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or "Aggie Masons" - A Comparison
Remembering the Battle of Bunker Hill



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

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THE MASONIC FRATERNITY AND ITS DESCENDANT THE GRANGE OR “AGGIE MASONS” - A COMPARISON - 2/24/2025

The Grange, more formally known as the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry is a fraternal order with historical links to Freemasonry. While the Masonic order was founded in 1717 in England, the Grange was founded 150 years later, December 4, 1867, in Washington, D.C. by Oliver Hudson Kelly from New York. He was a gentleman farmer who left New York and established a farm in Minnesota, which is run to this day as the Kelly Farm by the Minnesota Historical Society.



The latter half of the 1800s was known as the Golden Age of Fraternalism. Other fraternal orders dating to the same period as the Grange include the Knights of Pythias, Eastern Star, Royal Arcanum, the Woodmen, the Red Men, and, perversely, the Ku Klux Klan. The Grange has been directly likened to Masonry, and its members are referred to as the Aggie Masons.

Mr. Kelly worked for the U.S. Bureau of Agriculture starting in 1864, and while touring the eastern and southeastern states



in 1866 at the behest of President Andrew Johnson, he got the idea to form a fraternal organization to help the farmers in those areas. There were problems in the southern states, especially where farms were devastated by the war. Railroad monopolies also made it difficult for farmers to get crops to their intended markets. The organization he had in mind would be able to lobby for their interests and serve as a family social outlet, as it would be co-ed: men and women would both have voting power in his fraternity. One result of this lobbying was the Granger Laws of the late 1860s and early 1870s that broke up the railroad monopolies.

Oliver Hudson Kelly joined with six other men as the Seven Founders of the Order: William Sounders, Francis M. McDowell, William Trimble, Aaron B. Grosh, John R. Thompson, and William M. Ireland. In 1892, Kelly's niece, Caroline A. Hall was labeled “equal to a founder.” In addition to Kelly, Thompson and Ireland were also Masons; this was a great

influence on the organization that they formed. Furthermore, Aaron Grosh was an Odd Fellow and wrote the Odd Fellows Improved Manual, a guidebook for that organization. Another historical side note was that William Ireland, on account of his Masonic zeal, secured a position working with General Albert Pike in 1885. As we know, Pike was the leader of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the author of *Morals and Dogma*.

The Grange has been called “farmer Masons” because of the similarity between the organizations. While the Masonic fraternity is arranged by Blue Lodges into districts all under state-level Grand Lodges, there is no unifying national lodge organization. The Grange is structured at the local level into subordinate or Community Granges (currently 30 in CT), district or county Pomona Granges (3 in CT), State Granges (37 states have Granges in them, but only 32 have State Granges as 5 states have too few Granges to qualify for a State Grange).

While the Blue Lodge exemplifies three degrees—Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason—the Subordinate Grange exemplifies four degrees, while the Pomona Grange handles the fifth degree, State Grange the sixth, and National Grange, the seventh. Masonic degrees teach the building of the

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spiritual and moral temple of self, in turn leading one to be a better man, using the allegory from the building of King Solomon's Temple, all the while using references from stonemasonry to develop the ideas of speculative Masonry. The Masonic values of brotherly love, relief, and truth are taught to the initiate. In the opening charge of the Master prior to the first Grange degree, candidates are instructed that the chief purpose of the Grange is "to build a better and higher manhood and womanhood." The first four Grange degrees follow the seasons of the agricultural year: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, respectively described as the seasons of preparation and planting, cultivation, harvesting, and finally, reflection. Associated lessons are faith, hope, charity, and fidelity, and they are also likened to the seasons of life: childhood, youth, middle age, and old age. The fifth degree continues with the lesson of perseverance. The lesson of the sixth degree is that we should ever face the light as we go down the pathway of life. The seventh degree culminates by teaching us to be ever watchful and keep away from evil ways.

As there are signs, tokens, and grips in Masonry, so too are there various signs, grips, and words in Grange ritual. In a few instances, even though Grange ritual is agriculturally based and Masonic ritual is stonemason based, there

are similarities in phraseology throughout the ritual lending one to see how the Grange founders borrowed ideas in developing their ritual.

