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Grand Masters Day 2024, The Edward Page Selfie, No August Edition, and Summer Fun by Francis G. Way

New authors, usually aspiring novelists, are always admonished to “show, don’t tell.” Given that photos can often tell a far better story than even the most flowery prose, we invite you to view all of the photos of Grand Masters Day throughout this edition. If you didn’t go, you missed a great time. If you did, enjoy the memories the photos recall.

The cover this month is a selfie of the two Grand Masters, MWB Edward C. Page and MWB Alfred Grady, Jr. on the podium at Grand Masters Day. The patent pending “Edward C. Page Long Arm Selfie” is becoming a thing in Connecticut Masonry. In more than one meeting, degree or ceremony I’ve attended lately, someone has said “Hey, let’s take an Ed Page Selfie.” Yeah, it’s definitely a thing.

Finally, summer is upon us. That means that there will be no August edition of the Connecticut Freemasons, so if it is not in your US mailbox, it’s not you, it’s us – we’re taking our yearly breather.

While there are Masonic activities going on over the summer (see the Blue Wave notes on the statewide EA Degree on July 20 in this edition), the stories about them won’t appear until the September edition. Please note the August 10 deadline for the September issue.

The staff at Grand Lodge Publications would like to wish you all a safe, happy and wonderful summer! See you in September!

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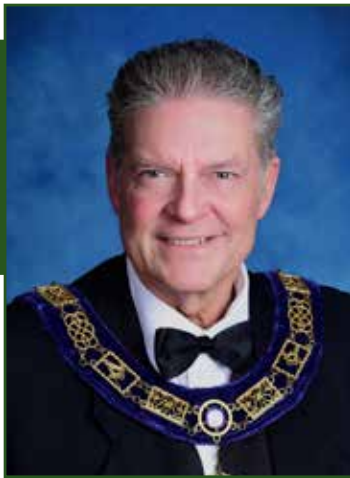
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Grand Master's Message

by MWB Edward C. Page

Mentoring is a large part of our Masonic journey. It helps the new member understand our beloved fraternity and the tenets, and usages of our ritual and all

its teaching. Sometimes the mentor may be the first Masonic friend and brother we get to know as we utilize online interest and embark upon the journey of seeking more light. But it is more than that. When we go through struggles we create bonds of friendship. We learn so much more about ourselves – our strengths and weaknesses – and open our minds to greater possibilities than we ever could imagine. It is truly a journey of a lifetime to self-discovery.

To that end, RWB Nicholas Ives is developing a mentoring course to assist both the mentor and mentee. It wonderfully covers subjects from before a candidate's initiation, through all three degrees, with a six month and one year follow-up and review. There are questions, videos and many discussion points to help the new Mason and the mentor, which will

untimely benefit the brother, lodge and fraternity as a whole. More details will be forthcoming.

Mentoring, however, starts at a very young age, with our parents. We learn right from wrong, and other many social norms. We accompany our parents to church, get the basis of our path in religion, spirituality and belief in God, and cultivate our personal character. I believe that when we are born, "Our life is a gift from our parents, what we make of our life is our gift 'to' our parents." Later in life, our schoolteachers become mentors, teaching us information about the world around us to help us find our way. Our friends also are often times mentors to some degree.

But perhaps the mentor that has the greatest impact on us is ourselves. We are our best mentor and mentee. Throughout life we encounter problems and situations we need to solve, often times without the necessary tools or skills, but through life's experience we develop those skills and become better human beings, better friends, better citizens, and better children to God our Father.



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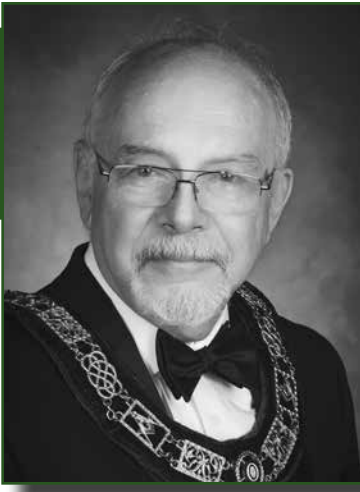
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Grand Chaplain's Pulpit

by The Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM

Ed Note: This Grand Chaplain's Pulpit column ran in March 2014. MWB Bruce thought it very appropriate to the current times and requested we run it again.

Building Bridges

I think that one time or another in our Masonic careers, we have all heard the poem "The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole*:

*An old man going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.*

*The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today,
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.*

*This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."*

I was recently in an online discussion of this poem with several men from different backgrounds, races, and walks of life. Some of them were Masons but most of those involved were not members of our fraternity nor did they volunteer that they belonged to any other fraternal organization.

What I found interesting was the wide difference of interpretations expressed. One of those involved expressed his sentiments that, "If we build bridges everywhere people may struggle to get across, then how will they acquire the strength and knowledge to cross them, like the old man did? In a way, aren't we weakening our youth by building bridges

everywhere?" Another expressed the thought, "Excellent poem. Thank you. My legacy I hope will be like my [step] dad's. The Bridge Builder reminds me of him."

When I read these words, I think about the bridges I have built for those who follow. Unlike the fellow concerned about making things too easy and keeping those who follow from acquiring strength and knowledge, I can understand his thinking. Many people accept whatever is given them and become complacent. They don't want to work and study hard to improve. They are content to let others do the hard work and enjoy the rewards of their labor. While I understand his thoughts I disagree.

I think what Will Allen Dromgoole was talking about was our legacy. The Bridge Builder is building his bridge, his legacy, so that those who follow him can go further. He is paving the way so that those who follow can achieve more and greater goals than he was able. It is the goal that every one of us who is a parent strives to accomplish for their children. We want our children to succeed, we want our children's accomplishments to surpass our own. It should also be our goal as Masons. We all should be building bridges of brotherly love, morality, and relief for those who come after us. We need to make the structure of Freemasonry one that is guided by the tools of the worker: the plumb, the square, the level, and the trowel. Let us walk uprightly in our several stations before God, let us act upon the square, every remembering that we are traveling upon that level of time. Most importantly, let us ever spread the cement of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

That is the bridge our ancient brethren built for us. That is the bridge we must continue to build for the generations of brothers that will follow us.

