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Grand Master's Message

by William E. Bohman

My Brothers,

This is the last time I will write you as your Grand Master.

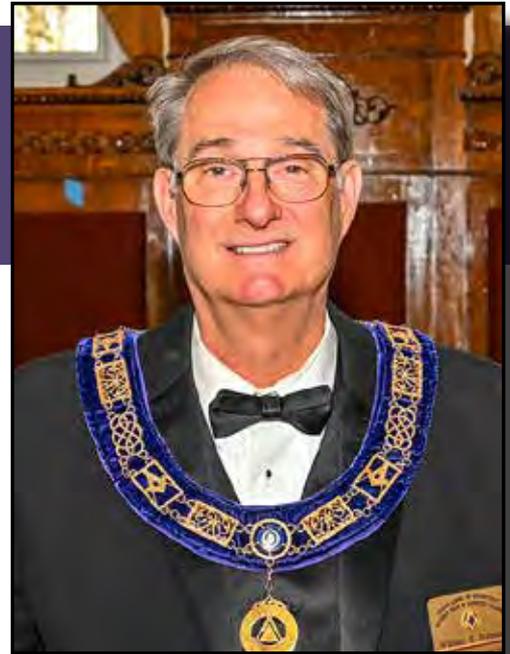
I want to thank you all for the opportunity and the honor you have given me to serve as your Grand Master. I hope, after the dust has settled, you will feel we have moved Masonry forward.

I provided tools: the Master's Achievement Award, the Perfect Ashlar, the Six Steps to a Petition, and the Almoner Program for the lodge officers and you to use. Many lodges and many brothers have put them to good use.

I have never wanted more than for each of you to have a spiritually uplifting, educationally rewarding, ritualistically enlightening, and just plain fun Masonic experience. If you have found any one of those experiences in your lodge, then Masonry in Connecticut is secure and poised for a great year under the leadership of our soon to be Grand Master Bruce Bellmore.

God bless Masonry in Connecticut.

God bless each of you.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50-YEAR BROTHERS!

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Union Lodge No. 31



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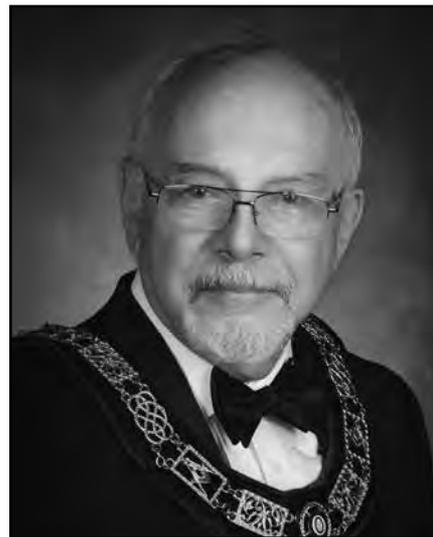
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Deputy Grand Master's Message

by Bruce R. Bellmore

My dear brothers,

On December 23, 1776, Thomas Paine wrote in his essay, *The Crises*, "These are the days that try men's souls." Those lines could certainly apply to the last two years. Pandemic, supply shortages, lockdowns, and social unrest have shaken our country and the rest of the world. But as we say in the Fellowcraft Degree, "Masonry, notwithstanding, has still survived."

My brothers, after every major national crisis in our history, the world has seen a resurgence in interest among men seeking something that is lacking in their lives. Freemasonry has been that "something" that men have found in the past. We need to make sure that it is what they find today, tomorrow, and into the future.

The Chinese word for crisis consists of two symbols, the first is "danger," the second is "opportunity." We must look beyond the danger in these modern-day crises and look for the opportunity to help, aid, and assist our brothers, our families, and our communities. We must "carry outside of the lodge, those important lessons that are taught in it." Only then can we hope to show the world the goodness of Freemasonry.

Look for opportunities to reach out to your communities. Encourage and promote family activities in your lodges; reach out to our aged and infirm brothers and their dependents; help at your local soup kitchens, battered women's, or homeless shelters, and find brothers who are willing to help with local reading programs in your communities. The list of opportunities goes on and on. We only need to look for them.

In the coming year, the Grand Lodge is developing several jurisdictional and multi-jurisdictional programs that we will be sharing in the next few issues of the Connecticut Freemasons newspaper. These programs are designed to promote opportunities in the community and awareness of our great fraternity. We encourage each lodge to participate.

My brothers, trusting in God and having the guidance of that greatest light in Freemasonry, the Holy Writings as our guide, "Masonry will survive and shed its beneficent influence on mankind."

So mote it be!

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233rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M.
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The 233rd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Connecticut will be held at the **Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095** (I91, exit 38), on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**. 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 2022 Dues Card to the Grand Tiler upon entry to the session.** Registration will be by Home/Primary Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

A proxy form will be 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 2022 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 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 **Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport**. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Room rate is \$109 per night plus tax. Last day to book is **March 11, 2022**. To reserve your room use this link: **Book your group rate for Grand Lodge AF & AM of CT** or call 860-688-7500 (ask for Grand Lodge AF & AM of CT when making reservations by phone).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions being subject to change by the Governor on little notice, we will monitor the situation and keep you informed.

VOTING: 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.

FRIDAY BANQUET: The Grand Master's Banquet for Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, members of the Craft and their ladies will be held on Friday evening, March 25, 2022, at 7:00 pm with a social hour at 6:00 pm in the Windsor Ballroom. All brothers and their ladies are invited to attend. Please make every effort to get your reservation in early as tickets to this banquet are sold on a first come - first serve basis. **Any request which is received in the Grand Lodge Office after March 11, 2022, will result in tickets being held for pickup at the door.**

A banquet reservation form for the Friday night banquet is included in this publication. The entrée will be Brazen Short Ribs \$50.00, Grilled Citrus Chicken \$50.00, Filet of Salmon \$50.00, or Vegetarian \$50.00 and all by advance order. All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity. 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 11, 2022. 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.

SATURDAY LUNCH: On Saturday, March 26, 2022, 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. See reservation form included in this publication. 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 venues in the surrounding areas.

Brother Lodge Secretary, please note that proxy forms will be 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
James M. Anderson
R.W. Interim Grand Secretary

February 1, 2022

Annual Grand Lodge of Connecticut Dinner Reservation
Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, Windsor
Friday, March 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

****Tickets must be presented at dinner for collection by the wait staff****

Entrée:

Please send _____ ticket(s) at \$50.00 each for Brazed Short Ribs

Please send _____ ticket(s) at \$50.00 each for Grilled Citrus Chicken

Please send _____ ticket(s) at \$50.00 each for Filet of Salmon

Please send _____ ticket(s) at \$50.00 each for Vegetarian Meal

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Mail tickets to: _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Signed: _____

Make checks payable to **“Grand Lodge of CT”**

Please enclose a SASE and Mail to: 69 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, CT 06492

Return before: March 11, 2022

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!

Old Well St. Johns Lodge No. 6

Michael Hansen

Columbia Lodge No. 25

Michael Lombardi

Columbia Lodge No. 25

Sebastiano Milardo

Harmony Lodge No. 67

Gene Alfonso Macalinao

Harmony Lodge No. 67

Benjamin Joshua Markus

Madison Lodge Lodge No. 87

Gerald Cardin



Madison Lodge Lodge No. 87

Vincenzo Anthony Moccia

Madison Lodge Lodge No. 87

William Andrew Stokes, IV

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89

Dennis Robert Downing, Jr.

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89

Jeffrey Michael Holton

Annawon Lodge No. 115

Jeremy Charles Borelli



Past District Deputies Association

OF THE GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In conjunction with the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut,
we will hold our

Annual Reunion Luncheon
beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 26, 2022

at the

Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport
28 Day Hill Road
Windsor, CT 06095

The luncheon menu will include Turkey BLT, swiss cheese, on multi-grain roll, with chips, fruit, dessert,
ice tea and bottled water.

Tickets are \$35 per person.

Please make checks payable to: *Past District Deputies Association* and mail by March 11, 2022 to:

Brian E. Beals, Treasurer
175 Mercier Ave
Bristol, CT 06010

If you have any questions, contact RW Brian Beals at 860-620-4102 or email at
brian.e.beals@gmail.com.

Please: Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your reservation.

Thank you!



Past District Deputies Association – Annual Reunion Luncheon March 26, 2022 - \$35 pp

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for the cost of _____ reservations.

Name: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

CT Freemasons Foundation, Inc.

Call to Meeting

In accordance with its by-laws, the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation will conduct a brief meeting and election of representation to its Board of Directors at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master during the Annual Stated Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut on Saturday, March 26, 2022. All members of the Grand Lodge who are in good standing are invited to attend.

Fraternally,
Christopher J. Earle, Chairman

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

Archie Aitcheson
Federal Lodge No. 17

Charles A. Banky
Brainard Lodge No. 102

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Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116

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Perry J. Funk
Annawon Lodge No. 115

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Hiram Lodge No. 18

Richard Alan Haugh
Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145

Daniel Joel Krevolin
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Harold R. Law, Jr.
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Walter L. Lincoln
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George Ernest Long
Wyllys St. Johns Lodge No. 4

Clayton W. Lynch
Jeptha Lodge No. 95

Larry John Musselman
Federal Lodge No. 17

Kenneth Raymond Olson
Corner Stone Quinebaug Lodge No. 122

Joseph Pasquino
Union Lodge No. 5

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Corner Stone Quinebaug Lodge No. 122

Glenn S. Suprono
Anchor Lodge No. 112

Allyn Willner
Annawon Lodge No. 115

Herbert Kenneth Wry
Composite Lodge No. 28



Grand Chaplain's Message

by Reverend Harry "Chip" Elliott, III

The story is told of a Kansas farmer who found a baby eagle in one of his fields. The poor young eagle was not in good condition and the farmer took it back to his home to nurse it back to health. Over the next few weeks, the eagle was doing well, and the farmer put it in with the young chicks in his chicken pen.

Although the eagle did well during the first weeks, it began to grow listless and seemed to be losing its strength. The farmer feared the young eagle was going to die after all, until --- one day the farmer had an inspiration.

He packed the eagle in his pickup truck and headed west for the Colorado mountains. When he arrived at the eastern edge of the Rockies, the farmer took the young bird deep into the foothills. Finally, he held the eagle in his arms and pointed its head to the mountain tops where the wind was blowing, and an occasional eagle cried out as it traced the currents of the mountain winds. A strong shudder coursed through the eagle's body, and it spread its wings as a new strength seemed to surge through the bird. It stood and leaped into the air, caught a strong breeze, and soared into the sky. The farmer watched the eagle with a tear in his eye as the bird cried out what seemed to be a farewell.

A verse from the Bible came to the lonely figure of a Kansas farmer as he watched the eagle soar: "...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..."

