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The Attentive Ear Receives the Sound...

by Francis G. Way

Masons are taught in the Fellowcraft Degree that the attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue. This communication is at the heart of Freemasonry's lessons and is crucial to a brother's learning. Before the use of written monitors, whether in cypher or in plain text, mouth to ear was the manner in which Masonic secrets and lessons were transmitted from brother to brother.

On a broader scale, communication is essential to a healthy lodge, and even, a healthy jurisdiction. Many brothers may have experienced the uneasiness, uncertainty, and inconsistencies when working at a job where communication between management and workers is poor. Marriages with poor communication between spouses rarely survive. Organizations that may have clear channels of communication, but that transmit ambiguous messages, usually perform poorly. In short, while good communication doesn't guarantee success, poor communication surely prevents it.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Theodore J. Nelson's pillars for this year are Education, Mentorship and Communication. This month's edition of *Connecticut Freemasons* will focus on communication. With the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge coming up on October 14, the Grand Lodge will again deliberate and make decisions that govern the future of the Craft. With Open House, for Lodges that will hold them on October 21st, Lodges have the opportunity to communicate to the community at large what Masonry is all about.

All lodges should aim to have an effective communication plan in place. Not every method, or combination of methods, is right for every lodge. Some lodges have members who are not tech savvy and who still rely on the phone for their primary communication. Some brothers, even though carrying the latest iPhone, may want that hardcopy trestleboard to hang on their refrigerator. Other brothers can make best use of lodge communications coming in 140 characters or less, or in a snap.

If a lodge can make their communication plan comprehensive, so much the better. One 5th District lodge is using Slack (think of Instant Messaging on steroids) for the officers and other brothers to keep in touch. Additionally, Slack integrates their email solution (Mail Chimp) and alerts all brothers in the Slack "workspace" when an email has gone out. The technology is out there, and as long as brothers who are not tech savvy are not marginalized, so much the better.

No comprehensive plan can be effective without a coherent, consistent message. If someone communicates that a party starts at 8 p.m., and someone else communicates that it starts at 7 p.m., a host will be annoyed when people show up early, and guests will be annoyed they did not arrive for the start of the party. Make sure all brothers are on the same page and communicating the same message.

While every article in this issue will not be about how to communicate better, or discuss ways to put communication plans in place, every article in the issue is effectively communicating to the brothers of this state, and other jurisdictions, the events and happenings and future of Connecticut Freemasonry

Finally, the last and most important fact that bears remembering is that neither of the other two pillars of the Grand Master's year, Education or Mentorship, can happen without effective Communication.





Grand Master's Trestleboard

OCTOBER 2017

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE/ADDRESS	DRESS CODE	STAG/COED
Sun. 1	12 p.m.	Grand Lodge of Delaware	Delaware	Tux	S
Mon. 2	12 p.m.	Grand Lodge of Delaware	Delaware	Tux	S
Tue. 3	12 p.m.	Grand Lodge of Delaware	Delaware	Tux	S
Fri. 6	6:30 p.m.	Wooster Lodge No. 10 Awards, Preceded by dinner.	S. Main St, Colchester	Tux	C
Sat. 7	12:30 p.m.	Scottish Rite, Valley of Norwich	Norwich, CT	Tux	S
Mon. 9	6 p.m.	Evening Star Lodge Lodge No. 101. Preceded by dinner.	Unionville, CT	Tux	C
Wed. 11	7 p.m.	Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107 Preceded by dinner.	Darian, CT	Tux	S
Sat. 14	8 a.m.	Grand Lodge Semi-Annual	Hartog Center, Wallingford, CT	Business	S
Sat. 14	4 p.m.	OES Reception for WGM & WGP	Hartog Center, Wallingford, CT	Business	C
Mon. 16	6 p.m.	National Sojourners	New London, CT	Business	C
Sat. 21	4:30 p.m.	NCT Turkey Roast	Mineral Springs Campground 135 Leonard R., Stafford Springs, CT	Casual	C
Wed 25 - Nov. 8		United Grand Lodge of England (returning on Nov. 8)	Prince Albert Hall, United Kingdom		

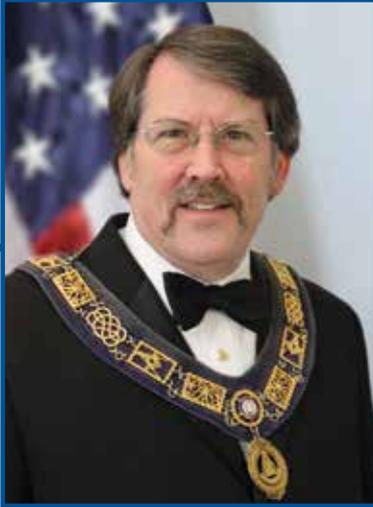
Important Insurance Information for All Lodges

The following points should be kept in mind by all Temple Corporations, Building Associations etc.:

Every five years, lodges should have an appraisal by a licensed contractor to ensure that their insurance will replace the building in compliance with current building codes.

Personal property also needs to be appraised to make sure it is adequately insured.

Paraphernalia, antiques, fine art, valuable jewelry, musical instruments and irreplaceable items should be appraised. The maximum benefit for each lodge is \$70,000 but there is also blanket coverage, so if the limit is exceeded the items would be covered, but an appraisal is necessary to ascertain the value. Otherwise, the lodge would only receive actual cash value in case of loss.



Grand Master's Message

by Theodore J. Nelson

Ceremonial vs. Administrative

Years ago, when I was an appointed Grand Lodge Officer, I would have a friendly discussion now and then

with then WB Carl Mossberg, who later went on to become a District Deputy. The subject concerned the duties of the Grand Master, since I was working closer than ever to each Grand Master, beginning in 2008. My opinion was that the Grand Master's duties were 75% ceremonial with only about 25% of his time spent on the administrative business of the Grand Lodge. Carl, in his wisdom, would not commit to a percentage, but felt that it was closer to just the opposite, but surely much more than 50%. While I now realize how far off I was in my perception of the duties, I also know that being Grand Master is a full time job; a job, which I am convinced, by the grace of the Grand Architect of the Universe, that He has prepared me for. I know this to be true, since, traveling between the highs and the lows of the office, I keep rising to each occasion to meet the demands of the moment.

I won't bore you nor scare you with the administrative duties of the office. Suffice it to say that those too have their high and low moments. It's the ceremonial stuff that I think each Grand Master lives for and enjoys performing. At least it is in my case. This has been a very special year for me to serve in the capacity as your Grand Master. It's my 30th anniversary year of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. They have been productive years, and like most active Masonic officers that you have met over the years, there has yet to be a year that I haven't held an office in my mother lodge or some other Masonic body. I'm not bragging, I'm just blessed that God has allowed me to design a lifestyle that fits with my faith, family life, vocation and the fraternity.

I have had my share of trials along the way, the worst of which was losing my son and Masonic Brother, at the tender age of 32, to a one car auto accident in February 2011. MWB Charlie Buck was the Grand Master at the time and rallied the Grand Lodge Officers to Steven Brewster's Masonic last rites during an unbelievable time of grief and despair. Through it all, my wife Grace and I were the walking wounded but I never questioned God's will. By sharing this part of my story, I'm not seeking your condolences but rather I'm telling those of you who are currently going through dire straits that our God is able, and is with you, too! He will deliver you through the "Valley of the Shadow of Death" as he has done for me and countless others. Always remember one of my affirmations, "This too shall pass."

I did say highs, and I'm happy to report that I have been to the village of Moosup and its lodge by the same name twice this past August. They continue to march in the VJ Day Parade each year and I joined with them again this year. For the few who don't know, VJ stands for Victory over Japan which marked the official conclusion of WWII. The following Saturday, Moosup Lodge performed the MM degree in a sand and stone quarry in the next town over where three Fellowcrafts were raised Master Masons. I was invited to the East by WM Charles Carpenter and RWB Ken Sheldon who received me and my dear friend from Rhode Island, MWB Peter Iacobucci, the Grand Master of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. The weather was perfect and the degree went off flawlessly.

