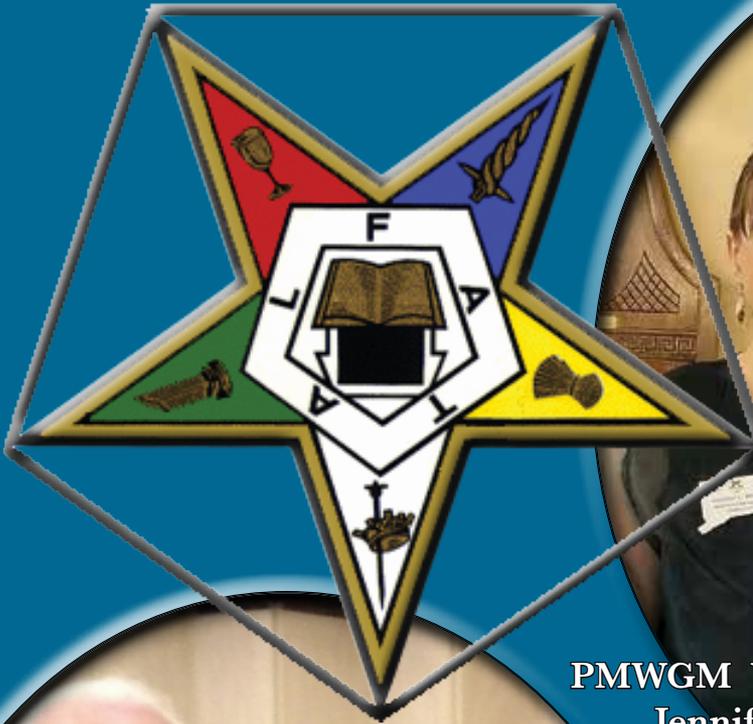


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*The OES "Share Your Enthusiasm" April 2019
Grand Chapter Session with Worthy Grand
Matron Anne M.M. Kellner and Worthy Grand
Patron, J. Arthur Carbonaro was down to
business at hand along with good fun, too!*



*2019-20 Grand Officers installed: Worthy
Grand Matron Jennifer L. Willich and Worthy
Grand Patron Williatron William L. Greene.*



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...Worthy of the Protection and Support . . . by Pat Kalinauskas

“...Worthy of the protection and support of all good Masons” are words repeated when the Worthy Matron speaks to new members who have taken the obligation and passed through the five degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES).

The ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star was written by Dr. Rob Morris, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky (1858-59) who, in 1880, was deemed “Master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star.” Four years later Dr. Morris was crowned with the laurel wreath when 500,000 Master Masons world-wide expressed their desire that he be known as the Poet Laureate of Masonry. One hundred years had passed since the first Poet Laureate, Robert Burns had received that honor.

Fast forward to the 21st century in Connecticut, and the words, whether taken directly in context or out of context, are a call for good Masons to look at the Order and know that through the writings of Dr. Morris, its tenets are the same as those of Freemasons. In the Eastern Star Ritual Dr. Morris makes it clear that Eastern Star is no part of the Craft, but that the Order supports and complements the good works of the Masons. Female members of the Order, related to Master Masons by marriage or blood, gain an understanding of what draws good men to Masonry and are so drawn to the same inspiration.

OES in Connecticut has been fortunate to have support at the highest levels of Masonry, most recently through two Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, namely Gail N. Smith and William L. Greene. Both esteemed Masons have been elected and installed by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut as Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star.

Bro. Gail served as Worthy Grand Patron with Worthy Grand Matron Sister Shirley L. Hungerford in 2017-18. He is a Past Patron of Radiant Chapter No. 11, OES in North Windham. While he was a line officer in the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Bro. Gail was called to serve the Grand Lodge a second time and was installed as Grand Master in 2016. He was also Grand Master in 1989.

At the “*Share Your Enthusiasm*” April 25-27, 2019 Grand Chapter Session of the Order of the Eastern Star with Worthy Grand Matron Anne M.M. Kellner and Worthy Grand Patron J. Arthur Carbonaro, Bro. William (Bill) L. Greene was elected and installed as Worthy Grand Patron of the Order. He is serving with Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jennifer L. Willich. Bro. Bill has served as Worthy Patron five times and is currently Worthy Patron of Ashlar Chapter No. 116, Wallingford.

In their Masonic careers these two Masons also have supported the Masonic youth organizations of DeMolay and Rainbow, and many other appendant and concordant bodies in the Masonic family, as well as serving on boards of directors for Masonicare. However, they are not the only Past Grand Masters who support or are currently serving in local Eastern Star chapters. The Order has benefitted from the membership and support of Past Grand Masters Clifford F. Stamm II, member of Good Intent Chapter No. 17 in South Glastonbury; George S. Greytak, Past Patron of Ephraim Kirby Chapter No. 75 in

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Grand Chaplain's Message

by Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski



I humbly thank MWGM Melvin Johnson for appointing me as the Grand Chaplain. Time goes by very fast, and this year I celebrate 45 years as a Mason.

Through the years I have met so many people who have influenced my life in many ways. My application was signed by Rev. Leonard Flisher and Al Sullivan. In my early Masonic career, Masonry was something that people thought of as some secret society. I am happy to see that now we are letting our light shine to all the world. It brings joy to my heart when I see Masonicare advertised on the radio and TV, and after attending an event at the Bushnell in Hartford, it was exciting to see an ad about Masonicare on a program booklet.

My Brothers, we must continue to let our light shine before all people of the world and let them know of all the good work we do. It is my earnest prayer that we all work for the greater glory of God and that all society may know us and what we stand for.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!

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Hiram Lodge No. 1
Alex Pasquale Colaiacovo
Hiram Lodge No. 1

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Brainard Lodge No. 120

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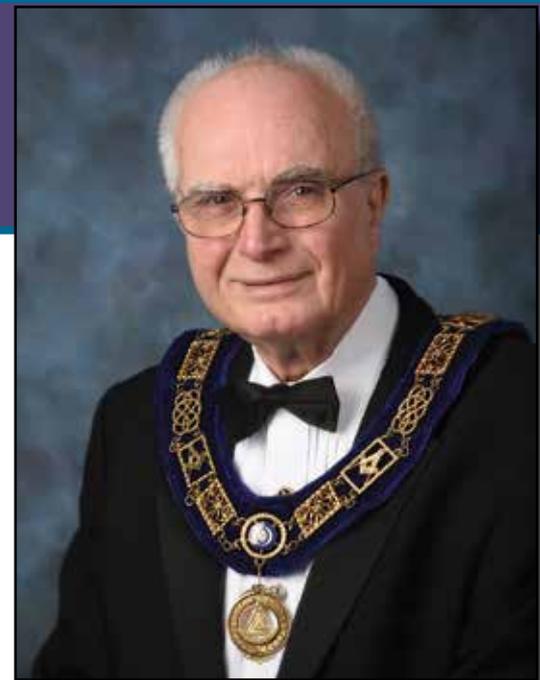
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Grand Master's Message

by Melvin E. Johnson



As you are probably already aware, my focus this year is on enhancing the Masonic experience of our Brothers.

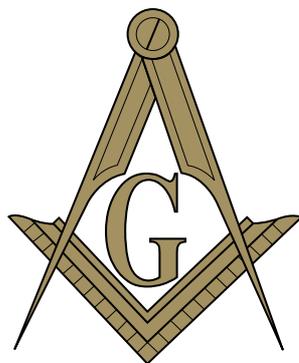
For many of you, community action and charitable works are a vital part of that experience. Brother Joseph J. Porco, our RW Senior Deacon, has taken on the task of coordinating and expanding the support given to our lodges in their various Community Action activities as the Chairman of the Committee on Community Action (COCA). He and his committee coordinators are doing a great job of identifying specific programs that deserve our support and preparing materials for use by lodges and members that wish to participate.

One of the most exciting of the new programs is a matching grant program. This program will be done in conjunction with the Trustees of the CT Freemasons Foundation, who will have the ultimate responsibility for approving the donations. The purpose of the program is to direct funds to local community 501c3 charities, and educational and governmental programs that are being supported by lodges in that community. The details as to the extent of the match and how much will be initially available for this purpose are being worked out. Later this month, you should receive my Grand Master's appeal letter and will be offered a chance to support this initiative. By that time, we will have the details established.

I recently had the opportunity to take part in the mentoring program of Hiram Lodge No. 1. It was a great, albeit somewhat humbling, experience and I want to thank them for inviting

me. There are a number of really good mentoring programs being conducted and I am hoping that Grand View is going to prove to be a good way of sharing the best of the ideas and programs. I wish to extend my thanks to all of you who are actively enhancing the experience of our newer Masons by sharing your knowledge and wisdom through these efforts. Be sure to let your DD know what you are doing and what is working for you in this regard. This was an important focus for MW Past Grand Master Robinson and it will continue to be in this and future terms.

St. John's day is June 24. This is a very important day for Masons and a precious link to our past. On Friday June 21, I will be joining the brothers at Wooster Lodge No. 10 for the Feast of St. John celebration, which includes a procession through town. On Sunday June 23, I will be celebrating it with our Grand Chaplain at Holy Trinity in Plantsville. Hope you can join me at one or both of these activities, if it does not interfere with your own lodge's plans to honor the day.



