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“Every Who Down In Whoville Liked Christmas A Lot...”

by **Francis G. Way**

In the blink of an eye, another year has passed. Worshipful Masters who seemingly just received the Crown of Solomon are preparing to leave the Oriental Chair to their successors. Senior Wardens who thought, “Okay, the East is a year away,” are suddenly on the cusp of one of the greatest moments of their lives. Some new brothers who joined our great fraternity in the early Blue Wave are now well on their way to their two-year anniversary.

The weather is turning colder, although not without some record-setting beautiful days in October and November. The daylight hours are dwindling, and darkness descends before 5 p.m. Despite stores having Christmas displays put up before the Halloween candy went on clearance sale and Sirius XM switching in their Christmas music channels before Thanksgiving turkeys were available, regular folks are now thinking of stringing up Christmas lights, putting up the tree, or dusting off the menorah.

It has long been a staple in American business that “not much gets done between Thanksgiving and Christmas,” particularly on my engineering team, where we have all worked so hard all year that our vacation time needs to be used in December. So, our office space will be a ghost town in December, and Teams chats will be very quiet.

These dark, shorter days are perfect for reflection, introspection, and self-improvement. No longer distracted by all the things that need doing during the long hours the sun transits the sky in the summer, we can sit with a good book, take an online course, or grow closer to our Creator. For some of us of a certain age, there might be nostalgic pleasure in watching the old Christmas specials of our youth: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, and *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.

This season also centers around family. For those fortunate enough to have family nearby or able to come in from afar, it is a time of anticipation, finally, hugs, warmth, and catching up face to face. If you have outgrown Santa Claus, waiting for family to arrive can be as agonizing as that long build-up to Christmas Eve and (finally) Christmas morning that we experienced as children.

Any end means a new beginning, and all too soon, the ball will drop in Times Square, the daylight hours will slowly grow long, and in most of our lodges, a new brother will be answering to the appellation “Worshipful sir.” It’s the cycle of our lives and our times, so enjoy this slower season because before you can blink, the labor will begin anew in earnest, and the rhythm of our lives will again speed up...

The staff of Grand Lodge Publications would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year! Please be safe, enjoy yourself, and we'll see you in January.

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Dear Brothers, Friends, and Family,

The Grand Master Appeal is a wonderful opportunity to support all the ongoing efforts of so many across the state to **Help, Aide and Assist** so many in need. As many of you know, the Theme of my year is:

“God – Unity – Service” GUS - God, as we are all God’s children.

By uniting together, we can continue to make a difference and reach so many throughout our beloved Fraternity and all its families. As a Servant Leader, it is my honor this year to appeal to you to join with me in support of our Foundation by making a tax-deductible contribution.

The Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Inc. a (501 (c) 3) is the charitable portion of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut. Your generous contributions will continue to help those both everywhere, from local need to that of brother across the globe through the Masonic Services Association. Please give what you can without injury to yourself or your family. Like so many of us, I would much rather give help, than ask for help; but I am asking for your help and support so that so many can obtain your assistance through your generosity.

Fraternally,

Brother Edward C. Page
M.W. Grand Master 2024

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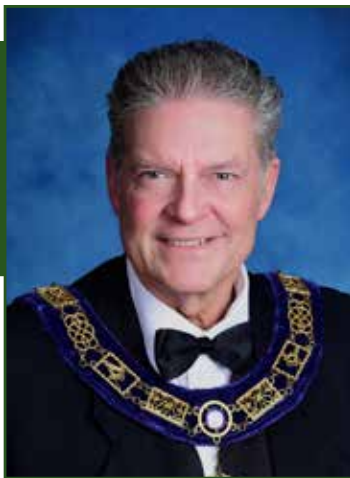
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Grand Master's Message

by MWB Edward C. Page

As the holiday season approaches, it gives us the opportunity to rejoice in the celebration of life. Many religions, not coincidentally, have their genesis

in the month of December. As masons, our Bible is always placed on the altar and may be accompanied by other religious texts, so it behooves us to embrace our spiritual connection and our connection to one another. There is a thread of unity in religions that defines us as humans. Although differences exist, the most significant thread is that of LOVE.

When I think about the holidays, I am flooded with conflict: over-commercialization juxtaposes the harmony of faith in our Supreme Creator. I love shopping for loved ones, but the tension of doing so often diminishes the spirit of the season.

Growing up in Maine, I have such fond memories of the holidays, but mostly the innocence they imparted. My first memory was when I played the lead in the Little Drummer Boy at church. I remember the joy and pride that brought my parents.

Every year of my extreme youth, the absolute excitement of trying to get to sleep Christmas Eve before Santa arrived, followed by the uncontainable jubilation Christmas morning. Our yard was covered with snow, icicles hung from the roof, Christmas music played all day long, my Mom always cooked and made homemade apple and pumpkin pies (my Dad's favorite), and a meal fit for a king.

Our tree came from my uncle's farm, where he and I would walk out into the woods, find a tree, and he would chop it down. I would help... help... carry it back to the farmhouse before loading it onto the car. And yes, we decorated with tinsel. We also watched TV specials like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. It was a family time, a joyous time, it was a memorable time. I carry those memories to this day to help lift me up when days are not as bright.

As the stress of the holidays can sometimes escalate, I urge us all to be more patient and understanding. Join me in being the change you wish to see in the world. Please make time to give thanks for the year behind us and hope and optimism for the upcoming year. It is a time for rejuvenation, celebration, and renewed commitment to oneself, our family, our nation, our Fraternity, and our Supreme Creator.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!

