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- T. Woodford Hittle, 32° - Master of Entrances

Pequonnock Chapter Rose Croix

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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 Inventors: Part 7

In this seventh article in the series of notable Scottish Rite Masons who were members of Lafayette Consistory, we meet The Inventors, men whose ingenuity and imagination enabled them to create new products and processes, or to improve upon existing ones. Their stories are based on information found in their archived petitions, membership cards and obituaries.

Ellis B. Baker, 32° (1854-1918) was a pioneer in the telephone business. He was working as a telegraph operator in Meriden when he witnessed a public demonstration of the world's first commercial telephone exchange in New Haven in January of 1878. Inspired, three days later he put together the first switchboard in Meriden using carriage bolts and teapot knobs. This made Meriden District Exchange the world's second telephone exchange. He sold his plant to the Western Union Telegraph company, became an employee and built more exchanges for them. He was eventually made general manager of Connecticut Telephone Company which later became Southern New England Telephone Company.

A member of Hiram Lodge No.1, New Haven, he was exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons in New Haven, greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, Royal & Select Masons in New Haven, and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2. He was a member of the Valley of New Haven, Lafayette Consistory, and Zurah Temple Mystic Shrine.

Philo M. Beers, 32° (1835-1915) was a noted needle inventor born in West Cornwall. After serving in the Civil War he returned to Bridgeport where he worked for sewing machine maker Wheeler & Wilson. Beers invented the machines to make its needles. He was raised in 1870 in St. John's No. 8, Stratford, and was a member of the Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory.

He was raised and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16 in Bridgeport, exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13 in Bridgeport, and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5 in Bridgeport.

Henry C. Freshour, 32° (1845-1930) held several early 20th Century patents for his inventions of rubber

plumbing fixtures for the H.O. Canfield Rubber Company (he was brother-in-law to the manufacturer and Lafayette Consistory Commander-In-Chief Henry Ogden Canfield). He also invented 'new and useful' stilts for walking, and he marketed the Hold-Up trousers supporter, "an admirable belt for portly men". He was raised in Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 (NY), and was a member of the Valley of Bridgeport Scottish Rite Bodies, Lafayette Consistory, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5.

Percy Eugene Newton, 32° (1906-2000) was a mechanical engineer from Massachusetts who graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, class of 1929. He worked at Seth Thomas Clock Company in Thomaston where he developed timers for mines during World War II. He also designed parking meters.

He was raised in Union Lodge No. 96 of Thomaston, was

a member of the Waterbury Scottish Rite Bodies and Lafayette Consistory, and sang in the Scottish Rite and the Sphinx Chanters choirs.

Nathan Hopkins Heft, 32° (1847-1915). Inventor, art collector and internationally known expert in electrical engineering, Heft was a Pennsylvania native who moved to Bridgeport in 1894. He is credited with the adoption of the third rail system in electric railroads. Through his efforts, the Bridgeport horse car lines were reorganized into the Bridgeport Traction Company and changed into an electrically operated road. His inventions include devices used in the mining industry, atmospheric brakes



Percy Eugene Newton

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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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used in automobiles, a heavy motor truck used on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroads, and a new type of trolley car.

He was a member of Landmark (Wilkes-Barre, PA) Lodge No. 442, the Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory, as well as Hamilton Commandery No. 5.

Robert Dagleish Pryde, 32° (1870-1951) was nationally known in golfing circles. He was born in Scotland, came to America in 1892 and worked as a cabinetmaker in New Haven. In 1895 he met a Yale professor who wanted to start the game of golf in New Haven. As a result of that meeting, Pryde laid out the course for the New Haven Golf Club and became its golf professional, greenskeeper and clubmaker. He was also the trainer of the Yale golf team. Pryde designed seven of Connecticut's golf courses, including the course at Racebrook Country Club, Orange, in 1912. He patented a conical golf tee, a golf club display stand, a wooden club with a backweight, and made clubs under the Pryde Bulldog brand.

Pryde was raised a Master Mason in 1894 at Wooster Lodge No. 79 in New Haven, was a member of Pulaski Chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons in New Haven, Crawford Council No. 19, Royal & Select Masters in New Haven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2. As a Scottish Rite Mason, he was a member of the Valley of New Haven and Lafayette Consistory.

Friend William Smith, 32° (1829-1917). Born in Delaware County, New York, Friend W. Smith was the son of an itinerant minister who left school at an early age to earn his own living. He came to Bridgeport in 1849 and became its Postmaster, an appointment he held until after the Civil War.

When the Postal Service advertised for a new letter box lock, the winning bid was for a lock invented by Smith and Frederick Egge, for which Smith invented the key. Smith invented many other devices used by the Postal Service. The pair organized Smith & Egge Manufacturing which

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also turned out mouse traps, chains and other hardware in addition to furnishing supplies to the Post Office's mail equipment division for twenty years. There was the first factory in Bridgeport to introduce the nine-hour workday, then later, the eight-hour workday. Smith's popularity was so great that at one Labor Day parade his portrait was carried through the streets of Bridgeport.

