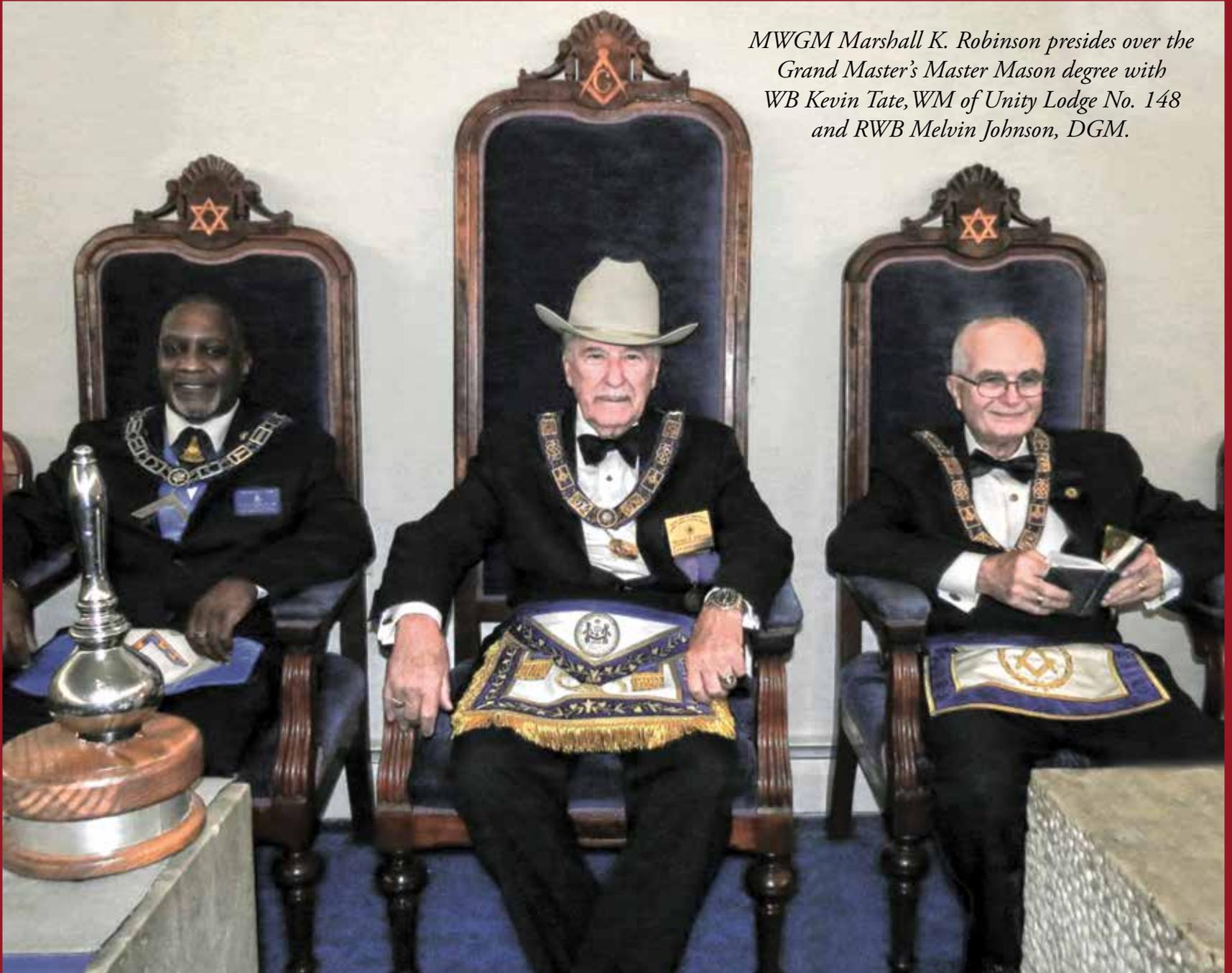


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*MWGM Marshall K. Robinson presides over the
Grand Master's Master Mason degree with
WB Kevin Tate, WM of Unity Lodge No. 148
and RWB Melvin Johnson, DGM.*



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Grand Lodge Officers Portray the Master Mason Degree in New Britain *by Francis G. Way*



Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies and AGM being received.

“The Grand Lodge Officers just can’t do ritual well.”

“You’d think the Grand Lodge Officers could do ritual, after all, they’re the Grand Line.”

“Geez, these guys can’t even open without messing up.”

Those are all comments that have been made over the years about the ability of those Brothers in the Grand Lodge officer line to execute the ritual of the Craft. But if any brother was of that opinion, and was in attendance on September 4, at Unity Lodge No. 148, when the Grand Lodge officers portrayed the Master Mason degree, he very quickly would have had his mind changed.

Still recovering from his mid-summer motorcycle mishap, Most Worshipful Grand Master Marshall K. Robinson led his officers in a Master Mason degree that was all the more remarkable because the officers had never had the opportunity to get together and rehearse!

After a wonderful dinner put on by the brethren of Unity Lodge No. 148, the lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Kevin Tate. There were 75 brothers in attendance and two candidates.

The reception of Grand Lodge officers was just a bit different than usual, in that all of the officers, District Deputies, and Associate Grand Marshals were conducted in, the Grand Master was received, and he, in turn, proceeded to introduce the remaining members of his suite, also announcing what part they were to play in the degree.

The only Grand Lodge officer missing that evening was Grand Senior Warden RWB Stephen Petri, who had a family emergency. He was very ably replaced by MWB Charles Buck.

The first half of the degree was very well done, and was near perfect in terms of ritual delivery. It should be noted that RWB Grant Gould, Grand Secretary, did a flawless job with a long form working tools presentation. The Craft were highly appreciative, congratulating him at the break.

In the second half, there were 12 craftsmen (a refreshing change from portrayals where the line “we six Fellowcrafts representing twelve” is sometimes heard), all portrayed by District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals. The two candidates were raised in “short form” after which RWB Gould played Hiram Abif, including the soliloquy which was again, flawless.

With so many brothers in the lodge, it was crowded at the grave, but the work (again, with no rehearsal) was smooth and practiced.

The charge was given by WMB Charlie Buck. Any brother who has not heard MWB Buck perform ritual is missing a great Masonic experience. His long



form charge made all Brothers present contemplate just what it means to be a Master Mason.

It should be noted that all evening there was an air of excitement, and strong fellowship and enthusiasm for the Craft. Any brother who missed this evening surely missed something special.

MWB Robinson closed the Lodge in due form, and by the time the gavel had sounded for the last time, he and his Grand Lodge officers had dispelled the myth that “the Grand Line can’t do ritual.”

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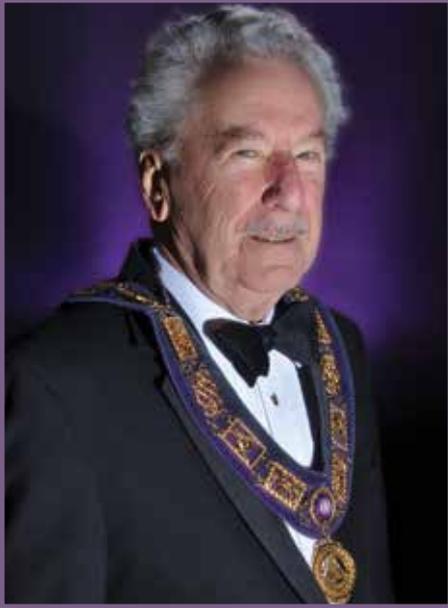
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Grand Master's Message

by Marshall K. Robinson

As I travel around Connecticut visiting lodges, it is really refreshing to see the level of care and concern expressed to me by the Brethren and their families concerning my recovery from the

horrible accident that I was involved in last July. Only in Masonry would it be so widespread. I thank all of you and want you to know that my recovery is progressing nicely.

By the time you read this, our Semi-annual Grand Lodge Session will be upon us. You will have an opportunity to vote on

some matters concerning the craft and also to vote on the Grand Lodge officers for next year. This year, I am going to vote on all of the Grand Lodge officers at once. That should speed things up a bit.

Sadly, we had to cancel the Grand Masters Golf Tournament due to lack of interest. I called that one wrong. We haven't had one in years and I thought it was a good idea to try one again. We needed nine foursomes to break even. That's about one from each district. No big deal – right? Wrong, we only had four foursomes. It's all part of the learning experience, as long as we learn from it.

Except for a couple of issues, I am pleased to inform you that the craft is well in Connecticut and most of us are living up to our obligations. I look forward to seeing many of you at our October Grand Lodge Session.