God bless!

**Note: Contrary to popular belief among the Craft, the author was neither a Freemason or a man. Miss Will Allen Dromgoole (October 26, 1860-September 1, 1934) was an author and poet from Tennessee. She wrote over 7,500 poems; 5,000 essays, and published thirteen books.*



Grand Historian's Corner

Bro. David J. Stewart

Greetings from your Grand Historian. The timing is right, and I thought this month's message should contain information that talks about the founding of our great country.

The French & Indian War, known as the Seven Year's War in Europe, lasted from June 9, 1756, to February 10, 1763, and cost Great Britain just over half a billion dollars. The Royal Court and Parliament, looking for some way to pay the bill, decided that since the American Colonies, would benefit from the results of the war, part, if not all, the cost should be borne by them. Determined to maintain absolute jurisdiction over the colonies, oppressive measures were proposed, the most important of which was the "Stamp Act." While effective only from November 1, 1765, to March 22, 1766, the agitation stirred up among the colonists over its enactment did more than any other thing to unite them against the mother country.

The colonies were literally "up-in-arms," and a convention was called, which met in New York City, October 7, 1765. "Nine of the thirteen colonies were represented, New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia wrote that they would agree to whatever was done by the Congress." This convention, in session only fourteen days, adopted a Declaration of Rights, a petition to the King, and both Houses of Parliament. The signed proceedings reflected the spirit of men determined to be free.

The congress proceeded to business while meeting in Philadelphia on October 20, 1774. Here, they produced the "Articles of Association" which were signed by 53 delegates, and the First Continental Congress adjourned. Upon adjournment of the 1st Congress the membership called for a 2nd Congress to be held on May 10, 1775, in Philadelphia.

Of the 53 signers, 10 are known to have been Freemasons. Nine others are sometimes looked at as having been a Freemason, but there is not enough information to substantiate this claim. The remaining delegates were all non-masons.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1775, we find 48 delegates assembled in Philadelphia. The situation in the colonies was rapidly beginning to deteriorate. On June 15, 1775, General George Washington was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental forces; he accepted on June 17, and was on his way to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to take command of the Army. From the beginning the Congress had recognized the need for an association or union of some kind between the colonies. On June 11, 1776, Congress appointed a committee to prepare a form of Confederation. The "Articles of Confederation" became the law of the land and continued until the adoption of the Federal Constitution in 1787.

Article I states, the style of this confederacy shall be the United States of America.

The Articles of Confederation were signed by the 48 delegates representing all 13 colonies. Here we find seven signers known to be Freemasons, eight were thought to be but without conclusive proof and 33 were non-masons.

Next, we come to the Declaration of Independence.

July 4, 1776

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness".

This document was ultimately signed by the 56 delegates to the 2nd Continental Congress. Here are a few facts concerning this monumental document: of the 56 none of those representing Connecticut were recognized as Freemasons.

- eight signers from other states, are recognized as Freemasons.
- 24 signers fall into the possibility of having been a Freemason but as with the previous documents there is not conclusive proof of membership.
- The remaining 24 were not Freemasons.
- These signers are made up of the following: four graduated from Yale College. seven from Harvard, two from Princeton, eight educated in England, and eight more were educated at various other schools. Twenty-seven gained their education in local environments from lawyers, doctors, clergy and other well-versed citizens.

The 2nd Continental Congress met in Philadelphia on May 10, 1775, and would continue meeting as needed until 1789 when our new government was fully organized under its new Constitution.

The Articles of Confederation provided no power to control commerce or raise funds, which was much needed. Hostilities had begun. Handicapped as the Congress was, the war was fought and finally won. The Virginia legislature in 1786 proposed a convention to consider commercial regulations among the States. This led to the "Annapolis Convention" of September 1786, which suggested the powers to be meet in Philadelphia on the second Monday in May 1787, to devise such further provisions as shall appear to them necessary to render the Constitution of the Federal Government adequate to the needs of the union. Upon recommendation the Convention was called for Monday, May 14, 1787, to meet in Independence Hall but it was not until May 25 that a quorum was on hand, ready to take up the business that had been outlined in the Congressional resolution. General Washington was looked at as the

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

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unanimous choice for President. Thus began the meeting of one of the greatest sessions of wise men in the history of the world. These meetings continued for eighty-seven days with the committee completing their work and a draft of the completed constitution was ready for signatures. The document was submitted to the Congress for consideration.

Thirty-nine patriots signed the Constitution of the United States, with 13 signers being Freemasons, seven were possibly Masons, but this could not be verified and the remaining 19 were non-masons.

With the Constitution having been ratified, the new U.S. Senate took up the task of electing the first President of the United States. By a

unanimous vote George Washington was elected and his inauguration was held in New York City on April 30, 1789. With that monumental event accomplished the Government of the United States under the Constitution began its official operations.

Only one man is known as a signer of all four documents, that honor goes to Roger Sherman from New Haven. Although many believe it so, Roger Sherman was not a Freemason.

It is my hope that you have found this article both interesting and informative. With that I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer hiatus. We'll all get back to work in the quarries in September, until then stay safe and enjoy.



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From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

Last month, I attended the annual conference of the Masonic Communities & Services Association (MCSA) in Kansas City, MO, with RWB Chris Earle, Chairman of Masonicare's Board of Trustees, and Bro. Edward Dooling, Chief of Healthcare Services. MCSA is a national community of Masonic charitable organizations and service providers. As you might imagine, our strategic alliance with United Methodist Homes was a hot topic of conversation.