As this year of anniversaries for me continues, I must share a story about my Masonic pedigree. My grandfather, WB Julien Collart, was raised in St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, F & AM which started out in Newport, RI and moved north to Middletown in the 1960's. This year marks the 200th anniversary of that lodge. Months ago, their Worshipful Master, WB Charles O'Hara, invited me to the festivities that they were planning which included a Rededication Ceremony along with a clam bake at its conclusion. Again, I was joined by the Grand Master of RI and traveled with WB Bill Morse, RWB's CA Duke, Marshall Robinson and Edward Page and Edward's wife Christina. It was very special for Bill and me since a few years ago, while his mom was still alive, we discovered that Bill's dad, WB William H. Morse, Sr. was the Senior Warden for my grandfather. Both Bill and I were permitted to view the original by-laws of St. Paul's and we found the pages where our departed loved ones affixed their signatures and the dates of their EA, FC and MM degrees, back in 1955 and 1956 respectively. What a great feeling it was to make those connections together.

I will conclude where I started. While the administrative side of the office takes up a lot of this Grand Master's time, the pleasure in serving during the ceremonial aspects of the job far outweighs the burden of the necessary administrative work of the office. Just like my endeavors in my business, I have great team players doing the thankless work in the background and making my job look easy. I try to thank them every day, if not in person, in my prayers.

God Bless. See you in Lodge!

Statewide Open House Day – October 21

by Charles W. Yohe

October 21 is the date this year for the designated “statewide” Lodge Open House day in Connecticut. As has been the case in the past, all Connecticut Lodges are encouraged to open their doors and invite the public in to see their Lodge rooms, ask questions, and become more informed about Masonry. Of course, some Lodges may select a different date that corresponds better with local community happenings. That is the case with Montgomery Lodge No. 13 in Lakeville. They have opted to hold their open house on Saturday, October 7 to be a part of the annual Salisbury Fall Foliage weekend and their open house is being promoted as part of that town-wide event.

The Lodges of Connecticut’s 9th district are trying something new this year. On October 21, as part of the statewide open house day, 9th district Lodges are sponsoring a “poker run” with the total proceeds to be donated to worthwhile community organizations such as local youth clubs and activities, PAL, and others. Their approach is somewhat different with the general public being invited along with the participants in the poker run with fun, food, and an opportunity to ask questions about Masonry for all.

Lodges are not confined to October 21 or to only one “open house” event per year, but are encouraged to think of ways that they can coordinate with other local events and organizations throughout the year to better inform the public of who we are and what we do.

Brochures for distribution to the public are available through the Grand Lodge office and any Lodge that needs advice or assistance in making their event more successful is encouraged to contact the Grand Lodge Committee on Community Action (COCA).

At a minimum, Lodges should put their best foot forward by making sure the Lodge property is neat and clean. Advanced planning is absolutely essential. Pre-advertising via local community media is a “must” for a successful event. It is also extremely important to have several well-informed Lodge members who can convey facts about the local Lodge in particular, and Masonry in general, as well as being able to answer questions from the general public that may arise. A suggestion is

to have a rehearsal for the presenters so that they all deliver the same basic message and are comfortable in answering questions that may be presented. Although not necessary, some sort of light refreshments are always a plus.

Finally, let us know what worked for you at this year’s open house event. Submit your photos and articles to the *Connecticut Freemasons* for possible inclusion in an upcoming article recapping the day by sending them to **submissions@ctfreemasons.net**

We Welcome Our New Brothers to the Fraternity



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The Masonicare Experience

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

Hospice Memorial Services Offer Comfort to Families, Caregivers and Staff *by Adam Raider*

As much as Masonicare is focused on enhancing the quality of life for all of our residents and patients, we also accept that death is a part of life ... and a journey that patients and their families need not take alone. When a hospice patient passes, Masonicare Annual Appeal dollars are used to support memorial services in communities served by the various branches of Masonicare Hospice. Held annually, these non-denominational services offer compassionate support to bereaved families, caregivers and even Masonicare hospice staff grieving the loss of their patients.

“Bereavement,” said Rev. and RW Bro. Carl Anderson, Vice President for Mission Effectiveness at Masonicare, “is an important part of the service we provide for people who are dealing with grief over the loss of a loved one.”

Family members who had loved ones pass away within the previous year are invited to the next scheduled memorial



Masonicare Hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator Robin Blundon speaks at a memorial service in Norwich.

service in their Masonicare Hospice coverage area. Jean Morris, Lead Spiritual Care and Bereavement Coordinator of the Wallingford and Eastern branches of Masonicare Hospice, explained that each service is a little different – one might include a dove or butterfly release, depending on the season – but some of the staples include music, words of inspiration, a reading of the names of those who have passed, live readings of poems, an expressive arts display communicating a particular theme about loss and healing, memorial tables where family members can place photographs or personal belongings of their loved ones, and a ritual table where attendees can engage in a ritual to remember and honor their loved one. Refreshments are

Hospice memorial services have included a dove release – a peaceful and healing tribute and a beautifully symbolic way of expressing a final goodbye

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From the Desk and Bench of the Grand Chaplain/Organist

by Rev. Carl H. Anderson

Needless to say, September has been a very difficult month for our Masonic family, friends and neighbors who reside in many areas of Texas and Florida. It is hard to believe that two hurricanes would hit within a few short weeks of each other. While these storms are devastating and we wonder why there have been so many over last few years, our current focus is on the present and how we can extend a helping hand to those who are in need. Since its inception, Masonry has been a supportive presence for those who have experienced disasters. As people of faith and service, the Masonic Fraternity is both a charitable and benevolent organization. Our great Fraternity continues its efforts to Help, Aid and Assist because of our mission to care for others. We are an engaged fraternity that continues to reach out with a helping hand to those in need because we believe it is the right thing to do.

Today, I believe that there are many ways we are able help in the aftermath of these storms. Certainly, we can contribute to relief efforts and volunteer to offer help in some way. But we can also

offer support by keeping the people of Texas and Florida in our thoughts and prayers over the next several months as many put their lives back together.

In this regard, I offer this prayer for all of the people affected by the Storms that battered both Texas and Florida –

O God, we ask for your strength and healing for the people of Texas and Florida. Our hearts are broken by the devastation and we feel helpless. Yet, O God, we know that you are a power greater than all disasters and that you care for each person as a beloved child of God. So we pray for all who are uncertain about tomorrow amid the devastation and ask your blessing and guidance in the challenges that are ahead. We ask for your spirit of hope to be present in the rebuilding efforts of individuals, organizations and government agencies. With the assurance of your blessings, we ask all of this in Thy Holy and ever merciful Name, Amen.

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also provided – one of the many expenses paid for by gifts to the Annual Appeal.

“One of the special things about these services,” Morris said, “is that they’re planned and run by the hospice staff themselves. Although I and the other Spiritual Care Coordinators might lead the services and explain the meaning behind the rituals, it’s the hospice staff who are doing readings, setting up the ritual tables, and greeting the families afterward. It becomes a reunion – an opportunity for families and caregivers to reconnect in a time and place separate from when we were providing hospice care.”

Hospice memorial services have drawn as many as 200 guests. Morris hopes

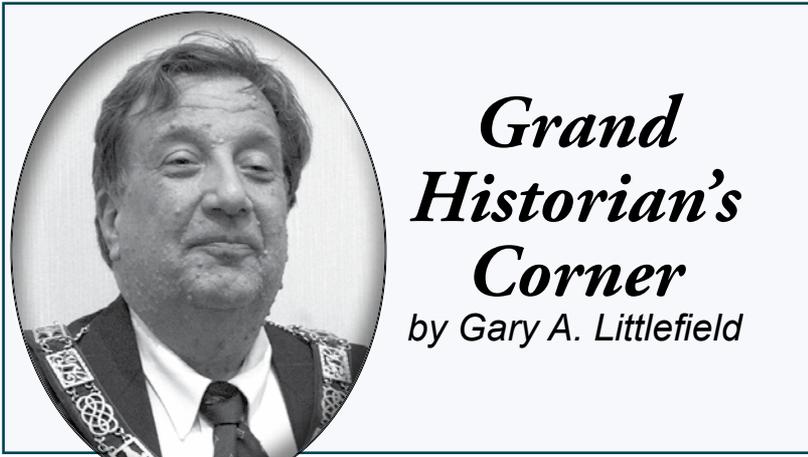
that everyone in attendance leaves better equipped to handle their current or any subsequent losses they experience.