When I first heard this story, I immediately thought of it as a parable of Masonry. You see, I believe that we who are highly involved in Masonry have a responsibility to reach out to other men to join our wonderful fraternity and inspire current brothers. We humans were designed to be much more than most people imagine, and being a Mason is one way to start to fulfill the potential that our Great Creator has instilled in each and every one of us. The problem is that sometimes we accept the limits of the chicken coop and don't even know about the mountains and the winds. We wind up chicken-scratching through life instead of soaring.

The secret to overcoming a feeling of limits and/or embarrassment and moving on to success is an inspired attitude. Instead of being bound to the past and a "I can't do anything," attitude, our Holy Book says, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." In other words, the secret to success is the strength of the Great Architect of the Universe! Now, that's inspiration!

The word "inspiration" literally means to have the Spirit in us. Perhaps you remember Carl Lewis who took several medals in the 1984 Olympics. Everywhere he went, he was dogged by reporters. Lewis told one of them, "By the time you get to the Olympics, it's 100% in your

mind. At that point, there's nothing you can do physically." What many people did not know was that Carl Lewis had made a life-changing decision at a 1981 track meet. He came face to face with himself, and although he was blessed by tremendous physical talent, he knew that he needed inner inspiration. He decided that God was going to be his number one source of inspiration.

That decision was really tested when the trials for the 1988 Olympics came up.

The day before he was scheduled to fly to the West Coast, his father, track coach William Lewis died from cancer at the still young age of 60. Still grieving after the funeral, Carl vowed to make the 1987 trials the best in his life. He made the trip to California, took the field and posted his best time of the year. His pain was real, but so was his faith! Carl Lewis had an inspired attitude, and he knew what is meant in "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength!"

So, brothers, if you feel your lodge is slowly petering out, or that you have found Masonry getting "boring," remember you are a part of a fraternity that "Makes Good Men Better." And also remember that we have bound ourselves to a power much greater than just "you and I." We are bound through He Who Made Us to become much, much more. We just need to truly believe that "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD SERVICE

March 1, 2022

To Prospective Board and Committee 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 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 April 15, 2022. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews.

Nominees should have qualifications in business, corporate leadership, finance, law or healthcare, 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 2022.

The term of service for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut Board of Directors is one year commencing in November 2022.

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,



Robert F. Polito, Chair
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 Robert F. Polito, Chair 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.

Robert F. Polito, Chair
Masonicare Nominating Committee
Masonicare
22 Masonic Avenue, P.O. Box 70
Wallingford, CT 06492

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (____) _____ Evening Phone Number (____) _____

Fax Number _____ Email address: Address: _____

I would prefer the application to be sent to me via (i.e., email, US mail) _____

From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

This month – March 6, to be exact – marks exactly two years since the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Connecticut. Only now, after more than 77 million confirmed cases in the U.S. and over 914,000 COVID-related deaths, are we able to realistically glimpse an end to the pandemic and a time when the virus will transition to an endemic threat – that is, a predictable, containable disease like the flu.

That Masonicare has weathered these last 24 months as well as it has is a testament to the incredible hard work of our team – a team that includes people like Ebony, a Residential Care Assistant (RCA) in our Memory Care community at Ashlar Village. A resident’s family member and a visitor each wrote in recently to praise Ebony after watching how she assisted a resident with mobility issues into a lift. It was the way in which Ebony validated the resident’s anxiety that really stood out. Caregivers like Ebony are successful because they have a passion for helping those in need. They’re not only great companions who treat residents with dignity and respect, but they’re also great listeners and communicators.

Tyler, IT Security and Desktop Support Manager, is another one of our star performers. Working behind the scenes, he helps protect Masonicare’s computer systems and networks from information misuse or theft. He’s also frequently recognized by peers across Masonicare for providing outstanding customer service to everyone, regardless of their computer savvy. He’s always eager to help and his expertise is off the charts.

I am very much looking forward to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication coming up later this month, at which time Board of Trustees Chairman Bro. Robert Polito and I will update the membership on what’s happening at Masonicare. If downward trends in the positivity and hospitalization rates continue, that should include an expansion of reopening plans at our independent and assisted living communities. Also, as I mentioned last month, our new, expanded Behavioral Health Hospital at Masonicare Health Center welcomed its first patients. And our long-in-the-works expansion into Rhode Island reached an important milestone with the opening of our hospice branch in Westerly.

I will also be spending most of March traveling around the state with other members of Masonicare’s senior leadership team to visit with employees at various locations for the first in-person “State of Masonicare” town halls since September, 2019! We may have gotten used to the convenience of virtual meetings over the last couple of years but I truly miss the experience that only face-to-face interactions can offer. And, it will be nice to not have to remind someone who is speaking, “You’re still on mute.”

Thank you for your support of Masonicare.

Sincerely and fraternally,



The Concentric Circle is Growing

More benefits for you in 2022!

We are giving Masons and fraternal family members even more reason to choose Masonicare. With benefits developed exclusively for Masons, you can be sure you are receiving the best-in-class care and service you deserve from the provider you trust.



Concentric Circle Benefits

- **PRIORITY ADMISSION / ACCESS** to Masonicare following the “Concentric Circle” guidelines for Connecticut Freemasons, relatives, and appendant bodies
- **REDUCED PRICING** on applications for our residential communities
- **FREE HEARING SCREENINGS** in the Masonicare Hearing Center
- **FREE BALANCE ASSESSMENTS** in the Masonicare Health Center Outpatient Rehabilitation Department
- **WAIVED ADVANCE PAYMENTS** on Masonicare at Home (in-home, non-medical homemaker-companion services)



[Masonicare.org](https://www.masonicare.org)



Masonicare Community Services **800.982.3919**

22 Masonic Avenue . Wallingford, CT 06492



Please join us for

The New Haven

St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 13, 2022

Please Come March with Us!

Meet at the
New Haven Masonic Lodge
285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven

Continental breakfast served at 10 a.m.
Barbecue picnic to follow!

Come and represent Connecticut Masonry and our extended family.

Bus transportation is provided for marchers from the lodge to the staging area beginning at **NOON**. The parade steps off at 1:30 p.m. You can walk the parade route down Chapel Street or ride the 45' float.

Lodge officers wear formal attire: tuxes/dark suits, jewels, aprons, and top hat. Lodge members wear dark suits and aprons. Your family is very welcome to march with us and enjoy the fun. The more, the merrier! After the parade, its back to the lodge for a barbecue lunch and fellowship.

We've done this parade for many years. It's really a wonderful walk past areas of Yale and the historic New Haven Green. **Please contact WB Fred Marotti at; fred@absct.com or 203-641-3932 for info and to let us know you're coming!**



This event is sponsored by:

The 4th District-Blue Lodge Council, The Valley of New Haven-Scottish Rite, and Hiram Lodge #1.

Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 Hosts Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council

by Pat Jones

President Tom Duclos called to order the 372nd meeting of the Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council on Monday, January 31 at 7 p.m. Forty-four brothers attended representing the seven lodges of the Council: Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No 4, Columbia Lodge No. 25, Composite Lodge No. 28, Washington Lodge No. 70, Manchester Lodge No. 73, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, and host lodge, Hartford Evergreen No. 88. Hartford Evergreen Lodge was well represented with 22 members present. Dignitaries included Grand Senior Steward RWB Matthew Heinrich, Jr., and District Deputy RWB David S. LaFargue.



(l-r) Incoming President Greg Stump and outgoing President Thomas Duclos.

The meeting was preceded by a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Much fellowship and laughter permeated the dining room.

The Council was ably managed in 2021 by President Thomas Duclos, Vice-President Gregory J. Stump, Chaplain Jeffery A. Flynn, and the venerable Walter Grube, Secretary/Treasurer.

Election of officers for 2022 was the order of business. Installed by RWB Heinrich were President W.B. Gregory Stump, PAGM (Hartford-Evergreen Lodge); Vice President WB Jason Holloway (Wylly's St. John's Lodge); Secretary/Treasurer Walter Grube (Columbia Lodge). Charlie Weiss (Hartford-Evergreen Lodge) was appointed Chaplain.

The next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday, March 30, at Columbia Lodge No. 25.

Pyramid Shriners Install 2022 Leadership Team

by Donald M. Casey, Jr.

Pyramid Shriners of Stratford installed their 2022 Divan leadership team. Officers of each club and unit were installed as well. The ceremony was held at America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 in Stratford.



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Growing League Of Women | GLOW

by Lisa D'Addeo Bohman

A year ago, I introduced **GLOW** – **G**rowing **L**eague **O**f **W**omen. Since that time, I have seen this concept move from just an idea to something that women and, yes, Masons, have begun to embrace.

It's heartening to see when going to events or visiting various lodges throughout the state the effect this one seemingly small thing has had on so many people. From the women who never bothered to even look who now say they eagerly await each month's edition of the Connecticut Freemasons newspaper to read the newest GLOW article, to the young wives of newly-minted Masons who are encouraged that there could be a path for them to connect with other young women, to the men who share with me their enthusiasm for the potential this initiative has to bring life to their lodges that often sit dark in between stated communications, and also the chance it provides to increase the appeal of Masonry by making their lodge more of a hub for its members and their families.

So, while these articles may be coming to an end, I say to all of you that GLOW does not need to stop. Every woman that reads these articles has the ability to keep the flame of GLOW alive.

How you might ask? You can start at the very next installation, dinner, awards night, etc... that you attend at a lodge by going over to other women that you don't know, stretch out your hand and introduce yourself. From there you can begin a conversation, about your family, their family, where you work, what you like to do, anything that comes to mind.

From that one gesture you may discover that the other person is at a similar life stage as you, or shares similar values, or likes to read, or watch sports, or plays sports, or is looking for the companionship and support of another parent, or wants to learn new things, or can be a mentor, or is looking for a mentor – and before you know it you have started the process of connecting with other women. And by your actions, others may follow, and soon you may find that more and more are joining in, providing inspiration, and ultimately coming up with ways in which the collective social, educational, cultural, professional, and charitable experiences of all can be expanded.

And as for me – I remain committed that as Bill and I continue to attend Masonic events around the state in the months and years ahead to be available to any woman or group of women that might like to further explore ways in which to increase the bonds with others, whether it be through events, classes, activities, you name it. Just reach out and I will be more than happy to help.