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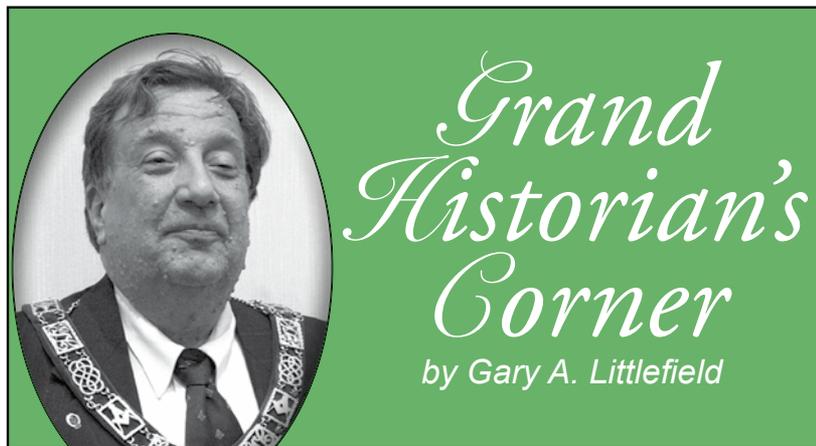
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Next month we celebrate the 230th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. It was 230 years ago that the first 14 lodges gathered in the apartments of Hiram Lodge of New Haven, later assigned number 1 on the rolls to re-constitute the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. After a brief program, representatives from those lodges, each holding a candle, came and as one attached their flame to the central candle indicating these lodges were now part of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. On the same day in New Hampshire a similar event was held. Both Grand Lodges are celebrating their 230th anniversary this year. Well done New Hampshire and Connecticut. Thank you to David Wooster for bringing Freemasonry to his native New Haven and the start of a glorious history.

The 1800 Grand Lodge annual session saw some changes to the lodge landscape. Forty-four lodges were represented in Hartford. Moriah Lodge found its jurisdiction so extensive as to be “highly inconvenient in several respects” and proposed a second lodge in Windham County. The last established lodge, Eastern Star Lodge No. 44 asked to meet alternately in Lebanon and Windham and another new lodge was chartered in Lyme with the name Pythagoras No. 45. There, Nathaniel Matson was installed as Master. There was a conflict of sorts when King Hiram Lodge No. 12 of Derby and Hart’s Lodge No. 22 of Woodbridge, brought an issue of jurisdictional lines to the floor and was easily resolved. Stephen Titus Hosmer was re-elected Grand Master. An October session that year saw petitions from lodges in Huntington and Winchester, but a negative reaction came before the Craft. The new Windham County lodge was continued over to the next annual as were petitions from lodges in Oxford and Stonington. Another issue between King Hiram and Hart’s Lodge came up at the October session. A complaint had been lodged but no action was taken as it seemed to be a matter of misunderstanding. Hart’s Lodge later went dark and the Grand Secretary decided to use the number for Trumbull Lodge No. 22 located in nearby New Haven.

There was another attempt to establish a National Grand Lodge but Pennsylvania was leading the charge against such an attempt. Activities to establish such a national lodge continued but with little or no action from Grand Lodges.

In November 1942, the Grand Lodge, with the assistance of several Shrine clubs and the Order of the Eastern Star, opened up a Masonic Service Association center for serviceman in New London. The staffing issue was a concern as the organizers were having trouble finding “the right kind of men to staff the facility and the pay was too low.” A larger per capita assessment was attached in 1943 to fund the facility. The Christmas party for the military proved to be a huge success as the Shrine Club, with the help of the Order of Eastern Star, wrapped several hundred gifts for those that were either on shore leave or soon to be headed out for active duty.

In 1822, the first known resolution on prohibiting spirited beverages was passed, “Resolved that this Grand Lodge recommends to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, the disuse of ardent spirits at their respective communications.” In 1854, a resolution was passed that no lodge shall initiate, pass or raise more than one candidate at the same time. In 1858, it was prohibited to confer more than one degree on the same candidate at the same communication. Interestingly enough, some lodges initiated one man, passed another and raised a third all on the same communication which was somewhat common in the mid-1800’s.

In 1883, James McCormack a cigar maker from Windsor was Grand Master. Two new lodge rooms were dedicated that year. One iMasonic fraternity as well. We salute this Brother Master Mason.

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From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

At the end of April, I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony in East Hartford to celebrate the opening of our new Greater Hartford branch of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice.

We had a great turnout of staff, board members and Masonic dignitaries, including MWGM Melvin Johnson, who spoke eloquently about his admiration for the work we do on behalf of our residents and patients throughout Connecticut. He also mentioned his Grand Master's pin for 2019: a design featuring the Buddhist symbol for "mudita." For those of us unfamiliar with the term, Bro. Mel explained that mudita is the pleasure of finding joy in the happiness and success of others. I may not have known the word, but I certainly know the feeling.

I felt mudita when aides Nicole Palmer, Ekta Patel, Sharon Pearce, and Dianne Swan were honored at the 2019 LeadingAge Caring Hands Awards for their compassion, commitment, and excellence in caregiving. I felt it, too, when Ida Diaz, Amanda Sorrentino and Dawoo Tso received

Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing. I feel it whenever a member of the Masonicare family is recognized for the work they do.

On May 15, we held a rededication ceremony at Masonicare at Chester Village. Since acquiring the community in December 2017, we've made numerous enhancements including renovated common areas and a new multipurpose space. It was great to be able to show off these amenities with Executive Director Annie Hoefflerle and her team. My thanks to those of you who were able to join us.

I hope to see many of you at this year's Grand Masters Day Family Festival on Saturday, June 8. A fun day is planned with Masonic ceremonies, food trucks, a parade, and more. For details, please see the back cover of this issue of the *Connecticut Freemasons*.



Sincerely and fraternally,

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



Save the Date for the 230th Year Celebration
of the
Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M.



When: Sunday, July 21, 2019 **Where:** 207 Deming St., Newington, CT **Time:** 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.

Open to all Masons and the public. Vendors and guest speakers to be announced.

All Masonic organizations will be invited to provide information about who they are and what they do.

Will have several guest speakers for both public presentations and tiled Masonic presentations.

Stay tuned for coming announcements

**Brothers all,
Your Grand Lodge Officers are
pleased to announce that we have
engaged Grand View Systems to
provide membership management
and communications systems for our
jurisdiction!**

Grand View is a state-of-the-art system that will replace our existing database and allow us to do so much more for our Grand Lodge, Lodges, and even the individual members. They have been in business for several years and are currently serving 28 Grand Lodges and managing over four hundred thousand member records.

As an active brother, you will have access to make changes to your contact information on your record including the ability to update your address, telephone numbers, and email address. You will also be able to update your personal information (birth date, place of birth, and occupation). Members will also have access to the private member portal where you can find lodge meetings throughout the state, your lodge events and, at a later date, access educational materials.

This system is unique in that it is designed to distribute access and control of lodge records down to the lodge secretaries. Your lodge secretary will have access to your member record to make changes to your history and office positions.

In addition to the record management features, **Grand View** also provide communication abilities where your secretary can create posts and events that are automatically emailed to the members who use email and mail merge letters for those that do not.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this new endeavor! Your Grand Lodge Officers are dedicated to seeing that our lodges have the tools and resources to allow our craft to grow and prosper both now and in the future.

** Please see the following instructions on how to gain access as a brother to the **Grand View** system. **

Fraternally,

Grand Lodge of Connecticut



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Check your portal for a revised versions of this document.

How to Register as a Member

Grand View Procedure

Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

- Step 1.** Enter the url for your jurisdiction
<https://ct.grandview.systems>
- Step 2.** Click on Member Portal
- Step 3.** Click on Member Registration
- Step 4.** Enter your Lodge Number
- Step 5.** Enter your Member ID
- Step 6.** Enter your Last Name - (case sensitive)
- Step 7.** Click on Check Membership Status
- Step 8.** Enter your email address
- Step 9.** Enter a password that you can remember
- Step 10.** Enter Confirmation by entering password again
- Step 11.** Click on Submit

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Grand Lodge of CT – Grand View Sign In

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Step 1 – select Member Portal



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Enter your search terms and press return or enter.
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Step 2 – Select Member Registration

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Click – Check Membership Status – this will bring you to the next screen

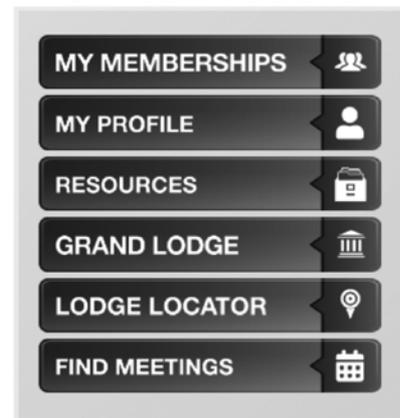
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**Step 3 – Enter the email you will be using for Grand View
Click – “Sign Up” – this will bring you to your record.**

The screenshot shows the 'Register' page of the Grand Lodge Masonic Membership Manager. At the top, there is a header with the logo and text 'Grand Lodge Masonic Membership Manager' on the left, and 'Sign in Member Registration' on the right. Below the header, the word 'Register' is displayed. The main content area contains a registration form with the following fields: 'Email' (with an arrow pointing to it from the text above), 'Password', 'Password confirmation', and a 'Sign up' button. Below the form, a note states 'Passwords must be at least eight characters'.

You are now in Grand View and returned to your Member Record.

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Gotta Get to Garavel

David Wooster Medal for Eminent Service to Humanity Awarded by the Grand Lodge

Matthew Boger leads the State Relations for New England Donor Services (NEDS) and is the liaison to the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) responsible for the surgical recovery of organ and tissues for transplant throughout the New England region. Matt works with both public legislators and agencies; as well as non-profits groups such as the Connecticut Freemasons, in raising awareness in organ donation



Matt is the liaison for New England Donor Services, and a very important part of the committee's success these past seven years. With his guidance and support, the Connecticut Freemasons organ donor program has increased awareness both within Freemasonry and among non-Freemasons. MWPGM Robert Stika was both a supporter of our program and upon his death a donor of his corneas. The program has been responsible for the recovery from our brothers and their families of nine corneas since its inception. Through these donations, over 15 people have had their vision either restored or vastly improved.