MWGM Robinson introduces the cast of the Grand Master's Master Mason degree.

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REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
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The 2018 Regular Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut will be held in the auditorium of **The Hartog Activities Center at Ashlar Village on the Masonicare Campus in Wallingford, Connecticut on Saturday, October 20, 2018.** You will need to follow the instructions of the Security Staff for parking. You may enter from either Cheshire Road or from Masonic Avenue. Bus transportation will be provided as necessary.

Please note that the Masonicare Campus is now a 100% smoke free facility.

The formal opening will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. Please note it is anticipated that the session may extend slightly beyond noon, but it will conclude by 12:30 P.M.

This **Regular Communication** is called for the purpose of electing Grand Lodge Officers for the year 2019. In addition, we will receive certain committee reports, act on any legislation changes which may be in order for consideration and other issues, time permitting, as directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Marshall K. Robinson. Section 8203 of our Masonic Law does permit action on changes to the Rules and Regulations which are raised from the floor or motions presented in Committee Reports at the meeting without prior notice to the craft. **The Pending legislation items are published in the September 2018 issue of CTFreemasons.** Please bring the appropriate reference material with you to the meeting. Limited copies of the proposal legislation will be available.

Included in the Committee reports will be the report of the Trial Commission on adjudicated charges that were brought before the Trial Commission. These will be taken up for action during the report of the Trial Commission.

Registration of delegates will begin at 8:00 A.M. **All Brothers attending must present a 2018 dues card.** All voting delegates must register at the registration table. Registration will be by Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

Should you not be able to attend in person as a principal officer of your Lodge or should you wish to proxy your vote representing your Lodge so you can vote on your own behalf, if eligible, please fill out a proxy form that will be mailed to you under separate cover. If your proxy form is not properly filled out and signed by you, it will not be accepted at the session. Each officer, or his proxy, should bring the appropriate Apron and Jewel of his respective office. Sections 2300 and 2301 of our Rules and Regulations state that a Roll of Lodges will occur early in the opening of the session. **Proxy forms will be mailed directly to the lodge officers.**

Coffee and pastry will be available starting at 8:00 A.M.

With my fraternal best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant S. Gould".

Grant S. Gould
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Wallingford, Connecticut
September 1, 2018

TO BE READ AT THE NEXT STATED COMMUNICATION UPON RECEIPT

Legislation to establish the position of Grand Almoner in Connecticut Masonry.

Discussion

Most Worshipful Charles W. Yohe having appointed a Grand Almoner in 2015 and from thenceforth the position having been reappointed by every successive Grand Master; it is appropriate that the position of Grand Almoner be permanently appointed within our Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Therefore it is proposed that the following Articles and Sections be amended to include the position of Grand Almoner:

Constitution ARTICLE I.

The Grand Lodge, How Constituted.

The voting members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward, Grand Chaplain, Grand Almoner, Grand Tiler, and all other appointed officers and standing committees of the Grand Lodge during such appointment, all past elected Grand Officers, current and Past District Deputies, while remaining in good standing in their respective lodges, together with the Masters and Wardens of the several lodges of this state, provided that this amendment shall not affect any brother who was a member of the Grand Lodge, at the time of its adoption. All other Master Masons belonging to the constituent lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Constitution ARTICLE IV.

Election and Appointment of Grand Officers.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected by majority ballot at the Semi-Annual Communication at a time in the morning convenient to the Grand Master, except the District Deputies, Grand Deacons, Grand Marshal, Grand Stewards, Grand Chaplain, Grand Almoner, Grand Tiler, and any others who shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

Subpart 21 - Officers of the Grand Lodge

Section 2100. Who Are Officers.

The officers of this Grand Lodge are: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Senior Deacon, a Grand Junior Deacon, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Senior Steward, a Grand Junior Steward, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Almoner, a Grand Historian, a Grand Organist, a Grand Tiler, and such other officers as may be designated in its Constitution.

Section 2118. Titles of Grand Lodge Officers.

Titles of Grand Lodge Officers should read as follows: The title of the Grand Master shall be "Most Worshipful". The title of the remaining elected Grand Lodge line officers, together with the Grand Senior and Junior Deacons, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior and Junior Stewards, Grand Chaplain, Grand Almoner, Grand Historian, Grand Organist, Grand Tiler and District Deputies shall be "Right Worshipful". Brethren who have held such offices shall retain their respective titles for life.

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From New Haven, Connecticut via I-91

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TO: All Voting Members of Masonicare Corporation
FROM: Bro. Robert F. Polito, Chairman, Board of Trustees

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MASONICARE CORPORATION**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018
Masonicare at Ashlar Village
Knapp Auditorium
Wallingford, CT 06492**

Time: 9:00 a.m. *

This meeting is being held as part of the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication. Please make every effort to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote upon the following issues:

- Approval of the 128th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
- Election of Trustees
 1. Bro. Francis X. Conlon - Annawon Lodge No. 115
 2. Bro. David A. Gessert - Compass Lodge No. 9
 3. Bro. Howard W. Orr - Composite Lodge No. 28
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From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

Like so many others, I am very relieved that our Grand Master has made great progress recovering from his motorcycle accident. In his column in the September issue, he expressed praise for Masonicare Health Center where he came for rehab after his hospitalization. We were more than delighted to care for him – that is, when he was in his room! The Grand Master's experience with us also echoed something that we hear all too often – that Masonicare is “full” or that the patient should go to another rehab associated with the referring hospital. I salute him for sticking to his guns and insisting that he be referred to Masonicare. Patients have a choice and their wishes should be honored.



workers to the maintenance staff, housekeepers, volunteers and others. “It takes a village to raise a person up to a place of happiness,” she said, and added that Masonicare staff had “touched my life and that of my mom.”

In Wallingford and Mystic, we contract the management of our Dining Services with Morrison Community Living. We are very proud to share that our Mystic Dining Services staff has been recognized with Morrison's “Be A Star” regional award AND national account of the year award. These awards recognize “the highest level of operational and service excellence.”

Speaking of Masonicare Health Center, we are very happy to welcome our new Administrator, Amy Pellerin. Amy comes to us with 18 years' experience in healthcare management and a strong focus on people. You can read more about her in this issue.

I say it's one more reason to consider Masonicare at Mystic as a great place to live.

Recently, the daughter of one of our long-term care residents at the Health Center asked for ten minutes of my time. Typically, when a family member reaches out with some sense of urgency, it's because we have fallen short in some way of meeting their (and our) expectations. Happily, this was not one of those instances but instead an hour-long conversation about the wonderful experience her mother has had moving through our continuum – first as a resident at Pond Ridge Assisted Living, then as a rehab patient and resident at the Health Center. She credited everyone for this – from the nurses, CNAs and social

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge is coming up on Saturday, October 20. 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. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon-Paul Venoit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Life is a culmination of the past, an awareness of the present, an indication of a future beyond knowledge, the quality that gives a touch of divinity to matter.
- Brother Charles Lindbergh





From the Desk and Bench of the Grand Chaplain/Organist

by Rev. Carl H. Anderson

The clock continues to tick away and Fall is upon us with all its beauty and splendor. This is indeed a beautiful time of year when God's creation of colors is breathtaking. Yet at the same time, it seems that the seasons are moving faster than ever before. The long summers of our childhood have given way to a much shorter season where fall moves faster than ever before.

This continuous and quick change of seasons reminds me that life is constantly in flux. It seems that just when we get used to something, it changes and we have to get accustomed to something new or different. Spiritually, we are in an ongoing process of continuous change. Our spirituality is very different as we stroll through the passing of the seasons of our lives. The good news is that God is both a spiritual and moral compass in times change. God's unchanging, loving nature is always present and available to all in times of uncertainty.

Often there is great blessing in change because it opens us up to new possibilities. I was reminded this last month as I took part in the dedication of the new Masonic Center in Meriden. While many expressed how they miss the old building and all that it

represents, there was a sense of excitement about the new space. The program included many expressions of gratitude for the dedicated brothers who made the construction and the move to the Lodge space possible. There were expressions of optimism as the symbols and memories of the old and the excitement for the future were joined together in a new dwelling place.

In this project, these lodges took a bold step to embrace change and trust in God through the process. While a sense of loss over the sale of the historic Masonic building remains, there is also the shared belief that the Grand Architect of the Universe has begun a new chapter for Masonry in Meriden.