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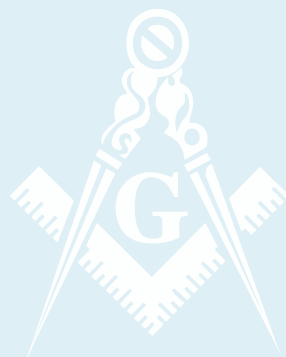
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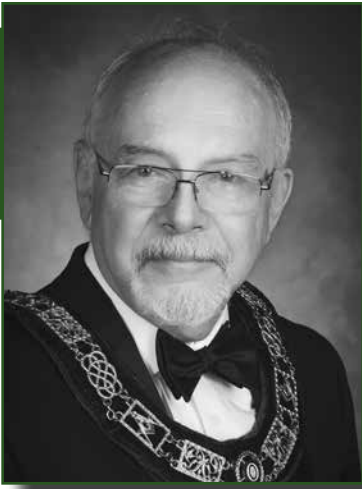
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Grand Chaplain's Pulpit

by The Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM

My dear brothers,

One of my favorite Holiday movies is "Scrooged" starring Bill Murray. It is an irreverent

retelling of Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, and Murray plays the title character in this modern setting as an unscrupulous TV Executive staging a production of the story. As in the original tale, he is visited by three spirits who force him to reflect on his life and make him realize the errors of his ways.

My favorite part of the story is after his reformation when he interrupts the broadcast to encourage others to change their ways. He then makes this profound statement regarding the holiday season. "For a couple of hours out of the whole year, we are the people that we always hoped we would be," referring to how, during the holidays, even the most cynical or self-centered individuals tend to act more generously and kind, essentially embodying the better version of themselves that they aspire to be throughout the year, even if it's only temporary.

My brothers, we have all knelt at our sacred altar and, in the revelation of the thrice-given light, have promised to live every day, not just a couple of hours a year, practicing the virtues of charity,

brotherly love, relief, and truth. To practice kindness, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to strive for tolerance among all people are the essential responsibilities of Freemasons. I urge each of you to seek opportunities to put our obligations into action. The holiday season offers numerous service opportunities, but there are opportunities throughout the year to let the light of Freemasonry shine to illuminate the darkness in the world.

Our duty to our neighbors is our paramount obligation to ourselves. We cannot strive to become better men and Masons if we do not extend our hands to help those in our world who need it most.

Finally, my brothers, in the words of John Denver's song, "May peace on earth fill up your time, may brotherhood surround you, that you may feel the warmth of love and wrap it all around you."

May you all enjoy a blessed, happy, and healthy holiday season!



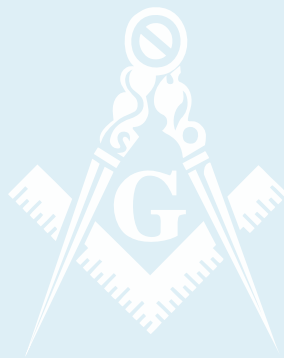
We offer our condolences to the family and friends of those brothers who have been called by The Grand Architect of the Universe.

Donald Edward Brown
Fidelity St. John's Lodge No. 3

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Grand Historian's Corner

Bro. David J. Stewart

Greetings, brothers! I hope that this message finds you happy, well, and looking forward to enjoying your festive

celebrations with friends and family as 2024 ends. By the time this column appears, a large part of our jurisdiction will have passed through its annual meetings and election of officers for 2025. Congratulations to all who have been elected or appointed.

Looking back in time.

We could look back on a few historical occurrences; the subject is the District Deputy Grand Master. Today, the title in Connecticut is District Deputy. The District Deputy Grand Master title was stricken from our constitution in 1889, and the District Deputy was substituted. Until 1867, the title had been Grand Lecturer. The number of districts increased from seven to nine in 1904 when MWGM Arthur Wheeler called attention to the fact that one district had ten lodges and another twenty-five. With the frequent redistricting discussions today, one can reflect on the history of Masonic Districts and look with pride to those who have served. Traveling with the District Deputy in the past was his Associate Grand Chaplain; today, this position is called Associate Grand Marshal (AGM). Introduced in 2024, was a new position, District Grand Lecturer. He aids and assists lodge officers and brothers with a deeper understanding and delivery of the ritual.

Masonic Monument in Waterbury

In 1882, the Masons of Waterbury provided a burial plot for Masons, their widows, and orphans in the Riverside Cemetery in Waterbury. The monument, weighing 14 ½ tons, was dedicated by Most Worshipful James McCormick as Grand Master on October 12, 1882. The monument was built for \$4500 by George Bissell of Poughkeepsie, New York. Following the dedication, the 500 assembled marched back to the Masonic Hall with Harmony Lodge No. 42 and Continental Lodge No. 76 leading the parade. Nelson J. Welton and Rev. Ralph Bowles delivered addresses. A copper box with Masonic records is located within the monument. The open Bible at the summit of the Plymouth granite monument is a beautiful symbol of architecture. The stone, six feet square at the base and 10 ½ feet high, has symbols of the virgin weeping, broken column, sprig of acacia, and the hourglass, among others. The lot was large enough to accommodate 140 headstones. This is another one of many Masonic “historical” sites in our great state.

Eighty-eight years ago – 1936

Our nation was coming out of the depression of the thirties. President Franklin Roosevelt and Wilbur Cross were Chief Executives of the country and state, respectively. Both were Freemasons. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut had met for the last time since, on April 29, 1935, a special communication was held to approve legislation to change the name to Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut. Most Worshipful Grand Master Ernest L. Prann of Deep River was succeeded by Rev. Arthur F. Lewis of Naugatuck, the second clergyman to attain the Grand East. The first buttons (pins) for fifty years of membership were presented and money had been raised to install “motion picture equipment” at the Masonic Home in Wallingford.

1791

Traveling back to 1791, we list the “inventory” the Lodge Secretary felt required to equip the meeting room properly. Five officers’ jewels of silver, a square, one lock for the chest, three yards blue ribbon, one doz. glasses, one bowl, one gallon of wine, two quarts of rum, one lb. of sugar, ½ quire of paper for the record book, and one large spoon. Although some items might be missing, these (above) were purchased by Brother David Baldwin (Secretary of Hiram Lodge of Sandy Hook).