Friend William Smith was a member of St. John's No. 3 in Bridgeport as well as Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory.

VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT FALL 2020 DEGREE SCHEDULE

New candidates must submit applications to
scottishritenmj.org, Valley of Bridgeport.

4th Degree video is available as needed. Degrees held at
2422 Main St., Stratford, unless otherwise noted.

10/3/2020 Open 7 a.m., Degrees at 9 a.m.

Virtual Reunion
4th, 6th, 15th and 23rd Degrees

10/5/2020 7:30 p.m.

Stated Meeting/Theatre
4th and 20th Degrees

10/19/2020 7:30 p.m.

Theatre
4th, 22nd and 15th Degrees

10/24/2020 Open 7 a.m., Degrees at 9 a.m.

Virtual Reunion
4th, 17th, 19th and 26th Degrees

11/14/2020 Open 7 a.m., Degrees at 9 a.m.

Virtual Reunion
4th, 12th, 29th and 31st Degrees

11/16/2020 7:30 p.m.

Theatre
4th, 24th and 6th Degrees

12/7/2020 7:30 p.m.

Theatre
32nd Degree

All Degrees at the Theatre
are by reservation only.

Seating during the COVID-19 follows
social distancing rules.

**EVERYONE MUST RSVP
TO ATTEND!**

Call the office at **203-375-0064** to
reserve your seat.

INTERESTED IN STARTING OR FINISHING YOUR SCOTTISH RITE PATH TO MORE LIGHT?

Despite the social restrictions put into place to protect our health and well being, The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has not missed a beat and has continued to offer weekly degrees through the Member Portal. Go to: <https://scottishritenmj.org>. Brothers who are already members of the Rite and who are in need of some of the 29 Degrees necessary to complete their membership passport, can check the online degree schedule via the links.

Those Master Masons who are looking to start their path to more light can submit their petitions online as well. Members can access the degrees using the Member Center which, along with the degree schedules, petition links, and online dues payments, can all be accessed through the Rite's home page. When life doles out lemons, you make lemonade, and the Rite has aggressively adapted to the changing circumstances in our society until such time as your brothers will be safe in presenting live degrees.

The need for Masonic knowledge does not stop despite the unhappy conditions which might prevail about us, and indeed the need for this knowledge may never have been more needed than under the trying circumstances of today. If you haven't petitioned already take note that 3 Virtual Online Reunions are in the offing — on October 3, October 24 and November 14. Taking the degree virtually qualifies you to complete a degree in your passport. For Virtual Reunion Degree details, and petition go to: <https://reunion.srnmj.org/index>.

It is quite possible to complete your prerequisite degrees in the fall with these online reunions so that you may sit for the 32nd Degree when it will hopefully be offered later in December or at such time as it can be presented live once again!



September 13,
2020



Riverview
Bistro,
Stratford

Installation Dinner



A WORLD BEREFT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY

~ John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32°

As we all know, the world is currently experiencing one episodic crisis after another, at a seemingly ever-increasing tempo. Natural cataclysms, both of fire and water, have relentlessly pummeled our land. Contagion, which has profoundly affected most every facet of our civil lives, and a rabidly rancorous political environment have reached intractable depths. The result has been untold amounts of fear, misery, illness and death for many of our citizens.

Our society is marked by the advent of an overbearing man, who is estranged from Deity, who worships at the altar of the golden calf of progress and ever-growing prosperity. It is this sole-minded focus that has brought ruin, fear, and death of every sort amongst his fellow man.

To build towers reaching into the clouds, while forgetting heaven, is the utmost in societal shortsightedness, and yet that is what has been gradually happening during Freemasonry's decline in the past several generations. The inevitable result is a society that is more concerned with an idealized standard of living sold by marketing hucksters, than life itself. In the process we have allowed the cult

of consumerism and the related institution of excess production to dangerously overstep the rational and natural limits of nature's potential. It's not hard to look around and spot the fruits of this misbegotten course - societal degradation, a population at large, saddled with numerous comorbidities, unsustainable debt, and a near-complete universal breakdown of ethical and moral behavior.

Simultaneously, Freemasonry is headed to a nadir. Our temporal society has no use for our life-giving symbolism, whilst it is entranced in the single-minded goal of the quick fleeting buck and the depreciating possessions it temporarily acquires. This paradisiacal illusion of neon lights is neither sustainable nor desirable. One day it will manifest in a profound regret as its illusory nature becomes manifest.

And yet, Freemasonry's symbolism and the principles and lessons that they impart will remain unchanged and constant. The allegorical meanings of the symbolism

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Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory

Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday, January 8, 2021
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
Mike Jachimczyk at
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or the Consistory at
203-375-0064 or email
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\$15.00 per person for:
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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
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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.