Handling change is not always easy and can even be downright difficult. Yet, as people of faith, we need to be open to the new possibilities that change brings. Sometimes God closes a door, only to open a new one with possibilities beyond one's expectations. May God bless us as we navigate the inevitable change that life brings. May we look forward to the future knowing that God is there to guide us when we are not sure which road to take on the ever-changing path of Life.

Amy Pellerin Named Administrator at Masonicare Health Center

by Margaret Steeves

Amy Pellerin has been appointed Long-Term Care Administrator at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. In this role, she will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and staffing of the Center.

"Amy is a great addition to our leadership team," said Mark Garilli, Chief Operating Officer of Masonicare. "We will benefit from her many years of experience in the field of nursing care and rehabilitation services." Masonicare Health Center has more than 360 beds, including short-term and outpatient rehabilitation, long-term and dementia care, two hospital-licensed units, an outpatient GI suite and hearing center.

Ms. Pellerin comes to Masonicare after eighteen years with Apple Rehab, including four years as Regional Vice President. A licensed nursing home administrator, she graduated from UCONN with a B.S. degree from the School of Family Studies and also completed the Health Systems Management program in their School of Business Administration with a concentration on long-term healthcare management.

She and her family reside in Middletown.





Grand Historian's Corner

by Gary A. Littlefield

On May 23, 1765, George Harison, Grand Master of the New York Provincial Grand Lodge, chartered St John's Lodge No. 1, "to be held at Norwalk only and that until such time as a Grand Master shall be appointed for the Colony of Connecticut." According to records, the original charter was hanging in the lodge room in Norwalk at the centennial observance in 1865 but little is known of its location afterward, according to James R Case who wrote a short biography of the lodge in 1954. The charter Master was Benjamin Isaacs who occupied the East until his death in 1775. It is likely that he and other charter members were probably made Masons in New York where there were business connections. The records prior to 1779 were probably burned when the British raided Norwalk. Interestingly enough, a lodge with the same name, St John's Lodge No. 1 was also established in nearby Stratford on April 22, 1766 by Grand Master Harison. There, Joseph Clark who had been made a Mason in Middletown, was the first Master but other charter members were probably made in Fairfield. When work was suspended in 1774, there had been thirty-one who had been added to the rolls. The lodge at Stratford was one of the first to issue certificates to those who wanted to visit other lodges (before yearly dues cards were printed).



The upcoming elections cause us to review the Masons who were Governors. To the best of my knowledge neither of the two major party candidates for Governor are Masons nor were any of those seriously seeking the office. It has been over seventy years since Connecticut has had a Masonic Governor. Wilbur L Cross (1862-1948) was one of the more recent Governors and for whom the Wilbur Cross Parkway (Route 15) is named. He was a farm boy who grew up in the Gurleyville section of Mansfield, graduated from Yale and became principal of Staples High in Westport until he was called to the faculty at Yale where he remained for the rest of his career. He was a professor of English, editor of the Yale Review, author of several books and was an editor on scores more. One of his fictional characters was "Uncle Toby." In 1932, he accepted the Democrat nomination for Governor and won (the only one on the Democrat ticket to win). His popularity and common sense earned him eight years in the Governor's chair when he decided he had enough. In 1932, while Governor, he was made a Mason in Trumbull Lodge

No. 22. The former library (now administration building) at UCONN is named for him.



One lesser known Governor was Hobart Bigelow (1834-1891) who was made a Mason at Wooster Lodge No. 79 in 1859. Bigelow was Governor from 1881 to 1883 after a long public service career. He had a common education, became a machinist apprentice and rose through the ranks to head his own industrial company. Because of his business sense, he was also prominent in New Haven financial and banking circles, became a councilman, alderman and Fire Commissioner. Before his election as Governor he had also served in the General Assembly and as mayor of New Haven.



Phineas Lounsbury (1841-1925) was actually born just over the New York border from Ridgefield and served as Governor from 1887 to 1889. He was a member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 49 and was associated with some of the York Rite bodies in Danbury. He was in the 17th Connecticut Infantry during the Civil War. He started working as a stock clerk in a shoe store, became a salesman and later was the owner. He started one of the first chain of shoe stores in the state and even in New York. With the number of stores increased to a sizable number he moved his headquarters to Manhattan. He was often elected to the General Assembly and was a liberal supporter to the Republican party. It had been said that "no great problem or issue confronted the state during his administration and the budget was balanced."



Turning away from Governors, an interesting article appears on Sallu Pell (1750-1807) who was the first Master of Union Lodge No. 40. He was nominated to become the first Grand Secretary when the first discussions started on the Grand Lodge in 1783. As a prominent surgeon he was encouraged to join King Solomon's Lodge in Woodbury as many did who served in the Revolution. Before the Grand Lodge was organized in 1789, he had already moved to Massachusetts and was gone from Connecticut Masonic history. He was a rebel and because of his speeches against the Crown, the British raid on Danbury marked his house as a target. He was eventually reimbursed \$1,050 for his losses (a considerable amount of money in the 18th century).



Valley of Hartford, AASR

by David R. Blythe, Sr.

When was the last time you attended a Blue Lodge or Scottish Rite degree and walked away knowing the meaning behind the lessons of the degree?

On September 20, the Valley of Hartford began its fall schedule for a new class of candidates. The fall class, is named in honor of Ill. Brother Anthony F. Keegan, 33° who is the Valley Treasurer, a Past Most Wise Master and Past Commander-in-Chief and also degree director.

On that night the Valley portrayed the 4th and 13th degrees. The 4th degree is “Master Traveler” and the 13th is called “Master of the Ninth Arch.”

Let’s have a little fun and see how much you learned or remembered, when you saw these degrees either on September 20 or in the past. Check off what you felt were the Core Values of these degrees:

	The 4th Degree	The 13th Degree
Reverence to God	()	()
Integrity	()	()
Justice	()	()
Tolerance	()	()
Devotion to Country	()	()
Service to Humanity	()	()
All of the above	()	()
Other or none of the above	()	()

(The answers will come at the end of the article)

I am pleased to announce that regarding refreshments after degrees, the Valley has obtained all necessary permits from the State of Connecticut so that we can continue with all the refreshments you are currently being served after the degrees. So come again, enjoy the degrees, the fellowship, and the social afterwards. And if you are not taking advantage of the pre-degree dinners, you are missing out on a great value and the additional fellowship that goes with it.

Now for the answers: If you checked “All of the above” for the 4th degree, you were correct. If you checked anything other than “Other or none of the above” for the 13th degree, you got it wrong.

The lesson taught in the 13th Degree is that a true and faithful Brother should not be deterred by difficulties and dangers, however great, while pressing onward toward Perfection.

This Degree has been accepted as a degree tied closely to the traditions of Freemasonry since Freemasonry is a continuing journey. Let us remember that on this road of life we should strive toward Perfection. Our Masonic teachings and obligations help us to carry out our daily duties, and responsibilities, and some of these require courage and determination.

So until the 13th degree is updated to contain Core Values, the degree will not be accepted as a requirement for membership. Candidates are required to see not only the 4th and 32nd degrees, but an additional three other Core Value degrees to become a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

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Mentoring continued.

by Charles W. Yohe

Continuing on the theme from a previous article, I'd like to expand on the importance of mentoring. Usually we think of mentoring as it applies to candidates and members who are new to the Craft. But mentoring is perhaps even more important in the case of developing Lodge leaders – present and future. Many local and Grand Lodges employ the idea of a 'progressive line,' whereby a Brother moves from office to office on his journey to the Worshipful Master's chair. In some Lodges, this system has been in place for hundreds of years and works well. I recall that until 1997, Annawon Lodge in West Haven proudly pointed to the fact that no past master in that Lodge had served more than one year – ever! Sadly, times have changed and that no longer is true.

Early in my Masonic career, I joined with four other members of Hamilton Lodge in Sharon, CT and we sojourned to Jephtha Lodge in New Jersey. After the formal Lodge meeting had concluded and we were enjoying refreshments in the Lodge dining hall, I commented to one of the members that I was really impressed with the crispness and precision exhibited by each of the officers in attending to their various duties. It was impressive, almost military precision and each officer had his part down cold. The Brother, who was serving as junior deacon, replied to me that there were several other Brothers who were interested in being Lodge officers and that if he couldn't do the job correctly, then someone else would replace him in the line.