“I tell the audience that even if no family members showed up,” Morris said, “we would still do this because of the benefit to our hospice staff members. We work in a high loss environment and sometimes we need to stop the clock. Ritual and remembrance help us do that. It’s cathartic and therapeutic for the staff as well as for the families. Hospice memorial services are mutually beneficial for everyone.”

Annual Appeal donors should feel proud that their donations are helping to bring comfort to others when they need it most.

“One of the prime concerns expressed by people who are dying is for the loved ones they leave behind,” Morris said. “I am deeply grateful for the resources of The Masonic Charity Foundation that help support the hospice program in its care of the grieving families of our patients.”

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. A monthly giving option is available.



**Grand
Historian's
Corner**
by Gary A. Littlefield

Dwight Goodell is a name that may only be known to some in Wyllys-St John's Lodge No. 4, but his service to the Grand Lodge cannot be forgotten. For a period of nine years he guarded the outer door of the Grand Lodge room at the annual assemblies. He was raised on February 16, 1854, in the old Hartford lodge of St John. Five years later he was a charter member of Hartford Lodge No. 88 and was almost immediately appointed Senior Deacon. Without serving as a Warden he was elected Worshipful Master in 1865. In 1882, he was a member of both the capitular and cryptic bodies of the York Rite. At the outer door, and also in public department, he was considered a gentleman, genial and pleasant to all with whom he crossed paths. He stood a just and upright Mason for his entire Masonic career. He departed this earth on April 26, 1883. Comments were made that he remembered all who attended the annual session, when and if they departed the lodge room and even how long they were absent. If they were delayed, he reminded them of their obligation as delegates or proxies and that they were probably missing important issues. One would also imagine that those occupying the tyler's post would also have the responsibility of insuring that all the proper elements were in the proper places in the lodge room.

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We have certainly had some darker moments in our history, but we can learn from the mistakes of others to improve our society and our fraternity. Fred Waldron, who was Grand Master in 1883, commented in his address about Northern Star Lodge No. 58 of Pine Meadow. The officers of the lodge had sent a communication to the Grand Master advising him that it was impossible for the lodge to do any work as none of their candidates could obtain a clear ballot. Among them were some of the pillars and leaders of the community. Culture, wealth and social position all shared the same fate. The lodge funds had been consumed and no work or ritual had been performed in fifteen months. They invoked the wisdom and advice of the Grand Master as the funds being used to operate the lodge were from the charity fund. MWGM Waldron notified the Master to summon the members to a meeting. At the meeting, brothers responded with comments about the deplorable condition of the lodge but wanted peace and harmony to prevail. The lodge was subsequently put on probation. He also gave the lodge a dispensation to revote on a

candidate who was rejected a few months previously. At the next meeting, ballots for two candidates were presented and both were rejected. The Grand Master heard the results and informed the lodge that the next meeting he would be present to arrest the charter. The charter and paraphernalia were surrendered to the Grand Lodge and placed in storage. In his final remarks Waldron stated that the lodge had many good members and the trouble came from a few who seemed destined to see the lodge ruined if they were not placed in charge. There was no other alternative since those that spewed negativity were not forthcoming. Northern Star Lodge ceased to exist at that time.

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Those who knowingly gave false statements on petitions for membership were sometime handed over to the Grand Master for action. Such was a case where a man had been rejected by Moriah Lodge No. 15 and subsequently moved to New York state where he applied for membership and was accepted and the degrees were conferred on him. Moriah Lodge was made aware of the situation and the Grand Master corresponded with the Grand Master of New York. An investigation followed and the Lodge was found not guilty of any wrong doing but the individual Brother who made false statements on his New York petition was and was expelled by the Grand Master of New York and peace and harmony prevailed between the two Grand jurisdictions and the lodges involved in the matter. Once again this was reported in MWGM Waldron's address to the craft.

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT
AVAILABLE**

The Grand Lodge is looking for a new home for several gently used items of office equipment:

Equipment available:

- Minolta Bizhub 250 copier, scanner
(out of warranty but serviceable)
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(still covered by warranty)
- Panafax fax machine which can operate as a copier
for very small office settings

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Equipment is offered on an "as is" basis at no cost to our Lodges and Appendant bodies on a first come basis.

You are responsible for pick-up. If interested, please email Debbie Fowler at DFowler@Masonicare.org.

Valley of Hartford, AASR *by David R. Blythe, Sr.*

We begin a story called a script. Then we look for a person, the Director, who is willing to assemble a group of individuals. Next a call goes out for a group of individuals willing to learn lines, or just be on stage. At the same time we look for individuals who prefer not to be on stage -- the support staff. Collectively, this group is responsible for presenting the script to an audience -- a Degree.

This is just one of the pillars on which the Scottish Rite Fraternity exists. Others are the vision statement: "We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members," another is the lasting friendships formed and the community that exists among brethren and brethren's families.

Lastly there are the core values: Reverence to God, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, Devotion to Country, and Service to Humanity. These core values are woven into the scripts of our degrees, portrayed in a theatrical setting, each fall and spring of our Scottish Rite calendar year.

To become a member of the Scottish Rite one needs to have seen the 4th and 32nd degrees plus three other degrees that are based on the core value. And, although the Scottish Rite Valley is made up of four bodies: Lodge of Perfection (4th through 14th), Council of Princes of Jerusalem (15th and 16th), Chapter of Rose Croix (17th and 18th), and the Consistory (19th through 32nd degrees), one is not required to see a degree in each body,

Why then so many degrees? Because no degree covers all of the core values. Members are encouraged to come back again and again to see not the degrees they have not seen and to gain the full impact of each of the values. A passport book is given to each member so that he can travel to any Scottish Rite Valley, see the portrayal of any degree, and to receive a stamp in the passport book. The degrees portray both Old and New Testaments periods and modern historical periods in America.

The remaining Fall degree schedule portrays the 12th and the 15th degrees on Thursday, October 12. On Thursday, November 2, the officers of the Rose Croix line will portray the 18th degree. The fall season comes to a close on Thursday, November 16 with the portrayal of the 32nd degree.

If you have not made reservations for the pre-degree dinners please do so ASAP by email sect@snet.net or by mailing your check to the Valley office. The meals are buffet style and reservation forms can be found in the latest copy of the View of the Valley or on the Valley's website www.valleyofhartford.org. Meals start serving at 6 p.m. at the Sphinx Shrine Facility. The evening's degree work starts at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget your passport book and/or dues card.

Should you need more information or have a candidate interested in joining the Valley of Hartford, please contact the Valley office Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 a.m. and noon or by email at sect@snet.net.



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THE VISION OF THE SCOTTISH RITE:
*We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our
Masonic obligation to care for our members.*

REMAINING 2017 SCHEDULE:

Thu., Oct. 12 - 12th & 15th Degrees

Thu., Nov. 2 - 18th Degree

Thu., Nov. 16 - 32nd Degree

Degrees start at 7:30 p.m.

Pre-degree Dinner at 6 p.m.

(Advance Reservation Required)

Price: \$12 per meal if paid in advance.

\$15 if reservation without payment.

\$20 without a reservation.

**Note: Reservation deadline is noon
on the Tues., prior to the degree.**

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From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge is coming up on Saturday, October 14.

As is tradition, this event also includes the Annual Membership Meeting of Masonicare Corporation. New members of the Board of Trustees will be voted upon and Bro. Bob Polito, Chairman of Masonicare's Board of Trustees, and I will share highlights of the year.

