

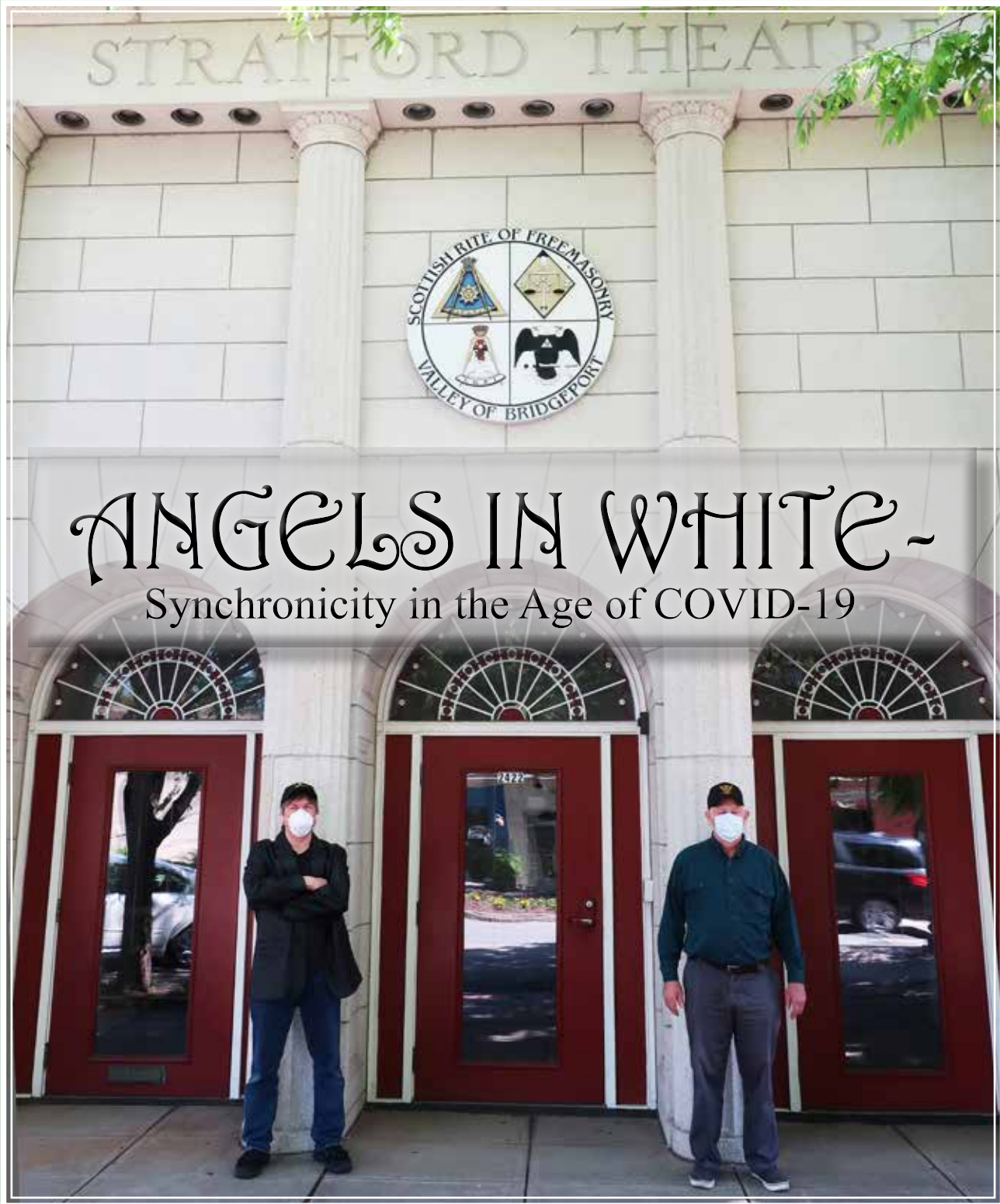


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The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Bridgeport, State of Connecticut, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United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

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(L-R) Valley of Bridgeport Brothers Matthew J. Fitzgibbons, 32°, and Thomas R. Sulier, MSA, 32°. See page 7 for the story.