Our progressive line structure has a method to it. It should be quickly evident to even a casual observer that, from a ritual perspective, alternating offices provides an opportunity to study for the next office. For example, the Junior Steward doesn't have a speaking part, but the Senior Steward does. The Junior Deacon has a small speaking part in the opening and closing, but the Senior Deacon (in my mind the best chair in the officer line) has both a fair amount of speaking and also the addition of the floor work. Once again, the

Junior Warden has a speaking part, but not as extensive as that of the Senior Warden. One should never be faced with an officer not knowing the ritual for his place or station as the "off" years should be utilized to study for the next position that requires him to memorize and deliver the ritual in a meaningful way.

The Lodges that exhibit the best attributes, show continual growth, and have a seeming unending supply of good leaders, are the Lodges that have set requirements in place for the progressing line officers. For some, it is a requirement that the Senior Deacon learns and delivers the Middle Chamber lecture. For others, it is that the wardens must preside over the first and second degrees. I recall that in Annawon Lodge, the Senior Deacon sat in the East for the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Junior Warden presided for the Fellowcraft Degree, and the Senior Warden presided for the Master Mason Degree. By so doing, the Craft had first hand knowledge that the Brother who would be elected Worshipful Master was capable of presiding over all three degrees.

If a Lodge demands little of its officers, it is likely to get little! Those Lodges that have an established tradition of demanding a high level of competence from their officers – and mentoring toward that end – are the Lodges that are most successful today. Many of our struggling Lodges are those who, over the years, have settled for any warm body that will fill the officer chairs. These same Lodges move Brothers steadily through the line regardless of whether or not they have shown proficiency in the present officer chair. The result is poor, incompetent leadership which then tends to perpetuate itself.

How does such a Lodge break out of this cycle of failure and mediocrity? First, there must be a recognition and an acknowledgement that there is a problem. It's no different than the 'first step' in fighting alcohol or drug addiction. Someone within the Lodge needs to recognize the downward spiral and be

willing to step in – as a mentor – to whisper good counsel and 'aid and assist' the officers to move in a positive direction.

In many of these cases, the Lodge officers don't travel to other Lodges or Masonic events. As a result, the only thing they know is what goes on within the walls of their Lodge. Experiencing Masonry beyond the walls of one's own Lodge is important for the health of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master should lead by example. He should set the proper tone by assuring that he and his officers are available and supportive of other activities outside the four walls of his own Lodge room. Attendance at events like District Deputy presentations and Blue Lodge Council meetings by the Lodge's officers should be expected, if not demanded. Every officer should likewise be expected to attend the Committee on Masonic Education seminars that pertain to their office. Attendance at neighboring Lodge special events such as degrees, table lodges, and the like should be encouraged as well. Quite simply, if members of a Lodge don't sojourn to other Lodges, they have no way to judge the quality and acceptability of their own work.

A good leader leads and teaches by example. It is the Worshipful Master's charge to 'set the Craft to work and give them wholesome instruction for their labors.' A Worshipful Master who attempts to lead in a 'do as I say, not as I do' manner can expect little in return. A good leadership mentor will offer constructive advice and guidance to help that Worshipful Master and to turn the tide.

In conclusion, much of what I've alluded to above will be construed to be about the performance of ritual and Lodge management. While that is true, it is most important to remember that "Masonry" is not what happens during our Lodge meetings. Masonry is how we relate to and respond to the needs of our fellow Masons and non-Masons alike. Taking the

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Quinnipiac University Student Moves Into Masonicare — 3rd Year Of Program

The Masonicare – Quinnipiac University partnership in which students interested in the elderly live at Masonicare has entered its third year. In late August, Cathleen Dacey of Hamden, a second year law student at Quinnipiac’s School of Law, moved in to Pond Ridge Assisted Living. Cathleen is interested in elder and estate law.

The Student-in-Residence program is intended to fight ageism and stereotypes about older people as well as younger people. Students have to apply to participate and part of the application process is being interviewed by several Assisted Living residents. “Although there have been programs in other states where students lived with Independent Living residents, we believe Masonicare was the first to have college students living in an Assisted Living community,” says Bro. Jason Rieger, Assisted Living Administrator at Masonicare’s Wallingford campus.

“This is part of our wonderful relationship with Quinnipiac University,” notes Kelly Papa, Corporate Director of Learning. “We also provide reciprocal clinical learning experiences and share an employee,” she added.

Despite her full schedule of classes, Cathleen has already melded smoothly into life at Masonicare, where she joins them for meals and activities as much as she can. “This is a great intergenerational experience,” Bro. Rieger noted. “Everyone benefits from it.”



Cathleen heading into her apartment at Pond Ridge Assisted Living



QU law student Cathleen Dacey gets help moving in from several people, including Masonicare CEO JP Venoit!



Cathleen was warmly welcomed by residents and staff.

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Former Shriners Hospital for Children Patient Gives Back

by John Chan

Nicole Wheaton, a former Shriners patient, by vowing to walk 3.6 miles, has raised \$26,264 through her Fundraising Webpage for the Springfield Shriners Hospitals for Children! Daughter of Bill and Lauren Wheaton and granddaughter of RWB Lewis and Nancy Bither, Nicole was diagnosed with moderate cerebral palsy at age two and has been a Shriners patient since the age of three.

The Shriners Hospital provided Nicole with therapeutic services, medical consultations, and numerous pieces of equipment that optimized her independence. The use of these various mobility aids and treatments allowed Nicole to graduate from a disabled preschool to attend mainstream schools from kindergarten forward.

At age twelve, the Shriners orthopedic staff began noticing her hips were developing misaligned and pulling out of their sockets which would cause hip dysplasia and the loss of her ability to move at all. On December 12, 2001, she underwent twelve hours of dual hip reconstructive surgery, which required breaking both of her hips, re-angling the bones into the sockets, and the installation of pins and screws into the bones to allow them to grow in the correct formation. This procedure was followed by two weeks of inpatient care with Nicole in a body cast from the chest down for a total of ten weeks.

After her cast was removed, Nicole underwent intense rehabilitation to gain the reuse of all her muscles. She remembers that experience as “one of the most painful periods in my life and at twelve years old, I had no idea how to handle it. I did a lot of crying and screaming. I may have even thrown some things—but the therapists kept at it despite my protest.”

During her recuperation, Shriners Hospital staff provided family support with literature and counseling services and worked with Nicole’s school to provide a tutor to keep up with her classmates in her studies.

Two years later, she had follow up surgery and has been an outpatient Shriners patient biannually. Even though Nicole turned twenty-one and has graduated from Shriners, after 18 years of receiving care and equipment, she still continues as a Community Ambassador.

Nicole graduated from Northeastern University in May, 2015, and was the first physically handicapped student at her university to ever do a semester abroad, in Australia. She works as a Global Communications Specialist at Akamai Technologies in Cambridge, MA and lives in Back Bay, Boston. “Shriners changed my life,” she says, “providing me with opportunities and confidence to pursue my dreams and live without limitations.”

On August 26, a beautiful Sunday, Nicole fulfilled her commitment, exceeding the promised 3.6 miles and walking 4.2 miles at Alexander Lake in Killingly, to raise \$26,264. She was accompanied by well-wishers, friends, family and two Sphinx Shriners: her grandfather Noble Lew Bither and Oriental Guide John Chan (pictured right).





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District 1

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Washington Lodge No. 19 Donates to BSA Troop 63

Receiving a \$1,625 donation is terrific news for any youth organization. For Boy Scout Troop 63 in Monroe, it was also an occasion to go inside the chambers of its newest benefactor: Washington Lodge No. 19 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

To celebrate the occasion, the lodge members invited several dozen scouts, troop leaders, family members and other guests inside to learn more about their respective organizations. The presentation took place on Monday night, August 13. David Papp, Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge, welcomed the attendees, including Scoutmaster Ed Gratrix and the Rev. Jennifer Gingras, senior pastor of Monroe Congregational Church. The church is Troop 63's sponsor.



Washington Lodge welcoming BSA Troop 63 to the lodge.



(l-r): Eagle Scout Josh Correll; Eagle Scout Oliver Wells; Scoutmaster Ed Gratrix and David Papp, Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge;

District 3

Lodges 7, 1, 12, 17 42, 47, 55, 64, 76, 78



King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 Holds Food Drive *by Richard Miska*



(l-r) Steve Lewis, WM Richard Miska, Wayne Anderson, Lee Warner, Bob Taylor (President of Community Services) and John Novak.

On Saturday, September 1, the Masons of King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 conducted their 5th annual food drive on behalf of the Community Services Council of Woodbury. In addition to much needed food items used to re-stock the Food Bank's shelves, the generosity of the community provided cash donations.

The Woodbury Food Bank provides weekly assistance to 125 families and seniors in need. This program serves both to support proper nutrition and to enable client families to conserve scarce financial resources for other household necessities.

