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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°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts.

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- III. . Paul L. Chello, 33° - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander
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Ladies Boat Trip  
Council of Deliberation  
September 15, 2018



### Dewitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection

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

### Washington Council Princes of Jerusalem

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

### Pequonnock Chapter Rose Croix

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

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- III. . Edward R. Ham, 33° - Treasurer
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- Harvey J. Hartin, MSA, 32° - Tyler
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- III. . Bradley K. Cooney, 33° - Most Wise Master
- III. . Richard C. Memmott, Sr., 33° - Treasurer
- III. . Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33° - Secretary

### Valley of Waterbury

- Marty Macary, 32° - Thrice Potent Master
- Raymond J. Savoy, 32° - Sovereign Prince
- Manuel Tirado, III - Most Wise Master
- III. . Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33° - Treasurer
- III. . Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33° - Secretary



# NOTABLES OF LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY

*A series of articles reviewing the accomplishments of the  
Consistory's members in various facets of life in bygone eras ~ Claudia Farkas*

## The Politicians

In the archives of Lafayette Consistory, Valley of Bridgeport, we find old petitions with looping, elegant and nearly undecipherable handwriting that harkens back to a time when penmanship was as stressed in schools as computer skills are today. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Lafayette Consistory had among its membership a diverse group of occupations and social standings. At a Degree you might find bank presidents, manufacturers, politicians, doctors, lawyers and even capitalists sharing fellowship with salesmen, clerks, factory workers and farmers. Also present might be men whose long-forgotten occupations were ferriers, coal merchants, telegraph operators, oyster farmers, and street car conductors.

In this, the first in a series of articles based on information found in their archived petitions and membership cards, we will look at members who were men of influence and renown, locally and sometimes nationally. They were notable Masons who were part of Lafayette Consistory.

**Raymond Earl Baldwin** from Stratford was the only Nutmegger to serve as Connecticut Governor (twice-1939-1941, 1943-1946), US Senator from CT (1946-1949), and Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court (1949-1950). Additionally, he was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives from Stratford and a delegate to the Republican National Convention from Connecticut. On his 1940 Scottish Rite application he lists 'lawyer-governor' as his occupation.

**Carl Foster** was the Commander-In-Chief of Lafayette Consistory in 1927 when he was appointed a Justice of the state's Superior Court. His application papers include a handwritten letter resigning his position as Commander-In-Chief, citing an unwritten law of the state that "judges of its higher courts shall not occupy official position in fraternal organizations". He served as Superior Court Judge from 1927 to 1942.

**Albert Edward Eccles** was the Socialist party's State Senator from Bridgeport (1935). He was an engraver by profession, also played clarinet in a Shriners band.

Lafayette Consistory had among its members several Mayors in the Fairfield County area.

**Clifford Britton Wilson** of Bridgeport was a lawyer who served as its Mayor from 1911-1921. He simultaneously served 3 consecutive 2-year terms as 56th Lt. Governor under Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb.

In 1921 Mayor **Clifford Wilson** was defeated by fellow Lafayette Consistory member **Fred Atwater**, who was Mayor from 1921-1923.

**Edward Taylor Buckingham** was Bridgeport's 48th and 52nd Mayor from 1929-1933.

**Frances Irving Nettleton** was a physician who was Shelton's Mayor from 1919-1930.

**Christian Swartz**, a German immigrant, was a 2-term Mayor of South Norwalk in 1880 and 1882. He was also sheriff of Fairfield County, an organizer of City National Bank and President of Norwalk Hospital. In 1880 he opened the Old Well Cigar Factory.

