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# **Be Prepared!**

**by Francis G. Way**

I recently saw a video, shot on cell phone and Ring doorbell, of the beginning of one of the Los Angeles wildfires, which started at the base of a high-tension power line tower. It was across the canyon from the home of the couple shooting the video, and the high winds were already whipping sparks through the air. From the agitated cries of the people filming, they clearly understood the dangerous situation, even though the fire was still on the other side of the canyon. Within 20 minutes or so, they had grabbed everything of importance from their house that they could take and were in their car driving off. Clearly, they were very prepared for such a moment.

When my father was dying, in his last days, I asked him where his DD-214 form from the Navy was. I knew I'd need that after he laid down his working tools. It's with the important papers in such and such a drawer, he told me. The only problem was that it was not there when my brother and I were looking for it. We did find it, with another cache of important papers, perhaps that he had been working on, so all was not lost. My dad was pretty prepared, but in the somewhat chaotic run-up to his final trip to the hospital and later hospice care, he'd been unable to return those papers to the others.

As we are often told in Masonic ritual, we never know when our working tools will fall from our nerveless grasp. In addition to important papers, we, as Masons, also have a Masonic tradition that surrounds our demise. The location of our apron, our wishes for a Masonic service, and even that part of our obituary that lists in which bodies we have labored and perhaps our titles within those bodies are all items that can be prepared beforehand. How often have we read a brother's obituary and thought, "Oh, clearly, that Masonic part was written by the profane." How much easier might those arrangements have been if a brother had left some instructions ahead of time?

In our everyday life, many of us are prepared. Perhaps we carry a pocket knife, multi-tool, and a small flashlight. With those tools, many unexpected contingencies can be dealt with. Why not be prepared for those large, significant life events – as that couple in California was? Why not make it a bit easier for your loved ones after you have laid down your working tools?

Be prepared... it's the right thing to do. Make a list. Ensure your loved ones know where your apron is and what they should do with it. If you want the Masonic part of your obituary to read a certain way, write it down.

We never like to think much about those times, but they will come for every one of us. The least we can do is to make it easier on those we leave behind.



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236th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M.  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The 236th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Connecticut will be held at the **Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095** (I91, exit 38), on Saturday, **April 5, 2025**. The formal opening of the Grand Lodge will be at 9:30 A.M.

**This is the “CALL” to that meeting.**

Registration will start at 8:00 A.M. Please note: **All voting delegates must register at the registration table and present their 2025 Dues Card to the Grand Tiler upon entry to the session.** Registration will be by Home/Primary Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

A proxy form will be sent directly to the Lodge Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden should they: 1) not be able to attend this Annual Communication in person [proxy must be executed in advance]; 2) be entitled to vote by virtue of holding one of these offices in more than one lodge; 3) be entitled to vote by virtue of being a Grand Lodge Officer or a permanent member of Grand Lodge. Please inform any brother who is attending as a proxy that he must present his 2025 dues card. All brothers entitled to vote should bring the apron and jewel of their office, whether as permanent member, lodge officer or serving as proxy.

Your attendance at this Annual Communication is important. We will consider available reports of Standing and Special Committees, Grand Lodge Officer reports, and any other business proper to be considered, all subject to the usual rules. **There may be certain changes to the Rules & Regulations which will be considered for adoption.**

Please note the following Sections of our Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations regarding lodge representation:

**Section 2301. Penalty if Lodge Is Not Represented at Regular Grand Lodge Communication:** (reads in part) "A Lodge neglecting to be represented at a Regular Grand Lodge Communication shall incur the penalty of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars ..."

The Grand Lodge Office cannot make hotel reservations. Lodges and brothers are responsible for making their own reservations with the **Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport**. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Room rate is \$140 per night plus tax. Last day to book is **Friday, March 14, 2025**. To reserve your room use this link: <https://bit.ly/4jjzz5h> or call 860-688-7500 (ask for Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut when making reservations by phone).

**VOTING:** Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputies, Past District Deputies, current Associate Grand Marshals, and current Grand Lodge Standing Committee members must register in order to vote.

Each voting delegate will register **only once, either by virtue of his highest attained Grand Lodge Masonic office or Committee Membership or, if he chooses, as an elector (proxy) on behalf of his lodge.** The use of proxies is encouraged where appropriate to ensure full representation of constituent lodges.

**FRIDAY BANQUET:** The Grand Master's Banquet for Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, members of the Craft and their ladies will be held on Friday evening, April 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm with a social hour at 6:00 pm in the Windsor Ballroom. All brothers and their ladies are invited to attend. Reservations for this and all other meals will be made through the Grenadine Event Management website/app link [qrto.org/44uGkN](http://qrto.org/44uGkN) (best with Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge). **The deadline for reservation tickets is March 20, 2025.**

The entrée will be at a cost of \$60 with a choice of Flat Iron Steak, Chicken Marsala, Filet of Salmon, Vegetarian, and Vegan all by advance order. All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity. Banquet tickets will be mailed to those placing an order **prior to March 20, 2025.** For orders received after that date, tickets will be held at the door.

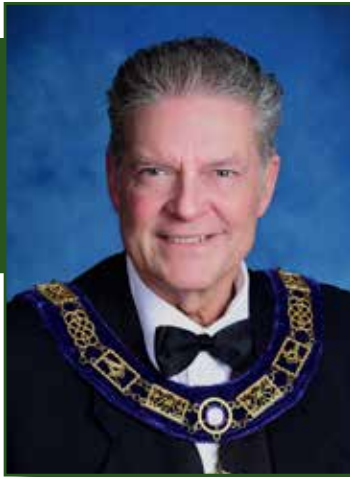
**SATURDAY LUNCH:** On Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 12:00 Noon, the *Past District Deputies Association of Connecticut* will host a luncheon. Lunch choices are Roast Beef Sandwich or Turkey BLT Sandwich for a cost of \$45. All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity. All brothers are invited to attend. **Reservation deadline is March 20, 2025.** Lunch will also be available at other venues in the surrounding areas.

**Brother Lodge Secretary, please note that proxy forms will be mailed directly to the top three officers of your lodge. Please remind them of their responsibility to be present at Grand Lodge or to sign their proxy and give it to someone else.**

With my fraternal best wishes

*James M. Anderson*

R.W. Grand Secretary  
February 1, 2025



# Grand Master's Message

by MWB Edward C. Page

## Love

February has historically been devoted to the emotion of love and affection and is denoted by the color red, suggesting passion. As we wind down this Masonic season of installations, I am overwhelmed by the unity of family, not just Masonically but marital and biological. Spouses attended installations in support; family children attended and, more importantly, participated. In many installations I was fortunate enough to attend, a spouse, family member, or child would participate in the ceremony, presenting the collar and jewel, top hat, or the Worshipful Master's unique personalized gavel. This inclusion and participation is so important to the success of the lodge as several times a family member, more especially a spouse, would genuinely ask, "What can I do? I want to do more; I want to help."

As Masons and men in general, we need to take this time, above what we do all year long, to show our significant others how much we truly care for them. Reflect upon your interactions all year long and align something special they will remember, as I am sure they are doing the same for us. To my brothers and sisters, at this time of year, I summon the lyrics I used at the Saturday Grand Lodge Banquet almost one year ago, in the immortal words of the poet James Taylor, "Shower the People You Love with Love."

Music, among other mediums, helps to solidify events, people, and surroundings, as do aromas, visual cues, and all our other senses. But music, for me, is the greatest memory recall mechanism. All

throughout my life, it seems I have been tied to a motor vehicle, and its radio has been a gentle companion.

In the 70s, there was a song by 10CC, "I'm Not In Love," a haunting ballad of an artist trying to convince himself that he wasn't in love, but in fact, he was, and that alarmed him, as he experienced the sense of being powerless to another person, yielding his emotions for the good of another...of sacrifice. In the 80s, the song by Air Supply, "Lost in Love," had special significance for me. As an adolescent struggling with emotions and starting my adult life, I truly felt lost in love.

All my life, there has been love and love of music, even to this day. It is an experience we all encounter. I will humbly close with my favorite artist, Sting. He has many compositions of the human condition, especially love, but in this mindset, I find myself reflecting upon the piece entitled "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free." For me, this not only applies to people but also to other meaningful things in our lives. To that, I will add Freemasonry. Soon, I will be out of office and must step aside because it is right, as well as my sworn duty. I honestly and genuinely love Freemasonry, yet I must set it free for my successor. And with that, I reflect on something I have said more than once: "I love you more." I don't mean "more than you love me," but rather more than any disagreement we might have, more than any emotional distance we might encounter, more than any physical distance we might be exposed to, or any large envelope of time we might be forced to endure...more than any obstacle life may impose upon us..... I love you more.

## Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Inc. Call to Meeting

In accordance with its by-laws, the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Inc. will conduct a brief meeting and election of representation to its Board of Directors at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master during the Annual Stated Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut on Saturday, April 5, 2025. All members of the Grand Lodge who are in good standing are invited to attend.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Christopher J. Earle, Chairman

## 236th Annual Communication Meal & Hotel Reservations

To reserve your room at the Marriott Hartford, the link is <https://bit.ly/4jjzz5h>  
or make you reservations by phone by calling 860-688-7500  
and ask for Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut.