I heard people say, "Other organizations should be trying to do what Masonicare and UMH are doing." It was reassuring to see that this rare, if unprecedented, uniting of two legacy nonprofits is being embraced as forward-thinking. With so many nonprofits having been forced to close their doors in recent years or acquired by for-profits, mission-driven companies like ours need to keep their options open.

This followed my recent visits to the UMH communities, where I received largely positive comments from both staff and residents. One resident of the UMH community in Farmington, a long-time Mason, told me how excited he was that he would finally be joining the Masonicare family.

We held our first meetings of the Integration Committee, with subcommittees focused on Culture, Regulatory Compliance, Finance, IT, and Communication, among others, to help build relationships between Masonicare and UMH staff and identify best practices from both organizations. What stood out to me was how quickly the group recognized the shared commitment we have to providing the very best experiences for everyone in our care. At our kickoff meeting, someone said, "Our missions are so similar. We've just met, but it already feels like we've been working together for years." There's a lot of positive energy surrounding this initiative that I think will gain momentum in the weeks and months ahead.

It was great seeing so many members of the Masonic Family at our annual Grand Masters Day festivities, where I had the honor of welcoming Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward C. Page of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut and the Honorable Alfred Grady, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & AM of Connecticut. My thanks, as always, to Rev. and Bro. Carl Anderson, Right Worshipful Grand Almoner and Vice President of Fraternal Relations, for all his hard work in coordinating this signature event, which is really a celebration of and for our residents. I thought it was one of the best in recent memory.

In case you were unable to attend Grand Masters Day, I presented the Masonicare Leadership & Legacy Award to Chris Ulbrich, CEO of Ulbrich Stainless Steels & Special Metals, Inc. We established this award last year to recognize individuals driven by values and fueled by a passion for creating lasting change. Chris, whose family-owned company celebrated its 100th anniversary in March, has been an active, engaged member of the Wallingford community for many years and has truly lived the Masonicare core values of Innovation, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence.

Since this will be the last issue of Connecticut Freemasons before September, I hope you have a fun and relaxing summer.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Front, l to r: Masonicare Leadership & Legacy Award presented to Chris Ulbrich, CEO of Ulbrich Stainless Steels & Special Metals, Inc., with Jon-Paul Venoit..

A Mason Finds Comfort and Confidence at Masonicare Health Center

Sometimes, an older person can no longer live safely or comfortably in their own home. Some people may be able to move in with friends or loved ones. But when others with chronic health issues need more help than a family member or friend can provide, even with support from a homecare agency, Masonicare Health Center can offer a wide range of short-term rehabilitation and long-term living solutions.

Bro. George Zack wasn't satisfied with the progress of his recovery at another post-acute care facility in Connecticut. It prompted him to come to Masonicare Health Center. Three months later, his only regret is that he didn't come sooner.

Since arriving in April, George has been diligent about keeping up with his physical therapy and occupational therapy to improve his mobility and become more self-sufficient. With the

help of our dedicated clinical staff – and a healthy measure of determination – he's achieved several significant milestones, including being able to get out of bed, dress himself, and transfer into a chair, all under the supervision of a member of our rehabilitation team.

"I'm really pleased with the care that I'm getting," said the Vietnam Veteran and former Hartford firefighter, "both with regards to the skilled nursing and the rehab. If the first place had done for me what Masonicare has already done, I believe I'd be home already."

A proud member of the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, Bro. George is approaching his 25th year as a Master Mason. He views Freemasonry, what he calls "a brotherhood that doesn't say no," as having enriched his life by giving him a feeling of self-respect and a sense of accomplishment in being able to



uplift others. He was honored to have been asked to serve as Grand Marshal of the 2024 Grand Masters Day Parade (above).

At the end of the hall on the unit where George is currently living, there is a lounge with a large window that offers an unobstructed view of the fountain and the statue of George Washington below. But on a recent sunny afternoon, it was the huge square and compass that captured his gaze.

"When I first got here and saw that," he said, "I was thrilled."

If you have questions about long-term living or short-term rehab at Masonicare Health Center, either for yourself or a loved one, please give us a call at 860-332-0033.

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LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY AND THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROTHER LAFAYETTE'S RETURN

by John A. Amarillos, membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

With the summer now upon us the Consistory will begin its fall season with a degree on Saturday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. The 8th Degree will be presented live followed by the 25th Degree on video. This will be followed by luncheon at the Pyramid Shrine. This is an excellent chance for older members who prefer to avoid driving at night to come out as all of the proceedings should be done by 2 p.m. and people can drive home in ample sunlight. The next fall season degree work will be on Monday September 23, when both the 4th and 28th Degrees will be presented live.

The summer is a good time for Family life activities for members of the Rite. Please call the Consistory office for details, cost and availability. Those activities are

July 6: Bus Trip to Rhinebeck Aerodrome Airshow and dinner at the Beekman Arms

July 21: Ferry Ride to Port Jefferson

August 9: An evening Scotch and Cigar Night in Stamford

August 10: The Annual Clambake at Booth Memorial Park in Stratford

August 11: Bus Trip to see Don Giovanni at the Andrews Memorial Theater in Clinton followed by dinner

Reservations and prepayment are required to reserve spots for these activities so call the office at (203) 375-0064



This August marks the 200th anniversary of Bro. Marquis De Lafayette's final return to the United States. His final trip to the United



States was the result of an invitation from Bro. and President James Monroe and it lasted from August 15, 1824, to September 7, 1824. The trip was actually a 13-month, 24 state tour and was considered to be a profound political and cultural event in the early republic.

During this celebratory tour, he visited many lodges, laid many cornerstones, and engaged in numerous Masonic activities and initiations. Lafayette was the last living Major General of the Revolution but his ties to the fraternity were used at the time to promote an awareness of the Fraternity to non-Masons.