Back to today: May the lessons of history guide us through the current year and help us formulate the vision to keep Freemasonry thriving for the foreseeable future. Here in Connecticut, we stand proud of our Masonic history, confident that 100, 200 years from now, future Brothers will know about those who served Freemasonry in 2025 and beyond.

All Senior Wardens who are planning their officer line for the year 2025 should consider the Lodge Historian, if at present you do not have a brother filling that position. Your historian is appointed and is an integral part of the lodge, for he records and maintains the events of his lodge for posterity.

May the Grand Architect guide us, keep us all safe, and help bring peace and harmony to our world.

Masonicare Debuts Intensive Outpatient Program

To help meet the growing demand for behavioral health services among older adults, Masonicare has launched a new Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). Based in Wallingford at Masonicare Health Center, IOP is designed to provide comprehensive support and resources for adults aged 50 and over struggling with anxiety, depression, loss, grief, and other symptoms.

According to Kara Caouette, Behavioral Health Lead IOP Therapist at Masonicare, IOP offers individual and family therapy as needed, an intensive group therapy program that holds three and a half hour sessions three times per week, psychiatric evaluations, and medication management as needed.

A former CNA who worked with seniors and hoped to one day provide therapy to older adults, Kara explained that



when someone with behavioral issues is at risk for hospitalization and regular outpatient therapy doesn't seem to be enough, IOP may be considered as a treatment option. It can also be used as a step down from a higher level of care, such as inpatient acute care or inpatient residential, to help someone transition back to their regular lives. Different therapeutic interventions are employed to help give the patient the tools they need to improve their mental health.

"We're able to provide what I think is often that missing step from lower to higher levels

of care," Kara said. "Mental health, especially with the older adult population, is often overshadowed by physical issues they may be experiencing. Those issues often go hand-in-hand. We know, for example, that when it comes to physical limitations and depression, one can cause the other. IOP offers individuals the opportunity to socialize and connect with people experiencing similar difficulties."

For more information about Masonicare's IOP, to schedule a consultation, or inquire about insurance coverage, please call **203-679-5007**.

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From the Desk of Bro. JonPaul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

These are busy (but exciting!) times at Masonicare.

In only a few short months, between the impending merger with United Methodist Homes (UMH) and our planned acquisition of Greenridge Place in Rocky Hill, Masonicare will go from being the largest non-profit provider of aging services in Connecticut to one of the largest in the nation. I'm excited about all the new options and opportunities this growth will afford our residents, patients, vendors, and staff.

In upcoming issues of *Connecticut Freemasons*, we'll introduce you to the new communities joining our continuum, each with its own unique features and amenities.

My promise to you is that, despite these significant changes, we will never lose sight of the mission and values that have guided us and given us purpose over the last 128 years. We know who we are and whom we serve.

Last month, at Ashlar Village, I was joined by RWB Christopher J. Earle, Chairman of Masonicare's Board of Trustees, in recognizing the dedication and longevity of 112 employee team members celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024. These included Janice, a Resident Care Assistant in her 45th year at Masonicare, and Rev. and Bro. Carl Anderson, Right Worshipful Grand Almoner and Vice President of Fraternal Relations, marking his 40th year with our organization.

We also received the fantastic news that Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, our in-home healthcare, hospice, and palliative care agency with branches in Wallingford, Glastonbury, and Norwich, received a FOUR-STAR quality rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)! Star ratings help consumers make informed decisions when choosing a home healthcare provider or skilled nursing facility in our industry. I'm grateful to our amazing staff for their hard work, compassionate care, and commitment to continuous improvement.

On behalf of all of us at Masonicare, I wish you a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with hope and prosperity!

Yours sincerely and fraternally,



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50-YEAR BROTHERS!

Robert E. Bateman
Fred A. Knight
John A. Knight
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Frank W. Hubbell, Jr.
Corinthian Lodge No. 63

Carl H. Jordan
St. Alban's Lodge No. 38



Photo by
Greg Webster





November 7, 2024

Dear Brothers,

I am excited to share some important news regarding Masonicare's continued growth and our commitment to expanding our reach across Connecticut. We have entered into an agreement to acquire Atria Greenridge Place, a 108-unit senior care community in Rocky Hill, CT. This acquisition will enable us to broaden the impact of Masonicare's mission and extend our continuum of care to more seniors in need. We anticipate that the acquisition will be finalized by December of this year.

Bringing Greenridge Place into the Masonicare family is a significant step forward for our organization. Once the acquisition is complete, the community will be renamed **Masonicare at Greenridge Place**, offering residents and staff access to our award-winning programs and services. Our focus during this transition is to ensure that residents continue to receive the high-quality care they expect, while enhancing their experience with the expanded services and support that Masonicare is known for.

In the coming months, we will be working closely with Greenridge Place team members to integrate them into the Masonicare organization, while staying true to our core values and culture. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to extend our footprint and continue providing exceptional care to seniors across the state.

As we move forward with this exciting expansion, Masonicare remains deeply committed to our mission of compassionate, resident-centered care. This acquisition strengthens our ability to serve more seniors while enhancing our existing operations across all Masonicare communities.

I remain grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the Masonic Family. Our partnership has enabled Masonicare to accomplish great things. I look forward to updating you as we welcome Greenridge Place into the fold.

Yours fraternally,

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

Bro. Jon-Paul (JP) Venoit
President and CEO, Masonicare

RSVP: The Importance of Answering the Call

by Michael Sabia

The RSVP. We all know what it is, but we very seldom accept its importance in today's world. Let's begin with the breakdown: RSVP is French for "répondez s'il vous plait," which translates to "please reply" in English.

It gives no further details about whether to reply positively or negatively. Therefore, we can quickly agree that when added to a letter or flier, that RSVP means that I should answer whether I will attend the event. So please, as you move forward, let them know your intentions when you are invited to an event. Brothers spend a lot of time and effort providing well for the Masonic functions and planned trips. So, please do your due diligence and give them a response in a timely manner.