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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*

## Libations and Collations: Part 6

*In this sixth article in the series of notable Masons who were part of Valley of Bridgeport Lafayette Consistory, we meet the makers of food and drink, men who labored in family businesses that became well-known locally and sometimes, nationally. Their stories are based on information found in their archived petitions, membership cards and obituaries.*

**William Russell Frisbie** (1848-1903), a Civil War veteran, bought a bakery on Bridgeport's East Side in 1871, renamed it the Frisbie Pie Company, and began selling three hundred pies a day. Even the Great Blizzard of 1888's fourteen-foot drifts didn't stop his pie deliveries. The plastic toy 'Frisbee' was developed from the bakery's empty pie tins. William R. Frisbie was Worshipful Master of St. John's No. 3 in Bridgeport, Eminent Commander of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, and was a member of the Valley of Bridgeport. He became a 32nd Degree Mason in 1884 and was a first-line signer on numerous Lafayette Consistory archived petitions.

**Joseph P. Frisbie** (1878-1940) took over after his father William's death in 1903 and expanded the company. In 1915 he moved the bakery to a three-story factory in Bridgeport, installed a power plant in its basement and invented the world's first pie assembly line. The bakery business closed in the 1950s; at its peak it was baking 80,000 pies a day. Both father and son were involved in Masonry. Like his father, Joseph was raised in St. John's Lodge No. 3 in Bridgeport (William in 1883 and Joseph in 1901). He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. As a member of the Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory, he became a 32nd Degree Mason in 1902.

**Samuel Alter Lender** (1920-2004) worked in his father Harry's bagel bakery along with his brothers. Harry Lender had emigrated from Poland with his young family and opened a tiny New Haven bakery in 1927. Called the "New York Bakery", it was one of the country's first bagel bakeries to be established outside of New York City. Sam Lender and his brothers eventually took over the family business and turned it into a nationally known baked goods empire. In his later years, Sam became a philanthropist. Sam Lender was raised in Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 in New Haven, and was a member of the Valley of New Haven and Lafayette

Consistory, where he became a 32nd Degree Mason in 1980.

**William Hummel** (1902-1989) and his brother **Robert Hummel** (1903-1989) were German immigrants who began manufacturing hot dogs and sausages in New Haven amid the Great Depression. Hummel Bros meat products are still sold in Connecticut stores (and one outlet in Massachusetts). Born almost one year apart, they died almost two months to the day of each other. Both brothers were raised in New Haven's Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92 and were members of the Valley of New Haven. Both were members of Lafayette Consistory (William became a 32nd Degree Mason in 1951, Robert followed three years later).

**Charles Martin Hellmann** (1878- 1955). Charles M. Hellmann's father established Waterbury's Hellmann Brewing Company in 1881. When the senior Hellmann died, his widow managed the company until 1902 when Charles Hellmann took it over, operating it until 1920 when it fell victim to Prohibition. Hellmann was raised in Waterbury's Continental Lodge No. 76 and his Masonic involvement included Clark Commandery No. 7 in Waterbury, membership in the Waterbury Scottish Rite bodies and Lafayette Consistory where he received the 32nd Degree in 1912.

**Joseph Alexander Weibel** (1876-1963). The Weibel Brewing company of New Haven was founded by Joseph's father. When he died, his widow took over as proprietor and ran it until Joseph A. Weibel took the helm. The brewery survived Prohibition by switching from beer to the production of soda and near beer but closed in 1936. Raised in 1903 at Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92 of New Haven, he was exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters, and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. He was a member of the New Haven Scottish Rite bodies and Lafayette Consistory, where he became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1906.

**Jacob Hagopian** (1885-1948) was an Armenian immigrant who escaped the hostilities of the Ottoman Empire in the late 19th Century. In New Haven, he joined with five fellow Armenians (including candy maker Peter Halajian who had legally changed his surname to Paul) and formed the Peter

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## HOSPITALER'S CORNER

Your gifts to the Hospitaller 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, Hospitaller** P.O. Box 309, Stratford CT 06615

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Paul Candy Manufacturing Company in 1919. The company relocated to Naugatuck in 1922. Jacob was raised in Watertown's Harmony Lodge No. 42 in 1915, was exalted in Allerton Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons, was greeted in Waterbury Council No. 21, Royal and Select Masters, knighted in Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, and was a member of the Valley of Waterbury and Lafayette Consistory. He received the 32nd Degree in 1929.

**Harold Garabed Kazanjian** (1910-1978) was the son of one of Peter Paul's founders, and became the candy company's Vice President and Treasurer. Raised in Naugatuck's Salem No. 136

(now Salem-Shepard), he was a member of the Valley of Waterbury, Sphinx Shrine of Hartford (where he was a past President, Treasurer and Secretary) and Lafayette Consistory where he became a 32nd Degree Mason in 1941.

**George Luther Kazanjian** (1911-1977) was a nephew of one of Peter Paul's founders who worked in the family company as a chemist-researcher. George and his cousin Harold were raised in Salem No. 136 on the same day. George was also a member of the Valley of Waterbury, and he became a 32nd Degree Mason in Lafayette Consistory on the same day in 1941 as his cousin Harold.

### VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT SUMMER & FALL 2020 DEGREE SCHEDULE

New candidates must submit applications to [scottishritenmj.org](http://scottishritenmj.org), Valley of Bridgeport. 4th Degree video is available as needed. Degrees held at 2422 Main St., Stratford, unless otherwise noted.

### JULY DEGREES

17th Degree-Video.  
29th Degree-Live.  
4th Degree-Video.  
20th Degree-Live.  
22nd Degree-Live  
(the Singing Degree).  
6th Degree-Video

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CONSISTORY OFFICE BEFORE COMING TO THE THEATRE SHOULD CIVIL RESTRICTIONS ARISING FROM COVID-19 EXIST IN THE FALL.**

### FALL DEGREES

**10/5/2020**  
4th Degree-Live.  
26th Degree-Video.

**10/19/2020**  
21st Degree-Live.  
17th Degree-Video.

**11/2/2020**  
10th Degree-Live.  
15th Degree-Video.

**11/16/2020**  
30th Degree-Live.  
31st Degree-Video.

**12/7/2020**  
32nd Degree-Live.

**Valley of Bridgeport Dinners** 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.

# MEET THE LATEST CONNECTICUT 33RDS!

**Connecticut is proud to acknowledge the three latest brothers to have been awarded the title of Sovereign Grand Inspector General on August 27, 2019, in Milwaukee!**

Most men who are elected to receive the honorary 33rd Degree have rendered many years of service to the fraternity. Others may be elected to receive the 33rd Degree because they have rendered exceptional service to their country or some other outstanding accomplishment.

The three Brothers from Connecticut who received their 33rd Degrees in Milwaukee, August 27, 2019, were Dennis Oneal Cyr, David Brian Urban and Sterling Norman Viets. This 207th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council had a class of 212 Brothers receiving their 33rd Degree.



*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.*

**Dennis** is a member of the Valley of Waterbury and Lafayette Consistory and has served Masonry as Worshipful Master, and Scottish Rite as Thrice Potent Master, Sovereign Prince, and Most Wise Master. Dennis is retired. He received the M.S.A. in June 2012.

**David** is a member of the Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory, and has served Masonry as Worshipful Master, and Scottish Rite as Thrice Potent Master and Sovereign Prince. He received the M.S.A. in June 2005. David is in the financial planning and stock broker business.

**Sterling** is a member of the Valley of Hartford and Nathan Hale Consistory, and has served Masonry as Worshipful Master, and Scottish Rite as Thrice Potent Master. He is presently serving as Color Bearer in Nathan Hale Consistory. Sterling is Retired President of Rainbow Transportation Company.



## Sponsored by Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.

Now with Three Connecticut Locations: The Waterbury Learning Center,  
The Bridgeport Tutoring Satellite, The Hartford Area Tutoring Satellite, Farmington.

- When:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 (Rain or Shine)  
**Where:** Waterbury Masonic Temple (Town Plot Area)  
 531 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708  
**Time:** 12 Noon Registration, 1 PM Step Off (start of event)  
**Course:** 2 miles. Picnic lunch to follow WALK.  
**Info:** Russ Griswold: 203-755-9179 or Children's Dyslexia  
 Center of Connecticut: 203-465-0830.

### Registration

- I plan to participate in the WALK. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$15 (ages 12 and older), \$5 (children under 12), \$25 (family of 2 or more).
  - I cannot attend, but enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - I would like to volunteer the day of the Walk. Please contact me at the phone/email below.
- Please make check payable to **CDC of CTWALK**
  - Mail your registration form to: Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut, ATTN: 2020 Dyslexia Walk, 529 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708.

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 Name (please print)

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 City/State/Zip

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 Home Phone

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 Email

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 Work/Cell Phone

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 Emergency Contact and Phone Number

### Participant Liability Agreement:

Please enter me in the "Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia". I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators hereby release Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. from any and all claims, damages and rights of action I may have, present or future that may arise out of, or be incident to my participation in the Walk event. In addition, I grant permission for the use of my name and/or picture in any photograph, film or videotape of the event for any purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (parent or guardian if under 18 years of age)

**This agreement must be signed for the registration to be valid.**

### Pledge Form

Walker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Fundraising goal is: \$\_\_\_\_\_

- Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and pledges are tax deductible.
- Please make checks payable to **Children's Dyslexia Center of CT**
- Pledges will be collected when you check in.

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Total Collected: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# “ANGELS IN WHITE” LYRICS

“Angels in White” ©2019, Matthew Fitzgibbons, 32° (ASCAP)  
(for Susan Carol Bolack Sulier, L.P.N.)

