal affect on our society. It is perhaps time to dust off the family jewels, in order to allow them to shine. The resulting beacon will attract many men who seek true Light and cannot find it elsewhere. It will also serve to supply leaders to our society who are inculcated in the expansive and Freedom

loving philosophy that our symbols impart.

For those of you seeking further light, the Scottish Rite offers 29 degrees which serve to underpin and illustrate the Six Scottish Rite Core Values of Reverence for God; Integrity; Justice; Toleration; Devotion to Country; and Service.

An example of how the Rite puts its philosophy into real practical action is illustrated by the recent pledge by the Rite to contribute \$1 million to the flood victims of the historic floods in Louisiana earlier this year. The Rite has already issued \$100,000 in debit cards to flood victims

who needed immediate assistance. This serves to illustrate how Masonic Principles, when practically applied, help improve the entire state of human affairs ameliorating adversity through Devotion to Country and Service.

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.



**CT  
FREEMASONS**

## *Be A Booster!*

Name Or Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Booster appearing as \_\_\_\_\_

**Masonic Family Booster**  
**\$60 listing for 11 issues**

**Individual Booster**  
**\$25 Listing for 11 issues**

**Grand Booster**  
**More Than \$25**

**Makes Checks Payable to: Grand Lodge Publications • P.O. Box 250 • Wallingford CT 06492**

# Craft At Refreshment

For more details about any of these events, please contact the Lodge directly. In many cases, reservations are required, and they may or may not be open to the public.

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

**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.**

## 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**, 8<sup>th</sup> District Lodges Niantic, 9 a.m., District Breakfast *Groton Townhouse, Rt 12, Groton CT*

## **Events**

**Saturday, Nov 12**, Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, 6 p.m., Ladies Table Lodge & Widows Night

**Sunday, Nov 13**, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, 5 p.m., Movie Night, \$20 pp, \$10 age 12 and under *Feature: "The Time of Their Lives" -- Abbott & Costello Proceeds benefit the Grand Lodge Almoners Fund. Admission includes movie and light deli sandwich dinner. RSVP to WM David Elkodsi (203) 257-1156*

**Tuesday, Nov 15**, Union Lodge No. 40, Danbury, 6:30 p.m., Table Lodge

**Thursday, Nov 17**, Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, 6:30 p.m., Table Lodge at Masonicare Newtown

**Saturday, Nov 19**, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 5 p.m., Single Table - Family Style Dinner

**Sunday, Nov 20**, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New Haven, 5 p.m., Annual Semi-Public Thanksgiving Dinner \$15 pp, under 12 free. *RSVP with JW Wayne Murray no later than November 18.*

**Wednesday, Nov 23**, Jephtha Lodge No. 95, Clinton, 5 p.m., Soup Kitchen at Clinton Methodist Church

**Monday, Nov 28**, Wylls-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, 7

p.m., The Elias Ashmole Society Presents - Grammar: What's in a word? Lecture By: Brother Don Adams, Refreshments to follow

**Monday, Nov 28**, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, 7:30 p.m., Esoteric Lecture, EA Degree Charge

**Saturday, Dec 3**, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, 6 p.m., Past Master Appreciation Dinner

**Saturday, Dec 3**, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 11 a.m., Ladies' Tea & Tour at Harriet Beecher Stowe House

**Sunday, Dec 4**, Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, 2 p.m., Ladies at the Table Dinner

**Sunday, Dec 4**, Jephtha Lodge No. 95, Clinton, 9 a.m., Open House Christmas in Clinton

**Saturday, Dec 10**, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 5 p.m., Holiday Party with Santa!

**Saturday, Dec 10**, Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, 1 p.m., Annual Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday, Dec 10**, Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, South Windsor, 2 p.m., Senior Holiday Dinner, RSVP for attendance.

**Saturday, Dec 10**, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 11 a.m., Holiday Party & Installation of Officers

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.

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

### Actual Past Masters

**Thursday, Dec 1 5,**  
Columbia Lodge No. 25, South

Glastonbury, 7:30 p.m.

### Entered Apprentice Degrees

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

**Monday, Nov 21,** St. John's,  
Lodge No. 2, Middletown, 6:30  
p.m., Dinner p.m.

**Monday, Dec 5,** Hartford  
Evergreen, Lodge No. 88, South  
Windsor, 7:30 p.m., Dinner

### Fellowcraft Degrees

**Saturday, Nov 19,**  
Columbia, Lodge No. 25, South  
Glastonbury, 7:30 p.m., Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Reservations by Nov  
13 - Contact JW Juan

**Monday, Nov 21,** Wyllys-St.

John's, Lodge No. 4, West  
Hartford, 6:30 p.m., Dinner

### Master Mason Degrees

**Saturday, Nov 5,** Village,  
Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 1  
p.m., Post Degree Dinner

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

**Wednesday, Nov 16,**  
Cosmopolitan, Lodge No. 125,  
New Haven, 7:30 p.m., Dinner

**Thursday, Nov 17,** Fidelity-St.  
John's, Lodge No. 3, Fairfield,  
6:30 p.m., Dinner

**Thursday, Nov 17,** Sequin-  
Level, Lodge No. 140,  
Newington, 6:15 p.m., Dinner

**Monday, Nov 21,** Federal,

Lodge No. 17, Watertown, 6:30  
p.m.