Without Matt Boger's help, the mission of New England Donor Services would not have realized the success it has

had. Matt has been the source of both materials and knowledge on organ donation, as well as providing other NEDS specialists. In October, Matt arranged for Steven Everhart, a NEDS speaker, to address the Prince Hall Freemasons Annual Meeting, where his presentation was well received by our Prince Hall brothers. Matt has been the resource 'go to' person for whatever is needed to successfully further the committee's efforts and mission; that of

increasing awareness and encouraging organ donor registration and living donation.

Matthew Boger's community involvement includes Chairman of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, MA, Chair of the Concord Public Free Library Committee, as well as former board member of both the Brookline Art Center and The Fenn School. Matt has worked as Coach of the Travel Teams for both 4th and 7th grades soccer and lacrosse programs involving his children.

In recognition of his service, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut proudly awards the General David Wooster medal in Bronze to Matthew Boger for Eminent Service to Humanity.

The National Anthem

by Marshall K. Robinson

In the last few months, I have witnessed a total disregard for our National Anthem. I'm not sure what's going on but feel that it needs to be in the open for all to know about.

In March, I attended the Grand Assembly of Rainbow in Connecticut. At a time early in the proceedings, the U. S. flag was presented and we saluted it and sang "God Bless America" followed by "Oh Canada."

The other day I attended a District Deputy Presentation during which we pledged allegiance to our flag and then sang, you guessed it, "God Bless America." So, my response to the Rainbow event was that I wrote a letter to a very high ranking Rainbow person and inquired as to why we sang the national anthem of a foreign country and not our own. The letter written to me in response was that she "forgot." Forgot? I have the letter. You can't make this stuff up.

So, maybe Rainbow, a group of young girls and a concordant body has some kind of ritual that does not include the National Anthem of America and prefers to substitute another song in its place and then honor a foreign country. I have never seen their ritual, nor do I know it, and this may not be the case. But if it is, they need to rectify it.

As for the District Deputy presentation, I am speechless. I just asked for and received a copy of our official ritual for the District Deputy presentation and it doesn't call for the singing of any song. But if you were going to sing a song at a presentation like that, wouldn't the National Anthem be more appropriate?

So, before it becomes a full blown infection on the body of Connecticut Freemasonry, let's remember our National Anthem. I for one, will not come to the sign of fidelity for "God Bless America." As nice as it is, it is not our National Anthem.

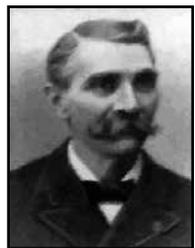
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Litchfield; Arthur H. Carlstrom, Past Patron of Frederica Chapter No. 110, Plainville who has served as Worthy Patron five times; Charles A. Buck, Jr., member of Lucia Chapter No. 25 in Milford; Gary W. Arseneau, a Past Patron who served three times as Worthy Patron of Frederica No. 110, Plainville; James T. McWain, member of Frederica No. 110, Plainville; and Theodore J. Nelson, member of Radiant Chapter No. 11, North Windham.

There have been thirteen Past Grand Masters who have served as Worthy Grand Patron since Eastern Star was constituted in Connecticut. They are listed below in order of the year they served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut A.F. & A.M., along with the names of the Worthy Grand Matrons with whom they served.



*William Wallace Lee,
1874-75,
Grand Patron with
Addie C.S. Barrio,
1877-78;*



*Clark Buckingham,
1890,
Grand Patron with
Henrietta C. Holaday,
1884-85*



*Benjamin F. Turner,
1906,
Worthy Grand Patron
with Bertha L.S. Gallup,
1913-14*



*Edward E. Fuller,
1908,
Worthy Grand Patron
with C. Bertha Schussler,
1912-13*



*Fred A. Verplanck,
1910,
Worthy Grand Patron
with Jennie E. Stevens,
1930-31;*



*Walter T. Arnold,
1925,
Worthy Grand Patron
with Frances A. Geer,
1928-29;*



*George R. Sturges,
1929,
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1932-33*



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1956,
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with Laura B. Gorham,
942-43;*



*Albert H. Ruwet,
1958
Worthy Grand Patron
with Clara C. Huntley,
1947-48*



*Paul DeWitt Collier,
1961,
Worthy Grand Patron
with Ethel DeWitt Hull,
1937-38*



*Alexander N. Chapman,
1976,
Worthy Grand Patron
with Arline L. Morgan,
1962-63*



*Gail Nelson Smith,
1989, 2016,
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2017-18;*



*William L. Greene,
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with Jennifer L. Willich,
2019-20.*

The Order of the Eastern Star bestowed the highest honor for a Brother on thirteen Past Grand Masters, most recently on Brothers Gail and Bill, by investing them with the jewel of the office of Worthy Grand Patron and entrusting them with the responsibilities of the office. The following words were told to them as they stood at the altar, "The field is broad and whitening for the harvest... may it be said of you, well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things."

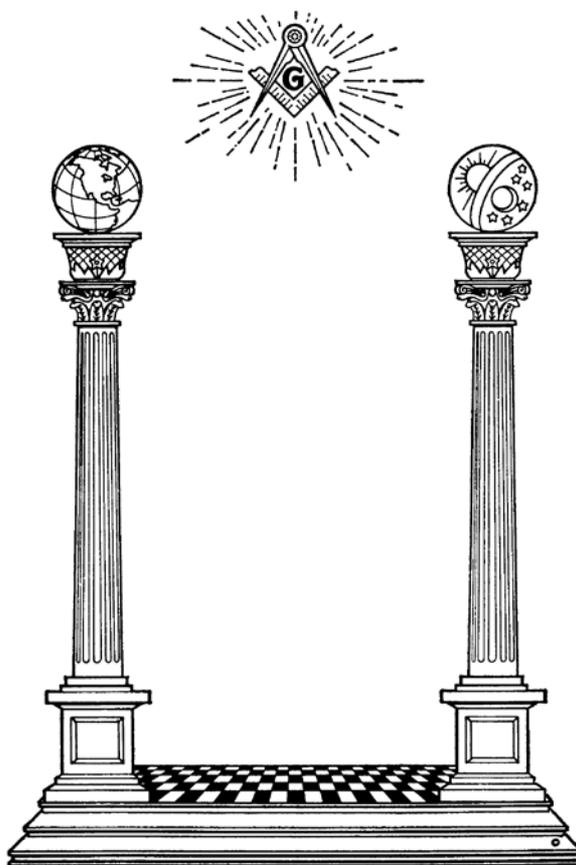
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NETWORK, LILY-WORK and POMEGRANATES

by Jaime Paul Lamb

We are told in the Fellowcraft lecture that the chapters of the two brazen pillars were adorned with network, lily-work, and pomegranates. Taking each of these symbols in their turn, we first note that the word “network” may be variously understood as “a fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings, a system of lines or channels, or an interconnected or interrelated chain, group, or system.” Taken literally, the first definition seems to fit most snugly, as this is generally how the network is depicted in the pillar’s physical construction. It is the third definition, however, which is most relevant to the network’s symbolic application in Masonic ritual, for it is said that the network denotes unity. Thus, by this network of unity, all Freemasons are connected through their shared initiatory experiences and the binding ties of their obligations.

Exoterically, the lily-work is said to denote purity and peace, due to its whiteness and the retired places in which it grows. Looking a little further into the symbolism of the lily (genus: *lilium*), we find that this flower has had a long-standing position in the greater symbolism of classical mythology. Carvings, frescoes and friezes have been found on the Greek island of Crete, dating as far back as 1580 BCE, when the island was home to the Minoan civilization. The lily, whose name is derived from the Greek *leiron*, was believed to have had its very origin in classical myth. Zeus was said to have once brought Hercules, the product of one of the god’s many extramarital trysts, to suckle at his wife Hera’s breast.



Knowing of Hercules’ illegitimacy, Hera refused to nurse the child. Waiting until she was fast asleep, Zeus introduced the baby Hercules to his wife’s breast. Angrily, Hera awoke, pushing her husband and the infant away, but not before a few drops of her milk fell to the earth – and it was upon this site that the first lilies were said to have sprouted. The lily is also a prominent funerary flower, owing to the state of peace and innocence to which the deceased has returned.

The pomegranate (genus-species: *punica granatum*), which is said to denote plenty in the Fellowcraft lecture, has a very developed history in the symbolism of ancient near-east religion and myth. The fruit itself is thought to have first been cultivated in Iran and Afghanistan, where it was revered by the ancient Zoroastrians as a holy symbol, representing the immortality of

the soul and the perfection of nature. In Iranian mythology, the pomegranate is associated with Esfandiyar, who became invincible after eating the fruit. In Greek mythology, the pomegranate was thought to have risen from the spilled blood of Adonis. The pomegranate’s most notable appearance is in a mythological narrative known as the Rape of Persephone. Persephone (Περσεφόνη), also called Kore (Κόρη, the maiden), was the daughter of Zeus and Demeter (Δημήτηρ), the goddess of the grain, agriculture and the harvest. In the myth of her abduction by Hades (Ήιδης), the god of the underworld, Persephone was said to be gathering flowers with the Oceanids when Hades suddenly burst through the earth and carried her off to the underworld. Her mother, Demeter, was so distraught that she neglected the earth, ceasing the cycles of agriculture. The starving denizens of the ancient world beseeched Zeus to intervene. Hades complied to Zeus’ command to produce Persephone but not before tricking her into eating the food of the underworld, pomegranate seeds. Having eaten the pomegranate seeds, Persephone was obliged to remain in the underworld for one-third (in later tellings, six months) of the year, during which Demeter, despondent, neglected her duties to the earth; these are the winter months, when the agricultural cycle ceases for a time. In the *Homeric Hymn*, Persephone is reunited with Demeter near Eleusis, whereupon Demeter promised to establish her Mysteries.

District 1

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



Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107's Masonic Club Assists HomeFront by Mark Lindsay

On May 4, brothers from Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107's Masonic Club of Darien participated in the 32nd annual HomeFront Day to make life-changing repairs to the homes of 60 older adults on fixed incomes, single-parent households, persons with disabilities, and families in transitional crisis due to illness or job loss. More than 2,000 volunteers from 50 faith groups, civic organizations and corporations joined in this "hands on" celebration of true community, making substantive improvements for them.