The ritual of both the Masonic and Grange fraternities espouses a belief in a greater being or creator: the Grand Architect of the Universe, or G.A.O.T.U. in Masonry, and the "Great Master of us all," in Grange work. The rituals of both organizations are clear to point out that while their members recognize a divine creator, neither organization professes to support or represent any specific religion, nor is either fraternity to be considered a religion.

While the officers in a Blue Lodge are the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Chaplain, and Tiler, those in a Grange are Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, and Flora. The setup of officer stations in the meeting hall is somewhat similar. Those officers whose duties include marching carry staves as in the Masonic order. While the North lacks a station in a Masonic lodge, the Grange seats its Lecturer or program director there.

Where the Masonic order puts fraternal relations among its



HOSPITALER'S CORNER

Your gifts to the Hospitaler Fund assist David in helping out local brothers who are members of the Consistory. Unfortunately, there never has been a greater need. If you have experienced good fortune in the past year, why not pass a portion of it forward to help a brother in need. Many are struggling with age-related debilities, as well as misfortunes of every kind.

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9TH DEGREE CAST AND CANDIDATES
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - STRATFORD



8TH DEGREE CAST AND CANDIDATES
MARCH 10, 2025 - STRATFORD



THREE BROTHERS RECEIVE
LONGEVITY AWARDS
FEBRUARY 24, 2025
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COMPLETED ALL 29 DEGREES - STRATFORD



FEBRUARY 24, 2025



MARCH 10, 2025



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members and community service at its core, the Grange adds to that a lobbying function due to its position as the voice of rural America. The Grange lobbies extensively at different levels of government for rural interests, such as better broadband service, improved access to healthcare, and controls on regulations that inhibit farmers. Grand Lodge sessions deal with the internal business of the order. Annual sessions of State Granges and the National Grange deal with that, as well as resolutions submitted by members on a variety of topics that are discussed and voted on to accept or reject. Some of these go on to the National Grange Convention, where they are considered and voted on by delegates (two per state and are

usually State Master/President and spouse, except where State Grange is too small for two delegates, or other appointed individual) on one of eight committees who review the resolutions they are assigned, bring recommendations for dispensation to the floor of the session. The outcomes of voting on resolutions are used to write Grange policy documents on current policies for use in lobbying at both state and national levels. The annual session of the Connecticut State Grange is three days, while the National Grange Convention lasts five days and moves around the nation's five Grange regions.

The Masonic order has many appendant orders that include women, teens, and youth. The Grange is co-ed and features a

Junior Grange for those aged 5 to 14 years, after which one can join a Subordinate/Community Grange. In Masonry, some limit their membership to the Blue Lodge, while others progress to the Scottish or York Rite and even become Shriners or members of other appendant bodies. Similarly, in the Grange, some never advance beyond the Subordinate Grange, but others belong to Pomona and even the State or National Grange as well.

As a Mason and Granger, I belong to the Blue Lodge (St. Peter's No. 21) and Lafayette Consistory AASR. As a Granger, I am a member of the Granges in Bethlehem (No. 121) and Oxford (No. 194), a Pomona Master of Mountain Laurel Pomona

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TOM BUCKLES, ELECTRICIAN



Tom Buckles not only became a member of the Valley of Bridgeport but is also well-versed in the nooks and crannies of the Leo H. Lohrman Theater having worked on wiring, lighting and security projects in and around the theater over the past several years.

Tom started his company, Buck Electric LLC, in 2018 and now has a team of 6 seasoned assistants who have been versed in the company's credo of "Teamwork, Tenacity, Integrity, Respect, Mastery, and Embracing Adversity". He specializes in residential and commercial electrical work, as well as the occasional high voltage industrial job. He is frequently involved in new house wiring and remodels, commercial remodels or new upfits, electrical service installs and upgrades, electrical panel changes, permanent standby generator installs, landscape/outdoor lighting, recessed lighting, light fixture upgrades, smart home switching and smart home integration, appliance wiring, HVAC equipment wiring.

Tom started his electrical career at Emmett O'Brien Tech High School in Ansonia, CT IN 2009, and graduated valedictorian of his class in 2012. He continued his electrical apprenticeship while simultaneously taking his scholarship to UConn and graduated with a BS in Business. Ever the overachiever, Tom was raised in Daytime Lodge No. 144 and was made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Bridgeport with the fall class of 2016.