**Monday, Nov 21,** Friendship  
Lodge No. 33, Southington,  
6:30 p.m., Dinner

**Monday, Nov 28,**  
Washington, Lodge No. 70,  
Windsor, 5:30 p.m., Dinner

**Monday, Nov 28,** Evening  
Star, Lodge No. 101, Unionville,  
7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov 29,** Coastal,  
Lodge No. 57, Stonington, 6  
p.m., Dinner: 7pm 2nd half: 8pm

**Saturday, Dec 3,** Frederick-  
Franklin, Lodge No. 14,  
Plainville, 10 a.m. Lunch at noon.  
The builders lodge will begin at  
1 p.m.

## Grand Master's Class

### Auvergne Chapter 2016 Degrees Saturday, Nov 26th, Masonicare 4 PM Opening

Auvergne Chapter (Honorary DeMolays) are now recruiting new Master Masons to become heir newest members.

This year's class of new members into Auvergne Honorary DeMolay Chapter will be in honor of **MWGM Gail N. Smith** and will be conferred on Saturday, November 26. Auvergne Honorary DeMolays are Master Masons who did not have the opportunity to join the organization in their youth. Now, understanding the work this Masonic organization does for young men 12-21, they seek to learn more by becoming Honorary DeMolays.

All non-Senior DeMolay

Master Masons are invited to become Auvergne DeMolays beginning at 4 PM on November 26. Officers of Connecticut DeMolay will exemplify both degrees of DeMolay upon the class, to be held at the Knapp Auditorium, on the Masonicare Campus, in Wallingford. Each initiate is presented with a framed certificate and lapel pin identifying them as an Honorary Member. The cost to each initiate is a single lifetime payment of \$125.00 to Connecticut DeMolay, with no annual dues.

A petition may be found at [ctdemolay.net](http://ctdemolay.net)

Please return completed applications to Timothy Cavanaugh, 120 Bailey Road,

North Haven, CT 06473, as soon as possible.

Online applications may be returned to Tim at [tim.cavanaugh@ctdemolay.net](mailto:tim.cavanaugh@ctdemolay.net).

Lifetime Membership Application Fee is only \$125.

Questions may be referred

to Master Councilor, Dad George Greytak, by email at [george.greytak@ctdemolay.net](mailto:george.greytak@ctdemolay.net) or by phone at 203-417-6773 or Executive Officer Harry E. Needham III, by email [eo@ctdemolay.net](mailto:eo@ctdemolay.net) or by phone at 203-506-9840.

## HELP YOUR FRATERNITY AS IT HELPS YOU

Would you like to reach the Masonic Family?

or

Have your ad in a distribution of 10,000+?

Call **860-608-2796**

# Boosters

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

## **Boosters** Thank you for contributing \$25

Mario L. Accornero	John P. Dilks	Kenneth H. Kirschner	Fridolf J. Ruscgaitis, JT Rev.
Gary W. Arseneau	Earl Evans	Roger Knickerbocker	Rebecca & William Schoeck
Richard L. Beebe	William Field	George K. Kollitides, II	Leon F. Smith
Donald Berry	William H. Flagg	Frank Lesco	Rodney A. Spooner
Allen Bulmer	Irving W. Geno	Keith MacDowall	James F. Standish
Richard C. Burke	Frank J. Godwin, Jr.	Edna McCraw	Charlie Stark
Lowell H. Cantor	Sandie Greene	Richard C. Memmott, Sr.	Dale E. Sweet
James V. Cesario	Bill Greene	Andrew H. Moniuk	Stephen M. Thal
Miles E. Cochran, Jr.	Ernest A. Greenwood, Jr.	Fred W. Nanamaker, Jr.	Robert C. Thayer
Ray N. Cooley, Jr.	Walter Grube	Sandra E. Osten	Gerald F. Usher
George W. Coulston	Kenneth W. Hartwick	James L. Perkins	John M. Van Kirk
William H. Craft	Sonny Hendel	Albert W. Redway, II	William Welsh, Jr.
James W. Currier	Donald W. Hick, Jr.	Robert A. Reggiani	Gordon Willoughby, Jr.
Harold S. Curtis, Jr.	Ralph H. Hunt	Charles A. Rogers	Edgar J. Wood
William G. Demetriades	John C. Ingram, Jr.	Martin Rudnick	