Certainly, a high point of the year was the Grand Opening of our newest community, Masonicare at Mystic on April 25. Not only does this give Masonicare a high profile presence in the eastern part of our state, but it's proof of our determination to lessen our dependence on the government as a source of revenue. These apartments can be leased on a monthly basis with a straightforward lease contract, which affords residents financial flexibility whether they are in Independent or Assisted Living. If you haven't had a chance to see our Mystic campus, put it on your list of places to visit.

As I mentioned last month, we are excited about our plans to acquire Chester Village West, a retirement community in the Connecticut River town of Chester. We hope to retain many of their employees and welcome them into the Masonicare family as Masonicare at Chester Village by the



end of the calendar year. This acquisition is another strategic move designed to position us for the future.

On the healthcare side, where our largest revenue source is the government, we are realigning what we call our "medical model." The medical model has been unsustainable for years, costing us millions of dollars. To reverse this situation, we have developed an innovative partnership with West Haven Medical Group, part of Physicians Alliance of CT, which provides clinical support to over 50 area nursing homes. With their expertise in credentialing and billing, they can assume the employment of our medical staff efficiently and effectively while providing the coverage

we need. We hope to have this fully implemented before December 31.

Also on the healthcare side, we are well underway with our continuum-wide effort to create an electronic medical record that unites all our clinical services. This is a major project that positions Masonicare to provide better customer service, operate more efficiently and improve quality of care.

Before closing, I want to give a "shout-out" to Bro. Thomas Gutner. After 34 years of dedicated service to Masonicare, Bro. Tom retired on September 30. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement!

In closing, let me note that we are entering the new fiscal year with much uncertainty to both the state and federal budgets, so we expect continued challenges as the year progresses. But it is our ability to adapt to business realities that will set us apart from other organizations, and sustain our mission for many generations to come.

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The 'Other Organ Donation' *by Richard F. Denno*

In 2004, my beautiful wife Midge received a kidney transplant. That donation was what is referred to as a deceased donation, an organ transplanted from someone who has died. While Midge was on the Organ Donor Waiting List for a deceased donation, we tried another option: to have her receive a living donation with a kidney from a living person.

According to Donate Life America, living donation is the key to saving more lives. Kidney and liver patients who are able to receive a living donor transplant can receive the best quality organ much sooner, often in less than a year. Over the past 25 years, Donate Life America has worked with the Donate Life community to make organ, eye, and tissue donation at the time of death a trusted process and expectation. DLA is now also committed to using its voice to build trust and understanding of living donation. A living donation of one's kidney or a portion of the liver, are by far the most transplants performed. In rare cases, a living person can also donate a lobe of the lung, portion of the intestine or pancreas.

Three of us Denno's were compatible with Midge and went through the screening process needed to become her living donor. Although all three of us were disqualified for various

medical reasons, a true blessing resulted from our efforts. They discovered a 3.2 centimeter low grade tumor on my left kidney, which had been slowly growing for a number of years. Untreated, by the time it was found, it could have developed into a very serious or life threatening situation. I underwent a partial nephrectomy and have been living a full life with 1.6 of my kidneys. In my brother Allan's case, they found plaque in the veins of his legs, and he was effectively treated for the condition.

A dear friend and part of the Donate Life America management staff donated her kidney to her brother. "Living donation was easy for me," said Jocelyn Reed. "I am grateful I was able to make life possible. My brother needed a kidney transplant. I needed to help. Life as we know it after donation and transplantation returned to normal pretty quickly for both of us. Never fear the unknown – there is always something greater on the other side."

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Pyramid Shriners Labor of Love *by Donald M. Casey, Jr.*

Master Masons from the Pyramid Shrine Temple Clown Unit celebrated Labor Day weekend by participating on two events. On Saturday, September 2, the clowns, along with the Rainbow Assembly, traveled to America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 and conducted a car wash fund raising event. Two day later, the clowns entertained spectators while marching in the 56th Annual Labor Day Parade in Newtown, Connecticut. In addition, the clowns shared their mission of assisting needy children receiving medical care at the Shriners Hospital.



District 1

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



Inaugural Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Laptop Award

When Easton resident Brandon Muczynski started his freshman year at Purdue University this fall, he did so with a generous gift from Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142.

Because of his academic excellence and service to the community, Brandon received the inaugural Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 A.F. & A.M. Laptop Award.

“It is important to us to be involved with the community and invest in our youth, especially those who embody the tenets of our organization,” said WB Joe Zannino, Past Master of Ashlar-Aspetuck, “and Brandon certainly does that.”

“We started planning this out with the school Principal and Guidance Department at the beginning of the 2016/2017 school

year and it’s nice to see it come to fruition. We are looking forward to doing it again next year,” Zannino added.

Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 is located at 200 Center Road in Easton and meets on the second Wednesday of every month.



A Brother Abroad - Lodge Water of Leith No. 1267

by Michael Calderone

One of the greatest pleasures in Freemasonry is traveling. Once a Master Mason, we are free to visit any Lodge as long as it is recognized by our Grand Lodge. If ever you have the opportunity to visit Scotland, I encourage you to seek out a Lodge, make the proper arrangements and give yourself a treat by meeting your Scottish Brethren. I guarantee you a warm welcome, an eye-opening meeting and a hearty refreshment known as the "Harmony," complete with good food, drink and a nightly raffle for Scotch and prizes!

Lodge Water of Leith No. 1267 is an active Lodge meeting on the southwestern outskirts of Edinburgh. Like all Scottish Lodges, Water of Leith has a unique color scheme represented in their regalia, neckties and aprons. No other Scottish Lodge sports their colors of brown and gold. Leith, itself, is the port town in north-east Edinburgh and the Water of Leith is the river that flows through the city to the port. As relayed to me when I visited this past August, the brown represents the muddy waters of the river and the gold represents the sunlight reflecting off of it.

Visiting one another's Lodges seems to be a common and regular practice for Edinburgh Freemasons. Brothers hold



Water of Leith Lodge tie, showing their distinctive colors.

membership in multiple Lodges, as some do here in Connecticut, but attend each other's Lodges so often that there is an air of comfortable familiarity among the Brethren. The program for this August evening was a 3rd Degree ceremony for a new Brother. It was attended by Brothers from at least five separate Lodges, including Right Worshipful Masters (RWM), as they are called, and a handful of Immediate Past Masters (IPM), those who sat in the East the

previous year. As one who fell into that category as the IPM of Hiram Lodge No. 1, I was introduced along with the Scottish RWM's and IPM's. The 3rd degree contained many familiar aspects to me but also a plethora of variations that were both alien and fascinating. As Scotland does not have a standardized ritual, Lodge Water of Leith's degree is, itself, somewhat unique in Edinburgh. While some Scottish Lodges require a only a handful of questions to prove a candidate's proficiency between degrees, Water of Leith requires a couple dozen. I found that practice to resemble Connecticut's Stewards' Lectures.



WB Michael Calderon and Bro. Charlie Calder

At the Harmony after the degree, I was reunited with Brothers I had met on previous visits to Edinburgh including WB Davie Park who graciously ferried my students' luggage from the train station to our flats earlier that week; WB Norrie Austin who last year voluntarily toured my wife and me around Castle Doune (a.k.a. Winterfell from Game of Thrones and Swamp Castle from Monty Python's Holy Grail); and soon-to-be RWB Charlie Calder whom I met on Facebook this summer for no better reason than the similarities of our names!

All of these Brothers and those of Lodge Water of Leith welcomed me as one would hope we would welcome Brothers from our own Lodges in Connecticut. I encourage you to welcome and visit each others' Lodges, Prince Hall Lodges, those of our neighboring states and Lodges in the world at large. Goodwill, brotherly love and friendship should be extended to every Brother we meet, come he from near or far.



5th District Happenings

In the space of two weeks, three of the four lodges in District 5B had their annual evaluations, and made seven new Masons. Unity Lodge No. 148, Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 and Hospitality Lodge No. 148 were all evaluated, and all cooperated together in doing so.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ted Nelson had indicated that he wanted all evaluation accomplished by the end of September. All three lodges had scheduled their evaluations for September on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Unity Lodge No. 148 was scheduled first on Tuesday, September 5.