Thank you, and God bless you, my brothers!

Collecting for Massachusetts Shriner's Hospitals

by Pat Kalinauskas



Since 2001, Travelers Woods (aka "The Woods"), a campground in Bernardston, MA, has donated \$83,000 to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Massachusetts. The donations came from merchandise sales in its Shriner's Corner Store, donations by guests and local businesses, and campground activities and events.

Pictured are about 126 pounds of tabs recently given by The Woods to RWB Ray Geer of National Camping Travelers, who turned them into the Bedouin Shrine Club. MWB Ted Nelson cashed the tabs in at the scrap yard, adding another \$38 to be sent through CT Shriners.

The Woods is frequented by CT Masons, and National Camping Travelers (NCT), and their families. RWB Ray is Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and resides in North Stonington, CT.



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District 1

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



Ashlar Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Full Moon Fellowship

On Thursday, October 17, Ashlar Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 hosted an Oktoberfest-themed Full Moon Fellowship.

It was an ideal autumn evening. The clear sky offered a beautiful view of the Hunter's Moon. A roaring fire added to the ambiance, creating a cozy setting for attendees to enjoy a hearty meal.

Over a dozen brothers from various lodges, and three prospects, gathered for the event. More brothers stopped by after dinner, joining the camaraderie around the fire and a few die-hard NFL fans were also inside watching the game together. The evening extended late into the night for weekday, a testament to the lively conversations and fellowship shared by all.

The food was a highlight of the evening. The smoked and beer-braised bratwursts, sausage-stuffed potato dumplings, and Jaeger sauce perfectly complemented the Oktoberfest theme.

The evening captured the essence of brotherhood.



District 2

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



Hiram Lodge No. 18 and Ark Lodge No. 39 Joint Entered Apprentice Degree

by Fred Marotti

On October 9, Hiram Lodge No. 18 of Sandy Hook brought a candidate, Philip Cruz, and nine Lodge brothers to Ark Lodge No. 39 in Danbury for a joint Entered Apprentice degree. Worshipful Masters Carlos Gavilano and Anthony Neri and their lodges enjoyed a flawless degree. Also attending were RWB David McClain, District Deputy of Masonic District 2B; RWB James Saraceni, Grand Junior Steward; and MWB Joseph Porco.



District 3

Lodges 7, 11, 12, 17, 42, 47, 55, 64, 78



Halloween and Community Involvement by Steve Lewis

Every October 31, the Parks & Recreation Department of Woodbury sponsors a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event at Hollow Park. This provides local children with a fun and secure place to enjoy Halloween. Since its inception, King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 has participated in this community event.

This year, several brothers spent a few hours preparing goodie bags. Bros. Kris Milardo, Dennis Huebner, Mark Cohen, John Stack, and Mitchell Goldburgh distributed over 400 of these bags before running out of candy. That was nearly twice what was given out last year.

Next year, the brothers will arm themselves with more bags of candy to fend off the "tricks" in trick or treat.



(l-r) Bros. Kris Milardo, Dennis Huebner, Mark Cohen, John Stack, and Mitchell Goldburgh.



(l-r) Bros. Mitchell Goldburgh, Mark Cohen, John Stack, and Dennis Huebner.



Bro. Dennis Huebner, upon realizing he'd run out of candy, Bro. John Stack| desperately looks for more.

Morning Star Lodge No. 47 Keeps Spirits High Among Brothers, Family, and Friends by Joe Zanino

On Saturday, October 12, the brothers of Morning Star Lodge No. 47, with their friends and family, gathered at the lodge in Shelton for a tasting event with Connecticut Distilling. Master Distiller Brandon Collins discussed his unique products and how each is distilled. A tasting of each spirit accompanied the presentation.

Guests also enjoyed a sampling of WB Joe Zannino's signature dishes, including BBQ Pulled Pork made with a splash of rum and his "World Famous Second Place Chili" made with a hint of bourbon.

The event was a massive success with the 30 people attending giving overwhelmingly positive feedback.

The lodge plans a similar event in early 2025.



Harmony Lodge No. 42 Hosts Trick-or-Treaters by Shane Dufresne

On Halloween night, brothers of Harmony Lodge No. 42 in Waterbury handed out candy in front of the lodge. It's estimated that more than 500 kids stopped by. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cold or hot apple cider were also available.



King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 Raises Master Masons

by Steve Lewis

On October 16, King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 welcomed two newly raised Master Masons into the fraternity. Bros. Spencer Rouen and Scott McClure were raised, and Bro. Brett Wall from St. Paul's Lodge No. 11 participated in the 2nd half of the degree because his degree several weeks earlier had been interrupted.

Bro. Spencer L. Rouen resides in Southbury with his wife, Jill, and their three lovely daughters. Bro. Spencer became a Master Mason, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and godfather.

Bro. Scott McClure currently resides in Southbury and Johns Island, SC. He and his wife, Edy, have two daughters. Scott's interest in Masonry was piqued at an early age, as many of his father's closest friends were Masons.

Several special guests attended the degree: RWB Dan Reeve, WB Neal White, RWB Ken Tarwood, and RWB Charles Harrell.



(l-r) Bro. Brett Wall, Bro. Spencer Rouen, Bro. Scott McClure

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 Raises Three Master Masons

by Charlie Miller

On Saturday, October 26, Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 in Branford raised three enthusiastic Master Masons: Bros. Isaiah Simmons, Leo Calonico, and George Zincyz.

RWB Nick Ives and RWB Konstantinos Antonio, who filled in for a sick brother, WB Christopher Riley, who performed the full-form Working Tools presentation, and WB David Cole, who presented the Beehive lecture, assisted in the degree. Additionally, Bros. Rob Kovi and Doug Turcotte came to watch the degree but ended up stepping in and helping.

Congratulations to the newly raised brothers, and thank you to all who came.



