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Washington Commandery No. 1 Installs 2019-2020 Officers

by Francis G. Way



Eminent Commander Charles Jewart receives his jewel.



SK Ken Roach installed as Generalissimo. Installing Officer REPGC William L. Miller II and Installing Marshal REPGC William A. G. Mackey.



“SK Mark Blackaby installed as Captain General. Installing Officer REPGC William L. Miller II and Installing Marshal REPGC William A. G. Mackey.

On Tuesday evening, February 19, at York Masons Hall in East Hartford, Washington Commandery No. 1, the oldest extant Commandery in the Western Hemisphere, installed their officers for 2019-2020.

After a light dinner, the Sir Knights and guests gathered in the Asylum, and the current line of officers was retired, forming a double line at the door through which outgoing Eminent Commander Francis Way passed, formally ending his term.

The new officers entered the Asylum and took their places. One by one they were installed: Eminent Commander Charles Jewart, Generalissimo Kenneth Roach, Captain General Mark Blackaby, Senior Warden Harry “Chip” Elliott and Junior Warden Steve Matthews. Continuing as Warden was SK Edward Varjebedian, as Standard Bearer SK Rohit Sukhram, as Sword Bearer SK Bob Nordstrom and as Sentinel SK Richard Jones.

Following the installation, presentations were made. Sir Knights Michael Quigley and Aram Adishian, traveling from Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53 in White Plains, NY, presented Eminent Commander Jewart with the Bethlehem Crusader Cross. This tradition, over 100 years old, sees Sir Knights from each Commandery travel to the other’s installation to present their respective jewel. In June Washington Commandery will travel to White Plains.

Right Eminent Past Grand Commander William A. G. Mackey, presented Eminent Commander Jewart with the Washington Commandery No. 1 jewel. This jewel, from Washington Commandery No. 1 in Washington, D. C., is another long tradition, but it is presented by proxy by a Sir Knight of Washington Commander No. 1, East Hartford.

The Order of DeMolay has always made a presentation at Washington Commandery’s installation, but this particular evening it was very special. As State Executive Officer Brian E. Beals explained, the evening of February 19 was the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the Order of DeMolay with Dad Land and the nine young men who founded the Order. State Master Councilor Keith Schmidt presented Eminent Commander Jewart with the DeMolay jewel on this momentous occasion.

Following the reading of the historical pamphlet that describes the founding of Washington Commandery No. 1, and closing remarks by Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Michael E. Seamon, the new officer line closed Washington Commandery in due form.



SK Quigley, Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53, presented SK Jewart with the Bethlehem Crusader Commandery Cross.

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Cover Photo: Incoming officers of Washington Commandery No. 1 KT line up for installation (l-r): Charles Jewart, Ken Roach, Mark Blackaby, Harry “Chip” Elliott, Steve Matthews, Rohit Sukhram, Bob Nordstrom, Ed Varjebedian. Installing Marshal: REPGC William A. G. Mackey.

**Washington Commander No. 1
Installs Officers** *continued from page 3*



No man should ever begin any great and important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity – prayer before installation

***WELCOME TO
OUR NEW BROTHERS!***

Christopher John Gness
Columbia Lodge No. 25

Aldo Bove
Wooster Lodge No. 79

Mathew Joseph Erasmus
Wooster Lodge No. 79

Sean O'Rourke Murphy
Wooster Lodge No. 79

Karriem Shawn Holness
Center Lodge No. 97

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Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125

Brett Hamilton Richards
Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125

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Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125

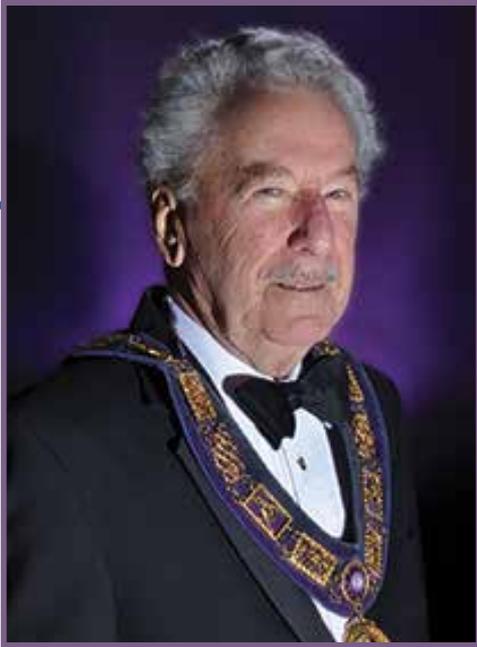
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Grand Master's Message

by Marshall K. Robinson

Well, my year as Grand Master is drawing to a close. It was an interesting year and a more interesting journey to get here.

Generally speaking, it was a smooth year with only a couple of bumps in the road. Sometimes the things people do are mind boggling. But, I learned that a long time ago while serving with the State Police so I shouldn't have been surprised by anything.

Traveling around the state was a great experience and quite different as Grand Master, as you might imagine. I have enjoyed visiting other lodges throughout my entire Masonic career. I've said it many times that one of the great privileges we, as Masons, have is the ability to visit lodges other than our own. I have always been treated kindly and respectfully as a brother and as Grand Master.

I recently returned from five days in Florida being part of what is called the Nutmegger Reunions. J.P. Venoit, Bob Polito, Carl Anderson, Charlie and Barbara Yohe, and myself toured facilities in Florida and greeted our Brothers who now live there. We landed in Orlando on

a Sunday night and drove to Titusville. Monday we greeted brothers and their wives and enjoyed lunch with them. Immediately following lunch we all drove across Florida to Naples where we stayed. The next day, Tuesday we held a program with Brothers, some of whom drove many miles to attend. This continued to be our agenda for the next three days in Sarasota, Ocala, and New Port Richey.

We sat in lodge in Marion Dunn Lodge No. 19 in Ocala. It was another very nice evening and we were well received. The ritual they use is very similar to ours except that their closing is much shorter, a pleasant surprise. I met brothers whom I hadn't seen in many years. In fact, I met a brother I knew when he was a teenager in Meriden. His father owned a garage and towing business and used to tow for us when I was stationed at Troop I in Bethany. I met another Brother who worked for the Sheriff's Dept. whom I hadn't seen in well over forty years. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed renewing old friendships and meeting Brothers who I previously did not know. For those of you who are wondering, the answer is no, we did not have time for golf or the beaches. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and a nice way to wind down my year as Grand Master.

Some other highlights were my "Homecoming Dinner" at Brownson Country Club in Shelton. The Brothers of King Hiram Lodge No. 12 in Shelton really outdid themselves on that evening.

I also enjoyed very much the Pierpont Edwards Medal presentations that we did. Most of them were

surprises for the recipients and it was fun seeing their facial expressions when they realized what was happening.

I had the honor of presenting a 50-year pin to my ex-partner from the State Police Forensic Laboratory, Bob Hathaway. He and I worked together for many years, and he helped me greatly when I became a Master Mason.

I have only mentioned a few of the functions that were particularly enjoyable. There were many others, too many for a short article such as this.

It has been a wonderful year full of great experiences, and I want to thank all of the Brethren who had the confidence in me to elect me to this position of honor. In particular, I want to publicly thank my corps of Grand Lodge officers who gave of their time to support me and the many Grand Lodge functions that we were called upon to serve. I shall never forget you or the year.

To quote Brother Douglas MacArthur "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." As I will do in April.



Grand Lodge Committee on Legal Matters *April 2019*

Section 3903. Approval of a Petition for a New Lodge by an Existing Lodge.

Discussion:

The change is intended to address the undefined distance of vicinity in the existing rule.

Proposed change:

Section 3903. Approval of a Petition for a New Lodge by an Existing Lodge. The petition for a new Lodge must be approved by existing Lodge(s) located within ten miles in the general vicinity of the proposed location of the new Lodge (See 3902). A simple majority vote by the existing Lodge is necessary. Prior to the vote in the existing Lodge, the blanks in a petition for a new Lodge must be completed. The petitioners for the new Lodge, if members of the existing Lodge being asked to approve the petition, shall have the right to vote upon the question of approval in the existing Lodge. If the votes of the petitioners for the new Lodge are necessary for the existing Lodge's approval to be granted, this fact shall be reported to the Grand Lodge by the existing Lodge voting the approval, for the Grand Master's consideration before his action thereon.

Existing provision:

Section 3903. Approval of a Petition for a New Lodge by an Existing Lodge. The petition for a new Lodge must be approved by existing Lodge(s) in the general vicinity of the proposed location of the new Lodge (See 3902). A simple majority vote by the existing Lodge is necessary. Prior to the vote in the existing Lodge, the blanks in a petition for a new Lodge must be completed. The petitioners for the new Lodge, if members of the existing Lodge being asked to approve the petition, shall have the right to vote upon the question of approval in the existing Lodge. If the votes of the petitioners for the new Lodge are necessary for the existing Lodge's approval to be granted, this fact shall be reported to the Grand Lodge by the existing Lodge voting the approval, for the Grand Master's consideration before his action thereon.

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 --- Grand Chaplain, Grand Almoner, Grand Tiler, and --- of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Constitution ARTICLE IV.

Election and Appointment of Grand Officers.

The Officers of the Grand ---, Grand Chaplain, Grand Almoner, Grand Tiler, --- 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 Chaplain, a Grand Almoner, a Grand Historian, --- in its Constitution.

Section 2118. Titles of Grand Lodge Officers.