That evening saw many brothers in attendance, the nearly full sidelines helping to provide a good experience for the new Masons. Brothers from Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 were in attendance as well. Both lodges strongly support each others' efforts and it is not unusual to see brothers from one lodge visiting the other.

Senior Warden Kevin Tate and his officers, all up one chair from their regular positions, did a fine job conferring the degree and making three new Masons. While there was some initial nervousness (no doubt due to the presence of the District Deputy and AGM), the officers settled in and quickly established a rhythm. The degree work was smooth, and featured the long form Apron presentation, and the 2nd Section Lecture. Additionally, Worshipful Master Ed Battle, who on step-up night could have had the evening off, presented the Door Lecture, not often heard, just prior to the candidates being received.

Unity Lodge holds regular education evenings for candidates (a practice that is strongly encouraged) and gives the new brothers educational materials and invitations to those educational sessions. The brothers of Frederick Franklin Lodge invited the new brothers to see the Entered Apprentice Degree the following week as well.

On Tuesday, September 12, it was Frederick Franklin Lodge's turn. It was not a step-up night in Plainville, and again, the sidelines were well populated. The brothers of Unity Lodge showed up with their new Entered Apprentices.

Again there was some early nerves, but similar to Unity the previous week, the brothers settled in and established a nice flow to their degree.

Brothers in this jurisdiction who remember the lean years of the 90's and early 2000's will appreciate the fact that not only were there three candidates taking the degree, but none of them had gray hair. Masonry seems to be making a comeback, with younger men seeking its tenets and light. These men are, for the most part, seeking the wisdom and philosophy at least equally with the camaraderie, something that all Masonic lodges and bodies should be cognizant of.

The evening did feature some degree work from the brothers of Unity (the Door Lecture and 2nd Section Lecture) and again, a fine impression was made on the new brothers.

The two week whirlwind evaluation tour finished up with Hospitality Lodge No. 128's evaluation. Because Hospitality's meeting place in Wethersfield is a smaller room, the Lodge likes to do their degree work in other lodge rooms. Frederick Franklin Lodge has made their lodge room available to Hospitality Lodge several times before and Wednesday, September 20, was no exception.

Hospitality's evaluation provided an interesting situation. Normally in a district, if the District Deputies have responsibility for their own lodge, they will trade off to perform the evaluation. However, in the case of Hospitality this year, the other 5th District Deputy is their Worshipful Master. RWB Bob Gresham and his AGM WB Dick Inconvati, of District 6A, graciously came to Plainville to do the evaluation.

Brothers of Unity Lodge and with their new EA's and brothers of Frederick Franklin were on the sidelines as a candidate from Hospitality and a candidate from Unity Lodge became Masons. The degree was well performed and was a fine evening for candidates and brothers alike.

The common element in all three of these evenings was the cooperation and fraternal synergy among the brothers of the three Lodges. It is not unusual to see the brethren visiting the other lodges, and it is almost always a given that any one of them will be there to help the others.

The influx of men into the fraternity, coupled with the spirit of cooperation between lodges, bodes well for Masonry, especially in the 5th Masonic District.

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50 year Building Re-dedication of Unity Lodge No. 148 by Roger B. Thorin



WB Edmond J. Battle welcomes MWB Theodore J. Nelson and his suite of officers.

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon September 9, the Masons of New Britain, the Grand Lodge officers, family, friends, and Masons from other lodges, gathered together at Unity Lodge No. 148 to re-dedicate the lodge building, built 50 years ago.

The event was hosted by Brother Theodore J. Nelson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut AF&AM, and Worshipful Brother Edmond J. Battle, Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge. The day began with a welcome by SD Paul O. Catanzaro, President of the New Britain Masonic Temple Corporation. He gave a brief history of some of the buildings the Masons occupied before this building was erected.



Presentation of the colors by New Britain Assembly No. 6 I.O.R.G. and Nathan Hale Chapter of Demolay

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Presentation of Plaque to WB Henry A. Dyson by WM Edmond J. Battle



*Remarks by
WB Henry A. Dyson*

The invocation was given by RWB Francis G. Way, District Deputy 5B. Distinguished guests were introduced by SW Kevin L. Tate, followed by the presentation of the Colors by the New Britain Assembly No. 6 International, Order of Rainbow Girls, and Nathan Hale Chapter of Demolay.

WM welcomed everyone to the re-dedication and thanked them for being here. He then gave a brief history of how our current location came into existence. The Fellow Craft Club of New Britain bought a large house at 48 Grove Hill St. in the late 1950's, but due to redevelopment in the 1960's the house was bought by the State through eminent domain to allow Rte 72 through New Britain. This became the seed money for a new temple. A committee was formed and after much debate the property at 10 Mason Dr. was chosen.

The Brother on that committee who fought the hardest for 10 Mason Drive was WB Henry Dyson. By God's good graces, WB Dyson was in attendance at the re-dedication as he was at the dedication 50 years ago. WB Dyson's family was involved with Masonry early on. His father was Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 20 in 1926, the year Henry was born. WB Henry was made a Mason in Walnut Hill Lodge No. 139 in 1952 and was Worshipful Master in 1963. He is still an active member of the Lodge. WB Dyson has had a long and distinguished Masonic career, and to this end the brothers of Unity Lodge through WM Battle presented him with a Lifetime Achievement award. His wife Joyce was given a bouquet of flowers, and a standing round of applause was given by all.



Joyce Dyson with her husband WB Henry A Dyson.

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The Grand Lodge officers proceeded with the re-dedication ceremony, presided over by MWGM Theodore J. Nelson. He welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out, and stated how pleased the officers were to perform this ceremony. They then performed the solemn and impressive re-dedication ceremony.

When it was over the Grand Master said he was pleased to see that Unity Lodge is doing well and moving in the right direction, due to the dedication of its officers, family, and friends. He turned the proceedings over to WM Battle, who thanked the Grand Master and his officers for being there and the fine ceremony they performed. He again thanked the brothers, family, and friends for attending and informed them that refreshments would be served downstairs in the banquet hall.

The benediction at the close of the ceremony was given by RWB Brian E. Beals, Past District Deputy 5B.

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Grand Lodge officers performing the ceremony



MWGM Theodore J. Nelson taking part in ceremony



Grand Lodge officers and officers of Unity Lodge No. 148.

Building my Masonic Edifice *by Ryan Hunt*

September 7 at Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 was step-up night. I would be sitting in the East for the first time. This would be a culmination of months of hard work, practicing the opening, EA Degree, and closing. I had been warned by many brothers that “once you put that hat on, your brain leaves you.” This did not happen to me but it did open my eyes to the work that is needed to become an effective Worshipful Master.

At Sequin-Level there is a brotherly rivalry between SW Lee Martin, who sets the bar, myself, attempting to outdo him, and SD Tad Bistor who reminds us that he’s going to do even better. This drives the junior officers to excel at ritual and make the Lodge proud of the work we are doing. It does add pressure to perform but it also makes the officers aware of what is required and expected.

It was the Lodge’s annual inspection and DD RWB Ted Hasty and AGM WB Bob Everest would be attending. Then a few nights before the degree I learned I would have to receive our DD and

AGM, drape the Altar for a Past Master who had recently passed, and hold a vote in addition to everything else. My only concern for that evening had been the degree work. I hadn’t given much thought to the rest of the night. WB Bob Bailey’s kitchen crew made meatloaf for dinner at my request. I just wanted some comfort food before I took the next great step in my journey to the East.

It being inspection, and I being the JW, WB Bob Everest was required to ask me certain questions. I remember Bob’s mouth moving and I froze. Bob, being the good brother he is, placed his hands on my shoulders and reminded me to breath. I regained my composure and answered his questions. With my confidence back, I took my station and looked at the crowd.

The palms of my hands were sweaty; I just needed the night to start. At 7:30 p.m. I was able to open the lodge in due form, recognize the kitchen crew and Past Masters, and get on with the events of the evening.