**Arthur Canfield Wheeler** was the 3rd Mayor of Norwalk Borough, 1895-1896.

**Charles G. Bohannon, MD**, was a two-term Mayor in South Norwalk (1897-1898; 1899-1901)

*The next article in the series will feature Lafayette Consistory members who were Titans of Industry.*

# FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

**Hosting Hospitality Suite at**

**Grand Lodge Annual**

**Communication**

**April 7 and April 8, 2019**

Red Lion Inn, Cromwell, CT

**Dinner and Show “Newsies” at**

**Westchester Broadway Theatre;**

**May 4, 2019 ~ Elmsford, NY**

\$60/Person

**Consistory Fishing Trip**

On Long Island Sound

**June 2, 2019**

“Lucky Lady” leaving out of

Clinton, CT \$20/Person



**A Peek at the  
Secret Master  
Portrayal  
January 21, 2019**



**Consistory, family, and  
friends  
enjoyed the Boston POPS  
Holiday Concert  
December 8, 2018**



Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory

# Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday, August 16, 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.

## CONTACT

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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.

**58th** Long Island Scottish Festival and Highland Games



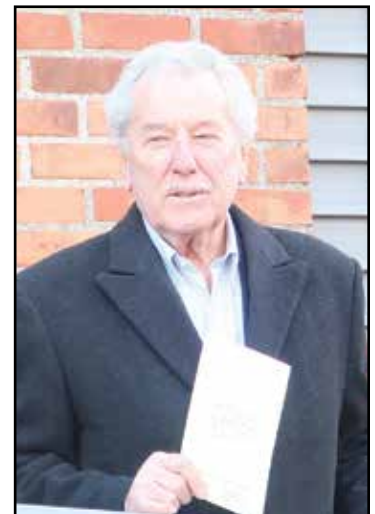
Consistory Members Attended Scottish Festival - August 25, 2018

# THE SUN SHINES ON THE GRAND CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA

A little over sixteen years ago, the Children's Dyslexia Center opened its first location in Waterbury thanks to the assistance and the generosity of the Scottish Rite Brothers of Connecticut and the Supreme Council. Last year a couple of initiatives were undertaken to expand the centers to three geographical locations. Both the Valley of Bridgeport and Hartford decided to sponsor financially, two additional satellite schools in their respective geographical areas. Great enthusiasm met the official opening of the Bridgeport Satellite on Friday, January 18th, 2019 when the official ribbon cutting took place. Members of the Fraternity, as well as the local community and its leaders, were on hand to celebrate the opening of this invaluable resource.



# OPENING FESTIVITIES OF THE A CENTER, BRIDGEPORT SATELLITE



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*Above, left to right: City of Bridgeport Committee Member Jorge Cruz, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Gary Vogt, Director CDC of CT Cheryl Sharkis, Chairman of the Board of Governors John Amarilios, CDC Co-Director Connie Vogt, Town Committee Member Tony Barr, Mayor of the City of Bridgeport Joseph Ganim, Town Committee Member Ty Bird, Councilwoman District 138 Nessah Smith, Operations Manager CT CDC David Sharkis.*

# THE ALCHEMY OF THE 28TH DEGREE ~ KNIGHT OF THE SUN

~ John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32°

In the Knight of The Sun, we are introduced to a number of historical personages who have various takes (both right and wrong) on the Art of Alchemy. The practice and path of Alchemy, at least in the West, was anciently shrouded in an intentionally convoluted lexicon which led many to misread and misjudge what the intention of the art was actually for. To this day, the employment of the term “Alchemy” conjures images of ne’er do wells and charlatans, attempting to effect molecular changes on inert matter for profit. Due to this lack of understanding brought on by the Byzantine-like vocabulary employed by most of the western texts, the art languished in Europe, whereas it was better understood in China and India where the institutional oppression and prejudice prevalent in the West did not exist.

The art is a systematic regimen designed to elevate the consciousness and to effectuate certain subtle changes in the adherent so as to literally awaken and increase the light resident within. The process alluded to a series of chemical operations which described the stages of evolution that the practitioner would have to go through until he reached his goal of attaining spiritual “gold”. There are planetary correspondences to each of the steps as well, which related to certain parts of the body and the activation of biological and subtle energy changes therein. The Art is a formidable undertaking and requires a strong will and resolution.