Titles of Grand Lodge Officers should read as follows: --- Grand Chaplain, Grand Almoner, Grand Historian, --- shall be "Right Worshipful". Brethren who have held such offices shall retain their respective titles for life.

Section 3902. Petition for Formation of New Lodge.

Discussion:

The change is intended to address the process when two or more lodges combine to form a new lodge resulting in a new lodge name or number.

Proposed change:

Section 3902. Petition for Formation of New Lodge. The petition for formation of a Lodge, which shall include the consolidation of two or more existing lodges whereby one of the lodges is not the successor lodge, (herein after referred to as "new Lodge") and the listing of the charter members thereof shall be on the form provided by the Grand Lodge and no other. (FORM GL-1

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Section 3902. Petition for Formation of New Lodge. The petition for formation of a Lodge (herein after referred to as "new Lodge") and the listing of the charter members thereof shall be on

the form provided by the Grand Lodge and no other. (FORM GL-1) 10/12

Section 8001. Distribution and Consumption of Alcohol.

Discussion:

Following approval of the change during the April 2018 session, the committee became aware of an inconsistency in the implementation requirement of the section and the committee guidance. The committee is recommending changing the regulation to be consistent with the Grand Lodge guidance by removing the requirement of a bylaw change in order to adopt a bottle club policy.

Proposed revision:

Section 8001. Distribution and Consumption of Alcohol.

The following policies shall apply to lodge activities occurring on and off lodge premises.

No Lodge, committee or club of a lodge or any legal entity described in Section 3601, owned or controlled by one or more Lodge(s) as defined in Section 3605) shall engage in the distribution of or allow consumption of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by state law and regulations. The Lodge shall obtain liability endorsements and training required by either the Grand Lodge general liability insurer or the State of Connecticut and will be responsible for any associated fees.

A Lodge may adopt a policy or by-law change whereby a member is permitted to bring his own alcoholic beverage to lodge events for his consumption. Additionally, the member shall affirmatively acknowledge in writing he has read the policy and will abide by its terms and conditions.

A Lodge, committee or club of a lodge or any legal entity described in Section 3601, owned or controlled by one or more Lodge(s) as defined in Section 3605) may obtain a temporary permit to allow the purchase and sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages for specific events. The principal officer of the Lodge shall ensure compliance with Connecticut State Law under the terms of the temporary permit.



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230th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The 230th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Connecticut will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 100 Berlin Road (Route 372), Cromwell, Connecticut on **Monday, April 8, 2019**. The formal opening of Grand Lodge will be at 9:30 A.M.

This is the "CALL" to that meeting.

Registration will start at 8:00 A.M. Please note: **All voting delegates must register at the registration table and present their 2019 Dues Card to the Grand Tiler upon entry to the session.** Registration will be by Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

A proxy form has been sent directly to the Lodge Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden should they: 1) not be able to attend this Annual Communication in person [proxy must be executed in advance]; 2) be entitled to vote by virtue of holding one of these offices in more than one lodge; 3) be entitled to vote by virtue of being a Grand Lodge Officer or a Permanent Member of Grand Lodge. Please inform any Brother who is attending as a proxy that he must present his 2019 dues card. All Brothers entitled to vote should bring the Apron and Jewel of their office, whether as Permanent Member, Lodge Officer or serving as proxy.

Your attendance at this Annual Communication is important. We will consider available Reports of Standing and Special Committees, Grand Lodge Officer Reports, and any other business proper to be considered, all subject to the usual rules. **There may be certain changes to the Rules & Regulations which will be considered for adoption.**

Please note the following Sections of our Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations regarding Lodge representation:

Section 2300. Roll Call at Regular Communication. Immediately before the closing of a Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, the roll shall be called, and any Lodge found to be unrepresented shall be declared delinquent, unless it shall have been previously excused.

Section 2301. Penalty if Lodge Is Not Represented at Regular Grand Lodge Communication: (reads in part) "A Lodge neglecting to be represented at a Regular Grand Lodge Communication shall incur the penalty of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars. . ."

The Grand Lodge Office cannot make hotel reservations. Lodges and Brothers are responsible for making their own reservations with the Red Lion Hotel. The hotel reservation information is enclosed, a Booking Website is available, and driving directions are given. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. **The cutoff date is no later than March 15, 2019. Please mention the Grand Lodge Session when making your hotel reservations.**

**ALL "LODGE HOSPITALITY ROOMS" MUST BE CLOSED
AT A "REASONABLE HOUR" ON SUNDAY.**

Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputies, Past District Deputies, current Associate Grand Marshals, and current Grand Lodge Standing Committee members must register in order to vote. Each voting delegate will register **only once, either by virtue of his highest attained Grand Lodge Masonic office or Committee Membership or, if he chooses, as an elector (proxy) on behalf of his lodge.** The use of proxies is encouraged where appropriate to ensure full representation of constituent lodges.

The Grand Master's Banquet for Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, members of the Craft and their ladies will be held on Sunday evening, April 7, at 6:45 pm with a social hour at 6:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom. All Brothers and their ladies are invited to attend. Please make every effort to get your reservation in early as this banquet is sold on a first come - first serve basis. **Any request which is received in the Grand Lodge Office after March 15th will result in tickets being held for pickup at the door.**

A banquet reservation form for the Sunday night banquet is enclosed for your use. The entrée will be Pan Seared Chicken Breast at a cost of \$40.00, (including tax and gratuity) per person and Grilled New York Strip at a cost of \$45.00, (including tax and gratuity) per person **and all by advance order.** Please make all checks payable to the "Grand Lodge of Connecticut" and mail with the banquet reservation form. Banquet tickets will be mailed to those placing an order prior to March 15th. It would be appreciated if a self-addressed, stamped envelope was also included. For orders received after that date, tickets will be held at the door.

Also on Monday, April 8th at 12:00 Noon, the Past District Deputies Association of Connecticut will host a luncheon. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. All Brothers are invited to attend. Reservations can be mailed to Bro. Brian Beals, 175 Mercier Ave, Bristol, CT 06010 or call 860-620-4102. Lunch will also be available at other Red Lion venues.

Brother Lodge Secretary, please note that proxy forms have been mailed directly to the top three officers of your Lodge. Please remind them of their responsibilities to be present at Grand Lodge or to sign their proxy and give it to someone else.

With my fraternal best wishes,

Grant S. Gould
Grant S. Gould
R.W. Grand Secretary
February 1, 2019

Call for Nominations for Board Service

April 1, 2019

To Prospective Board Members:

By this notice, the Board of Trustees of Masonicare hereby issues a Call for Nominations of candidates for election to the Board of Trustees of Masonicare. In addition, Masonicare requests nominations for candidates for appointment to the boards of its affiliates: Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Masonicare at Chester Village, Masonicare Health Center, Masonicare at Home, Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, Masonicare at Mystic, and The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. To be considered for service, nominees need not specify in which board they are interested in serving. Interested individuals should request a Nomination Application by completing and returning the questionnaire below.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ME AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2019. APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED TO SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS.

Nominees should have qualifications in business, corporate leadership, finance, law or medicine, which qualify them for board service. Candidates should be aware that board members assume fiduciary duties with respect to their service, and that violation of these duties can entail personal liability. Service on our boards requires a considerable time commitment, varying with the needs of each corporation. While Masonicare's board is comprised of those who are specifically members of the Masonic fraternity or related appendant bodies, affiliate board membership may also contain qualified members of the local community.

MASONICARE is the Parent Corporation of our system, and all nominees must be members in good standing of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, with the exception of three who shall be members in good standing, and appointed one each from The Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star; the Order of the Amaranth, State of Connecticut; and Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Connecticut. The Board of Trustees is composed of no less than twelve but no more than fifteen members. Three seats must be filled annually by members in good standing of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, through the nomination and election process. The term of service on this board is three years, commencing in November 2019.

THE TERM OF SERVICE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICE LINES OF MASONICARE IS ONE YEAR, COMMENCING IN NOVEMBER 2019.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES governs Residential Services which represents Independent Living and Assisted Living, specifically Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Masonicare at Chester Village and Masonicare at Mystic .

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE represents home care services, hospice services and home maker and companion services, specifically Masonicare Home Health & Hospice and Masonicare at Home.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES, represents skilled nursing, short-term rehab, outpatient clinics, primary care and hospital services, specifically Masonicare Health Center.

THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF CONNECTICUT, safeguards and nurtures the system's assets, including the Endowment Fund, and houses our planned giving and development efforts.

The board seats which are not filled through this nomination process will be filled (a) through the appointment of cross-directors from the parent corporation board, (b) through the appointment of the corporation's Senior Administrator to the board, (c) through the appointment of residents to the board, and/or (d) through the appointment of an officer of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, to the board.

Please feel free to address any questions you may have regarding this process to Jon-Paul Venoit, President and CEO, 203-679-5000 or jvenoit@masonicare.org. Thank you for your assistance and participation.

Sincerely and fraternally,



William R. Deickler, Chairman
Nominating Committee

Request for Application for Board Service

Requests for a Nomination Application can be completed by returning the attached request. Once completed, the form should be sent to William R. Deickler, Chairman of the Masonicare Nominating Committee, via U.S. Postal Service to the address listed below; by Facsimile to 203-679-5001; or you may send the information electronically to droemmele@masonicare.org. A Nomination Application will be sent to all applicants for completion. The Nomination Application may be returned via U.S. Postal Service, Facsimile, or electronically. Please indicate your preference.