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No. 15, and currently serve as Master/President of the Connecticut State Grange. Regarding degree work, I have been involved in all three Blue Lodge degrees, taken a small part in the 13th degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite some years ago under Leo Lohrman, 33°, and participated in all seven Grange degrees. I took part in the seventh degree for the first time this past November at the National Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Due to the lobbying efforts of the Grange and the resulting exposure of our organization to the public, the term Master can sometimes be considered a bit offensive to some. Therefore, we have advocated for moving away from this verbiage and using the term President, most especially in public documents. While the Grange adopts officer names derived from farms

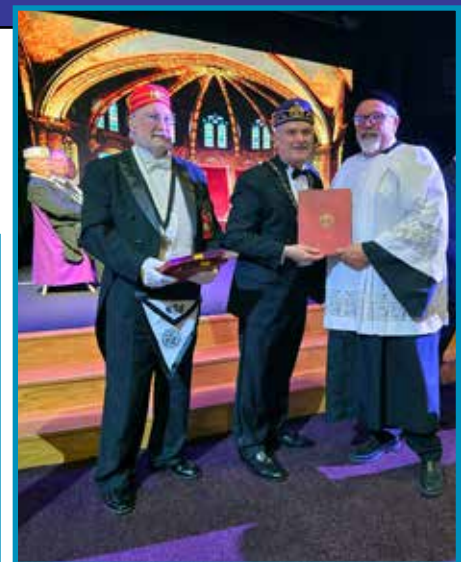
called Granges in England during medieval times, language evolves, and the terms Master and Overseer are seen by some as objectionable. We treasure our history and traditions, but we are in a position where we do not wish to alienate anyone who perceives this language as outdated and inappropriate in modern times.

Robert A. Buck. OD, 32° AASR, and President, CT State Grange

32ND DEGREE - MAY



NEW SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL



NEW 32° BROTHERS
RECEIVING THEIR
DIPLOMAS

MAY 5, 2025 - STRATFORD



SECRET RECEIVING THEIR DIPLOMAS

MAY 5, 2025



STRATFORD



REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

(REVISED FROM A MARCH 2025 BLOG POST)

BY JEFFREY CROTEAU,

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill and the 200th anniversary of the laying of the Bunker Hill Monument's cornerstone. To commemorate this event, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is featuring a small exhibition in its reading room, with objects related to memorializing the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Battle of Bunker Hill took place on June 17, 1775. Despite the name of the battle, most of the action took place on nearby Breed's Hill. Combatants fought the battle to solidify which side controlled Boston Harbor. To this end, the hills in and around Boston were tactically important to both British and colonial forces. The American's newly formed Continental Army sought to limit the supplies that the British army could bring into Boston via the harbor.

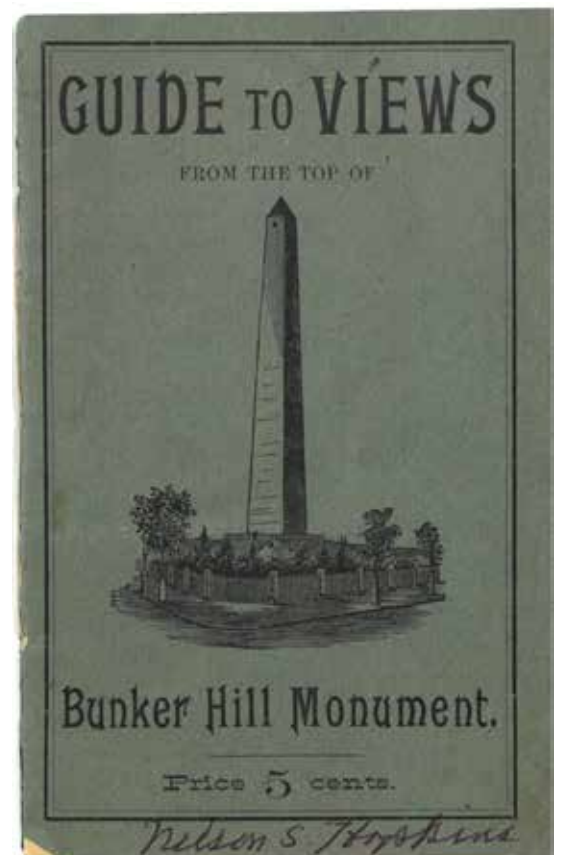
Objects on view in "Remembering the Battle of Bunker Hill" include a nineteenth-century scale model of the original 1794 monument erected by King Solomon's Lodge of Charlestown, Massachusetts. Lodge members dedicated the monument to the memory of Revolutionary War hero and organizer Joseph Warren, who was killed in the battle. Other objects on view include two pieces of sheet music related to dedicatory events surrounding the Bunker Hill Monument, including a "Masonic Ode" composed in 1845, as well as seeds used in the Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony for the Bunker Hill Monument in 1825.

