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# Theodore J. Nelson Installed as 171<sup>st</sup> Grand Master

by Francis G. Way



On the afternoon of April 3, following a successful 228th Grand Lodge Annual Session, Installing Grand Marshall MWPGM Thomas Maxwell presented RWB Theodore J. Nelson west of the altar for his installation as the 171st Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut. Brother Ted's journey to the Grand East was not the usual smooth progression, year after year, to arrive west of the altar. He was left out of the Grand Line in a reorganization by a previous administration, but the Craft, exercising their voice, elected Brother Ted as Grand Junior Warden and his journey, once broken, continued. It was about to culminate in his installation as Grand Master.

Since no man begins any important undertaking without first praying, he knelt in prayer as WMGM Gail N. Smith, in his last act as the 170th Grand Master, invoked the blessings of Deity.

MWPGM Roger Read duly installed the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers in their several places and stations. At that point MWGM Nelson and his Deputy Grand Master, RWB Marshall K. Robinson, descended to the level and, two by two, installed the Right Worshipful District Deputies and the Associate Grand Marshals that WMGM Ted had appointed for his term.

MWGM Nelson offered his remarks, his speech stressing his gratitude and mentioning many who had helped him become the man he is, as well as those who helped on his journey to the Grand East.

He presented his program for the year – Communication, Mentorship and Education, and revealed his Grand Master's pin.

In his first act as Grand Master, with humor and smiles, he closed the Grand Lodge in ample form, and the new Grand Master, brethren and guests made their way to the evening's banquet.

# 228th Annual Grand Lodge Session... The Craft Marches On *by Francis G. Way*

For the 228<sup>th</sup> time in its long and storied history, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut gathered in Annual Session on April 3, at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell. Since May, 1789 in Hartford, under the leadership of 170 Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge has met and decided important issues facing the Craft.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Gail N. Smith, 170<sup>th</sup> Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge at 9:30 a.m. with the assistance of his Grand Lodge officers. Visiting dignitaries from other Grand Jurisdictions were received and welcomed.

MWB Smith called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment, and welcomed the visiting dignitaries from the Appendant and Concordant bodies.

The National Colors were presented by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut, under the command of Right Eminent Grand Commander Clyde W. Kayser II. The brethren and guests pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and sang the first verse of the Star Spangled Banner. They also sang "O Canada."

As is tradition at Grand Lodge Annual Session, many speeches were given. This year included remarks by Brother Robert Polito, Chairman of the Board of Masonicare, and Brother JP Venoit, Masonicare CEO. Brother J. Andrew Birdsall, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut spoke on behalf of the York Rite Bodies. Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother John Wm. McNaughton, 33<sup>o</sup>, spoke on behalf of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ. Speeches by the representatives of Order of Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth, DeMolay and Rainbow informed the assembled guests of those bodies' activities.

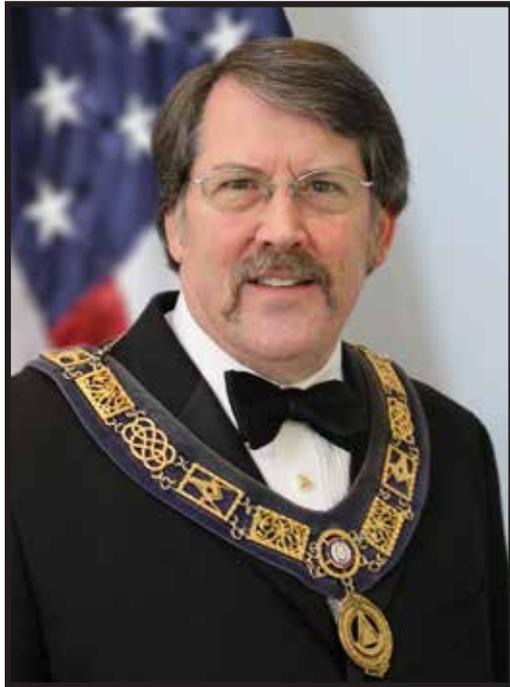
After lunch the Grand Lodge was called back to Labor, and Perfect Ashlar Awards were presented. Some small amount of business was transacted and, for his final time as 170<sup>th</sup> Grand Master, MWB Gail Nelson Smith called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment for the purposes of installing Brother Theodore J. Nelson at the 171<sup>st</sup> Grand Master.



*Additional photos of the 2017 Grand Lodge Session and Installation are on pages 2, 3, 32 and 33.*

# Grand Master's Message *by Theodore J. Nelson*

*Ed, Note: This month our Grand Master has generously provided the text of the speech he gave immediately after being installed the 171<sup>st</sup> Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Connecticut.*



Any time that I have reached a pinnacle in my life, I feel the need to start off with “Thanks.” Thanks to my God for health and good fortune and thanks to my wife, Grace, for letting me work with the Masons. And thanks to my daughter Faith. She bagged all of my GM pins for only a cup of coffee. While I believe that no man is an island, I do believe that I have had much help and

guidance along the way. So I begin...

My Mother Naomi is here with us today and obviously has known me the longest. She and my Pop, Ted, raised me to be the man who stands before you today and I'm grateful that she is here along with my brother Mark. She taught me many of life's lessons. One that I oft times repeat is, “if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.” My parents had four sons and none of us to this day can tell who was the favorite. They didn't play favorites – they had individual relationships with each of us.

A dear friend of mine once said to me that familiar quote, “Behind every great man there is a great woman.” We've all heard that one and it is true of my wife too, but my friend said that's the short version. The full version goes like this, “Behind every great man, there is a great woman, saying, don't do it.” Well, Grace is not that gal. I affectionately refer to her as “the Lovely Mrs. Nelson.” She has always stood behind the decisions that I have made. I'm probably guilty of not giving her a lot of information about a situation before making some of my decisions. Thank you, Grace, you are the love of my life and I'm glad you are here with me on this leg of the journey.

Maybe you were at or heard that the 8<sup>th</sup> District recently roasted the DGM. Well it was a fun event and some equal opportunity roasting was going on that night. When it was my turn to speak, I made mention of an empty table at the back of the room. There were dear departed family members and brothers who were sitting at that table that you could not see, but I could see quite clearly. My dad, who I often refer to as “my first best friend,” who left us in 1999 way younger than we could have imagined. I'm told that there is no such thing as a perfect marriage, but he and my mom

sure fooled me. I've never known a more devoted couple who always put their family first over their own personal interests. Our son and brother, Steve Brewster, is there too, 32 forever. While his passing broke his mother's heart, we loved our time together in this life and we will always cherish his memory. My grandparents are out there and each taught me some of life's lessons, as well as my maternal grandfather, Julien, who was at my raising as a Master Mason, 30 years ago in 1987. I visited his mother lodge, St Paul's in Middletown, RI and he introduced me as his grandson and brother. What a thrill to attend lodge with my only blood relative who is a Mason. Also among them today are my first masonic mentors like Brothers Willis Snow, R. Morgan Daboll, Jim Kane, Ed Sottolano, George Jank, Bob Stika, Win Dean and too many others to mention. They, in their own ways are here today and inspiring this speech.

I need to thank those who asked me to serve this Grand Lodge starting with MWB Roger Read who appointed me as DD in 1999. Then Bob Stika who recommended me to MWB Art Carlstrom, who in turn appointed me as Grand Junior Steward in 2009. MWB Charlie Buck who rallied all of the 2011 GL Officers to attend our son's Masonic Last Rites. You are the brothers that I looked up to on this journey. Thank you.

I stand here today on some large and broad shoulders. MWB Tom Maxwell brought to this jurisdiction the GPS systems of collective intelligence through sharing our Grievances, Proposals and Sentiments. Then MWB Charlie Yohe brought the key to unlock the door to our past traditions and reopen our collective hearts to the principles of Freemasonry. He taught us that each Mason holds that key. Only to be followed up by our dear friend and brother, MW Gail Nelson Smith, with the concept of opening the shades of our windows and letting the light in. He was convinced, as I am that too, that light is Divine Providence. And now thanks to them I can see a horizon that not even they could see because they have lifted me, with the support of the Craft, to this pinnacle in my life.

I see opportunities amongst adversity. I see ways to strengthen our bonds through my themes of Communication, Mentorship and Education. I see, if accepted by this Craft, a way to minimize our NPD list by offering our members a Lifetime Membership Plan that can make nonpayment of dues a thing of the past. I see educational seminars that will inspire and re-energize our membership. I see the potential that this gentle Craft of ours has to offer humanity without the expectation of compensation or even thanks.

If I am nothing else or was never known by you, I am first, now and last Grateful for the opportunity to roll up my sleeves and serve.

Thank you, God Bless you and God Bless Connecticut Freemasonry.



# Grand Master's Trestleboard

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## MAY 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Sat. 6	10 a.m.	DD Presentation	Unity Lodge #148, New Britain	Tux	C
Sat. 6	2 p.m.	DD Presentation	Center Lodge #97, Meriden	Tux	C
Sat. 6	6 p.m.	Sphinx Potentate Reception	Radisson Hartford	Tux	C
Wed. 10	6 p.m.	Hejaz Grotto	Knapp Auditorium, Ashlar Village	Business	C
Tue. 16	5 p.m.	CT Freemasons Foundation'	Grand Lodge Office	Casual	C
Tue. 16	7:30 p.m.	Fraternal Visit	St. Peters Lodge #21, New Milford	Business	S
Wed. 17	6:30 p.m.	Awards Night	Columbia Lodge #25, Glastonbury	Tux	C
Fri. 19	12:30 p.m.	Kiwanis Golf Tournament	Shennecossett Golf Club, Groton	Casual	C
Sat. 20	12 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Costal Lodge #57, Stonington	Tux	C
Sat. 20	4 p.m.	DD Presentation	Somerset-St. James Lodge #34, Preston	Tux	C
Thur. 25	6:30 p.m.	N.H. Commandery, Ascension Day	Hillside Cemetery, 76 Walnut St., Torrington	Tux	C
Fri. 26	6:30 p.m.	DD Presentation	Washington Lodge #70, Windsor	Tux	C
Sat. 27	9 a.m.	SAR Scholarship & Grave Marking	Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, New London	Casual	C
Sat. 27	4:30 p.m.	DD Presentation	Washington Lodge #19, Monroe	Tux	C
Wed. 31	5:30 p.m.	GL Officers Meeting	Ashlar Village	Casual	S

## JUNE 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Sat. 3	2 p.m.	DD Presentation	Putnam Lodge #45	Tux	C
Mon. 5	5:30 p.m.	DD Followup School	Wallingford	Casual	S
Sat. 10	9:30 a.m.	Grand Masters Day	Wallingford	Tux/Casual	C
Fri. 16	6 p.m.	St. John's Day	Wooster Lodge #10, Colchester	Tux	S

