



# LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY

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Brothers (from l.to r.) Thomas Csengery, Guy Whelchel, and Erik P. Meyer as esteemed Judges and learned defense counsel, saw to it that justice prevailed, in the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree " Grand Inspector" which was performed in Stratford on November 26, 2018.



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### ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Bridgeport, State of Connecticut, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts.

- ILL. . DAVID A. GLATTLY, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Sovereign Grand Commander
- ILL. . BRUCE T. WORK, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy for Connecticut
- ILL. . KEVIN J. HECHT, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Active for Connecticut
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Active Emeritus for Connecticut
- ILL. . DAVID L. SHARKIS, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Active Emeritus for Connecticut
- ILL. . GAIL N. SMITH, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Active Emeritus for Connecticut

- Attest: ILL. . JACK J. S. FARKAS, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Secretary for the Valley of Bridgeport
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Asst. Secretary for the Valley of Bridgeport

### Lafayette Consistory

- III. . Joseph B. Cyr, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Commander-in-Chief
- III. . Paul L. Chello, 33<sup>o</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander
- Robert J. Furce, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander
- Harold A. Elwell, 32<sup>o</sup> - Orator
- Daniel Galloza, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Chancellor
- III. . Steven P. Schreck, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Master of Ceremonies
- Erik P. Meyer, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Engineer & Seneschal
- Willis E. Copeland Jr., MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Organist



Reception line for candidates who completed the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Dewitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection

- Michael C. Jachimczyk, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Thrice Potent Master
- David H. Cooper, 32<sup>o</sup> - Deputy Master
- Victor D. Ojeda, 32<sup>o</sup> - Senior Warden
- Raymond J. Savoy, 32<sup>o</sup> - Junior Warden
- Jeff E. Feinson, 32<sup>o</sup> - Orator
- Tyrene M. T. Bird, 32<sup>o</sup> - Master of Ceremonies
- Stephen S. Elliot, 32<sup>o</sup> - Captain of the Guard

### Washington Council Princes of Jerusalem

- Gary Ecsedi, 32<sup>o</sup> - Sovereign Prince
- Christopher Jennings, 32<sup>o</sup> - High Priest
- Jack J. Baril Jr., 32<sup>o</sup> - Senior Warden
- Barry S. Ronner, 32<sup>o</sup> - Junior Warden
- David Rupar, 32<sup>o</sup> - Orator
- Clinton Iannotti, 32<sup>o</sup> - Master of Ceremonies
- Rovshan Mammadov, 32<sup>o</sup> - Captain of the Guard

### Pequonnock Chapter Rose Croix

- Guy O. Whelchel, III, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Most Wise Master
- John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Senior Warden
- Michael J. Kaczynski, 32<sup>o</sup> - Junior Warden
- David H Cooper, 32<sup>o</sup> - Orator
- Silas Mante, 32<sup>o</sup> - Master of Ceremonies
- David J. Millington, 32<sup>o</sup> - Captain of the Guard

### Valley Officers for all Bodies

- III. . Edward R. Ham, 33<sup>o</sup> - Treasurer
- III. . Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Secretary
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- Harvey J. Hartin, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Tyler
- III. . Raymond J. Dolyak, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Manager, Stage & Properties
- John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Membership Chairman
- Gary D. Shepard, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Family Life Chairman
- John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32<sup>o</sup> - Newsletter Editor

### Valley of New Haven

- III. . Randy S. Stevens, 33<sup>o</sup> - Thrice Potent Master
- Scott B. Bumps, 32<sup>o</sup> - Sovereign Prince
- III. . Bradley K. Cooney, 33<sup>o</sup> - Most Wise Master
- III. . Richard C. Memmott, Sr., 33<sup>o</sup> - Treasurer
- III. . Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Secretary

### Valley of Waterbury

- Marty Macary, 32<sup>o</sup> - Thrice Potent Master
- Ramyond J. Savoy, 32<sup>o</sup> - Sovereign Prince
- Manuel Tirado, III - Most Wise Master
- III. . Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Treasurer
- III. . Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33<sup>o</sup> - Secretary



# A MYSTERY AT THE CONSISTORY

~ Claudia Farkas

An old cardboard box was discovered in the sound room of the Valley of Bridgeport Lafayette Consistory's Leo H. Lohrman, II, Scottish Rite Theatre in Stratford, Connecticut during recent renovation work. Inside the box were nine old folded aprons and two 33rd Degree sashes (or baldrics), along with an old folded document with a partial wax seal attached by a braided rope.

