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235th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The 235th 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, April 6, 2024.** The formal opening of the 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 2024 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.

<u>A proxy form will be sent directly to the Lodge Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden</u> 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 2024 dues card. <u>All brothers entitled to vote should bring the apron and jewel of their office, whether as permanent member, lodge officer or serving as proxy.</u>

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 \$129 per night plus tax. Last day to book is *Friday, March 8, 2024*. To reserve your room use this link: <u>https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1704310896526&key=GRP&app=resvlink</u> or call 860-688-7500 (ask for Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut when making reservations by phone)

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 <u>Friday evening</u>, <u>April 5, 2024</u>, <u>at 7:00 pm with a social</u> <u>hour at 6:00 pm in the Windsor Ballroom</u>. All brothers and their ladies are invited to attend. Please make every effort to send your reservation in early as tickets to this banquet are sold on a first come - first serve basis. **The deadline for reservation tickets is March 8, 2024.**

A banquet reservation form for the Friday night banquet is included in this publication. The entrée will be <u>Filet Mignon \$60.00</u>, <u>Herb Frenched Chicken \$60.00</u>, <u>Filet of Salmon \$60.00</u>, or <u>Vegetarian \$60.00</u> and all by advance order. <u>All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity</u>. Please make all checks <u>payable</u> to the "*Grand Lodge of Connecticut*" and mail with the banquet reservation form. Banquet tickets will be mailed to those placing an order <u>prior to March 8, 2024</u>. It would be appreciated if a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) was also included. For orders received after that date, tickets will be held at the door.

SATURDAY LUNCH: On Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 12:00 Noon, the <u>Past District Deputies Association of</u> <u>Connecticut</u> will host a luncheon. Lunch choices are Roast Beef Sandwich for \$35 or Grilled Chicken Caprese for \$40. <u>All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity</u>. 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. <u>Reservation deadline is March 8, 2024.</u> 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 responsibility 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. Grand Secretary February 1, 2024