# The Masonicare Experience

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

## Remembering Bro. Donald Hasbrouck

by Adam Raider

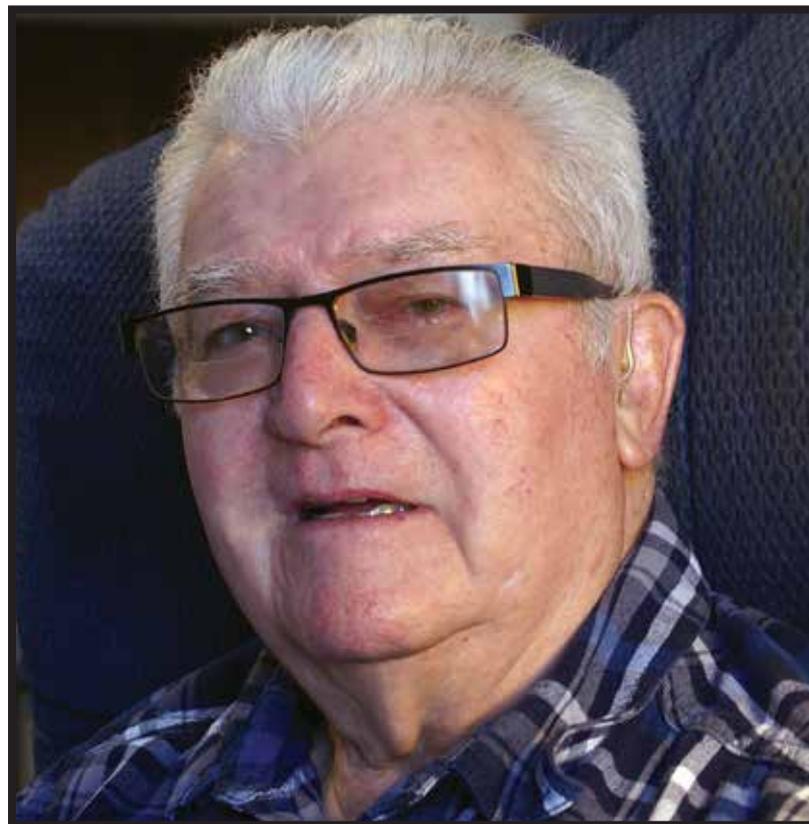
**B**ro. Donald Hasbrouck, who passed away in August 2016 at age 87, dedicated his life to service – first in the military, then in law enforcement. Don also left his mark on Masonicare by making a generous bequest to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Don and his late wife, Beverly, were honored as Foundation Benefactors in 2015. Prior to Beverly's passing earlier that year, she and Don agreed that they should make a bequest for The Foundation in their estate plan. He had a keen understanding of the role that charitable gifts play in enhancing the quality of life for Masonicare residents and patients in need. In addition to his estate gift, Don gave to the Masonicare Annual Appeal for over 30 years.

After serving as a helicopter crew chief in the U.S. Marine Corps, Don spent 28 years as a Hamden police officer, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief. He also worked as Director of Public Safety at Southern Connecticut State University before retiring.

Masonry played an important role in Don's and Beverly's lives. A 32° Scottish Rite Mason who spent 54 years in the fraternity, Don held dual membership at Day Spring Lodge No. 30 in Hamden and Ashlar Lodge No. 332. Beverly was a Past Matron of Alice Chapter No. 76, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Ashlar Village Chapter No. 116, O.E.S. who had often helped arrange visits to Masonicare Health Center for members of the Masonic family.

Spending as much time on the Wallingford campus as they did, the Hasbroucks were already very familiar with Ashlar Village when they moved there. Don and Beverly loved being a part of that community.



Brother Don Hasbrouck

As Beverly's health declined, she transitioned to Masonicare Health Center. Don was quite pleased with the quality of care Beverly received, as well as his own experience using the Health Center's Acute Care Unit.

"Don and his wife, Beverly, gave to The Masonic Charity Foundation for 35 years," said The Foundation's Executive Director, Jennifer King, "because they felt strongly about the good work of Masonicare. Don really took heart in knowing that future residents and patients of Masonicare would be well-cared for thanks to his generous bequest."

*Your gifts to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut will help create "Masonicare Experiences" for others. To find out how you can support The Foundation or to make a gift, please call 203-679-5555 or 800-562-3952. You can also donate online at [masonicare.org/mcf](http://masonicare.org/mcf). A monthly giving option is available.*

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## *From the Desk and Bench of the Grand Chaplain/Organist* by Rev. Carl H. Anderson

**W**hile we know that change is inevitable in life, faith is the rock that remains constant during change. Indeed, faith is the one thing that we can count on amid the many twists and turns of life. While faith is manifested differently in each person, like spirituality, it is a true gift of God.

While faith grows and changes, it also strengthens through spiritual practice during one's life.

Masonry teaches that the cornerstone of faith is acknowledging God whom Masons serve. As Masons through faith and service to others, we are continually being crafted for that celestial lodge, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. This is an ongoing process that strengthens faith.

I was reminded of the sustaining nature of faith at several recent fifty-year pin presentations in Florida and Connecticut. Each included a moving ceremony honoring Brothers who have dedicated more than fifty years of service to the fraternity. At each ceremony, MWPGM Brother Gail N. Smith invited honorees to offer words of wisdom

to those gathered. Many offered their recollections of times gone by and appreciation to their lodge for accepting them into the portals of Masonry. However, I also was profoundly moved by the many expressions of faith and gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe for sustaining them through their life journey. As I listened to their inspiring stories, I was reminded again and again that God walks beside each of us on the road of life. No matter what changes await, or what hardships might come our way, our faith helps to guide us along the path of life. Faith in God is the rock that we can count on when everything seems to be changing around us and we are unsure which direction or path to take.

In this time of unprecedented change, let us look to the future with hope and confidence, knowing that God is with us. Let us be thankful to God for the gift of faith in our pilgrimage through life. Let us make every effort to find time to "be still and know" that God is with us through faith. May God bless all Masons wherever dispersed and grant each a greater measure of faith in their life journey. Let us remember our Grand Lodge, in this time of change, we offer our prayers for MW Brother Ted Nelson, our new Most Worshipful Grand Master, and his officers, for the ensuing year. Change is happening around us, but faith remains an essential tool in our hearts to guide us. Thanks be to God. Amen.



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



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# Grand Historian's Corner by Gary A. Littlefield

When James Goodwin was in the Grand East during the opening of the annual session on May 12, 1830 at the Masonic Hall in New Haven, most of the lodges were represented. Only a handful had more than one representative. The elected officers remained in their places. The Grand Secretary presented much of the correspondence he received from foreign jurisdictions and the committee was authorized and encouraged to read the "pile of mail." Penalties were imposed on those who had not attended the last session or this session and the Grand Master reported he knew of no adverse circumstance that would have prevented representatives of absent lodges from attending. The traditional audit report was presented with no adverse comments. The Grand Treasurer was directed to sell eight shares of stock in the Hartford Bank and to invest the avails thereof in loans secured by mortgage of real estate. While other business was being conducted the correspondence was read. Much writing centered around the anti-Masonic excitement and concern. A resolution was passed for our Vermont Brothers who underwent severe trials during the anti-Masonic fever. The Resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Connecticut cordially tenders to their beloved brethren in the state of Vermont their fellowship and sympathy in the afflictions they are destined to endure while passing through the fiery furnace of persecution; and while we are conscious that "we contend only for the principles which Franklin approved, which Warren taught and which Washington loved," we are determined to remain firm, confiding in God and the Rectitude of our intentions, for consolation under the trials to which we may be exposed. Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to make such return to the several Grand Lodges who have favored us with their correspondence, as the nature of their communications and the courtesy of this Grand Lodge may require."

The proceedings (all of five pages) concluded with the mention of prayer at the closing.

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One year later, May 11, 1831, the meeting was moved to Hartford and the entire line of officers except the Grand Treasurer vowed not to continue. No reason was stated in the minutes but by a notation in the proceedings that no record of representation was made because the ranks were so thinly attended probably caused the officers to decline further advancement. Thomas Hubbard, who had not previously held an office in the Grand Lodge was elected Grand Master. A new Grand Secretary was chosen in the name of Justin Redfield. While little business was conducted, the audit showed the books to be in perfect order.

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There is no record of when the "pot of incense" became an emblem of the third section of the Master Mason degree but it was probably an American invention. It is not known to have been used in English ritual. The "Webb Monitor" discusses the pot as an emblem of a pure heart. Jeremy Ladd Cross



has it in his chart and sometime in some of the works of Amos Doolittle. The problem with some rituals is that sometime words creep into a ritual (either from mouth to ear and later transcribed or simply from a copy). It may sometime go unnoticed until some sharp reader compares two different rituals. Some older rituals have the phrase "To learn, to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry" which has a different lesson than if the comma is removed between to learn and to subdue. The Pledge to our flag is just one more example where there is no comma or pause between "One Nation" and "Under God" even though the second phrase was added in the 1950s. Some lodges have their own version of the "Middle Chamber Lecture". My own lodge has a version written in the 1930's by a Brother who was uncomfortable with the words of the lecture and wanted to simplify and shorten the lecture assuring that the principal points were made. Across our jurisdiction, slight ritual differences can be seen as tradition dictates.

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# From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

**C**ongratulations to MW Bro. Gail N. Smith and MW Bro. Ted Nelson on a well-done Grand Lodge Annual Session last month. It really is special to see our Connecticut fraternity gathered in that assembly and witness the smooth succession of Grand Masters.

I thought it might be good to use my column this month to review the report on Masonicare that our Chairman Bro. Bob Polito and I presented to those in attendance.

- We have simplified Masonicare’s organizational structure to foster greater collaboration and synergy. While The Masonic Charity Foundation will remain a distinct business line, the rest of Masonicare is now organized into three major business areas: Campus-based Healthcare, Home and Community-based Services, and Residential Services.
- As the Board of Trustees overseeing this, we have aligned the affiliate boards similarly: Masonicare Health Center, Masonicare at Newtown and Masonic Management Services have been unified under a “Healthcare Services” board, chaired by Bro. Bill Deickler. Masonicare Home Health & Hospice and Masonicare at Home are now joined as a “Home and Community-based board,” chaired by Sister Janet Berry. And Masonicare at Ashlar Village and Masonicare at Mystic share an identical board composition under Bro. David Gessert. As for The Charity Foundation, Bro. Geoffrey Ice has been appointed chair.
- Each of these boards continues to benefit from years of continuity and commitment from their membership. Those serving are all volunteers – giving hours of their time and dedication without any compensation but, as Freemasons, doing so for the greater good.
- There are many challenges facing us. Our population is aging ... many people have not planned for their golden years... governmental reimbursement for our services is woefully inadequate and under attack on both the state and federal levels. With 60% of our nursing home revenue coming from Medicaid, losses result year after year. Strategically, we need to generate revenue from sources that are not wholly dependent on the government. Our decision to develop a new community in Mystic – Masonicare at Mystic – is a reflection of that. The rental income generated by our apartments there will help us get on more solid footing.

- After two years of planning, we launched a highly innovative program in our Assisted Living community in Wallingford. Through a partnership with Quinnipiac University, two students moved into our Pond Ridge building for the school year. The program has been a “win-win” for both the students and our residents. We are already planning for next year, with applications coming in from QU students eager to be part of the program.