For the Friday Night Dinner, the Past DD Lunch, or  
the Saturday Ladies Lunch and Program, use this  
QR code or you may make your reservations  
through the Grenadine Event Management  
website/app link [qrto.org/44uGkN](http://qrto.org/44uGkN)



If a links does not work, you may enter the URL to your browser.

Please refer to the Call on page 4 for ALL details.

## Masonic Family Supports "Toys for St. Mary's Kids"

by Pat Kalinauskas

The annual toy collection, spearheaded by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and National Camping Travelers, culminated in Monroe with a tasty brunch prepared by Lady Martha Chapter No. 103, Order of the Eastern Star. A huge collection of toys against the wall of the Masonic hall awaited transport via a Trinity ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department.

Staff from St. Mary's, Dr. Kent Burgwardt, ED Director, and Robin Cracco, ED RN.; Wendy Batterton Worthy Grand Matron, OES; and Dennis Morgan, Master of Travel, Connecticut 1, Chapter 6, National Camping Travelers, were introduced and gave their greetings. Dr. Burgwardt spoke of the great need filled by the Masonic family. The toys help children who come to the hospital overcome what may be a frightening experience for them. The child may choose their gift.

A very generous monetary donation from the office staff and the officers of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut will allow the hospital to purchase that special toy for a child or to have a birthday party for a child who may have to spend their birthday in a hospital bed the Connecticut Children's unit on the 4th floor of St. Mary's.

A special thanks to NCT, OES, and the Masonic family members who donated money or toys for the 2024 Toys for St. Mary's Kids. You made a difference for a little one who needed the hospital's care. Thank you to St. Mary's Pediatric Emergency Department for helping so many children.





## Grand Historian's Corner

Bro. David J. Stewart

Freemasonry is tasked with defining its core mission to ensure relevance and impact. Our storied tradition of promoting fellowship, nurturing brotherhood, and upholding virtues faces the challenge of resonating within the modern context. The future of our fraternity hinges on our ability to adapt while preserving our foundational and amazing historical principles.

We have a mission that must include many things. Here are but a few:

**Relevance:** Innovating our educational and communicative approaches to align with contemporary needs and interests of today.

**Moral and ethical leadership:** Fostering leaders who exemplify integrity and compassion, influencing society in a positive way.

**Spiritual and personal development:** Encouraging brothers' growth through Freemasonry's profound teachings, offering guidance in today's complex world.

As Freemasons, we must lead with vision and action, ensuring our ancient fraternity thrives and contributes to humanity's advancement. The path forward calls for reflection, dialogue, and unity in purpose as we redefine our mission to meet the demands of the modern age.

The office of Master demands not just the execution of duties but the embodiment of the principles Freemasonry holds dear. It is a role that calls for balance, for while the administrative and ceremonial tasks are many, the heart of Freemasonry beats in the warmth of brotherly love and affection. A Master who is preoccupied to the extent of foregoing the simple yet profound acts of friendliness and openness need not ponder why his lodge may seem cold, indifferent, or distant.

The strength of the lodge is not measured solely by the flawless conduct of ritual but by the warmth and camaraderie that binds its members. The spirit of our craft is most vibrant in the moments of genuine connection, those sincere exchanges of brotherly love.

Thus, it benefits us (especially those in leadership) to remember that the cares of the office, though demanding, should not overshadow the essential human elements of our craft. A smile, a gesture of kindness, a moment taken to inquire after a brother's welfare... these are the golden threads that weave the fabric of our Masonic family. Therefore, let us encourage our leaders and all brethren in

positions of responsibility to nurture the flame of fellowship. A lodge warmed by the light of brotherhood is a sanctuary where Freemasonry's virtues flourish, every brother feels valued, and where the legacy of our ancient craft is preserved and perpetuated for generations to come.

**Something to ponder:** If you've ever felt too young in the lodge, it's easy to think your lack of years might make your contributions less significant. But nothing could be further from the truth. You're here for a reason. Your energy and fresh ideas are crucial to keeping your lodge vibrant. Your generation brings a unique perspective that allows us to see new possibilities, challenge old ways of thinking, and approach our work with renewed enthusiasm.

The traditions that we hold dear aren't meant to be frozen in time. They are living principles to be adapted and applied in each era. Your innovation and drive are what keep those traditions alive and relevant. The questions you ask and the ideas you bring forward don't disrupt the harmony of the lodge; they enrich it, offering us the chance to grow together in ways we may not have imagined.

On the other hand, if you've ever felt too old in the lodge or wondered if your time had passed, I encourage you to see it differently. Your experience isn't just valuable; it's foundational. The wisdom you've gained over the years is a guiding force that balances the zeal and energy of younger Masons. Your leadership, often earned through challenges and perseverance, gives our lodge a steady hand. We rely on that seasoned judgment to navigate the everyday and the extraordinary. They're about living this philosophy, staying committed, and embodying the values that Freemasonry teaches.

Clarity comes from years of practice and study, which we all need. Your help will remind us of where we've come from and how to honor that while making space for what's ahead. Ultimately, no matter your age, your role in your lodge extends beyond its walls.

Freemasonry calls us to live in a particular way, guided by brotherhood, charity, and truth principles. We should never lock those values behind in our apron case. Instead, we are to live them fully in our personal and professional lives. That's how we continue to grow not just as Masons but as men.

So, Mote it be!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!

### Hiram Lodge No. 1

Cade Dillon Allison  
Aaron Allan Miller  
Glenn David Spector

### Wyllys St. Johns Lodge No. 4

Yew Siang Cheong

### King Solomons Lodge No. 7

Anthony David Migliarese

### Compass Lodge No. 9

Henry P. Juca  
Kishore Kapoor  
Isaac Mawule  
Sean McMaster  
Edward Zajac

### Moriah Lodge No. 15

William Jack Williamson, Jr.

### Hiram Lodge No. 18

Sean Daly  
Andrew Engels  
Thomas Charles Nolan, IV  
Ryan Silveira

### St. Peters Lodge No. 21

Peter John Harrington  
Ilya Strizhak

### Village Lodge No. 29

Shamus Patrick Holcomb  
Trevor Marinelli  
Andrew Lyon Wilson

### Union Lodge No. 31

Joseph Daniel Hubbard, Jr.

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Juan Arana  
Brian Daniel Nebiolo

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50-YEAR MEMBERS!

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### C. A. Duke

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### Robert L. Pehr

Somerset St. James Lodge No. 34



### Richard P. Henderson

Washington Lodge No. 70

### Russell G. DiNoto

Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD SERVICE

February 2025

To Prospective Masonicare Board and Committee Members:

By this notice, the Board of Trustees of Masonicare Corporation hereby issues a Call for Nominations of candidates for election to the Board of Trustees of Masonicare Corporation, the Board of Directors of The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut and/or Masonicare Board Committees. To be considered for service, nominees need not specify in which board/committee they are interested in serving. Individuals may request a Nomination Application by completing and returning the questionnaire below.

**Applications are to be submitted to me and postmarked no later than April 16, 2025. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews.**

Nominees should have qualifications in business, corporate leadership, finance, law or healthcare, which qualify them for board service. Candidates should be aware that board/committee members assume fiduciary duties with respect to their service, and that violation of these duties can entail personal liability. Service on our boards/committees requires a considerable time commitment, varying with the needs of each corporation. While Masonicare's boards/committees are primarily comprised of those who are specifically members of the Masonic fraternity or related appendant bodies, affiliate board and Masonicare committee membership may also contain qualified members of the local community.

**MASONICARE** is the Parent Corporation of our system, and all nominees must be members in good standing of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, with the exception of three who shall be members in good standing, and appointed one each from The Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star; the Order of the Amaranth, State of Connecticut; and Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Connecticut. The Board of Trustees is composed of no less than fourteen but no more than seventeen members. Three seats are filled annually by members in good standing of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, through the nomination and election process. Two seats are filled by the Board of Trustees as strategic members of the Board. The term of service on this board is three years, commencing in November 2025.

The term of service for The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut Board of Directors and for Masonicare Board Committees is one year commencing in November 2025.

Please feel free to address any questions you may have regarding this process to Jon-Paul Venoit, President and CEO, 203-679-6000 or [jvenoit@masonicare.org](mailto:jvenoit@masonicare.org). Thank you for your assistance and participation

Sincerely and fraternally,



Christopher Earle, Chair  
 Nominating Committee

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### REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR BOARD SERVICE

Requests for a Nomination Application can be completed by returning the attached request. Once completed, the form should be sent to Christopher Earle, Chair of the Masonicare Nominating Committee, via U.S. Postal Service to the address listed below; by Facsimile to 203-679-3045; or you may send the information electronically to [jvenoit@masonicare.org](mailto:jvenoit@masonicare.org). A Nomination Application will be sent to all applicants for completion. Please indicate your preference on how to receive the form. The Nomination Application may be returned via U.S. Postal Service, Facsimile, or electronically.

