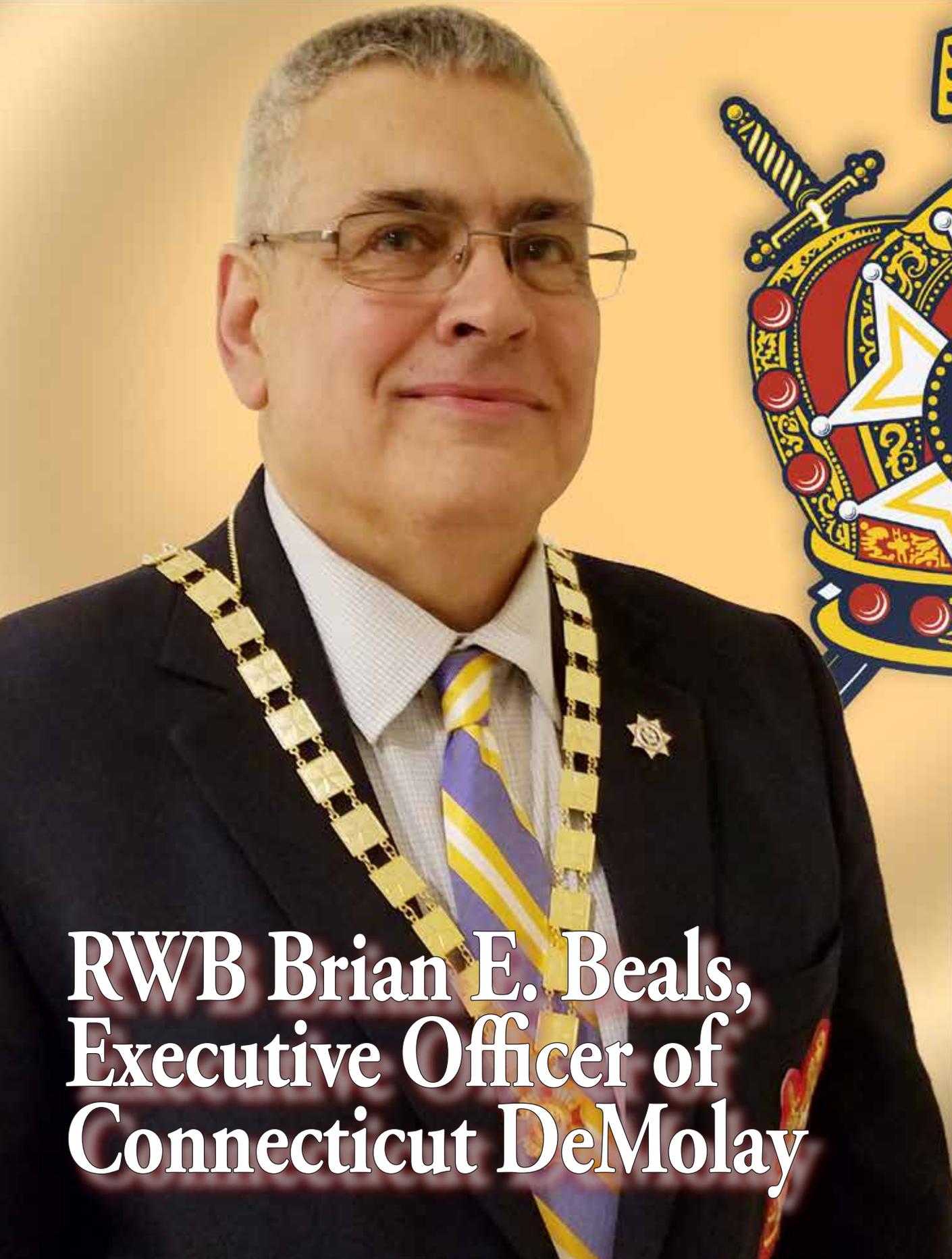




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# “Dad” Land’s Act of Kindness Becomes a Gift To The World

by Francis G. Way

Perhaps the strongest man-to-man relationship a young man can have is with his father. So when Frank S. Land, of Kansas City, Missouri, was approached by several members of his Lodge requesting that he help out a young man whose father, a Fellowcraft of the Lodge, had died in an accident, Land was eager to oblige. None of them could have imagined how far and wide that simple act of kindness would reach.

Land met Louis Lower, gave him a part time job, and Land’s wife Nell suggested having Louis and a few of his friends over to their house. The visit took place and ultimately Land suggested that they form a club and meet regularly. Their first meeting was on February 19, 1919, at the local Scottish Rite Temple. The boys long debated a name for the club and finally settled on the name DeMolay, inspired by a painting of Jacques DeMolay, the last Grandmaster of the Knights Templar, that hung in the temple.

From those humble beginnings an organization formed that spans the United States and has spread across the globe. Not intended to be “junior Masons”, DeMolay is dedicated to building upstanding men and leaders. While many do go on to petition the fraternity, there is no pressure to do so.

Building upon the Seven Cardinal Virtues of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism, DeMolay has forged men of great leadership. A glance at the membership of the DeMolay Hall of Fame shows men from all walks of life, including astronauts (Frank Borman, Vance Brand), sports figures (Harmon Killebrew, Bob Mathias), entertainment (Walt Disney, Mel Blanc, John Wayne) and military heroes (Col. Nick Rowe, Capt. Lance Sijan) among others.

At one point in the early days, when the group’s membership was at 31 members, all from the same high school, the boys contemplated limiting membership to 75 members. “Dad” Land, who advised but never ran the club, suggested that they were being selfish, and reminded them there were three other high schools in Kansas City, and that what was good for one of them was good for all eligible boys. By the time Dad Land passed to the



*State Master Councilor Zach Aubin, MWPGM Gail N. Smith and Executive Officer for Connecticut DeMolay RWB Brian E. Beals.*

Celestial Lodge in 1959, there were 135,000 members in nearly 3,000 Chapters in 14 countries.

RWB Brian Beals, Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of CT and Active Member of the International Supreme Council, regularly gives talks at lodges to inform, and extol the virtues of DeMolay. At a recent presentation at Friendship Lodge No. 33 in Southington, he gave a brief history of DeMolay, explained how DeMolay is a world-wide organization and spoke specifically on DeMolay in Connecticut. He spoke of Nathan Hale Chapter in New Britain, formed in 1924 and one of the older Chapters in the country. He spoke fondly of Marcus Holcomb Chapter in Southington, no longer active, but spoke of efforts to revive the Chapter.

He also briefly outlined the extensive background check process that is mandatory for all Dads.

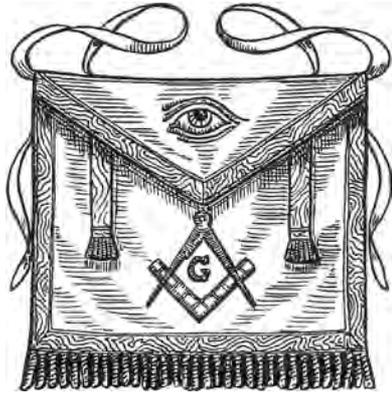
Discussion among the brethren during Q’s & A’s centered on the need for Chapter Advisors (“Dads”), and how important it is that younger Masons step up as Chapter Dads, since young men aged 12-21 may well relate better to a younger Mason than those who have many years in lodge and more than a bit of gray at their temples.

RWB Beals told of the quality of the young men who make up CT DeMolay, and of how dedicated they are. He also invited any interested brother to participate as a ritual judge in the ritual contest held at the DeMolay Statewide Conclave in July.

RWB Beals ended his talk by explaining the 10 rubies in the DeMolay crest. Originally they were pearls and represented Dad Land and the nine boys. As each one passed, the pearl was changed to a ruby. The first ruby appeared in 1921, when Ivan Bently died in an accident. The last ruby appeared in 2002 when Jerome Jacobson, last of the original ten, passed to his eternal reward.

By the end of RWB Beal’s talk, all the brethren had a much better understanding of the challenges that DeMolay faces, and how important the organization is to building our leaders of our future.

Any brother who is interested in becoming a DeMolay advisor can find more information at [www.ctdemolay.net](http://www.ctdemolay.net)



# Grand Master's Trestleboard

## JUNE 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Thu. 1	9 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> BLC Breakfast	Groton Townhouse	Casual	C
Sat. 3	2 p.m.	DD Presentation	Putnam Lodge No. 46, South Woodstock	Tux	C
Mon. 5	5:30 p.m.	DD Follow-up School	Ashlar Village, Wallingford	Casual	S
Tue. 6	6 p.m.	Bedouin Shrine Club	Groton Townhouse	Casual	C
Wed. 7	7:30 p.m.	Fraternal Visit	Estuary Lodge No. 43, Old Saybrook	Business	S
Sat. 10	9:30 a.m.	Grand Masters Day	Masonicare	Tux/Casual	C
Mon. 12	6 p.m.	Masonicare EA Team	Ashlar Village, Wallingford	Tux	S
Tue. 13-14		Fraternal Visit	Grand Lodge of Vermont	Tux	C
Fri. 16	5:30 p.m.	St. John's Day	Wooster Lodge No. 10, Colchester	Tux	S
Sat. 17	4 p.m.	Coastal Pig Roast	Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington	Casual	S
Tue. 20	6:30 p.m.	50-year Pin	Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington	Tux	C
Sat. 24	6:30 p.m.	St. John's Table Lodge	Knapp's Tavern (by invitation) Acacia Lodge No. 85	Tux	S
Sun. 25	9:30 a.m.	St. John's Day	United Methodist Church, Stratford	Tux	C
Mon. 26	6:30 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> District BLC	Brainard Lodge No. 102, Niantic	Casual	S
Wed. 28	6 p.m.	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Center Lodge No. 97, Meriden	Casual	C

## JULY 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Thu. 6	9 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> BLC Breakfast	Groton Townhouse	Casual	S

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



## *Traditions*

Dear Brothers All,

I have been traveling more extensively than ever trying to uphold the traditions that this Fraternity and our Masonic family observe and expect from a Grand Master. Some are last minute surprises while others are received as formal written invitations via the US Mail or email attachments offering

months of notice. Obviously the more notice one has, the more prepared one can be for a given event.