- We continue to establish relationships with several Managed Residential Communities whereby we provide Assisted Living services to their residents. This is a great way to provide Masonicare services without a big capital investment. Our most recent contract is with Tower One Tower East, a 328-unit complex of independent and assisted living in New Haven. This brings our total number of contracts around the state to seven. Interestingly, all of them approached us – which I think speaks volumes about Masonicare’s reputation.
- In all we do, we look for ways to support seniors as they age in the environment of their choice. An emphasis on home care services, customer service, strategic partnerships and data-driven decision-making will help us do so.

In closing, let me add how appreciative I am for the legacy left by my predecessor, Bro. Steve McPherson. Steve was not only a mentor to me but someone who led by example and demonstrated to residents and employees every day just how valued and important they are.

It is an honor to help carry on Masonicare’s mission “to help, aid and assist” – as articulated by our founding brothers more than 125 years ago.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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# Lodge Treasures... *by WB Michael Calderone*

The cover of the *Connecticut Freemasons* publication for April was a stunning photo of the Oriental Chair in St. John's Lodge No. 2, in Middletown. The four white columns supporting a pediment perfectly represents the Greek Revival architecture seen across the country especially in governmental and public buildings.

The beautiful photo reminded me of the joy of traveling and the surprises each lodge has to offer. Of the many treasures in the New Haven Masonic Temple, one curious artifact lives in the main foyer above the front entrance. It is a ship model, enclosed in a glass case and resting on a marble shelf. On first joining Hiram Lodge No. 1, I was told the legend of how Brother John Radich found the ship deep underneath the building's front steps, in an area accessed through the banquet hall's coat room. Not knowing its significance, but

knowing that it needed a place of prominence, WB Harold Hotchkiss Tomlinson, Jr., a carpenter by trade, fashioned the wooden shelf and had it painted to resemble the marble surrounding the foyer. Not having a ladder tall enough, WB Tomlinson and his sons, WB Peter, WB Raymond and nephew, WB Fred Beimler, stacked tables and chairs in what was described as a cartoonish tower high enough to reach the final location. There, Bro. H.H. Tomlinson moored the ship where it is docked today.

A few years after hearing this story, I was reading through a history of Hiram Lodge and came across an article about the lodge's previous temple in the middle of New Haven. "The first meeting," it read, "was held in the new building (230 Crown St.) on April 1, 1915. A number of valuable presents were given to the lodge at this meeting (including) a full rigged ship by Brother James Goodwin,

the genial Tyler of the lodge." I later found out that the ship represented the ship that sailed to Ethiopia, known to all Master Masons.

This treasure, as well as the 1915 silver charter case on Hiram's altar can be seen by any visitor to our temple. Treasures like this, however, are largely unknown unless one travels to those lodges. Visitors may even pass by such interesting items without knowing their existence. What I propose is that each temple share a prized or interesting item here in *Connecticut Freemasons*, on their web sites or on social media like the CT Freemasons Facebook page. An intriguing artifact could be the thing that finally convinces Brothers to visit neighboring temples. I cannot wait to pester Hiram's Traveling Committee Chair to see when we are headed to see St. John's impressive lodge room in person!

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## Be Your Lodge's Ambassador

by Richard F. Denno

This year's Grand Lodge Session is now in the history books, and another suite of Lodge Officers have been installed. The new Grand Lodge year brings with it unlimited possibilities and potential. One such possibility is a lifesaving one, that of Freemasons registering as organ and eye donors. The [www.donatelifenewengland.org](http://www.donatelifenewengland.org) website provides the information needed for brothers to decide to register online. When all is said and done, that IS the 'bottom line.' The question then becomes, how do we motivate our brothers to take that all crucial step of registering as a donor?

Here is where our lodges become involved. Each lodge's Worshipful Master is being asked to appoint a liaison or 'Ambassador' to your Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program. Every day, exciting new breakthroughs are announced. Your Ambassador's responsibility will be to convey this lifesaving information to your lodge.

In the eight-plus years Your Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program has been in existence, many changes have occurred. In 2009, the online donor registry became operational. Through Donate Life's website, more information could be accessed on organ donation. Because of new research technologies, more patients are now qualified to both receive and donate organs. WB Chuck '2.0' Landau, a heart transplant recipient, informed me just this week that after a certain length of time, organ recipients can now register online as donors. Four years ago, I wrote about a man I met at the Donate Life seminar, who was a **face** transplant recipient. If you had not been told, you would not have noticed.

As your lodge's Ambassador, you'll be sharing these inspirational stories with our brothers. Provided with the organ donor materials necessary to properly motivate your lodge brothers to participate in our lifesaving efforts. When new legislation on organ donation is presented at the capitol, you'll be informing the brothers as well.

You'll soon realize the importance of our efforts, and take satisfaction in the success stories that occur within the brotherhood. There will also be less fortunate stories of a brother's time running out before a suitable organ can be found. Both types of stories will motivate our brothers to action – you'll be responsible for that action.

Please join us in this most important work. Volunteer to be your lodge's Ambassador and make a life changing difference within your Masonic community. Speak to your Master or contact us at [toursone@comcast.net](mailto:toursone@comcast.net). Remember "Don't Take Your Organs to Heaven -Heaven Knows We Need Them Here!"



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

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

At times like these I wish I was writing for a daily newspaper. That way I would be writing about what actually happened at the Valley of Hartford on April 22 instead of relating what is scheduled to take place:

“April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Consistory Day at the Valley of Hartford: Scottish Rite Brethren from the Valleys of Bridgeport and Norwich, with Scottish Rite Brethren from Prince Hall joined forces portray the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. The day began with the presentation of a historical Masonic play, “Secret Master,” by the Valley of Hartford brethren under the direction of Bro. Frank Dlugoleski, M.S.A. Guests and dignitaries, including the newly installed Grand Master for the Sate of Connecticut Illustrious and MWB Theodore J. Nelson, 33<sup>o</sup>, were received under an arch of steel. The portrayal of the 32<sup>o</sup> followed, featuring a joint cast of members from all Consistories. Prior to a prime rib luncheon at the Shrine facility, awards were presented, and photos taken of the 2017 Spring Class.”

But I cannot write that article. I cannot tell you the size of the joint class nor the number of Scottish Rite brothers in attendance as I write this now. I have received word that the class size will be in excess of 30 new Scottish Rite brothers. As for the number of current brethren in attendance and at the luncheon, if it is anything like the past the number will far exceed 150 members. So now you can see why I said I would have preferred writing this article after the event.

At the same time, though, it reminds me of a “Book of Poems” that was dedicated to Phillip James Jones, Class of 1978, that was printed before the Valley of Harford Nathan Hale Consistory was formed, and before the new 32<sup>o</sup> came into existence.

Older members will remember that on Consistory Day you had to see both the 31<sup>o</sup> and 32<sup>o</sup>. To bring to light part of the 32<sup>o</sup> poem, from that book, as it might have been written today, I have changed some of the wording. It is my feeble try showing my appreciation to all those who helped make this year’s Spring Consistory Day a success:

*Then for someone come a chance to speak to the class,  
To congratulate them why need you ask  
I was happy to receive this honor,  
For I am a Mason, not a farmer.*

*Then did come the thirty second degree,  
And you will have to wait for this to see.  
Our Hartford Brothers and others in a super cast,  
They did confer it with a lot of class.*

*We hope this degree does a lot for you,  
You know that is just what we like to do.  
All thirty second degree masons know.  
All their abilities they must now show.*

*I do appreciate all that you do,  
You must help everyone not just a few.  
A united effort will help us all.  
You must carry on and please do not fall.*

*I know that the class did appreciate you presentation,  
And I know my fellow brethren did and so did I.*

On Thursday, May 4, the Valley will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. On Thursday, May 11, the newly elected officers will be installed at this year’s Workers Night Banquet, at the Wethersfield Country Club. This event is by invitation only, so if any member wants to be invited to this yearly event in the future, please contact me at the Scottish Rite Valley office. We are always in need of new performers in the degrees, and brothers to work behind the scenes as we portray the various degrees. We are also looking for anyone interested in writing articles for our quarterly publication, helping with Family Life events, taking pictures, and singing in our choir.

On Sunday, June 11, the Valley will host the Annual Family Picnic and present this year’s Scholarship recipients. This event is free to all Valley brethren, their families and recipients and family. Food and drink will be supplied but we ask that you supply a favorite side dish to share with others. Reservations are required. Reservation forms can be found in the April-May-June issue of the “View of the Valley” or on our valley website.

If your Blue Lodge is looking for a program, we have members who are willing to put on a Scottish Rite informational program. Contact Ill. Brother Ric W. Manner, 33<sup>o</sup>, at ric@sandshark2.com, Bro. Frank Dlugoleski, M.S.A, at fdlugoleski@gmail.com, or Ill. Brother Jeff A. Flynn, 33<sup>o</sup>, at jedged60@yahoo.com, We also have informational DVDs available upon request.





## Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3 Visits the Grand Lodge of New York *by Fritzner Erauda*

Six brothers of Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3 recently exercised their privilege as Masons to visit the Grand Lodge of New York. The trip was organized by Bro. Fritzner Erauda, currently the head of the lodge's Events Committee. For many of the brothers this was the first time they visited a lodge outside of Connecticut and when Bro. Erauda organized the trip, the young brothers and new Master Masons jumped at the opportunity to participate. The trip was not only eye-opening experience but it was also very educational.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was established in 1781. The Grand Lodge is a 19-story building located in lower Manhattan. The Masonic Hall is actually two connected buildings, one on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. shared with commercial tenants to help fund the organization and the other on the 24<sup>th</sup> St. with rooms for lodge meetings. There are about 100 lodge rooms and currently there are 76 lodges that permanently meet in the building.

The Masonic Hall was built in 1913 by architect Brother Harry P. Knowles, but the current lodge meeting rooms were restored by the interior design firm Felix Chavez Inc. from 1986 to 1996. All the rooms viewed on the tour were intricately designed and detailed. They were painted plaster including imitation stone, reliefs and frescoes. Some of the rooms that were opened for the tour were the Renaissance Rooms, Ionic Room, Corinthian Room, Doric Room, French-Doric Room, French-Ionic, Colonial Room, Gothic Room, Egyptian Room, and the Grand Masonic Hall of Grand Lodge of New York.

Aside from the sophisticated and intricate interior design of the lodge rooms, each carries its own story, history, and most importantly, symbolism. For instance, inside the Gothic Room, a brother will find the three stations for the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden and the altar in the center of the room surrounded by three burning candles. In the East is a massive stained glass window decorated with the jewels of lodge officers and working

tools. Above the stained-glass window is the well-recognized letter of Freemasonry, the letter "G." Behind the Senior Warden's station is where the organist sits. The organ is elegantly designed with its long pipes reaching the ceiling of the room. The room is lit by two large chandeliers. Its design resembles that of a historic European castle. The ceiling is painted dark blue with silver stars symbolizing the unity and equality of all men in the universe.

Towards the end of the tour, the brothers saw the Livingston Masonic Library. In the library, are many historical artifacts, art, and archives that have been thought to be lost in history. Of the many books in the library, the book of the Knights of Templar is perhaps one of the most valuable. The volume is an archive containing the historical overview of the formation and activities of the Knights of Templar, followed by an analysis of events leading to their suppression during the years 1307-1314. The documents in the book were thought to be lost in the Vatican archives for centuries, until their recovery in 2001 and publication in 2007.