*It's been two whole days since she's gotten a wink.  
She heads to a cot for an hour.  
A quick bite to eat and then back on her feet  
and if time allows maybe a shower.*

*A child is crying, his mother is gone,  
and nobody else hears his call.  
She turns back to help,  
like an angel in white... and flies down the hall.*

*Her smile doesn't hint at the things she's seen.  
She washes the blood from her clothes.  
There are times when she just has to cry it all out.  
She does it so nobody knows.*

*And someone just learned their loved one has died,  
It happened too fast for goodbye.  
She gives them a hug  
and finds them a room... the one where she cries.*

*They're the angels in white.  
They'll be there through the night,  
to make your loved ones right.  
They're the angels in white.*

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to make your loved ones right.  
They're the angels in white.*

*They're the angels in white.  
They'll be there through the night,  
to make your loved ones right.  
when a soul takes flight,  
they're the angels in white.*

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Two years ago this July, Brother Thomas Sulier, MSA, 32°, lost Susan, his wife of 36 years to a hard fought battle with cancer. In the Summer of 2019, in the course of healing his loss, Tom decided that it would be a fitting tribute to Susan, to assemble a memorial CD of her favorite songs which a professional singer would record. Tom planned to distribute the CD for his family and friends as a musical memorial of Susan.

He approached another Valley of Bridgeport brother, Matt Fitzgibbons, 32°, a well known musician and songwriter with the idea and asked him to sing and produce these cover songs. Matt, not being a cover song performer, suggested that he instead craft a tribute to Susan and her nursing profession. The result of the inspired effort was “Angels in White” which was posted on YouTube in February immediately before the height of the pandemic in our jurisdiction.

The coincidence with the prevailing COVID-19 crisis and the attention which had been focused on nurses and first responders, made the song even more movingly relevant to a universal audience. The video is now posted on Spotify, Amazon, Apple Music, iTunes, and iHeart Radio and is easily located using a search engine of your choice. Feel free to access the video and post your comments. What a wonderfully artistic brotherly endeavor in the midst of a historically chaotic period!

# WANTED: DEVOTED BUILDERS TO BUILD A PERFECT TEMPLE

~ John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32°

Everywhere you turn nowadays you seem to see the moniker “luxury” bandied about with unceasing abandon. Luxury cars, apartments, homes, clothing, foods, vacations... The term has become ubiquitous in a society that is seemingly obsessed with making a quick buck, whose mantra has become “what’s in it for me,” and whose principle emphasis is making money in order to buy luxury whatever and wherever it is. Rank, status and wealth have always been worshipped but never before have they reached the dizzying heights and frenetic worship that we witness today all around us. Portfolio valuation, and return on the dollar have become the god of the masses as they check their balance sheets on their smart phones several times daily.

At the same time, public policy decisions are seemingly hurriedly made with a

skew to economics while taking chances with the health and welfare of the public. We become what we worship, and right now the Law of Supply and Demand far outstrips the Rule of the Square. Our society revels in its technology and the faith that technology can overcome all impediments is held fast by most. We compete and revel on the basis of our societal wealth and technological prowess and much of the population is oblivious to the fact that this seemingly virile, vigorous and seemingly expansive society has seeds of its own potentially fatal disease embedded therein.

Millions of our citizens spend their lives toiling at not one, but two, or more jobs just trying to make “ends meet.” Economic and political disenfranchisement has spread throughout the land as the carcass of what once was a thriving middle class becomes but a mere historical

anomaly and footnote to the history of the past 20th century. The admiration, blind trust and blanket forgiveness for all trespasses that society gives to the powerful and to the manipulating financial operators is in stark contrast to the laws of Right and Wrong as promulgated by the Great Light.

The events of the past month or two illustrate that our society is held together by a veneer of economic convenience and nothing more. All that is worshipped and held dear really relates to the satiation of the lower nature in Man, while his higher nature is wholly famished, ignored or even ridiculed. Catering to the lower nature is viewed as being practical and realistic. The higher nature is useless and of questionable or even superstitious existence.

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## Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday, August 14, 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.



# Scottish Rite Masons Help Collect Food and Toiletries for Bridgeport Rescue Mission.



Scottish Rite Masons along with brothers from various lodges, gathered together on June 6, 2020 and conducted a community service project. Brothers filled a van with food and toiletry donations at two collection sites: America-St. Johns Lodge No. 8 (Stratford, CT) and Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142

(Easton, CT). Donations were delivered to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. The Bridgeport Rescue Mission provides meals, clothing, shelter, and recovery services for people experiencing poverty, addiction, and homelessness.