This Grand Master values traditions and wants to see our Fraternity's traditions continue. Traditions are about expectations. When they are met or even exceeded, everyone is happy and glad that they honored a given tradition. The problems come in when a new generation or current corps of officers can't relate to a tradition and, as a result, sees little value in it.

I offer a challenge to our young officers in their formative years as Masons and junior officers to 'toe the line' when it comes to their Lodge traditions and have faith that this is the right thing to do. See how organized the leadership is when preparing for a traditional event. Volunteer for your small part. See if, after its conclusion, a critiquing session or evaluation of the event takes place. If so, add your comments - whether positive or negative, but always in a constructive manner. As you mature and advance each year, ask the leadership how you can make a traditional event even better. As you get closer to actually running the event, you can put your own stamp on the way that you want to see it done.

In those instances when you discover that the leadership is conducting a traditional event on blind faith or even worse, haphazardly because during their formative years they could not find any value in it, you may want to take a different approach. Again, during those evaluation meetings, if they even have them, ask "Why are we letting this tradition become a millstone around our necks?" Sometimes it's the brave Brother who stands up and says "The King has no clothes on. Maybe we shouldn't be keeping this tradition anymore."

At many events that I have been invited to as Grand Master, I am expected to speak to the audience. While I do not consider this a hardship, it can be challenging at times. At one such recent event that I had little notification on, I had the opportunity to use that phrase by Hans Christian Andersen in the tale of The

Emperor's New Clothes. Fortunately, I remembered my mentor's counsel "to praise publicly and criticize privately." As I sat there listening to others with their refined, well-rehearsed and well-intended speeches, I prayed for divine guidance. As God would have it, one word came to me, faith! I realized that I was sitting in a room filled with ladies and gentlemen of faith. I was able to deliver a short, albeit meaningful, lesson regarding why we were there and that we were all committed to each other by our faith in God. Any negative critique that I could have shared that day would have fallen on deaf ears or worse, hurt the feelings of those I love.

I began this short message writing about traditions and their value to me and I discovered that our traditions are wrapped in faith - faith in God, faith in each other, and faith in our Fraternity. Always remember that divine inspiration once stated by St. Paul. "Faith without works is dead." If we have faith that our traditions are meaningful, then we need to work toward those ends so that those who have no faith or little experience may be taught the value of our traditions and, as our future leaders, decide if these are traditions they will continue or just let them go.

God Bless. See you in Lodge!

## **We Welcome Our New Brothers to the Fraternity**



Tullio Milani	Hiram Lodge No. 1
Augustine W. Munro	Hiram Lodge No. 1
Antonio J. Suppa	Hiram Lodge No. 1
Daniel A. Bleacher	America-St. John's Lodge No. 8
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Timothy A. Schwink	Day Spring Lodge No. 30
Alex E. Calderon	Harmony Lodge No. 42
Cory M. Joseph	Harmony Lodge No. 42
Michael J. Lawlor	Washington Lodge No. 70

# Grand Opening Held for Masonicare at Mystic

## Activities Area Dedicated to RWB Charlie Maxson



April showers couldn't dampen spirits at the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting for Masonicare at Mystic. Over 300 people attended the long-awaited event. The festivities included remarks by several speakers, including Bro. Bob Polito, Chair of the Masonicare Board of Trustees, and First Selectman Rob Simmons (also a Mason) who said, "I congratulate my brothers who have lived up to the ideals of Freemasonry."



Addressing the crowd, Bro. JP Venoit said, "To get to this day, many many people worked very very hard. As a result, we now have a state-of-the-art senior community in one of the most desirable places in the Northeast."



A high point of the event was the unveiling of The Maxson Activities Center, dedicated to RWB Charles Maxson of Mystic and a Masonicare Trustee Emeritus. "Bro. Charlie was of great counsel and moral support every step of the way in this multi-year effort to get to today. We are truly grateful for everything he has done for us," said Bro. Jon-Paul. Prior to the actual unveiling, Bro. Charlie reviewed the history of the land on which Masonicare at Mystic has been erected.

With 179 private apartments and beautiful wide-space common areas filled with natural light and dotted with comfortable furniture, the community welcomes independent living residents as well as assisted living and memory care assisted living.



Congratulations to Perry Phillips and his team at Mystic, and to all who contributed in some way to the creation of Masonicare at Mystic.

# The Masonicare Experience

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

## Recipes as Heirlooms at Masonicare Health Center

by Adam Raider

The staff of Masonicare Health Center work hard to provide nutritious, well-balanced meals that taste good and meet the specific dietary needs of every resident.

Even though the food gets high marks when residents talk about their satisfaction with living at the Health Center, many of them long for entrees, side dishes and desserts they once prepared in their own kitchens. Now, a cooperative effort of Masonicare's dining services partner, Morrison Community Living, and the Therapeutic Recreation department is reconnecting residents with foods from their past.

"Every year, Morrison comes up with a themed project that they like to collaborate on with us," said Bethany Camputaro, Director of Recreation at Masonicare Health Center. "This heirloom recipe program was one of those ideas, and we really embraced it."

Since October of last year, Camputaro and a team of recreation therapists have been collecting recipes from residents and their family members. At least once a month – more frequently during the holidays and warmer months – the Morrison team chooses one recipe to execute, adding it as a special menu option for a particular meal. Recreation follows a schedule to make sure that every unit at the Health Center – what staff members like to call "communities" – has an opportunity to showcase a resident recipe.

But the program is about more than just food.

"We've really tried to feature residents who haven't typically been engaged by other recreational activities," Camputaro said. "Some of our residents are very outgoing and participate in every activity, but with this



*Masonicare Health Center resident Aleda Rice's meatballs were always a family favorite. She and her daughter, Renee, helped prepare a batch as part of an heirloom recipe program*

program, we've looked for residents who are maybe a little more quiet. We'll talk about recipes that mean a lot to them and the memories associated with making that dish. Even if the food doesn't come out *exactly* as they remember it, it's still nice for us to learn more about our residents, and for them to learn more about each other."

Signs placed on every dining room table tell the story behind that meal's heirloom recipe item and the resident who contributed it.

There was Glenna, a resident of 6 Ramage who shared a recipe for fruit chutney that she and her daughter, Anne, used to prepare for holiday fairs and local churches and to give as gifts to friends and family.

Monica, who lives two floors down on 4 Ramage, shared a recipe for chocolate cake that she often made for special occasions or

when relatives came to visit from out of state. Her husband enjoyed it so much, she named it after him: "Roger's Cake."

Sometimes, the residents get to roll up their sleeves and help prepare a food item themselves as an activity.

"We have a cooking group on 6 Ramage," said recreation therapist Sue Rintharmy, "and we decided to use the meatball recipe of one of our residents, Aleda. Our group can get a taste of the dish before dining services prepares it for everyone. Aleda was able to physically prepare the meatballs, and her daughter drove down from Rhode Island to help. It was a special day for both of them."

Director of Dining Services Tim Smith said that the heirloom recipe program, intended to be a year-long promotion, has been too successful to wind down in September as originally planned.

"It's been so well received by the residents and their families," Smith said, "that we certainly see this extending beyond September."

"The heirloom recipe program is an example of excellent teamwork between departments," said Bro. Thomas M. Gutner, Vice President of Healthcare Services at Masonicare. "With this wonderful program, Dining Services and Therapeutic Recreation have created a meaningful activity that enhances our residents' quality of life while, at the same time, brings back enduring memories of time spent with their families and friends."

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

A short time ago, WB David Gessert passed along some old photos of the Masonic Home and Hospital. One of the photos, taken on the front lawn near the Wilder building, looks down with an unobstructed view toward Community Lake. It dates back to the dedication of the Walker Dorm in 1958, a former nurses dormitory that later became the Walker Dorm. Although I recognized a few Brothers pictured, including MWB Albert Ruwet, Grand Master 1958, I was not able to identify many others. From the photo, it seems that hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the official opening of the new facility.

Photos like this often remind me of the incredible history of our fraternity. I thought about the faith and courage of many Brothers who are long gone, yet left their mark on Masonry and Masonicare. This includes Brother Luke Lockwood, who saw the need to care for widows and orphans and wanted to create a fund for this reason. He managed to do this with \$332 returned from the Great Chicago Fire relief effort. While this money could have been used for many other purposes, Lockwood urged the fraternity to use it to create a fund for needy widows and children. As a result of his faithful persuasion of the



craft, Lockwood's dream became a reality and in 1889 the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut was incorporated.

Throughout the history of our great fraternity, many have exemplified their Masonic obligation and commitment to God through their service of others. Like Lockwood, many have faithfully taken action and given of their time, talent and resources to benefit the needsdy. This is truly stepping out in faith, being willing to move ahead with an idea for the right reasons.

In this month of Flag Day celebrations and Holy Saints John observances, and Grand Masters Day, let us remember our Masonic forefathers and their example of service to others in the name of Masonry. Let us emulate their sense of faithful commitment in all that we are called to accomplish. May God bless our efforts and strengthen our faith as we continue our pilgrimage through life as Masons.

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## Masonicare's Kelly Papa Named a 2017 Leader of Tomorrow

**K**elly Papa, RN, BSN, Corporate Director of Learning at Masonicare, has been named a 2017 "Leader of Tomorrow" by *I Advance Senior Care*, the publication formerly known as *Long-Term Living* and which sponsors the Institute for the Advancement of Senior Care (IASC.)