Just a few more things:

First, I truly hope to see many of you on Saturday, March 26, starting at 9 a.m., at the Marriott Windsor, for the Women's Programs, which for the first time are **open to any Masonic-connected woman that wants to attend!!** Choose from one, two, or all three, or just join us for lunch. To recap the programs are:

Networking – Running from 9:00-9:10 a.m. | Maximum 45 participants | A quick introduction

Let's Get Fiscal – Running from 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Maximum 45 participants | A financial primer for women

Get The Picture – Running from 10:20-11:20 a.m. | Maximum 45 participants | Take better pictures with your iPhone or Android

Puzzle Theory – After Lunch – Four Fun Escape Rooms to Choose From:

- *The Wizard Realm* | Maximum 6 Participants
- *The Jungle Dimension* | Maximum 6 Participants
- *P.T. Railways: Rebel Run* | Maximum 10 Participants
- *Warehouse 13* | Maximum 10 Participants

The reservation form is on page 19. Deadline is March 11.

(Note: If any of the programs being offered fill up, there is the possibility of them being repeated in the afternoon, so get your reservations in).

Second, I would like to thank the Grand Lodge and the staff of the Connecticut Freemasons newspaper for allowing me the opportunity to speak to all of you through this publication.

And, lastly, I would like to give a big shout out and thanks to all the wonderful women who I have had the pleasure of meeting over this last year at the various Masonic events, and especially to those whom I have known for many years, including Brenda Dlugoleski, Kim Kinsella, Sara Stevens, Sally Turner, and Kim Way. It is my distinct privilege and honor to know you all.

So until next time ... **Let's GLOW**

VALLEY OF HARTFORD, AASR

Illustrious Brother Dave Blythe unfortunately had a trip to the hospital recently and was unable to provide his regular monthly column. By the time you read this, he should be home, but please keep him, and his wife, in your thoughts and prayers for his continued recovery. Ill. Brother Dave requested that we communicate the following important information in this month's Valley of Hartford column.

Abbott and Valley of Hartford Scholarships

The deadline for applying for the Abbott and Valley of Hartford scholarships is Friday, April 1. All applications, with supporting documentation must be submitted by that time.

To be eligible for a scholarship the applicant must meet any of the following requirements:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is in good standing.
- A student related (by blood or legal means) to a current or deceased member of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a Masonic youth group located within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (e.g., DeMolay International, Job's Daughters, Order of Rainbow for Girls)

They must also meet the following guidelines:

- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.

Scholarship applications are available at:

<https://scottishrite.nyc3.digitaloceanspaces.com/downloads/Abbott-Scholarship-Applications/2022-Abbott-Application.pdf> (short URL: <https://bit.ly/3gBlbX0>)

You can also navigate to the form from the scholarship page of the Scottish Rite site (<https://scottishritenmj.org/abbott>).

Supporting documentation, that must be submitted in duplicate with the application is:

- Most current copy of high school or college transcript.
- At least one confidential letter or recommendation from an instructor, counselor, or advisor.
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All evening degrees start at 7:30 p.m. with pre-degree dinners beforehand at the Sphinx Shrine Center at 6:15 p.m. Consistory Day begins at 9 a.m. and features lunch after the degrees. Please call the office to reserve your spot. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Valley of Hartford office at office@valleyofhartford.com or by calling our secretary, Tony Angelica at 860-666-0712.

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For more information about becoming a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or to receive a copy of a Scottish Rite informational DVD

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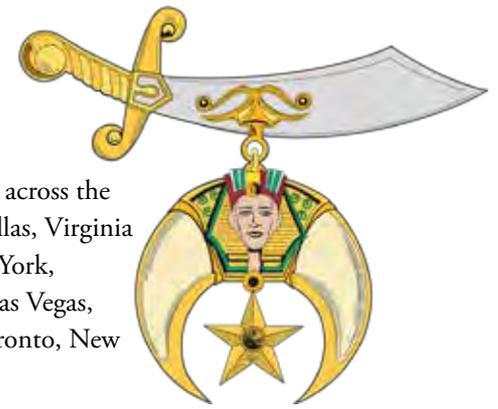
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Sphinx Shrine News

by Eric Pogg



The Sphinx Temple Motor Patrol originated because of a brainstorm in the winter of 1953. W. Allen “Bob” Bailey Jr. of Plainville, in a two-car garage that housed the Bailey Machine Company, behind the Bailey Funeral Home, took the 1 ½ hp Briggs & Stratton engine from his father’s lawnmower. He disassembled his children’s jeep pedal car and welded a frame to allow the engine to fit under the pedal car body. This was the first Motor Patrol car made.

The first viewing of the “little jeep” was on the Boardwalk at the Imperil Session in Atlantic City, NJ, from June 29-July 3, 1954. Dr. Frederick Dey, an original charter member, rode the car in the parade. Judging by the cheers and applause, the car was a hit.

Three more cars were made in time for the Imperial Session in Montreal the following year. Nobles Ed MacPherson, who managed Allied Metal Products in Kensington, and Dick Gould, the parts manager of a Chrysler dealership in Hartford, machined clutches and steering boxes, and assembled head lights from Chrysler back-up lights. Body frames were built in the Francis Tool & Dye shop by Bob Francis in Durham. The rear ends were built under the design of Ray Stowe.

Tuesday nights were for practice and work. Several upgrades were discussed and made including brakes and more hp. Brakes were added with V-belts and pulleys, a non-locking clutch, a 12-volt battery for lights, and a comfortable cushion for the ride. The cars grew from 1 ½ to 3 ½ to 5 hp. The original uniform was coveralls with “Sphinx Temple Motor Patrol” embroidered on the back and the members name on the front.

In 1955, the unit was organized as the Sphinx Temple Motor Patrol Association. It was decided that 21 cars would be built. One for the captain and 20 for an even number of rows for drill pattern and pinwheels during parades and expeditions.

The first four cars were transported in the trunk of a Chrysler sedan. Transporting 21 cars to Montreal created a problem, so racks were welded so the little vehicles could be stacked for the train ride to Montreal. These days the vehicles are transported by two different trailers. Two trailers are needed as the Motor Patrol may have parades at the same time in different towns or even states.

The Sphinx Temple Motor Patrol are members of the Mid-Atlantic Motor Corp., the Northeast Motor Corp, and the International Association

of Shrine Motor Corps. Parades across the continent include Houston, Dallas, Virginia Beach, Washington D.C., New York, Miami, New Orleans, Seattle, Las Vegas, Chicago, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, New Brunswick, and so many more.

Presently the Motor Patrol is in Newington and is looking for a new home. The cramped garage has a leaky roof and not much space to work on the engines and bodies. The pandemic has taken its toll as there has been quite a few less parades over the last two years. This has resulted in a significant amount of lost income that supports

not only the Motor Patrol but the Shriners Children’s facilities. Repairs of the vehicles are a constant. Tires, belts, paint, engines, breaks, steering wheels, oil, gas, lubricants, and cushions are just a few components keep the vehicles running. The two trailers and one pick-up truck also need to be maintained.

The Motor Patrol recently won in its class the four-wheel competition in Houston in 2021. Hours of practice, pinwheels, the perfect V, figure eights, serpentines, are some of the maneuvers that need to be mastered. The figure eights are a crown favorite as the vehicle intersect one another at a safe speed.

Fundraising activities for the Motor Patrol include bottle and can redemption (not just the tabs), as well as an all-you-can-eat “Steak Spectacular.” The next Steak Spectacular is scheduled for July 30. Hundreds of steaks are consumed with all of the fixings, as well as dozens of raffle prizes. The families of Motor Patrol members are very supportive preparing food as well as following them across the state and country. The ladies now compete in the “Diva Derbies” across the country.

The Motor Patrol is always looking for good drivers. Drivers must be a Master Mason in good standing, a Noble of Sphinx Shriners, be able to ride on holiday weekends, have a love of ice cream (stops at local ice cream parlors across Connecticut are frequent), and an extreme willingness to have fun. Free training on driving and maintenance is provided. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Sphinx Shrine Center. If you wish to donate to the Motor Patrol please make payment to the Sphinx Shrine Motor Patrol, P.O. Box 310157, Newington, CT 06131 or if you wish to join the Motor Patrol go to www.BeAShrinerNow.com.

Sphinx Shriners

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The Mission of Sphinx Shriners is to:

- Be the premier fraternal organization for men of good character.
- Provide attractive, quality programs and services for its members, their families, and their friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship, and social camaraderie.
- Foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values, and community involvement.
- Serve mankind through the resources of its philanthropy, Shriners Children’s.

If you would like more information or an application to Sphinx Shriners for the Spring Ceremonial, please register online at www.BeAShrinerNow.com or contact Noble Eric Pogg at 860-803-0784 or at ejpogg@gmail.com

Defeating Hardship: Utilizing Strength

by John A. Amarilios, membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

The month of March sees the Valley of Bridgeport and the Lafayette Consistory in full swing with both the continuation of degree work and plenty of Family Life events.

In March, the Consistory will present a live presentation of the 30th Degree followed by a video rendition of the 23rd Degree. The degrees start at 7:30 p.m. and are preceded by dinner at the Pyramid Shrine building next door at 6 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended in order to avoid disappointment. You may also want to mark your calendars for a live presentation of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on April 11. That moving presentation begins at 7:30 p.m., with a meal beforehand as usual at 6 p.m. Reservations are a must.

Family Life events in March begin on March 5, with a mystery dinner theater show at the Omni Hotel in New Haven at 6 p.m. Availability is limited so reservations must be made at once. On March 13, the Valley of New Haven and the 4th Masonic District will participate in a St. Patrick's Day Parade. There will be breakfast and lunch served before and after the Parade, and the event kicks off at 10 a.m. from the New Haven Masonic Temple with a bus ride to the parade staging area at noon. Call the office at (203) 375-0064 for more details or to make reservations.

"What can you really call your own? Every talent you have, every breath you draw, every drop of blood flowing in your veins, is lent to you only, you must pay it all back." – Marie Corelli, A Romance of Two Worlds

We have been reviewing the three profound virtues Wisdom, Purity and Strength in order to overcome adversity. Today we will look into Strength, the final virtue of this powerful triumvirate arsenal to give us the requisite Masonic foundations to overcome the difficulty of the times that so many brothers are experiencing.

The phrase, to have the "courage and strength of our convictions," alludes to one's confidence to act or behave in accordance with one's belief or ideology, especially in the face of resistance, criticism, or persecution. In today's world we encounter many who, on a daily basis, are faced with criticism, antagonism and ostracism from friends, family, and loved ones

due to their convictions. It takes knowledge, wisdom, and purity to form a conviction, but it takes strength to sustain it in the midst of seemingly universal resistance.

In the Great Light at Galatians, we hear Paul using the term "meekness" as one of the many fruits of the spirit. Meek does not mean weak. I would propose that it means absence of arrogance or self-righteousness. The optimal expression of wisdom and purity requires us to execute this absence in our life. This execution requires the third key virtue – that of strength.