Bruce Bellmore, Chair  
 Masonicare Nominating Committee  
 Masonicare Corporation  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer the application to be sent to me via (i.e., email, U.S. mail) \_\_\_\_\_

# Masonicare Comes to Farmington

When the planned merger between Masonicare and United Methodist Homes was first announced last spring, no one was happier than Middlewoods of Farmington resident Bro. Don Seifel (right, with his daughter, Lynn Kaufman). Already enjoying that community's relationship-centered approach to care, Don was excited to know he would soon have access to a statewide healthcare continuum founded by Connecticut Masons.

Bro. Don belonged to the Order of DeMolay as a teen and, in fact, was elected Master Councilor of his chapter the same year he was raised as a Master Mason at Centennial Lodge No. 118 (now Unity Lodge No. 148) in his native New Britain. Serving his community, building character alongside young men with whom he grew up, and having the opportunity to see lodges in other parts of the country continue to be a source of pride for the longtime Mason.



After a stint in the navy, Don went back to school to become a mechanical engineer. He had a long career in the plastics industry, notably in designing bottle molds for well-known household products, and owned his own business.

In retirement, Don considered moving to Masonicare's Wallingford campus, but it proved to be just a bit too far for him and his late wife, Marilyn. About five years ago, he moved from a community in Cromwell to Middlewoods of Farmington to be closer to his daughter. The 70-apartment independent and assisted living community is minutes from UConn Health Center.

"We looked at several places together," Lynn recalled, "but Middlewoods of Farmington felt very comfortable and warm. Everything just clicked. Both my husband and someone I work with knew people who lived here and loved it. It has certainly lived up to its reputation."

"Moving here worked out very well," Don said. "I have my independence with the backup of good nursing care. The staff is great. I pick and choose the activities I want to do. You can be as active as you want to be or just sit back and relax. I highly recommend it."

To learn more about independent living or assisted living options at Masonicare at Middlewoods of Farmington, please call **860-284-5700**. And remember: Masonicare's Concentric Circle Policy offers move-in specials for members of the Masonic Family!

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# From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

## President & CEO of Masonicare

**A**fter months of careful planning and hard work, we have officially completed the merger with United Methodist Homes and the purchase of Greenridge Place!

As a result, our continuum has nearly doubled in size with the addition of communities in Shelton, Farmington, Newington, and Rocky Hill. And with the addition of the Long Hill Company, a national consulting firm, our reach will extend far beyond Connecticut to offer management and advisory services to senior living communities and hospice providers across the country.

I want to acknowledge David Lawlor, the former President and CEO of United Methodist Homes and new Chief Financial Officer at Masonicare, for the leadership and expertise he's provided throughout this process and for his many years of dedicated service to UMH.

As 2025 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of UMH and the 130th anniversary of the opening of Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford, it's a great opportunity for us to reflect on our shared legacy of caring and the strides both organizations have made in enhancing the quality of life for older adults.

You met one of them, Bro. Don Seifel, on the previous page. Bro. Don is a resident of Middlewoods of Farmington, one of our new communities.

I'm looking forward to visiting all of our new locations to personally welcome our new team members, meet with residents, and share our vision for the future – a future that will see us expand and strengthen our mission to deliver best-in-class, relationship-centered, senior care and services.

With all the uncertainties surrounding our industry, it's nice to know that we're moving forward as a bigger, stronger, and more resilient Masonicare.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,



*We offer our condolences to the family and friends  
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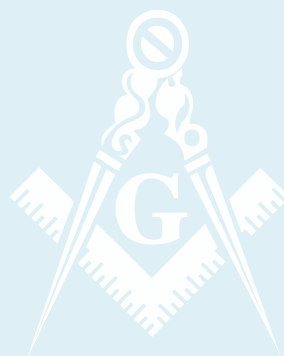
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# Celebrating a Historic Milestone for Connecticut DeMolay

On Saturday, November 30, 2024, Connecticut DeMolay proudly inducted its first Civic Legion of Honor recipients marking a historic milestone for the organization. This prestigious honor for outstanding leadership and service to humanity was awarded to two extraordinary Advisors, Mom Karen Beals and Mom Anne Needham, whose contributions have profoundly shaped DeMolay in Connecticut. Previously this honor was only open to Senior DeMolay's or Master Masons.

## Honoring Mom Karen M. Beals

Since 2011, Mom Karen Beals has served as an Advisor for Nathan Hale Chapter, impacting countless young lives. She is also an advisor for New Britain Assembly No. 6, IORG, and assists her husband, Dad Brian Beals, Connecticut DeMolay's Executive Officer, in various initiatives. A devoted mother, grandmother, and community volunteer, her compassionate leadership has left an enduring legacy.

## Honoring Mom Anne K. Needham

Mom Anne Needham has been an Advisor to Connecticut DeMolay since 2003, with Executive Officers Brian Beals and Harry Needham III and Supreme Inspector for the CT-IORG since 2005. A member of a family deeply rooted in the leadership of both DeMolay and Rainbow, Mom Needham is a former Grand Worthy Advisor (1975) and currently serves as Supreme Faith in the IORG. Her legacy also includes over 40 years as a martial arts instructor, embodying a commitment to discipline, empowerment, and youth development.



## A Tribute to Their Legacy

Mom Beals and Mom Needham have tirelessly mentored youth, fostering leadership, personal growth, and community engagement. Their induction into the Civic Legion of Honor celebrates their decades of service, inspiring others to continue their mission of positively shaping young lives.



## St. Patrick's Day Syria Grotto Initiation

On Saturday, March 15, at the Suffield Masonic Building (150 Bridge St., Suffield, CT), Syria Grotto will hold an initiation as part of Supreme Council of Grottoes International Grotto Month. During March, the Supreme Council will waive its fees for joining Grotto.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., and the public fezzing ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m.

All candidates and their ladies can enjoy an Irish dinner of "bangers and mash" and other favorites at NO CHARGE. All others -- dinner will be \$15 per person. If interested, please reach out to [syriagrottomovper@gmail.com](mailto:syriagrottomovper@gmail.com) for additional details.



Friday, February 14

# Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association Holiday Party

by Jonathan Glassman

Brothers of the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association gathered together at Laskara Restaurant on December 12, 2024, to celebrate the holiday season. They were honored to be joined in fellowship by Grand Master Edward C. Page. A good time was had by all!



## Syria Grotto Installation by Charles Jewart

On December 27, 2024, Syria Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. held its first annual meeting since being chartered in January. After the elections, the officers were installed, and Eric Pogg was installed as the second Monarch of Syria Grotto since reinstitution.

During the public installation, Past Supreme Council District Deputy and Past Grand Line Aide Larry Brandolini presented Monarch Eric Pogg with an original Syria Grotto Patrol uniform from the original Syria Grotto for the museum display in the Suffield Masonic building.

After installation, the Grotto closed with final remarks, and we retired to the game room for a night of celebration.



# District 9

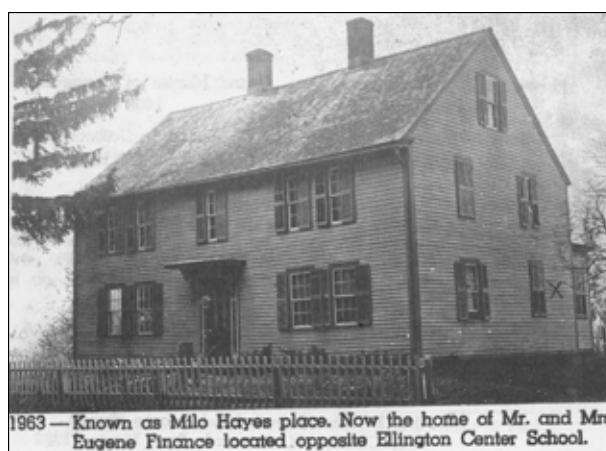
Lodges 15, 24, 46, 60, 69, 110, 113, 122



## Fayette Lodge No. 69: 200 Years of Faithful Service to Masonry by Perne R. Maynard

The year was 1825, and George Washington, America's first commander in chief, had passed away only 25 years earlier. The Masonic fraternity was growing rapidly, and a new charter was issued on May 30, 1825, to 28 new members. WB Horatio Arnold Hamilton was elected the first Worshipful Master, with the other members of this new lodge coming from Morning Star Lodge, No. 28 in Warehouse Point, and Wolcott Lodge, No. 60 in Stafford Hollow. From those simple beginnings, Fayette Lodge No. 69 was born.

On August 15, 1824, General Lafayette came to America and began his welcome tour of New England. On September 3, he traveled from Boston through Tolland and Coventry to Hartford, and the crowds were not disappointed when they saw him. He was no longer 19 as he was when he came to fight in the Revolutionary War as an officer under General Washington; he was now 67 but looked younger. On May 18, 1825, the brothers named their new lodge Fayette in honor of General Lafayette. Fayette Lodge No. 69 held its first meeting on October 1, 1825, at the William Morgan Tavern, the home of Ortive Eaton, in Ellington,



The lodge hall was located on the second floor of the rear half of the building. Today, the building is opposite the Ellington Center School.

