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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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Bob Furce and Donald Casey yuk it up at this year's Turkey Trot.

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NOTABLES OF VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY

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

The Educators: Part 4

In this fourth article in the series of notable Masons who were part of Valley of Bridgeport Lafayette Consistory, we meet educators who became famous far beyond their respective Valleys.

Their stories are based on information found in their archived petitions, membership cards and obituaries.

Hiram Bingham III (1875-1956)

was the son of a missionary, born in Hawaii. He was an explorer, Yale professor and a politician. He is recognized as discovering the forgotten city of Machu Picchu during a 1911 expedition in Peru. It has been suggested that he was the inspiration for the character Indiana Jones. He was elected Governor of Connecticut in 1924, was sworn into office and resigned the next day to take his seat in the U.S. Senate, where he served from



1925-1933. Hiram Bingham was raised in Hiram Lodge New Haven in 1914, was a member of the Valley of New Haven and York Rite Bodies, was knighted at New Haven Commandery No. 2 in 1915, and became a 32nd Degree Mason in Lafayette Consistory, Bridgeport in 1916.

George Victor Larson (1895-1952) was the founder and president of the Larson College for Women in Hamden. Founded as a business school, it became a Junior College, then a Liberal Arts and Science Senior College. In 1952 Quinnipiac College assumed control of the school and today the original Larson College building in Hamden is an assisted living facility. The Larson name lives on at Quinnipiac University's Mt. Carmel campus as a residence hall. George Larson was raised in Wooster Lodge No. 79 New Haven in 1929 and was a member of the Valley of New Haven as well as New Haven York Rite, New Haven Commandery No. 2, and Lafayette Consistory in Bridgeport. He became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1930.

Harry Clinton Post (1868-1961) began his teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in upstate New York. He moved to Waterbury in 1896 to become the principal of a business school which he purchased within a year, becoming its president. He renamed it Waterbury Business College although it was commonly called Post's Waterbury Business College. In 1931 it was officially named Post College, then Post Junior College of Commerce, then Teikyo Post University and finally, today's Post University. A member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Waterbury, he was raised in Continental Lodge No. 76 in 1907, was a Charter member of Liberty Lodge No. 123 Waterbury (1918), Clark Commandery No. 7, and received his 32nd Degree at Lafayette Consistory in 1920.

Charles Phineas Sherman (1874-1962) was a professor of Roman Law and Canon Law at Yale and other well-known colleges. He is best known for writing "Roman Law in the Modern World". A member of the Valley of New Haven and York Rite Bodies in New Haven, he was raised a Master Mason in 1904 at Trumbull Lodge No. 22 New Haven, was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2 in 1905, and in 1907 became a 32nd Degree Mason and member of Lafayette Consistory, Bridgeport.

Charles (Chuck) Toros Avedisian (1917-1983) played pro football as a right guard with the New York Giants from 1942-1944 while also serving in the military as a Marine in WWII. Following his playing days, he became a biology teacher and then had a long career as athletic director for the New Britain and Darien public school systems. He is in the Providence College Athletic Hall of Fame and the New Britain Connecticut Sports Hall of Fame. Avedisian contributed to football strategy in his development of the unbalanced T formation. He was raised in Centennial Lodge No. 118 in New Britain in 1960, was a Scottish Rite member of the Valley of New Haven and became a 32nd Degree Mason and Lafayette Consistory member in 1961.

The next article in the Notables series will feature members who were noted architects and artists.

**LAFAYETTE
CONSISTORY
RECOGNIZES
VETERANS
AS DEFENDERS
OF PEACE
AND FREEDOM**



Earlier this year Sovereign Grand Commander David A. Glattly announced the creation of the **Sammy Lee Davis Peace and Freedom Service Recognition** award. It is a citation each Valley in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction can give to any Scottish Rite veteran honorably discharged from a uniformed service. On November 18, Lafayette Consistory, for the first time ever, awarded all Veterans who were present the Peace and Freedom Service Recognition award.



**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

In Memoria

We mourn the passing of the following Scottish Rite Brethren whose deaths were reported in 2018-2019.

<u>Name</u>	<u>32° Conferred</u>	<u>Lodge/Home Valley</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Brown, Donald R	12/6/1993	Ansantawae Lodge No.89/New Haven	8/16/2019
Dewey, Earl F	12/6/1997	Compass Lodge No.9/New Haven	7/2/2019
Duncan, Kenneth Eugene	12/1/1946	Valley Lodge No. 36/New Haven	8/19/2019
Emard, Richard A	12/1/1961	Annawon Lodge No. 115/New Haven	4/12/2019
Gray, Peter M	12/5/1988	Anchor Lodge No. 158/Waterbury	1/29/2019
Grohs Jr, Frederick W.	12/1/1947	Seneca Lodge No. 55/Waterbury	3/4/2019
Hanson, Earle O.	12/1/1984	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89/New Haven	10/13/2019
Judd, Peter F.	12/1/1968	Federal Lodge No. 17/Waterbury	10/27/2019
Katz, Herman	12/1/1969	Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125/New Haven	8/18/2019
Kuhr, Frederick E.	5/1/1972	Friendship Lodge No. 33/ Waterbury	8/26/2019
Mauriello, Phillip W.	5/1/1989	King Solomon's Lodge No. 7/Bridgeport	10/14/2019
Mizzone, Michael P.	5/6/2019	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89/Bridgeport	7/15/2019
Padula, Michael J.	12/5/1994	Fidelity-St John's Lodge No. 3/Bridgeport	5/13/2019
Paradis, Joseph E. D.	12/7/1987	Temple Lodge No. 16/New Haven	10/7/2019
Sherman III, Walter H.	5/1/1979	Harmony Lodge No. 42/Waterbury	7/1/2019
Smith, George Wesley	12/1/1981	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89/New Haven	5/27/2019
Stango, Stephen P.	5/1/1975	Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76/Waterbury	3/16/2019
Stocker, Clarke R.	4/1/1962	Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76/Waterbury	6/1/2019
Treadwell, Donald B.	2/6/1997	Temple Lodge No. 65/Bridgeport	10/13/2019
VanDenAmeele, Andrew	5/6/2013	Harmony Lodge No. 67/Bridgeport	7/29/2019
Warfield, Charles F.	5/6/1985	Day Spring Lodge No. 30/New Haven	6/1/2019