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Mon., April 11 - Stratford
Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Mon. April 25 - Stratford
5th Degree (live), 12th Degree (video)

Degrees start at 7:30 p.m.
Dinners at 6 p.m. in the Shrine building.
Reservations required. Call the
Consistory Office at 203-375-0064.
*Meals and Degrees are subject to Health Dept. edicts
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Contact the Consistory Office to arrange for seating and meals for any of the degree events.

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For more information, contact the Valley near you or email Membership@LafayetteConsistory.com.

"Action without wisdom is dangerous, but wisdom without action is useless."

– Buddha

"Be like a rock that the waves keep crashing over that stands unmoved and the raging of the sea falls still around it."

– Marcus Aurelius

The idiom "Strong as a bull" has its origins in the ancient teachings of Babylonia and Egypt. It is also found in the Great Light where Paul in Colossians

1:10-12 refers to the need for strength to work out any problem: "You might live a righteous life, please God with all good works, and bring forth good fruits and grow in knowledge of God, and be STRENGTHENED with all might according to the greatness of (Deity's) glory in all patience and all suffering."

In other words, strength does not come from winning; your struggles develop your strength. We develop strength by going through hardship and deciding not to surrender. There is no life which is not visited by some obstacles and difficulties for there is no light without a shadow, no evil without good. Strength grows by resistance, so struggle develops our strength.

I leave you with a Sioux native American aphorism that says "never live in the perplexing situation of uncertainty. When you know the good thing, act." Knowledge and wisdom, guided by purity transforms our situational uncertainties during periods of adversity. By adhering to these virtues and to the law as set down in whichever sacred books one subscribes to, we are not promised protection against adversity and struggles, but we are given the

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tools we need to obtain guidance and strength in the midst of them.

As the brother builds his temple, adversity is an opportunity to gain wisdom, strength and spiritual power by meeting and overcoming adversity in his life. The events currently afflicting global society are a unique opportunity, giving humanity a rare chance to encounter situations unknown for close to a century. How many of us will obtain the benefit of spiritual strength and growth that such an unhappy and adverse time in history presents to us all? Will we struggle and strengthen our temple's edifice by employing the virtues of wisdom, purity, and strength, or allow our personal trestle board to be rend and lost?

Fiat Lux!

As always, the Valley of Bridgeport, stands 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 Membership@LafayetteConsistory.com or call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.



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Connecticut Unclaimed Property List *by Ray Geer*

Does your lodge have missing money that you don't know about?

I recently spent an hour or so on the Connecticut Unclaimed Property List website (www.ctbiglist.com) and found entries for several Masonic lodges in Connecticut. Old Well-St. John's Lodge No. 6 had more entries that I could count with most under \$100. They appear may be monthly interest from a Charity Account from INVESCO and Oppenheimer and their Past Masters has an entry for over \$100. Brainard Lodge No. 102 had an entry for over \$100 as does Seneca Lodge No. 55, Corinthian Lodge No. 104, and Tuscan Lodge (now Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145).

To see if your lodge is on the list, go to: www.ctbiglist.com and search for keywords such as "Lodge" or "Grand" or "Masonic." You can also try exact names. If you find an entry that belongs to your lodge, just click on CLAIM and it will add it to your list of claims. Once you are tired of searching, go to top of the page below the search button and you will be able to process the list. It will send you an email telling what each entry is worth and how to process. It is a much easier process than it used to be.

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Women's Programs

Saturday, March 26
during the Grand Lodge Session
at the Marriott Hartford/ Windsor Airport,
28 Day Hill Road, Windsor

GLOW is going live and welcoming spring with a host of programs for any Masonic connected woman who wants to attend. *You can choose to attend one, two, or all three programs, in any combination, or just join us for lunch – it's all up to you.*

9:00 to 9:10 a.m. We will introduce ourselves to each other.

Then we will enjoy the following programs:

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. *Let's Get Fiscal*

An attorney, a CPA, and a financial planner will be on the panel.

10:20 - 11:20 a.m. *Get The Picture*

A professional photographer from the PPA will be our panelist.

11:30 a.m. Luncheon

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. We are off to South Windsor

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FOR DETAILS on the programs, the Puzzle Theory - Escape Rooms, and to register for these entertaining programs, please see page 12 and 19 in this issue of the *Connecticut Freemasons*.



Do You Grotto?

by Michael D. Sabia, Jr.



Have you ever found yourself a bit burned out after all the Masonic meetings? Are you looking to kick back and have a fun time with a bunch of brothers? Do you Grotto?

Look no further. After several months of substantial growth and reinvigoration, Monker Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. is the place you are looking for. Dubbed as the “playground of Freemasonry” and “the poor man’s Shrine,” meetings and events are geared toward having an all-out good time with brothers, while also helping special needs children with dental care, among other local charities.

Monker Grotto will be conferring the full form ceremonial at the May 9 Stated Session at the Norwalk Masonic Temple. For details, please reach out to Monarch Michael Sabia at mdsabiajr@gmail.com to begin your journey to enchantment!

District 1

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



Acacia Lodge No. 85: Fellowcraft Passed and Wages Received

by Michael D. Sabia, Jr.

On Saturday January 22, Acacia Lodge No. 85 opened on the Fellowcraft Degree to pass Brother David DaSilva, who received his speculative wages. Brothers from Fidelity-St. John’s Lodge No. 3, Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, and Kisco Lodge No. 708 from Mount Kisco, NY, were in attendance. Light refreshments and much needed coffee were served prior to the opening of lodge, and a cake to celebrate afterward was enjoyed by all. For those who wish to visit Acacia Lodge, Stated Communications are the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m., except for July and August.



First District News

by Mark Hawkins

The 1st District is off to a great start for 2022. With the installations completed, the new Worshipful Masters and their corps of officers are hitting the road with tremendous velocity focused on education, fellowship, and degree work.

*America-St. John’s Lodge No. 8, EA degree,
five brothers initiated.*





*America-St. John's
Lodge No. 8, EA degree,
two brothers initiated.*



*Washington Lodge No. 19,
EA degree, one brother initiated.*



*Corinthian Lodge No. 104, EA degree, one
brother initiated.*

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, the employee team members across this great organization have continued to prove that nothing can distract from our mission to serve. While we will no doubt look back at 2020 as one of the most challenging years of our personal and professional lives, 2021 brought with it the much needed hope that would light our path forward. And while the ripple effects of global supply and labor shortages and the threat of new and emerging variants continued to challenge us personally and professionally, we continue to emerge stronger and more focused than ever before. It is this resourcefulness and resiliency that Masonicare was built on 126 years ago and it is the same fierce determination that carries us forward today.



“It has been yet another defining year for Masonicare as we worked to deploy our strategic initiatives and right the ship amidst some rapidly changing tides.”

Building on the strength and stability we fostered through the restructuring of key service lines in FY2020, we moved to carry out the next phase of our strategy centered on growing and repurposing service lines that would best serve the needs of our communities. The downsizing of beds at the healthcare center and the renovation of Sturges 3 and Wooster 4 respectively, to a state-of-the-art post-acute rehabilitation center and additional fourteen-bed acute care behavioral health unit, will provide a significant source of revenue while mitigating burdensome operating expenses. And although we experienced significant delays on the construction side due to global supply challenges which delayed the planned FY2021 opening, at the time of this publication both service lines are

fully operating and projected to positively impact our FY2022 financials.

Despite the numerous challenges, FY2020 was the year of strategic repositioning which readied us for FY2021, a year poised for growth and strategic partnerships. We celebrated the forward momentum of Yale New Haven Health’s construction and subsequent opening of their advanced Orthopedic and Neurology practice located on the first floor of our campus-based medical office building, in which Yale leases space, and the expansion of our out-patient rehabilitation program designed to support the therapy needs of patients of the practice and surrounding communities.

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And while we remained optimistically cautious as we navigated the ebb and flow of the ever changing pandemic, we were excited at the opportunity to be “together” again. We celebrated Masonicare at Mystic’s fifth anniversary, reminiscing in all that we have collectively accomplished in five short years. We gathered to celebrate Grand Master’s Day and the rededication of the A. Norman Johnson Apartments. And while the celebration was pared down for safety purposes, it was nonetheless one of our most robust and inspiring celebrations of family and fraternity to date. There is much to be said about the resiliency of the human spirit.

With so much to be grateful for during these uncertain times, we remain steadfastly aware that our legacy organization stands strong in large part due to our vigorous efforts to vaccinate all of our employee team members and residents. And with each vaccination we breathed a sigh of relief, knowing that we had taken yet another step forward in protecting our employee team members, residents and communities.

We are a company with a unique and diverse culture that provides industry-leading care and services. We have been relentless in our efforts to drive results through programs and properties that exceed expectations. As a result, our business is growing and our expertise called upon from clients outside of Masonicare. In August of

2021, GenM Senior Care Consulting Group (Generation Masonicare), a new offering by Masonicare, formally established a full-service management contract of Southwick Village, an Independent and Assisted Living community located in Southwick, Mass. We are bringing to Southwick Village all of the tremendous knowledge, resources and tools we refer to as “Masonicare magic”, to help elevate the community to its highest operating standards. While not all senior care communities fared as well as Masonicare over the past two years, it has created space for GenM to bring to market a level of knowledge and expertise desired by owner/operators and investors. We are excited with our progress at Southwick and believe GenM has a bright future as an industry contributor.

It has been yet another defining year for Masonicare as we worked to deploy our strategic initiatives and right the ship amidst some rapidly changing tides. And thanks to the hard work and dedication of our employee team members who deliver daily on our ever present mission, we remain on course with hopes of calmer seas ahead.

Thank you to our employee team members, residents, patients, families, and friends for your ongoing support and encouragement. You are the heart and soul of this great organization and the fuel that keeps our mission burning bright.

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To our Board members, we extend our unending gratitude for your support and encouragement as we continue to navigate these challenging times. To our outgoing Board of Trustees members, Howard Orr, David Gessert, Francis X. Conlon (Biff), and Janet Barry, thank you. Your years of service and commitment to our organization have helped us forge a path forward which will serve to sustain this organization for many years to come.

Looking forward to the year ahead, there is a heightened level of confidence about Masonicare’s future. Our remarkable performance is the result of a mission-driven mindset that understands that what we do, why we do it and how we do it are inevitably linked. We have learned that innovation may very well be our greatest asset and that above all else, we are a people company. You, your mothers, fathers, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, and friends are our sole and fundamental purpose.

As we strive to strengthen our legacy organization, we are privileged to welcome our incoming Board members who will continue the great work of those who came before them. Thank you for your service and your commitment to our collective mission.