Ms. Papa joined Masonicare in 2013 from the Alzheimer's Resource Center. She has her BSN from St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire and her master's in Nursing from University of Saint Joseph in Connecticut.

"This is a national recognition for Kelly and Masonicare," said JP Venoit. "Kelly has done a tremendous job bringing people together to improve senior care, especially for those

with dementia and their caregivers. All of us here at Masonicare are truly honored to work alongside her."

In singling Ms. Papa out for this honor, *I Advance Senior Care* heralded her efforts to build "an inclusive cross-discipline network to connect people all over Connecticut who are passionate and touched by dementia." The result was the creation of an event entitled "ECHO: A Dementia Summit" attended by 115 people and which was the springboard for a yearlong ECHO educational academy for 23 members. Ms. Papa says her vision was to "pull a group of people together, enhance their capacities to lead and then connect them all . . . to create a real new fabric in Connecticut for supporting people with dementia."



# Grand Historian's Corner by Gary A. Littlefield

The first quarter century of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut saw only three Grand Masters and is a record that will probably never be broken. Once the adoption of the Constitution took place in 1818 the "elective aristocracy" in government and the almost despotism from the "state church", the Congregational Church, started to fade and the multi-year terms of Grand Master waned away.

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In 1816, Stephen Titus Hosmer had sat eighteen years as Grand Master and was about to assume a seat as Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He decided he had enough and declined re-election. As a result, Solomon Cowles took over as Grand Master. Hosmer who was born in 1763 lived into his 71st year and proceedings seem to indicate that he was a capable presiding officer and was involved in the growth of Connecticut Freemasonry. While he was a capable jurist and leader, he lacked some of the personality traits of his two predecessors (Pierpont Edwards and William Judd). He was labeled a conservative and fourteen lodges were added during his stint as Grand Master. Hundreds of men had petitioned and joined the fraternity and lodges grew more in size than in numbers. Solomon Cowles only served two years and the woolen mill in Torrington was some influence on the chartering of Seneca Lodge there.

By 1818, Grand Master Cowles was absent from the annual communication and chose not to seek election or appointment to any office, and was followed by Governor Oliver Wolcott,



himself not present until after his election and notification when he appeared in Grand Lodge and was duly installed. While at least one Grand Master who was not present when he was elected to office appeared six months later to be installed (illness preventing his attendance), it appears that Governor Wolcott may be the only one, not present nor seeking office, when elected.

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Sixty years ago (August 27, 1957) beloved Ansel Alva Packard passed to his eternal reward. Born in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1894, he graduated from the University of Maine in 1916 and went to work for a Boston engineering firm. He arrived in Middletown in 1921 and was raised at Warren Lodge No. 51 in Portland. Five years later he was sitting in the East and only twelve years after his raising he was District Deputy. In 1936, he was appointed to the Grand Line and advanced

to the position of Grand Master in 1944. His Masonic resume contains several pages of information and he was one of three Grand Masters who honored those who valiantly served during World War II. Each year during the war, pages in the annual proceedings were dedicated to those Brother Masons from Connecticut who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

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Minutes of lodge meetings and for that matter, Grand Lodge sessions, contain probably the most vital pieces of information for future historians. Some Secretaries are very verbose and write down everything while others believe that concise minutes are the key to success and perhaps short meetings. While minutes do not need to contain advertisements or announcements of events in area lodges the minutes should reflect the story about the acquirement of items for lodges or lodge halls. I saw one entry in one minute book from the 1850s that said, "The Master was proceeding with the opening of the lodge when a Brother came up the stairs yelling and the Tyler prevented his attendance. The Master later discovering the cause of the alarm." Well, we don't know what the cause of the alarm was. Sometimes, Secretaries record the "menu" for the hour of refreshment which can be good fodder for future historians. Another great idea (and technologies keep changing, is to record the minutes on some sort of storage device). The subject of retention of lodge minutes and records is a subject for a preservation professional.

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# A Night With Lincoln

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

Your Consistory will be presenting a play “The Last Full Measure” featuring President Lincoln as a protagonist in this drama by Mary Shipman Andrews, on Saturday evening, June 24 at 8 p.m. The venue will be the Leo H. Lohrman II Scottish Rite Theatre, 2422 Main St., Stratford. Attendance is open to all Masons, their ladies and families, and to the public. A chicken marsala dinner is available prior to the show at 5:30 at the Pyramid Shrine next door to the theater. Reservations for the dinner are required and can be made by calling the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.

The Consistory will also be presenting the 5th and 8th degrees on the morning of Saturday, July 29. More details will be forthcoming in the summer issue of the CT Freemason. For those of you starting on your Scottish Rite Journey, a 4th degree can be presented prior to these two degrees, so that you can be very well along your way to obtaining your 32nd degree in the Fall!

## Of the 7 Liberal Arts

It was Martianus Capella, a north African Pagan who wrote a book entitled “On the marriage of Philology and Mercury”, in which he outlined the existence of the seven liberal arts by employing the symbolism of seven

maidens who serve Philology upon her marriage to Mercury. Ironically, this construct was later adopted into the European system of formal education by the Church establishment in the late middle ages. Thus emerged, in formal European education the Trivium (or three roads) and the Quadrivium (the four roads). One would study the Trivium, comprised of courses in Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric, and then take up the Quadrivium, comprised of courses in Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy.

For the most part this system lasted well into the 1700's, exactly when Freemasonry began to emerge in its current form. As the 18th century moved on, it was expected that a well educated and refined gentleman would be well versed in these liberal arts and sciences. Many well educated men of the era joined progressive societies such as Freemasonry and the Royal Society, and had been exposed and graduated from institutions which employed the three step Trivium and four step Quadrivium curricula. This construct is also reflected in the three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry and the Four degrees of traditional Capitular Masonry.

The analogy goes further. Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric give us the ability to organize thoughts and present and relate concepts to others. The Blue Lodge is the place where the

fundamental tools and concepts are provided to the Seeker of Light so that he may begin to remove the rough surfaces from himself. Here he is given the tools and directions on what he must do in order to perfect himself – the inner man.

The Quadrivium relates to matters of cyclicity. Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy all involve the issues of Space, Time and Number. By using these tools we can see how all matters in the physical world interrelate. By absorbing the genius of these disciplines we can begin to sense the oneness of everything and everyone in this plane of existence. The tools gained by study of the Trivium allow us to comprehend and communicate the profound concepts of the Quadrivium.

When we listen to a lecture on the Seven Liberal Arts we must understand that what is being revealed is allegorical and not practical. For example, when dealing with Astronomy in our lecture, we are not examining the predictive discipline steeped in physics, and matters of gravitational pull and so on. We are dealing with the trait of humility. When we gaze above at the great infinite world beyond us, we should come to the conclusion of our individual unimportance in the great scheme of things. The correct conclusion is that collectively we are key to a great Divine Plan. We can use all of our previous efforts in the six prior liberal arts and sciences to help us lift ourselves out of the mundane world and into a higher plane of existence where great truths can be learned.

Accordingly, the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences are but prerequisite steps necessary to attaining a higher consciousness by slowly transmuting the man within, to a true Master.

*As always, your Consistory stands ready to help further your understanding of the Three degrees of Freemasonry. The Rites' six core values, Reverence for God, Integrity, Justice, Toleration, Devotion to Country and Service are exhibited in the system of 29 degrees which should further your personal development. Should you have questions about the Scottish Rite, please feel free to contact me at the email address above, or call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.*



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

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# From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

The April 25 Grand Opening for Masonicare at Mystic was a fantastic day. From the initial ribbon-cutting to the speeches (we kept them short!) to the delicious food, a great time was had by all. We were very pleased to be able to dedicate the community's activities center to Bro. Charlie Maxson, who has given us so much of his time and wisdom over the years.

Finally, Masonicare has a campus "east of the river" and it truly represents the future of senior living. And, talking about "the future" is what it's all about these days in healthcare. Every organization associated with the healthcare industry is trying to position itself for sustainability. The challenges we face are daunting: lower and lower reimbursement from governmental sources of payment along with continued unfunded regulatory requirements and increased competition from the for-profit providers many of whom, frankly, have done a better job than we non-profits at figuring out how to work with the system.

To respond to these sobering realities, our strategic planning exercises at Masonicare have continued to focus on realigning our service lines. Last month I wrote about how we've simplified our businesses into three main areas: residential services, home and



community services, and campus-based healthcare. We are now looking at each area and mapping out what a sustainable future will look like. The reality is that within each of these areas there are programs that have only lost money; they will never become sustainable. We need to look at creative ways to continue to offer a continuum of services without dragging the overall organization down. Are there lower cost ways to deliver these services? Are there new partnerships or alliances we can forge that will be a win-win for both parties? What programs can we expand or create that are not dependent on governmental payment sources?

Stay tuned for much more on this topic in the coming months. In the meantime, I hope to see many of you at this year's Grand Masters Day on Saturday, June 10. For details and times, please see the back cover of this issue. A great day is planned!

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Jon-Paul Venoit*  
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## A Brother in Need is a Brother Indeed

by *Richard F. Denno*

This title was used over 15 years ago, in a story I wrote for what was then *The Square & Compasses*, Connecticut Freemasonry's periodical magazine. It told of my experiences as a new Freemason, and how much my fellow brothers of Anchor Lodge were of help to me in a time of need and beyond.

Now in 2017, we are finding that the same title applies but for different reasons. WB Chuck 2.0 Landau emailed me about a fellow brother in need. "I received a call from my dear WB Alex of Universal Fraternity Lodge No. 149 in Stratford, and discovered his kidneys are giving out and he is on dialysis," wrote Landau. WB Crossley has been on dialysis for almost three years; high blood pressure and diabetes being the main causes of his renal failure. While WB Alex is on the CT organ donor waiting list, he is worried he won't get to the top of the list in time.