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

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



<i>NAME</i>	<i>32^o CONFERRED</i>	<i>LODGE</i>	<i>HOME VALLEY</i>	<i>DATE OF DEATH</i>
Harry W. Bartlett	5/1/1971	Federal Lodge No. 17	Waterbury	5/6/2020
William Borofsky	5/1/1982	Aspetuck Lodge No. 142	Waterbury	7/13/2020
Clifford T. Bulmer	12/7/1987	Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3	Waterbury	5/22/2020
Arthur H. Carlstrom	5/1/1989	St. Paul's Lodge No. 11	Waterbury	5/8/2020
Kenneth J.Frey	12/1/1970	Friendship Lodge No. 33	Waterbury	7/20/2020
Howard E. Hempel	5/1/1979	Washington Lodge No. 19	Bridgeport	1/27/2020
Harry H. Innes,	12/1/1950	Union Lodge No. 96	Waterbury	4/15/2020
Matthew T. Jenetopulos	4/1/1959	Trumbull Lodge No. 22	New Haven	7/12/2020
Robert G. Mac Quarrie	5/1/1984	Fidelity-St. John's Lodge No. 3	Bridgeport	9/1/2020
Lawrence E. Rosen	5/1/1972	Harmony Lodge No. 67	Bridgeport	5/4/2020
Thomas S. Waugh	12/2/1996	St Paul's Lodge No. 11	Waterbury	5/2/2020

May they rest from their labors.

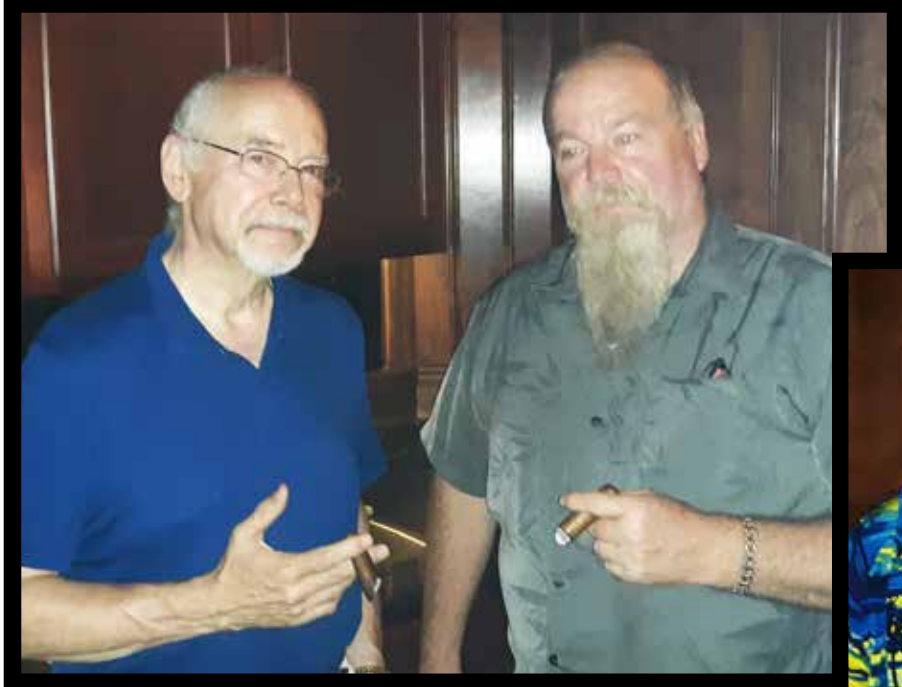


Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday,
August 14,
2020



Valley of Bridgeport &
Lafayette Consistory



Stamford Cigar Bar

and their implied code of life will eventually bring the next generation hope, light and life after a great reset occurs, as has happened to all cultures which have spun out of control throughout history. Brother Goethe once wrote: "It is not given to the world to be satisfied: Neither to the Great that power may not be misused, nor to the masses to be satisfied with a fair state while waiting for gradual improvement."

When Man realizes the true and vacuous emptiness of material acquisition and power he will then begin to seek the light. The Rite offers its votaries a chance to attain the true and permanent gold by giving them the tools with which to attain the light- the light which never has been and can never be extinguished. The Rite embellishes the symbolism of the blue lodge with inculcations in values such as reverence for God, integrity, toleration, service to others, justice, and devotion to

country. It is these values which enable and strengthen the immortal master within. It is these values and their understanding which awaken us to everlasting life and enable us to overcome the adversity and loss which the materialists labor for and suffer under when the temporal illusion fails their expectations as it inevitably does. It is at those times that the builder who has attained the light is resolutely unaffected and can negotiate the quickly changing circumstances with equanimity and profound peace. Such is the wealth - and promise - of those who have seen and attained the light. The dross of the temporal is but dull and faded when set next to the true light.

The time has come when brothers want, no, need what Freemasonry's symbolism has to offer. It is up to us to steer those, who are genuinely seeking, to the richness of symbolism and the allegories contained therein!



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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