It is a responsibility we accept with gratitude and promise that each new day will bring opportunity for us to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



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2021 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Results of operations at Masonicare for fiscal 2021 reflect a year that we continued implementation of our long term strategy to refocus our business model to one that reduces our reliance on governmental funding. Operating revenues of \$145.2 million are down 8% from the prior year reflecting the impact of our strategy as well as a reduction in grant funding from the CARES Act. The reduction in grant funding was replaced by The CARES Act pass-through funding by the State of Connecticut which represented reimbursement of certain unemployment and resident and employee testing costs incurred during the year. Operating expenses of \$156.1 million are down 7% from the prior year. A full year impact of the strategic outsourcing initiatives at MHC and MHH&H have driven the reduction. Contribution and investment income outperformed fiscal 2020 levels by 26%. Consistent with the favorable market conditions our holding gains-on equity securities of \$9.2 million exceeded the \$0.5 million reported the previous year.

Fiscal 2021 Obligated Group operations improved by \$11.5 million over the prior year as positive results continued at MHC, and increases in holding gains from equity securities.

Fiscal 2021 Non-Obligated Group loss from operations declined by \$2.0 million; lead primarily by increased occupancy at Senior Living by Masonicare, \$1.5 million.

Changes in the financial position of Masonicare at year-end 2021 from the prior year include: continued growth in the levels of unrestricted cash & investments (to 325 days on hand from 218 days); reduction in net property and equipment as depreciation expense exceeded acquisitions; reduction in current liabilities as debt was reclassified as long-term; reduction in other long-term liabilities as accrued pension and postretirement benefits, and advances of COVID-19 funds declined; and increase of net assets with 2021 revenues in excess of expenses; change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and change in the post-retirement benefits plans' liabilities.

2021 REVENUE BY PAYER MASONICARE CONSOLIDATED



COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT (000's Omitted)

	2021	2020	% Change
Operating Revenue	\$145,183	\$157,665	-8%
Operating Expenses	(156,112)	(168,017)	-7%
Non-operating Income	14,953	11,843	
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER (UNDER) REVENUES before one-time items	4,024	1,491	
Provision for restructuring costs	-	(1,104)	
Write-down of software acquisition costs	-	(1,468)	
Holding gain (loss) on equity securities	9,221	459	
Change in value of interest rate swap	(441)	(158)	
Minority interest	269	266	
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	\$13,073	\$(514)	
Obligated Group	\$13,428	\$1,864	
Non-Obligated Group	(355)	(2,378)	
TOTAL	\$13,073	\$(514)	

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS (000's Omitted)

	2021	2020	% Change
Current assets	37,587	38,495	
Investments- unrestricted	114,293	89,151	
Investments- restricted	72,858	76,292	
Property plant and equipment	174,568	181,284	
Other assets	986	906	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$400,292	\$386,128	4%
Current liabilities	37,826	72,920	
Long-term debt	151,679	116,205	
Other long-term liabilities	75,650	85,694	
Net assets	135,137	111,309	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$400,292	\$386,128	4%
Days Unrestricted Cash/Investments	325	218	

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

OCCUPANCY

	2021	2020
MASONICARE HEALTH CENTER (BEDS-UNITS)		
Skilled nursing beds (333/357)*	78.6%	90.3%
Acute psychiatric beds	85.2%	87.2%
Residential care units	84.3%	93.1%
Independent living units	96.8%	96.8%

*Received State approval to reduce beds to 333 in June of 2021, with further anticipated reduction to 260.

MASONICARE AT ASHLAR VILLAGE (UNITS)		
Independent living	91.1%	89.4%
Assisted living	66.4%	80.3%

MASONICARE AT MYSTIC (UNITS)		
Independent living	94.9%	99.0%
Assisted living	87.5%	75.0%

MASONICARE AT CHESTER VILLAGE (UNITS)		
Independent living	96.2%	85.7%

VISITS / DAYS

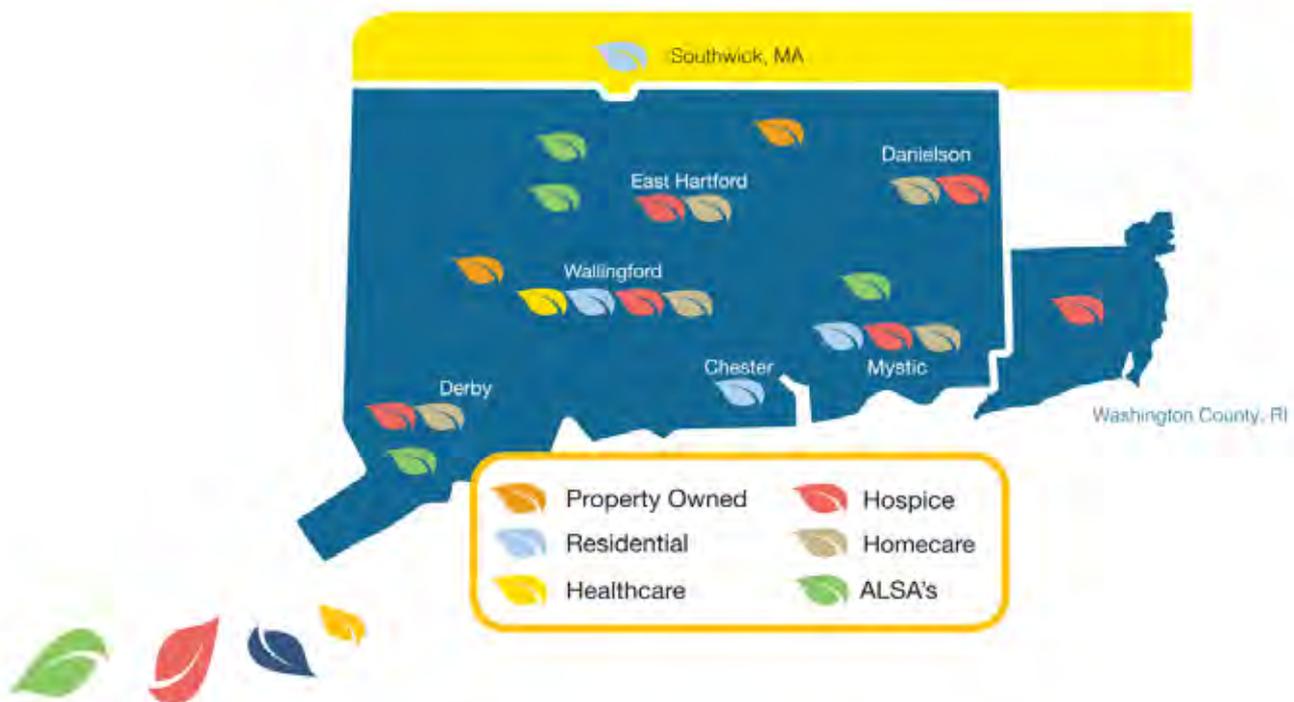
MASONICARE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE		
Total Care of the Sick Visits	154,305	167,595
Hospice and Palliative Care Days	85,361	91,163

MASONICARE AT HOME		
PCA / Homemaker Visits	25,660	21,753
Live-In Days	12,013	11,371

2020 REVENUE BY SERVICE MASONICARE CONSOLIDATED



2021 SERVICE AREA





THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION — YEAR IN REVIEW 2021 —

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During fiscal year 2021, the fundraising efforts of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut secured \$6,318,440 in support of the programs and services of Masonicare and its affiliates. These gifts came in many forms, including bequests, trust distributions, beneficiary designations, charitable gift annuities and outright major gifts, as well as donations to the Masonicare Annual Appeal and to The Foundation's special events. Between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, unrestricted contributions totaling \$5,224,458 were received, as well as \$640,960 in funds given by perpetual trusts and \$453,022 in restricted donations. Of particular significance was the very generous gift of \$380,000 from The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

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FISCAL YEAR 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bequests and Trusts	\$4,385,955
Major Gifts (Outright gifts of \$10,000 or above)	451,217
Perpetual Trusts	640,960
Gift Annuity Residuals	70,194
Masonicare Annual Appeal	457,848
Holiday Appeal	10,174
Masonicare Golf Classic	206,940
Masonicare Wine & Beer Tasting	95,152

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

\$6,318,440



MASONICARE ANNUAL APPEAL ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF MASONICARE RESIDENTS AND PATIENTS IN NEED

Seniors across Connecticut continue to entrust their health and safety to Masonicare, and we are privileged to provide our residents and patients with the highest standards of care, regardless of their financial circumstances. As seen in the examples below, gifts to the Masonicare Annual Appeal of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut help brighten the lives of Masonicare's long-term care residents and community-based patients through the little things that make a big difference.

The Masonicare Annual Appeal provides Masonicare Health Center residents with...



Sundries Cart to bring free, favorite snacks and personal care items right to residents' doorsteps



iPads to connect long-term care residents with their loved ones through video chats



Strolling Musicians to bring the comfort and enjoyment of music to residents at their bedsides



Medical Out Trips to provide residents with the company of a Certified Nursing Assistant at medical appointments in the community

Annual Appeal dollars help Masonicare Home Health & Hospice patients through...



Nutrition Consultations to reduce hospital readmissions through proper nutrition



Social Work Visits to navigate the issues and challenges that can come with the process of aging



Medication Organizers to minimize medication errors by ensuring proper dosages



Art and Music Therapy to support the overall health & well-being of hospice patients

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Fraternal Relations - Regularity, Recognition, and Visitation

by MWB Chip Stamm, Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Fraternal Relations Committee

“I see you are a Traveling Man?” a phrase often encountered by those who wear a Masonic ring or place a Masonic emblem on their car. To what does it allude and is it positive? The person saying it, in most cases, is a brother Mason and is trying to strike up a conversation. It is a very simple yet powerful statement as “traveling man” refers to being a member of the Craft taking a life-long journey of enlightenment and self-improvement with our lodge brothers. Many brothers take “traveling” to heart and find much pleasure in visiting other lodge meetings and events across their district or state, thereby benefitting from the true power of Masonic association and universality of our Masonic brotherhood.

“Traveling” is also afforded internationally to those Grand Lodges we maintain fraternal relations with, across this great world of ours. Establishing and maintaining relationships with foreign Masonic jurisdictions is the purview of our Fraternal Relations Committee.

This does not mean we can “travel” anywhere, see a square & compasses, and be the ugly American, just stopping by. That is not what Freemasons do. Any successful foreign lodge visitation needs to be communicated and confirmed months ahead of your expected travel date. Proper communication with foreign Grand Lodges is best done through our Grand Secretary to their Grand Secretary, to arrange proper foreign lodge visits. I advise

every Mason to put foreign Masonic travel on his “to-do bucket list,” as I guarantee it will be one of your most memorable life experiences. I have been fortunate and honored to represent Connecticut Freemasonry “traveling” across America and abroad to Masonic functions for over 20 years now. I will always treasure the life-long friendships established and brotherly love shared as a “Traveling Man.”