In the following 200 years, Fayette Lodge relocated to 10 different buildings throughout Ellington, and in 1955, Fayette purchased the building from the Apostolic Christian Church at 141 Orchard St.

After a local fire two years ago, and with thanks to the many brothers and lodges who contributed generously, the lodge was renovated into an updated, beautiful Masonic facility.

# District 8

Lodges 10, 31, 34, 57, 102, 116, 120, 150



## Union Lodge No. 31 Installs 2025 Officers by Ray Geer

On January 4, Union Lodge No. 31 of Niantic installed their officers for 2025. WB Fred Driscoll, his year completed, was honored by the brethren as he was escorted out of the lodge by RWB Art Richards.

RWB Bill Perkins was installed as the Master for 2025, his sixth time in the East, with his officers' full support and brotherly love.



# Brainard Lodge No. 102 Gives Thanks and Gives Back

by Jonathan Lamas

Brainard Lodge No. 102 proudly hosted an 8th District Thanksgiving Breakfast, led by RWB James A. Moran, Grand Junior Deacon, on Saturday, November 23, at the Bayview Masonic Center in Niantic. Guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast while supporting Outer Light Brewing Company's 4th Annual Toy Drive for the Tommy Toy Fund. Proceeds from the breakfast and contributions from the lodge allowed the purchase of \$700 worth of toys for needy children.



This effort culminated in the toy drive held on Saturday, December 7, at Outer Light Brewing, where hundreds of toys were collected. The event featured appearances by Santa Claus and The Grinch, live music, free pizza, and Groton City Fire Department support, creating a festive and impactful day.

Brainard Lodge extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and contributed. Together, they have shown the power of giving and helped make the holiday season brighter for countless children in the community.



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# District 7

Lodges 2, 43, 51, 81, 95, 112, 119, 131, 151



## Trip Down Memory Lane at Warren Lodge No. 51 by Jeffrey A. Blayman

“The man, the myth, the legend” is an apt phrase for someone with the life experience of RWB Lloyd Drager, who attended a recent communication at Warren Lodge No. 51. Born in 1930, raised during the Great Depression, he joined the Army to travel the world, retiring as a 2nd lieutenant. On leave in Australia, he bought his first motorcycle, a 1942 Army Harley with the stick shift on the side, and this started his love of motorcycles and the open road. After his service, he spent some time in Los Angeles running with the Galloping Goose Motorcycle Club (a rival of the Hell’s Angels), of which he stated, “If you’d like to hear those stories, we’ll need close the Bible.” RWB Lloyd became a very successful veterinarian with multiple college degrees and certifications.

RWB Lloyd was raised on October 13, 1953, in Village Lodge No. 29. He has been a member and Master of many lodges, including Solar Lodge No. 131, Estuary Lodge No. 43, Mount Vernon Lodge, and lodges in Oklahoma and Sydney, Australia. His seven decades toiling in the quarry have included time as a Knight Templar, Past Thrice Illustrious Master in Council, with memberships in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Order of the Amaranth, where he was a Past Grand Royal Patron.

The evening was delightful as RWB Lloyd offered the circumambulation prayer with footnotes and observations. Soon after, he dove into the primary purpose of his visit as he recited with fervor two poems, *The Cremation of Sam McGee* and *The Lion and Albert*, to act as an example of how memory work can instill a sense of joy and fulfillment. It entertains and it educates much like the ritual lectures Masons learn for degrees. Thus, the new brothers were encouraged to apply themselves to their Steward’s lecture memorization as it would serve them well in the coming years.

Additionally, it was a Step-up Night for the lodge’s incoming officers, who shook off the first-night jitters of their own memories and got the job done. With a few surprise guests in attendance, the evening was complete.

All are welcome to join Warren Lodge, a fantastic gathering of brothers, every 3rd Thursday!





# St. John's Lodge No. 2 Last Installation in Their 100-Year-Old Home by Jeffrey A Blayman

Since being chartered in 1754, St John's Lodge No. 2 enjoyed a glorious legacy in many buildings leading up to the laying of the cornerstone at 33 Pleasant Street in Middletown on October 31, 1925. The Grand Master, MWB Walter T. Arnold, opened the Grand Lodge in ample form at 4:30 p.m., and the cornerstone was laid with the ancient ceremonies. On the evening of January 6, nearly 100 years later, brethren and friends assembled to install the last Worshipful Master who will preside in this iconic lodge.

Over the years, attendance at the lodge dwindled, building maintenance became exhausting, no fundraisers could be held, the lodge coffers were running dry, and with the tragic loss of RWB Francis DiStefano, the infrastructure began to crumble. WB Robert Grismer took up the gavel and continued to lead for four years in an effort to keep the lodge operational.

The enormous lodge room now seems empty, but it wasn't always, as evidenced by the names on the backs of all the chairs... seeing the 150-plus seats full of brothers would have been magnificent. The famous pipe organ, one of only two in the jurisdiction, recently sold off to a good home in the Midwest. The anteroom and its cupboard are full of aprons and artifacts that date back centuries. The chamber of reflection sits dark and forgotten, the costumes for Scottish Rite and York Rite degrees sit dusty in an upstairs closet, Templar swords too numerous to count hang idly across the wall. What once was a grand beacon of Masonry in the district is slowly losing its light.

And so, on this frigid winter night, the lodge and friends gathered to install WB Gerardo Nero, the last Master of St. John's Lodge who will preside at Pleasant Street. Nine other brothers awaited installation alongside the Master, each with a solemn sense of duty. MWB George Greytak officiated the



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## St. John's Lodge No. 21 continued from page 17

installation, supported by MWB Joseph Porco, MWB Rev. Bruce Bellmore, and RWB Nicholas Ives, who served as Installing Marshal for the evening.

The night felt magical, with a fantastic turnout and nearly every seat full. The Knights Templar of New Haven Commandery No. 2 and St. Elmo's Commandery No. 9 presented the colors with honor. The proceedings were handled flawlessly by the installation team as each new officer took their oath and station.

Before the assembled guests were ushered downstairs so the lodge could be closed, WB Robert J. Grismer gave the attendees a light show of the star-lit ceiling one last time. Many kind words and anecdotes were offered to WB Nero and to the brothers of multiple lodges who had affiliated over the last few years to save the lodge from going dark. At the last, Grand Master Edward C Page noted that there were well over 100 brothers present, more than 20 brothers in the Grand Master's suite of officers, and 24 Past Masters of visiting lodges who had traveled to join the celebration.

As the night drew to a close, the brothers circulated about the cavernous lodge room, saying goodbyes to friends and family. The overall feeling was not dire but of peace. This edifice to Freemasonry had survived the tests of time, being erected nearly 100 years ago. St. John's Lodge No. 2 brothers will now meet in Meriden, but the 271st Installation of Officers was a proper send-off for such a unique and monumental structure.



## District 6

Lodges 4, 25, 28, 70, 73, 88, 145, 400



## Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 News by Pat Jones

Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 in South Windsor introduced a new tradition in 2024. A beautiful and respectful candlelight memorial service recognized the passing of beloved Brothers William Reichert, Raymond Zaugg, James Forney, Norman Anderson, Earl Robertson, and Wayne Rettburg. RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr., Grand Junior Warden, introduced the Service. Dignified and moving, the lodge plans to make this an annual event.

The lodge participated in a Master Mason degree at Fayette Lodge No. 69 to raise Brothers Jonathan Schinkoeth, Mario Graham, and Jonathan Hayes. Thanks to Fayette Lodge for their hospitality and continued support.

Numerous brothers attended the annual Children's Law Center Gala in Farmington. The lodge has long supported this worthy organization whose mission is to promote the best possible outcomes for children or families in transition or crisis by providing access to legal services and support they could not otherwise afford. It advances collaborative, non-adversarial options for resolving conflicts outside the courtroom.

Keeping families communicating and out of court represents the best opportunity for solving problems, according to Brother Aaron Gersten, a successful attorney whose sound legal advice has served Hartford Evergreen Lodge well for many years. Last year, he was awarded his 65-year Masonic Service Pin.

The lodge installed its 2025 officers on Saturday, January 4. RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr. was the Installing Master, and WB David Larsen served as the Installing Marshall. More than 60 brothers and guests attended. The lodge was also honored by the participation of MWB Edward C. Page.

The following officers were installed: WM Khamphiou Phimvongsa, SW Duane Mason, JW Tad Bistor, Treasurer Gregory Stump, Secretary Pat Jones, Assistant Secretary Eliad Johnson, Senior Deacon DeShawn Morris, Junior Decon Rafael Miranda, Senior Steward



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## Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 News continued from page 18

Kirk Montstream, Junior Steward Jonathan Hood, Organist James Purnell, Tiler Curtis Dynak, Almoner Charles Weiss, and Historian Don Robertson.