The trip to the United States was welcome, since upon his previous return to France after our Revolution he became embroiled in the hazardous politics of Revolutionary France. As a result he lost his family's fortune, his political standing and his freedom, being incarcerated in an Austrian prison for five years for an attempt to flee France and come back to the United States. His release was secured by Napoleon Bonaparte, and afterward he kept a low profile in politics after his estate was restored to him. His fortune was lost however to the winds of Revolution and never recovered.

Monroe's invitation was received with great happiness, but at the same time with trepidation, due to his somewhat penniless state. Word got around among the American expat community in France who raised funds to enable him to take the trip. His arrival was greatly anticipated throughout the United States and various state legislatures passed resolutions of welcome and allowed him funds to cover his expenses.

LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY



Attention All Master Masons!
SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES

Sat. July 27, 11 a.m. - 8th Degree (Live) and 25th Degree (Video)
Saturday degrees starts at 11 a.m. with lunch following the degrees. Reservations required.
Call the Consistory Office at 203-375-0064.

Mon, Sep. 23 - 4th Degree Live) and 28th Degree (Video)
For the latest copy of the Lafayette Consistory News visit
<https://ctfreemasons.net/appendant-bodies/lafayette-consistory/>

Contact the Consistory Office to arrange for seating and meals for any of the degree events.

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His tour of states and Masonic lodges started in New York where a formal reception attended by over 500 Brothers occurred at Washington Hall. During his stay in New York, he was initiated into the Royal Arch and the Knights Templar. He received similar receptions in Washington DC, and Philadelphia. His tour took him, among many other places, to Mount Vernon, where he visited with Washington's step grandson, George Washington Parke Custis.

In September a delegation of the Cerneau Rite (then affiliated with the AASR SJ) who then initiated him into the Cerneau Rite in Charleston (the then home of the AASR SJ).

His trip and visits over the country took him, in no particular order, through Georgia, Kentucky, Western Pennsylvania, Tennessee, what was known as Western Virginia at the time, Alabama, Louisiana, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Delaware. The immensity of this goodwill tour must be taken into perspective when one considers the modes of travel then available.

The trip was an unmitigated success and helped promote Freemasonry for many years afterwards. He made it a point to meet local officials wherever he went and talked up the

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Finding Fairways for DeMolay – Golf Tournament Supports Masonic Youth

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

The 16th annual Connecticut DeMolay benefit golf tournament was held in Wallingford at The Farms Country Club. The parking lot was full of friends and brothers excited to enjoy a beautiful day. The weather was spectacular this year, and after a brief introduction regarding play, the carts zoomed off to their prospective tees to begin.

The greens were fast, but the pace of play was not, which gave everyone time to enjoy the company of their playing partners. Afterward, everyone filed inside for the buffet, and of course, some Buck's ice cream! Many lucky brothers were blessed with the prizes and raffle items before the day drew to a close.

It was indeed a great day raising money for the young men of DeMolay.



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virtues and values of Freemasonry. The legacy of the trip was a renewed awareness and interest by the general public in what our Fraternity stands for.

Have a happy and safe summer season and come join us for the July degree if you can!

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 the email address above or call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.

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District 8

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



District 8 First Thursday Breakfasts

District 8 "First Thursday" Breakfast is held at 9 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Groton Towne House located on Route 12 in Groton.

Not only is there plenty of good food to enjoy, but each of the lodges in the district announces their upcoming events. Ladies and guests are welcome to attend.



District 9

Lodges 15, 24, 46, 60, 69, 110, 113, 122



Fayette Lodge No. 69 News by D. Raymond Chouinard

The brothers of Fayette Lodge No. 69 have been very busy and productive in 2024 thus far! The Craft has kept themselves occupied by hosting a variety of successful events: an American Red Cross blood drive at the lodge, an education program by the Ellington Historical Society, a "Beautification" event for the building and grounds, guest speakers from both York Rite and Scottish Rite, a presentation of Martin & Max, hosting an EA and an FC degree, and finally, monthly presentations by the officers who personally select a topic that is meaningful to them to present at Stated Communications.



On May 28, Fayette Lodge also hosted an educational program by the CT Valley Tobacco Museum of Windsor.

Mr. Duane Adams, who has 46 summers of experience at Brown's farm in Windsor, put on the well-attended program about the agricultural history of tobacco crops in Connecticut. Fayette Lodge was grateful the museum was able to accommodate this program, and all guests were provided with their own individual cigar wrapped in delicious Connecticut broadleaf tobacco to enjoy one of the state's most famous exports.

Upcoming events:

Tues., Sept 24: Fellow Craft degree (dinner 6:30 p.m., degree 7:30 p.m.),

Sat., Sept 28: Red Cross Blood Drive 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sat., Oct 19: Master Mason Degree (10 a.m. with break for lunch).



Ionic Lodge No. 100 Recognizes Students for Good Citizenship; Freemasonry Looks to Its Origins in Support of Students **by William L. Greene**

On June 6, Ionic Lodge No. 110 in North Windham presented four local high school graduates with the “William L. Greene Good Citizenship Award.” Each student received a monetary grant in recognition of their good character and commitment to service to their family, school, and community. This is the 22nd year that Ionic Lodge has presented this award to a graduating student at these schools. The program started in 2003 and has been awarded each year since, except for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the roots of Freemasonry in the craftsmen trades and their belief in community service, the members of Ionic Lodge designate this award for individuals who are well-rounded, conscientious, and responsible citizens. Ionic Lodge requests the guidance counselor from each of the schools submit the name of the graduating student from their school that best fulfills these requirements. In addition to the grant, the students receive an engraved trophy and are invited along with their families, school guidance counselors, and teachers to a special awards dinner at Ionic Lodge.



(l-r) MWB William L. Greene, Past Grand Master, whom the award is named after; WB Gregory J. Messier, Master of Ionic Lodge; Mr. Hunter D’Onofrio, Windham Technical High School; Mr. Dominic Burns, Coventry High School; Miss Claire Anderson, E.O Smith High School; Mr. Noah Perez Perea, Windham High School; and RWB Fred Watts, Past District Deputy 9B award program Chairmen.