William R. Deickler
Masonicare Nominating Committee
Masonicare
22 Masonic Avenue, P.O. Box 70
Wallingford, CT 06492

Name: _____
Mailing address: _____
Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____
I would prefer the application to be sent to me via: _____

From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

Our 2019 Nutmegger Reunions in Florida last month were very rewarding. Masonicare Board Chair Bro. Bob Polito, MWGM Marshall Robinson, MWPGM Charlie Yohe, Rev. Bro. Carl Anderson and I truly enjoyed re-connecting with more than 160 Connecticut Masons at the five reunions. Bro. Bob Polito and I shared an update and answered questions regarding Masonicare. One of the highlights of the luncheon in Ocala was presenting a 75-year pin to Bro. Clifford Bulmer. Several other pins were presented throughout the week. Another highlight in Ocala was seeing retired Masonicare CEO Barry Spero and his wife Merle. Many thanks to Marshall, Carl and Barbara and Charlie Yohe for their help at each reunion. I also want to thank our hosts: James and Joan Vander Eyk and Michael and Mindy Fitting in Titusville, David and Ann Hocking in Naples, James and Agnes Rutushni in Sarasota, MWPGM Norm Getchell in Ocala, and John and



Patricia Blennerhassett in New Port Richey. Be sure and check out the photos from the five reunions in this issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*. Our second annual Masonicare Wine and Beer Tasting fundraiser is set for Friday, May 31 at Ashlar Village. This is truly a fun evening for a good cause. Guests can taste a variety of fine wines and beers, while enjoying great food including pasta and carving stations. All the monies raised go to the good work of The Masonic Charity Foundation to benefit our long-term care residents and home health and hospice patients. For more information or tickets, go to Masonicare.eventbrite.com or you can call The Foundation at 203-679-5555.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of our fellow Connecticut brothers at the Grand Lodge session on April 7-8. Bro. Marshall has had a successful year and will be turning the Grand Master's gavel over to Bro. Mel Johnson. We congratulate both of them!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

David Jerome Fortin	Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14	Richard P. Sallee	Uriel Lodge No. 24
Herschel Darwin Paradise	Bay View Lodge No. 120	Earl Endrich	Estuary Lodge No. 43
Edgar M. Buck	Frederick-Franklin Lodge No. 14	Michael D. Fraser	Federal Lodge No. 17
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Frederick M. Glotzer	Ivanho eLodge No. 107	Philip Brown Swain, Jr.	Ashlar Lodge No. 332
Thomas E. Coons	St. Luke's Lodge No. 48	Philip D. Feltman	Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140
David Walter Ives	Warren Lodge No. 51	Salvatore John Oliano	Ashlar Lodge No. 332
Irving Freedman	Hiram Lodge No. 18	Wayne J. Kovi	Compass Lodge No. 9
Richard Raymond Brabner	Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140	Charles Clark Maxson	Ashlar Lodge No. 332
David P. Andrews	Widow's Son Lodge No. 66		



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

Time goes by so quickly. It seems like yesterday I began my journey as Grand Chaplain, and now two years have flown by, and my term is over. Since this is my last column, I wanted to leave the Craft with a blessing and benediction as I turn the desk over to the very capable hands of Reverend and RW Brother Joseph Krusienski.

I offer this blessing for you:

May the Grand Architect of the Universe give you the fullness of grace to further the great work of Masonry in all your undertakings. May God give you peace along the path of life, knowing that there is an inexhaustible source of strength that guides all along the journey of life. May God give you confidence as you navigate the path that has been laid out for you, so that you will not stray too far to the right or left, but straight forward with courage through faith. Finally, may God bless you with an abundance of peace, hope and love, as you draw upon His leading in your life, as a Man and a Mason.

As a benediction, I leave you with the familiar words that I often use for services at Masonicare:

“May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back;

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

May the rains fall soft upon your fields

And may God bless you in your going out, and coming in,

In your rising up and lying down,

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

May God bless each Mason, each lodge, and our Grand Lodge as we journey together as a fraternity and grow spiritually under the fatherhood of God. Amen.

Peter Morris Joins Masonicare at Mystic

Peter Morris has been named Executive Director of Masonicare at Mystic, the retirement community Masonicare opened in late 2016 in Mystic.

The 179-unit rental community offers independent living, assisted living and memory care apartments on its 18-acre campus on Clara Drive.

Mr. Morris was most recently Managing Partner at Excelsus Hospitality which specializes in the field of senior hospitality. “Peter is a great addition to our leadership team,” said Jon-Paul Venoit, President and CEO of Masonicare. “Not only does he bring the experience of having consulted to scores of retirement communities, he brings energy and vision to this rapidly growing community of ours.”

A graduate of Providence College with a B.S. in Business, Mr. Morris also completed the nursing home administration program at UCONN and holds a Connecticut nursing home administrator license.

He and his family reside in Madison.



Grand Historian's Corner

by Gary A. Littlefield



We have often been asked about those who were members of the Craft who died in defense of our country. The proceedings in 1945 listed some of those who died during World War II who were Brothers.

George Raymond McGee Jr. was born in 1920 and graduated from Lyman Hall High in Wallingford in 1940. He was raised in Day Spring Lodge No. 30 and entered the Army in 1944. With nearly two dozen other infantry men he built a bridge while under fire in France. In December 1945 he was killed in action in the hinterlands of France.

Frederick Charles Winterhalder was born in 1913 in New Haven but moved to West Haven as a child. He was a Past Master Councilor in DeMolay and was awarded the Savitt Jewel, Blue Honor Key and Order of Chevalier. In 1941, he was raised in Annawon Lodge No. 115, inducted three years later and spent only ten months in service before being killed in Belgium in December 1944.

Franklin Harvey Converse was born in 1888 and raised in 1927 at Uriel Lodge in Merrow. He served in the Merchant Marine and died of a heart attack on June 15, 1944.

Stanley Wright Jr. was raised at the age of 21 in St John No. 3 in Bridgeport in 1944. He joined the Navy three months after being raised and was lost on the USS Wallington during a hurricane in September 1944 off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia.

Earle Grandon Higley was killed in action in Germany on November 29, 1944. Born in 1910 and raised in 1932 at Orient Lodge No. 62 in East Hartford, he was in the Connecticut National Guard and landed in France on D-Day and wounded during the invasion. He was the first Connecticut man to enter Germany in the Aachen area and received the Silver Star for gallantry. He had been employed by Hartford National Bank and Trust.

Ernest Frithrof Anderson was born in Sweden in 1894 and joined Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72 in 1932. He rose to the rank of Captain in the Coast Guard and died in the Canal Zone.

Joseph Abraham Leon was also a member of Charity and Relief Lodge. Born in 1902 and raised at the age of 34 he was in the medical branch of the Army and became a Captain. He was sent home on sick leave and died in 1943 in his hometown of Mystic, a military hero.

Donald Talbert Robinson was a Pennsylvania boy who was born in 1909 but came to Meriden and joined Meridian Lodge No. 77

in 1940. Three months later he was at Camp Blanding and was a captain in the 169th Regiment. He rose to the rank of Major and was killed in New Caledonia in August 1944. He had been employed by the city of Meriden as park superintendent.

Thomas Roy Eddleman was a Georgia native and was 33 years old when he joined Somerset Lodge No. 34 in Norwich. He had been in the Navy for 22 years and had seen considerable overseas service. He died at Great Lakes Naval Hospital after a short bout with leukemia.

Frederick Albert Thurber Jr. lived in West Hartford, graduated from Hall High and joined Wyllys Lodge No. 99 at the age of 21. He was in the banking business working for Hartford-Connecticut Trust and West Hartford Trust Company. On the Anzio beachhead he was mortally wounded as a Private in the US Army.



We salute these Brothers for their service to our nation. A Brother once asked me if there was a list of Brothers who served. The proceedings give some glimpse in World War I and World War II but those who joined the fraternity after their wartime service will probably never be known as that was not a question on the application nor recorded in the minutes as a general rule.



During World War II, my father, Theodore Littlefield, a member of Wooster Lodge No. 10 was in the Army. He related a story to me about his first experience with the MSA and their facilities on military bases. He was a few weeks out of basic training and at Camp Blanding for further training. One afternoon he went into the MSA facility (he had been a Mason for only about a year) and registered. The brother at the desk reviewed his signature and lodge and noted that another brother from the Colchester lodge was in the building, Colonel James Case. My father knew his name and some of his wife's family but had not met him. They were introduced and Jim said there was a degree happening at a lodge in the area that evening and would my father like to go. My father said that he was probably unable to get a "pass," but Jim assured him that rank has its privileges and they ended up going to lodge together. A show of unity and brotherhood during time of war.



Thank you to those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and to those who are serving. God bless you all.



The Golden Rule: A Universal Guide For Enlightened Behavior *by John White*

*Ed Note: This is an excerpt from an upcoming book by John White entitled **Enlightenment 101: A Guide to God-Realization and Higher Human Culture***

The Golden Rule is perhaps the oldest ethical proposition of distinctly universal character. This ethic of reciprocity or loving kindness is found in the scriptures of nearly all religions. It is a condensation of longer lists of ordinances concerning the behavior necessary for personal and social good, such as the Ten Commandments, and is widely regarded as the most concise and general principle of ethics. It is, for me, also a demonstration of the unity of sacred traditions with regard to their views of human nature. I have compiled these variants of the Golden Rule from secondary sources, and would welcome additional examples and more specific references from readers.

African Traditional Religions

One going to take a pointed stick to pinch a baby bird should first try it on himself to feel how it hurts. – Yoruba Proverb (Nigeria)

Bah'ai

Do not lay on any soul a load which you would not wish to be laid upon yours and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself. – Baha'u'llah, 9th Century

Buddhism

Do not hurt others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. – Udana-Varga, 5:18, 6th Century B.C.