I had spent so much time practicing for the degree that, when receiving the DD and AGM, I completely forgot what to say. I ad libbed but I realized that I still have a lot to learn.

But from the second I asked if “there is a candidate in waiting” and through to the Charge, I had a new feeling. Pride! The team had just put on one of the best degrees I’ve seen. All Master Masons worked together like a high end jeweled movement. That is when it dawned on me that that is what the Master’s job is all about: putting people in a position where they have an opportunity to exceed their own expectations. It does take hard work, and the brothers had put in their work and shined.

I still have a lot to learn and I’m sure there will be missteps along the way. The brothers before us have shown us the way but now the junior officers of Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 will lead the way.

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Hospitality Lodge No. 128 Holds Yearly CTCHIP Event At Cornfest

Every year the Wethersfield Green is turned into a fairground. Fair food, games, and exhibits abound on the green in the oldest town in Connecticut. A one day affair, the Wethersfield Cornfest is not to be missed. It is quintessential New England.

And every year since being reconstituted, Hospitality Lodge, in the largest tent on the green, holds a CTCHIP event. This year was no exception.

Despite the foggy cloudy start to the morning, the Wethersfield High School band played the National Anthem and the Cornfest was officially open. By that point, the brothers of Hospitality Lodge had been set up and were ready to provide identification packets for any children who came through.

With the sun not coming out until nearly 11 a.m., the early traffic was light and this eliminated the chance to eclipse the previous year's mark of over 90 children. But when the sun came out, the day got warm and more folks came in and took advantage of this free service.

Of special note was one young mother who, while registering her young daughter, said that she herself had been through the CTCHIP process years back, when VHS video tapes were part of the package. The brothers commented it was nice to have a 'legacy' child going through.

The day's work, while quite busy at times, was very satisfying. In all, 77 children were provided with ID packets.

Thanks go out to RWB Ted Hasty and WB Larry Baker for setup, and to RWB Frank Way, WB Matt Griffin, Brothers Alberto Dieguez and Antonio Duarte, WB Bob Everest and his wife Sue, and RWB Charlie Weiss for their efforts during the day.

Special thanks go out to the Brothers of Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 for the tent, and to all brothers who helped set up and take it down.



Dress for Success Has Expanded *by John Chan*

The Fraternity and their wives helped make the Dress for Success Wardrobe Closet at the Hartford Vet Center a great success. The generous donations from brothers from many different lodges have helped fill the closet to the brim.

I have now partnered with another organization, Save-A-Suit, to clean and to distribute the donations to Veterans, providing business attire to give them the self-esteem to face their job interviews and land a job. See <http://saveasuit.org/soldierstocivilians/> for more information.

The Freemasons and Save-A-Suit will be taking donations to the third Vets Rock Exposition on November 3, at Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort, Uncasville. The Exposition will feature a hiring fair and workshops tailored for Veteran job seekers, active duty Military, Guard, and Reserve members. Veterans and military members will be coming from all over the country for this event, headlined by Eagles guitarist, Joe Walsh (<http://wtnh.com/2017/09/12/the-eagles>).

It is a well-known fact that all clothes hung in our closets will “shrink” and become too tight to wear, in time. Brothers and wives -- donate your serviceable dress clothes (good condition only) that have shrunk to a very worthy cause. Regain that valuable closet space taken up by clothes you can no longer wear! Get your lodges involved! Collect your donations and we will come to your lodge to pick them up.

For more information or to arrange for pickup, email Brother John Chan at jmchan1@sbcglobal.net. Donations must be picked up by the October 20. For anyone who would like a tax receipt, please go online www.saveasuit.org/donationreceipt

District 9

Lodges 15, 24, 46, 60, 69, 110, 113, 122



9th District Open House

by Perne R. Maynard

Each lodge in the 9th District will hold an Open House on October 21. These eight Lodges will coordinate a new strategy for Open House. Some will be part of a motorcycle “poker run.” Some lodges are serving food for all attendees. Lodges participating in the poker run have also donated three prizes for a raffle. There will also be a separate raffle for a registered bottle of Jameson’s Irish Whiskey purchased at the Jameson Distillery in Ireland.

Each lodge will open and close as indicated in their local advertisement. These are the lodges currently committed to participating in this Open House event:

- Putnam Lodge No. 46 – Pulled Pork Sliders
- Moriah Lodge No. 15 – Jambalaya
- Moosup Lodge No. 113 – Gourmet Mac & Cheese
- Ionic Lodge No. 110
- Wolcott Lodge No. 60 – Hearty Beef Stew
- Cornerstone-Quinebaug Lodge No. 122 – Swedish Meatballs

- Fayette Lodge Lodge No. 69 - Pancake Breakfast
- Uriel Lodge Lodge No. 24

Each participating lodge will forward all received donations to their local charities. Some of these charities are:

- Families in need
- Local youth athletics (Little League, Football, Soccer, etc.)
- High School scholarships
- Veterans Boot Camp
- Safenet Ministries (food bank)
- Shriner’s Children’s Hospital of Springfield, MA
- Boy Scouts of America

We hope to see all our Brothers at lodge on October 21.

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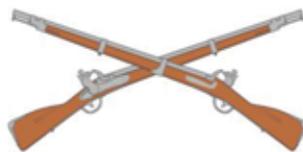
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Submission Guidelines..... Again???

In keeping with this issue's theme of Communication, it is time to reiterate the submission guidelines for submitting articles and other content to the *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper. More and more submissions are received lately that don't follow the guidelines.

Why Guidelines?

With upwards of 40 or more submissions every month, having submissions in as near a consistent format as possible is a great time saver. Once the monthly deadline is reached there are approximately five days to do all the editing. Having to pull content in many different formats, and in some cases remove embedded characters that those formats use, adds to the time and complexity. There is a hard deadline the editorial staff has with the printer if the paper is to hit subscriber mailboxes as early in the month as possible, so any time saved in editing provides more time for layout and proofing before that hard deadline.

So How Do I Submit?

Content should be submitted as a Word .doc attached to an email sent to submissions@ctfreemasons.net. If Word is not available, send it as a plain .txt file attached to the email.

Do not submit it as the body of an email. Many email programs embed control and other characters in the email and these must be removed during editing.

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Photos should be sent as an attachment, in .jpg, .gif, .png or .pdf format in the highest resolution possible. If the resolution is too low or the photo is too small, it will not be used. If the highest resolution results in a file too large to email, contact us. We can help.

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Advertisements are different. Drop an email to the submissions address and someone will get back to you and work with you on your ad, discussing size, color etc. See the advertising policy article elsewhere in this issue.

When Do I Submit?

The submission deadline for any issue is the 10th of the Monday prior, so for November, submissions must be received by October 10. Obviously earlier is better. If an article is ready on October 1, by all means submit it.

Please note that for inserts, the deadline is 5th of the month. Contact the editorial staff with any questions – use the submissions address.

Anything Else I Should Know?

Sure, there is.

While the editorial staff does not publish a style guide for the paper, there are a few little things that will make the whole process smoother.

- Use Times New Roman font.
- Use “No.” instead of “#” when specifying Lodge numbers.
- Don't use “th” on day numbers in a date.
- Third person in articles are preferred to first person in most cases.
- A page in the paper is usually 700-800 words. Space is at a premium. Articles will be| tightened as needed, so be succinct.

SEND US YOUR STORIES!

Finally, the editorial staff encourages all Lodges to send in stories. Lately the District News sections have been featuring stories from more and more Lodges. Some districts are still a bit underrepresented though.

Almost everyone has a cell phone with a camera these days. Snap a few pictures of a Lodge event and send them in. Even if there's not an article and just some captions for the photos, that would be great. Don't feel that a Pulitzer Prize worthy article has to be submitted with them.

The editorial staff would always rather have more stories than too few.