Every day, patients die while on the list, before a suitable organ match can be found. This is the greatest fear for those on the transplant waiting list. One nurse who is on with the Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program refers to this time as a patient's window of opportunity. "The longer the patient waits, the greater the risk that other maladies will develop that could exclude or knock them off the list," she said. For example, a diagnosis of cancer would remove the patient from the waiting list. Time is truly of the essence.

Another WB, Anthony 'Tony' Giunta, from Temple Lodge No. 16, had the same experience as that of WB Crossley. "I was on the transplant waiting list for five years and on dialysis for four years," said Tony. "Luckily, I was able to receive a kidney transplant that has extended my life. For this I am very grateful."

There are options available to patients on a waiting list. Other states might have shorter lists, and thus put WB Alex closer to the top of the list. To register on the waiting list of other states, residency requirements are usually necessary. Other requirements may or may not make this a feasible option.



*WB Alex Crossley*

Over 50% of the transplants performed each year involve a live donor. The long-term success rate with living donors is greater than with deceased donations. This applies to two organs, kidneys and livers. Your body has two kidneys, one of which could be donated. With livers, you can donate one lobe of your liver and live fine. In fact, the liver is the only organ in your body that regenerates itself over time.

This is, my Brothers, where YOU come in. A brother in need is truly a brother indeed. If you would like to be considered as a possible kidney donor for WB Alex, he can be contacted at [acros203@gmail.com](mailto:acros203@gmail.com) or by telephone at 203-395-0429. While you're at it, please register online as a donor at [www.donatelifenewengland.org](http://www.donatelifenewengland.org).

Thank You

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## Connecticut Masonic Scouters 5th Annual Camp Degree

by *John Braddock*

The Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association (CMSA) will be holding their 5th annual Camp Degree this year on Saturday, August 26, at Seton Scout Reservation in Greenwich, CT. The Entered Apprentice degree will be performed under the stars (weather permitting) at an active Boy Scout Camp. The degree team is made up of active scouters from around the state.

CMSA is presently looking for additional candidates for the degree presentation. The

candidates must be read in and elected by their respective Blue Lodges

Seton Scout Reservation is located at 363 Riversville Road in Greenwich which can be reached from either I-95 or Route 15 Merritt Parkway. Brothers are invited for a steak dinner before the degree. Brothers do not need to be in scout uniform to attend, but should wear business leisure clothes and have their dues card with them. If brothers can bring a camp chair, that would be appreciated.

There is the possibility that brothers can spend Saturday night at a camp site at Seton Scout Reservation. The cost for the evening is \$20, and includes a commemorative patch for the event. Please contact John Braddock at [john.braddock@cox.net](mailto:john.braddock@cox.net) or (203) 235-5596 for additional information.

# Charles William Yohe Receives Pierpont in Silver

by Robert Dorr

Charles William Yohe was born in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania on April 14, 1948 to Charles William Yohe Senior and Anna Etta Wickard. He is the second of five children, although his older sister died prior to his birth. Two younger sisters and a younger brother, Linda, Laura, and Edgar live in Pennsylvania and Florida respectively. In 1966, he graduated in the top ten percent of his class of 300 from Cumberland Valley High School.

Charlie was also active in several choral groups where he sang tenor, as well as the Cumberland Valley High School concert band, and orchestra, where he played the bass clarinet. During his school years, Charlie was an active participant in the New Kingstown United Methodist Church, playing clarinet in the Sunday School orchestra and singing in the church choir.

From 1966 to 1970, he was enrolled at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania where he pursued a double major in Biology and Secondary Education. While attending college, he was active in the college dance band. His love for photography gained him the position of staff photographer for the college newspaper for four years and year book photographer for two years.

When the college radio station was formed, Charlie and two close college classmates hosted an early Friday morning radio show. The show was so successful that Charlie expanded his disc jockey activities to include a six hour Friday night top 40's and easy listening show and a Saturday evening 6 hour show as well. He later included airing away basketball games during the winter months.

From 1965 until 1972, Charlie was an active member of the New Kingstown Volunteer Fire Department in New Kingstown, PA. In 1972, he joined the Sharon Fire Department, Sharon, Connecticut. He served both departments as secretary for a number of years,

During his senior year in college, he was a student teacher at Mechanicsburg High School. He graduated in May 1970 with a BA degree and was hired by Cumberland Valley High School to teach Biology and Senior Science. While there, he was the adviser and coach of the ski club and the downhill ski racing team.

In 1971, Charlie moved to Sharon, Connecticut and was hired to teach Biology and Earth Science at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Connecticut. He was Sophomore class advisor and advisor to the 'Outing Club' which involved students



in backpacking, hiking and white water canoeing. During his tenure at HVRHS.

Charlie rented the carriage house on the R.R. Colgate estate in Sharon. After the death of his father in 1972, Charlie developed a close friendship with his landlord and landlady Mark and Gala Cohn. Mark was an active member of Hamilton Lodge No. 54 in Sharon, a fact which excited Charlie's curiosity and resulted in his requesting a petition to join the Fraternity. Accordingly, he was elected to membership on September 21, 1973, Initiated on October 19, 1973, Passed on November 6, 1973, and Raised to the Sublime

Degree of a Master Mason on March 1, 1974.

Charlie started in the line by assuming the office of Junior Deacon. In 1979, Charlie served his first term as Worshipful Master, an office which he would hold some eight times. His love of the ritual prompted him to learn the Middle Chamber Lecture, which he adapted to his own 35 mm slides and the 'Dew Drop Lecture'. He has given both of these lectures scores of times throughout the District and the State.

In 1981 and again in 1982, he was appointed Right Worshipful District Deputy of Masonic District 2A by M. W. John C. Sturges and M. W. Christopher T. Wyld respectively. After serving as District Deputy, he again served Hamilton Lodge as its Master. He requested a dual affiliation with Blazing Star Lodge and was admitted to dual membership on February 11, 1983. He served Blazing Star Lodge as its Secretary, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master, and Chaplain on numerous occasions. He is now a member of Annawon Lodge No. 115 in West Haven. Since joining the Masonic Fraternity, Brother Yohe has held office in a Masonic Lodge every year except one. He has served on the Grand Lodge Masonic Culture & Public Relations Committee, the Membership & Retention Committee, and the Budget & Appropriations Committee and as Trustee. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Masonicare and was a member of its Finance Committee.

Charlie is also a member of Housatonic Chapter No. 33, Royal Arch Masons, Buel Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters, which he served as Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder, and Crusader

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# Valley of Hartford, AASR

by David R. Blythe, Sr.

On Thursday, May 4, the Valley held its Annual Meeting. Following the reading of the annual reports, the election of officers was held. Bro. Sterling N. Viets, 320, was elected as Thrice Potent Master of the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Bro. Anthony J. Gesnaldo, 320, was elected Sovereign Prince, Hartford Council Princes of Jerusalem; Bro. Mark T. Keenan, 320, was elected Most Wise Master, Cyrus Goodell Chapter of Rose Croix. In addition, Ill. Bro. Anthony F. Keegan, 330, and Ill. Bro. David R. Blythe Sr., 330, were re-elected to serve another year as Treasurer and Secretary respectively and Ill. Bro. Gordon C. Willoughby Jr., 330, was elected to be the new 33rd Degree Representative to the Valley of Hartford Executive Committee

On May 11, the Valley of Hartford held its Annual Worker's Appreciation Night Banquet and Installation of Officers. The installation was performed by Ill. Brother Bruce T. Work, 330, Deputy for Connecticut and Ill. Brother Kevin J. Hecht, 330, Active for Connecticut. The event was again held at the Wethersfield Country Club, with more than 150 members and their ladies. The Valley of Hartford holds this annual event to thank brethren, who had served the Valley as a line officers or who have helped portray the degrees.

On Sunday, June 11, the Valley will hold its Family Life Summer Cookout, from 4-7 p.m. on the lawn adjacent to our Scottish Rite Cathedral. The event will be held in conjunction with the presentation of this year's 2017 Abbot and Valley of Hartford scholarships

The annual cookout is open to all Valley members and family, scholarship recipients and family, and any interested Master Masons and family. The event is free to all but we ask Valley members to bring a dish to share. The Valley will supply the entertainment, soda, water, hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings and desert. Advance reservations are required to ensure an accurate count for food. The reservation deadline is June 8.

The Annual Summer Officers Planning meeting will take place on Thursday, July 20, at the Galley Restaurant in Glastonbury. All elected and appointed officers, including heads of the support groups should save this date.

On Saturday, July 22, the Valley will hold its Annual 5K Race/Walk to benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center. Come and join in the fun, bring the family, either to help, run or walk, or just to show the runner and walkers support. For more information you can contact the 5K Race/Walk Chairman: Tony Angelica, 320, at the Valley Office (860-666-0712). For those interested in running or walking a reservation form can be found on the Valley website [www.valleyofhartford.org](http://www.valleyofhartford.org), or in the April-May-June issue of the View of the Valley.

The Valley is now accepting candidate applications for the fall season.

Finally, on behalf of the officers of the Valley of Hartford, I want to wish you, and your family, a happy and safe summer.



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## Square Club Recognizes Past Grand Master



*MWPGM Gail N. Smith recognized by the Masonicare Square Club for providing and promoting a greater sense of unity among the brothers.*

## Grand Representative Vacancies

We are currently seeking Brothers to fill the following list of vacancies. We believe it would be more interesting to you if you had family or a connection to the jurisdiction that you might visit. If interested, please tell us why you would be a good Grand Representative to the jurisdiction you selected by e-mail [grandlodge@masonicare.org](mailto:grandlodge@masonicare.org) or Grand Lodge Office, PO Box 250, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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## District 1

Lodges 3, 5, 6, 8, 19, 65, 67, 85, 104, 107, 142, 144, 149



## Third Annual Habitat for Humanity Work Party *by Fritzner Erauda*



*Front row left to right: W.B. Greg Schroder, W.B. James Wade D'Acosta, and Kevin Demaine. Back row left to right: Felix (future home owner), W.B. Dave Klein, Diego Aguillon, Andy Folkman, Fritzner Erauda, W.B. Casen Doherty, Jason Klein, Don Demaine, John Chrysadakis, and Andrew Flasko*

What started out as just a Master's Project three years ago for WB James Wade D'Acosta, the Habitat for Humanity work party became an annual charity event for the brothers at Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3. The third annual event was held on May 6.