Christianity

Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. – Jesus Christ, 1st Century (Matthew 7:12; see also Luke 6:31)

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. – Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:39)

Classical Paganism

May I do to others as I would they should do unto me. – Plato, 4th Century B.C.

Confucianism

Tsekung asked, "Is there one word that can serve as a principle of conduct for life?"

Confucius replied, "It is the word shu—reciprocity: Do not unto others what you would not have them do to you". – Analects, 15:23, 6th Century B.C.

Try your best to treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself, and you will find that this is the shortest way to benevolence. – Mencius VII.A.4.

Hinduism

Do nothing to others which would cause you pain if done to you. – Mahabharata 5:1517, 3rd Century B.C.

One should not behave toward others in a way which is disagreeable to oneself. This is the essence of morality. All other activities are due to selfish desire. – Mahabharata, Anusasana Parva 113.8

Islam

No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother what he desires for himself. – Muhammad, 6th Century, Sunnah

Jainism

In happiness and suffering, in joy and grief, we should regard all creatures as we regard our own self, and should therefore refrain from inflicting upon others such injury as would appear undesirable to us if inflicted upon ourselves. – Lord Mahavir, 5th Century, B.C., 24th Tirthankara

A man should wander around treating all creatures as he himself would be treated. Sutrakritanga 1.11.33

Judaism

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. – The Torah (Leviticus 19:18)

What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man; that is the whole Torah; all the rest of it is commentary; go and learn. – Rabbi Hillel, 1st Century, citing Talmud, Shabbat 31a

Native American

Do not condemn your brother until you have walked a mile in his moccasins.

Love one another and do not strive for another's undoing. Even as you desire good treatment,

so render it. – Handsome Lake, prophet of the Seneca Tribe, New York, circa 1800.

Shinto

Do not unto others what you would have them do unto you.

Sikhism

Treat others as thou wouldst be treated thyself. – [Guru Nanak?], 16th Century

Don't create enmity with anyone as God is within everyone. – Guru Arjan Devji 259, Guru Granth Sahib

Taoism

Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss.

Wicca

If it harms none, do what you will.

Zoroastrianism

Refrain from doing unto others whatsoever is not good for oneself. – Dadistan-i-Dinik, 94:5, 5th Century B.C.

PEOPLE IN THE SECULAR WORLD HAVE DISCOVERED THE SAME GREAT TRUTH

He that does good to another does good also to himself, not only in the consequence but in the very act. For the consciousness of well-doing is in itself ample reward. – Seneca [1st Century]

The duty of man...is plain and simple, and consists of but two points—his duty to God, which every man must feel; and, with respect to his neighbor, to do as he would be done by. – Thomas Paine

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Masonic Veteran Association of Connecticut

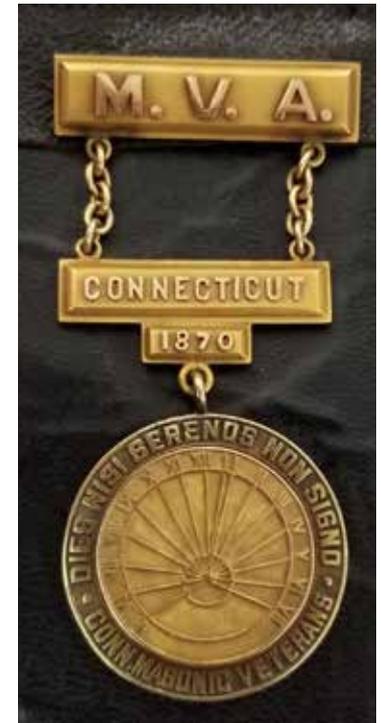
by William L. Greene

The Masonic Veteran Association of Connecticut is a group of brothers that have been Master Masons for 25 years or longer. This association was formed in 1870 and is one of Connecticut Freemasonry's most misunderstood groups.

Membership is open to any and all Master Masons who have been members of the craft for 25 years. Membership has nothing to do with former military service. Members periodically get together with their ladies to enjoy a good meal, social time and fellowship. It serves as a great opportunity to join with other long time members of the fraternity, talk about Masonry,

catch up on the lives of friends, share news and opportunities, and meet new Masonic friends who have long served the craft.

The next meeting of the association will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Ashlar Village Auditorium. The meeting will be followed by a lunch. Lifetime membership fee is \$10 plus a donation of \$10 for a total of \$20. For further information and/or an application to join, contact Brother Richard A. Eppler, Secretary, at epplerasc@aol.com (203) 271-2211 or MWB William (Bill) Greene, Membership Chairman, at greenewl@charter.net (860) 989-4240.



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District 1

Lodges 3, 5, 6, 8, 19, 65, 67, 85, 104, 109, 107, 142, 144, 149



A Fellowcraft Degree at the Burr Mansion

by *Fritzner Erauda*

The themes of education and achievement are heavily portrayed in the Fellowcraft Degree. The more a man learns through the pursuit of knowledge, the more he achieves. This very theme is exactly what the new Fellowcrafts of Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3 received that night at the Burr Mansion.

The Burr Mansion is one of the historical sites in Fairfield. Rebuilt around 1790 by Thaddeus and Eunice Burr following the burning of Fairfield in the Revolutionary War, the house was one of the town's cultural and social centers. Before the Revolution, the Burr Mansion hosted some of the well-known figures in American history including George Washington, John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Aaron Burr. In 1775,

years before it was rebuilt, John Hancock and Dorothy Quincy exchanged wedding vows at the mansion in a graceful ceremony.

This was where the newly admitted Fellowcrafts took their obligation and passed through the degree. Though not as spacious or as magnificent as King Solomon's Temple, the Burr Mansion was transformed that evening into a place representing the Middle Chamber of King Solomon's Temple.

The degree displayed elegance and grandeur as the new Fellowcrafts were first introduced and conducted to the Middle Chamber. They discovered firsthand the beauty of various objects like the two great pillars and its globes. They felt the steps beneath them as they climbed up the winding stairs of three, five, and seven steps, while observing the five columns growing in beauty with each step. Lastly, they recognized the importance of the knowledge they achieved as they entered the Middle Chamber.



Brothers Barry McDonald and Walter Matis, the newest Fellowcrafts of Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3.

The Burr Mansion located in Fairfield Historical Center.



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District 4

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



What Can the Lodge Historian Do For You?

By David J. Stewart

Lodge minutes of today are the history of tomorrow. From archival darkness to light is the journey we are about to embark on.

How many secretary's minutes books are there in your lodge? Where are they? What about the treasurer's "stuff," and the trustee's information? There are most likely previously written booklets, books, and notes all having to do with the history of your lodge. Pamphlets, celebrations, social events, old and new ritual books, photographs, jewels, buttons, pins, and gifts all go into the making of your archives and the story of "from whence came you."

My journey to become the lodge historian began with a question.

"Hey brother, I understand that you like history. We need a lodge historian; would you do it? Just look after all of our old stuff, you know, old books, records, and stuff."

For the next three years I did nothing. Then one day the 225th anniversary of the lodge, Temple Lodge No. 16, was only a year off. The lodge was the second lodge to be chartered by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. I informed the Worshipful Master and he said, "Oh no, we should do something. What can we do? You're the historian - what should we do?"

I answered, "We should have a celebration, maybe a book on our history, a special dinner, and maybe we could get the Most Worshipful Grand Master to attend."

Those ideas became my charge. All those ideas and much more came together with a great time being had by all.

Then a new project emerged. Searching through the 25 minutes books, I kept noticing a call from the brothers, usually at the annual meeting, "Where are the archives"? The brothers kept saying, "I remember two very old books written in the early 1800s. Do you know what they are?"

I was the historian and had the time to find out. To the best of my knowledge, none of this had ever been done before in Temple Lodge.

I found files, boxes, cabinets and drawers filled with "stuff" and a room fondly called the archive room with hundreds of moldy, damaged books and even more "stuff." Not knowing how or what to do I started with the books. An evaluation of each one led to cleaning, minor repairs and preliminary organization.

Next, I ventured into the secretary's notes and files. Not everything goes into the minutes, but a good secretary saves everything. The stories of the brothers, their families, the town and community activities, what was done by whom, why, and the results were all there. In the end it was our history.

Just about everything in those files, book cases, and cabinets has now been inventoried and catalogued into a simple software-driven database for all to see and explore. No longer is it missing, but instead it's all right there for brothers to begin their journey with the hopes of gaining more light and education of what this great fraternity offers.

Remember, Brothers, "Masonic history is alive and we make it every day!"



“... And He That Shall Humble Himself Shall Be Exalted...”

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

The Valley of Bridgeport and the Lafayette Consistory are planning a busy April. The month begins with a live rendition of the 18th Degree on Monday, April 1, with a BluRay presentation of the 22nd Degree. On Monday, April 15, the Pequonnock Chapter of the Rose Croix will put on a live presentation of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. The 32nd Degree, as well as the 19th, will be presented live on Monday, May 6. Mark your calendars and contact the Consistory office for dinner reservations at (203) 375-0064.

If you plan on attending the Grand Lodge Session, make sure that one of your stops is at the generously stocked Scottish Rite Hospitality Suite which will open its doors starting on Sunday afternoon. Other fellowship activities that are being planned later this spring include a trip to the Westchester Dinner Theater to see “Newsies,” fishing trips, a visit to the Bronx Zoo, a day trip to Port Jefferson, the Annual Clambake, and much more. Membership does indeed have its privileges!