Every Connecticut Freemason is circumscribed with limits to our “Traveling.” Regular-made Masons are cautioned to NOT TRAVEL to a “clandestine” Lodge, nor converse with a “clandestine Mason.” Basically, a “clandestine lodge or Mason”

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Hospitality Lodge Needs Your Help! *by Francis G. Way*

Hospitality Lodge No. 128 is seeking the help of any brother who may have in his possession photos of the old lodge room in the building on the corner of Church and Main Streets in Wethersfield.

The photos can be either hard copy or digital – although given that the last time the lodge would have operated there was 25 years ago, we’re guessing that most photos are probably hard copy.

If you have any photos of the old lodge room, either from degrees or installations or even just rehearsals or whatever, we’d love to obtain a copy. If it is hard copy, we’d make arrangements to meet, perhaps borrow the photo to scan, and return the original. If digital (and we hope, there may be a few of those!) feel free to email a copy.

If you have no photos but have any memories of events at the old lodge and want to write a description of the room or the events, please feel free to email that along too.

If you have photos of either type, or a memory you’d like to share (hopefully with a description of the room), please email to either myself (fgway33@gmail.com) or our Secretary, WB Matthew Griffin (mgriffin04@snet.net).

Thank you!

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to a Connecticut Freemason, is any members of a lodge whose Grand Lodge does not have a bilateral "recognition" agreement with our Connecticut Grand Lodge. They may simply not be recognized because they never asked, as is the case with the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, a regular Grand Lodge and member with us in the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America (something our Fraternal Relations Committee is currently working on rectifying). In most cases the "clandestine lodges" are un-recognized by us in Connecticut for good reason such as their Grand Lodge being irregularly formed or operating contrary to the accepted criteria of "regularity", or their Grand Lodge invading another recognized Grand Lodges exclusive territory.

In summary, there are lodges we in Connecticut are allowed to travel and participate with, AND there are lodges we are not allowed to visit and participate with. It is the duty of every Mason to know the difference, but how do we know which is which? This is a big reason why many Masons do not "travel" as they are unsure and afraid to visit the wrong lodge.

In the next several months I will be authoring articles here to educate our brothers as to the meaning of "Regularity" and "Recognition" in the Masonic terms, based on my experiences on our Fraternal Relations Committee the past 20 years. My goal is to help every Connecticut Freemason to have a better understanding and working knowledge of "Regularity" and "Recognition".

I will leave you with some food for thought: "Recognition" is dependent on "Regularity." "Regularity" is dependent on true observation of the "Landmarks of Freemasonry." Ah yes, "The Landmarks," another complicated topic for a future issue. And where does Prince Hall fit into this recognition puzzle? Our mutual recognition of each other in Connecticut in 1989 with treaty agreement to share the exclusive territory of Connecticut, helped evolved "recognition" protocol world-wide. That is another good topic for a future issue. More to follow.



Hamilton Council No. 9
Royal and Select Masters

Proudly presents the
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Memorial Surf and Turf Dinner

Where:
Meriden Masonic Lodge Building
35 Pleasant Street
Meriden, CT 06450

When:
Saturday, March 12, 2022
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Admission:
\$30 each for dinner and a door prize ticket
Limited to 70 people



*Raffle Tickets: \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10 for a chance at the door prizes and a \$150.00 gift card
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Women's Programs - Saturday, March 26, 2022

Select the events that you would like to attend
and return this card with your reservation form
by email or USPS by March 11, 2022.

Let's Get Fiscal (9:00 a.m.) no cost _____

Get the Picture (10:20 a.m.) no cost _____

Luncheon (11:30 a.m.) _____
\$30 covers luncheon and Puzzle Theory Room

Puzzle Theory Rooms – Choose one (12:30 p.m.)

Puzzle Theory – Wizard Realm _____

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Puzzle Theory – P.T. Railways _____

Puzzle Theory – Warehouse 13 _____

Name: _____

Checks to be made out to the Grand Lodge AF&AM of CT,
make note that its for the "Women's Programs," and mail to the
Grand Lodge of CT, 69 Masonic Ave., Wallingford, CT 06492.

MWPGM Norman Getchell Receives 50-Year Pin

by Charles W. Yohe

Thursday evening, January 20, marked a historical milestone for Connecticut Masonry. Most Worshipful Brother Norman Lee Getchell, the 141st Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut AF & AM, was recognized and feted in honor of his 50th Masonic anniversary. The event was hosted by Marion Dunn Lodge No. 19 in Ocala, Florida, as part of the lodge's 'family night.' MWB Getchell, a long-time dual member of Marion Dunn Lodge, recently moved from Ocala to Florida's Gulf Coast to live with his son Jimmy. Marion Dunn Lodge was pleased to welcome MWB Getchell back to his Florida 'home lodge.' In addition to the live audience in the lodge room, 11 individuals participated via Zoom in a hybrid meeting format.

The evening kicked off with a barbecued chicken dinner complete with all the trimmings and a beautifully decorated cake for dessert enjoyed by approximately 40 members and guests. Festivities then moved to the lodge room where one of Marion Dunn's members had set up equipment for a Zoom teleconference. The proceedings that followed were broadcasted via Zoom to brothers in Connecticut. On the Zoom call were brothers from Union Lodge No. 40, the successor lodge to Eureka Lodge No. 83, where MWB Getchell was raised on May 9, 1972. Also present on the call were MWB William Greene and MWB Gustaf Bodin as well as RWB Robert Polito (Masonicare Board Chair), Ms. Jennifer King (Masonic Charity Foundation), and WB Jon Paul Venoit, (Masonicare President & CEO).

There were a number of Connecticut Masons, many who have now permanently relocated to Florida, in attendance including RWB John Blennerhassett (Annawon Lodge No. 115), RWB William Hillman (Hiram Lodge No. 18), RWB Richard Hubert (Hiram Lodge No. 18), and Bro. Craig Franklin (Ionic Lodge No. 110). RWB and Reverend Carl Anderson, Vice President of Fraternal Relations for



Masonicare and long-time personal friend of MWB Getchell, personally delivered the 50-year pin and certificate to Florida and was responsible for making all the arrangements with Marion Dunn Lodge, Union Lodge No. 40, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and arranging for the Zoom call. MWB Getchell was called on to offer his thoughts and each of the Zoom participants were given the opportunity to comment and offer their congratulations as well.

The 50-year pin ceremony was presented by MWB Charles W. Yohe, the prayer was offered by RWB Anderson, and the 50-year certificate was read and presented by MWB Getchell's son, Brother James Getchell. The pin was placed on Brother Getchell's lapel by his lady friend, Connie St. John. MW Getchell was also presented with a plaque from Union Lodge No. 40 and its Worshipful Master, WB John Arizzi, and a 50-year certificate and pin from the Grand Lodge of Florida, F & AM by WB Robert Kruger of Marion Dunn Lodge. After the lodge was purged and opened on the Master Mason degree, MWB Getchell was escorted west of the altar and accorded Florida Private Grand Honors in commemoration of his 50 years of service.



MWPGM William L. Greene Receives Tall Cedars Highest Award *by Pat Kalinauskas*

At the 2022 Midwinter Conference of the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, in Kansas City, MO, MWB William L. Greene was awarded the Tall Cedar's highest award, the John S. Broughton Award. The award is named after Brother Broughton who was the first Supreme Tall Cedar in 1903. It is intended for the Tall Cedar who, by his unselfish service to his country, community, Freemasonry, and/or Tall Cedarism, has reflected favorably on the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

The Supreme Tall Cedar may select one person for this award annually. The award consists of an engraved plaque and jewel. MWB Greene received the award for 2020 from Bro. William W. Martz, Supreme Tall Cedar for 2020. The award must be presented at the Midwinter Conference or the convention following the year of service of the Supreme Tall Cedar. There was not a Midwinter Conference in 2021 due to the pandemic so the award was presented this year.

MWB Bill is a Past Grand Tall Cedar and presently serves as Scribe/Treasurer of Laurel Forest No. 130, which meets monthly at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. The Tall Cedars are best known for their support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). In 1951, the Tall Cedars became the first organization to offer financial help to MDA. That support has continued, resulting in millions of dollars being donated by Tall Cedars.



Lafayette Quarry No. 1 Confers Perfect Craftsman Degree *by Michael D. Sabia, Jr.*

On Thursday, February 3, while Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3 was at refreshment, St. John's Fellowcraft Quarry, founded in 1921 and which confers several side degrees, one of which is the Perfect Craftsman Degree, reopened under the direction of Master of the Square Andrew Flasko.

After voting to change the name to Lafayette Quarry No. 1 and accepting the new bylaws, the officers of the Quarry conferred the Perfect Craftsman Degree on 20 candidates. The degree reinforces the importance of Masonic obligations and is also a lot of fun.

Lafayette Quarry No. 1 will be conferring the order as a program at the March meeting of the 1st District Blue Lodge Council, to be held at Harmony Lodge No. 67. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to BLC Secretary Michael Sabia at mdsabiajr@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Only Master Masons are eligible to take the degree.



Connecticut Youth Appointed 2022 Goodwill Ambassador, Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon

by William L. Greene

Dakota Fortier, son of son of Cheryle and Dale Elliott, is a 17-year-old young man who lives in Middletown and graduated from North End Middle School last year. Dakota has Congenital Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy, DiGeorge Syndrome, and autism. He has been appointed as the 2022 MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) Goodwill Ambassador for the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

His appointment was made official at the Supreme Forest's Midwinter Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 14. Each year since 1983, the Supreme Forest appoints a child with MD as a Goodwill Ambassador for the year.

Dakota was appointed by Brother Joseph S. Russell, Supreme Tall Cedar for 2022.

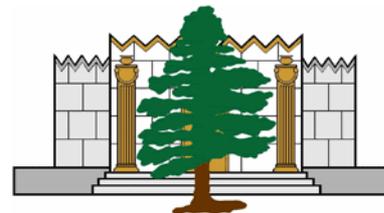
Dakota is also the MDA Goodwill Ambassador for Laurel Forest No. 130 and has been for the past three years. Laurel Forest members are so proud of Dakota. He attends most of the meetings of the forest and enjoys helping the Grand Tall Cedar of the forest close the meetings by rapping his gavel.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Laurel Forest held their monthly meetings by Zoom. Brother Russell, then Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar who lives in Liberty, MO, also attended these virtual meetings. He met Dakota and was so impressed with him that he asked Dakota's parents if Dakota could be the 2022 Goodwill Ambassador. Everyone was delighted, especially Dakota! So, plans were put into motion.

We all wish Dakota a great time in his travels this year.



(l-r back) Brother Joseph S. Russell, Supreme Tall Cedar; Mrs. Cheryle Elliott; Mr. Dale Elliott. (front) Dakota Fortier.