While still a memorial to the battle, the Bunker Hill Monument also functioned and continues to do so today—as a tourist attraction. A climb up its 294 steps affords visitors expansive views of Boston, Charlestown, Cambridge, Malden, Chelsea, and Lynn. Two nineteenth-century booklets, both intended for tourists visiting the monument, are also on view in the exhibition.

"Remembering the Battle of Bunker Hill" will be on view in the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives' reading room through October 3, 2025.



Masonic Ode, 1845. Museum Purchase, 85-126.



Guide to Views from the Top of Bunker Hill Monument, 1892. Gift of Nelson M. Hopkins, F62.3.B9 1892.

Lafayette Consistory Enjoying the Greater Connecticut Youth Orchestras' Winter Concert



March 2, 2025



Klein Auditorium
in Bridgeport



~ IN MEMORIAM ~

*We mourn the passing of the following Scottish Rite Brethren
whose deaths were reported in 2024-25*

<i>NAME</i>	<i>32° CONFERRED</i>	<i>LODGE</i>	<i>HOME VALLEY</i>	<i>DATE OF DEATH</i>
Edward R. Caplan, 32°	05/01/1982	Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125	New Haven	03/29/2025
Alfred J. Chapman, 32°, MSA	12/01/1966	Corinthian Lodge No. 103	New Haven	07/17/2024
William J. Green, 32°	05/01/1982	America Lodge No. 132	Bridgeport	09/23/2021
Walter H. Hempel, 32°	12/01/1974	Washington Lodge No. 19	Bridgeport	11/06/2024
Michael J. Hoherchak, 32°	12/01/1984	Temple Lodge No. 65	Bridgeport	04/01/2025
Wayne L. Kadar, 32°	12/01/1956	Fidelity St John's Lodge No. 3	Bridgeport	08/28/2024
Morgan J. Knudsen, 32°	05/01/1986	Corinthian Lodge No. 103	New Haven	03/14/2022
Richard T. Mattson, 32°	05/02/1994	Temple Lodge No. 16	New Hzven	10/02/2024
Edward Ohannesian, 32°	12/01/1979	Compass Lodge No. 9	New Haven	11/18/2024
Frank C. W. Rogers, 32°	05/01/1964	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89	New Haven	08/12/2024
Robert W. Somerville, 32°	12/03/1990	Harmony Lodge No. 42	Waterbury	01/03/2024
Thomas G. Thiede, 32°	12/05/1988	Compass Lodge No. 9	New Haven	09/06/2024
Carl H. Zinn, 32°	12/01/1959	Washington Lodge No. 19	Bridgeport	01/30/2025

~ May they rest from their labors. ~



What is the purpose for which Masonry exists? Its ultimate purpose is the perfection of humanity. Mankind itself is still in a period of youth. We are only now beginning to acquire a consciousness of the social aim of civilization, which is man's perfection. Such perfection can never end with physical perfection, which is only the means to the end or spiritual perfection.

-Albert Pike

Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory

Scotch and Cigar Night

Friday, August 8, 2025
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.

\$15 per person. Limit is 35.
Make your reservations soon!