In addition to drop off points around town, deliveries are also accepted at the Woodbury Food Bank, located at the rear of LaBonne's and the Newtown Savings Bank plaza, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Fridays.

Information on the programs of the Community Services Council may be obtained from CSCW President Robert Taylor at community.services.council@gmail.com or (203) 263-3869.

Pyramid Shriners Busy Assisting Needy Children

by Donald M. Casey, Jr.

Master Masons from the Pyramid Shrine Temple in Stratford celebrated the Barnum Festival by marching in the 70th Annual Great Street Parade. Shriners from the Divan leadership team, Motor Patrol, and Clown Units participated in this event. They also participated at the 3rd annual Downtown Market Festival in Stratford. Shriners distributed informational pamphlets, coloring books, and interacted with patrons at the festival. In addition, Pyramid Shriners were able to share their mission of providing assistance to needy children receiving medical care at the Shriner's Hospital.



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Ritual Delivery *by John L. Blennerhassett Jr.*

I read with great interest the editorial by RWB Francis Way about the quality of ritual delivery in our Lodges and I must say I completely agree. That being said, however, I believe there is more to this issue that could and indeed should be addressed. Having had the honor of serving as District Deputy, I can honestly say that I have witnessed all the levels mentioned in the article.

The different levels of proficiency in ritual delivery can be attributed to a myriad of reasons. First, some men, through no fault of their own, simply don't have the memory necessary to deliver ritual in an effective manner. Others don't have the time to devote to memorizing due to family or work obligations. I dare say there are not many brothers who would be willing to commit the time necessary to memorize the Middle Chamber Lecture when they may only give it once or twice, or perhaps not at all! The list goes on but the facts remain that we are depriving ourselves of some excellent parliamentarians by requiring memorization of ritual and something should be done to improve the current situation. Membership in our Fraternity is dwindling and has been for a long time. The result is that we now have a much smaller resource pool in which to find capable ritualists.

When a Brother is being advanced to Fellowcraft or Master Mason the question is asked of his guide, "Has he made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree?" I know of no situation where the answer was anything but "yes" and the biggest part of that "proficiency" is his ability to recite the Stewards lecture. We have no right to demand of him ritual proficiency when we don't exhibit it ourselves. Besides, why does he have to know that lecture when all he has to do is find a Lodge where that Degree is being portrayed and go watch it.

Further, it has always seemed very strange to me that I needed to be able to recite a lecture about all that I went through with the most important part left out: the Obligation! What part of that degree was more important and doesn't it make more sense for a Brother to know his Obligation rather than his footsteps?

These are the problems. So what are the possible solutions?

First, consider creating District traveling degree teams comprised of Brothers identified as capable ritualists who can deliver a meaningful portrayal of the degree. These Brothers might be compensated for their travel expenses either by the Lodge or by the Grand Lodge. Further, Lodges could combine their classes of candidates in order to lessen travel of the degree teams.

Second, change the definition of "suitable proficiency." Instead of requiring a recital of the Stewards Lecture, have the Brother demonstrate his ability to recite the Obligation (with the aid of the mnemonics if necessary). Have the mnemonics of the Master Mason Degree obligation printed on a wallet sized card that he can carry with him. This obligation is the most demanding of all and also reinforces the previous two.

Years ago we had the luxury of degree teams from several entities who could portray the Master Mason Degree for us. The Caledonians with kilts and bagpipes, the State Police in uniform and the Telephone Company, to mention a few, all had degree teams and looked forward to portraying the Master Mason degree for one of their members joining our fraternity. I know of none now and this is sad.

We need to change with the times. Memorization is no longer required in school as it once was so why do we put so much emphasis on it? Aren't we just shooting ourselves in the foot?

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Coastal Lodge No. 57 Brother Inducted Into The Holland Club *by Frank Dlugoleski*

On June 2, I was invited to the Holland Club Induction Ceremony at the U.S. Submarine Base in New London. The inductee was Robert M. Hagerman, better known as Mike. Mike is married to my sister-in-law, but is also a Brother. He is a member of Coastal Lodge No. 57 and the Valley of Norwich, AASR. To say that the day was a moving experience would not adequately describe it.

The Holland Club was established by the United States Submarine Veterans Inc., in 1964 to recognized members who have been qualified in submarines for fifty or more years. Any Life Member who has been qualified for fifty or more years is immediately eligible for membership in the Holland Club. They are the men who led the way in the Submarine Service, who trained others to be the best submarines in the greatest Submarine Navy the world has seen. They are the men who created the Submariner heritage.

The ceremony took place at the Dealey Center, named for Samuel David Dealey, a WWII submarine captain who received the Medal of Honor and who was lost on his 6th war patrol in the *USS Harder*. After welcoming and opening remarks, the inductees were presented together. The Color Guard presented the Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem followed. It was an emotional several minutes and I found myself getting a bit teary-eyed as the Colors were retired.

Next, each inductee advanced front and center on the stage to receive his certificate. You could feel the pride fill the room. The recitation of the Submarine Veterans of WWII Creed was followed by the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Creed, all standing in respect. The Sailor's Creed was next and it virtually took one's breath away. Every sailor in the room, including the hundred or so in the balcony seats, vocalized this at an astonishing volume. The room became quiet for a moment then exploded in applause.

I am very honored to have been invited to

attend such a wonderful ceremony and witness the induction of Brother Robert M. Hagerman into such a prestigious organization. And I am truly privileged to know Mike personally. Congratulations, Brother!



Ed Note: Robert M. Hagerman, RMCS(SS) Ret. served in the US Navy from March, 1966 through August 1989. He served aboard the USS Skate (SSN 578), USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN 657, Gold Crew), USS Kamehameha (SSBN 642, Gold Crew), USS Bremerton (SSN 698), USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705, Plankowner) and USS San Juan (SSN 751, Plankowner).



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Arabian Shrine Club Paper Crusade *by John Chan*

On August 18, the Sphinx Shriners Arabian Shrine Club held a very successful Paper Crusade for “The World’s Greatest Philanthropy,” the Shriners Hospitals for Children, raising \$1,965.50. On that early morning, Arabian Shrine Club President Noble Bill Deluca and Vice President Noble John Chan set up the display at the Wallingford Wal-Mart store. Other Arabian Shrine members, Sphinx Shriners, and Ladies showed up between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to help with the Paper Crusade and by collecting donation from shoppers.

As Chairman of the Paper Crusade, John Chan, Sphinx Shriners Oriental Guide, had life size posters made of the Shriner holding the Child “Editorial Without Words” and of Alec Cabacungan, the face of Shriners Children’s Hospitals to easily define who we were. By bringing a commercial size popcorn machine to offer free popcorn, “Fezzy” the Vermont Shriners Teddy Bear, and Sphinx Shriners False Alarmers’ parade firetrucks, they drew in the children accompanied by their donating parents. Parents were further enlightened by our commitment of providing the best care for children in the specialty areas of Orthopaedics, Burn Care, Spinal Cord Injury, and Cleft Lip and Palate, regardless of a family’s ability to pay, by numerous posters created by Noble John.

Special thanks goes out to our brother Shrine, Pyramid Shriners, Stratford, their Potentate, Illustrious Sir Barry Buzzell and his Klowns Unit for supporting this Crusade with three Klowns to entertain the kids. Captivating the kids were Illustrious Sir Bill “Rascal” Russo, Past Potentate (2017); Noble Donald “Casey the Clown” Casey Jr., Klown Unit Secretary; and Noble Steven “Champ” Bruner. Joining the Pyramid Klowns, was our own Sphinx Shriners Funster, Noble Tony “Buster” Angelica.

Great fun was had by all, interacting with the public, on behalf of the kids of the Shriners Hospitals. Coffee and donuts were donated by Dunkin’ Donuts, along with pastries and cookies from Stop & Shop. Lunch was grinders made to order, donated by SUBWAY. All SHRINERS are MASONS, but not all MASONS are SHRINERS. Become a SHRINER and join in our FUN!



Sphinx Shriners Potentate Marty Yanofsky, Nobles Uncle Lew Bither & Ed Schilke, Pyramid Klown Bill “Rascal” Russo, Past Potentate

The Valley of Hartford Freemasons 5K Run/Walk Results & News

Thank you to all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making this year the best ever! A special thank you to the first ever team registration – the BBE Bees – with 21 registrants and a few trophy winners. Congratulations! Hope to see you again next year, perhaps with another team to compete with.

The new course was well received. A few runners even boasted this race as their personal best. That's the best compliment we could have received.