The day started with clouds and a chance of rain. However, not a single drop fell from the sky as the Grand Architect provided a beautiful day for the brothers to use the working tools to help the families in need of a new home. Throughout the day, brothers from other District 1B lodges joined the brothers of Fidelity-St. John's to help install insulation in a two-story duplex on the east side of Bridgeport. Much of Habitat for Humanity's work this year is concentrated in this neighborhood. They plan to build three duplexes which will be ready to house six families by the end of the year.

For any brothers or lodges who would like to help, Habitat for Humanity is always in search of manpower to fulfill their goals and to help families in need. Please visit the Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County website at <http://www.habitatcfc.org>.

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## America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 Celebrates Its 50-year Brothers

by Scott Gleason

America-St John's Lodge No. 8 in Stratford held its Annual Pin Night in May. It's always an eventful evening shared by Brothers of all ages, family and friends. This year was particularly special as the lodge honored 30 brothers in total, with incremental service pins ranging from 5 to 70 years.

The highlight of the evening was the abundance of Grand Lodge representatives, including RWB Stephen Petri, to celebrate and honor the brothers receiving their 50-year pins. In total, six brothers receive their 50 year serviced pin: RWB Anthony Pipitone, Bros. David Briner, Arthur Hermanson, Monte Klein, John Kopchik and Donald Schuler. The lodge was pleased to have two brothers, WB Richard Kassay and WB David Steiner, receive their Silver 25-year pin.



*Above: 50-year recipients RWB Anthony Pipitone and Bro. David Briner with AGMs WB Mark Hawkins and WB Chris Jennings. Below: RWB Stephen Petri, District 1 DDs and AGMs with new 50 year brothers*



*25-year brothers WB Richard Kassay and WB David Steiner*



*Bro. Clinton Ianotti receiving his 5 year pin from Worshipful Master, Scott Gleason*

## Masons Celebrate Easter With A Family Pancake Breakfast

by Donald. M. Casey

Masons from America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, along with Azalia Chapter OES, in Stratford, celebrated Easter with their annual Family Pancake Breakfast. Children participated in an egg hunt and had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Masons from the Pyramid Shrine Temple Clown Unit provided entertainment with balloon twisting animals, hats, and crafts.



# District 2

Lodges 13, 18, 21, 39, 40, 48, 49, 61



## A Brother Called Home, A Pastor Called to Initiation

by Ricky McDonnell

It was a snowy day when the brothers of Housatonic Lodge No. 61 conducted a Masonic Service in the Church of Christ in Norfolk, CT, for a 50-year Mason called home to the Grand Architect of the Universe. There was nothing unusual about, but the entrance into a packed church, the lineup of Brothers facing the congregation, and the service conducted flawlessly by another 50-year Mason, so touched the pastor that he requested a petition then and there. The accompanying photo is of a packed Lodge room in the northwest corner of the state following his EA Degree.



# District 4

Lodges 1, 9, 16, 22, 30, 38, 63, 66, 77, 79, 87, 89, 97, 115, 125, 332, 500, MLR



## Getting The Point

by Michael Calderone

If ever you are at an Entered Apprentice Degree and have the pleasure of hearing RWB Ted Doolittle give his "New York version" 3rd Section Lecture, you will not only hear about the "certain point within a circle" but may also receive a handsome gold pin of the same image: a point circumscribed by a circle, flanked by two upright parallel lines and surmounted by the Holy Bible. In the lecture, Bro. Ted gives the general description of the symbol and its basic meaning.

On Thursday, April 27, Hiram Lodge No. 1's Junior Warden, Bro. Cedric Jacobson, presented his research paper exploring the symbol in depth. To an audience of thirty-five Master Masons, Bro. Cedric made connections between the point within the circle, the Holy Saints John, the Brazen Pillars, ancient mystery schools, the path the sun takes across the sky and the winged sun disc image at the Temple at Luxor

in Egypt. Two remarkable facts about the sun disc image that the causal Egyptologist may not know is how the circular sun disc is flanked, similar to the point within the circle, by two upright serpents; and that the image is prominently displayed above the Oriental Chair in the Egyptian room of the New Haven Masonic Temple.

Lectures like these are common at the New Haven Temple as part of Hiram Lodge No. 1's education nights, which are held

monthly, as well as at its Wednesday night Book Club meetings.

While not typically open to the Craft at large, the committee would like to invite all interested Master Masons to join them in a discussion of Chapters 1-5 of Mark Stavish's *Freemasonry: Rituals, Symbols & History of the Secret Society* on June 14 at 7 p.m. in the New Haven Masonic Temple (285 Whitney Ave, New Haven). There they will continue discuss the finer points of Masonry through informal yet stimulating conversations. To keep the discussion on topic, those interested in attending are highly encourage to read the book beforehand. The purpose of Freemasonry is, at its heart, to make good men better through education and action. The Brothers of Hiram Lodge No. 1 invite you to join them in their endeavors.



Bro Jacobson explains the 'Point Within A Circle'

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# District 6

Lodges 4, 25, 28, 70, 73, 88, 145, PLR



## Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 Fills Garden Bed for Hartford Urban Farm *by Jordan Porcher*

On Sunday April 23, Masons and family got together to fill compost into garden beds in a Hartford Urban Farm located at the corner of Park and Main Streets. The Brothers of Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 of Manchester and Prince Hall Excelsior Lodge No. 3 of Hartford came together for a great cause. Every month, Friendship Tuscan holds a charity event planned by a different line officer. In April, Junior Deacon Jordan Porcher orchestrated an event to work with the Hartford Food System.

The Hartford Food System's mission is to fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Their activities aim to increase access to normal food outlets, to deepen the connection between consumers and agricultural production, to increase community capacity to advocate for a healthy and just food system, and to advance public policies to improve the affordability and quality of food.

The produce harvested from this urban farm will be placed into local markets and corner stores in the community, and onto a mobile food truck that travels to areas in the community where fresh produce is not easily accessible.

Farmer Jim Dombroski and 11 volunteers loaded wheel barrows of compost and transported it to the garden beds at the urban farm, and leveled the compost on to the garden beds.

Laying the compost is symbolic of laying the foundation upon which good things will be built. Fresh produce will be planted and harvested in this urban farm: fresh herbs, garlic, lettuce, tomatoes, cabbage. The volunteers who laid that compost down will know they played a role in helping to provide food to those in need of accessible produce in the community.

*Anyone wishing to volunteer time in this or any of their gardens or donate money in support of this great cause can call The Hartford Food System at (860)296-9325 and speak with one of their staff. Website: [www.hartfordfood.org](http://www.hartfordfood.org)*



# District 7

Lodges 2, 43, 51, 81, 95, 112, 119 131



## St. John's Lodge No. 2 and Cyrene Commandery No. 8 Present 70-Year Pin *by Vincent Cowie*

Brother and Sir Knight William J. Svihovec was visited by three Sir Knights of Cyrene Commandery No. 8 at his home on 743 Arbutus Street in Middletown on Sunday afternoon, May 7. He was presented with his Lodge 65-year and 70-year pins by RWB Francis S. Distefano, Grand Junior Deacon. Accompanying RWB Distefano were WB Vincent A. Cowie and Bro. Edward Schilke, who also all members of St John's Lodge No.2. Lodge and Commandery combined to make it a special afternoon for Brother and Sir Knight Svihovec.



# Freemason Family Day Scores Hat Trick with Hockey Game

by Jeff S. Bartlett

The Hartford XL Center hosted the third-annual Connecticut Freemason Family Day on March 26, welcoming Masons, family, and friends at a hockey game pitting the Wolf Pack against the Providence Bruins.

Square and compasses could be seen throughout the arena, as brothers from across the state proudly wore their colors. Even the Most Worshipful Grand Master Ted Nelson could be seen greeting Masons throughout.

Masons formed a “high-five” tunnel, welcoming the home team to the ice and drawing attention to the fraternity from the start. The festivities began with a powerful rendition of the national anthem by Sydney and Samantha Spizzoucco, followed by “God Bless America” by

Sonja Mumford, Brother Tom Mumford’s talented daughter. The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Charles W. Yohe dropped the puck.

The Masonic presence carried throughout the game, with references on the central display screen, where MWPGM Yohe could be seen interviewed and participating lodges were listed.

A total of 23 lodges were in attendance, including Warren Lodge No. 51, Columbia Lodge No. 25, Annawon Lodge No. 115, Wooster Lodge No. 10, Jephtha Lodge No. 95, Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Brainard Lodge No. 102, Purity Lodge No. 150, Somerset - St. James Lodge No. 34, Widow’s Son Lodge No. 66, Wyllys-St. John’s Lodge No. 4, Hiram Lodge No 1, Jerusalem Lodge

No. 49, Meridian Lodge No. 77, Anchor Lodge No. 112, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, St. John’s Lodge No. 2, Temple Lodge No. 16, Uriel Lodge No. 24, Valley Lodge No. 36, Washington Lodge No. 81, and Sleeping Giant DeMolay.

Each Masonic attendee not only enjoyed rink-side fellowship, but also raised funds for their local lodges. This year’s Freemason Family Day hockey event offered discounted \$15 tickets, with \$5 going back to the purchaser’s lodge of choice. This approach was a win-win strategy that incentivized lodge participation.