*Ceiling of the Gothic Room, one of many lodges room in the GL of NY*

Other historical artifacts in the building are old badges and jewels, certificates, weapons such as swords and daggers, aprons, and passports. Many of these items were collected through donations from many Masonic lodges in the state of New York.

All brothers who attended found the trip enjoyable and educational. We highly recommend taking a trip and seeing the rooms in person. For more information about the Grand Lodge of New York and tour hours, visit their website <https://nymasons.org>.



*Inside the Livingston Masonic Library. (l-r): Fritzner Erauda, Luckner Noel, Andrew Flasko, Greg Schroder, James W. D'Acosta, and John Chrysadakis"*



## 75 Years of Masonic Education: The Re-Dedication of the Philosophic Lodge of Research *by Chuck 2.0 Landau*

The Philosophic Lodge of Research's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rededication was celebrated March 24, with a banquet, keynote presentation and ceremony by MWGM Gail Smith and his team of Grand Lodge Officers. The celebration was held in the newly completed Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4 in West Hartford. RWB Roger Cole, the Worshipful Master of PLR hosted and the presentation speaker was Brother Will Mackey, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut, Past Sovereign Master of Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees; and Past Master of the Philosophic Lodge of Research. The banquet was catered by the wonderful chefs from Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140.



*MWGB Gail N. Smith rededicates the lodge.*

Philosophic Lodge of Research was born on a car ride on March 3, 1941. MWB Thomas H. Desmond, MWB 'Bill' Hanmer and RWB Charlie Curtis held a brainstorming session as they made their Masonic travels, on the needs those who wished to do Masonic research. They petitioned Grand Lodge to create a new type of Masonic Lodge, not dedicated to initiations, but to research and education for the Craft. Under the authority of MWGM Walter H. Pickett, they were granted a dispensation and later chartered as the Philosophic Lodge of Research, or PLR.

The keynote lecture by Brother Mackey addressed a question raised at the most recent annual meeting of the Philosophic Lodge of Research: What should our lodge be? Should it continue to be a Research Lodge or become a more informal association, such as a dining club? His answer was unequivocal. For its future well-being, the Philosophic Lodge

of Research must remain a Research Lodge. Masonic study and research can expand the knowledge of the history and philosophy of the Craft. It can also increase appreciation of its fraternal and moral character, and provide a historical perspective to ensure Masonry builds upon the foundations of the Past. Freemasonry contains subject matters that encompass two broad schools of thought. The first may be considered as the "Factual or Exoteric" and the second as the "Arcane or Esoteric." One could almost consider them the Body and Soul of Freemasonry.

The first category helps establish the strength and vigor of the institution, with strong organization, membership retention, charitable works, fraternal parties and well performed ritual. It is enhanced by an understanding of the history of Masonry. The second, more difficult to discover category, is the why behind the what. It involves research into the meaning of the ritual, that which

is hidden. It enhances understanding of the Mystery of Masonry.

As Brother Will concluded, our esteemed ancestor, WB William Preston (1742 – 1818), warned that "anarchy and confusion ensue, and the substance is lost in the shadow" when the body of Freemasonry obscures its soul. He was the originator of the Preston-Webb Ritual used in CT. Brother Mackey ended with an ancient toast, "Happy to meet – Sorry to part – Happy to meet again."

The rededication ceremony was attended by some of the Brother's wives as well as a large crowd of Brothers to see the Grand Line perform the rededication ritual. The ceremony, always beautiful, was accompanied by Brother David Soderberg on the organ, who also entertained with a Mozart Masonic Magic Flute medley. It was further enhanced by the "Night Sky and Stars" in the Lodge

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## MLR: Re-Dedication *Continued from page 15*



*David Soderberg plays the organ*

ceiling, portraying the sky above King Solomon's Temple at its height.

A copy of the upcoming *The Philosophic Lodge of Research Transactions: A Selection from The 1940s to 2017* was available for inspection. This book of essays will be approximately 300 pages and offered to the Craft at cost, plus any donation, offered in the Fall. Also announced was the next PLR Stated Communication, a guest lecture by Dr. Sheenu Srinivasan on Hinduism. He is a Past Selectman, Hindu Priest and author of

*Hinduism for Dummies* and will be lecturing at Columbia Lodge No. 25 at 895 Main St., South Glastonbury Friday, April 28, with a meal (\$15) before at 6:30 p.m. His lecture is open to the public, wives, and is good opportunity for candidates as well, and begins at 7:30 p.m. PLR is traveling this year, to bring Masonic Education to the Lodges in the northern half of Connecticut.

Thanks to Grand Lodge and MWGM Gail Smith for their rededication ceremony and support. "as we advance in knowledge, our obligations to ourselves and our brethren correspondingly increase".



*Brother Will Mackey*

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## Daniel Folchick Eagle Scout Court of Honor *by Dave Elkodsi*



*Above: Daniel Folchick with parent Jim and Gina, and CSMA members Dave Elkodsi, Jonathan Glassman. Below: Daniel and the GaGa pit*

Daniel Folchick of Troop 65, Trumbull, received his Eagle award on Saturday, March 25. He was presented with the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association Eagle Commendation by Brothers David Elkodsi, Anthony Giunta and Jonathan Glassman.

Daniel's Eagle Scout project was the construction of a GaGa Pit at the Lakewood-Trumbull YMCA Outdoor Center in Monroe. The pit is used in the game of GaGa, a form of dodgeball. The project took ten months from idea to completion, working with the benefactor, donors and volunteers. Nineteen volunteers, in addition to Daniel, constructed and installed the pit over a period of 173 man-hours. The GaGa pit is used by the YMCA Camp TeePee summer day camp as well as members of the YMCA and group rentals.

Daniel has served Troop 65 in a variety of positions, including Asst. Senior Patrol Leader, Instructor and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He attended Camp Yawgoog in RI, and the 2013 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in WV. He earned 28 Merit Badges, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society, which was started in 1915 by Masonic Bros. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson.





## Sequin-Level WWII 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Series Continues with Battle of Midway *by Steve Gorman*

On Sunday, June 4, Sequin-Level turns back the time seventy-five years to 1942. From June 4-7 of that year, after the crushing defeats suffered by the United States at the hands of the Japanese across the Pacific, the Battle of Midway became the turning point in the tide of the war against the Empire of Japan.

This third installment of Sequin-Level's World War II 75th anniversary public presentations will be held at noon at the lodge following the monthly pancake breakfast.

This series of World War II commemorative activities commenced on December 7, with Brother John Chan, a retired Air Force officer who grew up in Hawaii, presenting an inspirational program on the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on "December 7th, 1941, a date which will live in infamy", as proclaimed by Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Brother Chan's presentation centered on the fate and crew of the battleship USS Oklahoma.

On the same day, but on the other side of the International Date Line where it was December 8, the Japanese also attacked the American forces in the Philippines, then a territory of the United States, same as Hawaii. This past April 8, the second installment of this WWII commemoration series chronicled

the Battles of Bataan and Corregidor, and the subsequent Bataan Death March which began on April 9, 1942, and during which nearly a quarter of the 70,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war perished from the brutality of their Japanese captors.

Brother Chan provided the historical narrative of the events. Principal presenter on this program was Dan Crowley from Simsbury, the sole surviving Connecticut veteran of those battles and the aftermath. Private Crowley was in the US Army Air Corps stationed at Nichols Field, south of Manila. In response to the Japanese attack, all Air Corps relocated to Bataan and became combat infantry. When Bataan fell, he escaped to Corregidor, which later also fell. After these battles, he was initially interred in POW camps before being shipped by the Japanese to endure the rest of the war as slave labor in the Hitachi Corporation copper mines on the Japanese mainland. Private Crowley was awarded the Bronze Star, but is still after 75 years awaiting his Combat Infantry Badge.

A crowd of about seventy attended the commemoration event. As true of each of the programs in this 4-year series, there were a lot of historical details that were new to many of the attendees. The program concluded with the

presentation, to Dan and his wife Kelley, of a strikingly beautiful quilt from Cindy Guendert of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, a 9-volley salute from the Marine Corps League, and Taps.

The Death March is not one of those glorious events that American history books like to talk about. For one of the attendees, Brother Phil Strickland of Friendship Lodge No. 33 and Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, this program helped to bring context to understanding what his uncle, who was in the Army Air Corps, had gone through in perishing in the Bataan Death March.

The general public is invited to attend and participate in Sequin-Level's upcoming commemorative program on the Battle of Midway; the first battle victory over Japan and the turning point in the war in the Pacific. The presenters will be Brother James Tynan, a Marine, together with WB Steve Gorman. The program will be Sunday June 4, the anniversary of the start of the battle, at noon. This will be right after the lodge breakfast that morning. For information, contact WB Gorman at roughashlar@ctfreemasons.net and for reservations, contact reservations@sequin-level140.org.



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# Jennifer Anne King Receives Wooster Medal

by Robert Dorr

Jennifer Anne King was born in New Haven, CT, the daughter of Robert (Paul) Russell King and Carol Sullivan King. She attended public school in North Branford where she graduated and went on to Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, New York and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, with a major in English and a minor in History. She attained a Master of Arts Degree at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, School of Philanthropy, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, majoring in Philanthropic Studies and minoring in Non-profit Management; she also earned a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management, from the School of Environmental and Public Affairs, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN. She currently resides in Durham, CT.

Jennifer started her career path as a Prospect Researcher where she conducted extensive corporate and foundation prospect research at Yale University. After several years, she moved on to Wesleyan University as Assistant Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, where she was responsible for the personal solicitation of corporate gifts, as well as extensive proposal writing for foundation grants. She also organized fundraising events, class reunion activities and solicited gifts on behalf of the Wesleyan Annual Fund. From Wesleyan, she moved to Waterbury Hospital where she served as Director of Fund Development. In addition to her duties to solicit gifts, grants, and annual contributions, she organized special events including golf tournaments, car raffles, and black tie dinners. Two key programs that she launched were a planned giving program and a donor recognition program.

Jennifer joined The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the philanthropic affiliate of Masonicare, Inc., Wallingford, CT, in June 1998, as Director of Development where she managed all aspects of the Foundation's Development Department, including strategic planning, annual giving and special



event staff supervision, strengthening volunteer committee structures, setting and monitoring budgets, and ensuring successful fundraising.

Jennifer was promoted to Vice President where she developed and monitored fundraising business plans and goals. She also provided supervision and direction to planned giving and development staff and programs, as well as volunteer committees while cultivating and securing planned gifts and major outright gifts. She also oversaw and monitored the Foundation's estate settlement program, conferring with legal counsel as necessary. She developed and updated Foundation gift acceptance policies, office procedures, and job descriptions.