## **Grand Boosters** Thank you for contributing more than \$25

Harmon L. Andrews	Fidelity-St Johns #3	Frank H. Lesco	George P. Rutherford Jr.
Anonymous	Leonard W. Finegold	Charles Lizotte	Richard L. Sawyers
Ray Barker	Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey V. Fisher	Alvin J. MacBrien	Frederick W. Schmatlz
Douglas T. Barrett	Michael G. Fitting	Paul E. MacDonald	Wayland N. Sheldon, Jr.
Paul F. Blake	George Frascarelli	Robert C. Maclellan	John H. Spencer
Gustaf R. Bodin	Frederick Franklin Lodge #14	Robert MacQuarrie	John B. Sterry
Newton Buckner III	Robert J. Furce	Donald Maehlenbrock	John A. Sturges, Jr.
Lowell Cantor	Paul Garavel	Jesse L. Maghan	William E. Sunblade
David G. Cheney	Rudolph A. Gaydos	Geronimo S. Mamaclay	Gerald Thompson
George R. Churchill	David Gessert	Richard T. Mattson	Arthur F. Thorsen
Ron Christensen	Donald H. Hasbrouck	George D. Moore	Arthur R. Tinsz
I. William Clark	David P. Hocking	Raymond Moore	Samuel B. Walker
Compass Lodge	Benjaman J. Issacson	Raymond Mussen	Robert G. Waller
Lester A. Culver, Jr.	Kenneth H. Johnson	John A. Novak	Thomas H. Wells
Wilfred G. Douglas	Albert Kandarian	Lee Page	Fred Wintsch
Paul K. Edman	Cliff Kearney	Lewis W. Pennell	Charlie & Barbara Yohe
Lawrence S. Elsner	Anthony F. Keegan	Robert F. Polito, Jr.	George Zack
Clyde Eidson	Alan N. Knofla	Carleton L. Quint	
Ralph K. Evans	George M. Leaman	Alvin B. Reiner	
Martin Evenson	William E. Lehr	Bradford H. Ross	

## **Masonic Family Boosters**

AnsanawaeLodge No. 89	William F. Hart	Sequin Level Lodge #140
Ruth & Richard Bell	Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88	Sphinx Shriners, Newington
Brainard Lodge No. 102	Ionic Lodge No. 110	Temple Lodge No. 16
Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.	Jerusalem Lodge No. 49 A. F. & A. M.	Union Lodge No. 5
Columbia Lodge #25	King Solomon's Lodge No.7	Valley of Hartford, AASR
Composite Lodge No. 28	LaFayette Consistory, A.A.S.R.	Valley Lodge No. 36
CT Chapter of DeMolay	The Masonic Club of New London, Inc.	Valley of New Haven, AASR
Evening Star Lodge #101 A.F. & A.M.	National Camping Travelers	Warren Lodge #51 AF & AM
Friendship Lodge No. 33	Edward & Joanne Schilke	

# Battle of Ridgefield

240th Masonic Celebration of the leadership of Brother General David Wooster  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Main St. Ridgefield



Join your Brothers in  
Masonic celebration of the  
240th Anniversary of  
The Battle of Ridgefield  
Battle Reenactment &  
Black Tie Gala

- VIP Guest of Honor
- 1940's Swing Band

Reserve Your Lodge Table!  
\$1000 for 10 seats

**Brothers, support the Cause! Purchase a T-Shirt \$25**

We ask each CT Lodge to support our effort with the purchase of at least 10 shirts. Proceeds from sales directly fund the anniversary celebration.

Send us your sizes and mail your checks to:

**Jerusalem 49 Lodge**  
**396 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877**



☎ 203-403-7065

✉ ridgefieldbattle1777@gmail.com

📘 <http://www.facebook.com/Jerusalem49/>

🐦 @JerusalemLodge

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut  
invites you to remember loved ones and friends  
by lighting up the

# Tree of Life

Tax-deductible donations in support of the Tree of Life enable Masonicare to provide quality, compassionate hospice care to our patients and their families. This year, non-denominational tree lighting ceremonies will be held on the following dates:

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016**

2:00-4:00 PM

West Hartford Conference Center  
50 South Main Street  
West Hartford

**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016**

5:00-7:00 PM

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](mailto:LLafemina@masonicare.org)*



The Masonic Charity  
Foundation of Connecticut  
*The Philanthropic Affiliate of Masonicare*