May they rest from their labors.

LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY



RIVERVIEW
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INSTALLATION DINNER SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

LAFAYETTE
CONSISTORY
ENJOYS THE
EVENING



WESTCHESTER BROADWAY THEATRE
An American in Paris
Sat, Nov 16, 2019
1123165 AFSAD7 18 GROUP Table: 251
LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY
Open: 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:15 PM Show: 8:00 PM



A GREAT DAY
FOR THE
TURKEY TROT



The 2019 Turkey Trot had close to 950 runners who came out on an almost balmy Thanksgiving morning. The event, which has become a staple in Stratford's civic life, was initiated 18 years ago and has become a key fundraising event for the Connecticut Dyslexia Centers.



PYTHAGORAS AND THE 47TH PROBLEM OF EUCLID

John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32°

The 47th Problem of Euclid, which was solved by the ancient sage Pythagoras, as illustrated below, features prominently in much Past Master's Regalia. The answer to the problem which is foundational to modern geometry is that in every right angle triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the two other sides. So if the square described on one side of a triangle is equal to the sum of the square of the other two sides, one can be assured that a right angle exists between the other two sides.

This is fundamental in all civil engineering work today, as it has enabled engineers to reliably and accurately construct structures such as (but not limited to) tunnels, roads, and bridges. It is also a basic underpinning in a myriad of disciplines such as Astronomy, Navigation and Mathematics.

Myth has it that when Pythagoras found the resolution to this reality he yelled out "Eureka" ("I found it" in Greek). So who was Pythagoras and why is he so respected by Speculative Masonry? He was an astronomer, philosopher and mathematician, who around 518 B.C. founded a Mystery school in Crotona, Italy. He was an accomplished athlete who was also accredited with performing miracles. His teachings were followed avidly by other giants of the ancient era such

as Aristotle, Plato and Socrates. Most importantly, he was a firm proponent of the immortality of the soul.

Although his teachings were not recorded in written documents, many of his followers did transcribe his teachings into writing. Modern day Masonic lodges and their veiled and allegorical teachings are structured and laid out in sympathy with those of his society. The philosophy he taught in the Fifth Century B.C. is almost identical to that which is expounded in modern day Freemasonry.

The 47th Problem of Euclid in many ways symbolizes the personal quality of Perseverance. This quality is what Freemasons, who yearn and search for the Truth in Masonic Light, employ in their search. The great Truths that lay quietly and unseen in our symbolism and our Blue Lodge ritual entail great effort and diligence to uncover. It requires study, effort and time. It requires a nascent desire, blossoming into motivation and then legwork and research to understand what is being imparted in our Ritual. The path leads to a liberation from the dross of the Material world to the one of effulgent Hope and Liberation, regardless of the circumstances in which the world finds itself.



WATERBURY'S
DYSLEXIA WALK
OCTOBER 6, 2019



Congratulations to the New 33rds!

From L-R: Ill. Dennis O. Cyr, MSA, 33° and Joyce Cyr; Ill. David B. Urban, MSA, 33° and Doreen Urban; and Ill. Sterling Norman Viets, 33° and Pamela Viets.

Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday, January 10, 2020
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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**\$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.

VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT
WINTER AND SPRING 2020
DEGREE SCHEDULE

New candidates must register one hour before Degree.
4th Degree video is available as needed.

- Date** **Degrees** (held at 2422 Main St., Stratford, unless otherwise noted)
- 2/3** **7:30 p.m.**
4° Live. 12° and 17° ~ Video.
Dinner is at 6 p.m. Must RSVP
- 2/24** **7:30 p.m.**
29° Video. 31° Live.
Dinner is at 6 p.m.
Must RSVP.
And 4° if needed at 6:30 p.m.
- 3/30** **7:30 p.m.**
20° Live.
Dinner is at 6 p.m. Must RSVP.
And 4° if needed at 6:30 p.m.
285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT Lafayette Consistory
portraying the 20th Degree in New Haven Lodge Room.
- 4/27** **7:30 p.m.**
6° Video. 22° Live
Dinner is at 6 p.m. Must RSVP.
And 4° if needed at 6:30 p.m. **Note: 22nd Degree is the**
portrayal of the Live Singing Degree!
- 5/4** **7:30 p.m.**
32° Live at 7:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m. Must RSVP.
- 7/18** **11 a.m.**
17° Video. 29° Live
Lunch will follow the Degrees. Must RSVP.
And 4° will be shown at 10 a.m.

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 or call 203-375-0064.



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://Wwww.mta.info/schedules>.

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