Quinta Essentia Lodge No. 500 Master Mason Degree by Jonathan Glassman

Brother Joseph Ushchak was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 21 at the New Haven Masonic Temple. It was a wonderful evening of excellent work, followed by good food, drink and fellowship at the lodge's bi-monthly Festive Board held at New Haven's Elm City Club.



Annawon Lodge No. 115 Hosts Annual Awards Night

by Jerry Nero

On Monday, September 23, the Annawon Lodge Fellowcraft Club held its annual Awards Night, celebrating service to the community and members' longstanding commitment to Freemasonry. The event showcased the lodge's ongoing efforts to support local causes and honor its members' contributions.

The evening began with donations to two important local organizations. Amy Guay-MacFarlane, Executive Director of the West Haven Community House, received a check for \$500 to support the McKinney-Vento program. This initiative provides vital assistance to children and youth experiencing homelessness, ensuring they have the resources to continue their education.

The lodge proudly donated \$8,500 to Carol May, Executive Director of House of Heroes, raised during the lodge's William A. Soderman Golf Tournament. This contribution will help fund home repairs and other services for veterans in need, furthering the organization's mission to support those who have served the country.



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One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of service pins. Among the honorees was Rich Werner, who received his 60-year service pin, marking an incredible milestone in his Masonic journey and commitment to the Craft.

WM Joseph McVety gave certificates of appreciation to several brothers who have significantly contributed to the lodge's activities over the past year. They were given to honor the hard work, dedication, and support these members have provided, helping to ensure the success of the lodge's charitable events and initiatives. WM McVety's heartfelt gratitude for these brothers' efforts was apparent as he emphasized the importance of their contributions in upholding the values and mission of Freemasonry.

The event proudly demonstrated Annawon Lodge's deep commitment to the West Haven community, supporting causes that directly impact the lives of children, youth, and veterans. With the unwavering support of its members and partners, the lodge continues to embody the principles of service, charity, and brotherhood, making a lasting difference in the lives of many.



District 5

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



Friendship Lodge No. 33 and Southington Apple Harvest Festival by Mike Leser

Over the first two weekends in October, Southington held its annual Apple Harvest Festival. After working all afternoon on a beautiful Tuesday prior to the event, a team from Friendship Lodge No. 33, led by WM Mike Leser, erected their 10' x 20' tent on a plywood platform equipped with a refrigerator, freezer, and two fryers to cook their signature offering; apple and pulled pork empanadas. Over the course of the festival, led by WB Rudy Cabata, the lodge made and sold over 1,600 empanadas.

The traditional Apple Harvest Festival parade stepped off on a sunny Sunday, October 6, and this year included a 24-foot flatbed truck donated by Washington Concrete that was decorated like a lodge with furniture and props from the lodge. Joined by brothers and visitors from Unity Lodge No. 148 in New Britain and a brother from Glastonbury, WM Mike Leser led a group marching in front of the float. Proceeds from the event help fund the lodge's annual scholarships.



District 6

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



Brothers of Masonic District 6 Assist at Hartford Marathon by Arnie Grot

Brothers from Masonic District 6 and friends gathered at Water Station No. 12, 142 King Street, East Hartford, on October 19 to support the 1500 runners in the 2024 Hartford Marathon.

(l-r) Bros. Rodney Spooner, Jason Ferber, Christopher Ramsey, Exequiel Zamora, Jack Ranney, Bob Dynak, Kieth Carlough, Donald A Wills, Brian Dikun, David Wills and Steve (CERT representative for station).

Photo by Arnie Grot.



Washington Lodge No. 70 News

Recently, WM Kenneth Roach II and his son, SW Kenneth Roach III of Washington Lodge No. 70, received certificates for proving their ritual competence. VWB Donald Wills, District 6 Grand Lecturer, and RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., Grand Junior Warden, presented the certificates. The certificate acknowledges satisfactory Connecticut Masonic Ritual: congregating, opening, labor to refreshment and return to labor, one obligation (any degree), receiving dignitaries, and closing. MWB Edward C. Page has initiated the program.

On October 14, Washington Lodge portrayed the Entered Apprentice Degree. SD Michael Lawlor stepped up to perform the degree. Bros. William D Pelkey and Ian D. Johnson were initiated as Entered Apprentices.

Also, that evening, RWB John DiCioccio, Jr., District Deputy Masonic District 6A, and RWB Greg Stump presented WB Paul Hendricks with his Master Ritualist Level #1 pin in lodge after the portrayal of the Entered Apprentice Degree. WB Hendricks was Master of Washington Lodge in 2010. A 30-year Mason, he is the lodge historian and portrays George Washington during many lodge events.

On October 16, RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., and WB Kenneth Roach presented a 50-year pin to Bro. Brian W. Fitzsimonds at his home. Bro. Brian's wife, Mary Ellen, looked on as the award and pin were presented. Bro. Brian is a Navy veteran who served on submarines.

On October 28, Washington Lodge portrayed a Fellowcraft Degree. JW Victor Barile stepped up to perform the Degree. Bros. Matthew Mocko and Jermaine Wint were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.



(l-r) RWB Heinrich, WM Kenneth Roach II, SW Kenneth Roach III, and VWB Wills.



RWB Heinrich present Bro. Fitzsimonds with his 50-year pin.



(l-r) Bro. Michael Lawlor, Sr., Bro. Michael Lawlor, and Bro. Craig Buckley, Bro. Michael's father-in-law.



WB Paul Hendricks receives his Master Ritualist Level #1 pin from RWB John DiCioccio, and PDD Greg Stump.

October Was Busy And Rewarding At Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 by Pat Jones

October 19 was a busy and rewarding day for the Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 brothers. Members participated in the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication and the Hartford Marathon. The lodge hosted a water table for the race at the home of VWB Don Wills for the second consecutive year. Approximately 15 brothers from Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, Columbia Lodge No. 25, and Hartford Evergreen participated.

The Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication was fruitful as Brother Duane Mason was awarded the Mentor Award, and two of the lodge's newest brothers, Jonathan Hood and Kirk Montstream, received the Perfect Ashlar Award. It was rewarding to see these brothers working together to achieve success.

Hartford Evergreen Lodge is fortunate to have brothers like Duane Mason, who take the time and have the skill to mentor the lodge's newest members. One truly satisfying thing about Masonry is meeting good men and following their growth.

Brother Kirk Monstream is currently Junior Steward. He has been a farmer since growing up in East Windsor. He is a father of two sons and a daughter. His sons Steven, 33, and Tim, 26, served in the U.S. Marines. His daughter Alison, 24, just graduated from Colorado State University.

Kirk graduated from East Windsor High School in 1986. His first job was as an equipment operator at Herb Holden Trucking Company. He later spent 20 years as a highway foreman for the Windsor Locks Department of Public Works. Today, Kirk is a registered agricultural producer. He has been in business since 2015 as Montstream Farmstead. He farms about 40 acres of tobacco. His partner, Jenn, does all the gardening. Kirk says that one of her best qualities is that she doesn't get frazzled.

Kirks's father was also a Mason, raised at Hartford Lodge No. 88.

Multi-talented Brother Jonathan Hood was born and grew up in Macon, Georgia, and graduated from Mary Persons High School in Forsythe, Georgia. After high school, he entered the St. Simons apprentice program to learn banquet cooking. He likes to cook and enjoys baking bread and making pasta. His first restaurant job was at the King and Prince Resort Hotel in St. Simons, Georgia. He advanced to Natalia's Restaurant in Macon, where he was a chef for 13 years.

After his restaurant career, Jonathan attended the Southern Crescent Trade School to learn welding while roofing and operating a forklift. He has worked at a metal finishing company for the past six years.

Jonathan's wife, Marilyn, has been a fine-dining waitress for more than 30 years. They married in 2008. Marilyn grew up in Weatogue, and her father was a Simsbury assessor. The Hoods live in Windsor Locks. They have a daughter, Lillith, 26, who is studying psychology at the University of West Georgia.

October ended with the annual lodge Halloween Party. WB Brian Warren once again offered an exciting and fun activity for the brothers, their families, and the public. Bro. Montstream provided his tractor-pulled wagon to bring approximately 30 "trick or treaters" along Main Street in South Windsor. Parents could go on the wagon or stay at the lodge to relax and enjoy a light supper while their children enjoyed the ride.

Brian's mother, Terry Warren, did an excellent job cooking for this event. At the lodge, approximately 150 children and parents received candy and refreshments.



Bro. Duane Mason



Bro. Jonathan Hood



Bro. Kirk Monstream



Columbia Lodge No. 25 Initiates a New Entered Apprentice *by Arnie Grot*

On Wednesday, October 16, Columbia Lodge No. 25 initiated Jesse F. Gay who received the Entered Apprentice Degree. JW Chris Gness presided in the East for the degree and gave the Approach Lecture. WM Juan Diaz delivered the Coming to Light Lecture, WB Dave Lockard presented the Apron, RWB Jeff Flynn delivered the Penniless Lecture, WB Jack Ranney presented the Working Tools, SS Brian Dikun and JS Phillip Crump gave the First Section Lecture, and WB Walter Grube delivered the Charge.



(l-r) WB Brad Young, AGM D6B; RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., Grand Junior Warden; Bro. Jesse F. Gay, SS Brian Dukin, JW Chris Gness, SW Deepak Saluru, JS Phillip Crump, WM Juan Diaz, WB Walt Grube, Almoner RWB Jeff Flynn, Tiler Keith Carlough, VWB Don Wills, and RWB John DiCioccio, DD6B.

District 9

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



Fayette Lodge No. 69 News

by D. Raymond Chouinard

Fayette Lodge No. 69 would like to thank its officers and brothers and the brothers from Uriel Lodge No. 24 and Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 for attending and participating in the Master Mason Degree held at Fayette Lodge on November 9. The ceremonies were beautifully portrayed through brotherly teamwork! Congratulations to the five new brothers raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

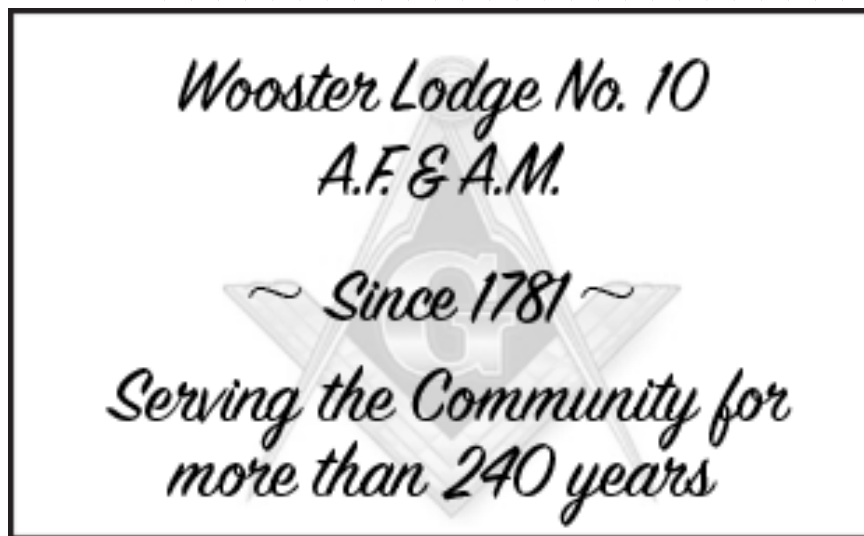
In observance of Veteran's Day, a special guest speaker and Vietnam Veteran, former State Representative Ted Grazianni, came to the lodge to provide very special remarks to honor those who served this magnificent

country. Brothers enjoyed a very special meal and extra special fellowship to pay their respects to our Military members collectively. Great work, and at ease, brothers!