After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant. The brothers unanimously thanked WB Alex Prague for a wonderful year in 2024.

Over the holiday season, the lodge participated in the Town of South Windsor Human Services Department's "Adopt A Child" program that

helps worthy families obtain holiday gifts for their children. Brothers, their friends, and family volunteered to shop for teens and their families, guided by a suggested gift list provided by the Human Services Department. WB Brian Warren has spearheaded this program for many years. The lodge also contributed to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Hartford Evergreen Lodge is planning an Entered Apprentice Degree for the third week in February, as three candidates will be initiated.

## Composite Lodge No. 28 Installation by Charles Jewart

On Saturday, January 4, Composite Lodge No. 28 in Suffield installed its 2025 line of officers.

After the District Deputies were received, Washington Commandery No. 1, KT, presented the Flag of the USA. The color guard was composed of three Past Masters of Composite Lodge: SK Charles Jewart, SK Dean Gouse, and SK Bill Zimmerman.

After outgoing WM Derek Bensley retired, Installing Master WB Andy Work took charge of the work of the day and installed the newly elected WM Frank Pysz along with his officers.

After WM Frank's first time closing the lodge, everyone was invited downstairs for festivities.



# Washington Lodge No. 70 Installs Kenneth D. Roach III as Master

by **Kenneth D. Roach**

On Saturday, January 4, Washington Lodge No. 70 installed WM Kenneth D. Roach III. In a theatrical twist, the Installing Master was the persona of MWPGM James McCormick, portrayed by WB Paul Hendricks. The Installing Marshal was the persona of Bro. James Monroe, 5th President of the United States, portrayed by WB Mark Keenan. The historical characters were symbolic as Washington Lodge is entering its 200th anniversary year, having been chartered in 1825.

MWB James McCormick served as Master of Washington Lodge continuously from 1867 to 1880 and as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut from 1881 to 1882. In 1865, he wrote the ancient ritual used in Washington Lodge today. He was also a member of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 RAM, Wolcott Council No. 1 R&SM, Washington Commandery No. 1 KT, and other appendant bodies. President Monroe, a Mason and Founding Father of the United States, left office in March 1825.

The highlight of the installation was WM Roach's daughter placing his cover on his head, symbolizing the Crown of King Solomon. She aspires to be a Rainbow Girl when of age.

A luncheon followed the ceremony, and the cake was cut by the oldest present, Worshipful Brother and the youngest Mason was present.



# The Widows of Washington Lodge No. 70 Receive a Holiday Visit by Robert Dodge

On Saturday, December 7, the brothers of Washington Lodge No. 70 braved the cold to deliver Christmas poinsettias to the lodge's widows. Ten brothers delivered poinsettias and boxes of chocolate. This annual tradition offers the perfect opportunity for the brothers to visit with the Ladies during the holiday season, which can be very lonely for some. So many ladies look forward to this chance to visit with brothers of their late husband's lodge every year.

WB Bob Dodge and his wife Stephanie co-chair the lodge's Committee on Widows and have helped spearhead this event for several years. "We used to drop off the poinsettias unannounced, and often, the ladies would not be home nor answering the door," Bob said. "Now we call ahead of time, and they are so appreciative, inviting us in and sharing wonderful stories about their husbands. It also gives the brothers the opportunity to check on the lady's well-being, as several live alone and do not get out like they used to."

Special thanks to WB Ron Eleveld and Bro. Victor Barile for organizing the delivery routes.



# District 5

Lodges 14, 29, 33, 36, 101, 128, 140, 146, 148



## Friendship Lodge No. 33 Children's Christmas Party

by Rudy Cabata

On Sunday, December 8, 2024, Friendship Lodge No. 33 of Southington hosted their annual children's Christmas party. It was open to all brothers, family, and friends. Thirty friends and family and 15 children attended.

Highlights of the event included Magical Antonio (Feleciano), a magician who astounded the children with his magic and special balloon-making skills. They particularly liked how Magical Antonio pranked Brother Jake Manke. The DeMolay elves helped the children with crafts, coloring, and decorating the cookies.

The children enjoyed cookies, candy, brownies, and all the festive treats (provided by the Cabata elves) while they patiently waited for the arrival of Old St. Nick!

The children heard a Christmas story and sang Jingle Bells, and before they knew it, before their wonderous eyes appeared... Old St. Nick. Presents were passed out to all the good boys and girls, and photographs were taken with Santa, and in a blink of an eye, Santa was gone! The boys and girls shouted special thanks to the Arseneau elves and the Manke elves, whose hard work was appreciated by all!



# Hospitality Lodge No. 128 Initiates Two Brothers

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the brothers of Hospitality Lodge No. 128 of Wethersfield traveled under dispensation to Unity Lodge No. 148 in New Britain to confer an Entered Apprentice degree on two worthy candidates.

Bros. Jeffrey Gozso and John Fortin became the newest members of Hospitality Lodge. They are the most recent additions to the lodge, ending its best year of membership growth since being chartered in 2012.

The lodge officers and brothers extend their thanks to Unity Lodge and especially WB Keith Romano for graciously allowing the use of their lodge room and assistance with the degree.



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## District 4

Lodges 1, 9, 16, 22, 30, 38, 63, 66, 77, 79, 87, 89, 97, 115, 125, 332, 401, 500



## Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Attends Scottish Rite Christmas Party In Force

by David Cole

Brothers and their guests from Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 of Branford attended the Scottish Rite Holiday party at The Woodwinds on Friday evening, December 20, 2024, in force. The brothers occupied five tables, with 47 brothers and guests attending.

The running joke for the evening for Widow's Son Lodge was to thank the Scottish Rite for throwing the lodge a Christmas party.

All funds raised that evening benefit the Children's Dyslexia Centers.



# Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 Holds 5th Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive by David Cole

Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 in Branford participated in the 2024 Toys for Tots toy drive. The lodge's participation started five years ago by Worshipful Master-elect Randy Frazier. This year, one of the lodge's newest Master Masons, Bro. Isaiah Simmons, who was raised in October, chaired the event.

With the assistance of many family members and local businesses such as Sweitzer Waste, Duncan at Better Ways, Tractor Supply, Branford Town Hall, and the Community Center, the lodge knocked it out of the park. Also, Bro. Jason Southwick, a member of the local Teamsters motorcycle club, works to combine the charities of both organizations.

The lodge filled 11 boxes of new unwrapped toys on December 4, 2024, and all of the toys will remain in New Haven and Middlesex counties, reaching an estimated 9,000 children. Widow's Son Lodge plans to continue this event every year to benefit those children and families in need.



Representing the United States Marine Corps was Gunnery Sergeant Mathew Sewell, who is also a Master Mason from Richlands Lodge No. 564 in North Carolina. Staff Sergeant Miles, Sergeant Liqouri, and Lance Corporal Johnson accompanied him.



# Compass Lodge No. 9 Installs Officers for 2025 by Mike Santillo

On December 7, 2024, Compass Lodge No. 9 in Wallingford installed its officers for 2025. The lodge continued its now 106-year tradition of not having a repeat Worshipful Master.

Bro. Mike Santillo was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Kyle Piper as Senior Warden, and Bro. Ron Hansen, Jr. as Junior Warden. All available officer chairs were filled, many with Master Masons raised in 2024.

Following the ceremony, a hearty lunch was served to a full house of brothers, families, and guests.



# Quinta Essentia Lodge No. 500 News by Jonathan Glassman

On November 30, 2024, 30 brothers of Quinta Essentia Lodge No. 500 celebrated St. Andrew's Day, Scotland's national day, with a Scotch whisky tasting. Great bottles and great fellowship!

The lodge also enjoyed a wonderful evening when brothers, family, and friends gathered for an annual holiday party on December 14, 2024, for an evening of fun and festivity! Earlier in the afternoon, the lodge held elections for 2025 officers: WM Jonathan Glassman, SW Brad Cooney, JW Tom Brewer, Treasurer Kristian Maiorino, and Secretary Charles Tirrell! Quinta Essentia Lodge is looking forward to another great year of activity!





# District 3

Lodges 7, 11, 12, 17, 42, 47, 55, 64, 78



## Brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64 Give Back to the Community

The members of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64 in Winsted proved the true meaning of brotherhood and community spirit this holiday season with two charitable efforts that significantly impacted local families.

On a crisp December day, several brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge took to the front entrance of the Stop & Shop in Winsted, ringing the bell and collecting donations for the Salvation Army. Their dedication to helping those in need was evident as they stood outside supporting the nonprofit organization, which provides critical services to individuals and families facing hardship.

“The Salvation Army does so much for our community, and it’s a privilege for us to support their efforts,” said Brother Keith Dearden. “We’re proud to be part of a tradition of giving that helps those who are struggling, especially during the holiday season.”

In addition to their efforts for the Salvation Army, the brothers undertook another critical project. They collected, wrapped, and distributed presents to needy children in the greater Winsted area. Donations and contributions from lodge members and residents provided toys, clothes, and other gifts to brighten the holiday season for children whose families are experiencing financial difficulties.