Ultimately, the Wolf Pack lost that evening, but Connecticut Freemasonry scored a victory.





# Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

Information to be included in *York Rite Opportunities* must be submitted by the **8th** of the preceding month to the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Charles B. Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor CT 06095-3842 or ctramrsm@gmail.com. **NOTE: All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice.**

## JUNE 2017

01	MP	U	Washington 01 KT, Visit Bethlehem Crusader 53, White Plains NY
01		RE U	Milford Assembly, Rainbow
02	ME MP	RE F	Grand RA & SM Banquet, Four Points, Meriden. 6 p.m.
03	ME MP	RE F	Grand Council R&SM Annual Assembly, Four Points. 9 a.m.
03	ME MP	RE F	Grand Chapter R.A.M. Annual Convocation, Four Points. 1 p.m.
05		RE	Apostles Tabernacle XXVII, HRAKTP. Din Mtg Hartog Center 6:30
06	ME	F	Franklin 02 RA, New Haven.]
06	MP	F	Adam Sattig 35 SM, Milford.
06			Keystone 27 RA, Meriden. Table Chapter \$15/plate, 6:30 p.m.
06			Washington 01 KT, East Hartford. Picnic on the Porch, 6 p.m.
07	MP	F	Halleck 44 RA & Menunketuck 36 SM, Madison
08	MP	F	Rittenhouse 11 RA & Washington 06 SM, East Norwalk
08		RE F	Rittenhouse 11 RA, East Norwalk. Royal Arch Mason deg
09	ME	F	Joseph Andrews 46 RA, West Haven.
09	MP	F	Baldwin 13 RA, Stratford
10		RE F	Grand Masters' Day, Wallingford. Parade 10:00 a.m.
11-12	MP	RE	Grand York Rite of VT, Killington
13	ME	RE F	Milford 49 RA, Milford. Peach Festival and Awards Night. Din 6:30 p.m.
13	MP	F	Harmony 08 SM, New Haven.
13		F	Hamilton 22 SM, Meriden. Select Master deg
15		RE U	Hamilton 05 KT, Stratford. Reception of REGC
16	ME MP	U	New Haven 02 KT, New Haven. Order of Red Cross, Din 6:15 p
17	ME MP	RE F	Connecticut YRC 17, North Windham. 9:30 a.m.
18			FATHER'S DAY. Have you been a good boy?
20	ME		DeMolay Golf Tournament, The Farms, Wallingford. 9:30 a.m.
20	MP	U	St. Elmo 09 KT, Meriden. Order of Red Cross, Din 6:30 p.m.
22	MP	U	Palestine 06 KT, Preston
22		RE	Trinity 03 KT, East Norwalk. YR Awards Night. Cookout.
25		RE U	GL & GKT St John's Day Service, Stratford, 9:30 a.m.
28	ME	F	Pulaski 26 RA, Branford.
<b>NOTE</b>	<b>&gt;&gt; &gt;&gt; &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>When there is a dinner, reservations are usually required</b>
	<b>ME</b>		<b>indicates attendance by the ME Grand High Priest</b>
	<b>MP</b>		<b>indicates attendance by the MP Grand Master</b>
	<b>RE</b>		<b>indicates attendance by the RE Grand Commander</b>

## COMING UP

- Jul 08 Connecticut DeMolay Conclave, CCSU, New Britain**
- Jul 29 Grand Lodge Esoteric Seminar, Wallingford. 9 a.m.**

## 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 p.m.. Grand Council will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday 3 June. Men's and Ladies' Luncheons are at noon. Grand Chapter will open and receive the Distinguished Guests at 1 p.m.. Ladies programs are planned for Saturday morning and afternoon.

Reservations were due by 12 May. There will be none available at the door.

## FROM MEGHP MARTIN EDE

Greetings Brothers and Companions, I wish to thank my companions for their confidence to do another year and to all the Grand Chapter officers. I hope to continue to build upon the theme of education and understanding that I started out with last year at this time. We will continue to promote the Capitular Development Course by Piers Vaughan as a tool for education in the Chapters along with the other materials

available from General Grand Chapter. We are planning to have another seminar with Companion Piers in the coming year, and I urge all Chapter officers to attend. Hopefully the plans and date will be finalized over the next few months – at the moment it looks like it will be a spring date again.

I will also be hoping to travel around more this year and offering to do more programs to promote the ideals of the Royal Arch Chapter and the necessity of it for all Master Masons. I look forward to seeing you all in Chapter.

## FROM MPGM CLYDE W. KAYSER, II

Companions, Although when you read this I probably have not yet been installed in office, this is my first message as Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut. I would first like to thank and congratulate Most Puissant Companion J. Andrew Birdsall for his fine service to the Grand Council in the past year. His dedication and oversight has helped to turn around a couple of struggling Councils and has left our Grand Council in good shape for me.

As I traveled around the other jurisdictions last year I heard some startling and disappointing reports from their Grand Masters. One stated that it was his opinion that the Council of Royal and Select Masters in his state were considered the weak sister of the Fraternity. A second reported that many of the Councils in his state that met on the same night as a Chapter frequently were not opened for business. A third said that the Chapters and Councils don't work very well together, which compromised the candidates, and unbelievably, a fourth reported that although there were candidates ready for the Council degrees, the Councils were not doing any work so there were also no candidates for their Commanderies. I am certainly pleased that these are not problems in Connecticut. However, we do have some concerns in our Councils and I will address these concerns in future messages.

It is my intention to try and make at least two visits to each Council this year. I do have some conflicts with my own Masonic bodies that I have to work out. I look forward to talking with the officers of the Councils to determine what assistance they may need and more importantly, listen to any ideas they may have to improve the operations of other Councils and the Grand Council.

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## 2017 Officers of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut



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## York Rite Continued from page 22

### 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 third of Brother Benja.m.in Franklin's 13 virtues, Order. "Order. Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time."

This is an area that I really need to work on. Not that last month's virtue Silence is not. I especially like the inclusion of managing our time, and not just keeping our work station or our home neat and orderly.

Again, Brother Franklin's Masonic membership shines through. I believe he is talking about the 24-inch gauge. For many of us, time manages us and not the other way around. There is a meme on Facebook that appears from time to time showing the back of an SUV with Masonic car

decals all the way across the back window. The caption says something about I see you travel a bit, and the reply is I haven't had dinner at home in years.

While I enjoy my many Masonic memberships, I do have to think about making sure these do not take away from my time with my fa.m.ily, my obligations to my church and to my employer. My fratres, I hope you will join with me in thinking about how we make sure we have the proper balance in our daily lives.

I also ask you to spend some effort in looking at the paraphernalia in your Asylums. Is it organized? Can you find the right item when you need it? Is it properly maintained? Do you have a method for ensuring items are neat, clean and organized? If not, this is the month to start

If we can improve our time management, and the organization of our storage areas,

we will have taken a large step in both our personal improvement and that of our Commandery.

Next month we will explore the virtue of Resolution.

### **YORK RITE WEBSITES**

#### **Grand Chapter RA.m. of CT:**

<http://yorkrite.org/gcra.m.ct/>

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#### **Grand Commandery KT of CT:**

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## Yohe Pierpont in Silver Continued from page 13

Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member Connecticut York Rite College No. 17. He was honored by the Most Puissant Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters by being awarded the Philip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award on June 3, 1988.

Joining the Valley of Norwich AASR in the fall of 1996, he served as Most Wise Master in 2001 and as Commander in chief 2006-2008. He led the Masonic Dyslexic Center Board of Directors in Waterbury as Chairman from 2000 to 2015. He is currently active in portraying the various degrees and was coroneted an Illustrious 33rd Degree Mason on August 25, 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts.

On August 21, 1976, Charlie married Barbara Louise Schulze of Danbury, Connecticut. The couple settled down in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut. During the next several years, he worked on a dairy farm in Eastern New York state. He continued his activities in the Lodge and became active in Rose Chapter, OES, Sharon, Connecticut as well, where he served as Warden, Sentinel, and Associate Patron. In 1982, the couple purchased their first home in West Cornwall, CT. In 1988, they purchased a 5 acre lot and built their current home at 145 Cornwall Hollow Road, West Cornwall. There they have hosted three foreign exchange students. Charlie's interests outside of Masonry include flying, photography, computers, fishing, hunting, backpacking, woodworking, and skiing. He studied and earned his Ham Radio Operators License during 2014.

Charlie served the Town of Cornwall as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and on the Cornwall Republican Town Committee, including a term as its Chairman. His involvement while on the committee included planning and coordinating the implementation of the Northwest Connecticut Bicycle Road Race for several years.

Charlie volunteers his time and talents in support of public schools by participating in annual Read Aloud days, helping out with the annual school holiday productions, playing Santa Claus, assisting with graduation, and helping Barbara with her annual 8th grade lasagna dinner fundraiser. Charlie currently supports the local schools and fraternal

organizations as DJ using an extensive up to date computer data base of music collected over the past years.

Charlie obtained employment with the Southern New England Telephone Company. He worked his way up through the Operator Services performing jobs in New Milford, Torrington, New Britain, New Haven, and North Haven, and retired as a Staff Specialist from the Wireline Communications Group.

On the recommendation of MWB Norman L. Getchell, Charlie was appointed to the office of Grand Junior Steward in 1988 by MWB John Gonsalves. He progressed through the Grand Lodge line and in 1996 was installed as our 150th Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut. In 2015 he accepted the responsibility of returning as the 169th Grand Master of Connecticut when the voting members elected him in October 2014.

Through his leadership, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut recovered from a serious deficit and established a sound working fiscal management. Through his open personality and true Masonic spirit he has revitalized Connecticut Masonry, achieving universal harmony among the brethren.