The brothers worked on a home in Stamford and did repairs such as putting in a stockade fence, front steps, bathroom floor, and bilko

basement doors. WM Silas Mante stated, "This is why I got involved in Freemasonry to do community involvement projects like this. Ivanhoe Lodge is pleased to work with HomeFront and the amazing volunteers which came together to make vital repairs on Ms. Kendall's home."

HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-driven home repair program that provides free repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life. Currently serving Fairfield, Hartford and New Haven Counties in Connecticut; and Westchester County, New York.



Volunteers who worked on HomeFront project in Stamford CT with brothers from Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107 Masonic Club of Darien



WM Silas Mante and Ms. Licia Kendall



WB David Zecchin



Bro. Mark Lindsay and WM Silas Mante



America-St John's Lodge No. 8 and Pyramid Shriners Join to Celebrate Easter by Scott Gleason

It was another successful year celebrating Easter with friends and family. America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 in Stratford held its annual Easter Pancake Breakfast, hosting more than 75 guests, at the lodge. The Pyramid Shrine Clowns, who graciously dedicate their time each year, entertained guests by both making and teaching kids to make balloon animals. The kids then scavenged more than 200 candy-filled eggs and had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. This event has been a staple at America-St John's for the past decade, and it continues to grow each year.



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

The officers and brethren of the Valley of Hartford would like to congratulate Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Melvin E. Johnson, 330, on his installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master. MWB Mel has been an active member of the Valley of Hartford ever since joining the Scottish Rite as both an officer and cast member. He served as Sovereign Prince, Hartford Council Prince of Jerusalem in 2012-13 and remained active as he advanced through the Grand Lodge line.

On Consistory Day, April 13, the following Master Masons from the Spring Class were received into the Valley. Brothers Robert J Wallace, from Unity Lodge No. 148; Mikhail A. Nolan of Columbia Lodge No. 25; Kevin C. Zorda, of Composite Lodge No. 28; Henry P. Feranski, of Unity Lodge No. 148; Richard E. Boardman, of Jephtha Lodge No. 95; Raymond CE Bushnell, of Composite Lodge No. 28; and Kevin McCrewell Sr. of Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145.

The following members of the Fall Class received their Scottish Rite certificates: Brothers Richard L Beebe, 320, Christopher M. Severino, 320, Peter A. DiMauro, 320, Andrew C. Work, 320, Michael R. Charland, 320, Donald R. Adams, 320, Rick Klimowicz, 320, Danubio E Blen, 320, David D. Stapleton, 320, James Bradford Young, 320, Umar Abdul-Mutakabbi, 320, and Norbert M. Placide, 320.

To the brethren of both classes we hope you enjoyed your experience with us as you took your degrees and that you will join us in whatever capacity you can in the future.

On May 2, the Valley held its Annual Meeting and election of officers. Brother Mark E. Blackaby, 320, was elected Thrice Potent Master of the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection. Brother Paul D. Catanzaro, 320, was elected Sovereign Prince of the Hartford Council Princes of Jerusalem. Brother Robert B. McKay, 320, was elected Most



Illustrious Brother Bruce T. Work, 33°, Deputy for Connecticut, presents his gavel to Brother Melvin E. Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Connecticut.

Wise Master of the Cyrus Goodell Chapter of Rose Croix. Ill Bro. John F. Kessler, 330, will serve the second year of his two year term as Commander-in-Chief of Nathan Hale Consistory. The heads of bodies and all elected officers were installed on the following Thursday, May 9, at the Valley of Hartford's Annual Worker's Night Appreciation Banquet at the Wethersfield Country Club.

On Sunday, July 14, the Valley of Hartford will hold its Family Life Summer Picnic from 4-7 p.m. on the grounds of our Scottish Rite Cathedral rain or shine. We will also welcome this year's 2019 College Scholarship recipients, and their families. This annual cookout/picnic is open to all members and families of the Valley, as well as their Masonic friends. The event is free to all attendees.

The Valley will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, chicken, soda, water, dessert (cake), and all the fixings to go with them. We ask that each family bring a side dish, other than a dessert, to share. Advance reservations are required in order

for us to have enough food available. The reservation deadline is noon on Thursday, July 11. Contact the valley office to make your reservation by phone at (860) 666-0712 or email (office@valleyofhartford.com).

One additional reminder: Friday luncheons are on the second Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Sphinx Shrine facility next door. Price is \$10 per person, payable at the door, but advance reservations are required. Calling: (860) 666-5449. The meal includes soup, salad, a main dish, coffee and homemade desserts.

If you know of someone interested in joining the Scottish Rite, the valley is now accepting candidate applications for the fall degree season.



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District 3

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



King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 Earth Day CHIP Event *by Richard Miska*

On Saturday, May 4, brothers of King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 handed out 38 Child Identification kits to grateful families from across Connecticut who attended the Woodbury Earth Day Festival. Thanks to a new shirt design, they looked darn good while at labor.

*(l-r): Robert Stiles, Mark Cohen, John Stack, John Novak, Chuck Harrell,
Douglas Barry, Harmon Andrews, Frank Mangiero*



District 4

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



News of Hiram Lodge No. 1 *by Michael Calderone*

May has seen much activity in Hiram Lodge No. 1. Four young DeMolay members, under the guidance of RWB Salvatore Ferrigno, Jr., and Chapter Advisor "Dad" Roger Smith, gave an impressive series of lectures from their initiation ceremonies to 35 brothers and officers. The Preceptors presentation was done by Kristian Lazada, Senior Councilor and Jack Campbell, Master Councilor; the Ceremony of Light was presented by Aidan Pelletier, Past MC and State Senior Deacon; and the Flower Talk was done by Ryan Smith, Past MC, State Senior Councilor and Chevalier. To our surprise, when asked if the Lodge had any visitors present, Bro. SD Scott Atkins remarked that we did not --all present were Hiram Brothers! Was it the DeMolay presentation or the Grumpy Past Masters' potluck dinner that was the draw? Whatever the case, there was good conversation and fellowship.

The previous week was equally busy with activities in three separate rooms in the Whitney Ave. Temple: a new candidate investigation took place in

one of the conference rooms; a rehearsal for next autumn's Step Up Night filled the 3rd floor "big room"; and, in the Greek Room, the Education Committee was training the current Fellowcraft class. Brother Al Johnson, Senior Steward and Chair of the Education Committee, had a special visitor: Brother Melven Johnson, the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Grand Master, no relation to Bro. Al, was looking into how Hiram runs its Lodge of Education and Mentorship program. Bro. Al administered a quick quiz to the four Fellowcraft present to see what they retained from their degree the previous week and from the reading given to them to study. Afterwards, the quiz was corrected by the mentors, Past Masters and MWGM. As lively as the quiz corrections were, the greater education was through the friendly and spirited conversation that arose due to the slight differences between Hiram Ritual and the Connecticut Standard Ritual. Everyone present learned something new!

Hiram Lodge No. 1, meets at 285 Whitney Ave. every Thursday with Stated Communications on the 2nd and 4th Thursday and informally for various committees on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Consider joining us for either occasion or for our many events. A calendar of our activities can be found at www.hiramlogdeno1.org. Come see what's new at Old Hiram!

District 7

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



7th District Table Lodge *by Ray Moore*

On March 30, Solar Lodge No. 131 revived the true historical event of a Table Lodge. The gathering was held at the V.F.W. in East Hampton. The wine was purchased and served by the V.F.W. whose bartender tended the cash bar before the ceremony began.

The members of Solar Lodge proposed this idea to the 7th District Blue Lodge Council. It was important to them to portray the full meaning of a Table Lodge and to honor the ancient traditions. The banquet room was tiled and the impressive ceremony and dinner service began. The members

of Solar Lodge served the catered dinner and charged the cannons. It was very impressive to see more than 50 Masons sitting in the columns with a full head table that included Brother Melvin E Johnson, RW Deputy Grand Master and other distinguished Brothers. In his remarks, he described his apron, which he designed and would proudly wear at the Grand Lodge session as Grand Master.

After the closing and singing of Auld Lang Syne, the Brothers joined together to move the tables and prepared the room for the next event. Many hands make light work!

The members of Solar Lodge were proud to show that an authentic Table Lodge can be performed and they hope this will give other districts the incentive to work with others and keep the ceremony of Table Lodge alive.

District 2

Lodges 13, 18, 21, 40, 48, 49, 61, 64



Boy Scouts Present Civic Award by Union Lodge No. 40

On Tuesday, May 7 the officers and brothers of Union Lodge No. 40 invited the Boy Scouts from Troop 33 in Danbury to the lodge for a very special evening in honor of the Past Masters of the lodge. A special dinner was shared with the brothers and the scouts, their family members, scout leaders, and guests.

Following dinner, everyone was invited into the lodge room for a special presentation by the brothers of the National Sojourners Hartford Chapter No. 56 entitled "Building the Flag." Brothers in colonial dress discussed the evolution of the American Flag, and the historical significance of all of its parts and features.

The Sojourners included current Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin E. Johnson., and Past Grand Master William Greene, who did a wonderful job discussing the Revolutionary War period during which Old Glory was first raised, and the representation of the states as they entered the Union.

The evening began with the presentation of the Colors by the scouts of Troop 33, followed by opening remarks by the current Worshipful Master of Union Lodge, WB John J. Arizzi.

"I am very excited to have the scouts and their families here with us this evening," Arizzi commented, "Masonry and scouting share a long standing history going back to the beginning as one of the founding fathers of Scouting in America, Daniel Carter Beard, was a prominent Mason right here in Connecticut. But more important in the lessons of community and civic responsibility that the two organizations share."