The 32nd degree which is indeed the crowning glory of the Rite, also imparts on the candidate the proper understanding of the passage in the Great Light which I quote above and is found at Matt. 23:12. For those of you who are already Princes of the Royal Secret, I believe you will find that this explanation should resonate: The humble brother is the man who has sufficient pride and a healthy self-worth, who does not seek glory for its sake alone. These are the men who would assuredly be right and DO right, than be great among men if such attainments involve the execution of any act of injustice. They are the men who quietly, deliberately and with a steadfast resolution work with resolve to understand the attainment of self-mastery. They are willing to serve in kindness and selflessness, and thus obtain a complete

comprehension of the Rights and Obligations of a True Master. The humble ARE NOT those who would allow others to forcefully command them and make virtual slaves of them. They are not self-absorbed substance, or sensation addicts, nor footmen to those who seek power for their own profit and glory. The man who succumbs to any such force cannot be a master as long as he allows himself to be a groveling slave to such men or influences.

The humble are men who understand that there is no greatness, nor any righteousness, in becoming a slave

to men or instrumentalities, since this is really but an indication of servile weakness. They understand that they can actually attain their life, by losing it first, for the sake of honor, righteousness, and or justice.

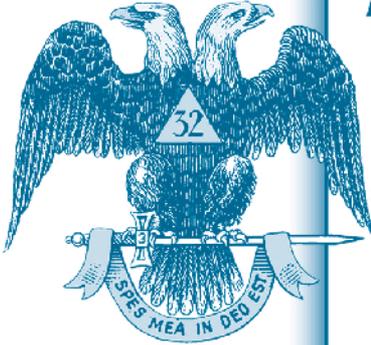
There is indeed a Master's glory and divine sense in giving all, including one's life, in search of freedom from

injustice or slavery of any sort.

I hope to see you at the conferral of the 32nd degree this coming May!

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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Hiram Lodge Portrays Colonial Entered Apprentice Degree *by Jeffery Blayman*

Having heard rumors of a Colonial degree circulating for the last few months, many excited brothers from far off lodges traveled to the temple on Whitney Avenue in New Haven on the 4th Thursday in February. With four candidates to receive the Entered Apprentice degree that evening, the usually decadent dinner was replaced with a breakfast to follow the evening's work instead.

Brothers began to congregate in the 2nd floor lobby, outside the Egyptian Room, catching up with friends and filling out visitation cards, while members of the degree ascended to the 3rd floor prop room to don their colonial costumes for the evening. Brothers put on their costumes, each helping to adjust one another's wigs and cravats as you would expect from a tight-knit band of friends and brothers.

Having made the finishing touches, each brother put on a Hiram apron trimmed in light blue from an age gone by and, tying it underneath their tailored doublets as is Hiram's own colonial tradition, each headed downstairs to take their seats in the lodge amongst the guests who sat amused by the spectacle.

WM Glenn Jacques opened the lodge, the brothers admiring his powdered wig, doublet, and breeches. The work progressed by

candlelight and brothers all lent their best efforts. SD Scott Atkins circumambulated the four initiates with the help of some associate stewards. As the candidates knelt at the altar, SW Frederick Marotti gave the obligation after which the Worshipful Master brought the candidates to Masonic light by the glow of burning tapers held by over 50 brothers.

Newly affiliated Bro. Jeffery Blayman solemnly presented the Bible charge followed by JW Keith Macdowall giving the Apron lecture, stating they should wear it with equal pleasure to themselves and honor to the fraternity. Brother Clint Potter presented the working tools of an Entered Apprentice and RWB Ted Doolittle gave the 3rd Section Lecture in great detail in front of a trestle board, illuminating the minds of the four new brothers. SS Albert Johnson gave the Charge.

The work of the evening concluded, everyone retired downstairs to enjoy breakfast as the smell of bacon wafted up the stairwells. The degree team headed upstairs to put on their own clothes and step back into the 21st century. The building slowly went quiet floor by floor save for the cacophony of sounds emanating from the dining hall as jubilant brothers shared in the euphoria of brotherhood and tradition.

David Wooster, founder of Connecticut Freemasonry and the first Master of Hiram Lodge No.1 back in 1750, would have felt at home in his old Lodge that night.



District 5

Lodges 14, 29, 33, 36, 101, 128, 140, 146, 148



Friendship Lodge No. 33 Hosts DeMolay Dart Tournament *by Gary W. Arseneau*

Friendship Lodge No. 33 hosted the Marcus Holcomb Chapter Demolay dart tournament. There were five teams who competed in a spirited game of cricket.



Newest member Aiden Neilsen and Master Counselor of Nathan Hale Chapter Mathew Sprouse.

District 6

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



Brothers Helping Veterans at Masonicare to Get The Benefits They Deserve *by Arnold S. Grot*

The Veterans of Korea, Vietnam and Saudi Wars Connecticut Chapter No. 1 of East Hartford has been working with Masonicare's President and CEO Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit to get veteran benefits to all veterans served by Masonicare. This will both reduce Masonicare's costs and provide some income directly to the veterans. They are the first chapter in the country to have such a program.

Brother Sam Ranno is the President of the chapter. He and six other members of the chapter, all brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25, will be going to Masonicare on April 10, along with representatives from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Connecticut facilities, to get veterans signed up for benefits they deserve.

Brother Ranno encourages all lodges in Connecticut to identify brothers to serve as veteran ambassadors for their lodge. His chapter will be conducting classes to train the ambassadors in helping veterans who are members of the lodge sign up for benefits. Those interested in these classes can contact Sam at vkvsuct1@comcast.net. Any interested brother is welcome to join them at Masonicare on April 10 at 9 a.m.

On December 19, 2018, the chapter presented a check to Columbia Lodge No. 25 in recognition of the service of Freemasons to Veterans and the community.



Bro. Ranno presents check to then WM Arnie Grot. (l-r) Bob Ulrich, WB Arnie Grot, Richard Bates, Sam Ranno, John Wohlfert, Nick Cordone, Stan Veniot, and current WM Rodney Spooner.

District 8

Lodges 10, 31, 34, 57, 102, 116, 120, 150



8th District Sons of Harmony Make Community Impact

by Andrew Pedro

Bro. Andrew Pedro was determined that Masons make a larger impact on their communities and raise awareness among residents of that impact. To that end, he created the Sons of Harmony in the 8th Masonic District.

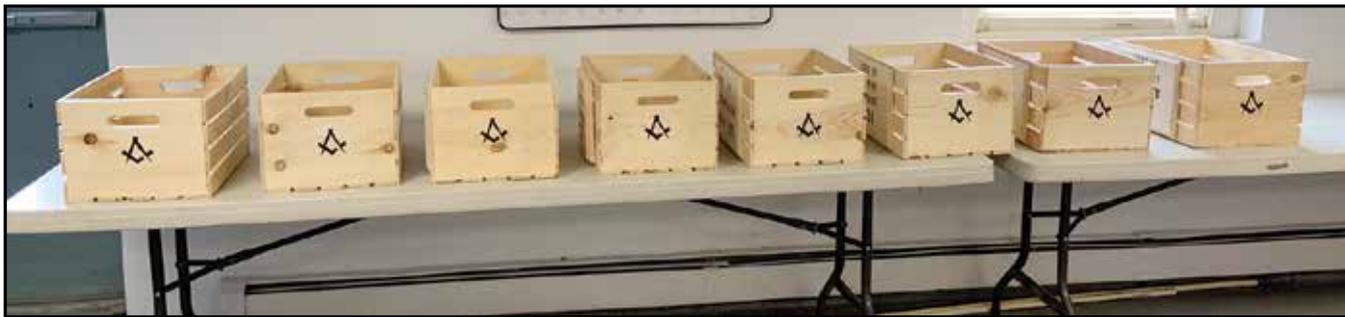
Gathering two brothers from each lodge, they built food donation baskets, each stenciled with the name of the individual lodge and Sons of Harmony. The baskets will be in each lodge, and throughout the month, brothers will be encouraged to fill the basket with as many non-perishable food items as possible. On the final Sunday of each month, Bro. Pedro, the 16 lodge representatives, and family and friend volunteers will join together and inventory the donations.

It is important to note that donations will not be counted as coming from a single lodge, but from the district as whole. This discourages the feeling of competition and encourages the idea that the brethren can work and give as a Masonic community across the state.

The donations will be delivered to the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Bank in New London, where the donations will be evenly distributed across southeast Connecticut.

In response to a brother's objection, "I would not make the donations in the name of the 8th Masonic District because people may not know what it is," Bro. Pedro responded, "It's time people know exactly what it is. Not only what the 8th District is, but what Masonry all across the state is."

If any brother would like a basket, or to join Sons of Harmony, contact Andrew Pedro at apedro95@gmail.com.



Shriners Collaborate to Assist Needy Children

Shriners from the Pyramid and Sphinx Temples, as well as Kora Temple of Maine and Melha of Massachusetts, collaborated with a fund raising event at the Ninja League World Championships in Hartford, Connecticut.

This event was held during the weekend of February 16-18. Pyramid Shriner Clowns dazzled patrons with balloon artistry. In addition, Shriners collected donations that will be used to assist needy children receiving medical care at the Shriners Hospital.



District 8

Lodges 10, 31, 34, 57, 102, 116, 120, 150



Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34 Marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

On Sunday, March 2, during a brief window of radiant sunshine between two snowstorms, Norwich held their annual Saint Patrick's Day parade. The participants and spectators were relieved that the parade was not being held in a snowstorm, especially Brother Jeffrey A. Blayman, the parade's honorary Grand Marshal. Brothers from Hiram Lodge No. 1 and Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34 were marching, with notable guests, RWB Ron Magliano, Grand Junior Steward, and MWPGM Ted Nelson.