His sacrifice of time, family, and personal finance has enabled the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to regain the prominence and reputation as a leader of the nationwide fraternity. No one Mason in Connecticut modern history has contributed as much to Freemasonry in Connecticut as Charlie Yohe.

For outstanding service to God, his country, his Brethren, and for his dedication to his community, the ideals of Freemasonry; his superb contribution to the recovery and future existence of Connecticut Freemasonry and his constant vigilance for harmony; the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Connecticut is proud and pleased to honor Most Worshipful Brother Charles William Yohe by presenting him with the highest and most prestigious award available in Connecticut Masonry - the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Silver for Eminent Masonic Service.



## Masonicare Celebrates Residents 100 Years Young!

The month of May was Older Americans Month. On May 10, Masonicare Health Center held a "Centenarian Celebration" for thirteen residents born between 1912 and 1917! Each centenarian wore a rose corsage and had a special tribute read about them before enjoying a variety of cakes, fruit and beverages. Family, friends and Masonicare staff were on hand to join in this very special celebration. Even WFSB Channel 3 showed up!



# Barbara Schulze Yohe Recieves Wooster Medal in Bronze

by Robert Dorr

It matters not how wealthy you are, or the car you drive, or the home you live in. What is important is that you made a positive difference in the life of a child. A teacher for 39 years, Barbara Yohe has made a positive difference in the lives of so many children. Barbara was born and raised in Danbury, Connecticut, into a Masonic home. Her mother, godmother, and great aunt were all deeply involved with Stellar Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and her father was a member of Union Lodge No. 40. Barbara was a Rainbow Girl in Danbury Assembly.

After graduating from Danbury High School, Barbara attended Eastern Connecticut State College where she graduated with a degree in elementary education (with an emphasis on early childhood education). Fresh out of college, Barbara was hired to teach in the public elementary school in Sharon, Connecticut. Barbara's early years in teaching were centered on the lower grades. Eventually, however, one of her principals convinced her to try her hand at teaching middle school students (grades 6 through 8), and Barbara spent the remainder of her career teaching mathematics to those grades. Barbara continued her higher education and obtained a Master's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She then followed that with a Sixth year (second Master's Degree) in administration from Central Connecticut State University.

*For much of her career, Barbara was the "head teacher" at Sharon Center School and assumed the principal's duties and responsibilities when that individual was absent from the building. As a highly regarded teaching professional, Barbara helped to coach and mentor young teachers as they joined the profession. She also was an active member of the Connecticut Education Association and held numerous offices within Litchfield County.*

In addition to her teaching duties, Barbara undertook many extra responsibilities on behalf of her students. For many years, she was the 8th grade advisor and coordinated fundraising activities to help pay for the annual 8th grade end-of-year trip. Barbara established participation in a number of activities to enhance student learning such as involvement in the Ropes Course and Nature's Classroom. She also started a ski club at the school which enabled children as young as 2nd grade to be introduced to downhill skiing.

Throughout her career, Barbara was often the first teacher in the building in the morning, and one of the last to leave in the evening. On many occasions, she would provide extra help to students before school in the morning and after school in the afternoon. She would often remain to assist with special school events in the evening such as concerts, movie nights, and the school play. She developed a reputation for being demanding but fair, and her students often had an easy transition to high school mathematics because of her dedication and thoroughness.

Barbara married Charles Yohe on August 21st, 1976. Although they never were able to have children of their own, they did host three foreign exchange students: Erik Helsing from Sweden, Juan Arenas from Spain, and Guto Proenca from Brazil. Throughout the years, Barbara fully and actively supported Charlie's Masonic involvement. In 1996, when Charlie was Grand Master the first time, she would often teach all day and then drive to North Haven to meet Charlie and head off to a Masonic event somewhere in the Southern or Eastern part of Connecticut. Many was the night that she would get back home after midnight and be up and off to school by 6:30 in the morning.

In addition to her involvement in education professional organizations, Barbara also serves on the Board of Directors of the Housatonic Valley Institute, which provides interest free loans, grants, and scholarships to



residents of Cornwall to pursue higher education opportunities. She also is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a co-ed education fraternity. She also serves as a Justice of the Peace in Cornwall where she has performed a number of weddings.

Famous in the local area for her lasagna, Barbara coordinated, prepared, and served lasagna for 200 to 250 people as an 8th grade school fundraiser. Building on that foundation, she even helped Charlie to pull off a fundraiser for a young resident of Cornwall who was paralyzed in a logging accident. They served a lasagna meal to more than 700 people and raised nearly \$5,000.

Barbara's interests include gardening, reading, and traveling. She joined Stellar Chapter OES which, through closings and mergers, is now Pomperaug Chapter in Southbury. And, although she "retired" after 39 years, the retirement only lasted for 4 days, as she was hired to teach Algebra I to a class of one student, five days a week, but often substituted in other classes as well. The following year, she was hired as a long-term substitute to cover a maternity leave and a teacher who had contracted chronic Lyme disease. This year, Barbara was once again hired as the "in house" full time substitute for Sharon Center School where she is valued for her knowledge, versatility, and flexibility. Not wishing to be idle, Barbara also works summers at the Lime Rock Park road racing course in Guest Services and winters as an office employee at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area.

In recognition of her many years of service to our youth, her community, and to her invaluable support of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M. is pleased to present Barbara Schulze Yohe with the David Wooster Medal in Bronze for her dedication and devotion.

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## Traveling Men Attend NYC Garibaldi Degree

by Chuck 2.0 Landau



In the May issue of CT Freemason Adam Raider reported on the CT Garibaldi Masonic Club. It is named after an illustrious Brother who not only united Italy, but championed Freemasonry in the 1800s. Once every two to three years his Ancient and Honorable Rite is performed in the original Italian in the New York Grand Lodge. This year Brother Don Adams, Almoner for Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 in Newington organized a road trip back into the past of the Fraternity.

Don and his son-in-law Mike Mackie rented a pair of vans and fourteen Brothers piled in for a stormy trip to New York City. Heavy rains and flooding in the Meatpacking District would have deterred less hearty men, but Don and Bob navigated the treacherous waters to the Grand Lodge of New York without incident.

We fueled up for the evening at Katz Deli before changing into formal wear and entering

Grand Lodge of New York. While waiting, we had the opportunity to meet the others arriving from near (Hiram Lodge No. 1 in New Haven) to far (the Italian Grand Lodge representatives). Fortunately, we had Bro. Giovanni di Paolo, fluent in Italian, to enhance our fraternal communication.

The Grand Lodge of New York has many beautiful Lodge Rooms, but the Main Hall is among the most impressive. Outfitted with a full pipe organ, it inspires reverence to both the Grand Architect and his earthly representatives. The history and craftsmanship invested in the entire complex is worth a tour anytime you go to the Big City.

We were seated directly to the North of the Altar, providing an excellent view with the rest of the Connecticut Contingent. Brothers from New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania were given similar accommodations, with the NY Brothers in the balcony. The various Officers

and Dignitaries were recognized, Lodge opened and a brief explanation given in English before the gavel was turned over to the Master of the evening. Then we began a trip back in time, to an Entered Apprentice initiation that clearly predated modern fire code and insurance restrictions. We cannot say much about it in print, except that the Chamber of Reflection, Trials, and Circumambulations were all more unfiltered and well worth watching for today's Mason. Knowing the Entered Apprentice degree well compensated for not understanding the language, and it was clear when familiar components were moved around, and unfamiliar elements explored.

A Traveling Man is welcome in New York, and road trips are an opportunity to get to know your Brothers better, as well as experience new things. Seize the Day, for no man knows if he will see Tomorrow.

## 75-Year Brother

Merton E. Brown

Harmony Lodge No. 42

June 4, 1942

## 50-Year Brothers

Lee S. Titus

Trumbull Lodge No. 22

June 1, 1967

Bruce T. Sperry

Compass Lodge No. 9

June 1, 1967

David J. Long

Federal Lodge No. 17

June 5, 1967

Edward A. Carter

Compass Lodge No. 9

June 5, 1967

Massino Dezzani

Compass Lodge No. 9

June 5, 1967

C. Lawrence Constantine

Bay View Lodge No. 120

June 5, 1967

Anthony Pipitone

America-St. John's Lodge No. 8

June 6, 1967

Arthur A. Leach Jr

Coastal Lodge No. 57

June 6, 1967

Arthur A. Hermanson

America-St. John's Lodge No. 8

June 6, 1967

Fred C. Frueh

King Solomons Lodge No. 7

June 7, 1967

John C. White

Harmony Lodge No. 67

June 7, 1967

Troy S. Adcox

Temple Lodge No. 65

June 7, 1967

Peter G. Gaulton

Washington Lodge No. 81

June 9, 1967

Joseph W. D'Anna

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June 9, 1967

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June 12, 1967

Harry P. Harris

Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3

June 14, 1967

David R. Brown

Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145

June 15, 1967

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Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3

June 15, 1967

David W. Ives

Warren Lodge No. 51

June 17, 1967

George Metaksa

Fayette Lodge No. 69

June 17, 1967

Lawrence E. Emmons

Anchor Lodge No. 112

June 21, 1967

James W. Currier

Ionic Lodge No. 110

June 21, 1967

Stanley W. Rimland

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# The Way Out Is Within *by John Forlenza-Bailey*

There are positive and negative attributes within all of us. How does a mason resolve the conflicts within himself? What makes a man a Mason? ‘The way out is within’ is a personal journey of everyman who is initiated as a Mason making great strides toward a ‘perfect ashlar.’

In Robert Bly’s book *Iron John* an analysis of a Grimm’s the fairy tale, it is learned that men do three things innately. They provide, protect, and procreate. Bly’s research showed that after the Industrial Revolution that father/son relationships were severely altered by cultural norms and that men now live in a society without a father to a greater or lesser degree in the last 250-plus years. The wildness inside men needs a personal journey to transform to manhood. Self-reflection is a keystone why a man will discover the wonders and beauty of the world. This self-reflection requires a man to have courage and strength. Then and only then will a man have the wisdom to healthily provide, protect, and procreate. Sound familiar?