## FOOD DRIVE



## ~ IN MEMORIAM ~

*We mourn the passing of the following Scottish Rite Brethren  
whose deaths were reported in 2019-2020*



<i>NAME</i>	<i>32<sup>o</sup> CONFERRED</i>	<i>LODGE</i>	<i>HOME VALLEY</i>	<i>DATE OF DEATH</i>
Alfred C. Adinolfi	5/4/1998	Temple Lodge No.16	New Haven	2/18/2019
Vernon K. Cleaves	5/1/1980	Compass Lodge No.9	New Haven	2/5/2020
Leonard F. D'Amico	12/1/1956	Euclid Lodge No.135	Waterbury	4/30/2020
James J. Fahy	1/10/2004	Acacia Lodge No. 85	Bridgeport	6/10/2020
Douglas A. Gray	12/7/1992	Trumbull No. 22	New Haven	6/6/2020
Paul M. Hennessey	12/1/1986	King Solomon's Lodge No.7	Waterbury	1/12/2020
David Hogarth	12/2/189	Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No.3	Bridgeport	1/13/2020
William B. Jackson	5/1/1973	Momauguin Lodge No.138	New Haven	7/30/2019
Frank Klaus	5/6/1985	Widow's Son Lodge No.6	New Haven	11/18/2019
Emil Jacob Kleeman	1/8/2001	Compass Lodge No.9	New Haven	2/13/2020
Elliott J. Koenig	5/1/1966	Lafayette Lodge No.141	Bridgeport	11/20/2019
Rodney R. Reinhard	5/1/1965	Temple Lodge No.16	New Haven	2/23/2020
Arthur J. Renn	12/1/1954	Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No.142	Bridgeport	8/10/2013
Fortunato "Fred" Schiavo	12/1/1967	Old Well Lodge No.6	Bridgeport	7/27/2019
Allan Bowden Schwartz	5/4/1981	Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125	New Haven	2/27/2020
Alexander G. Stamatien	12/1/1956	Annawon Lodge No.115	New Haven	4/19/2020
Thomas K. Sturges, Sr.	5/1/1979	King Solomon's Lodge No.7	Waterbury	1/6/2020
Donald F. Waller	12/1/1946	Meridian Lodge No.77	New Haven	11/21/2019
William Courtland Vars, Jr.	4/1/1975	America-St John's Lodge No.8	Bridgeport	4/3/2020
Frank J. Ziron, III	2/1/1972	Corinthian Lodge No.104	Bridgeport	10/5/2019

*May they rest from their labors.*

The reality is that this “realistic practicality” is nothing more than vultures pecking at the body of a dead animal. Once the economic balance tilts even further due to an external event (such as the pandemic), the sham can no longer be glossed over. The inequities are laid bare for all to see. Our cities today are seeing this mirage being pulled back. The true interests of humanity cannot be served by politicians who manipulate Truth and Justice so that they can maintain an arbitrary balance of power that keeps them installed in their positions. We appear to be descending into an epoch of moral chaos because our numbers have become insufficient to inculcate the mass of humanity, and its leaders, to the Law of the Square. There are insufficient numbers of us, at this time, properly placed to work together in all realms of society to rebuild the society in accordance with Deity’s plan for the world.

The Rule of the Square mandates that whatever we build, we do so “to the square.” The square represents virtue, and the reason why we call it the great symbol of our Craft is that it is a symbol of that moral law upon which human life must rest if it is to stand.

In fact and truth, the Square rules the Mason as well as the lodge in which he labors. As Freemasons we build societal freedom by adhering to Deity’s plan and law. The rot which has embedded itself in every aspect of political and economic life can be excised by men working according to Deity’s plan. The pressure and hostility that they might encounter when taking on such a grand and noble endeavor can be used to support and empower our reclamation of society, just like a yachtsman employs an opposing wind to get him to his destination.

The Builder has nature on his side – namely Gravity. Gravity, that inexorable demolisher of everything that stands, can become the never tiring supporter, and ceaseless ally to such a constructive effort. Man has brought to heel wind, tides, the ocean depths and outer space by working in obedience to Higher Laws, and so we can in like manner, overcome the scourge of the Lower Natures which infected us individually, as well as our society. We must build our own individual perfect temple and then reclaim, heal and reeducate the Nation if this grand human experiment, these United States of America, are to regenerate and function as a vessel for the uplifting of humanity for hundreds of additional years, and hopefully, better yet, in perpetuity.

“All things strive to ascend and ascend in their striving.”  
-Samuel Taylor Coleridge



### 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>.

### LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY NEWS

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