Around noon, groups of marchers began to assemble and excited onlookers took their places along the sidewalks and inside the many pubs along the route. The participants made last minute adjustments to their outfits, floats, parade banners, and vehicles. All the vibrant colors of the day shown brightly as the warm winter sun illuminated the scene.

At 1 p.m. Grand Marshal Blayman stepped off, followed by fire trucks, flag details, bagpipers in their tartans, scouts of all types, dancing troops, marchers from banks and insurance companies, members of town committees and others. The cheers and chants from the crowd helped raise the level of enthusiasm as the marchers rounded the center of the city and then headed back towards the area where they started.

At this point, having finished his duty as Grand Marshal, Brother Blayman rejoined his Brothers, the 31st group in the parade, who were waiting patiently to step off. The Brothers marched and as they rounded corners along the route they were met with cheers and the honest smiles of citizens excited to see the fraternity proudly marching. This group of Brothers promoted the fraternity in a positive light and gave good wholesome exposure to the brotherhood to which they are all so dedicated.

It was a fabulous day indeed and a warmup to the upcoming parade in New Haven. If brothers have the opportunity to march in a Masonic group for any parade, they should definitely make the extra effort to be there, as they won't regret the experience. Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Masonic Lady Pins *by George Frascarelli*

In lodge, one often hears about family, widows, and orphans and how a lodge may help out financially, or how Brothers will rake leaves or shovel snow for a widow or a needy Brother. What other ways do Masons help? How does a Brother know when a family member of a Mason passes by on the street?

There are pins identifying people as relatives of Masons -- the Blue Slipper pin and the Widow's Pin. Some members in the fraternity probably know about these pins, but how many newer Brothers know about their existence and the explanation for these pins?

The Widow's Pin, which depicts a broken column, is presented to the widow at a Masonic service. The broken column is, as Master Masons well know, emblematic of the fall of one of the chief supporters of the Craft. The use of the column or pillar as a monument erected over a tomb is an ancient custom and a very significant



symbol of the character and spirit of the person interred. The Widow's Pin was created as an emblem to symbolize the Craft's continued concern and honor for the widow of a Brother Master Mason.

The Blue Slipper pin is a small lapel pin in the shape of a blue slipper. Why a blue slipper? The answer is found in history, in the time of Boaz, in the book of Ruth. Elimelech's wife, Naomi, returning from the land of Moab to Elimelech's and her homeland after the death of her husband and her two sons. One daughter-in-law, Ruth, a Moabite, accompanied Naomi

back to Bethlehem-Judah. Both were destitute. Ruth went to work in the fields owned by Boaz, to enable her to care for her elderly mother-in-law, Naomi.

The law of the land at that time stated that a husband's next of kin were duty bound to redeem his land and possessions and look after his widow and offspring. Since Boaz was not married and was kin to Naomi, Naomi decided that she should somehow make Boaz understand his duty to Elimelech's family. Boaz, knowing that he was only second in line to redeem Elimelech's property, and knowing that there was a kinsman closer to Elimelech who would have the first option to redeem Elimelech's property, decided to meet with the kinsman.

All business among the tribe of Bethlehem-Judah took place at the gate to the city. So Boaz sat down at the gate

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Do You Profess a Belief in a Supreme Being?

by Jaime Paul Lamb

It is a fair assessment to say that, in modern times, there has been an increasingly popular tendency toward secularization. In the West, particularly, a mass exodus from the Abrahamic and other monotheistic faiths has been underway for some time. For example, a recent Gallup pole has shown that the number of Americans identifying as Christian has declined from 80.1% to 75% between the years 2008 and 2015. Currently, 21.3% of Americans declare no religious affiliation. Sociological trends of this sort tend to progress exponentially; meaning, we may presume that this tendency will not only continue, but do so at an increasing rate of speed.

Bearing this in mind, we turn our attention to a certain clause in the Masonic Landmarks; namely, that the candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry must profess a belief in a Supreme Being. Since these Landmarks are somewhat malleable at the level of each jurisdiction's Grand Lodge, we will focus on the wording of the question as propounded to the candidate in the state of Connecticut, viz. "Do you solemnly declare, in the presence of these witnesses, that you are a firm believer in the existence of a Supreme Being?" It is important to note that the candidate is never asked if he believes in Yahweh, Jesus, Allah, Mithras, Buddha, et al., nor should it ever be the business of a Mason to question the candidate beyond an affirmative answer to

the question as propounded. Neither the candidate nor the brother is ever asked to elucidate or clarify the particulars of his religious philosophy. In fact, apropos to the common custom that the discussion of religion or politics is frowned upon in open lodge, he is actively admonished to keep this information to himself, thus preserving the harmony of the lodge by not introducing such a potentially divisive subject matter.

The wording of the question propounded to the candidate is very deliberate -- he is asked if he believes in a Supreme Being. Before we move on, I ask that the reader reflect on the following dictionary entries:

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A Tour of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

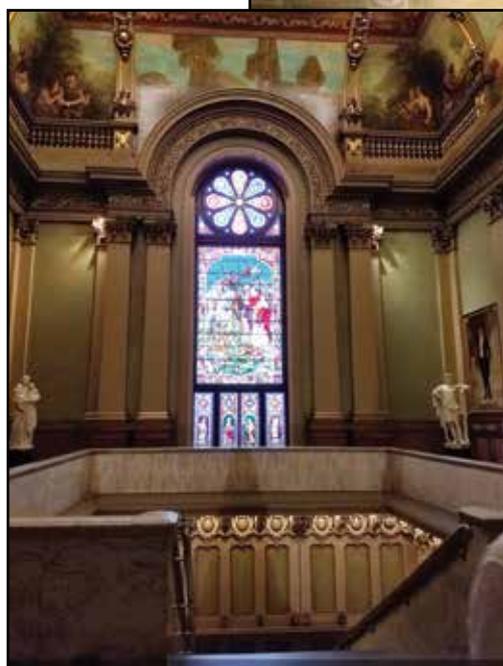
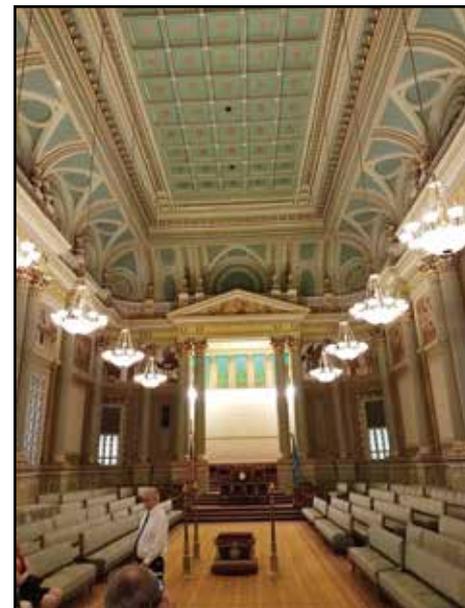
by John Ferucci

Touring the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia was such a rewarding experience and reviewing the photos of that trip from time to time brings back the feel of the majestic grandeur of that lodge. The Grand Lodge is located in downtown Philadelphia. Outside is a life-size bronze statue of Brother George Washington and Brother Benjamin Franklin engaging in a handshake.

The tours are open to the public. Of the two other couples on this tour, one fellow was a Master Mason, and, based on the questions of the other man, he was not.

The guide explained the theme of each of the lodge rooms while the extensive furnishings and elaborate moldings in each room were a feast for the senses. The stained glass windows were absolutely beautiful and depicted many of the signs and symbols of the craft. There is an Egyptian room, a Renaissance room, and King David's lodge room. There is also an example of the stained glass artistry and the grand lobby. The lodge also has a Grand Ballroom that can be rented to the public. A realistic statue of Ben Franklin greets the guests.

Plan a trip to enjoy this wonderful landmark – it will not disappoint.



Masonic Lady Pins *continued from page 22*

the next day and waited for the kinsman to pass through the gate. and when the kinsman came by, Boaz called him aside and asked for ten men from the elders of the city to sit with them. Boaz bargained with the kinsman. The kinsman said he would redeem Elimelech's property. But when he found out that he would have to take care of Naomi and Ruth, he reneged and told Boaz he would not redeem or protect Elimelech's interest.



Boaz offered to become the redeemer of Elimelech's property - a proposition that the next of kin accepted. To seal the bargain, the kinsmen drew off his shoe and handed it to Boaz as a token of the bargain. This might be familiar to those Entered Apprentices who have heard the 2nd Section Lecture. Boaz held the shoe up for all to see - he asked them to be witnesses that he had become Naomi's protector, Ruth's husband and a redeemer of Elimelech's property.

Boaz himself married Ruth. Boaz was 80 and Ruth was 40 years old. Their marriage did not remain childless, though Boaz died the day after his wedding.

Today the little blue slipper is an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, daughters, and widows.

Brothers, ask your lodge to give these pins out and to pay attention in your daily lives for Masonic family members wearing them.