In February 2006, Jennifer was promoted to the position of President replacing Gail Nelson Smith. Masonicare subsequently changed her title to Executive Director, which she holds to the present. As Executive Director, she reports to the CEO of Masonicare and serves on Masonicare's Executive Management Team. Her responsibility is to ensure sound fiscal management of the Foundation by setting and monitoring foundation revenues, expenses, allocations, and policies in furtherance of Masonicare's mission and strategic plan; solicit major and planned gifts in support of Masonicare and its

affiliates; oversee and monitor the Foundation's estate settlement program in collaboration with legal counsel; and to provide leadership and direction to the Foundation's administrative, fundraising and donor communications programs and staff, as well as to the Foundation board and committees. She also provides planned giving and annual giving consulting services to nonprofit organizations through Masonicare Management Services.

Through Masonicare, Jennifer has consulted with numerous Masonic organizations, helping them to grow and strengthen their fundraising programs. Those assisted by Jennifer include: The Masonic Home of Missouri, the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts, The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Whitestone Masonic & Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, The North Carolina Masonic Foundation and The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, NC.

Jennifer also personally gives of herself and contributes her time and expertise to the community at Masonicare at Ashlar Village. For seven years she has led weekly yoga and meditation classes for the residents. The average size of her class is 12 individuals, with 8 regulars and an additional 20 who 'come and go'. She successfully completed her training and has been certified with the Yoga Alliance as a 200-Hour Registered Yoga Teacher since 2010. She enjoys the classes - especially the time she gets to interact with the seniors she has met throughout the Masonicare continuum.

In consideration of her work ethic, community service and devotion to Freemasonry through her service and work in the Masonicare continuum both within and beyond Connecticut, she has brought credit to the Craft and Grand Lodge of Connecticut. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut presents Jennifer Anne King the Grand Lodge's Davd Wooster Medal in Bronze for eminent service to humanity.

# Masonicare Announces Executive Appointments

Masonicare is pleased to announce three senior level appointments. Mark Garilli of Simsbury has joined the organization as Chief Operating Officer; Ann Collette of Watertown has joined as Vice President Strategy and Business Development; and David Crowell of Ellington is Corporate Director of Support Services.

Mr. Garilli comes to Masonicare from Tower One / Tower East, a 328-unit independent and assisted living complex in New Haven where he was President and CEO. In that role, he championed a mission of superior customer service and quality of life to ensure a safe yet engaged lifestyle for their residents. In 2012, the Connecticut Assisted Living Association recognized Mr. Garilli with their *Young Leader of the Year Award*. The following year, *Business New Haven* named him a "Rising Star." A 2016 fellow of Leading Age's National Leadership Academy, he earned a B.S. in Industrial Technology and Construction Management from Roger Williams College in Rhode Island.

As Chief Operating Officer of Masonicare, Mr. Garilli will oversee Masonicare's three primary business lines: Healthcare Services, Residential Services, and Home and Community Services.

Ms. Collette joins Masonicare from Avon-based Apple Rehab where she was Vice President of Business Development responsible for the development and management of revenue-enhancing integrated clinical partnerships and for marketing and communications for their 25 skilled nursing facilities. She has a proven track record in reducing cost and improving outcomes. Ms. Collette has her B.S. in Business/Marketing Communications and her M.B.A. from University of Phoenix. She is also a certified respiratory care practitioner. At Masonicare, she will oversee all business development strategies; the areas of Sales and Growth Strategies, Alliance Integration, Marketing and Communications and the Masonicare HelpLine will report to her.

Mr. Crowell has held many leadership roles in Facilities Management and Environmental Services. From 2006-2016 he was Chief Operating Officer of TLC Laundry Affiliate, which was associated with Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. He was responsible for its 30,000 square foot facility, serving all customer locations and generating revenue while reducing environmental impact. Mr. Crowell has a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Johnson State College in Vermont and an M.S. in Healthcare Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hartford. As Masonicare's Corporate Director of Support Services, he will have global oversight of several support departments which provide important services to the organization's various business lines.

"It is indeed a pleasure to welcome Mark, Ann and David to our leadership team and the Masonicare family," said Jon-Paul Venoit, President and CEO. "They will be important contributors to our growth strategy."



Mark Garilli



Ann Collette



David Crowell

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# 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.**

## MAY 2017

02	ME	F	Franklin 02 RA, New Haven. Past Master deg
02		RE U	Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Order of Red Cross.
03		SM	F Menunketuck 36 SM, Madison. 8:30 pm
06	ME		AMD/SRICE, East Hartford. 9:30 am
06	ME	F	Mohawk 28, Knight Masons. East Hartford, 1 pm
08		SM	F Union 07 RAM / Cushing 04 SM, Preston, 7:30pm – Dinner 6:30
09	ME	F	Harmony 08 SM, New Haven. Select Master deg
09		SM	F Hamilton 22 SM, Meriden. Royal Master deg, Dinner 6:30
09		RE U	Cyrene 08 KT, Middletown. Inspection on Order of Temple
11	ME	F	Joseph Andrews 46 RA, West Haven
11		RE	Rittenhouse 11 RA, Washington 06 SM, East Norwalk
12-13		SM RE F	Grand York Rite of New Hampshire
14			MOTHER'S DAY! DON'T FORGET!
15		RE U	St Johns 11 KT, North Windham
16		SM	F Columbia 09, Middletown
19	ME	F	New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Dinner 6:15 pm
19-20		RE U	Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Reading.
25		RE	Ascension Day, Hillside Cemetery, Torrington 6 pm. Dinner follows
25		SM	U Palestine 06 KT, Preston. Dinner 6:30 pm
25		RE U	Trinity 03 KT, East Norwalk
29			MEMORIAL DAY
29		RE U	Trinity 03 KT. Darien Memorial Day Parade.
30		SM	F CT Council of Anointed Kings, Stratford. Dinner 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

## ASCENSION DAY OBSERVANCE

Once again, the Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery No. 2 will sponsor the annual Ascension Day Observance on Thursday, 25 May. Beginning with a memorial service in the beautiful Chapel at Hillside Cemetery in Torrington at 6 pm, the evening continues with a dinner at Kaaban's Shrine Club in Plymouth. Reservations for supper should be made with SK Arthur Carlstrom at [acarlstrom01@att.net](mailto:acarlstrom01@att.net).

## ROYAL ARCH RITUALS OUT OF STOCK

Our supply of Royal Arch ritual books is exhausted, and we will need to print some more. If anyone knows of any errors or omissions in the latest books (2015), please let the Grand Secretary know. Please be specific as to location and nature of the error. After approval by the Committee on Ritual, we will print another batch.

## NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Is someone in your Chapter or Council doing great service to the Order? Nominate him for one of the following available awards:

RAM	General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award for Distinguished Masonic Service
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RSM	Grand Council Philip J. Jones Award for Distinguished Masonic Service
	Knight of Ish Sodi Award for Meritorious Service

## FROM MEGHP MARTIN EDE

**Greetings Brothers and Companions,** To follow on from last month somewhat, I thought I would expand on the idea of Alchemy. It is wrong to think of Alchemy as just a precursor or early form of chemistry. It no doubt did contribute to the investigation of natural philosophy, as science was then known, and did give some of the early chemical discoveries, as with phosphorus. But it was much more than that. It was, in essence, a complete Hermetic and Gnostic philosophy that had its roots in Ancient Egypt and has lasted through to the present, though often obscured.

It can be seen as having both an operative and a speculative (or philosophical) side in its operation – as with Freemasonry. The operative side did give rise to chemistry, but it was focused on a study of natural philosophy and an investigation into the nature of man and God. Speculatively, it was and is a Hermetic and, one can argue, a Gnostic philosophy

## COMING UP

Jun 2	Grand Council R&SM of CT, Grand Chapter RAM of CT, 4 Points, Meriden. 6 pm Banquet
Jun 3	Grand Council R&SM of CT, 4 Points, Meriden. Annual Assembly, 9 am
Jun 3	Grand Chapter RAM of CT, 4 Points, Meriden. Annual Convocation, 1 pm
Jun 10	Grand Masters' Day, Wallingford, 10 am
Jun 17	CT YRC 17, North Windham. 9:30 am
Jun 20	DeMolay Golf Tournament, The Farms, Wallingford. 9:30 am
Jun 25	St. John's Day Service.

## GRAND CHAPTER & COUNCIL ANNUALS

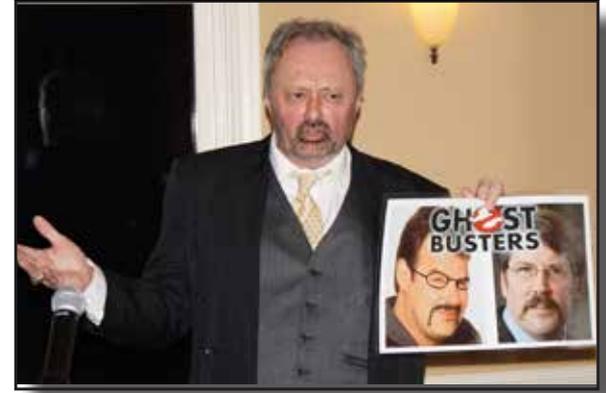
The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 275 Research Parkway in Meriden will once again be the site of the Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The festivities begin with the joint banquet on 2 June, no-host social hour at 6 pm. Grand Council will open at 9 am on Saturday 3 June. Men's and Ladies' Luncheons are at noon. Grand Chapter will open and receive the Distinguished Guests at 1 pm. Ladies programs are planned for Saturday morning and afternoon. Reservation forms are available on the [yorkrite.com/ct](http://yorkrite.com/ct) website and are due by 12 May.

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## Roasting the Grand Master-elect

March 18 at the Country Club in Waterford, a great meal was followed by “roasters.” The evening was attended by a large gathering of well-wishers.



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and a search for a person place in the microcosm and the macrocosm – as above, so below. Its roots lie in the Emerald Tablet of Hermes Thrice Great that describes Alchemy as concisely as one can, in part “Its father is the Sun; its mother the Moon. The wind carries it in its belly; its nurse is the Earth. It is the origin of all, the consecration of the Universe; its inherent strength is perfected, if it is turned into Earth (Hauck, The Emerald Tablet, p.45)”.

Our founders of modern speculative Freemasonry were also interested in and studied Alchemy. Ashmole, as noted, collected all the Alchemical works in English at that time. Desaguliers was also interested as was his friend Isaac Newton, who one can argue, influenced the formation of Masonry through his friends and interests in Alchemy, King Solomon’s Temple, and Bible codes. Although still debated, Alchemy did have a strong influence on the formation of our degrees, and the symbolism of Alchemy was intentionally woven into our rituals, it is there for those that have eyes to see and ears to hear. Historically and with many lodges today, one of the first things a candidate sees in the Chamber of Reflection are the letters VITRIOL – *Visita Interiora Terrae Rectificando Invenies Occultum Lapidem* (Visit the interior of the Earth, by rectifying, you will find the hidden stone).

Look to the books of Dennis William Hauck, Mark Stavish, Tim Hogan, Peter Marshall and others to research and study Alchemy as it is one of our roots, **FROM MPGM J. ANDREW BIRDSALL**  
*Companions*, For my last message in Opportunities, I would like to thank all the Companions for your confidence in electing me

to serve you this year. It has been an amazing year for me, and I hope that I have served you well. The generosity, zeal, and Brotherhood that my lady Maryann and I have experienced throughout this journey will remain with us for quite some time.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Grand Assembly on June 3, 2017 at 9 am, and at the banquet on June 2, 2017 at 6 pm.