Masonry teaches that Entered Apprentice degree can signify a youthful man (beauty). The Fellowcraft degree can signify a man in his middle years (strength). Master Masons can be mentors who will teach brothers by sharing experiences, strength, and hope that the sage mason has transformed to be. In other words, as the Master Mason can impart wisdom to fellow Masons, the rough ashlar is transformed to the perfect ashlar. Practicing the degrees in Blue Lodge is essential to ‘the way out.’

As Joseph Campbell so aptly discovered in his book entitled *The Man with a Thousand Masks* and in his long career as a professor at Columbia University, Campbell taught that stories, fables, and fairy tales are agents of change that show ‘the way out’ of adversity. Campbell’s famous motto “follow your bliss” and his study of the similarities of civilizations of the past to contemporary society inspired one of his students, George Lucas, of “Star Wars” fame. “Star Wars” has men follow their bliss. Good and evil transformations within self are a major theme in “Star Wars” movies.

Finding beauty, strength, and wisdom in the initiations of Masonry’s three degrees are the way blue lodges instruct through the structure and ritual exhibited officially since 1717. Masonry teaches that the means of faith, hope, and charity (love) are ‘the way out’ of adversities. The greatest means is love. Love is the answer whatever the question. Love of self is the means to have love of others. How can one love others if one does not love one’s self? The conflict of self-love versus love of

self can arguably be the major conflict of any man. Self-love can be described as negative love or selfish love. If a man loves the seven deadly sins of pride, greed, gluttony, lust, envy, anger, and procrastination and then acts accordingly, what is the end result? Is a man acting like a mason? Of course not. That man is exercising his right to enjoy his lower nature. He is not exercising the behaviors of a mason of brotherly love, relief, and truth because he would have no interest in resolving the conflicts of love of self vs. self-love.

‘The way out is within.’ Masonry allows ‘the way out’ to happen by its genius of design. Shakespeare said it best, “To thine own self be true.” Masonry allows brothers to find the truth within and act accordingly.

Brothers learn upon initiation that they are first masons in their hearts because they believe in deity, are motivated by the search for knowledge, and wish to be part of a solution instead of part of a problem.

John Lee’s *Flying Boy* addresses the loss of self by the wounds a man received by his environment. Men are wounded when they do not get what they need to grow emotionally. Emotional growth is stunted because traumatic wounds keep a man in everlasting ignorance without the help of deity and a desire, motivation, and skill to heal. Trying to heal psyche wounds by self-love instead of love of self in not ‘the way out.’ Lee’s ‘flying boy’ is code for eternal boy. ‘Flying boys’ are not grounded. ‘Flying boys’ are too wounded and unhealthy to know the truth about themselves to grow up and act like men. ‘Flying boys’ don’t have relationships; they hold others hostage. A Mason has the means and ability to pursue mentorship available to him in his lodge, and then experience a transformation through faith, hope, and charity.

Healing emotional wounds and growing into manhood requires awareness (light), admission of awareness to a mentor (more light in Masonry), acceptance of self (further light in Masonry), and the right action of an individual (Masons acting like Masons). Masonry is a great way to initiate men into manhood and help the ‘Flying Boy’ to heal by learning right behaviors.

“Truth is the first attribute, and the foundation of every virtue.” When a Mason acts like Mason, self-love, and psyche wounds dissipate. Transformation of ritual help a Master Mason become independent to identify life’s situations, transform thinking into loving thoughts, process feelings appropriately because the beliefs of faith, hope, and charity are being exercised.

Masons learn that their best action and behavior are exhibited by Masons acting like Masons when they enter Masonic Lodges with the perfect points of their entrance known as the four cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. This is a tall order, but the role modeling by mentors during initiation showed that this tall order was possible and part of ‘the way out’ of self-love to love of self.

The benefits of love of self is the great reflection of answering the big question of who am I as a Mason and why am I here as a Mason. Masons received Masonic light, more light in Masonry, and further light in Masonry to answer those questions.

Speculative Masons learn to subdue the passions (i.e. self-love), act upon the square (i.e. love of self), maintain secrecy (i.e. more love of self and love of others), and practice charity (i.e. even more love of self and love of others).

At the end of the Mason Degree Charge brothers are informed:

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In conclusion, it bears repeating that the honoring of Deity by prayerful devotion leads to the way out which is found within reflection of self with the interdependence of Masons acting like Masons.



# Four Masonicare Nurses Receive Nightingale Award

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## Entered Apprentice Degrees

**Thursday June 1, 6:30 p.m.**, Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Dinner

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

**Thursday June 15, 6:30 p.m.**, Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, Fairfield

## Fellowcraft Degrees

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

**Thursday June 8, 6:30 p.m.**, Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Dinner

**Wednesday June 28, 7:30 p.m.**, Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, Easton

## Master Mason Degrees

**Thursday June 1, 6:15 p.m.**, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Dinner, Reservations: [reservations@sequin-level140.org](mailto:reservations@sequin-level140.org)

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

**Saturday June 3, 10 a.m.**, Putnam Lodge No. 46, Woodstock, Lunch

**Thursday June 8, 6:30 p.m.**, Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Dinner

**Monday June 12, 9:30 a.m.**, Daytime Lodge No. 144., Stratford, MM Deg. Team in Civil War Dress

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

**Tuesday June 20, 5:30 p.m.**, Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

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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 Fund raiser

**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

**Thursday June 1, 6:30 p.m.**, Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3 Fairfield, Masonic Honors & Awards Night, Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday June 1, 7:30 p.m.**, Warren Lodge No. 51, Portland, Awards Night

**Friday June 2**, Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, Relay for Life, Southington High School, 720 Pleasant St, Southington, CT 06489, USA

**Saturday June 3**, Purity Lodge No. 150, Stonington, Stonington Cemetery Work Party

**Sunday June 4, 11 a.m.**, Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Annual Chicken BBQ, 1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, and roll all for \$12.00. Dine in or take out!

**Sunday June 4, 12 p.m.**, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, WWII Remembrance: The Battle of Midway Island

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

**Sunday June 4, 2 p.m.**, Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, Duckpin Bowling Fund raiser, Proceeds benefit West Haven Soup Kitchen. Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling, Platt Ave., West Haven

**Monday June 5, 7 p.m.**, Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Awards Night, Dinner 6 p.m, Awards 7 p.m.

**Monday June 5, 7:30 p.m.**, Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, Scholarship Presentation

**Saturday June 10, 10 a.m.**, Grand Masters Day, Wallingford

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

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**Saturday June 10, 5 p.m.**, Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, 2017 Mason of the Year Dinner

**Sunday June 11, 2 p.m.**, Brainard Lodge No. 102, Niantic, Ladies At Table, *Great Neck Country Club, 28 Lamphere Rd, Waterford, CT*

**Tuesday June 13, 7:30 p.m.**, Corinthian Lodge No. 104, Fairfield, BBQ, Bourbon, and Beer tasting

**Thursday June 15, 6:15 p.m.**, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Steak & Ale, Dinner: 6:15 p.m., Meeting: 7:30 p.m. *Program: Masons of Country Music. Reservations: reservations@sequin-level140.org*

**Thursday June 15, 7:30 p.m.**, Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Awards Night

**Saturday June 17, 12 p.m.**, America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Family Picnic, *Boothe Memorial Park, 5800 Main St, Stratford, CT 06614*

**Saturday June 17, 12 p.m.**, Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville, Fund raiser: *Lobsters to Go, Pick up your orders between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Montgomery Lodge at 860-435-9722 to place your order.*

**Saturday June 17, 2 p.m.**, Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Awards Luncheon

**Saturday June 17, 4 p.m.**, Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Annual Pig Roast, Tickets are \$25. Attire: Casual

**Saturday June 10, 10 a.m.**, King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, Family and Brew Night Family event, \$20 pp, Family of 4 or larger \$60. Kid \$15

**Sunday June 18, 8 a.m.**, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, Masonic Family Breakfast. *All you can eat breakfast for only \$8.00. Brothers, families, friends, and neighbors are all welcome.*

**Monday June 19, 6 p.m.**, Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, Fellowcraft Picnic, Lions Club Camp Happy Hill, Unionville, CT

**Monday June 19, 7:30 p.m.**, Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, Hawaiian Shirt Night. *Suit and Tie have been strictly forbidden this night*

**Wednesday June 21, 6 p.m.**, Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Summer Picnic,

**Saturday June 24, 2 p.m.**, Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Chicken Challenge, *Doodys Totoket Inn, 465 Foxon Rd, North Branford, CT 06471. This year's Chicken Challenge is to raise money for the Farnam Neighborhood House*

**Saturday June 24, 7 p.m.**, Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Compass Annual - Luau Night

**Monday June 26, 6 p.m.**, Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor, Stewards' Cookout,

**Monday June 26, 7:30 p.m.**, Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, Strawberry Night

**Tuesday June 27, 6 p.m.**, Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Hawaiian Shirt Night - Junior Wardens BBQ

**Tuesday June 27, 6:30 p.m.**, King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Awards Night / Strawberry Festival

**Tuesday June 27, 6:30 p.m.**, Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff, *Dinner - \$5*

**Tuesday June 27, 8 p.m.**, Jephtha Lodge No. 95, Clinton, Strawberry Social

**Saturday July 8 9:30 a.m.**, Anchor Lodge No. 112, East Hampton, Old Home Day Parade, *Meet at Lodge to car pool. Parade begins at 11 a.m.*

**Friday July 14**, King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, Family Camping Outing, Kettletown State Park, 1400 Georges Hill Rd, Southbury, CT 06488





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