**Send your stories to the Editor at
submissions@ctfreemasons.net**

Are You on the Square?

by John A. Amarillos, MSA, membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

Lafayette Consistory and the Valleys of Bridgeport and New Haven will be offering candidates and brothers seeking to complete their Scottish Rite Passports a very wide range of options in October, with many chances for brothers to become candidates. The Valley of Bridgeport will present the 15th and 16th degrees on Saturday, October 14, as well as the 12th degree (live) and the 29th degree (BluRay) on Monday, October 23. The Valley of New Haven will present the 5th degree on Monday, October 2 and the 13th degree on October 16. New candidates for the 32nd degree can begin their Scottish Rite journey by contacting the appropriate Valley (see the Consistory ad nearby) and informing them of their desire to view the 4th degree. The 4th degree will be presented to them before the scheduled degree for that night so they can begin fulfilling the degree prerequisites for sitting in the 32nd degree.

The next 32nd degree that the Lafayette Consistory will be hosting is now scheduled for 8pm on Monday, December 4 at the Stratford Theater. Please mark your calendars and make dinner reservations with the Consistory office (203) 375-0064 early, so as to avoid disappointment.

Upcoming social events include a Wine and Beer tasting and Auction for the Children's Dyslexia Center at Ashlar Village on Saturday, November 4, and a dinner theater excursion to the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford NY, to see "Annie Get your Gun" on Saturday, November 11. Again early reservations are suggested as there is limited space.

Perhaps one of the most widely recognized Masonic symbols is the Square. Our ritual alludes to the mechanical function of the square, i.e., "A tool made use by operative Masons to square their work." It is perhaps a symbol that predates the well known operative function however. The Stolistes of ancient Egypt conducted solemn processions carrying a Cubit of Justice, by which perpendiculars, right angles and squares might be laid out. According to Wilkinson's "Egypt," the square was an emblem of justice, because being a right angle of 90° it deviated in no manner whatsoever from a perfect horizontal to a perfect perpendicular. This allusion, that

of justice, having a connection with that which is upright, has become universally imbued in many languages – as in "an upright man", or a "just man."

In Freemasonry, the Square is considered one of the three Great Lights. The Square enables us to position things in a proper upright manner. The Bible, another Great Light, alludes to the importance of this, i.e., "The way of the just is uprightness, thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just" (Isaiah 26:7).

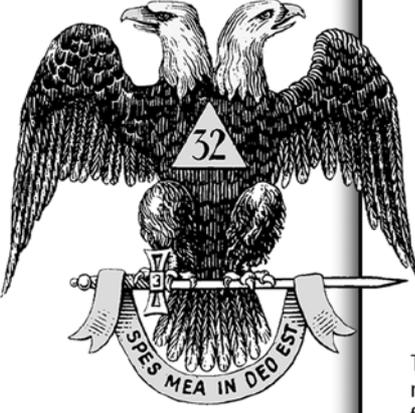
The square (aroura) was also the Egyptian land measure and was equivalent to 10,000 cubits (Wikipedia). Lastly, the square alludes to the astronomical divisions of the ecliptic and celestial equators indicating the equinoctial and solstitial points, thus becoming an indispensable tool in accurately setting the very vital seasonal calendar.

We can thus see how through antiquity the words right (straight) and wrong

(crooked) have become embedded in our language. In actuality, the Brother who wears the Square as a symbol of his office has mastered, through intentional transmutation of his passions, all the unfortunate tendencies and temptations which could interfere with his managing the affairs of his lodge in anything but an upright manner. The Jewel that the Master wears is thus indicative of a huge personal accomplishment, and one that entitles him to properly and reliably govern his lodge, and further ensures that he will always do the upright thing for the lodge and for his lodge brothers.

As always, Lafayette Consistory, and the Valleys of Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury stand 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.

LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY



October 2017 Schedule

Contact the Consistory Office to arrange for seating and meals for any of the degree events.

Oct. 2	5th Degree	New Haven
Oct. 14	15th and 16th Degrees	Stratford
Oct. 16	13th Degree	New Haven
Oct. 23	12th Degree (live) & 29th Degree (BluRay)	Stratford
Oct. 25	10th Degree	Waterbury

R.S.V.P. required. Please email: Office@LafayetteConsistory.com or call 203-375-0064

Those desiring to start their **Scottish Rite** journey should notify the Consistory Office so arrangements may be made for the video of the 4th Degree prior to the 5th Degree.

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Advertising Policy in *Connecticut Freemasons Newspaper* by Francis G. Way, Editor

For some time now, the *Connecticut Freemasons* has had an inconsistent policy on what constitutes advertising. This inconsistency crept in over the course of several personnel turnovers and needed to be addressed.

Going forward, beginning with the November issue, all fliers, trestle boards, etc., submitted will be considered advertising, regardless of the type of event. Charges for advertising will be based on the amount of space required, and whether or not color is needed/applied. A rate card, showing prices and relative sizes, and the up-charge for color, will be available and provided upon request. The rate card will also be available for download. A link to the rate card will be published in the next issue.

If a small article is submitted for an upcoming event, it will not be considered advertising, but be aware that it must pass the “sniff test” – if it looks like advertising, if it smells like advertising, it’s going to be

considered advertising. And articles are always subject to the priorities of space in the paper. Purchasing an ad guarantees it will run and be seen by all subscribers.

Please note that if a lodge/group feels that they cannot afford the rates for their flier, Grand Lodge provides a free service to email the flier to all lodges. Simply email the flier to the Grand Lodge office and ask that it be sent. For those who want to be sure that their flier is seen by every subscriber, submitting it as an ad is the best way to ensure that.

There are also rates for inserts. In this October edition, Lafayette Consistory is publishing their newsletter as an insert. There are several months available for inserts. Please note that deadlines for publication are different. Contact the Editor for further information.

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“Making A Difference”

Committee on Community Action

by Perne R. Maynard

As we go to our lodges this month, there are a few key topics that COCA would like Lodge Masters and Secretaries to bring up in Lodge:

Tabs for Tots – Your Lodge should have an active Shriner as the liaison for the Tabs for Tots program. He will coordinate the Lodge's effort in the community to collect tabs and aluminum products to help the Shriners Hospitals. I have the enthusiastic support from the Potentate who will help support and expand this effort in the Shrine this year.

CTCHIP Program - As CTCHIP is transitioning from CD to flash drives this year, brothers will need retraining. CTCHIP needs more volunteers to join in this effort to provide this important service to our youth. I am requesting each lodge provide 6 volunteers to be trained in a District training class in 2017. As we expand this program into the schools and day care centers, we need our lodges to step up to the plate if we are going to hit a home run in this service that we have provided to our communities for many years.

Open House - The Chairmen of CMA & COCA respectively have been asked by the Grand Master to roll out a marketing plan on their websites and in the October issue of the *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper for this year's Open House. The third Saturday in October has traditionally been the day that Grand Lodge has had an Open House. The MWGM has made Open House this year an elective choice on the part of each lodge, but each Lodge should have at least one open house during the year. See the 9th District article to see how we are going to have our Open House Day. The 9th District motorcycle Poker Run event will be advertising and inviting Brothers, neighbors and the general public to join us at our lodges on October 21. The main purpose is to help each lodge raise money for their favorite local charities.

I invite all Connecticut Masons to join with us, so hop aboard the COCA train or you may be left standing at the station.

Communication: Trust But Verify – A Cautionary Tale *by Francis G. Way*

It is said that communication is a two-way street. In the best of cases it is, and especially when all parties are 100% sure of what the other is saying. But a recent experience of mine shows where things can go wrong and also shows the importance of verifying information, even when received from a trusted source.

Over the summer I received a message from the office of the Valley of Hartford, Scottish Rite, indicating I should place a date on the statewide Scottish Rite online calendar (which I maintain) for the Grand Lodge on September 23. In response to my question about the purpose of the date, I was told “Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication.”

At first blush, this did not seem right, but being aware that the Grand Master was scheduled to travel to the United Kingdom in October to celebrate Masonry’s 300th Anniversary, I thought that it was at least possible that the semi-annual communication had been moved up. Still, it did not seem quite right and at the first opportunity I double-checked (I forget with whom), and was told it was for a “Masters and Wardens Seminar.” That seemed more plausible. Having verified that much, I added it to the dates that appear in the *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper.