### FROM REGC CHARLES A. McCOLLUM

*Sir Knights*, As we continue to work on my theme for the year “Be the Change You Want to See” we move on to the second of Brother Benjamin Franklin’s 13 virtues, Silence. Silence – Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversations.

I am not proposing we all adopt a monastic type of silence, but rather that we think before we speak. Again, we are reminded of his Masonic membership as we are taught in the Middle Chamber lecture to make language subordinate to thought. Or as another Mason once said, “It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.” Mark Twain.

This virtue is even more important today as there are so many more ways to communicate. We need to be particularly careful when using social media and our cell phones. When we answer our cell phones, either a call

or a text, while we are engaged in a conversation with another, we are disrespecting that person. If we do it in a Masonic meeting, we disrespect the body and all present in the room. Before you post something to social media make sure it is something you would say in person.

The Vaca Sutta offers this bit of advice before speaking: “a statement endowed with five factors is well-spoken, not ill-spoken. It is blameless and un-faulted by knowledgeable people. Which five? “It is spoken at the right time. It is spoken in truth. It is spoken affectionately. It is spoken beneficially. It is spoken with a mind of good-will.

So, this month, before you speak, ask yourself these five questions. If the answer is yes, then you are observing the virtue of Silence. If not, it is better to remain silent. Next month we will explore the virtue of Order.

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# Year-Around Season for NCT, The Masonic Family Camping Club

Winter is no reason to stay home, even if you can't go camping. National Camping Travelers (NCT) is an active club that finds ways to stay in touch with members that don't head for Florida. For several years NCT has paired with Travelers Woods at a booth for the February RV and Camping Show at the Big E Fairgrounds in Agawam. Travelers Woods is a campground in Bernardston, MA that is owned by Masons from New England.

NCT calls off-season camping "camp-ins." Once a month NCT members and friends travel to restaurants in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, to enjoy a savory winter luncheon and support local charities. And then there are special events held in other Masonic jurisdictions that offer NCT an opportunity to get information out to prospective members. April 8, right after Connecticut's Grand Lodge Session, Rhode Island's Grand Lodge hosted the 2017 New England Brotherhood Night in Providence. Connecticut's newly installed Grand Master, Theodore J. Nelson, traveled to Rhode Island accompanied by several of his Grand Officers.

Ray Geer, NCT's 2nd National Vice President made sure the club had a presence at the event. WB Ray is a Connecticut Resident who is a Past Master of Rhode Island's Franklin Lodge.

NCT's camping schedule is set for the year. There are opportunities for members and friends to enjoy great camp grounds with other Masonic families, some of whom camp with their children and grandchildren. There is also consideration for those who may not be able to camp any more, but would still like to attend the social gatherings. Membership in the club requires that you be a Mason or an Eastern Star member. Check the The New England District web site [MasonicFamilyCampers.org](http://MasonicFamilyCampers.org) for up to date info and camping reservation forms. Those interested in spending a weekend or just a day, with the club are invited to email Ray at [NCTDistrictOne@gmail.com](mailto:NCTDistrictOne@gmail.com) for details. For information about the bigger "National" picture and information about the National Rally in West Virginia this July, visit [GONCT.org](http://GONCT.org)



## Upcoming Schedule Brief

*Please visit the web site for details.*

- May 19-21:** Camping - Travelers Woods Campground, Bernardston, MA
- June 10:** Family Fun & NCT Booth - Grand Masters Day, Wallingford, CT
- June 11:** Fellowship & Food - CT State Rally, North Stonington, CT
- June 25:** Family Fun Day - Masonic Youth & Shriners Center, Warwick Rhode Island
- July 16-20:** Camping - NCT National Rally, Lewisberg, West Virginia (early arrival July 12)
- Aug. 25-27:** Camping - Bald Mountain Campground, Townshend VT
- Sept. 8-10:** Camping - Travelers Woods, Bernsardston, MA
- Oct. 20-22:** Camping - Annual Turkey Roast Mineral Springs Campgrnd, Stafford Springs, CT
- Nov. 4:** Camp-In Luncheon at Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
- Dec. 9:** Camp-In Luncheon at Dakota Restaurant & Stuff-A-Cruiser



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# Make Men Better and They Will Come ...

by Francis G. Way

Over the past several weeks I have had several Masonic experiences that have caused me to deeply contemplate the state of our Fraternity. I would never be so bold as to think that my observations and conclusions are the only solution, or even a solution, but I think they merit contemplation by other Brothers, and may contribute to a direction that might be pursued in ensuring the continuance of our beloved Craft.

I recently attended a Stated Communication at Wolcott Lodge No. 146, new to the 5th District, and it was a surprise visit by the brethren of Hospitality Lodge No. 128. Wolcott's brothers were a mix of younger brothers and older, and we were all treated to an excellent presentation, "Geometry As It Relates to Morality" by Brother Ken Coman, their Secretary, a comparatively young brother. The presentation included a back and forth discussion on the subject, and all in attendance were enlightened. A Past DD said to me on the way out, "I may never look at the Square and Compasses the same way again." I know

I certainly received more light, and some "thought tools" to help make me a better man.

Then, at the April Stated Communication of Hospitality Lodge No. 128, RWB Randal Hornaday presented some thoughts on Geometry, the Greek letter Gamma, and the Hebrew Letter Yod. Again, my intellect was moved to further contemplation of what I learned, and how it might be added to what I learned at Wolcott. As a Mason of over 20 years experience, I still marvel at the fact that there are areas of our Blue Lodge ritual – tenets, allusions, and allegories – that, with proper contemplation, can still help me improve myself and make me a better man.

Finally, I recently had occasion to read an email which included a letter from a 50 year Mason, bemoaning the state of the Craft today. In his day and time, his lodge had a very large Craftsman Club (800 members) and their Service Committee was over 100 members. They regularly contacted widows and helped destitute brothers, according to what they had learned in the ritual. He was saddened that the

numbers were down, and since the government provides many of the services that lodge brethren formerly helped with, that lodge's meetings had devolved to business meetings and lukewarm fellowship.

What a contrast to what I had just experienced. At Wolcott there only 15 or 16 brothers total, including visitors. At Hospitality we had probably the same number. Yet the brethren left each evening uplifted and energized.

As I contemplated this apparent disconnect, I began to think of the different experiences between the 50-year Mason's journey, my Masonic journey, and the journeys being undertaken by our younger "millennial" brothers.

The 50-year Mason no doubt was a part of the Greatest Generation. As my late father was of this generation, I know that these men experienced the Great Depression, and joined together to defeat the Axis Powers. Their satisfaction came from joining and working together to right wrongs (i.e., help widows and destitute brothers). Wonderful men, but their motivations and satisfactions come from a far different place than Baby Boomers or Millennials.

If this Greatest Generation Brother's experience in lodge was anything like the older Masons in my Mother Lodge, they probably spent the bulk of their time in lodge "making Masons." I have heard stories of Special Communications at 5 p.m., with five Masons initiated, a break for dinner, and a Stated Communication at 7:30 p.m. where five more Masons were initiated. Lodges had hundreds of members, which was a far cry from the earliest days of the fraternity.

One wonders, since they were making so many Masons, when they had time to contemplate and study the allusions, allegories and tenets of our Craft. There were, after all, Masons to be made, widows and destitute brothers to be cared for. Was there time to dive deep into the lessons that take place in the second half of each Blue Lodge degree, in the York Rite degrees and orders, or that (in those times) existed in the Scottish Rite degrees?

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

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Evening Star Lodge No. 101

Monday, May 8, 1967

Donald J. Sperry

Center Lodge No. 97

Wednesday, May 10, 1967

Emil C. Mack

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89

Friday, May 12, 1967

Humberto Benabe

Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116

Saturday, May 13, 1967

Curtis C. Hanks

Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4

Monday, May 15, 1967

Thomas A. Transue

Evening Star Lodge No. 101

Friday, May 19, 1967

Robert M. Raymond

Moosup Lodge No. 113

Saturday, May 20, 1967

Vance A. Syphers

Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14

Monday, May 22, 1967

Truman E. Alderman, Jr.

Village Lodge No. 29

Tuesday, May 23, 1967

Thomas A. Lovelace

Granite Lodge No. 119

Sunday, May 28, 1967



## Make Men Better *Continued from page 24*

Clearly they gained their satisfaction in the Craft from the service to others, which was a hallmark of their generation. As time, say 50 years, went on, I'm sure the satisfaction of that service began to wane as brothers passed to the Celestial Lodge and other brothers retired to warmer climes. Then what was left?

Contrast that experience to what I have heard from more than one Millennial brother who has joined our fraternity. Despite the moaning from some quarters about membership numbers, men – younger men – are joining our fraternity. Clearly not in the numbers of the post-WWII period, but in a steady, if much slower, stream. This puts me in mind of the earliest days of our fraternity when lodges were smaller and men were brought in at a slower pace.

Today, many of these younger brothers are seeking something to feed their spirit. Unlike my generation, their parents may not have taken them to church, so some of the spiritual grounding that Boomers may have is not there. Many of these brothers are seeking that kind of grounding and fulfillment. They are looking to the tenets of our fraternity, to the allusions and allegories, so they can contemplate these truths

and make themselves better. They have no problem with service to the Fraternity (widows and destitute Brothers) or to the outside world, but as one recently said to me, "it certainly ain't about pancake breakfasts."

Freemasonry purports to make good men better. The tool our Craft provides to turn the rough Ashlar into the perfect Ashlar is, and always has been, the ritual, and the tenets therein. Bringing forth the tenets from the allusions and allegory is part of Masonic education – both in a group setting through discussion and debate, as well as individually, through contemplation of the lectures and lessons learned in the degrees. Everything else that we as Masons do flows from there, whether it be service within lodge, service outside of the lodge, or perhaps even a renewed personal motivation to attend church.

This bears repeating: Masonry exists to make good men better. It does not exist to chase membership numbers from some bygone era, it does not exist as an insurance or benefit society, it does not exist as a way to network for business. It exists to make good men better and to fill our society with moral, upright men

who can discourse civilly on different subjects – even subjects that might be divisive – and contribute to the public good.

Performing ritual purely for ritual's sake, without providing education in the form of discussion and contemplation is no more the answer to making better men than is dumbing down the ritual, saying "this is the lesson you will learn" and then retiring to the dining hall.

Performing quality ritual, providing Masonic education that leads brethren to contemplate and analyze the allegories and allusions, coupled with solid mentoring of new brothers and in combination with fun and family activity, may just provide part of a solution to membership retention and even growth in our lodges. Dumbing the experience down, making it quick and easy, and then not feeding the intellect and the soul probably won't. Commitment to service and outside activities may prove a draw for a while, but in time, that too will fade. We exist to make men better, and by doing so, we may well make them last in our fraternity.

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# Food, Fun and Fellowship: the Garibaldi Masonic Club *by Adam Raider*

Founded in 1932 to reinforce the teachings of Freemasonry to all the brethren of Italian extraction in Connecticut, the Garibaldi Masonic Club is named for Gen. Giuseppe Garibaldi (1807-1882), Past Grand Master and Grand Orient of Italy credited for helping unify that country. No surprise, then, that Garibaldi often draws comparisons to another famous Mason and statesman: George Washington.