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District 7

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



Masonicare Visits 7th District Blue Lodge Council

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

Granite Lodge No. 119 in Haddam graciously hosted the 7th District Blue Lodge Council meeting in June. Masonicare Emeritus Board of Trustee RWB Robert Polito, Jr. and Stacy L. Allen, Senior Director of Administrative Services, spoke about Masonicare's plans for growth.

The presentation informed the brethren that United Methodist Homes will be brought under Masonicare's umbrella, expanding the reach of Masonicare's services into previously non-competing zones. They discussed the expansion of the board of trustees by two members for a limited period, as well as necessary changes in the bylaws.

This presentation's purpose was to better inform the brethren before the semi-annual communication in October, during which a vote will be held. All in all, the strategic alliance is a win-win for Masonicare, with no money expended as their operation expands.





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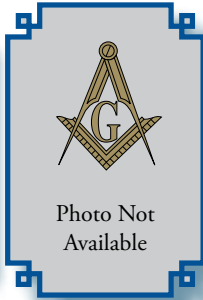
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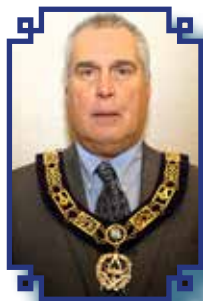


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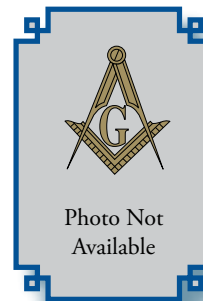
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District 5

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



Hospitality Lodge No. 128 Passes One Fellowcraft and Annual Inspection

by Francis G. Way

On Wednesday, June 12, Hospitality Lodge No. 128 of Wethersfield, traveled under dispensation to the lodge room of Unity Lodge No. 148 in New Britain, to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Arlind Poro and to undergo their annual inspection.

RWB Frank Dlugoleski, accompanied by his AGM WB Mike Butteri, was received by WM Ted Hasty shortly after the lodge opened at 7:30 p.m.

The degree was conferred in fine form, with WB Alberto Dieguez explaining the Working Tools, RWB Frank Way conducting Bro. Poro to the Middle Chamber, and RWB Matt Griffin delivering the Charge.




Special thanks go to WB Brian Tardiff of Unity Lodge No. 148 and Bro. Jake Manke of Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 for filling in as Stewards for the evening, delivering an excellent first section lecture.



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Blue Wave Notes Summer 2024

by Nicholas H. Ives

Brothers all, the Blue Wave Project continues this year as we attempt to streamline the program and enhance its effectiveness for your lodges. We have a year's worth of data to help guide us toward improvement. Feedback is still flowing in from so many of you, which is so helpful to us adjusting the program. Please continue to let us know what you are seeing on the front line of Project Blue Wave so we can work with our marketing partners to match our goals to your needs.

In the coming summer months, there will be a reduction in the number of inquiries we see from the program. We made some strategic decisions about how we allocate our resources, and we thought it best to dial down the volume in the summer so that the craft can have a resurgence of interest come this September. September is typically a very busy time for petitioning in past years and we hope it will be this year as well.

The committee can see that there is a significant backlog in the candidate pipeline for lodges. Building on our success from last year, we are pursuing a degree cycle with an unlimited ceiling of candidates that can join in each degree. RWB F. Matthew Heinrich and RWB Matthew Griffin will be hosting an Entered Apprentice degree at Unity Lodge No. 148 on July 20 at 9 a.m. so that if you have a candidate(s) that are ready to become an Entered Apprentice they can be initiated in early summer. As I write this, there are almost a hundred men waiting for this experience. You can register using the QR code on the flier you will find in Grand View, or here in the paper. We will also be having a Fellowcraft degree in September that will likewise be open to all and a Master Mason degree following in late October. We hope that these efforts to help lodges catch up will be well attended and welcome a new generation of members as we close out the calendar year.

Each lodge will be contacted by a representative of the committee with data concerning their performance in Blue Wave last year. Each lodge is individual, so it is important to the committee that someone who knows your lodge well will go over how many inquiries you had received and how many of them petitioned the lodge. Your District Deputies and Grand Lodge officers are well equipped to handle the personalized questions. We also need to hear your feedback about the program and how it can be improved. Please be candid with us. We need to know as much as possible to make this successful.