The Brothers of Union Lodge then presented three Life Scouts with civic sponsorship awards totaling \$1,500, which will go toward funding their projects as they pursue their Eagle Scout rank.

"We were very impressed with these young men and their desire to give back to their community. They should serve as an example to all young people, and should be very proud of their accomplishments," said David McClain, a member of Union Lodge.

The projects included construction of a sidewalk section in Bethel, a "Mailbox" Library in the downtown section of Danbury, and the rehabilitation of a shrine at a local church.



Boy Scouts from Troop 33 are presented with Civic Sponsorship Awards (l-r) SW David McClain, JD Rodrigo Martins, Life Scout Alexander Sees, Life Scout Elias Haddad, Life Scout Steven Soto, and WM John Arizzi.



National Sojourners Hartford Chapter No. 56 conducted their "Build the Flag" presentation for the scouts of Troop 33 and their families.

District 3

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



In 2014, Worshipful Brother Chip Schofield was Master of Shepherd Salem Lodge No. 78. One of the many tasks that he wished to see completed during his year was to create a plaque to recognize all of the brothers from the lodge who served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as District Deputy.

In 2019, at the 230th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, now Right Worshipful Brother Chip Schofield, completing three years as District Deputy of Districts 3A and 3B, passed his District Deputy jewel on to his Associate Grand Marshall, incoming District Deputy RWB Mike Adams.

The next evening, at Shepherd Salem's stated communication, WB Jack Baril, assisted by RWB Martin McCary and RWB Adams, presented RWB Schofield with Shepherd Salem's Past District Deputy plaque that now bears his name as a Past District Deputy from Shepherd Salem Lodge No. 78.



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Coastal Lodge No. 57 Plans Outdoor Master Mason Degree *by Roger Read*

On Saturday, June 8, Coastal Lodge No. 57 will be raising a candidate outdoors at a local farm belonging to a member of the fraternity. Inspections have been performed to ensure it can be tiled, and approval has been granted for a full degree. This portends to be an inspiring event as the ritual is presented during the sunset over the surrounding hills.

8th Masonic District Packs Meals for End Hunger Program *by Andrew Pedro*

The first weekend in April was a busy time for Connecticut Masons. With the 230th Grand Lodge Session set to kick off on Monday, Brothers from all corners were getting ready to travel across the state. With all this going on, the 8th district was added a noble cause to the busy schedule.

With efforts that went above and beyond from RWB James Moran and RWB Jerry Swope, a large group of volunteers met at the Bayview Masonic Temple in Niantic for an End Hunger Program food packaging event. At 7 a.m. over 70 people of all ages, brothers and non-Masons, came together to package non-perishable food items that would be boxed and sent off to feed people all across New England. Over 20,000 meals were packaged, adding to the total of 11,697,000 meals that the End Hunger Program has packaged across New England. This event was the ultimate display of a Masonic community effort, with Masons and the public working hand in hand to make a real difference in the community.

There were even a few volunteers who expressed an interest in becoming Masons. This is exactly what the fraternity needs to continue to grow, and to spread the great works that this brotherhood is capable of accomplishing.



Shriners Clown Around For Needy Children

by Donald M. Casey Jr.

Shriners from the Pyramid Shrine Temple participated in a “Clowning 101” training program at the Kismet Shrine Temple in Hicksville, New York. Participants learned magic tricks, face painting, and balloon twisting skills. In addition, all profits from this program were donated to The Sneaker Fund at the Shriner’s Hospital for Children. The Sneaker Fund provides financial support for research aimed at finding improved treatments and techniques for children with burn injuries at the Shriner’s Hospital.

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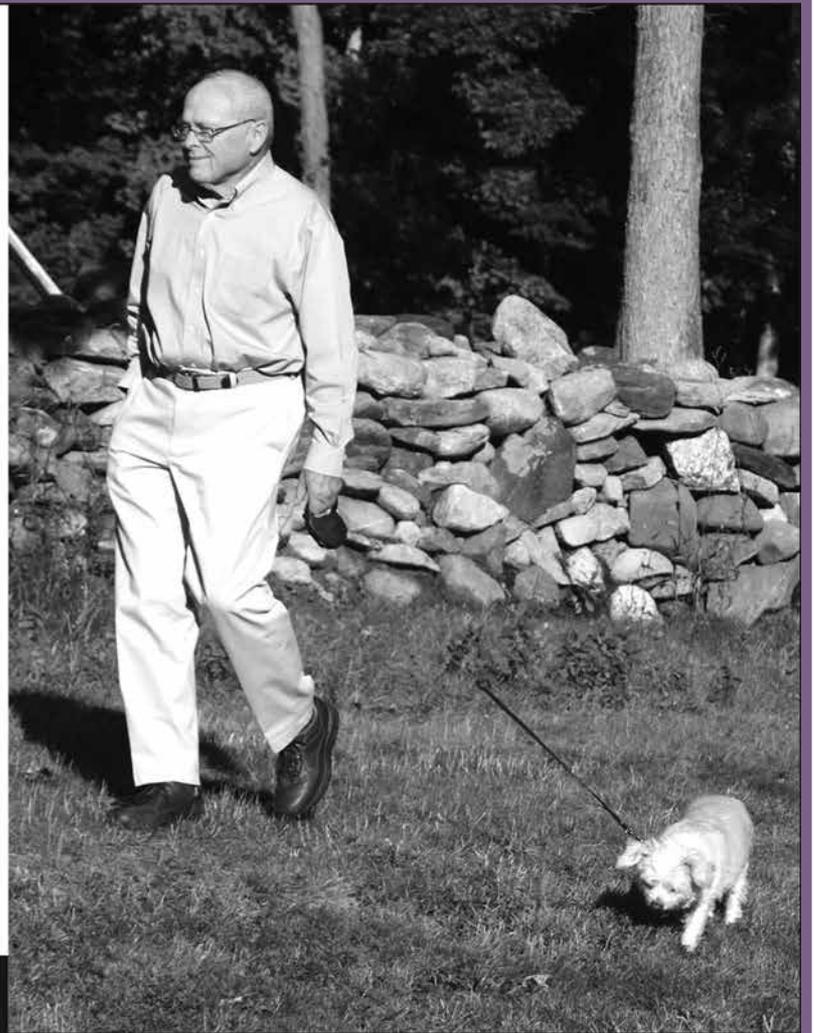
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MMSAP: Masonic Model Student Awareness Program *by Ted Nelson*

Over three years ago, in February 2016, as Grand Senior Warden, I went to the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America in the city of Madison, Wisconsin. While there and attending different educational seminars, I renewed my friendship with Past Grand Master Earl Washburn from Vermont.

At that time he was the president of the National Masonic Foundation for Children. This foundation runs and maintains a 35-plus year old program called MMSAP which stands for Masonic Model Student Awareness Program. MWB Earl reminded me that PGM Stan Sheldon had brought the program to Connecticut in 1998 and PGM Chip Stamm did again in 2003. Each time it was received with rave reviews by the attendees but it just didn't seem to take off as an annual event that the Connecticut Masons knew they could get back.

On my return to Connecticut, the Grand Master at the time, MWB Charles Yohe, asked me to sit on a committee with the then Deputy Grand Master MWB Gail Smith, and he asked PGM Floyd Bagwell from the Prince Hall Freemasons to join us. We met informally a few times.

I felt strongly the need to get a state chairman and a committee member or two to visit a live seminar in another state. Try as I might, I was unable to get the right brother for the job, so I waited until I was out of the Grand East and I went with Brother Richard Walter of Compass Lodge No. 9, a retired history teacher. We attended a seminar in New Jersey to see for ourselves what the program had to offer.

The CT Freemasons Foundation generously backed my request for \$10,000 to \$20,000 to pay for the costs associated with bringing the program

back to Connecticut. I thought after my visit to New Jersey that it was up to me and Brother Richard to identify superintendents and principals of schools around the state that we could invite to the program. I had no idea that my contact at the National Masonic Foundation for Children, Abby Morgan, had such a deep database on teachers and faculty members in all 50 states.

Abby worked her magic online and over 70 teachers and faculty members signed up for our program that we held this past April 23-25. Of those 70 we had an average of 47 attendees each day. We filled two of the three sections at the Knapp Auditorium where the event was held on the Ashlar Village Campus. Thanks to Liz Kromer, Assistant Director, Dining Services, Masonicare at Ashlar Village. She and her staff fed our guests breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Some of our guests even had time to visit the Op Shop and Specialty Shop located one floor down from the seminar and meet our host Jane Seerbent and her volunteers who tend the stores.

Below are the highlights of what the program had to offer and the dates for next year

- MMSAP Stands for Masonic Model Student Awareness Program
- A three day seminar in Wallingford on May 5-7, 2020, limited to 70 attendees
- Nationally certified program that teaches groups of 3-7 teachers, faculty and administrators from the same school on how to identify children at risk
- Each attendee is taught to identify childhood risks from K-12 and given an 80-page manual
- The program covers everything from drug abuse, alcohol abuse, homelessness, sexual abuse, bullying, suicide, children caring for parents, emotional abuse, etc.

- Free tuition since the CT Freemasons underwrite the total cost of the three-day seminar
- Direct contact information of your instructors for future follow up coaching
- For more information go to <https://www.masonicmodel.org>

Unlike the CT CHIP program that we run, raise money, and volunteer for, this program only requires funding and just a few volunteer hours to operate during the days of the seminar. The program has been founded, authored, and operated by Brothers Thom Strecher and Larry Newman for over 35 years and with those years of experience comes updated data and more real life experiences that are shared at each seminar.

So how can you help? Based on a challenge led by RWB Joe Porco, we are asking every lodge in our jurisdiction and Prince Hall Grand jurisdiction to donate \$150. As of this writing we have already secured \$450 for next year's program. I'm hoping that in lodges that don't have many disposable funds, a member of the lodge could make the donation in the name of his lodge in order to help us meet our financial goal. This year's program cost over \$15,000.