The first official meeting of the Garibaldi Masonic Club was held at the Obegh Grotto Home on Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport, but members have gathered at many locations over the years, including a barber shop, a dress shop, restaurants and various Masonic halls before settling at America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 in Stratford. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except January, July and August) and draw Masons from lodges throughout the area. In 1963, a change to the bylaws opened the Garibaldi Club up to any Master Mason, not just those of Italian descent, though only a true Pisan can serve as President or Vice President.

Current Club officers include Bro. Louis Sorrentino (President), WB Robert Cascone (Vice President), WB Thomas DelMastro (Secretary), RW Bro. Anthony Pipitone (Treasurer) and RW Rev. Joseph Krusienski, (Chaplain).

“Our members include some Past Grand Masters, some Past Grand Commanders,” said WB Tom, “but in the Garibaldi Club, there are no ranks. Everyone is simply a brother. Going to lodge and doing degree work can be really serious, but our meetings are informal and we have a good time.”

The Garibaldi Club has also long been a loyal supporter of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, the philanthropic arm of Masonicare. Back in the 1970s, the Club voted to sponsor several rooms and furnishings at what was then known as the Masonic Home and Hospital in Wallingford (now Masonicare Health Center). They also donated a laboratory centrifuge for blood testing. Today, through its sponsorship of Foundation special events like the annual Tree of Life fundraiser – along with donations from individual members – the Garibaldi Club is still helping benefit the programs and services of Masonicare.

“The Club doesn't have a lot of money to give, but we're happy to give what we can to The Masonic Charity Foundation,” said club member RW Bro. Jim Pyskaty. “A lot of us are getting older and we know the good work that Masonicare is doing.”

“I'm really struck by what a cohesive group the Garibaldi Club membership is,” said Jennifer King, The Masonic Charity Foundation's Executive Director, “even though they come from a variety of Masonic lodges from different parts of the state. They know what's going on in each other's lives, and they support and care about one another. You can sense this same fraternal spirit in their decisions to donate to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. The Garibaldi Club members feel good about helping to support and care for Masonicare residents and patients,

and I'm very thankful to them.”

*The Garibaldi Masonic Club is always looking for new members. For more information, please call Tom DelMastro at 203-261-7966.*



*At its April meeting, the Garibaldi Masonic Club welcomed Jennifer King, Executive Director of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut*

# A Plan for Mentorship *by Charles W. Yohe*

One of Most Worshipful Grand Master Nelson's keys to unlocking success in our Lodges this year is mentoring. Many people glibly throw the word around without really understanding what it is that makes a good mentor. Those who stayed for the installation of the Grand Lodge officers for 2017 heard MWB Nelson state that he has had a number of mentors throughout his Masonic career. I would venture a guess that many, if not all, of the active members of our Fraternity will readily agree to that same assessment. I know that I've had many mentors in my Masonic journey, Brothers who have helped me and guided me through both normal and difficult times. I've heard Brothers say that the recommender or avoucher should be the mentor. I'm sorry to say, but signing someone's petition for membership doesn't qualify one to be a mentor any more than it qualifies one to be a concert pianist or a brain surgeon. So, while it is important to mentor each candidate from his earliest exposure to your Lodge, the mentor must be a Brother who is qualified to do so.

For mentorship to work best in your Lodge, several important conditions need to be met. First and foremost, your Lodge should identify potential, qualified mentors. The qualified part is particularly important, because some Brothers do not have the temperament necessary to be a positive force for improvement and growth. Mentorship requires more than just knowledge of the ritual and the 'workings' of the Lodge. In order for the mentor to be truly effective, it is important that he can build a good rapport with the mentee. Your Lodge can always benefit by having multiple mentors and doing so will provide a better probability that a mentor/mentee relationship will benefit both the mentee and the Lodge.

So, what traits should a potential mentor have? Certainly, he should be knowledgeable about Masonry and Masonic ritual. That does not necessarily mean that he has to be a 'cracker jack' ritualist, but he certainly needs to be able to answer the mentee's questions with accurate information. Most important is the mentor's attitude and enthusiasm for Masonry. A mentor functions primarily as a guide. Think of the mentor/mentee relationship as being very much like a father/son relationship. Just as a father teaches a son about life and, perhaps, imparts knowledge about various activities such as hunting, fishing, baseball, woodworking, do-it-yourself, or a dozen other things, the mentor functions in a similar manner to teach the new Brother the ins and outs of Masonry.

In a successful relationship, both the mentor and mentee must be comfortable and open with each other. The mentee must feel at ease and free to ask any and all questions and be secure in a feeling that his mentor is going to be honest and forthright with him. And by the way, mentors should willingly admit if they don't know the answer to a question and use that occasion to learn something new themselves – seeking to find the answer from a reliable source and sharing the outcome with the mentee.

Some organizations are now utilizing co-mentors or 'mentor teams' to instruct and educate potential future leaders within their respective fields. As a Lodge, you should strive to do the same. The benefit of this approach should be obvious. First, if the principle or primary mentor is unavailable for some reason, the mentee can approach one of the secondary mentors. Second, each of us has his own teaching techniques and ways of explaining things. You may not understand the concept as mentor A explains it, but mentor B's explanation may resonate with you and make perfect sense.

With regard specifically to Masonic mentoring, the effective mentor must be active beyond his own Lodge. Too many times, new Brothers come into Lodge and only experience Masonry within that particular Lodge building. There is much to experience by traveling to other Lodges. The old saying that "variety is the spice of life," is so true. It is a mentor's responsibility to facilitate and encourage travel to other Lodges and Masonic events. He must be the catalyst, the companion that encourages and leads the new Brother in his search to expand his Masonic experience.

A good mentor has a calm demeanor and exhibits the utmost in patience. He offers access to himself in a selfless manner and, very often, becomes a close friend and confidant. The mentor must also take care to be discreet. There may be times when the mentee confides in his mentor and it is vitally important that the confidence is not betrayed.

Being a mentor can be a very rewarding experience, but only if the mentor and mentee are a good fit for one another. I've been blessed with the mentors in my Masonic life and have developed long lasting, close friendships with a number of them. But remember, being a mentor can be hard work. Make sure you are up to the task before you agree to take on the awesome responsibility.

Both your Grand Master and your Deputy Grand Master are of the opinion that mentorship is one of the keys to retaining new members and growing our Fraternity. Together, they along with me, urge your Lodge to establish a good network of qualified mentors that are available to teach, coach, advise, and guide each of the new members seeking admission into your Lodge. So mote it be.



# Mystical Journeying in the Lodge

by John A. Amarilios, [membership@lafayetteconsistory.com](mailto:membership@lafayetteconsistory.com)

May is a housekeeping month with the Consistory conducting its Annual meeting on May 15 at 7:00 p.m. (no meal will precede this meeting). Next month, the "Last Full Measure," a play about Abraham Lincoln, will be presented in Stratford on Saturday June 24 at 7:30 p.m. This play will be open to the Masonic community, wives, significant others, and potential candidates are invited to attend. Lastly, there will be two summer degrees this year, the 5th and 8th which will be performed on Saturday July 22. More details will be forthcoming next month.

At the very inception of our Masonic Path, we are told by the Worshipful Master to "follow your guide and fear no danger." What then follows is the circumambulation, where the candidate proceeds about the lodge in a clockwise direction. As we accede to the two higher degrees, the Circumambulations become longer and more extensive, symbolizing our accrued earthly experiences and the passage of time.

In truth, this journey that each one of us has taken is a profound allegory of what happens to each soul as it embarks on its own earthly drama. The journey that the candidate undertakes represents his own life's journey prior to his request for initiation into the world "within." In that unawakened state he has probably encountered the dangers and difficulties, trials and tribulations and all the vicissitudes of life that all of us at one point or another have experienced.

We must not however forget the Worshipful Master's instruction to "follow your guide." This is a profound revelation which alludes to the realization that each soul that wanders the material realm is doing so under the watchful gaze of a silent helper. I vividly remember a high school teacher of mine, a Vietnam Vet, who had recently returned from South East Asia. He related a story of having found himself in what turned out to be a landmine field with his squad. As they were traversing this field, he heard the voice of his grandmother, who had previously passed, imploring him to change his direction of travel. He fortunately did so on the basis of this strange clairaudient event and managed to escape injury that day. Unfortunately, a comrade to his rear did not,

and unfortunate results befell him. Stories of a similar nature are well documented through the years, many set in war scenarios. Many of us have had close calls or propitious decisions because of a thought that popped into our head. Charles Leadbeater's classic tome, "Invisible Helpers" relates many such instances. It is, perhaps, a work of great value, to still the mind and to cultivate the ability to listen for and to heed the small voice which accompanies us everywhere.

The second matter of importance with respect to the circumambulation is that the candidate is encircled not only by the flesh and blood brothers present who are witnessing the physical degree, but by a cloud of ephemeral witnesses. These unseen witnesses, collectively in the Temple's Astral layer, are devoted to the successful awakening of the candidate to the existence of Light by his own volition. They actively assist those who have an inborn desire to seek spiritual advancement. These "witnesses" are ever present in our Masonic Temples and constitute the Eggregore of the Masonic Order. These are the devoted "Great Lights" that have preceded us and who are pledged to the advancement and improvement of the human condition. Eliphas Levi in "Le Grand Arcane" (i.e., The Great Mystery, 1868) identifies the eggregores as the "Watchers", or Biblical Angels. Since our Order is devoted to the goals of personal attainment of Light, and to the transcendence of the bestial proclivities and uncontrolled passions of the unimproved Man, all our brothers should be aware that assistance is readily available to accomplish this. It resides within the four walls of each of our temples. Regular systematic Lodge attendance, coupled with a fervent and persistent desire, and unceasing labor to attain to a higher state of existence, will enable the Eggregore of our Order to identify and assist the earnest brother in attaining to the Light. They will help the seeking brother through the slow alchemical process of exchanging

the waste of unsubdued passions for something much greater and everlasting.

As one might now realize, Masonic Temples are very busy places where important work takes place in many dimensions. The beneficial transformation that is within the grasp of every brother who actively desires it, is the greatest attainment that any soul can hope to accomplish in their current life. Listen attentively to the Degrees and their lectures, and with each repetition, their substance will slowly become part of yours.

*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.*

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## 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

**Every Thursday, Putnam Lodge No. 46,** Putnam, 7 p.m., Thursday Night Meeting Socializing, Rehearsing, Prepping.

**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, 7 p.m., Anchor Lodge No. 112,** East Hampton, Setback. Bring a friend

**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

**Second Sunday of the Month, Compass Lodge No. 9,** Wallingford, 8 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)

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

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

## Grand Masters Day

**Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.,** Masonicare Campus, Wallingford

## EVENTS

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Awards and Pin night, Dinner

**Thursday, May 4, 6:15 p.m.,** Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Stated Communication & Awards Night, Dinner

**Friday, May 5, 6 p.m.,** King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, Cinco De Mayo night at King Hiram Come join us for great food and fun. \$20/pp covers food and two drinks

**Friday, May 5, 6 p.m.,** Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, Beef & Beer - FC Club, Tickets are \$20 donation

**Saturday, May 6, 12 p.m.,** Purity Lodge No. 150, Groton, Stonington Cemetery Work Party

**Saturday, May 6, 4 p.m.,** King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Derby on the Rock, Break out the fancy hats and Mint Juleps it's the Kentucky Derby!