Additionally, Fayette Lodge and the officers are eager to bring back one of its gloried traditions when the brothers represented the Craft at the local Ellington Congregational Church for worship in celebration of St. John's Day on Sunday, December 29. If any brother is interested in joining, contact WM Ray Chouinard at (860) 558-2713 or ChouinardD8@gmail.com

Lastly, the officers and brothers of Fayette Lodge extend their well-wishes and prayers to all brothers this holiday season, wishing them a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas!

"Tis the Season to be Jolly!"



District 7

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



The Magician, the Hermit, and the Fool by Jeffrey A. Blayman

After Warren Lodge's 3rd Thursday Festive Board at the Ale House, brothers retired to the lodge where another fun and informative lecture was provided. WB Jim Chianese of Coastal Lodge No. 57 educated the brothers on the historical variations of Tarot decks and passed around many examples before diving into the symbolism.

Dr. Arthur Edward Waite (1857–1942), whose published works include *The Holy Kabbalah* and *The Key to the Tarot*, utilized symbolism as the key to the Tarot pack. In *The Key to the Tarot* he writes: "The true Tarot is symbolism; it speaks no other language and offers no other signs."

Its origins are established around the year 1397 in France when a decree was made to ban the playing of card games and other amusements. It is generally accepted that playing cards emerged in Europe in the latter half of the fourteenth century, probably first in Italy as a complete 78-card deck—or some inventive genius subsequently

combined the common 56 cards known as the Minor Arcana with the 22 esoteric and emblematic Tarot cards known as the Major Arcana to form the 78-card pack.

After learning about the symbolism found throughout the deck and its parallels to Freemasonry, the brothers discussed the topic further as WB Jim elucidated.

The brothers of Warren Lodge greatly appreciate the guest speakers and the support of the brothers who have made these third Thursday meetings so successful over the last three years.

Any Mason is invited to join the brothers on the 3rd Thursday. Send an email to WarrenLodge51@Gmail.com



Statewide Fellowcraft Degree Ceremony at Brainard Lodge No. 102 by James Moran

On Saturday, September 21, Brainard Lodge No. 102 in Niantic, hosted the Blue Wave statewide Fellowcraft Degree. The degree was organized by RWB James A. Moran, Grand Junior Deacon, and RWB Christopher Carrott, Assistant to the Grand Master, with assistance from RWB Nicholas Ives, Grand Senior Steward and leader of the state's Blue Wave Program. Six brothers from across the state received the Fellowcraft degree.

RWB Carrott (Moosup Lodge No. 113) presided in the East, assisted Senior Deacon WB Andrew J. Pedro II (Coastal Lodge No. 57) whose flawless floor work and military-precise execution set a high standard for the degree. Supporting WB Andrew were Senior Steward RWB Craig Pedro (Coastal Lodge) and Junior Steward RWB James A. Moran, Grand Junior Deacon (Brainard Lodge). Together, they guided the brothers through the stages of the degree with exceptional precision and excellence.

Also assisting were WB Seth Beebe (WM of Brainard Lodge), Chaplain; WB James A. Gilstrap IV, Senior Warden; Brother Jonathan P. Lamas (Brainard Lodge), Junior Warden; RWB John Stogden (Somerset St. James No. 34), Secretary; RWB John Wadsworth III (Brainard Lodge), Treasurer; RWB Robert P. Malt (Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88), Junior Deacon; WB Chad Dufault (Moosup Lodge), Marshal.

Additionally, WB Christopher Britland (Moosup Lodge) flawlessly performed the working tools of the degree, WB Brian N. Keith (Moosup Lodge) presented a long form Middle Chamber with perfection, and RWB Robert Eubanks (Putnam Lodge No. 46) presented the "G" lecture as well as the Charge.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, MWB Edward C. Page, Grand Master, was the first to congratulate the new Fellowcrafts. He also delivered a personal message, expressing his gratitude to everyone involved and brought his warm and fraternal greetings.



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Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team Visits Connecticut

by Andy Bronson

After years of planning, Connecticut Freemasons hosted the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team from November 1 through the 3. This was their first trip to Connecticut in quite some time, and the brothers from the degree team were greeted and treated by brothers from Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 in Plainville and Unity Lodge No. 148 in New Britain.



Frederick Franklin Lodge and Unity Lodge have a long history of cooperation, so it was only natural for these two lodges to work together for this special event. Worshipful Masters Brian Tardif of Unity and Andy Bronson of Frederick Franklin, together with assistance from RWB Brian Beals, RWB Chet Russell, RWB Harry Needham, RWB G. Randal Hornaday, and WB Keath Romano, worked throughout the year to create a truly special event. Further invaluable assistance was provided by MWGM Edward C. Page, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, Masonicare Transportation Services, Masonic Temple Association of New Haven, and the Valley of New Haven AASR (particularly RWB Sal Ferrigno, WB Fred Marotti, and Bro. Bob Baer).

The degree team arrived at Bradley Airport on Friday and had lunch at Unity Lodge before retiring to the hotel for relaxation. During this downtime, a few Oklahoma brothers visited the Grand Lodge offices, where a warm reception was given by RWB David J. Stewart, Grand Historian, Bro. Mark Orsini and Lynnmarie Evans. A chance visit by RWB Matthew Griffin, allowed for a tour of the Masonicare facilities as well. Following the afternoon activities, the Oklahoma brothers were returned to Unity Lodge for a Polish dinner consisting of kielbasa and sauerkraut, galumpkis, and pierogis.

Saturday was the main event of the weekend. Brothers from across the Northeast assembled in the Scottish Rite room at the New Haven Masonic Temple to witness a Master Mason Degree given to a worthy Oklahoma Fellowcraft. Brother Keegan J. Fry, who resided for a time in



Ledyard. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Oklahoma team. The ritual incorporated chanting and traditional dress. Degree team members originate from the Apache, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Mohawk, Ottawa, Pawnee, and Seminole Nations. Following the degree, the brothers were treated to Modern Apizza.