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Supreme (adjective) su-preme | \se-'prēm, 1. highest in rank or authority; the *supreme* commander, 2. highest in degree or quality; supreme endurance in war and in labour— R. W. Emerson, 3. ULTIMATE, FINAL the *supreme* sacrifice

Being (noun) be-ing | \'bē(-i)n 1a. the quality or state of having existence; a social movement that came into *being* in the 1960s; artistic form comes into *being* only when two elements are successfully fused— Carlos Lyles, b (1). something that is conceivable and hence capable of existing, (2). something that actually exists, (3). the totality of existing things, c. conscious existence: LIFE, 2. the qualities that constitute an existent thing: ESSENCE I knew it was true in the core of my *being*. *especially*: PERSONALITY, 3. a living

thing sentient beings a mythical *being especially*: PERSON a very sexual *being*

The reader will note the broad scope of possible interpretations produced by the combination of these two words. Also note that there is no data here that is particularly indicative of a transcendental creator-entity residing in an ethereal realm, for instance – *though that is as valid an interpretation as any*. There are certainly no inherent implications that would upset the sensibilities of your typical Enlightenment-era deist, such as those who were numbered among our Brethren throughout the development of the Accepted Craft.

Furthermore, a belief in a Supreme Being – *even as a theosophical concept interpreted by the individual, intellectually, and based on the current level of his reasoned cosmological*

and eschatological understanding – precludes any accusations of atheism, thus upholding the following clause from the Old Charges: “A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the Royal art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor, an irreligious libertine.” If Freemasonry's universality and inclusivity on matters religious were not the case, our deistic, quasi-Gnostic and Johannine forebears may have had a hard time meeting the standards for admission into our noble Craft, not to mention many other good and worthy men, coming well-recommended, in this modern and increasingly secular era.

Second Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Helps Support Masonicare Residents in Need

Supporting Masonicare has never tasted so good. On Friday, May 31, The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut is hosting a Wine and Beer Tasting fundraiser in Wallingford to benefit Masonicare residents and patients in need. The proceeds from this event will help support Masonicare in a variety of ways, from funding music at worship services and dental care for our long-term care residents at Masonicare Health Center to providing skilled nursing visits and medication organizers for patients of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice.

“I think the money that’s raised goes toward an excellent, excellent cause: helping others in need,” said James Pyskaty, Past Master of Compass Lodge No. 9 in Wallingford, Past District Deputy of Masonic District 4C, and avid supporter of The Masonic Charity Foundation.

James Pyskaty was appointed Chairman of the 2019 Masonicare Wine and Beer Tasting, after personally selling 10 percent of last year’s 336 total ticket sales, outselling every other event committee member. He enjoys the competition, knowing that it not only helps generate support for Masonicare, but promotes a community celebration for people who are passionate about the organization’s mission, too.

“I was excited this year when I was asked to be Chairman,” Pyskaty said. “And I was excited last year because I could reach

out to friends and fellow Masons to have them come to a very good event for a very good purpose. It’s a fabulous place to meet new friends and to socialize with old friends. It was just a fun time with great people.”

This year, we hope to see 500 smiling faces, Mason and non-Mason alike, on Friday, May 31, 2019, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. Bring along your family and friends to enjoy fine wines and beer, delicious food, live music, a raffle, and a live auction of select raffle prizes, all while supporting a wonderful cause. Even if you don’t win a prize, you’ll leave with a souvenir gift and great memories!

Reserve your place now by purchasing tickets at masonicare.eventbrite.com for the discounted price of only \$45 per person. Tickets are available at the door for \$50 each, but they may sell out before the event. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Buonocore, Special Events Associate with The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, at (203) 679-5571 or jbuonocore@masonicare.org.



Masonic Spring – A Time for Renewal *by Francis G. Way*

The seasons have a certain rhythm, especially here in New England. Autumn can be the most vibrant season, with its riot of red, orange, and yellow foliage, and its lead-in to the holiday season. Winter is dark and cold, a hibernation of sorts while the year gathers its energies toward Spring, the season of rebirth.

March 20 was the start of spring. Already crocus and daffodils are poking up from the cold earth, spurred on by the increasing sunshine and warmer temperatures. Buds are appearing on the trees. Those who are not skiers or cold weather hikers are spending more time outdoors, welcoming the return of a warmer sun and fresh air to chase away the last of the winter stuffiness.

Masonically speaking, the year is but a few months old. Officers are becoming more comfortable in their new roles. The Worshipful Master's nerves, and perhaps tunnel vision, if he experienced it, are receding and the activity of the lodge is fully hitting its stride. Meetings and degrees no longer come with a pre-scheduled snow date, and while it might be a bit early for the snowbirds to return from Florida, perhaps some local brothers who don't like the cold are now venturing out to a Stated Communication.

What better time for Masonic Renewal?

A Rusty Mason night would be a great way to bring brothers to lodge. Call brothers who have not attended in a while and invite them. Plan a great meal and some gentle reminding of the modes of recognition, and the "how to's" of lodge. Include some light Masonic education. And afterward, stay in touch with those brothers. Don't assume that the Rusty Mason night will suddenly swell attendance.

With travel no longer impacted by

snow and ice, visit another lodge. Visiting lodges is a great way to see how they do things, and a lodge can return home with some new ideas. Better yet, why not an old fashioned blitz. Several lodges secretly plan to descend on an unsuspecting lodge during their Stated Communication. Many a Worshipful Master can get that "deer in the headlights" look when his Junior Deacon announces there are fifty brothers without, properly clad and avouched for. Of course, when blitzing, always remember to bring enough refreshments to feed the blitzing brothers – it is unmasonic not to do so. But an evening with so many brothers filling a lodge is enjoyed by all.

Entered Apprentice degrees seem to happen a little more often in the spring. While the Second Section Lecture has not fully returned to being presented at every EA degree, it is being performed more often. It doesn't add a lot of time to the evening and does a great job of explaining to the newly initiated just why they went through certain aspects of the degree. It is a great reminder for the Master Masons in attendance as well.

The Third Section Lecture appears lost in antiquity. It is a long lecture and takes work to memorize, so there are not many brothers who can, or are willing, to present it. But it is a veritable cornucopia of Masonic knowledge. New brothers may hear Master Masons refer to "working on their ashlar," but really, where does an Entered Apprentice get any idea of what an ashlar is? Where else does he hear about the Four Cardinal Virtues, and the perfect points of his entrance, that he references in his proficiency?

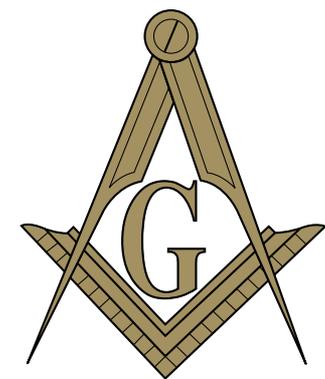
Even if there is no brother to perform the Third Section Lecture from memory, and if a manageable time frame for the EA degree is desired, the content of the

lecture should be rehearsed at a Lodge of Instruction. That also allows ample time for discussions of all the information that is there.

With the return of warmer temperatures and better weather, lodges should think about outings to improve, or just maintain, fellowship. Baseball games, a gathering at a nice restaurant, or better yet, an evening of ax-throwing (which seems to be increasing in popularity) are good choices.

Masonry can sometimes devolve into paying the bills, arguing over improvements to the lodge, deciding if the dinner before the next degree really has to feature green beans, and other mundane activity. These activities are hardly the stuff that creates that "can't wait to get to lodge" feeling in a brother.

As the world seems to be reborn in spring, so too can enthusiasm, fellowship, and indeed, brotherhood, can be reborn with a little bit of attention to Masonic Renewal in the lodge. Plant the seeds, tend the garden in the spring, and strength will be imparted to last through the summer, and the autumn will see the fruits of those labors with a stronger, vibrant lodge.



In 2019 Change is Coming – Are You Ready For It? *by Perne Maynard*

As Secretary of Fayette Lodge No. 69 for the past 24 years, I recently obtained access to the Grandview Grand Lodge member database software. WOW! I wish we had this 24 years ago. I have a lodge account, and have access to all old and current member records. I just printed lodge labels in 20 seconds, printed lodge members' records, Grand Lodge current member information, and have saved the Masonic District 9B membership in .xls database format. But more interesting is that you are able to print out your own Masonic record. I now know what I have accomplished in the last 36.75 years as a Mason.

My Grand Lodge service began in April 1999 on the Rules and Regulations Committee. From April 2003 until March 2007 I served on the Public Relations Committee that became the E-Communications committee. Each of these committees had one focus. In April 2007, I was asked to serve on the Masonic Awareness Committee in a sub-committee by RWB Richard Denno who formed the Masonic Organ & Tissue Awareness program. I was in charge of video interviews and media marketing for the Donate Life Committee.

The first time the words "Masonic Community Action" became part of the Masonic vocabulary was in April 2011. Programs like the Organ & Tissue Awareness program, the CTCHIP program and the Veteran program were designed to help lodges become active in the community. In March 2013 the COCA Committee was formed with additional sponsored programs added to the community action mission.

In 2016, I was selected the COCA Chairman, and I was given the 16



brothers who had served the previous year. There were now six committee chairmen to head CTCHIP, Donate Life, Masonic Awareness, Public Relations, Masonic Media, and the Veterans committees. Six additional brothers were assigned to develop new programs of Community Action, Open House, CERT, Blood Drives, Tabs for Tots. and Family Night Out programs. Those were a lot of balls to have in the air and impossible to manage. This was compounded because there was little interest by many former members to continue being involved in these programs.

On February 22, 2018, I was invited by the Grand Lodge officers to give a State of the COCA Committee presentation. It was determined to spend energy on the committees that had chairmen who were passionate about their programs.