“Being able to bring a little joy to these children is what the holiday season is all about,” said Brother George Frascarelli, another member of the Lodge. “It’s a small gesture, but it can make a big difference in a child’s life, and it reminds us all of the importance of helping each other.”

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64 has long been dedicated to improving Winsted and the surrounding area. Their involvement in charitable activities, such as the Salvation Army bell ringing and the holiday gift drive, reflects the values of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. These values continue to guide the brothers in their mission to serve their community and make it a better place for all.

As the lodge wrapped up its holiday efforts, St. Andrew's Lodge members have once again shown that acts of kindness, no matter how big or small, can have a lasting and positive impact on a community.

For more information about St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64 and their charitable efforts, visit their website or contact the lodge directly.



## Morning Star Lodge No. 47 Installs 2025 Officers

by **Scott Tomlinson**

On January 4, Morning Star Lodge No. 47 installed its 2025 officers. The evening was marked by a significant turnout, as friends and family gathered to support the new officers, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere. The presence of Grand Lodge officers further highlighted the importance of the occasion, showcasing the unity and shared commitment to the principles of Freemasonry. The event served not only as a formal installation but also as a reaffirmation of the lodge's dedication to its mission and its close-knit community.



# King Hiram Lodge No. 12 and Morning Star Lodge No. 47 Join Forces

by **Scott Tomlinson**

On November 19, 2024, King Hiram Lodge No. 12 of Shelton and Morning Star Lodge No. 47 of Seymour united to pass several brothers to the degree of Fellowcraft. Building on this spirit of collaboration, the lodges came together again in December to perform two Master Mason degrees, raising four brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This joint effort marked a memorable and meaningful conclusion to the year for both lodges.



# King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 260th Installation of Officers

by **Steve Lewis**

On December 18, 2024, King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 in Woodbury installed their newly elected and appointed officers for the 260th time since being chartered by the Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston in 1765.

Worshipful Master Stephen Saxton was raised on October 17, 2015, at Morning Star Lodge No. 47 in Seymour where he served as Worshipful Master in 2021. He is also active in Shrine, York Rite, and Scottish Rite.

Longtime friends of King Solomon's Lodge performed the installation. RWB Mark Dzurnak was the presiding officer assisted by RWB Daniel Reeve as installing Marshall. Additionally, there were several dignitaries representing Grand Lodge: MWB Edward C. Page, RWB Shane Dufresne, RWB F. Matthew Heinrich Jr., RWB Jack Baril, Jr., RWB Daniel Reeve, WB Waldemar Jimenez, and WB Ken Tarwood.

The lodge officers for 2025 are WM Stephen Saxton, SW Sultan Ayash, JW Bruce Morrone, and Treas. Mitchell Goldburgh, Secy Douglas Barry Jr., SD Steven Morrone, JD David Friebel, SS Douglas Barry III, JS Anthony Migliarese, Chap. Raffaele Fasulo, Almoner Steve Lewis, Marshall Richard Silverman, Organist Richard Miska, Tiler David Forber, and Historian Albin Weber.



*(l-r) WB Ken Tarwood, MWB Edward C. Page, SD Steven Morrone, RWB Shane Dufresne, RWB F. Matthew Heinrich Jr., RWB Jack Baril, Jr., RWB Daniel Reeve, and WB Waldemar Jimenez.*



*(l-r) Giulia Saxton, Joyce Stobierski, Adriana Saxton, and Gianna Saxton*

# Bro. Dr. Richard Silverman Receives David Wooster Medal in Silver by Steve Lewis

On December 18, 2024, MWB Edward C. Page presented Bro. and Dr. Richard Silverman of King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 with the rarely bestowed and highly distinguished David Wooster Medal in Silver. RWB Albin Weber lead the proceedings and read a personal testimonial emphasizing Dr. Silverman's dedication to his profession and his craft.

The Medal memorializes the Revolutionary War hero Brigadier General David Wooster, who commanded a Connecticut militia and is credited with organizing Hiram Lodge No. 1 in New Haven in 1750, the first chartered Connecticut lodge. This earned him the moniker "Father of Freemasonry in Connecticut."

The David Wooster Medal was struck in 1973 to recognize "service other than to Freemasonry in the fields of art, science, business, government, entertainment, religion, or other service to humanity." Two castings were approved, one in silver for Master Masons and one in bronze for non-Masons. While no more than two silver and two bronze medals may be given in any year, no more than two or three have been awarded in the past 10 years.

RWB Weber petitioned Grand Lodge to consider Bro. Silverman after his life-saving encounter in Waterbury Hospital during the COVID-19 epidemic. RWB Weber was presented to Bro. Silverman with an advanced and critical case of COVID-19. As Chief Pulmonologist at Waterbury Hospital, Dr. Silverman immediately placed RWB Weber in intensive care, where he remained intubated and in critical condition for 61 days.

Upon learning that RWB Weber was a Mason, Dr. Silverman opened the front of his isolation suit and showed Albin his Masonic emblazoned tee shirt. He then proclaimed to Albin in no uncertain terms, "I will be standing here in front of you when you are fully recovered."

When RWB Weber was released from Waterbury Hospital, Bro. Silverman arranged placement in one of the best rehabilitation facilities in Connecticut. Under his direction, he organized Albin's home care and, in his usual "above and beyond the call" manifestation, assisted RWB Weber and his wife by managing the complex rules of the insurance labyrinth. This is Dr. Silverman's typically considerate behavior. He is action-oriented, outcome-driven, and treats every patient with an equanimity of care.

In addition to RWB Weber, Dr. Silverman treated hundreds of patients during that dreadful time, of which another dozen were Masons. His dedication to all was equally motivated, yet he took extra time and effort to soothe the woes, concerns, and discomfitures of his Masonic brethren and their families.

His medical peers describe Dr. Silverman as: "A person who goes above and beyond the call of duty." Bro. Silverman's dedication and passion are engrained in his persona. In 2010, his colleagues designated him "Humanitarian of the Year."

Bro. Silverman's contribution to remedying human suffering isn't limited to his daily duties at Waterbury Hospital. An article by Amy Mulvihill in CT Insider describes how Bro. Silverman developed an incentives program to alleviate depression in elderly nursing home residents.

"Quickly diagnosing that what many of these patients needed was not more medicine but good old-fashioned human interaction, Dr. Silverman began offering his patients an incentives program. And it worked."

In addition to developing and implementing the highly effective techniques, Dr. Silverman personally funded the operation. The success of Dr. Silverman's effort led him to form a non-



*RWB Albin Weber, Bro. Dr. Richard Silverman, WM Stephen Saxton, MWB Edward C. Page, and RWB F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr.*



*RWB Albin Weber, SD Steven Morrone, Bro. Dr. Richard Silverman, and MWB Edward C. Page.*



*(l-r) RWB Albin Weber, WM Stephen Saxton, Dr. Joseph Morley, Mary M. Silverman, Bro. Dr. Richard Silverman, and MWB Edward C. Page.*

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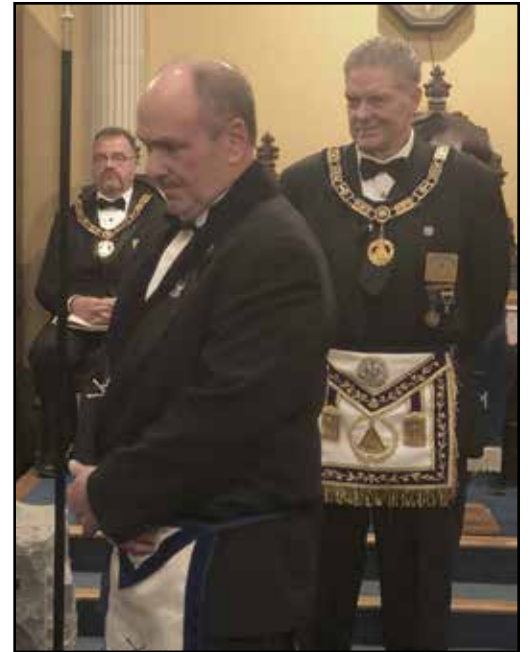
profit, Home to Home, dedicated to providing companionship, human interaction, and social activities to home-bound seniors in ten area towns.

As quoted in the article, Bro. Silverman stated: “Less depression means less pain medication, which means less trips to the hospital. When these people have something to look forward to, they will do everything in their power to be there for it.”

For several years, Bro. Silverman fulfilled Marshal's obligations within King Solomon's Lodge No. 7. Recently, he joined the Pyramid Shrine in Stratford to connect with their works for children and Shriners Children's New England located in Springfield, Massachusetts.

With over thirty-three years in the medical field and extensive experience in Obstructive Lung Disease, Brother Dr. Richard Silverman, MD, is currently a critical care medicine specialist in Waterbury.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 7 brothers are proud to call Dr. Richard Silverman friend and brother and extend their gratitude to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for recognizing and honoring this exceptional humanitarian.