The only information with the aprons was a small card written by early Lafayette Consistory Commander-In-Chief Charles M. Gerdenier, describing how he came to be in possession of one of the aprons.

The aprons are made of fabric and animal skin. Some are plain with no decoration and some are heavily decorated with Masonic symbols, embroidery, fringe and ties. Some are quite fragile and damaged from having been folded for so long.

The collection includes early Royal Arch, Blue Lodge, visiting Past Master's and Master Mason presentation aprons, and a mysterious curly sheep's wool apron from the late 1800's.

The sashes are sturdier and are quite elaborate.

The collection was assessed by the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's Collections and Exhibitions director, Hilary Stelling, who graciously provided information on the aprons and sashes.

The aprons and sashes will be on display in the lobby showcase at the Leo H. Lohrman, II, Scottish Rite Theatre in the upcoming Spring Degree season. Come to a Degree and see the display!



Royal Arch apron, bullion fringe, red velvet drape, heavily embroidered, no ties



Royal Arch Royal and Select Masters apron, painted gold circle, printed winged females, loop tie, Jeremy Cross design.



33rd Degree Sash, white or cream base, red lining reverse, gold fringe, red rosette, red glass, open at hip. 20th century



Blue Lodge Apron, early 1900's, shredded blue ribbon edge trim, cord tassels



Lamb or sheep skin with fur, square and compasses on pocket, twill ties.



Presentation apron of Hugh K. Faulkner, Iliion Lodge No 591. Plain white, cord with tassels. Brother Faulkner was a member of Lafayette Consistory.

# FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2019

**Scotch and Cigar Night**

**January 11, 2019**  
Stamford, CT,  
\$20/Person.

**Three Valley Bowling Tournament**

**March 10, 2019, 10 Pin**  
Milford, CT and  
**March 24, 2019, Duck Pin**  
Hamden, CT  
\$20/Person.

**Two Roads Brewery Beer Garden**

**February 2, 2019, 1-4 p.m.**  
Stratford, CT  
\$10/Person

**Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra Concert**

**March 3, 2019**  
Klein Auditorium, Bridgeport, CT;  
*Sponsored by Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory. Free to members of Valley of Bridgeport & Lafayette Consistory.*

**Hosting Hospitality Suite at Grand Lodge Annual Communication**

**April 7 and April 8, 2019**  
Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT

**Dinner and Show at**

**Westchester Broadway Theatre; "Newsies"**  
**May 4, 2019**  
Elmsford, NY  
\$60/Person

**Consistory Fishing Trip**

**June 2, 2019**  
On Long Island Sound  
"Lucky Lady" leaving out of Clinton, CT;  
\$20/Person

## VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT WINTER & SPRING 2019 DEGREE SCHEDULE

\*4th Degree video as needed for new candidates  
available on 2/4, 2/25, 3/11, 4/1, or 7/20/2019.  
New candidates must register 1 hour before Degree

<u>Date &amp; Place</u>	<u>Degrees</u>
Mon., Jan. 21- Stratford	Secret Master Portrayal <i>Open to all Master Masons</i>
Mon., Feb. 4- Stratford	16th Degree (live) & 31st Degree (video)
Mon., Feb. 25- Stratford	28th Degree (live) & 12th Degree (video)
Mon., March 11- New Haven	11th Degree (live) <i>hosted by the Valley of Bridgeport</i>
Mon., April. 1 - Stratford	18th Degree (live) & 22nd Degree (video)
Mon., April 15 - Stratford	Feast of the Paschal Lamb
Mon., May 6 - Stratford	19th Degree & 32nd Degree (live)
Sat., June 20 - Stratford	24th Degree (live) & 15th Degree (video)

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**Dinners before Monday Bridgeport Degrees  
are at 6 p.m. Degrees start at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Degrees are at 11 a.m., followed by  
lunch in the Shrine building. \$10/Brother**

RSVP Required for dinner or lunch.  
Please email [Office@LafayetteConsistory.com](mailto:Office@LafayetteConsistory.com)  
or call 203-375-0064