The Valley had 46 volunteers – Masons, DeMolay, Rainbow, Family, and Friends – and had 87 runners and walkers, from Connecticut, as well as California, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New York. Timing and results were provided by Platt Systems .

Here are the results of this year's trophy winners:

Top Male Finisher: Mario Vasquez 17:00

Top Female Finisher: Katrina Wiegmann 20:37

Female:

13 & Under: (1) Kenna O'Brien 38:41

20-29: (1) Alyssa Lombardi 21:40 (2) Danielle Smith 28:27

30-39: (1) Monica Merlis 23:59 (2) Shawna Wirkus 32:47

40-49: (1) Jennifer Gable 25:45 (2) Lisa Anderson 31:18

50-59: (1) Stephanie Therrien 25:14 (2) Debby Kiefer 26:27

Male:

14-19: (1) Jake Barrows 44:32

20-29: (1) Alex Medina 19:56 (2) Jacob Dichter 25:50

30-39: (1) Kyle Knowles 19:55 (2) Kevin Beals 20:27

40-49: (1) Jim Smiley 20:20 (2) Chris Cyr 21:58

50-59: (1) Ron Lombardi 18:53 (2) Thomas Panczner 28:18

60-69: (1) Miguel Ramirez 23:12 (2) Steve Blovish 26:35

70-79: (1) Donald Smith 24:56 (2) Richard Zbrozek 37:43

80+ : (1) Tom Butterfield 32:46



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Through the efforts of sponsors and participants, \$14,000 was raised for the Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. Connecticut.

This continues to be a great event, promoting good health, building local relationships, and creating smiles all around. It was an event to remember, as always, because of everyone involved!

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by Richard F. Denno

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The motivational message is the same for either a talk or an article. It's all in the method of delivery of that lifesaving message. There is nothing more satisfying to the speaker or writer than their efforts resulting in a registration online at www.registerme.org or an offer to improve the life of a loved one.

For example, a mother told me that her son, a highway worker, was killed on the highway. His organs were recovered and transplanted into patients in need on the organ donor waiting list. The woman who received his heart wanted to personally thank the donor family. It was arranged through New England Donor Services. The recipient placed the mother's hand on her chest and said, "Feel this? This is your son's heart beating in my body. If it were not for his kindness, I would not be alive today." To this day, I still get very emotional when I tell that story, as does my audience.

After hearing a presentation at Anchor Lodge No. 112, a brother asked his terminally ill mother-in-law about being a donor. Not only did the mother-in-law donate her corneas, but one year later, her son died, and he donated a cornea. Three people have had their sight restored or greatly improved.

Influenced by this committee, nine corneas have been recovered. Two of those corneas were donated by my late wife, Midge. Donate Life informed me a few months later that one cornea went to a 71 year old grandmother. The other was transplanted in a 25 year old man from Pakistan. Midge would be pleased with that outcome.

Every day, people from across the country become donors based on what they have read. A few years ago, we did a postcard campaign featuring our cat, Morris. Over Morris's photo it said, "My name is Morris. I have 9 lives. As a registered organ donor, you can save or improve up to 50 lives." Based on the article, Midge's doctor's assistant registered as a donor.

In Midge's case, she was both a kidney recipient over years ago and a cornea donor in March of this year. In the transplant community, being both a recipient and donor is known as 'paying it forward.' You can do this as well. Who do you know that received an organ donation? You can repay the favor in their name. Simply go online to www.registerme.org and pay back the generosity shown to your loved one by registering online as a donor. What a great selfless idea!

If you would like to become a member of your Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program – and make a lifesaving difference, please email at toursone@comcast.net. After all, isn't community service a part of our obligation?

Did you ever hear the expression, "Repetition is the mother of skill?" That's why the website address, www.registerme.org is repeated five times in this article. Oops, there we go again.

Mentoring *continued from page 13*

first three degrees does not make a man a Mason any more than eating green beans does (yes, there's an inside joke there). My father was not a member of the Fraternity, but the way he lived his life was very much identical to the ideals that Masons are urged to emulate. Whether your Lodge is prospering or not, each individual member has the freedom to act Masonically. The Charge at closing, which is a part of several Jurisdictions, provides a blueprint for each of us.

"We are about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employment, forget not the duties that you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended around this altar. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember that around this altar, you have promised to befriend and support any Brother who has need of your assistance. You have promised, in the most tender manner, to remind him

of his faults and to aid a reformation. These generous principles are to extend further. Every human being has a claim upon your good offices. Do good unto all. Recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful. Finally Brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and may the God of love and peace be with and abide with you."

Be not just a man, but a Mason. So mote it be.

Craft at Refreshment

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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*

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*

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*

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

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

Wed., October 3, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield, *Awards Ceremony*

Sat., October 6, 6 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, *Grape Harvest Wine Festival. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Buy your tickets online (\$30) <http://www.GlastWine.com> or at South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe 860-633-2763 Craig Witzke*

Thu., October 11, 7:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, *Annual Awards Night. Dinner precedes at 6:30 p.m.*

Thu., October 11, 7 p.m., Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, *Octoberfest Table Lodge, Beer tasting, brats, sauerkraut, and all the fixings. \$10 tickets sold in advance.*

Sun., October 14, 2 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, *Next Door Pizza on Humphrey St. New Haven. Share a pizza - Fund Raiser For Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*

Sat., October 20, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield, *Ladies At The Table, La Cupola Ristorante 637 Bantam Rd. Bantam, Connecticut*

Sat October 27 6:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, Woodbridge, *Halloween Bowling Party, Amity Bowl, 30 Selden St, Woodbridge, CT*

Thu., November 1, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, *Necrology & Awards Night, Semi-public, guests welcome!*

Fri., November 2, 6 p.m., Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, *Beef and Beer Fellow Craft Club Meeting, Join us for our Autumn Beef and Beer. Roast Beef with all the condiments. Mac salad, potato salad and Cole slaw. Beer. Monthly Fellow Craft Club meeting at 5:30. Open to all Masons.*



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Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Session

Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m., Hartog Center

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Tue., October 2, 6:30 p.m., Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

Wed., October 17, 7:30 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Dinner

Tue., October 23, 5:30 p.m., Fayette Lodge No. 69, Ellington

Fri., November 2, 7:45 p.m., Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford, Refreshments

Thu., November 8, 7:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Mon., October 1, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner

Fri., October 5, 7:45 p.m., Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford

Tue., October 16, 7:30 p.m., Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

Mon., October 22, 7:30 p.m., Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville

Thu., October 25, 6 p.m., Bay View Lodge No. 120, Niantic, Social Hour

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Fri., October 19, 7:30 p.m., Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford

Thu., October 25, 7 p.m., Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport, Dinner

Thu., October 25, 7:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven

Tue., October 30, 6:15 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Master Mason Degree by sitting Masters of the 4th District.



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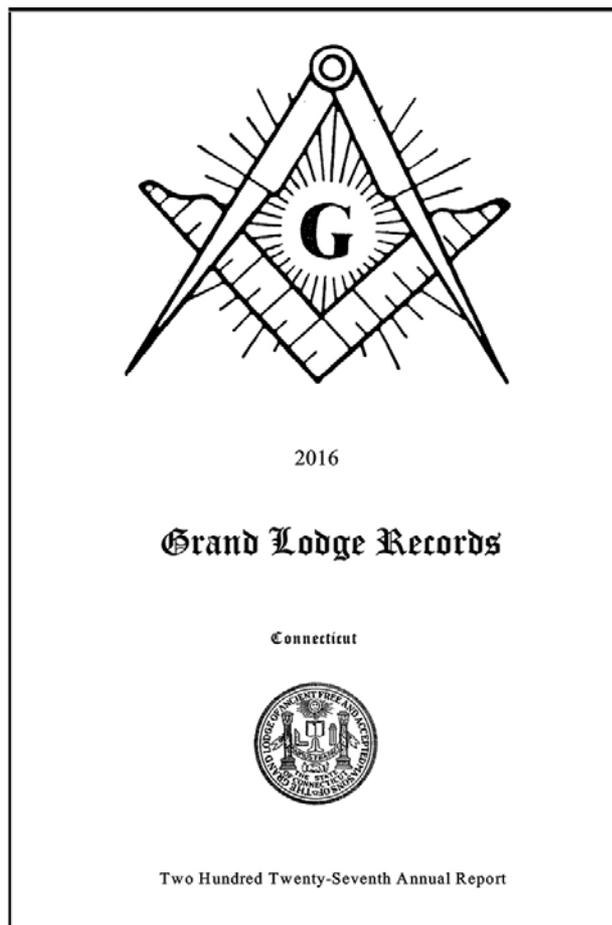
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Are You Working On Your Mastership?