7th District Blue Lodge Council Update

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

On a very cold and icy night at the end of January, brothers of the 7th District gathered at the Penny Lane Pub in Old Saybrook to enjoy a festive board amongst the Craft. At the conclusion of the meal all the brothers made their way down the old Boston Post Road to Estuary Lodge No. 43, host for the evening.

As BLC President WB Michael S. Masselli conducted the business of the evening, brothers offered up some ancillary information. Brothers discussed marketing ideas to grow lodge attendance, as well as the attraction of appendant bodies like the Shriners. WB Blayman was asked to speak the importance of being highly visible in the public sector to grow Masonic awareness and enhance perception. RWB John Main spoke briefly on a Masonic display he created at the Clinton library which has been very well received by the public. WB Frost offered an interesting footnote, that potential candidates should be asked what night of the week works best for them as a standard

question, which would then usher them towards a lodge that is available on that evening rather than a lodge that was closer to them on a night they would never be able to attend. Some very kind words were spoken about Estuary's SD Bob Brown and their 84-year-old candidate, Robert Day who is looking forward to joining Estuary Lodge with great enthusiasm!

As per tradition the "traveling gavel" goes to the lodge with the most brothers in attendance, which on this occasion was Warren Lodge No. 51 and thus the gavel returns to Portland.

The next 7th District Blue Lodge Council meeting will be a Table Lodge hosted by Warren Lodge No. 51 on Saturday March 19 (location TBD). Please join us! For info, please send us an [email WarrenLodge51@gmail.com](mailto:WarrenLodge51@gmail.com), or call the WM at (860) 334-5277.





District 2

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



Montgomery Lodge No. 13 Installs Master

by Daniel W. Nichols

On January 19, Montgomery Lodge No. 13 installed their Master and line of officers for the upcoming year. On a cold night with snow approaching, brothers met for warm brotherhood and to carry on a tradition that has lasted for over 239 years.

Montgomery Lodge No. 13 was chartered in 1783 by Paul Revere. Because being a patriot, silversmith, industrialist, and famous person was not enough. Paul Revere also chartered many Masonic lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He spread Masonry in areas which were still considered “frontier” for his time.

This begs the question, “Who founded your lodge?” If you are unaware of the answer, do some research! These are stories that sometimes do not get passed down but need to be remembered. Whether your lodge was founded during colonial times or recent times it was done by men of good character and great skill – men of their communities who are worthy of a night of instruction at the lodge.

Do research in Masonry and see where it leads. It may result in a great story to tell in lodge and an article to share with the brethren for them to read and learn.



Union Lodge No. 40 Installs Officers by Peter Dolce

On Tuesday evening, January 4, Union Lodge No. 40 had their installation of the new officer line.

The public event began with a delicious meal that was acknowledged by many as an outstanding experience. WB David McClain read a wonderful passage from the Bible at the beginning of the program with thanks to the Craft for all their support and hard work over the past two years.

RWB James Saraceni was the installing officer. He spoke to the Craft and guests and discussed the knocks of the gavel and what responses they require while in a Masonic meeting.

WB John Arrizi was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the second time in his Masonic journey. WM Arrizi spoke regarding his devotion to public and community service and how he intends to continue to be a beacon of light for his lodge with truth and Masonic education.

Following WM Arrizi’s ascension to the East, the elected and appointed officers were regularly installed in their respective stations and places. WM Arrizi closed lodge and afterwards all met in the dining room for coffee and cake – a wonderful fraternal celebration.



St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 Installs Master by *Daniel W. Nichols*



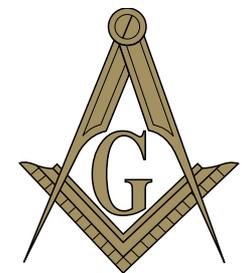
On February 3, St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 installed their Master and officers for the year. The night started off with a dinner that was to die for. St Luke's Lodge has a reputation for high quality dinners.

Once dinner was complete, brothers and family went upstairs to the lodge room where they were greeted by MWPGM George Greytak, who was the installing officer for the night. MWPGM George, is a master of ceremonies like no other. People were laughing and clapping having a good time.

WM Bill Buckbee was installed with a line of officers that truly make up the lodge. For some brothers it was their first time being installed, while for others it was a continuation of their dedicated work. When the time came, brothers were recognized for their service and their family members were given a standing ovation. Having public events allows the lodge to thank the community and families that allow time every month

for the brethren to practice fraternity and good works.

At the end of the ceremony, WM Bill passed out a pin to every person in attendance. It was the well-known "Forget Me Not" pin, that has so many meanings in different countries and goes by multiple names. But Masons know its significance and that significance was described by MWPGM George. The history of that symbol is well worth some Masonic research.



St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Senior Warden Presents Short Talk About "Light" by Daniel W Nichols

On February 1, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 held their usual stated communication and business meeting. Senior Warden Mark Bagg came prepared and gave a short lecture on the term "light." A term so often used yet never discussed in any lecture. Even narrowing the scope to the Masonic term "light" there are so many avenues that can be investigated.

Esoteric "light" can discuss the symbolism of light in the ancient craft. There can be talk about how light translated to wisdom during ancient times. Or simply discuss how the term "light" is used in the ritual and how one can use light to express oneself. SW Mark picked a topic every Mason enjoyed hearing and still left room for the brethren to explore.

Finding things to discuss in lodge should never be a burden. Keep it simple. Masons have such a rich history that picking any subject can be discussed well if a brother does his homework. There is much to explore in Masonry. Take the opportunity and discuss topics that make brothers think!



District 4

Lodges 1, 9, 16, 22, 30, 38, 63, 66, 77, 79, 87, 89, 97, 115, 125, 332, 401, 500



Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Initiates Eagle Scout

by David Cole

On Wednesday, February 2, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 performed an Entered Apprentice Degree.

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Charles Ushchak on being made a Mason and the newest Entered Apprentice of Widow's Son Lodge No. 66!

A number of Eagle Scouts were in attendance including Bro. Jonathan Glassman of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, Chairman of the Masonic Scouters Association.



(l-r): WB Kyle Podpolucha, Annawon Lodge, WM Jonathan Collingwood; Charles Ushchak, JW Charles Miller, WB David Cole, Bro. Jonathan Glassman.



Union Lodge #40 March Madness Charity Shuffle Board Tournament and Chili Cookoff!

**Join the Brothers of Union Lodge #40 on Saturday,
April 2, 2022 at High Twelve for a day of brotherhood
and competition all in support of our charitable works!**

When: Saturday April 2, 2022, beginning at noon

Where: Union Lodge #40 * 337 Main St * Danbury, Ct 06810

What: Two man team bracket style shuffle board tournament * Individual competition chili cookoff * NCAA Final 4 Game on the 100" big screen * Cards * Darts * Refreshments * Etc.

Cost: \$35 per person

Details: Sign up now and represent your lodge with two man teams to compete for a donation to the winning teams charity of choice. Enter your best chili and compete for the trophy! The cost is \$35 with \$10 going towards refreshments and the balance being awarded to the winning teams charity of choice. Multiple teams from each lodge are encouraged! Other games and fun will be going on as well!

RSVP: For more information and to RSVP contact WB Chris Gould at ctgolden1@aol.com
by March 25.

New Haven's St. Patrick's Day Parade

by Christian Godbout

Connecticut is home to a robust and much-loved Irish community. The New Haven area is home to many prominent Irish organizations such as the Knights of St. Patrick, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the West Haven Irish American club, the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club and IACC, and the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

New Haven's St. Patrick's Day Parade has been a staple in the New Haven community, dating to 1842. The first St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in New Haven on March 17, 1842. At that time it was organized by the Hibernian Society. During the Civil War years, only two St. Patrick's Day parades were held, in 1862 and 1865, when hundreds of Irish men in New Haven volunteered to answer the call by President Abraham Lincoln to fight to sustain the Union.

In 1885, under the advice of Catholic priests, the parade was put on hold. It was deemed that the money raised for the parade should instead go to the needy. From 1885 through the 1940's there were no St. Patrick's Day parades held in New Haven. In 1955 the Ancient Order of Hibernians resurrected the parade and on Saturday March 17, 1956, the New Haven St. Patrick's Day parade was once again held and has been a staple of New Haven March celebrations since, drawing crowds as large as 300,000 people. A full history of the New Haven St. Patrick's Day parade can be found online at <http://stpatricksdaysparade.org>

This year, as we hopefully see the COVID-19 pandemic begin to wane, the New Haven area Masonic community plans to march in the parade as we have historically done. In recent history there have been few Masonic participants, leaving the New Haven public, who are unfamiliar with Freemasonry, with the thought that Masonry does not have a strong presence in the community.

In 2019, I had the great privilege to march in the parade along with other brothers of District 4. It was a typical snowy March morning, but we still managed 20 brothers to represent Masonry in New Haven. This was the first time, in a very long time, that the media even took notice of our presence. That year the New Haven area Masons won an award from the New Haven St. Patrick's Day parade for our attendance! Sadly, just as we were beginning to gain momentum, COVID-19 sidelined the parade, and it has been on hold for the past two years. The 2022 New Haven St. Patrick's Day is being resurrected and promises to be one of the largest in recent history.

In preparation for the 2022 New Haven St. Patrick's Day, the 4th District Masonic St. Patrick's Day Parade committee, lead by WB Fred Marotti, has been meeting regularly. We are encouraging all brothers and their families in the 4th district to join us on Sunday March 13 at the Masonic Temple at 285 Whitney Avenue in New Haven. We will have a continental brunch beginning at 10 a.m. with transportation to the parade staging area at 12 p.m. The parade steps off at 1:30 p.m. For those unable to walk the length of the parade route, we have secured a 45 foot float that will have ample seating for those brothers and their family members. We will also provide umbrellas in case of inclement weather. You are also welcome to join us for a barbecue picnic at the Masonic temple immediately following the parade!

It is my hope that we can get brothers from all over the state to come and support not only the Irish community, but also Masonry, in Connecticut on March 13. Please join us as we look to bring the light of Masonry back to our community in 2022!

Please RSVP to: WB Fred Marotti, email: fred@absct.com or call 203-641-3932



Medication Organizers for Masonicare’s Community-Based Patients: Small Things with Big Value

The artist Vincent Van Gogh is quoted as saying, “Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” Masonicare Hospice Director, Karen Harris, RN, MSW, MBA, completely agrees. “Gifts to the Masonicare Annual Appeal go toward a wide variety of things that help the patients we serve. One way is enabling The Masonic Charity Foundation to purchase medication box organizers and pass these on to our nurses in all our branch offices. So, when we go out on a visit, our nurses are supplied and ready to provide these at no cost to patients. While this may appear to be a small thing, medication organizers can dramatically improve health and, in some cases, even saves lives.”