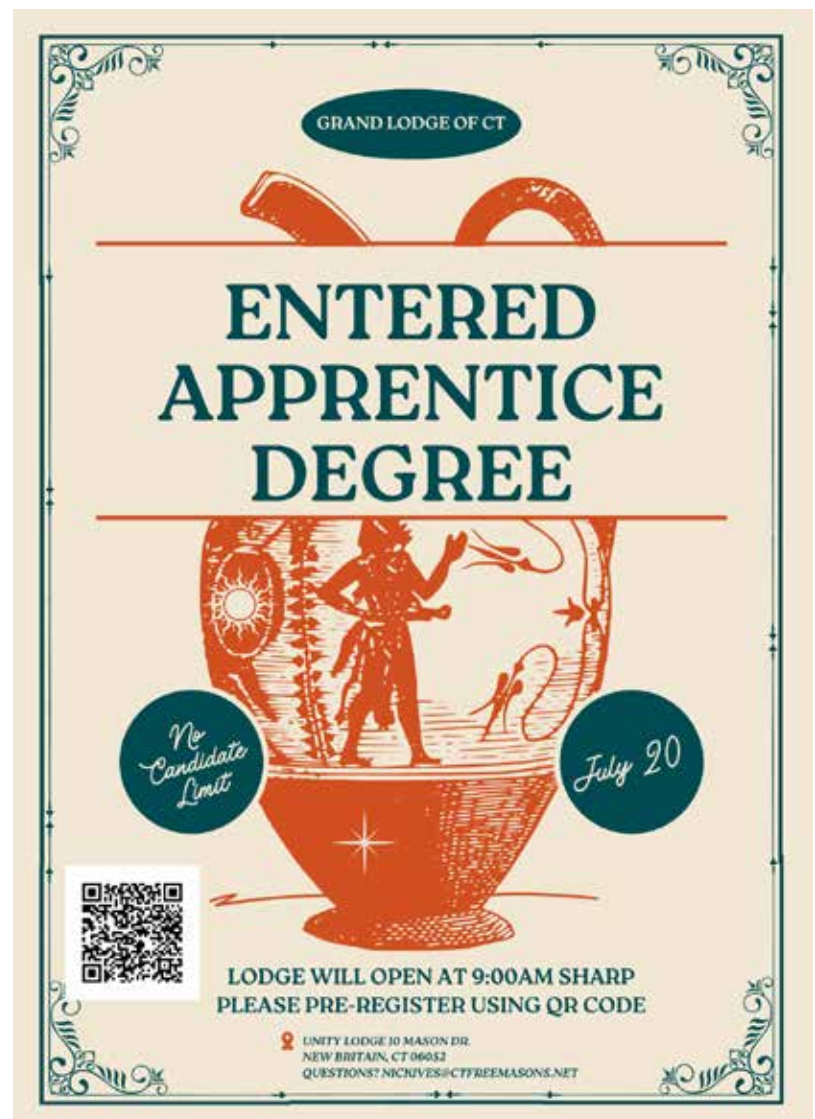
There are some things that you can do to improve what we call "conversion ratio" which is the ratio of how many petitions came out of the inquiries you received. Many of you are already trying these strategies and those that are meeting with the most success. The prospect managers who are the most effective engage with these techniques:

1. Don't be afraid to use text messaging to connect. Mix it up with a phone call and email for even better results. Text messaging seems impersonal, but it is where many people are now connecting. It is also asymmetrical, meaning that if they miss the message they can always reply when they have a free minute.

2. Have your first in-person contact in public. When a lodge struggles to get inquirers to meet beyond the first communication we often ask, "How do you engage them after the first message/phone call?" Most respond, "We invite them to the lodge." There is a barrier to going to a lodge for the first time. Much like when you go to a party at a new friend's house, there is always anxiety associated with doing something outside of your comfort zone. When I went to my first lodge meeting to meet brothers, I was certainly nervous. Come out of your comfort zone and meet them for coffee in public. By meeting them on common ground you will dramatically improve your results by making them comfortable in coming to your lodge, where you can be their mentor and guide on the first day.

3. Listen more than talk. When you engage a new prospect, ask them about their interest and really listen. If you give them a chance to express themselves, you will not only have a better understanding of where they are coming from, but they will feel validated by you and will have the general sense that you care.

Trying these strategies may improve your ability to turn a great man into a brother. It also can make the process fun as you get to know a new friend. Remember, membership is not about numbers alone, but an opportunity to share the love of brotherhood with men who will reflect that joy right back to you. If you have questions about your lodge's performance in Blue Wave or about the program overall, please email me at nickives@ctfreemasons.net and I will try my best to assist you in maximizing your overall potential in the program.



District 2

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



District 2A Welcomes New District Deputy **by Matt Fitzgibbons**

On Saturday, April 27, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 in New Milford welcomed Masonic District 2A's new District Deputy, RWB Nathan Schoonover, and Associate Grand Marshals, WB Robert Gorman (District 2B) and WB Matt Fitzgibbons (District 2A).

MWB Edward C. Page, Grand Master, and his suite of Grand Lodge officers attended the event, which was officiated by RWB Jim Saraceni, Grand Junior Steward, and RWB Daniel Nichols, his Marshal.

The ceremony included the reading of the installed officer's biographies as well as speeches by Masonic brethren. Refreshments and festive decorations for this personalized celebration were prepared by RWB Nathan's wife, Kristi, to the delight of the over 50 guests.



St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Assists Thrift Store **by Matt Fitzgibbons**

On Saturday April 20, volunteers from St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 assisted The Thrift Mart of New Milford to change their inventory over from the winter to the summer season. St. Peter's brothers and family have participated in this 3-hour program twice a year since 2021.

The Thrift Mart of New Milford is a non-profit store which has been entirely volunteer run for the last 70 years with proceeds from their sales going directly back into the community.

(l-r) Bro. Tyler Androvett, Bro. Chris River, WM Dan Keeler, Bro. Joe Cats, Drea Keeler, and WB Matt Fitzgibbons.



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Eagles Scouts Awarded Masonic Scouter Certificates

by Richard Ruggiano

Four new Eagle Scouts received Masonic Scouter certificates from brothers of Temple Lodge No. 65 in Westport. Lucas Fischel, Justin Juliana, Amelia Gurs and Annabelle Lott were awarded the certificates by Bros. Richard Ruggiano, Christopher Jennings, and Thomas Belden.



District 1

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

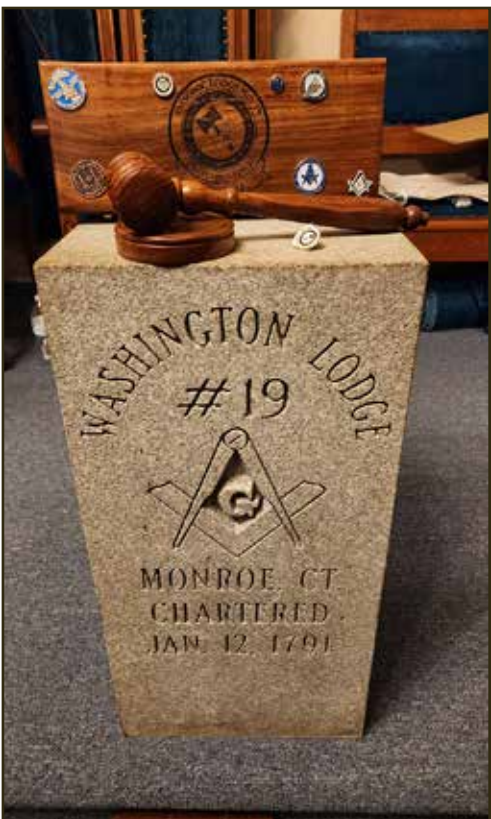


Washington Lodge No. 19 Initiates Two and Welcomes Traveling Gavel

On Monday, May 13, Washington Lodge No. 19 in Monroe welcomed their new Entered Apprentices, Bros. Dante Denzel and Diego Lopes.