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

The Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory will present three Consistory degrees in October – namely the 20th, 21st and 22nd degrees. The 21st Degree will be presented live on the evening of Monday, October 1, followed by a video presentation of the 26th Degree. The 20th Degree will be held, by dispensation, on Saturday, October 6, at Union Lodge No. 40 in Danbury at 11 a.m. Lastly, the 22nd Degree (the singing degree) will be held on the evening of Monday, October 15, in Stratford and will be followed by a video presentation of the Lodge of Perfection's 6th degree. Please remember to make reservations for dinner or lunch as the case might be, so as to ensure that an adequate number of meals are on hand. If you would like start on your Scottish Rite Path, you may do so at any point by letting the office arrange a special showing of the video 4th Degree prior to that evening's program. Call the office, anytime night or day and leave a slowly spoken message with your reservation and phone number (203) 375-0064.

Before the Hiramic Tragedy begins, the Worshipful Master admonishes the candidate: "Nor do I know that you will ever become a Master Mason." This brief comment is often overlooked, ignored or even forgotten, as most candidates are unaware that the symbolic initiation obtained in the lodge alludes to a much more profound body of real world work that constitutes the real essence of the Science of Freemasonry. At the end of the night they assume they have become a Master Mason as a result of having sat through a degree.

The accomplishment of true Mastership, not merely the attainment of the fraternal title "Master Mason," is a much more involved endeavor than participating in a ritual and subsequently accomplishing a proscribed degree proficiency. It is this work and its goal of human perfection, that separates the Fraternity from all other Associations and Fraternal Orders.

True Initiatic mastership is a three-step process which has been alluded to by many diverse mystical traditions, in such literature as the Upanishads, the Hermetica, and the Tao Te Ching. The Christian mystic, Emanuel Swedenborg, in his *Divine Love and Wisdom*, in section 67, outlines the initiatic process as follows: "...He is born into the lowest degree of the natural world; then by means of knowledge, he is elevated into the second degree;

and as he perfects his understanding by knowledges he is elevated into the third degree, and then becomes rational. The three degrees of ascent in the spiritual world are in man above the three natural degrees, and do not appear until he has put off the earthly body..."

Finding, understanding and putting into daily use these "knowledges," as Swedenborg puts it, is the true labor of the Freemason – the builder who uses his free will to awaken the Master within (the soul) and to regenerate a temple (a healthy and sound body) which will be suitable for the residence of the previously slumbering "Master." This work is a result of his awakened and motivated desire which leads to incessant effort to attain personal perfection, the attainment of which yields eternal benefits. The process requires time and concerted effort on the part of the candidate. Freemasonry provides a structure free from dogma that fosters such exploration. The Scottish Rite and its constituent bodies provide reinforcement to the motivational aspect – elevating the orientation of the candidate to matters of morality,

justice and truth. Its crowning glory is the 32nd Degree in which what is imparted is the critical element required to successfully undertake and complete the initiatory process that I have alluded to here, and the degree is appropriately named "Master of the Royal Secret."

Thus my brothers, in these short paragraphs lies a map-work of concise resources for the seeker to explore and discover the path to actually attaining that Mastership which the Master of the lodge alluded to prior to your experiencing the Tragedy. Freemasonry, and the Rite, will deliver you from Darkness to the Light, but you must provide the motivation and effort!

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.

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20th Degree - George Washington Degree - (live)
(lunch to follow)

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David K. Eisenman Receives Pierpont Edwards in Bronze

Right Worshipful Brother David Karl Eisenman was born in Milford on March 15, 1968, to the late Karl Eisenman and Donald Paquette. He was educated in the Milford school system and graduated from Joseph A. Foran High School in 1986.

During his sophomore year, he worked part time with R. A. Tool Company, owned by a neighbor, Bro. Robert A. Andrews. Thirty-four years later, Dave still helps Bro. Bob to operate the company.

As a machinist, he is always ready to assist a brother when a special part is needed and he even designed and manufactured a special insert for the K-9 vehicles for the Milford Police Department.

Owing to this relationship with Brother Andrews, RWB Dave applied for membership in Ansantawae Lodge No. 89. He was elected to take the degrees on January 17, 1992, initiated on March 20, passed on April 3 and raised April 24, 1992.

From day one, he immersed himself in Lodge activities. Since 1994, he has been a member of the Masonic Temple Corporation and is currently serving as President. He is the first to volunteer to work on any needed project in and on the building. He plans and cooks numerous dinners, and for more than ten years has run the game dinners, which has resulted in donations of over \$10,000 to the Ansantawae Foundation.

In addition, for many years he roasted a pig for the Annual Fellowcraft Picnic, which he also chaired for many years. On the third Sunday of each month from September through June, Dave can be found manning the grill for the York Rite breakfast, which is open to the public. In 1997, owing to his tireless work on behalf of his brethren, he was named Mason of the Year by the Ansantawae Fellowcraft Association.

RWB Dave also arranged the lodge participation with softball and bowling games with Special Olympic children.

In 2017, he single-handedly renovated the first floor ladies room at the lodge, and in 2018 he will play a major role in the remodeling the second floor ladies room.

RWB Dave served as Tiler from 1996-2003. During that period, he was asked on several occasions to join the officer line but always countered with the answer, "I don't think I'm capable of learning and delivering the ritual." However, he finally acquiesced and in 2006, was appointed as Junior Deacon.

On January 2, 2009, having proven his earlier self-evaluation wrong, he was installed as Worshipful Master. As that was the 150th year anniversary of the Lodge, many special programs



were held, including a Master Mason degree portrayed by members of those lodges that had combined to assist in the founding of Ansantawae Lodge in 1859: St. Johns Lodge No. 8, Stratford and King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Derby (now located in Shelton). Another Master Mason degree was portrayed by Connecticut Past Grand Masters, with Most Worshipful Brother George S. Greytak in the East. Sixteen members were raised during this milestone year.

In 2010, MWB Charles A. Buck, Jr appointed WB Kenneth I. Greenhill as RW District Deputy of Masonic District 4B. Without hesitation, Ken chose WB Dave as his Associate Grand Marshal. Together they served with distinction through the 2011 Grand Lodge year.

Owing to his above performance, in 2016, MW Gail N. Smith appointed WB Dave as RW District Deputy for District 4B. RW Bro. Dave chose WB Gregory F. Manley as his Associate Grand Marshal. They served with distinction through the 2017 Grand Lodge year.

The Blue Lodge is not the only Masonic body which has benefited from Dave's membership. He walked the hot sands

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A Proud Tradition *by Randy Stevens*

One common theme in Freemasonry is that our youth are our future.

While many say it, there are those who act upon it. In the Valley of New Haven we have always had a strong commitment to our youth, that we have shown in a variety of ways.

The Valley of New Haven is the single largest donor to the State of Connecticut DeMolay permanent endowment fund. The Order of DeMolay introduces young men to the concepts of Brotherhood, Community Service, and being Good Sons with a strong commitment to Patriotism. No one needs to sell a Brother Mason on why this organization is so important.

The Valley of New Haven also contributes directly to the Chapters of DeMolay and to the Councils of Rainbow for Girls in this area of the State. The young ladies are just as important to the future of our Country as are the young men. Making certain that they have the funds to pursue their goals is an important part of our philanthropic work.

One of the more delightful areas of support is the Annual Scholarships. This year the Valley of New Haven is privileged to have an Abbott Scholar recipient, in addition to the Valley Scholarships that are given every year.

It is amazing how year after year, the Valley finds quality young people to assist in achieving their goals. Their names are familiar as their Father, Uncle or Grandpa is active in the Valley. This year



there was even a legacy from one a Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

In looking at the smiling faces of the recipients and their families in the above picture from our Annual Scholarship Picnic, the words of Sir Winston Churchill are recalled:

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

The Valley of New Haven applauds our young people as they move forward in their lives; it is our privilege to assist them in their efforts.

Eisenman Pierpont *continued from page 31*

of Pyramid Shriners on December 19, 1992, was Exalted in Milford Chapter No. 49, RAM on October 12, 1999 and received and greeted in Adam Sattig Council No, 35, R & SM, December 7, 1999.

On June 18, 2002 he affiliated with Orange Lodge No. 143 and subsequently was installed as Worshipful Master on January 17, 2012. In that capacity, he was instrumental in the smooth merger of Orange Lodge with Ansantawae Lodge.