Again, my sincere thanks to the CT Freemasons Foundation for underwriting the entire cost of the program this year and to Masonicare for sharing our wonderful facility with us. I also want to thank MWGM Mel Johnson for adding a line to the Grand Masters Appeal so anyone else who would like to make a donation can do so. If you are so inclined please make checks payable to the CT Freemasons Foundation, Inc. and on the memo line state MMSAP and mail to 69 Masonic Ave. Wallingford, CT 06492.

Thank You!



Right Worshipful Brother Dale T. Cunningham Awarded the Pierpont Medal in Bronze



Dale T. Cunningham was born in Kansas City, Missouri on October 26, 1941 to Fenton and Gladys Cunningham. Dale spent his first twelve years within the public school system in Kansas City, Missouri. During high school he was active as a singer, editor of the school paper and photographer for the paper and year book. He received a full scholarship to Park College, now Park University, in Parkville, Missouri by being a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.

During this first year of college, his academic pursuits were often overshadowed by his interest in other areas. After his first year of college, he was drawn to a summer theater group managed by the drama professor at Park College. Dale had roles in several productions including “Hamlet” where he played four separate roles in the same play. The drama professor had four daughters, and Dale was attracted to the third daughter, Gwendolyn. They soon became engaged and were married in the Chapel at Park College. They have been happily married for the past fifty-six years.

Dale and Gwen are the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons who have provided them with eight wonderful grandchildren, all of them subjects of extreme paternal and maternal pride.

Dale has a varied work history. During his childhood, he had a paper route, a manual pin-setting job in a bowling alley, and he worked in a TV repair shop. He soon developed a fascination with radio electronics that blossomed into a life-long avocation and provided a means to later continue his academic pursuits. In 1957 he received his amateur radio operator’s license and became a world “hammer.” He later was licensed to operate broadcast radio gear; this license led to a job with Trans World



Airlines as a flight instrument repairman.

After TWA he was employed by Sperry Rand - Motorola, in Phoenix, AZ, as a communication electronics technician. He continued his educational pursuits there, culminating in his earning a BS in Accounting from Arizona State University. The shift from tracking electrons to monitoring dollars resulted in their return to Kansas City, MO. It was a year later that their family was moved to Connecticut as he began a new job at the Travelers Insurance Company.

Dale served the next sixteen years at Travelers in the real estate investment field, as an account executive for his clients’ operational needs. While there, Dale was responsible for developing client needs in apartment development, shopping malls, hotels, planned unit developments in New Jersey, timber properties, vineyards, orchards, a cable TV company, a sewer and water company, and a ranch which occupied a sizable portion of the Oklahoma panhandle. While at Travelers, Dale earned his Master’s Degree in Financial Management through Rennselear Polytechnic Institute.

During the 1990s downturn Dale experienced a layoff, but he landed on his feet and became employed as an accountant

of a marine towing operation company. His client based changed, then encompassing a barge traffic company in Long Island Sound, the Hudson River and Manhattan, south to Norfolk, VA. In the beginning of 2000, Dale was hired by Cigna and again worked as an account executive for the next 13 years. Dale retired from Cigna a few years ago, and he is now very active sharing his time with his church, community projects and the enlightenment of his Masonic Fraternity Brothers in spreading more light in the 9th District.

While in Arizona, Dale and Gwen became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and has been a loyal active member of this church, commonly referred to as Mormon.

Dale’s Masonic journey began on November 12, 2002 when he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at Fayette Lodge No. 69 in Ellington, CT. Many of the Brothers present that day are now with the Grand Architect of the Universe. The Master of Fayette Lodge who raised Dale was RW John S. Fluckiger, PDD 9B.

After being raised, Dale continued his Masonic journey and rapidly progressed

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Quality is Not An Act, It Is a Habit. Is It Ours?

by Charles W. Yohe

For well over 50 years, Masonic membership numbers throughout the numerous jurisdictions in North America have been on a steady and sometimes alarming decline. During that same time period, literally hundreds of Grand Masters have come and gone – each with a mindset that he was intent on leaving the Fraternity under his care in better condition than he found it. To a large part, all have failed to some degree. In some North American jurisdictions, the Grand Master serves a one-year term. In others, a two or three-year term. Nonetheless, regardless the length the Grand Master serves, the outcome has been generally the same – a downward spiral in membership numbers. Why is that the case?

I'm guessing that if you ask 100 Masons that question, you will likely get 100 different reasons, and to some degree each of them may have a kernel of truth in them. But I am willing to wager that all of those reasons can be boiled down and condensed into a very few major contributing factors. Let's explore the ones I think have the most importance.

First and foremost, despite what you might think, too many lodges are not choosy enough! Lodges don't take as seriously as they should the idea of guarding the west gate. What I'm saying is that many lodges do not do a thorough job of investigating each petitioner. In some jurisdictions, albeit not in North America, each petitioner is scrutinized over a period that can well take more than a year. Every aspect of the petitioner's life is reviewed by the investigating committee to determine if the individual is a 'fit' for masonry in general and for that lodge in particular. When can you recall an investigation of a petitioner in your lodge taking more than a month or two? I'm reminded of a breakout session at the Conference of Grand Masters some years ago. The session dealt with the 'hot topic' of the day regarding criminal background checks. Many lodge members seem opposed to the idea. In one jurisdiction where the Grand Lodge had instituted by edict the process of conducting a criminal background check on every new petitioner, the story was told of a past master who was adamant that there was no reason to do so with his son. After all, "he's my son and he's a good boy." Per the Grand Lodge rules, the background check was run, and imagine the father's embarrassment to find out his son had a criminal record resulting from some miscreant behavior while away at college. The son had kept the entire incident secret from his father.

We do a disservice to our fraternity when we fail to exercise our due diligence in investigating potential members. While we're at it, let's be frank. An individual's criminal "record" is not an automatic disqualification. But certainly there needs to be accountability and a reasonable explanation by the petitioner.

The second major reason I propose may be even more controversial: Lodges and Grand Lodges have 'devalued' the importance of the obligation, Landmarks, and the Ancient Charges. What does your lodge require for "proficiency"? If yours is like most in Connecticut, the Webb or "stewards' lecture" is all that's required (if that)! So let me get this straight – the important thing for a candidate to get out of the degree is a regurgitation of the process to which he was subjected? Doesn't anyone think that perhaps it would be more important to expand on the obligation of each respective degree? What about the practical application of the elements in the obligation to his everyday life? Does a man improve himself and his world simply by going through a short ceremony in each degree and being able to parrot back the physical attributes of that ceremony? And what of the Landmarks and Ancient Charges? A number of places in our ritual refer to the Ancient Charges, but does anyone ever read them? In our installation ceremony, the Worshipful Master is presented with a copy of Masonic Law and Practice as applied to this jurisdiction. He is further instructed as follows: "I particularly refer you to the Landmarks of Masonry. A frequent rehearsal of these tenets will be of incalculable benefit to the members of your lodge. The Book of Constitutions you are to search at all times; Cause it to be read in your Lodge that none may pretend ignorance of its requirements." Unless I miss my guess, a vast majority of our current members have no clue as to what is in either the Landmarks or the Ancient Charges. Do you even know where to find them? (Hint: They're included in the copy of the Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations that each new Master Mason receives after his raising, either in hard copy, CD, or electronically.) The point is that we've strayed away from the basics – the very things that set Masonry aside from civic and service organizations. And in doing so, we've become just another civic or service organization. Masonry, in many cases, no longer holds the high importance that it once did. If Masonry is to survive and grow, we need to get back to the basics.

I don't intend to assert that these are the only reasons for Freemasonry's continued decline in membership, but if you educate yourself by reading the Landmarks and the Ancient Charges, I think you might be willing to agree that all the other "reasons" given by members who have dimitted or been suspended for non-payment of dues such as "nobody called when I stopped coming"; "I didn't like the bickering and arguing in the lodge"; "I saw no value in attending" or any one of a dozen other excuses – all boil down to the fact that the lodge and the lodge's membership were not functioning in accordance with those Ancient Charges.

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The Symbol of Completion

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

The Valley of Bridgeport begins its focus on family life events as it gears up for a fun relaxing fraternal summer. On Wednesday, June 26, a bus trip to the Bronx Zoo's Family Day will take place. This will be followed by a Ferry ride to Port Jefferson on July 14, and the 6th Annual Clambake at Stratford's Boothe Memorial Park on August 3. On August 10, a bus trip to a winery in the Berkshires followed by a concert at Tanglewood (early reservations recommended). August 16 is our semi-annual Scotch and Cigar Night in Stamford and on August 24 is a trip to the Scottish Festival and Games on Long Island's Old Westbury. Save the dates, and plan on bringing the family! For reservations and further details please call the Valley office at (203) 375-0064. Space is limited on these trips so call early to avoid disappointment.

The symbology of the Blue Lodge degrees alludes to the keys or techniques, "tools" by which brothers can attain to higher states of self realization and consciousness. The degrees themselves depict the various stages of development from a mere materialistic brute to the perfected spiritual being.

The candidate begins his travels on the lowest plane of the pure physical which is depicted by a horizontal line. His tools include the 24" rule which facilitates the proper drawing of this line, as well as inculcating an important lesson regarding the use of our time.

The next step is the nascent stirrings of the slumbering soul within to awaken, ascend and attain primacy over the personality or ego within the individual. This aspiration to elevate oneself is depicted by the vertical line which is constructed using the Plumb which is used "to raise perpendiculars." The vertical line is subsequently joined to one end of the Horizontal line, and is thus made a perfect right angle by the Square thus alluding to the attainment of near physical and vocational perfection on the material plane of existence.

Once we accomplish this and attain a material proficiency, many a brother is awakened to the spiritual dimension of life after developing a wanting for something "more." This next step in the development of one's consciousness is depicted by the hypotenuse which joins the two unconnected ends of the horizontal and vertical lines. When we connect these two points we obtain a right triangle. The three sides of the Right triangle thus allude to what is termed, by George Steinmetz, the "Complete Man" – a composite mix of Body,

Soul and Spirit, but as of yet imperfect.