Sunday saw a farewell lunch at Frederick Franklin Lodge, where the grill was taken out one last time before winter. Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and brotherly love and friendship were plentiful.

Even if we may say the word “cement” slightly differently than the Oklahoma brothers, the brotherly love and affection were apparent from the onset and created many lasting memories for many brothers. When the Degree team returns to New England, it is not to be missed. Any Brother Master Mason who could not make it this time is highly encouraged to attend what is genuinely a Masonic bucket list event.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the brothers who attended the degree on November 2. The lodge room in New Haven is gorgeous, but having it filled with brothers made it even better.

More information about the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team is available on their Facebook page.



SK Chuck McCollum Recognized by Commanderies *by Michael Sabia*

At the joint conclave of Trinity Commandery No. 3 and Hamilton Commandery No. 5 in Stratford on October 24, SK Andrew Triandafilou, Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery, called up SK Chuck McCollum, REPGC, KTCH & Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

SK Triandafilou presented SK Chuck with a Plaque of Appreciation as a testimony of his mentorship and wisdom given to the Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery.

Congratulations, SK McCollum, and thank you for everything you do!



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WHAT HAVE WE MASTERED?

by John A. Amarillos, membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

December is a special month at the Consistory. The final degree, the 32nd, will be presented on Monday, December 2. I suggest making reservations early if you have not seen the degree recently. This is truly a spectacular pageant that brings the full capability of the theatre alive, and which should be seen at least once by any and all Freemasons! Reservations are required for the various dinner sittings that evening, so please call the office now if you intend to attend!

The rest of the month is devoted to family. On Saturday, December 14, there will be a bus trip to the Boston Pops Holiday Concert at Symphony Hall in Boston. Call (203) 375-0064 for ticket and availability information.

On Friday, December 20, is the Annual Holiday Party and Dyslexia Center Fundraiser at the Woodwinds in Branford. The party is an elegant, formal event with a sumptuous dinner in a holiday-adorned venue that is great for photographs and a fun silent auction where you can usually pick up an unexpected treasure at a great price. This is it if you want to impress your spouse or significant other! This is also an affordable opportunity for lodges or appendant bodies to sponsor a table for their holiday get-together at a central location in the state.

Lastly, we are always looking for donations, large or small, of new, unused merchandise, libations, quality cigars or pipes, gift cards, and certificates for the silent auction. Please call the office to discuss individual or group reservations, as well as donation and related tax details. All donations will be used to support the Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Centers, our main charitable endeavor, which is a non-profit. The office can be reached at (203) 375-0064

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We incessantly hear the term "Master" in our lodges and in our social interactions. Our candidates have all been raised to be Master Masons. However, what does the term "mastership" really mean? What have we become masters of?

Every brother who has been raised comes "equipped" with his own individual issues, inclinations, and weaknesses. Every one of us has unique issues that we must endeavor to overcome, as well as undesirable traits that we must work at eliminating. This work requires a visceral desire to eliminate and takes time. Simply taking a degree in lodge does not resolve these personal issues. If one takes self-improvement to heart, it must be understood that becoming a master is very hard to attain.

We should first learn to overcome the opposition to our (un)stated goal – which means we must shun the urgings of those around us that would lead us astray. Mastership involves the ability to deflect the opposition to our attainment by "well-meaning" friends, acquaintances, business associates, or even family members. The desire to subdue the passions and to reach for the light are goals that are not shared by most of humanity, and others can misunderstand

your desire to do so

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The most significant impediment to attaining a true mastership, after a weak personal will, is the well-meaning desires of others to restrain you from achieving it. Wrong thinking, gluttony, substance abuse, and other failings abound in our communities, and many of our "friends" and close associates would prefer to see us not as the masters that we hope to become but as cheap imitations of what they are. The sad reality is that if they succeed in their design, they will then despise you for being weak enough to permit them to influence you against your will and pull you off your search and attainment for light.

I leave you with these two references in the Great Light: 2 Timothy 2:26 and 1 Peter 5:8.

As we wrap up this calendar year, let's pledge to fortify ourselves with a stronger desire to attain the light, ignore all of those in our midst who would lead us astray, and get back on course with a single-minded intention of reaching the light. The greatest prize awaits us when we attain true mastership, something only we can possess through eternity and which can never be taken away or denied.

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



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.

All times are supplied by the lodges. If there is a dinner, the time in the heading reflects that. The "Connecticut Freemasons" newspaper is not responsible for errors. When traveling, please contact the lodge secretary to verify all times and events and to inquire about dinner reservations.

Actual Past Masters Degrees

Sun., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, 3rd District Past Masters Degree

Please note that Actual Past Masters Degrees can only be attended by incoming Masters or brothers who have served as Master of a blue lodge.

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Fellowcraft Degrees

Wed., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Dinner.

Master Mason Degrees



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,

WyllysSt. 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,

WyllysSt. 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

Sun., Dec. 1, Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, Ellis Tech Class of 2025 Benefit Breakfasts

Sun., Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Esoteric Club

Fri., Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Esoteric Board

Sun., Dec. 15, Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, Breakfast with Santa

Tue., Dec. 17, St. Pete's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, St. Peter's Christmas Party

Wed., Dec. 18, Union Lodge No. 5, Darien, Annual Table Lodge

Wed., Dec. 25, Christmas day

Wed. Dec. 25 - January 2, 2025, Hanukkah

Wed., Jan. 1, New Year's Day

Sun., Jan. 5, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Esoteric Club

Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association Camp Degree 2024 by Jonathan Glassman

There was excellent work and wonderful fellowship at the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association's CAMP DEGREE 2024, held on Sunday, October 6, at Camp Workcoeman!

Congratulations to Bro. Steven Jackson on being initiated as newest Entered Apprentice in Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125.

Earlier in the evening before the degree, Bro. Matthew Kuhr was presented with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in recognition of his work to build ties and lasting relationships between Freemasonry and Scouting America! Congratulations to him!



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