After the September issue came out, I began hearing about the summons that the Grand Master had issued to all the Masters and Wardens to attend a special meeting, at the Valley of Hartford in Newington on September 23. Doing more investigation, I found out that was indeed the case, and it was not a Master and Warden seminar in the usual sense. However, at that point, it was too late to make any kind of correction in the newspaper.

As time for the special meeting grew closer, the Grand Master invited all the District Deputies to attend, and asked that some of us help with registration that morning. It was during that process that some of the shortcomings in the entire communication process came to light.

Late in the registration process, after most of the Masters and Wardens were in the auditorium, a brother came in. He was there for the “Masters and Wardens Seminar.” He was a Senior Deacon in his lodge, and as an incoming Warden, he wanted to attend the seminar. The only problem was

that it was not the regular seminar but a special meeting. Unfortunately, the brother had driven 50 minutes to attend.

The entire situation has caused me to think a lot on how this particular situation could have been alleviated. Clearly there were some things that could have been improved.

First, I could have dug just a bit deeper, perhaps, on the actual purpose of the meeting. There was some confusion early on about what the purpose of that date was. However, from my viewpoint, the actual purpose of the meeting was not generally known and not broadcast until the summons had been sent.

A bigger issue seems to be the sometimes inconvenience of print media. Each issue is edited, laid out, printed, and off to the post office well before the first of the month for that issue. The September issue was “put to bed” and to the printer early in the last week of August. It is possible to modify the PDF of any given issue that is online at the ctfreemasons.net

website, but many brothers don’t think to go back and check that. I probably wouldn’t go back to check it myself.

And so this highlights some important things to keep in mind when checking dates, especially dates that appear in the *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper. When using the newspaper to find dates, it is always best to call and verify if the event is still on, or if it is what you think it might be.

Another good practice would be to corroborate the date on a lodge or other calendar on the Grand Lodge website. By their very nature, they are more up to date than anything published in the newspaper.

Good communication involves good, timely, and true data going out. But sometimes it also involves a “trust, but verify” mentality on the part of those receiving the information.

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Students in Residence Program

Quinnipiac Students at Pond Ridge Assisted Living for School Year

Masonicare is excited to continue its partnership with Quinnipiac University for a unique Assisted Living experience.

Once again this year, two students from the University were chosen to live within the Pond Ridge Assisted Living community for the entire 2017-2018 school year. Sarah Cullen and Kevin Currie were chosen after going through an application and interview process with a group of staff and residents at Pond Ridge and Ashlar Village. Some of the requirements for the students include 8 hours of service weekly to the residents, which will be unique to the students and the community, as well as a requirement to eat at least 1 meal a week with other residents.

The students were also asked to identify some sort of “gift” that they would be able to bring to the community. Sarah, a junior Occupational Therapy student, is a musician who plans to use her saxophone and guitar skills to entertain residents at social gatherings. Kevin, a MBA graduate student at Quinnipiac, is an

avid singer and has already thought about putting together a choir of residents.

The two students moved in on Tuesday, August 22, greeted by their new neighbors, Masonicare staff, and the local media! Along with becoming involved in the community, the students will share thoughts about their experiences through blogging, journaling, and video recording.

While they may differ in age, the students and residents have much in common. The residents appreciate the opportunity to share their wisdom with their younger counterparts, and the students are happy to bring their energy and passion for learning into the senior community. As proven by the success of the first two Students-in-Residence in 2016-17, this program will allow this year’s students to build new and lasting friendships which will change their lives.



(left) Welcome, Sarah and Kevin, to the Masonicare family!

(below) Sarah and Kevin with (from l.) Kelly Papa, Masonicare Director of Learning; Marisa Dominello, Manager of Recreation at Pond Ridge; Grace Giannini, Memory Resource Coordinator and supervisor of the Students in Residence program; and Erica DeFrancesco, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy at QU.



Craft at Refreshment

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

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RECURRING EVENTS

Every Sunday, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, 12 p.m., Build a Brother. *Go over any 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 Road, Orange, CT*

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*

EVENTS

Sun., October 1, 8 a.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Blood Drive - American Red Cross

Sun., October 1, 12 p.m., Children's Dyslexia Center of CT, Waterbury, Begins at 1:00pm. Registration begins at noon. Two miles. Picnic to follow at the lodge., 531 Highland Ave, Waterbury, CT 06708

Tue., October 3 7:30 p.m., King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, Table Lodge.

Fri., October 6, Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, East Hartford, CT, UCONN FB Game @ P&W Stadium, Volunteers needed! Friends and family 18+ yrs young welcomed.

Sat., October 7, 12 p.m., Purity Lodge No. 150, Stonington Cemetery Work Party

Sat., October 7 10 a.m., Montgomery Lodge No. 13, Lakeville - Lodge Open House, CHIP program for the Salisbury Fall Festival.

Sat., October 7, 6 p.m., Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Oktoberfest, German Food! German Music! German Beer! German Wine! (Non alcoholic drinks are also provided.) Casual dress or lederhosen if you desire. A multi course meal that will leave you stuffed! Prost Zum Wohl!

Mon., October 9, 6 p.m., Evening Star Lodge No. 101, 150th Anniversary, Farmington Club, 162 Town Farm Rd, Farmington, CT

Sat., October 14, 8 a.m., Putnam Lodge No. 46, Woodstock, Open House and Pancake Breakfast.

Sat., October 14, 10 a.m., Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Open House

Sat., October 14, 7 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Animal Haven Dinner, Hiram Lodge is hosting this fund raising Gala for Animal Haven. Dinner and entertainment.

Thu., October 19, 6:30 p.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Table Lodge

Sat., October 21, 9 a.m., Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, Statewide Masonic Open House

Sat., October 21, 9 a.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Masonic Open House

Sat., October 21, 9 a.m., Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, Open House

Sat., October 21, 10 a.m., King Solomon.,'s Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Open House & Purple Pumpkins for Epilepsy

Sat., October 21, 11 a.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Statewide Masonic Open House

Sat., October 28, 6 p.m., Putnam Lodge No. 46, Woodstock, Halloween Table Lodge. Only \$25 per person

Sat., October 28, 7 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, Halloween Bowling Party, Amity Bowl, 30 Selden St, Woodbridge, CT

Sat., November 11, 4 p.m., King Solomon.,'s Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Ladies Table Lodge

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GRAND LODGE SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Sat., October 14, 8 a.m., Hartog Center, Wallingford

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

Thu., October 5, 6:30 p.m., Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, Fairfield, Dinner

Thu., October 5, 7:30 p.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester,

Tue., November 14, 6:30 p.m., Composite Lodge No. 28, Suffield, Dinner

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Mon., October 2, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner

Wed., October 11, 8:30 p.m., Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107, Darien

Tue., October 17, 6:30 p.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Dinner

Wed., October 18, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Dinner

Mon., October 23, 7:30 p.m., Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville,

Tue., October 24, 6:30 p.m., Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, Dinner

Thu., October 26, 6:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Dinner

Thu., November 2, 6:30 p.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Dinner

Tue., November 7, 6:30 p.m., King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Shelton, Dinner

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Thu., October 12, 7 p.m., Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, Dinner

Mon., November 6, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner



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5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mystic Museum of Art
9 Water Street, Mystic, CT

Stamford

Sunday, November 19, 2017
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Italian Center of Stamford
1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT

Greater Wallingford

Saturday, November 18, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Augusta Curtis Cultural Center
175 E. Main Street, Meriden, CT

Greater Hartford

Saturday, January 13, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
E. Hartford Community Cultural Ctr.
50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT

This fall, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut invites you to remember loved ones and friends by lighting up the **Tree of Life**.

Tax-deductible donations in support of the Tree of Life enable Masonicare to provide quality, compassionate hospice care to our patients and their families when no other funding sources are available.

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