This is the essence of being a Master Mason, a man who is ready, willing, and able to undertake the responsibility of his self development. He has become conscious of the higher law as laid out in the Great Light, and has decided to abide by the law by exerting his own free will. He strives to attain the perfection he has not yet accrued. When the Master Mason has traveled through all the chairs in the lodge, and finally becomes the Master of his lodge, he begins

to wear the symbolic square which spans 90°, and which is the symbol of his office. At the conclusion of his term of office, after seven years of progressive advancement in the chairs of his lodge, and having executed his duties faithfully to the Lodge, he is divested of the square of 90°, and awarded with an accoutrement bearing the symbol of the Past Master, a compass open to 60° and which is placed on a quadrant. This alludes to the equilateral triangle whose interior angles are all 60°. This new symbol allegorically alludes to the maturation and spiritual change which three degrees and seven years of travels through the

lodge chairs have effected on the interior of the Past Master. He is no longer a Complete man but a Perfected man.

The equilateral triangle which bears angles of 60° cannot be constructed by using right angles, horizontals, or perpendiculars, (all tools related to material pursuits) but can be drawn using the Compass (an instrument alluding to the realm of spiritual eternity). It is the symbol of the allegorical rebirth of the Master Mason in the spiritual plane.

Thus the equilateral triangle symbolizes the Perfected man, that Master Mason who has toiled and successfully mastered the tools given to him in the three successive Blue Lodge degrees, and who has utilized these tools to provide selfless and proper service to his lodge and who now allows his motivations, acts, works and deeds to be guided by his spiritual master, the soul resident within.

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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Submission Guidelines *by Francis G. Way*

There have been a lot of submissions lately from new sources. This is wonderful and really helps provide plenty of content for the newspaper and benefits the fraternity with the exchange of ideas. With this influx of new submissions, however, there appear to be many who are not familiar with the submission guidelines for the paper.

Why have submission guidelines? Because getting content from the form in which it is submitted, into the form in which it can go to the printer can be very labor intensive if everyone just sends content in any format that they think will fill the bill. Imagine pulling together a newsletter for the lodge and Brothers sent in stories on cocktail napkins, typewritten on the back of old bills, or as the 3rd carbon copy down from a carbon sheet that was used four or five times already.

The submission guidelines are there to allow us to get the content onto the page quickly and easily, while still editing the text, touching up the photos, and then laying everything out. So, for those that don't know . . .

Please do these:

1. Submit text in Word doc or docx format, attached to an email. If you do not have Word, or something that can produce Word doc or docx, send a plain txt file, attached to an email.
2. Photos should be in jpg or png format, attached to an email. They should be of the highest resolution possible. Be aware that some mailers can scale down the size/resolution of photos, so ensure that yours will send with the highest resolution possible.
3. For the most part, our style is based on the AP Style Guide. If you are familiar with that style, please use it.

Over the next few months we hope to have a style guide available for anyone who wishes a copy, so they can submit in that style.

4. Because these particulars come in so often, please do this:
 - a) Always use Lodge in the Lodge name: Hospitality Lodge No. 128, not Hospitality 128.
 - b) Always use No. instead of #: Hospitality Lodge No. 128, not Hospitality Lodge #128.
 - c) Avoid “th”, “nd”, “rd” in dates: August 10, not August 10th.

Please do NOT do these:

1. Write the article in the body of an email.
2. Embed photos in a document for submission.
3. Download photos of an event from Facebook or Instagram and submit them. The process of uploading photos to Facebook or Instagram will lower the resolution.

Thank you in advance for doing these things. While they may seem picky, these are things that smooth the process. And when we're processing anywhere between 25 and 40 items for an issue, that can make a lot of difference!

Letters, articles and advertisements may be sent to the Editor Frank Way at submissions@ctfreemasons.net and are due on the 10th of the month prior to the next issue.

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Finally, do we 'police' our ranks as we should? When we have members who clearly are in violation of our Rules and Regulations, do we hold them accountable? Do we prefer charges against them and reprimand, suspend or expel in accordance with the offense? For example, if a group of Masons establishes a podcast where they are using inappropriate language, touting alcoholic consumption, etc. – clearly unMasonic behavior, what punishment is being meted out by the local Lodge or Grand Lodge? What message does their continued activity send to current and potential new members?

Masonic trials are not pleasant, but sometimes they are absolutely crucial to protecting the reputation of the fraternity unsullied which every Master Mason is charged to do.

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through the officer line and served as the Master of Fayette Lodge No. 69 in 2006 and again in 2007, 08, 09 and finally in 2012. It was not long after that WB Thomas G. Hull retired as Treasurer, and with Dale's financial background, he was elected the Fayette Treasurer. Dale is known as the rock of ritual ceremony at Fayette and at any degree you will find Dale taking on the difficult ritual parts that keep Fayette Lodge active. In 2017, Dale was selected to be District Deputy of 9B, and he continues to help the 9th District lodges plan for Member Services and Growth by promoting "The Path Forward", the current Grand Lodge Masonic program .

In 2004 Dale began his journey as an officer in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Hartford line, and in 2010 Dale became a Past Sovereign Prince in the Hartford Chapter of Princes of Jerusalem. This year Dale has stepped up once again, and is the current Sovereign Prince in the Hartford Chapter of Princes of Jerusalem. During these Scottish Rite years, Dale continues to help out with the road race every summer and, being very organized, has been in charge of the robe room. For his devotion he recently was the recipient of the

Meritorious Service Award from the Hartford Valley. He is also very active in the York Rite. He is a Past Most Excellent High Priest of Adoniram Chapter No. 14, and he is currently a Thrice Illustrious Master of Suffield Council No. 23 of Royal and Select Masters.

Dale has memberships in the American Amateur Radio League, several radio repeater clubs, and he has been active in Scouting since his days as a Boy Scout. He is also a member of the American Mensa society.

RW Dale T. Cunningham has consistently shown his love of the craft always with a positive attitude, and is a beacon of light thru his actions. Dale is humble and proud to be called a Mason.

In recognition of his service to our fraternity, his community and to the state of Connecticut, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut is pleased to present Right Worshipful Brother Dale T. Cunningham the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

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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

Wed., May 1, 7 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Grand Lodge Re-dedication of Compass Lodge No. 9

Sun., June 2, Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, Hope in Motion Walk, Columbus Park, Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901 *To benefit Stamford Health's Bennett Cancer Center. WM Gross will be walking for this charity in his Union No. 5 T-Shirt, walk with him and he will give you one.*

Mon., June 3, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Awards Night

Thu., June 6, 6:30 p.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Awards Night, Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., June 11, DeMolay Golf Tournament, The Farms Country Club, Wallingford

Thu., June 13, 7:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Awards Night, *Dinner precedes the evening at 6:30pm. Family and friends are welcome.*

Mon., June 17, 6 p.m., Evening Star Lodge No. 101, Unionville, Fellowcraft Club Steak Outing, *Lions Club Camp Happy Hill, 87 W Avon Rd, Unionville, CT 06085*

Mon., June 17, 7:30 p.m., Meridian Lodge No. 77, Meriden, Lodge Potluck Picnic,

Wed., June 19, 6 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Summer Picnic,"

Wed., June 19, 6:30 p.m., Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, Table Lodge, *Dinner 6:30 p.m. Gavel Down 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Junior Warden Bro. Bill Boon (wdboon@gmail.com) if you plan to eat.*

Thu., June 20, 6:30 p.m., Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3, Fairfield, Masonic Awards, Ladies, & Widows Night

Thu., June 20, 6:30 p.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Steak & Ale Night & Stated Communication, *Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.*

Thu., June 20, 6:30 p.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Manchester, *Annual Awards Night, Dinner 6:30 p.m.*

Fri., June 21. 7:30 p.m., King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury, Fire on the Rock, *Save the Date - details forthcoming*

Sun., June 23, 11:30 a.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Yard Goats Baseball Game, *Dunkin' Donuts Park, 1214 Main St, Hartford, CT 06103*

Thu., July 4, 7 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, *Fourth of July Celebration. The perfect location to catch the Waterbury fireworks over the Holy Land cross! Have a burger or dog and bring the family and kids!*

Thu., July 11, 6 p.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, Montana Nights *Axe Throwing, 80 Fenn Rd, Newington, CT 06111*

Sat., July 13, 10:00 a.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Masonic Pistol Shoot, *Wolcott Landowners Protective Association, 920 Woodtick Rd, Wolcott, CT Open to brothers of Harmony Lodge and invited guests. Contact WM Ken Tarwood to reserve a spot.*

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Saturday, June 8, Masonicare

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Tue., June 25, 7:30 p.m., Fayette Lodge No. 69, Ellington

Mon., June 17, 6 p.m.,
Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner

Thu., June 27, 7:30 p.m.,
Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven,
Dinner to follow.

Sat., June 29, 6 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Dinner, *Wolcott Landowners Protective Association, 920 Woodtick Rd, Wolcott, CT, Civil War EA Degree. Our annual outdoor, torchlit Entered Apprentice Degree portrayed in Civil War uniforms! Advance tickets required.*



FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES

Wed., June 5, 6:30 p.m.,
King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Woodbury

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

MASTER MASON DEGREES

Sat., June 1, 12:30 p.m., St. Paul's
Lodge No. 11, Litchfield

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

Sat., June 8, 3:30 p.m., Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, *Outdoor Master Mason Degree, First part 3:30 p.m., Cookout dinner between parts, Tragedy after dinner. Dress is casual.*

Tue., June 18, 6:30 p.m.,
America-St. John's Lodge No. 8,
Stratford, Dinner

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Grand Master Announces New COCA Initiative

by Joseph J. Porco

A new \$ Co-Matching initiative for Lodge Community Action efforts has been outlined and will be rolled out in 2019. MWGM Melvin E. Johnson, announced his intention for this program in his June message. This initiative will integrate with COCA programs and is designed to help lodges increase the financial impact of their Community Action donation efforts. Specifics on this initiative will be provided in a Co-Matching Eligibility Document, which will be accessible to the lodges on the Grand View Portal. Available funds will be subject to a declared resource pool and distribution limits. Lodges that meet qualifying criteria will have some co-matching dollars available to enhance their gifting to eligible organizations.