COCA has been reduced to four major committees: Donate Life (RWB Richard Denno, chair), CTCHIP (WB Larry S. Baker, new chair), Family Night Out (WB Thomas Mumford), and Veterans Committee (WB Perne Maynard, chair).

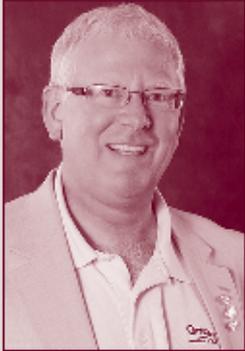
I will be inviting the Veterans Committee those brothers who have written articles in the *Connecticut Freemasons* newspaper and Masonic veterans who have a passion to help in this worthwhile cause.

In one of my recent articles I mentioned that a major concern is that brethren need better Masonic communication. In

2019 that will become a reality. As the Grandview software rolls out, you will see the fruits of the Technology Committee's labors. All lodge secretaries have been invited to attend training on March 6 and then your lodge will see that change isn't just coming – it is already here.

The future COCA mission will not change, but it will be better equipped to expand Masonic awareness through its programs. Let's all work on expanding the Masonic mission in the community through these COCA programs.

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Valley of Hartford, AASR

by David R. Blythe, Sr., Secretary Emeritus

Continuing with March's rainbow analogy, imagine having a coloring book and a box of 32 crayons. On the first page of the coloring book there's a rainbow, and on the following pages, the rainbow appears with added objects. There are three primary colors (red, yellow, and blue) from which all other colors are constructed. Imagine these three primary colors are the first three degrees of Masonry.

On the first page, use the primary colors to fill in the rainbow. But to see a truly bright rainbow one would need seven colors, not just three but four additional colors: orange, green, light blue and purple. Imagine that the rest of the colors in the crayon box represent the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite. So to see the rainbow as it is intended to be seen, four additional colors are required. These represent some of the required degrees in the Scottish Rite. However, to become a Scottish Rite Mason, one needs to take the 4th and 32nd Degrees and three others which espouse the core values. But the rainbow only needed four additional colors, and there are five required degrees. So the fifth required degree degree, which would be the 32nd Degree, represents the horizon line, recalling from last month's analogy that one only sees half of a true rainbow.

Continuing to use the coloring book, eventually all 32 crayons are used. This represents taking all of the degrees of a Master Mason and a Scottish Rite Mason. At that point one can say that they are truly living by the working tools of the Craft and by the Scottish Rite core values.



Although the spring degree schedule at the Valley of Hartford concludes on Saturday, April 13 with the portrayal of the 29th and 32nd Degrees, it's not too late to see if any of your fellow Blue Lodge members might want to start experiencing what makes you the whole person that you are – using each working tool of a Mason and practicing the core values of a Scottish Rite Mason: Reverence to God, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, Devotion to Country, and Service to Humanity.



It is not too late to make reservation for the Prime Rib Luncheon on Consistory Day, April 13. The cost is \$15 if paid in advance, and an alternate meal choice is available (call the Valley office). The officers and candidates would like to see you and greet you.



The Scottish Rite Valleys in Connecticut will be hosting a Hospitality Room at the Grand Lodge Session on April 7, from noon to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Stop by and enjoy the hospitality. Helpers are also needed, so please contact the Valley office if you can help.



On the 2nd Friday of each month, feel free to join your brethren at the monthly Shrine Luncheon. The cost is \$10 payable at the door, but advance reservations are required. Contact the Valley Secretary, Tony Angelica, if you are interested in attending.



The Family Life bus trip takes place on May 4. The reservation deadline is quickly approaching and there is a limit of 50 seats available. Details are available in the Valley office or on the website: www.valleyofhartford.org/events/familylifeevents.

Future dates to remember: Annual Meeting and election of officers, May 2, 7:30 p.m. Workers Night and Installation of Officers, May 9 (by invitation only). Annual Family Picnic and Scholarship Presentation, July 14. Annual 5K Run/Walk to Benefit the Childrens Dyslexia Center, July 27.

If you know of a Brother Master Mason who would make a great Scottish Rite Mason, there are informational DVDs available on request. Informational programs for Blue Lodges are available as well – contact Ill. Brother Jeff Flynn (jedje60@yahoo.com) or Brother Frank Dlugoleski (fdlugoleski@gmail.com).



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Sunday, April 13 - Consistory Day
29th & 32nd Degrees at 9 a.m.
Registration & Pick-up Luncheon Tickets at 7:30 a.m.
Prime Rib Luncheon - Noon

Thursday, May 2 - 7:30 p.m.
Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers

Saturday, May 4 - Family Life Trip to Boston (See website for flier)

Thursday, May 9 - Annual Workers Night
Appreciation Night & Installation of Officers

Reservation forms for the July 14 picnic can be found in "View of the Valley"
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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 and ritual or questions you may have on masonry. *Prospective candidates and new brothers welcome.*

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden. BINGO! ***Open to the public, all Masons and Eastern Stars. Refreshments***

Every Thursday, 7 p.m.

Putnam Lodge No. 46, Putnam. ***Thursday Night Meeting, Socializing, Rehearsing, Prepping.***

First Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Milford. Mason Night @ OAH, ***Orange Ale House 517 Boston Post Rd Orange CT***

Second & Fourth Wednesday 7 p.m.

Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford. Fellowship Night at the Lodge. ***Open to all brothers, friends. Refreshments and discussion. Please call to verify.***

Third Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Day Spring Lodge No 30, Hamden. Masonic Information Night ***Open to all who may be interested in Masonry, with interesting presentations and discussion.***

Every Friday, 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford. 3XB in the Chapel. ***Brothers, Beverages and BS every Friday night at 7p.m.***

Second Saturday, 7 p.m.

Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden. Movie Night ***Films, Snacks and beverages will be provided.***

RECURRING MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

First Sunday, 7 a.m.

Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington. ***SBA Breakfast Fund-raiser***

Second Sunday, 8 a.m.

Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford. Fellowship Breakfast (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)

Third Sunday, 8 a.m.

Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe. Country breakfast

First Thursday, 9 a.m.

8th District Lodges Niantic. District Breakfast, *Groton Townhouse, Rt 12, Groton CT*

EVENTS

Mon., April 1, 7:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, DeMolay Centennial, *100th Birthday of the Order of DeMolay. State Chapter will open our oldest chapter in New Haven to celebrate the centennial.*

Fri., April 5, 7 p.m., Annawon Lodge No. 115, Wallingford, *Ken Duncan 75 Year Pin Presentation, in the lodge room of Ashlar Village.*

Sat., April 6, 9 a.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Annual Food Drive with the Stratford Boy Scout troops. *Bag drop-off. All help is appreciated so please contact the lodge for more information.*

Sat., April 13, 9 a.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Food Pick Up, *Food pickup day. Need help picking up the food bags to sort, box and distribute to local food banks and shelters. Anyone with trucks or vans would be a huge help.*

Sun., April 14, Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, Family Bowling Day *Masons & Rainbows, More details to come!*

Sun., April 14, 8 a.m., Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, Annawon Lodge Breakfast, \$7 All you can eat. Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee and OJ.

Sun., April 14, 8 a.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Annual Pancake Festival

Mon., April 15, 5:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Mory's Night. *Mory's Night, Dinner and Cups. Mory's, 307 York St. New Haven, \$75 per person.*

Mon., April 15, 7:30 p.m., Meridian Lodge No. 77, Meriden, Scotch and Bourbon Night,

Thu., April 18, 10:30 a.m., Fayette Lodge No. 69, Ellington, Speak to Veterans, Ellington Library, Talk on the Sons of Liberty

Sat., April 20, Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., April 20, 9 a.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Easter Pancake Breakfast, *Annual Easter Breakfast for friends & family of the Lodge. Pancakes, sausages, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Easter egg hunt for the children, visit from the Easter Bunny. Everyone is welcome.*

Fri., April 26, 7:30 p.m., Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, Fairfield, Entertainment Night. *Game Night, Movie Night, Cigar Night, you name it! Specific event will be announced 2 weeks before the event!*

Sat., May 4, 12 a.m., King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Earth Day CTCHIP event

Sat., May 4, Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, Kentucky Derby Day, Wagering, Juleps, Potluck - more details to come!

Sat., May 4, 5 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Derby Night: Dinner & Bluegrass. *Derby Night: Dinner & Bluegrass, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Reservations by April 28.*

Sat., May 4, 6:30 p.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Ladies at the Table evening

Sun., May 12, 8 a.m., Annawon Lodge No. 115, West Haven, Annawon Lodge Breakfast, \$7 All you can eat. Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee and OJ



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GRAND LODGE ANNUAL SESSION

Monday, April 8, 8 a.m., Cromwell, Red Lion Hotel

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

Thu., April 4, 6:30 p.m.
Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, Fairfield, Dinner

Thu., April 4, 6:30 p.m.
Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, Degree, Dinner

Tue., April 16, 6:30 p.m.,
America-St. John's Lodge No. 8, Stratford, Dinner

Tue., April 23, 7:30 p.m.
Fayette Lodge No. 69, Ellington

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Mon., April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Meridian Lodge No. 77, Meriden, Fellowcraft Degree,

Tue., April 16, 6:00 p.m.
Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

Wed., April 17, 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Lodge No. 11, Litchfield

Wed., April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Hospitality Lodge No. 128 Wethersfield, Dinner
This Degree will be held at Unity Lodge No. 148, 10 Mason Drive, New Britain

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

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Wed., April 17, 6:30 p.m.
King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Dinner

Mon., April 22, 6 p.m.
Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, Social Hour Preceding Degree



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