# In Memorium

We mourn the passing of the following Scottish Rite Brethren whose deaths were reported in 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>32° Conferred</u>	<u>Lodge/Home Valley</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Paul L. Baker	5/1/1986	Federal Lodge No.17/Waterbury	6/23/2018
Edward A. Bieler	12/1/1963	Liberty Lodge No.23/Waterbury	5/25/2018
Christian Blechinger	12/3/2012	Temple Lodge No. 65/Bridgeport	11/24/2018
John Boboc	12/1/1952	St John's Lodge No. 3/Bridgeport	10/16/2018
James B. Bossidy	12/1/1982	Compass Lodge No. 9/New Haven	7/23/2018
Thomas M. Callender, III	5/1/1967	Fidelity-St John's Lodge No. 3/Bridgeport	5/29/2018
Stanley B. Carman	12/1/1974	Hiram Lodge No. 1/New Haven	7/28/2018
Ernest A. Elgin	12/4/2017	Temple Lodge No. 65/Bridgeport	9/6/2018
Ib S. Jorgensen	5/1/1983	Compass Lodge No. 9/New Haven	3/3/2018
Leo H. Lohrman, II	5/1/1971	Fidelity-St John's Lodge No. 3/Bridgeport	9/2/2018
Eric W. Manner	5/15/1999	Evening Star Lodge No. 101/Hartford	11/13/2018
Rev. Craig T. McClellan	10/30/1980	VT0035/Bridgeport	9/11/2018
Donald E. Robinson	5/1/1976	Widow's Son Lodge No. 66/New Haven	11/3/2018
Alexander M. Zadrick	12/5/1988	Meridian Lodge No. 77/New Haven	7/17/2018

*May they rest from their labors.*

Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory

## Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday, January 11, 2019

7 to 10 p.m.

Stamford Cigar Bar,

75 Research Drive,

Stamford, Ct.

Bring your fellow friends for an evening of good fellowship. Scottish Rite, Masons and men interested in our Fraternity are all welcome!  
Dress is business casual.

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or the Consistory at  
203-375-0064 or email  
[Office@LafayetteConsistory.com](mailto:Office@LafayetteConsistory.com)

**\$15.00 per person for:  
two cigars and one drink.  
Additional available.**

### DIRECTIONS FROM BRIDGEPORT

I-95 to Exit 9 – Glenbrook  
Turn right at E. Main Street  
Quick right on to Courtland Avenue  
Follow Courtland Avenue to the end  
Turn right on to Glenbrook Road  
Turn left on to Research Drive  
Stamford Cigar Bar is on left

### DIRECTIONS FROM GREENWICH

I-95 to Exit 9 – Glenbrook  
Turn left on to Seaside Avenue  
Turn left on to E. Main Street  
Turn right on to Courtland Avenue  
Follow Courtland Avenue to the end  
Turn right on to Glenbrook Road  
Turn left on to Research Drive  
Stamford Cigar Bar is on left

# THE HIRAMIC TRAGEDY AND ITS BIBLICAL PRECURSORS

~ John A. Amarillos, MSA, 32°

One of the fundamental elements of the mythos of the Hiramic Tragedy is the attempt to raise the dead in order for them to “live again”. We can cite three such instances in the Bible where such attempts were made as well – namely :

1. In 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17:17-23 where Elisha raises the widow’s son from death;
2. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:34-35 Elisha raises the son of a Shunammite woman thusly:  
34 “Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm.”  
35 “ Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.”
3. In Acts 20:9-12 St. Paul raises a young man named Eutychus.

The second instance is the only one in which the process is described in detail, however, it bears a striking resemblance to our Five Points of Fellowship which surface during our Tragedy. The process described in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings involves the placing of the mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes and hands to hands, as well as the stretching out of the body. Our tragedy, on the other hand, employs the five points, namely “foot to foot, knee to knee, breast to breast, hand to back, cheek to cheek or mouth to ear.”

We thus have four such instances, three of which emanate from the Great Light and one from our ritual, which centers on the subject of restoring the dead to life. If these passages are taken literally, as they were in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, it gave rise to an epoch of all sorts of necromantic mischief and experimentation by the misguided, who attempted all sorts of experimentations in the art of backyard and cellar resurrection.

Yet, the early framers of the fraternity saw great value in these concepts and procedures and made them a centerpiece in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of the fraternity.

Why?