The lodge also enjoyed a visit from the Lodge 19 Traveling Gavel. The traveling gavel is a program started by Terre Haute Lodge No. 19 in Indiana to reach all lodges with the number 19 in their name. More information can be found here:

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MWB Thomas M. Maxwell II Receives 50-Year Pin

by Shane Dufresne

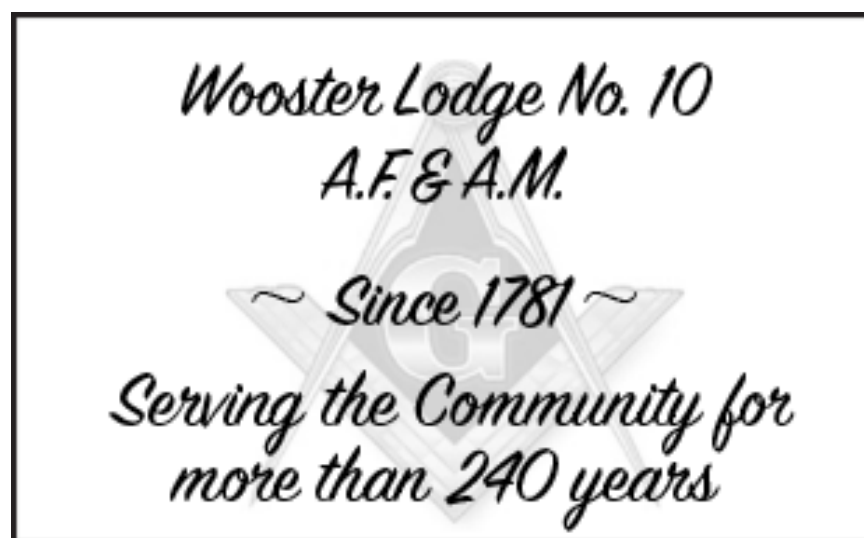
On May 16, a large showing of brothers, including two Past Grand Masters and the current Grand Master, MWB Edward C. Page, came to Harmony Lodge No. 42 for a celebratory evening recognizing MWPGM Thomas. M. Maxwell II.

First, MWB Joseph J. Porco read an impressive biography of MWB Tom that included his work in the Peace Corps detailing his work and teaching in 35 countries. It also touched on his 75 years of involvement as a youth and adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America. Also covered was his impressive and extensive Masonic career, including the numerous awards MWB Tom has received to date, including the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze, the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, and the David Wooster Award. MWB Joe then presented MWB Tom with an award from the Past District Deputy Association for his achievements and accomplishments.

RWB Shane Dufresne, Grand Senior Warden, conducted the ceremony for MWB Tom's 50-year service pin. It culminated with MWB Edward Page pinning the 50-year pin on MW Tom's lapel.

Surprised and shocked by the evening's event, a very humble MWB Maxwell addressed the brothers in attendance. Among his other comments, he mentioned that he is a 7th-generation Mason. He regaled the brothers with a story of an ancestor who was arrested for murder in Boston during the Revolutionary War. The ancestor was defended by an attorney and later US President John Adams.

It was an evening that no brother who attended would soon forget.



Federal Lodge No. 17 Holds Annual Awards Night by Shane Dufresne

On Monday, June 3, Federal Lodge No. 17 in Waterbury held its annual awards night, during which brothers received incremental service pins. This evening had a special twist that is probably not seen too often: Bros. Stephen and Keith Franson received their 50-year pins. Fifty years ago, they took their three degrees together. On this evening, they celebrated their years of service by pinning each other.



(l-r) WB John Papp, Bro. Stephen Franson, Bro. Keith Franson, and RWB Shane Dufresne.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 Commemorates Memorial Day in Woodbury by Steve Lewis

Every year since the inception of a Decoration Day parade in Woodbury in 1872, brothers from King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 have remembered those soldiers who served our country.



The float.

Originally called Decoration Day in honor of the fallen soldiers of the Civil War, the first Memorial Day event occurred on May 30, 1868. Since then, the commemoration has expanded to honor all U.S. military personnel who have died in service.

This year's local event was held along Main Street on Sunday, May 26. While the observation is a solemn affair, it is also a time when families gather to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to ensure our freedom as American citizens and to pass along a worthwhile tradition. Children were encouraged to ride in the parade with decorated bikes, organizations in town showed up with parade floats and the parade culminated in a community-wide picnic in Hollow Park.

The brothers of King Solomon's Lodge dedicate their respect to those soldiers who defended our freedoms and the American dream by laying down their lives through the ultimate sacrifice. There is no greater love.



Brothers gathering before the parade.



Bro. Mitchell Goldburgh; and Bro. Rich Miska.



(front l-r) Mitchell Goldburgh, Albin Weber, Steve Morrone; Dennis Huebner; Mark Cohen; Douglas Barry Jr.; Rich Miska (rear l-f) Alphonso and Lorenzo Gaudio; John Stack; and Douglas Barry, III.

District 6

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



Washington Lodge No. 70 Marches in Shad Derby Parade

by Ken Roach

Brothers from Washington Lodge No. 70 marched in the annual Shad Derby Parade held in Windsor on May 18. This was the lodge's first participation in the parade in recent memory. After the parade, the lodge staffed its food tent on the town green, as it has for many years.

The annual Shad Derby is a traditional event in Windsor, and the lodge has been a part of it for decades.