**Saturday, May 6, 5 p.m.,** Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Derby Day: Bourbon & Bluegrass, 5 p.m. --10 p.m. Featuring Music by The Grass Routes Band, Live Telecast of the 143rd Kentucky Derby Hors d'oeuvres and Barbecue Dinner Served. \$30/pp RSVP to Erik Roberts

**Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m.,** Putnam Lodge No. 46, Woodstock, Mother's Day Breakfast

**Sunday, May 7, 12 p.m.,** Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Introduction to Amateur Radio Presentation, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

**Monday, May 8, 1 p.m.,** Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Whitney Farms Golf, Annual Golf Tournament, Rain Day May 15

**Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.,** Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, Bristol Brothers Cinco de Mayo Dinner

**Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.,** Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Cinco De Mayo Celebration

**Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.,** Corinthian Lodge No. 104, Fairfield, Stated Meeting & Cinco De Mayo Night, Mexican Food and presentation by Bro. Deiago Aguilon

**Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m.,** Composite Lodge No. 28, West Suffield, Suffield PMC Bike Ride, Join us in helping out the Jimmy Fund to fight childhood cancer.

**Saturday, May 13, 5 p.m.,** America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stamford, Ladies at the Table Table Lodge, \$25/pp

**Sunday, May 14, 8 a.m.,** Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, Masonic Family Breakfast, All you can eat breakfast for only \$8

**Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.,** Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Awards Night

**Saturday, May 20, 12 p.m.,** Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, Shad Derby, Pulled pork booth on the green, CHIPS event, breakfast at the Lodge.

**Saturday, May 20, 12 p.m.,** Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville, Fundraiser Lobsters to Go, Pick up your orders between 4 pm and 6 pm, Call Montgomery Lodge at 1-860-435-9722 to place your order.

**Saturday, May 20, 12 p.m.,** Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Annual Awards Ceremony

**Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.,** Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Ladies & Widows Luncheon

**Saturday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.,** Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, BBQ Table Lodge

**Sunday, May 21, 7 a.m.,** Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton, Lodge Maintenance

**Sunday, May 28, 12 a.m.,** Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield Center, Memorial Day Parade

**Monday, May 29, 8 a.m.,** Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, Memorial Day Parades, East Hampton Parade starts at 9 a.m., Marlborough's Parade starts at 12:30

**Monday, May 29, 8 a.m.,** Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton, Memorial Day Parade / Food Booth

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## EVENTS

**Monday, May 29, 8 a.m.,** Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton, Memorial Day Parade / Food Booth

**Monday, May 29, 8:30 a.m.,** Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Memorial Day Parade, Meet at the lodge at 8:30 a.m. Dress code is dark suit and tie.

**Monday, May 29, 8:30 a.m.,** Columbia Lodge No. 25, Welles & Main Street Glastonbury, Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade. Assemble at 8:30 a.m. on Welles St behind St. Paul's Church

**Monday, May 29, 10 a.m.,** Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, Unionville Memorial Day Parade, Meet at the lodge, proceed to line up at 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 29, 11 a.m.,** Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, Memorial Day Cookout, Please bring a side dish to share

**Friday, June 2, 12 a.m.,** Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, Relay For Life, Join the brothers of Friendship Lodge No. 33 in their walk for a cure.

**Saturday, June 3, 12 a.m.,** Purity Lodge No. 150, Groton, Stonington Cemetery Work Party

**Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m.,** Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Annual Chicken BBQ, \$12/pp

**Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m.,** Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, Anchor Lodge Awards Day

**Saturday, June 10, 12 a.m.,** Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, South Windsor, Lodge Summer BBQ

**Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m.,** Brainard Lodge No. 102, Waterford, Ladies at the Table, Langley's Restaurant

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## Entered Apprentice Degrees

**Friday, May 5, 4 p.m.,** Grand Lodge Room, Grand Lodge of the State of New York, 71 W 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010, Visitation to Garibaldi Lodge #542 (NY) for their Entered Apprentice Degree,

**Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m.,** Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, Dinner, Degree starts at 8 p.m.

## Fellowcraft Degrees

**Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.,** Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Dinner

**Saturday, May 6, 11:30 a.m.,** St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, Lunch Colonial Fellow Craft Degree, Lafayette Consistory Scottish Rite Fellow Craft Colonial Degree Team

**Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.,** Putnam Lodge No. 46, TBD, Possibly offsite -- check with WM before attending

**Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.,** America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Dinner

**Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.,** King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, Dinner

**Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.,** Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Dinner

**Friday, May 19, 7:45 p.m.,** Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, Light meal served afterward.

**Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.,** Corinthian Lodge No. 104, Fairfield,

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

## Master Mason Degrees

**Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.,** Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

**Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.,** Hospitality Lodge No. 128, Wethersfield, Degree Location: Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville

**Monday, May 22, 5:30 p.m.,** Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, Dinner at the break

**Tuesday, May 23, 6 p.m.,** Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Dinner Master Mason Degree - Past Masters Night, Degree to follow. Past Masters Night

**Thursday, June 1, 6:15 p.m.,** Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Dinner

**Friday, June 2, 7 p.m.,** Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, Dinner at the break

**Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.,** Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.





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Right: the Associate Grand Royal Matron and the Grand Royal Patron, Order of the Amatanth;



Left: the Grand Worthy Advisor and the Supreme Inspector, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls;

Right: the State Executive Director and the State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay.



Left: the Chairman of the Trustees of Masonicare and the President and CEO of Masonicare.



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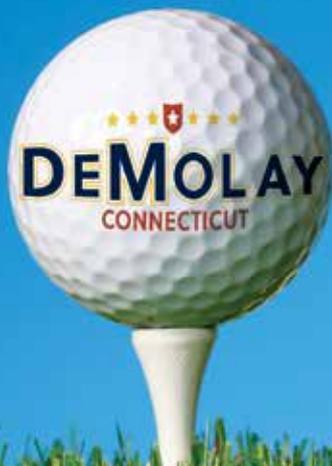
All proceeds from the event will be directed toward CMAK programs including the Race4Chase Kids Triathlon program.

Chase Michael-Anthony Kowalski loved Triathlons and on 12/14/12, a date we will never forget, that all ended for him while sitting in his classroom in Sandy Hook. CMAK Sandy Hook Foundation has been created to memorialize a young life taken too soon and celebrate what he loved most - Triathlons. "Chasing the Music" is a fund raiser to enable CMAK to continue to train young athletes and hold Triathlons across the state. In keeping with the spirit of CMAK, they are hosting children from all walks of life at the concert by seeking sponsorship support. **Sponsorship Tickets are \$30 each.** Chase's grandfather was a 30+yr Mason and Temple Lodge #65 is taking the initiative to support the needs of Chase's family by subsidizing **\$10 of the first 200** "Sponsorship tickets" purchased. We are also encouraging members to attend this once in a lifetime concert by purchasing Adult tickets from **\$30, \$50, or \$100** each. To get the \$10 credit for the Sponsor tickets, when you contact The Palace Theatre (203-346-2000) mention it is a "Masonic Sponsorship purchase."



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# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONNECTICUT DEMOLAY BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

**The Geoffrey Cornish-designed The Farms Country Club  
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**REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 30, 2017**

# REGISTRATION FORM

Connecticut DeMolay Golf Tournament – Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
 The Farms Country Club, 180 Cheshire Road, Wallingford, CT 06492

To benefit Connecticut DeMolay and The Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc. (a 501(c)3 charitable organization)

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<b>Company/Individual Sponsor Name</b>		
<b>Name and Title of Person Authorizing Sponsorship</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City/State/Zip</b>		
<b>Telephone number:</b>	<b>Fax number:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>

**Please check desired level of participation.**

**Sponsorships**

- \$2,500 Tournament Sponsor - includes 8 players
- \$1,200 Gold Sponsor - includes 4 players
- \$1,000 Silver Sponsor - includes 4 players
- \$600 Bronze Sponsor - includes 2 players
- \$2,500 Shirt Sponsor - includes name on shirts
- \$2,000 Cart Sponsor - includes name on carts
- \$1,000 Lunch Sponsor
- \$750 Golf Ball Sponsor

- \$500 Breakfast or Beverage Sponsor
- \$250 Closet to Hole Sponsor
- \$250 Longest Drive Sponsor
- \$150 Tee Sponsor

**Players/Guest**

- \$800 Foursome & Tee Sponsor
- \$450 Twosome & Tee Sponsor
- \$175 Individual player
- \$50 Non-golfing Social

<b>Player/Guest 1</b>	Day phone:
Address:	Handicap:
Email:	Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
<b>Player/Guest 2</b>	Day phone:
Address:	Handicap:
Email:	Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
<b>Player/Guest 3</b>	Day phone:
Address:	Handicap:
Email:	Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
<b>Player/Guest 4</b>	Day phone:
Address:	Handicap:
Email:	Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

**Please complete and return with payment by May 30, 2017**

Make check payable to **“The Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc.”** — P.O. Box 8832, New Haven, CT 06532 • 203-915-1229



Join us for our annual

# GRAND MASTERS DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Masonicare Campus

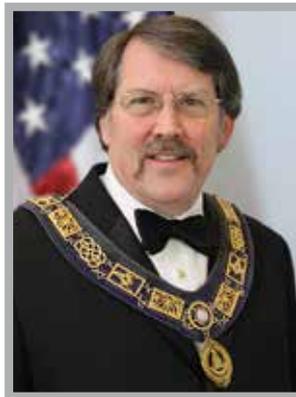
22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford

Activities and fun for all ages!

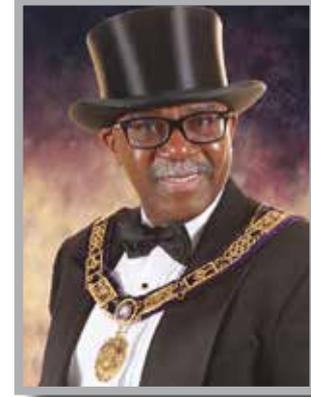
- Parade (10:30)
- Free children's rides and activities for toddlers to teens
- Concert under the main tent with Tuxedo Junction Big Band (12:45 p.m.)
- Free horse & carriage rides
- Bloodmobile (9:30 – 1:30)
- Great reasonably priced food including fried dough and several food trucks including Ted's famous steamed cheeseburgers, pizza and cannoli trucks and more!
- CTChild ID Program (CTCHIP)
- Model Railroad Room
- Health fair with free screenings
- Face painting and crafts
- Vendor booths
- Free admission!

*Free parking and shuttle bus  
from the Oakdale Theatre on  
South Turnpike Road.  
Questions?  
Call 888-679-9997*

## Special Guests



**Bro. Theodore J. Nelson**  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Connecticut  
A.F. & A.M.



**Bro. Ellis G. Simpson, Jr.**  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
MW Prince Hall Grand  
Lodge of Connecticut