According to the National Council on Patient Information and Education, adults 65 and older account for more than 34 percent of all prescription medications. For this group, especially those who are dealing with chronic conditions that require multiple medications, managing prescriptions on their own can be extremely difficult. Karen remarks, “Any one of us sometimes may forget if we took our medication on a certain day. However, for people who are juggling many medications, this can be an ongoing, even dangerous, problem.” Studies have shown that approximately 50 percent of medications for chronic disease are not taken as prescribed, according to the Annals of Internal Medicine. Unfortunately, it’s estimated that 7,000 to 9,000 people die each year due to medication errors.

“Thanks to the Masonicare Annual Appeal, our nurses have medication organizers on-hand as another useful tool in their toolkit,” reports Karen. “Providing these organizers and teaching people a simple yet more effective medication regimen helps them feel more self-sufficient — and can be a true lifesaver.”

In addition to her extensive background in healthcare, Karen has earned an MBA that provides her with another important perspective. “Masonicare is dedicated to enhancing quality of life, and an important part of this means doing our level best to prevent unnecessary and costly hospitalizations and readmissions. Again, studies show that when we put interventions into place — even so-called ‘small ones’ such as medication organizers — we can have a big impact by helping people avoid unnecessary hospital stays whenever possible. That’s certainly good for Masonicare residents and patients — and everyone who relies on the healthcare system.”

Masonic Charity Foundation Executive Director, Jennifer King, concurs, “Every gift to the Annual Appeal goes a long way in helping us bridge the gap that Medicare and Medicaid cannot fill, such as nutrition consultations to reduce readmissions through proper diet and social work visits, which help patients



navigate complex challenges that arise from aging. These are just a few examples of how every donation, large and small, to the Annual Appeal means so much to so many.”

“As a community, we want to make sure that our patients and residents, who may outlive their funds through no fault of their own, continue to have a good quality of life,” observes Karen. “It’s a hallmark of Masonicare that we care for others, and you never know who may find themselves in need. It could be any one of us, which is why giving to the Annual Appeal is essential to the well-being of our whole community.”

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"Baby It's COLD Outside" ... for Skydiving in April!

by Richard F. Denno

Your Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program's "The Sky's the Limit" fundraiser, set for April 23, has been rescheduled until Saturday, July 16, for a variety of reasons.

First, there are weather considerations. Jumping in April can be much cooler than in the summer months. We want your experience to be both memorable and exciting, as well as comfortable. Holding the event in July affords family and friends the opportunity to enjoy the day. Bring lawn chairs, a picnic basket and watch the skydivers as they float down and gently come in for a landing on the green grass. Snacks, hot dogs, soft drinks, and snacks will be available for sale, as well as souvenirs of the day.

Connecticut Freemasons have been actively involved with two veterans groups and Donate Life CT. Scheduling such worthwhile program events, while avoiding conflicts, can many times become a juggling act. We want you to appreciate each event, which is accomplished by properly spacing out the events.

All funds through the "The Sky's The Limit" skydiving event are used to increase the number of registered organ, tissue, and

eye donors throughout the region. The proceeds benefit New England Donor Services (NEDS) in its efforts towards public education and community outreach. NEDS serves thousands of donor families each year who have generously made the decision to donate and honors the wishes of those who registered as donors and gave the gift of life.

There are many ways to become involved. You can receive signup forms for those sponsoring your dive, or donating to the cause by emailing toursone@comcast.net. If you raise \$500 or more in donations, you dive for FREE! Otherwise, the cost is \$250. For an additional fee, you can have a photographer capture your thrilling dive from the plane to the ground. What a memorable keepsake of your unforgettable experience. Also, we can always use cooks, folks at the registration tables, and at the souvenir stand. Come join us for an exciting and fun filled day.

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Grand Lodge Annual Session

Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m., Marriott, Windsor
Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Rd, Windsor, CT 06095

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Tue., Mar. 22, 7:30 p.m., Fayette Lodge No. 69, Ellington

Thu., Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven

Fellowcraft Degrees

Tue., Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8,
Stratford, Dinner

Thu., Mar. 3, 6:30 p.m., Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145,
Manchester, Dinner

Mon., Mar. 7, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9, Wallingford, Dinner

Tue., Mar. 15, 6:30 p.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8,
Stratford, Dinner

Master Mason Degrees

Thu., Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42,
Waterbury, Dinner

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Recurring Events

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

Second, Fourth Wednesday of the Month,
Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, 7 p.m.,
Fellowship Night at the Lodge. *Open to all brothers,
friends. Refreshments and discussion. Please call to verify.*

Recurring Breakfasts

First Sunday of the Month, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140,
Newington, 7 a.m., *SBA Breakfast Fundraiser*

Second Sunday of the Month, Compass Lodge No. 9,
Wallingford, 8 a.m., *Fellowship Breakfast (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)*

Third Sunday of the Month, Washington Lodge No. 19,
Monroe, 8 a.m., *Country breakfast*

Events

Sat., Mar. 5, 8:30 a.m., Village Lodge No. 29,
Collinsville, *Ritual Bootcamp CME*

Sat., Mar. 12, 12 a.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1,
New Haven, *Fill the Shuttle / Food Drive*

Sun., Mar. 13, 8 a.m., Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142,
Easton, *Master's Breakfast. Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes, 8
a.m. to whenever we run out of Pancake Batter.*

Sun., Mar. 13, 10 a.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven,
St. Patrick's Day Parade. *Breakfast begins the day and then get
ready to march in the parade! Afterwards back to the lodge for
hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring the family!*

Mon., Mar. 21, 7 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9,
Wallingford, *Ladies at Table*

Thu., Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1,
New Haven, *St. Patrick's Table Lodge. Please RSVP to JW.*

Sun Mar. 27, 2 p.m., Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, New
Haven. *Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, 311 Temple St,
New Haven, CT 06511. DESK will start at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email
at: garyec39@gmail.com*

Thu Mar. 31, 6:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1,
New Haven, *Ladies Night*



Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 Installs Officers *by Patrick M. Kilby*

On Sunday January 23, at 2 p.m., Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 conducted their annual installation ceremony. This year positioned the lodge to focus on honoring those brothers who are employed in the law enforcement field. Why? Because Brother Judemayer Medena, was elected and installed as Worshipful Master for 2022 is a Southington police officer. The installation ceremony was conducted by RWB G. Randall Hornaday who was the Installing Officer, and the Installing Marshall was WB Keath Romano, current Associate Grand Marshall of Masonic District 5B.

The ceremony commenced with the Bristol Police Honor Guard who presented and posted the colors after the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were MWGM William E. Bohman, and the Honorable Southington Police Chief John “Jack” Daly, and newly appointed Plainville Police Chief Christopher Vanghele, State Representative Dr. William Petit, Jr., and State Senator Henri Martin. Sen. Martin provided a State Proclamation to be presented to WM Jude Medina in honor of his leadership in the lodge and in the community.

The elected and appointed officers for the Frederick Franklin Lodge are WB Judemayer Medena, Worshipful Master; Bro. Daniel Levine, Senior Warden; Bro. Andrew Bronson, Junior Warden; RWB Chet Russell, Secretary; WB Frank Dlugoleski, Treasurer; Bro. “Magic” Mike Kelley, Senior Deacon; Bro. Kenneth Haas, Junior Deacon; Bro. Patrick Kilby, Senior Steward; and WB Edward Lawrence Lawson, Jr., Historian.



Southington Police Chief Jack Daly, WB Jude Medina, Plainville Police Chief Christopher Vanghele; Patrick M. Kilby, Candlewood Marine Patrol Officer.

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District 6

Lodges 4, 25, 28, 70, 73, 88, 145, 400



More Than Just a Diner – A Good Neighbor is Helped by Lodge *by Arnie Grot*

At a recent meeting of Columbia Lodge No. 25, Secretary Walter Grube reported on the plight of Enda Flynn (no relation to WM Jeff Flynn), owner of Flynn's Grill, located just south of the lodge, and the post office, at 875 Main Street, South Glastonbury. Enda has always been a strong supporter of the lodge.

Last September Enda's wife Karen died suddenly from a heart attack. Karen was an incredibly caring and dedicated delivery nurse at Hartford Hospital.

Enda has three children in college and a fund has been established to help pay for their education. A motion was passed to contribute \$1,000 to the Education Fund for the Flynn Family (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/cekxak-education-fund-for-the-flynn-family>, short url: <https://bit.ly/34r5YVY>)

On February 7, five brothers from the lodge, including WM Flynn and WB Grube, ate lunch at Flynn's Grill. After paying the bill, Walt asked our waitress to call out the chef. When Enda appeared, and after the two Flynn's had discussed their family origins on the Emerald Isle, WM Flynn presented Enda Flynn with the check.



WM Flynn presents Enda Flynn (no relation) with the check to the Education Fund for the Flynn Family.

District 7

Lodges 2, 43, 51, 81, 95, 112, 119, 131, 151



Granite Lodge No. 119 Installs 2022 Officers *by Gordon Hurlbert*

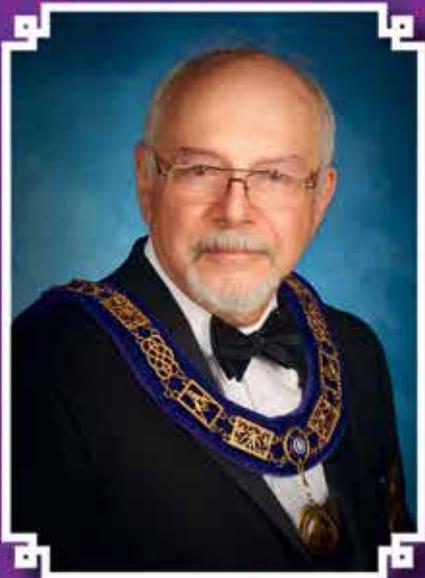
Granite Lodge No. 119 installed its officers for 2022. Despite COVID-19 fears and potential delays, the lodge was able to welcome its suite with a moving ceremony that included two of its recent initiates.

As Jason Conroy takes the Oriental Chair for his fourth time, the lodge is thrilled to have their newest Master Masons, Bro. Jeremy Ziobhan, and Bro. Chris Turkington, join an experienced line. "These two bring great energy and fresh ideas to the lodge!"

Granite Lodge looks forward to an exciting year of education, growth, and brotherhood.



(l-r), JD Chris Turkington, SD Jeremy Zioban, Secretary Jeff Ogilvie, Treasurer Mike Jascott, WM Jason Conroy, Chaplin RWB Mike Shear, JW Hank Roberts, SS Mike Cooley, and SW Gordon Hurlbert.



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