Rarely does a member dedicate himself to serve his brothers in so many capacities. No matter what service is needed, he analyzes the situation and works through until the job is completed.

To the Brothers of Ansantawae, however, his finest attribute is that everything he has accomplished in life and Masonry has been

done so unassumingly, not looking for credit, only the satisfaction of serving his brothers.

He was a wonderful son and continues to be a trusted employee, valued friend and the members of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 are proud to call him Brother.

In recognition of his years of service to our fraternity, to his Lodge and to the state of Connecticut, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut is both pleased and proud to present RW Brother David Eisenman the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.



Paul L. Watson Receives Pierpont Edwards in Bronze

Paul Lester Watson was born August 20, 1945 in Manchester, the fifth and last son of Robert and Lois (Foster) Watson. In his youth he regularly attended the Wapping Community Church and was involved in youth activities including Pilgrim Fellowship. He also worked at his grandfather's Foster Family Farm which has been in the family over 100 years, helping with chores and haying.

Paul attended primary and secondary schools in the South Windsor School system and attended Manchester Community College. Paul graduated and was hired at a CPA firm in Hartford. Paul met Patricia Asel at an adult singles group that met in area churches, and they were married on June 24, 1967. It is with some pride that they tell people they met at church - of course it was the church basement. To this day they remain friends with many of the group.

Paul joined the US Army in 1968. After basic and training classes, as an SP4 he was shipped to Charlie Co. 335th Maintenance Battalion, San Sony Ni, South Korea on the DMZ. As soon as they learned he could type he became a "Radar O'Reilly" - the company clerk. While in Korea he served as a member of the Community Relations Advisory Council. He received letters of appreciation from his Commanding Officer and he can still speak a few words in Korean. His daughter Tonya was born while he was stationed in Korea.

He was transferred to Tacoma, Washington. He again received letters of appreciation from his Commanding Officer. His son Gregory was born while he was stationed in Tacoma.

Upon discharge from active duty, Paul returned home to Connecticut. He attended Central Connecticut State University, receiving his Bachelors in accounting on the G. I. Bill while working full time for local CPA firms in Manchester and Glastonbury to support his family.

In 1985 Paul opened his own CPA practice in Coventry, CT. He maintained a focus as a small business tax practice and not-for-profit consulting. Although he retired from the practice in 2015, he has not given up his many volunteer services for local religious groups and non-profits.

Paul has been involved with not-for-profit entities most of his life. In the 1980's he became the Treasurer of First Congregational Church, holding that position for seventeen years. Four years ago he again became involved, now serving as their financial advisor for the investments of the church. During this time he also helped the church set up new accounting software and databases. He has been treasurer of the Hale Donation (a scholarship organization



for those entering the Ministry) for thirty-two years.

Paul became involved with the Masonic family through the "side-door." Long before he was a Mason he spent many days in support of Rainbow activities. His wife Pat had been a Rainbow Girl in her youth and it was natural that their daughter became involved. Pat spent 10 years as Mother Advisor of Willimantic Assembly, but when Tonya joined, Paul could not attend meetings because he was not a Mason. He was often found sitting outside meetings and helping Pat cart girls to activities. Paul and Pat traveled the whole state attending Rainbow functions, logging more miles than even an accountant would want to track. Peripheral involvement was not enough for Paul. He petitioned Uriel Lodge No. 24 for degrees and was welcomed into the fraternity in time for him to see his daughter receive her majority. That did not end his Rainbow involvement, however. In 2003, he was appointed Treasurer and financial advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. He retired from the office of Treasurer after thirteen years and in 2016 he retired as the financial advisor. In 1992, he was presented the Grand Cross of Color, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. In view of his dedicated service to Rainbow, Paul was awarded the Grand Lodge Service to Youth Award in 2006.

Paul received his degrees in Uriel Lodge No. 24, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 12, 1988. He is a thirty year member of the Lodge and served as Master in 1998 and 2006. He has been Treasurer for the past ten years. Paul regularly participates in Degree work. He serves the Uriel Temple Corporation and gets his hands dirty when maintenance is needed

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OES Creates a REAL Carnival

by Anne Kellner, Don Langlois and Pat Kalinauskas

A great deal of thought went into planning a carnival for Masonic youth held at the New Britain Masonic Temple recently. Sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy Grand Matron Anne M. M. Kellner and Worthy Grand Patron J. Arthur Carbonaro paid attention to every detail. Cotton candy, popcorn, giant pretzels, pizza slices, games with great carnie prizes and festive theme decorations created an atmosphere that mimicked a fun-filled carnival and fair that even included outdoor competitions. Unity Lodge graciously opened up their lodge building for this event. The adults who planned and worked at the carnival had as much fun as Rainbow, DeMolay and other youth who came to enjoy the day.



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in the Lodge hall.

He is a member of Trinity Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons, Montgomery Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters and St. John's Commandery No. 11 Knights Templar. Since 1997, he has been a member of the Valley of Hartford, AASR and also has membership in Nutmeg Order No. 17, Swords of Bunker Hill.

Paul was appointed as District Deputy for District 9B for 2001-2002. He served as Assistant Grand Treasurer from 2012 to 2014. Paul has served in many capacities for the CT Freemasons Foundation over the past fifteen years including terms as Trustee and his current service as Treasurer.

Paul serves as Trinity Chapter No. 9 financial advisor. Paul has helped many Masonic bodies and individuals who have encountered issues involving compliance with federal and state tax requirements and other management matters. He has always been available and given freely of his time and expertise when circumstances called for his assistance.

For the past four years Paul has worked as a volunteer with the AARP tax program, two to three days a week doing tax returns for the elderly. This year he was chosen to help train the tax preparers in addition to preparing returns. Prior to that he worked with the VITA program doing tax returns for low income families. Somehow he manages to find time for several rounds of golf with Pat every week, a companionship he loves notwithstanding that she usually scores better than he does.

His three grandchildren regularly spend a day a week with their Papa plus many weekends. They love that he will play flashlight tag with them -- of course he mostly hides and tries to scare them.

In recognition of his service to the fraternity, his Lodge and community, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut is pleased to present Right Worshipful Brother Paul L. Watson the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for distinguished Masonic Service.

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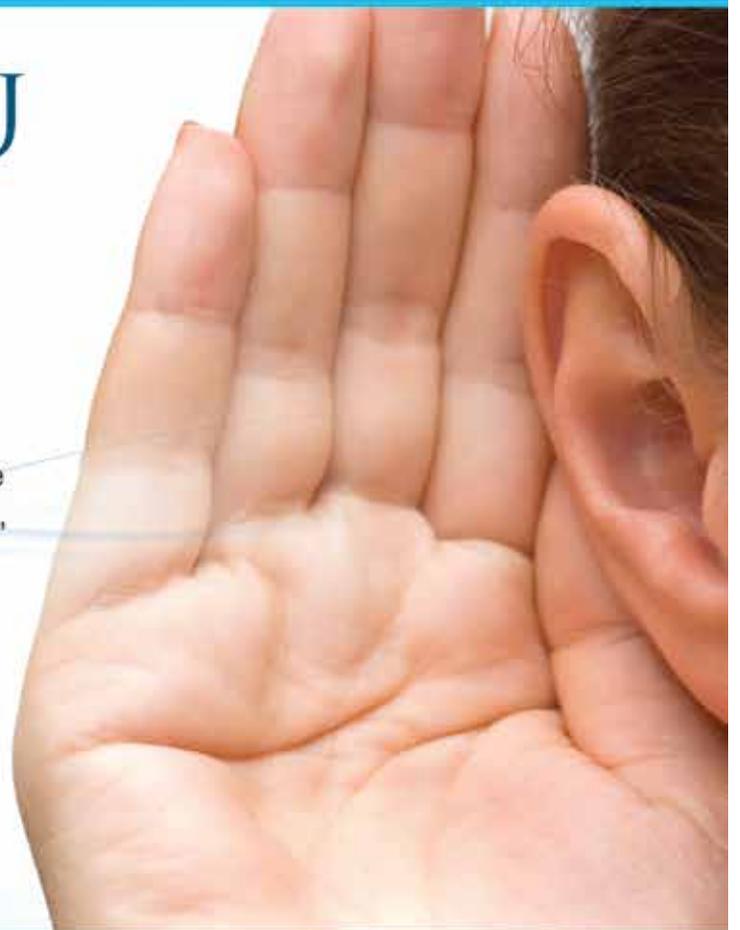
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