The Art entails a strict lifestyle regimen with strict adherence to certain breathing, dietary, meditative practices, in addition to, most importantly an incessant and never-ending internal struggle to reign in the desires and tendencies of the somehow flawed mortal personality that each soul is fitted with at the beginning of its earthly sojourn. The incessant struggle to overcome these mortal failings and a paramount desire to follow the LAW, as set forth in the Great Light, is in great part the crux of the art. It is thus termed the GREAT WORK and involves years if not a lifetime of effort and struggle with the personality, with which we are born.

In Western Alchemy, there are seven steps in accomplishing this work. The barest of brush stroke explanations follows:

Calcination – the attaining of the discipline and control required to undertake the Work

Dissolution – the breakdown of that which is corrupt and wrong within

Separation – The discovery and realization of the true (soul) self as opposed to the mortal transient personality

Conjunction – The merger of soul and spirit – which relates to a process of consciousness development which eliminates gender bias in the way one thinks and KNOWS

Fermentation – The introduction of spiritual power into the transient Mortal personality

Distillation – An ongoing process whereby the Transient Mortal personality is continuously subjected to spiritual streams of thought while it still clings to its debauched or gross tendencies and desires

Coagulation – The personality is completely resurrected. It has attained spiritual perfection and is a worthy temple for the spotless soul residing therein

Freemasonry in all of its Blue Lodge ritual alludes, albeit in a very veiled fashion, to this process of self-development. It lays out the working tools and their uses, which if properly and incessantly employed, will enable the seeking soul to undertake and gradually succeed in the self-development process alluded to above.

At the Degree, the Knight of the Sun is made aware of the potential of the Art. However, it is up to each Knight, when ready and desirous, to make the effort and to undertake the study so that he can find his way to attaining the perfection which is his eternal birthright, should he decide to claim it.



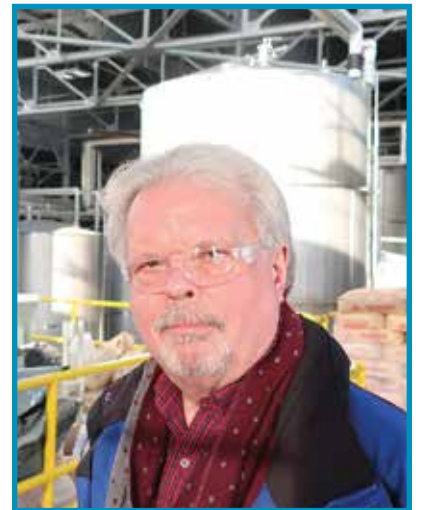


# SCOTCH AND CIGAR NIGHT - JANUARY 11, 2019





# AN INFORMATIVE TRIP TO TWO ROADS BREWERY IN STRATFORD FEBRUARY 2, 2019



# FUN AND FAMILY AT THE NEW HAVEN WINTER PICNIC

FEBRUARY 16, 2019



# 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**

## *The Builder ~ Author Unknown*

A Builder builded a temple,  
He wrought it with grace and skill;  
Pillars and groins and arches  
All fashioned to work his will.  
Men said, as they saw its beauty,  
"It shall never know decay;  
Great is thy skill O Builder!  
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A Teacher builded a temple  
With loving and infinite care,  
Planning each arch with patience,  
Laying each stone with a prayer.

None praised her unceasing efforts,  
None knew of her wonderous plan,  
For the temple the teacher builded  
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the Builder's temple,  
Crumpled into the dust;  
Low lies each stately pillar,  
Food for consuming rust.  
But the temple the Teacher builded  
Will last while the ages roll,  
For that beautiful unseen temple  
Was a child's immortal soul.



## 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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## VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT SPRING 2019 DEGREE SCHEDULE

\*4th Degree video as needed for new candidates available on 4/1 and 7/20/2019. New candidates must register 1 hour before Degree.

<u>Date &amp; Place</u>	<u>Degrees</u>
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)

**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.