This \$ Co-Matching initiative is just one of the initiatives developed during April's Grand Lodge Strategic Planning meeting. MWGM Johnson outlined the priorities for the meeting and Patrice Murphy, PhD, a principal at Archer Winton Management Consulting NYC, helped facilitate the process of building out the new Strategic Planning Summary. The Strategic Summary outlines targeted actions such as improving coherence and continuity, aligning efforts and resources and effectively deploying key actions over a multi-year time frame. Achieving successful outcomes are (in part) dependent upon planning continuity in order to maintain focus on the core objectives that address the needs of this jurisdiction.

It is anticipated that our lodges will appreciate the support efforts being infused into the Committee on Community Action (COCA). The Committee's operating structure has been revised to task Program Coordinators to manage and be accountable for the work flow of their "specific" program and to enhance the assistance provided to the lodges. The new \$ Co-Matching initiative will support lodges that desire to

engage in well-developed community action efforts such as CT CHIPS, MMSAP and other programs. COCA will have nine Community Action programs (options) for the lodges to utilize. Every lodge will receive a COCA overview kit, which will include the Program's summary and the Coordinator's contact information. The COCA overview kit will contain reference information for the following nine programs: CT CHIP,

Donate Life, MMSAP, Widows Outreach, Public Safety and Service Recognition, Veterans Advocacy, Open House, our statewide Awareness Hockey Event, and the \$ Co-Matching Program.

Gateway programs can enhance awareness of Freemasonry and shine a

positive light on our local lodges. More importantly, these efforts not only bless others, but in some cases, such as CT CHIP, Donate Life and the MMSAP Program, lives can be saved! CT CHIP has helped police find missing children. Donate Life organ and tissue donors have extended people's lives. The MMSAP (Masonic Modeling Student Awareness Program), which trains teachers and faculty to identify children at risk, has trained educators to assist thousands of children. Additionally, gateway events create quality connections with the community, providing an opportunity for dialog and enabling those that were once strangers to become aware of who we are and what we do.

This article's photo features brothers from King Solomon's Lodge No. 7, who enthusiastically manned a CT CHIP event. The importance of the CT CHIP Program cannot be overstated. The enormous success of the CT CHIP Program would not have evolved without the previous leadership imparted by brothers such as; MWB Gary Arseneau, RWB Peter Boychuck, RWB Theodore Hasty, WB Larry Baker and WB Frank Mangiero. District Coordinators and dozens of Brethren throughout the state continue to make the CT CHIP events successful. MWGM Melvin Johnson has recently appointed WB Frank Mangiero to be the COCA Program Coordinator for the CT CHIP Program. WB Frank will endeavor to continue the great work of those who have served before him, all of whom should be commended for making CT CHIP one of our signature Community Action Programs in Connecticut.





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Traveling East To Narnia *by Jeffrey A. Blayman*

As the plane touched down in Rome we were excited to set out on another adventure not knowing exactly what serendipity we'd encounter. The Peugeot rental car hugged the turns as the road to Viterbo curved through the picturesque countryside of the Lazio region with grape vines and olive trees that seemed to stretch to the very horizon. The walled city of Viterbo welcomed us with its ultra narrow streets and ancient stonewalls as we searched to find our accommodations in the soft, cold rain.

The next day, after a breakfast of croissants and cappuccinos, we wandered about the town taking pictures and soaking in the centuries. As I like to do, I stopped in an antique shop always hoping to find something Masonic lost to the ages. They had a number of impressive medals and aprons relating to the The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), which is one of the largest fraternal organizations in the United Kingdom. The order started in 1822 and is known as the Buffs to members. Seeing their regalia was indeed an exciting find.

A few days later we traveled to the city of Narni (in Latin, Narnia), an ancient hill town and commune of Umbria, in central Italy, that overhangs a gorge above the Nera River where the view and elevation are impressive. We happened upon a restaurant participating in the weeklong medieval celebration.

The gentleman out front helped us to decipher the Italian menu, and in doing so he noticed the Masonic pin on my shirt. He finished his explanation and extended his hand to me as we thanked him for his kindness and almost immediately I was met with a lion's paw. While engaging me in the grip he drew close, hand to back, and said that there was something that I might find of interest at the Narni Sotterranea (Narni underground). We were seated and given

menus and our friend came by to draw us a map to the underground location on the back of a placemat.

After a fine medieval meal we set off down Via Giuseppe Garibaldi in search of our new destination, passing by ancient columned buildings and streets draped in the colors of the festival. After a brief walk we turned the corner, descended into the courtyard, and approached the box office to acquire tickets. We were told the next tour was in an hour and so I mentioned that a gentleman had said there was something that was Masonic about this location, and that I was a Freemason visiting from the United States. The clerk got wide eyed and spoke to someone else in the office who appeared in the window in front us exclaiming, "You are a Freemason?" In perfect English she invited us to join her tour, which was leaving momentarily, as she wanted the opportunity to speak with me about what it was we were about to see and she described the history of Narni Sotterranea.

Today the former convent of Santa Maria Maggiore is called San Domenico. It was built in 1303 by Dominican friars. The monastic complex was of considerable religious importance for the whole region of Umbria and was visited by both popes and cardinals who passed through the area. After 1860, the church became abandoned and the damage sustained during WWII collapsed the roof and some walls, which, in addition to the foliage, helped keep the entrance to the underground hidden until 1979.

It was then discovered by accident by an old vegetable farmer using the area for a garden, who found the top of a bricked-up doorway beneath the soil along the side of his plot. His curiosity led to him chiseling out a brick or two, revealing a huge complex of rooms.

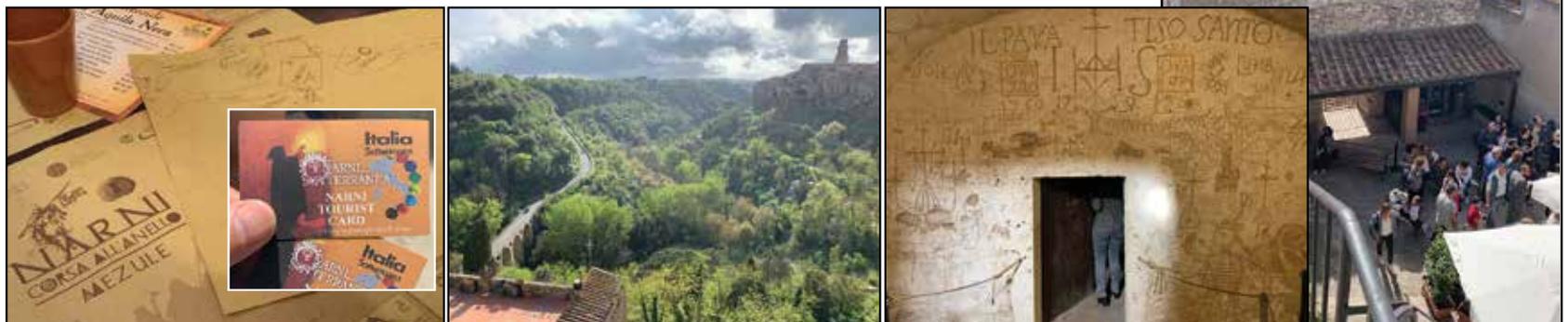
Inside they found relics and artwork of the

8th century church that the monastery had been built over. The chapel, corridors, and rooms were once home to the Court of the Holy Inquisition, as papal documents and paperwork from the town hall archive from 1726 confirmed.

Another piece of paper included a notice of condemnation for a prisoner named Giuseppe Lombardini who had been imprisoned in a small room next to a torture chamber used to convert non-believers. He had been a Corporal of the Inquisition Guard in a town called Spoleto. Documents show that in 1759 he was imprisoned after allowing a prisoner on trial to go free, a brother, and they were both part of a group of Masons suspected of heresy. While locked away Lombardini used a piece of a broken plate to scratch all sorts of symbolic graffiti into the walls. The Masonic alchemical imagery adorns three walls and the ceiling of this tiny room. After two months in captivity it seems Lombardini was exonerated.

Not only was it exciting to find this piece of Masonic history, but also to be so openly welcomed by the curators, who were positively excited to have a Freemason on their tour who might gain some knowledge or offer some in return.

So wear your Masonic embroidered clothing and lapel pins proudly brothers! You never know where the fraternity's ties may lead you next, or when a certain friendly and Brotherly grip may help you to recognize a brother in the dark, as well as in the light. Enjoy your adventure in Masonry.



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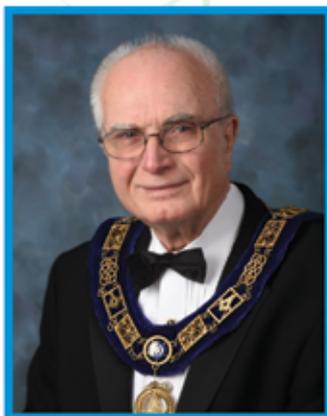
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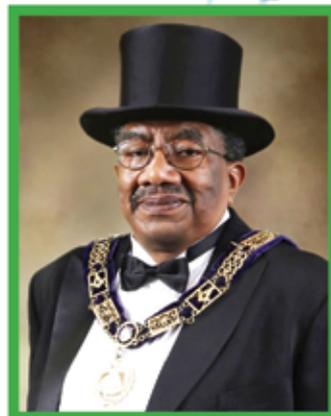
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