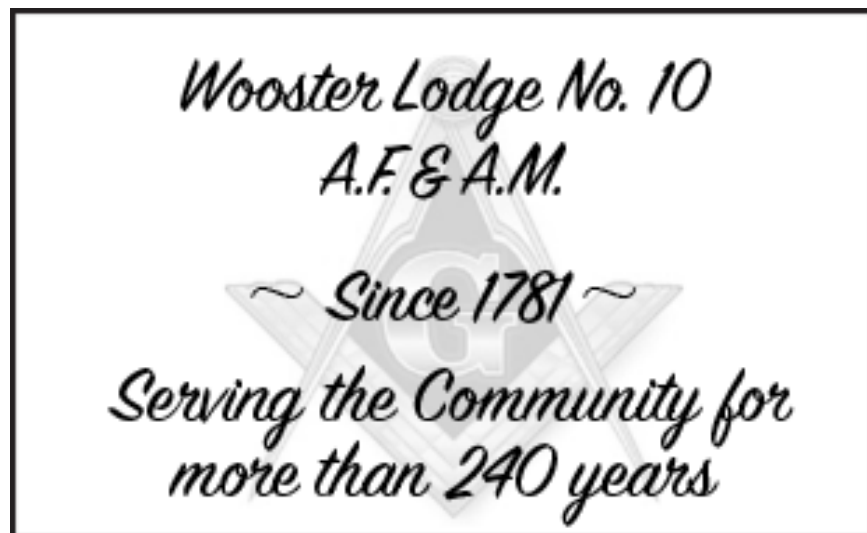
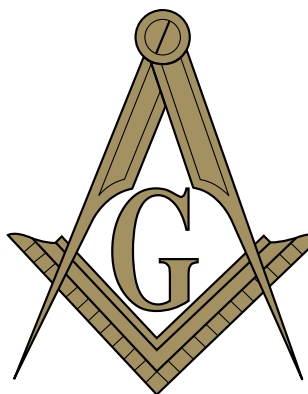


*RWB Shane Dufresne, Bro. Dr. Richard Silverman, and MWB Edward C. Page.*

## Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78 Donates Toys for Needy Families

by Miquel Thompson

On Tuesday, December 3, RWB Al Rollinson and SD Miguel Thompson of Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78 in Naugatuck donated several toys to Hop Brook Elementary School to be distributed to a needy family from their school. This is another Shepherd-Salem Lodge initiative to continue to bring smiles of joy and hope to Naugatuck residents.

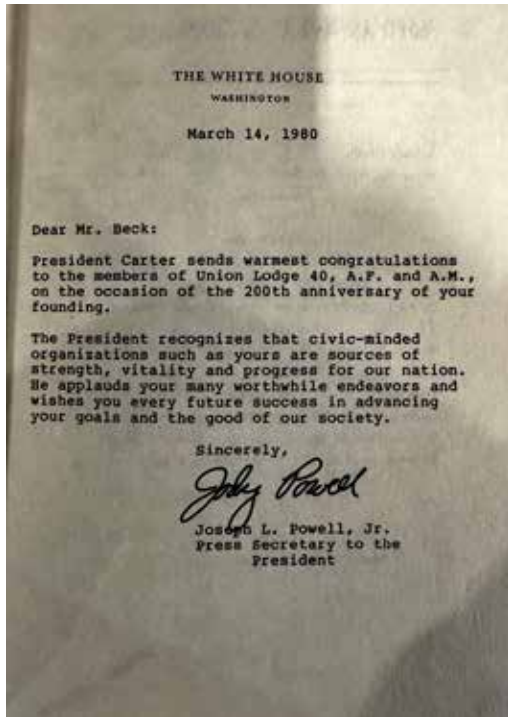


# District 2

Lodges 13, 18, 21, 39, 40, 48, 49



## Union Lodge Lodge No. 40, President Carter, and the 245th Anniversary by John Arizzi



On December 29, 2024, the 39th President of the United States, James “Jimmy” Carter, passed away at the age of 100. Jimmy Carter's one-term presidency is remembered for the events that overwhelmed it—inflation, the energy crisis, the war in Afghanistan, and hostages in Iran. In the past two decades, however, there has been wider recognition that Carter, despite a lack of experience, confronted several huge problems with steadiness, courage, and idealism. This author's grandfather, serving as the Secretary-Treasurer for Seafarers International Union, headquartered a short distance from Washington, developed a relationship with Mr. Carter and supported him throughout his political years and eventually in the White House. Mr. Carter attended my grandfather's funeral in 1990.

Lately, there has been speculation regarding President Carter and Freemasonry. There were rumors about his ties to the fraternity. In fact, President Carter was not a Freemason. However, in 2016, Shriners Hospitals named Jimmy Carter as an honorary Shriner and an Ambassador for their program, and there is a picture of him wearing the signature red fez though with the golden tassel.

There is perhaps another link between President Carter and Freemasonry. In 1980, Union Lodge No. 40 received a letter from President Carter's press secretary congratulating the lodge on its 200 years of service.

2025 looks to be a bright year for Union Lodge. There is an energetic line of officers focused on improving the lodge's operations, a rededication to service and a year of celebration in which the lodge hopes brothers across the state will join in.

On September 13, there will be a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the lodge building in Danbury, featuring presentations by the Danbury historian and the opening of the 100-year-old time capsule. For information and tickets to the September gala and time capsule presentation or to be a sponsor for the event please scan the following QR code.



## Union Lodge No. 40 Installs 2025 Officers by Robert MacDonald

On January 7, Union Lodge No. 40 in Danbury installed its 245th line of officers, the 100th time in their current lodge room. The installation was performed by MWB George Greytak, assisted by RWB Dan Nichols. The 2025 officers were piped in by Brother Angus MacDonald, Pipe Major of Police Pipe and Drum of Waterbury.



# District 1

Lodges 3, 5, 6, 8, 19, 65, 67, 85, 104, 107, 142, 144, 149



## Corinthian Lodge No. 104 Enjoys a Great Year of Community Support by Pedro Garcia

Corinthian Lodge No. 104 in Stratford enjoyed a wonderful year of fellowship, community support, growth, and a bond fortified through brotherhood that will never waiver.

One of the many community support efforts this year, the last effort of 2024, was to donate a check for \$1,000 to the “Hall Neighborhood House,” which serves as a refuge for children and assists the elderly. This organization keeps children off the streets, tutors them with after-school programs, and offers terrific extracurricular activities such as sports, art, and music.

Through their efforts and the support of organizations like the Masons, they can feed, clothe, give haircuts, assist medically, and offer incredible experiences throughout the year and holidays.

Other community support projects were “Homes for the Brave,” “Swim Across the Sound,” “Feed the Homeless,” “Turkey Drive at Norden Club for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission,” and “Kingdom Life Food Drive.” “Hip Hop 1001, assisting Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 fundraiser for the “Cardinal Shehan Center’s Haunted House,” assisted Fidelity Saint John’s Lodge No. 3 “Halloween on the Green,” assisted America Saint John’s Lodge No. 8 Halloween and Easter Drives, as well as storm relief for multiple areas affected by flooding and inclement weather.



# Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 Welcomes Brother from England

Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 in Easton hosted a special evening of brotherhood at their December stated communication. The lodge recognized an essential milestone for Bro. Nick Williams, recently passed to Fellowcraft at the statewide degree event. WM Christopher Holms presented him with his symbolic “wages,” as the lodge’s tradition is to present a meaningful keepsake commemorating this important step in a brother’s Masonic journey. Brother Nick’s heartfelt response was indicative of his gratitude and appreciation.

The lodge also welcomed two distinguished visitors: Bro. John Redwood, Senior Warden of Washington Lodge No. 19 in Monroe, and Bro. Robert Heyfron, a visiting Mason from London, England. Bro. Heyfron has been a frequent attendee of the lodge when traveling to the U.S. On this night, he was unanimously conferred honorary membership in Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge. His gracious acceptance of this distinction emphasized the bonds of Freemasonry that transcend the divisions typically separating men, whether ethnic, cultural, religious, or ideological.

Plans are also underway between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge of England to properly formalize a "twinning" arrangement (a formal fraternal recognition between two lodges, often geographically separated) between the lodge and Bro. Heyfron’s home lodge in London. Brother Secretary Zuccarella and Bro. Silhavy are spearheading the initiative, which both Grand Lodges must sanction.

The evening concluded with the lodge’s December tradition of reading T’was the Night Before Christmas. The honor of reading the poem this year was conferred upon none other than the lodge’s newest honorary brother, Robert Heyfron! His eloquent delivery, enhanced by his impeccable English accent and diction, brought the timeless story to life.



# Ashlar-Aspectuck Lodge No. 142 and Hiram Lodge No. 18 Raise Three Brothers

On December 23, 2024, Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge No. 142 of Easton and Hiram Lodge No. 18 of Sandy Hook collaborated to raise Bros. Andrew Holms, Tomas Curwen, and Jose Fuentes to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Working as a cohesive unit, brothers from both lodges formed the degree team, delivering powerful and meaningful ritual. WM Christopher Holms of Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge and MWB George Greytek shared duties as Worshipful Master throughout the evening, creating a collaborative and unified experience.