I would suggest that the tragedy shares the same instructive motif as all Masonic ritual does – namely, it is allegorical. The death of Hiram is allegorical to his own personal Fall. The grips applied to him represent the lessons and self-development that each of the Degrees represents. Each degree, its grip, and password represent these working tools, and impart upon the candidate, as he proceeds in his personal climb up Jacob's Ladder towards spiritual and mundane perfection, the lessons of each degree. The raising of the candidate - the allegorical Hiram - thus illustrates the process of attaining Light and reaching out of the grave of deep and somnambulant materialism.

We thus can see how each one of us can attain a personal reawakening by making the working tools the focus of our lives and by focusing in and working diligently on a daily basis at climbing up our own personal Jacob's Ladder.

Enjoying *Phantom* at  
the Westchester  
Broadway Theatre  
Saturday, November 17, 2018





# WESTCHESTER BROADWAY THEATRE





# TURKEY TROT

## NOVEMBER 22, 2018

Despite frigid temperatures that have not been seen in a century on Thanksgiving, the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot managed to draw over 2,000 people, including participants, spectators along the race route, volunteers, first responders, and organizers! The event has become a staple of Stratford's town culture, and the Town Fathers are now promoting the event as a highlighted annual town event!





# COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



David B. Urban, MSA, the Valley of Bridgeport's Hospitaler, hands Cheryl Sharkis, Director of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut, a check for the proceeds from the 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Trot at the 2018 Council of Deliberation.



Valley of Bridgeport Brothers Erik P. Meyer and William F. Henning, II are awarded the MSA at the Council of Deliberation.



**COUNCIL OF  
DELIBERATION**  
HELD  
*SEPTEMBER 15,*  
*2018*  
AT THE  
**COURTYARD BY  
MARRIOTT,  
SHELTON**  
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# COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

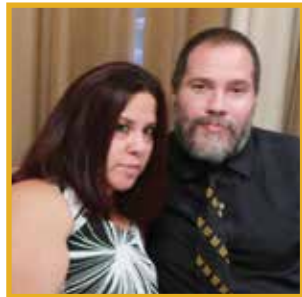
## SEPTEMBER 15, 2018



A Council of Deliberation is much like a State Grand Lodge Session. Voting members of the Rite include: Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Most Wise Masters, Past Sovereign Princes, Past Thrice Potent Masters, Meritorious Service Award recipients, Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, The first three elected officers of Subordinate Bodies and the Secretary and the Treasurer of each Valley. All is not business, however. While business is indeed transacted during the days, there is always a scintillating Ladie's program while the Brothers are at work, and, of course dining, dancing, and other pastimes during the afternoon and evening.



# COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION DINNER AND DANCE



## HOSPITALER'S CORNER

Your gifts to the Hospitaler Fund assist David in helping out local Brothers who are members of the Consistory. Unfortunately, there never has been a greater need. If you have experienced good fortune in the past year, why not pass a portion of it forward to help a Brother in need. Many are struggling with age-related debilities, as well as misfortunes of every kind.

Please make your contribution payable to **Lafayette Consistory** and mail to  
**David B. Urban, Hospitaler**  
**P.O. Box 309, Stratford CT 06615**

### Charity

by Edgar Allen Guest

Let me be a little kinder  
Let me be a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me  
Let me praise a little more.

Let me be, when I am weary,  
Just a little bit more cheery  
Let me serve a little better  
Those I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver  
When temptation bids me waver  
Let me strive a little harder  
To all I should be.

Let me be a little meeker  
With a brother who is weaker  
Let me think more of my neighbor,  
And a little less of me.



## BROTHERS REMEMBER

Whether traveling from in or out of the state it is easy to get to the Stratford Leo H. Lohrman, II, Scottish Rite Theatre via Metro North. Our Theatre is located right next door to the Stratford Train Station. Avoid I-95 traffic and parking concerns. Consult the Metro North Train Schedule at: <http://www.mta.info/schedules>.

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You are cordially invited to join us on

**Friday, January 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

for the **Grand Opening and  
Official Ribbon Cutting**  
of the

**Bridgeport Satellite of the  
Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut**

61 Huntington Turnpike Bridgeport, CT

Reception to follow at  
*Vazzy's Brick Oven Restaurant,*  
513 Broadbridge Road,  
Bridgeport, CT

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