Columbia Lodge No. 25 Presents a 65-Year Pin by Arnie Grot

On May 7, WB Walt Grube and VWB Don Wills traveled to The Hearth at Glastonbury and presented Bro. Ward Edgerton with his 65-year service pin.

(Photo by Don Wills)

Two Lodges, Two New Master Masons by Arnie Grot

Eight brothers from Composite Lodge No. 28 traveled to Columbia Lodge No. 25 in South Glastonbury with their Fellowcraft on June 5 for a Master Mason Degree. Thirty-seven brothers, including three from Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 and one from Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, attended.

After dinner, WM Juan Diaz opened the Lodge. As it was the lodge's annual inspection, WM Diaz formally received RWB Thomas A. Duclos, District Deputy of 6B, and WB John LeDoux, his AGM, VWB Don Wills, RWB John DiCiccio, and WB Brad Young.

Bro. Saint Patrick of Columbia Lodge and Bro. Godsway Attipoe of Composite Lodge were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. With most in attendance having a role (twelve Craftsmen were represented by 13!), all enjoyed the traditional degree and tragedy, which was preceded by a portrayal of the Builder's Lodge.



(l-r) WB Brad Young (AGM, 6A), RWB John DiCiccio, Jr. (DD, 6A), VWB Don Wills (DGL6), WM Derek Bensley (C28), Bro. Saint Patrick (MM C25), WM Juan Diaz (C25), Bro. Godsway Attipoe (MM C28), RWB Thomas A. Duclos (DD, 6B), WB John H. LeDoux, Jr. (AGM, 6B), and WB Walt Grube.

Brothers from Composite Lodge No.28 Visit the Grand Lodge of Ireland

On May 16, WB Chuck Jewart and Bro. Rob Lamagna of Composite Lodge No. 28 in Suffield traveled to Dublin, Ireland, for a short vacation. Arriving in Dublin, they made their way to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, where they enjoyed the museum and made arrangements to meet with the Grand Tiler. After showing their letters of introduction from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, they were informed that a lodge would be meeting that night to confer a Master Mason under the Irish Constitution and that they were invited to attend.

Arriving at 6:30 p.m., the brothers met with the Grand Tiler and the Senior Warden of Clontarf Lodge No. 249 for inspection and were given permission to enter and to “do as you do in your lodge” for formalities.

At 7 p.m., Clontarf Lodge was opened for the business of the evening which was raising a new Master Mason. After the work was concluded, WB Jewart brought greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of CT AF&AM, presented 10 pins from Composite Lodge to brothers in attendance, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality.

After closing, WB Jewart and Bro. Lamagna were invited to a closed banquet room for the Festive Board that followed. Toasts were given throughout, and stories told. After WB Jewart and Bro. Lamagna reflected on the differences between the Connecticut and Irish Master Mason degrees; they bowed out for the evening, having been awake for over 30 hours at the time.

They certainly enjoyed their time in Dublin.



Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 Celebrates Ladies At Table by Pat Jones

On a beautiful Saturday in May, Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 held a Ladies at Table event, which attracted more than 20 couples.

Under the leadership of SW Khamp Phimvongsa and with the help of capable Bros. Duane Mason, Eliad Johnson, Rafael Miranda, and DeShawn Morris, a wonderful meal of filet mignon, lobster, or a vegetarian option was offered.

Bro. Roger Bristol offered the invocation, WM Alex Prague explained the various parts of the ceremony, and RWB Charlie Weiss offered a succinct historical overview of Ladies at Table, tracing its origins from 18th-century France.

RWB Greg Stump, WB Jim Purnell, WM Alex Prague, Bro. Kirk Montstream, RWB Charlie Weiss, Bro. Pat Jones, and RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Grand Junior Warden, gave toasts. They highlighted the backgrounds of famous women and offered personal accounts of women who were influential in their lives.

Finally, RWB Heinrich gave a thorough explanation of the value of this ceremony to Masonry.

Everyone enjoyed guitar music by one of the lodge's newest Entered Apprentices, Bro. Jonathan Hayes.

This event has been extremely popular with both the brothers and ladies, with some coming from long distances to participate. The lodge will likely continue to hold Ladies at Table each year, as it brings everyone together for fun and fellowship.



Bro. Khamp Phimvongsa and Tara Lentini



Craft At Refreshment

For more details about any of these events, please contact the lodge directly. In many cases, reservations are required, and they may or may not be open to the public.

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Recurring events and breakfasts may not occur during the summer months – call to check.

Recurring Events

Second Monday of the Month,

Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, Discussions of Masonic Interest. *Open to all brothers (EA, FC incl), short lecture and discussions on Masonic subjects.*

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

First Sunday of the Month,

Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, 3 p.m., Noshes & Knowledge, *Conversations on subject of Masonic interest, light refreshments. ALL are welcome*

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*

First Thursday of the Month, 8th Masonic District, Groton, 9 a.m., *Groton Townhouse Restaurant*

Third Saturday of the Month, Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 8 a.m., *Uncle Bob's Ham & Eggers, 2 Linden Street, Plainville*

Events

Sat, Jul 6, Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, Family Mini-Golf Outing Matterhorn Mini Golf, 10 Dyer Cemetery Rd, Canton

Sun., July 7, 3 p.m., Wyllys St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, Noshes & Knowledge, *The Declaration of Independence*

Mon., July 8, 8 p.m., Wyllys St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, *Freemasonry and the Founding of the US*



Craft At Labor

To have your lodge events appear in the newspaper, please update your lodge event in Grand View prior to the 10th of the previous month. If your lodge needs assistance accessing Grand View events, please have the Master or Secretary or Calendar Admin contact the Grand Lodge office.

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Grand Lodge Annual Session

Saturday, October 19, 8 a.m.,
Masonicare, Wallingford

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Sat. July 20, 9 a.m., Unity Lodge No. 148,
New Britain, Statewide EA Degree

Fellowcraft Degrees

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