The evening was even more special as WM Holmes presided over raising his son. Bros. Andrew Holms and Tomas Curwen are "Lewis Masons." Tomas's father, Bro. William Curwen, Jr. and Tomas's brother, Bro. William Curwen III helped raise him.

Many visiting brothers from surrounding lodges and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut enhanced the ceremony. Their support and fellowship, including that of WB Robert Heyfron from England, who witnessed his first Master Mason degree in the United States, added a profound sense of community and belonging to the evening for the newly raised brothers.



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# BREATHING - A GATEWAY TO MASTERSHIP

by John A. Amarilios, [membership@lafayetteconsistory.com](mailto:membership@lafayetteconsistory.com)

The winter season starts at Lafayette Consistory with the following degrees being presented at the Stratford Theater, all degrees starting at 7:30 p.m. A dinner is offered at the Shrine building next door at 6 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064 and leaving your name and the date of your attendance. If you are new to the Scottish Rite you must sign up online at the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction website: <https://scottishritenmj.org/join/membership-application>.

New Members to the Rite must first view the 4th Degree, which is presented on video at 7 p.m. on every degree night (except when a live 4th Degree is presented).

The upcoming degrees for February and March are as follows:

February 3: Stated Meeting and 26th Degree (video)

February 24: 4th Degree (live), 9th Degree (live)

March 10: 8th Degree (live) and 27th Degree (video)

If you have questions, wish to make reservations, or need help signing up online if you are new to the Rite, call the office at (203) 375-0064.

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We will return to our recent theme of “learning to subdue our passions.” Energy is not something you obtain externally but something of which you are comprised. It is often referred to as spirit, especially in ecclesiastical contexts. It flows through every facet of your physical body, just as blood travels through your body’s circulatory system and oxygen travels through your lungs and eventually into your bloodstream. “Without the control of energy, Man is but a leaf in the wind of the forces of the Universe,” per the Hermetician Franz Bardon.

If we learn to regulate our passions dispassionately, we will begin to take control of the energy that we possess. Every time we experience waves of fear, anger, excitement, or even relaxation, our energy is shifting, either expanding or contracting. Most of humanity allows their energetic patterns to dictate and control their circumstances, conditions, and thoughts, whereas it should be the other way around. How often have you entered a place where you immediately felt an inviting and harmonious energy or, conversely, a dissonant, disharmonious energy? That feeling was not intuition but your personal energy responding or reacting to the energy left behind by others. This also holds true with people – we all feel repelled or attracted to certain people – again because of a disharmonious, or alternatively, a sympathetic vibrational energy.

These feelings are often dismissed, but they are very real. Realizing that those feelings reflect who and what you are and recognizing them can help you steer a course to attainment. However, you must still the passions to a point where you can develop the requisite sensitivity to effectively and accurately recognize these feelings.

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**Mon. March 10** - 8th Degree live, 27th degree (video)

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This sensitivity can be developed through the practice of deep breathing so that you can bring vitality and energy to yourself, which will assist you in developing this sensitivity. Deep breathing enables us to bring in pure air while exhaling the stagnated and used energy that does little to empower our mortal vehicle. Most of humanity engages in the practice of shallow breathing, which is barely sufficient to supply oxygen to our bloodstream, so our bodies merely continue to function.

Deep breathing is akin to a turbocharger that will, once it becomes a habit, literally increase your personal energy and vitality and enable you to accomplish goals that in the past were merely wishful thinking or idle speculation. Training your autonomic nervous system to engage in deep breathing requires intensive will and constant and repeated effort since you probably have engaged in shallow breathing most of your life. This entails making a constant willful practice to breathe deeply and override the default impulse to engage in shallow breathing. This requires peace of mind and control of your internal self. This a giant but very elementary step in attaining mastery over yourself. This coincides with the practice of slowly attaining control of one’s passions.

Fiat Lux!

*As always, the Valley of Bridgeport, stands ready to help further your understanding of the three degrees of Freemasonry. Should you have questions about the Scottish Rite, please feel free to contact me at the email address above, or call the Consistory office at (203) 375-0064.*



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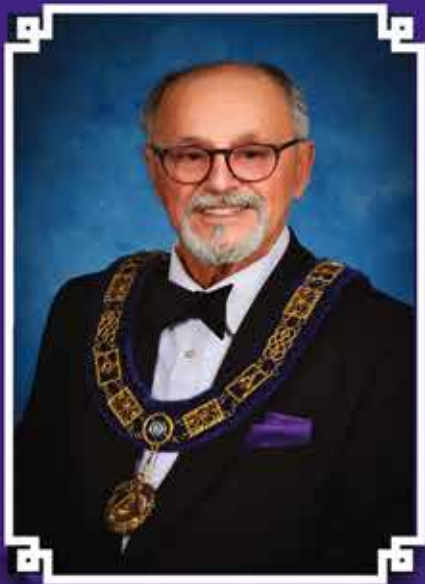
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## Grand Lodge Annual Session

**Saturday, April 5**, 8 a.m., Marriott, Hartford/Windsor Airport

## Entered Apprentice Degrees

**Mon., Feb. 17**, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9 Wallingford, Dinner

**Mon., Feb. 17**, 6:30 p.m., Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, Dinner

**Sat., Mar. 1**, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, Dinner *Note: This is the Garibaldi EA Degree portrayed for Harmony Lodge AT Morning Star Lodge No. 47 in Shelton*

## Fellowcraft Degrees

**Tues., Feb. 4**, 6:30 p.m., Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

**Wed., Feb. 19**, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Lodge No. 25, South Glastonbury, Dinner

**Tues., Feb. 25**, 7:30 p.m., Shepherd-Salem Lodge No. 78, Naugatuck

**Thurs., Feb 27.**, 6:30 p.m., Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Dinner

**Tues., Mar 4**, 6:30 p.m., Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stonington, Dinner

## Master Mason Degrees

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# Craft At Refreshment

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Recurring events and breakfasts may not occur during the summer months – call to check.

## Recurring Events

### **Second Monday of the Month,**

Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, Discussions of Masonic Interest. *Open to all brothers (EA, FC incl), short lecture and discussions on Masonic subjects.*

**Every Thursday**, Putnam Lodge No. 46, Putnam, 7 p.m., Thursday Night Meeting *Socializing, Rehearsing, Prepping.*

### **First Sunday of the Month,**

WyllysSt. John's Lodge No. 4, West Hartford, 3 p.m., Noshes & Knowledge, *Conversations on subject of Masonic interest, light refreshments. ALL are welcome.*

## Recurring Breakfasts

**First Sunday of the Month**, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, 7 a.m., *SBA Breakfast Fundraiser*

**Third Sunday of the Month**, Washington Lodge No. 19, Monroe, 8 a.m., *Country breakfast*

**First Thursday of the Month**, 8th Masonic District, Groton, 9 a.m., *Groton Townhouse Restaurant*

**Third Saturday of the Month**, Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14, Plainville, 8 a.m., *Uncle Bob's Ham & Eggers, 2 Linden Street, Plainville*

## Events

**Sun., Feb. 9**, Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, *Super Bowl Party*

**Sun., Feb. 9**, 8 a.m., Moosup Lodge No. 113 *Sterling Community School 8th Grade Benefit Breakfast*

**Sun., Feb. 9**, 5 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, *Super Bowl Party*

**Sat., Feb. 22**, 9 a.m., Seneca Lodge No. 55, Torrington, *Penguin Plunge, Camp MOE, 1145 Brandy Hill Rd, Torrington*

**Sun., Feb. 23**, 11 a.m., Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, *Benefit Breakfast for Plainfield Midget Football Association*

**Sun., Mar. 9**, 11 a.m., Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, *Benefit Breakfast for Nutmeg Acres Wildlife Rehabilitation*

**Tues., Mar. 11**, 8 p.m., Moosup Lodge No. 113, Moosup, *Benefit Steak Dinner for Friends of Pachaug State Forest*

**Thur., Mar. 13**, 7 p.m., Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, *An Evening of Trivia With Family and Friends, Paul Parducci hosts trivia, 18 and over only, prizes to top two teams.*

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# A Warm Welcome to Our New Communities!

Expanding the Masonicare Family to Serve More Seniors  
Across Connecticut.

Masonicare is thrilled to announce the newest additions to our family! Masonicare at Greenridge Place, Masonicare at Middlewoods of Farmington, Masonicare at Middlewoods of Newington, Masonicare at Crosby Commons, Masonicare at Wesley Heights and Masonicare at Bishop Wicke Health Center.



As Connecticut's largest not-for-profit integrated senior care continuum,  
we are redefining access to exceptional care.

With new locations and enhanced offerings, Masonicare is making it easier than ever to access a full range of options—from independent and assisted living to memory care, skilled nursing, senior behavioral health care and community-based home care services.

We're growing to meet your needs, ensuring that wherever you are, we'll be there.



**Masonicare.** Welcome to Something Better.