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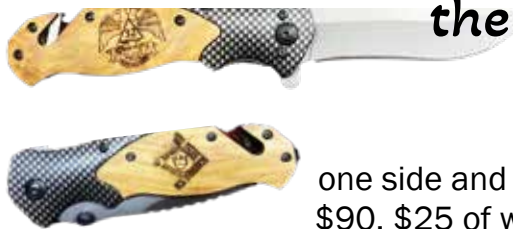
I-95 to Exit 9-Glenbrook. Turn left on to Seaside Ave. Turn left on to East Main Street. Turn right on to Courtland Ave. Follow Courtland Ave. to the end. Turn right on to Glenbrook Road. Turn left on to Research Drive. Stamford Cigar Bar is on left.

FROM BRIDGEPORT:

I-95 to Exit 9 - Glenbrook. Turn right at East Main Street. Quick right on to Courtland Ave. Follow Courtland Ave. to the end. Turn right on to Glenbrook Road. Turn left on to Research Drive. Stamford Cigar Bar is on left.

CONTACT: Mike Jachimczyk at 203-979-5011 or email mcjesq@icloud.com or the Consistory at 203-375-0064 or email Office@LafayetteConsistory.com
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CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS

By John A. Amarilios, MSA, 33°

The Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut (The Rite's premier charity) held its annual Commencement in Waterbury on April 11th. Thirteen students attended the celebration of the completion of their studies, and significant improvement in their language arts skills. We are fortunate to have three centers in the state providing services to children who are struggling with the hardship of dyslexia.

The Centers are located in Waterbury, Bridgeport, and Farmington. Your generous and heartfelt contributions to the Children's Dyslexia Centers are doing wonders for these kids. The Children's Dyslexia Center sponsors several different fundraisers during the course of the year. If you look over to page 18 of this issue, you will find a barcode that will link you to a donation page. Your help is greatly appreciated!



WATERBURY

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



APRIL 11,
2025





FAMILY LIFE EVENTS ~ 2025

Please note that details are not yet available for some of these activities.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
06/01/25	Sun.	8:30 a..m.	Fishing Trip on the L.I. Sound , \$20/person in advance, "Lucky Lady" Clinton, CT. Limit of 35, plus \$5 for pool. No glass bottles or bananas per order of Captain.
06/06/25	Fri.	7 p.m.	New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox , Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY, 7:05 p.m. first pitch, take the Yankee Clipper down from your local Metro North station to meet at the game. Our tickets are in the Jim Beam Suite with cushioned seats behind first base on the 300 level. The package includes all-inclusive "elevated" ballpark food and draft beer (full menu with exception of Lobel's Steak Sandwich); starts from doors opening until middle of the 5th inning or 90 mins. after originally scheduled first pitch, whichever comes first; also includes complimentary popcorn, peanuts, and soft drink refills; Suite contains private concession stands, bathrooms, and full-service wrap around bar (a la carte). \$160/person
07/19/25	Sat.	12 p.m.	Lighthouse Cruise. Details to follow.
08/08/25	Fri.	7 p.m.	Scotch and Cigar Night , Stamford Cigar Bar, \$15/person, 7-10 p.m.
08/10/25	Sun.	3 p.m.	Die Fledermaus , Johann Strauss, II's, comic operetta at Andrews Memorial Theater, Clinton, followed by dinner at Café Allegre, Madison. Leave Leo H. Lohrman, II, Scotttish Rite Theatre at 1:30 p.m.. \$95/per person.
08/16/25	Sat.	12 p.m.	Annual Clambake Picnic , Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Starts at Noon. \$10/person.
09/13/25	Sat.	6 p.m.	Valley of Bridgeport Installation Dinner , Riverview Bistro, Stratford, CT. \$20/person..
9/14/25	Sun	TBD	Buffalo Bills at the New York Jets. Details to follow.
09/21/25	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Fishing Trip on the L.I. Sound , \$20/person in advance, "Lucky Lady," Clinton, CT, Limit of 35, plus \$5 for pool, no glass bottles or bananas per order of Captain.
10/04/25	Sat.	3:30 pm	Essex Clipper Dinner Train , Essex, Ct. Ride for 2-2 1/2 scenic journey while served a 4-course meal in beautifully restored 1920's Pullman diners, pulled by a vintage diesel locomotive. Leaving Leo H. Lohrman, II, Theatre, Stratford at 3:30 pm. \$75/person.
11/27/25	Thu.	7:30 a.m.	Annual Turkey Trot 5K Road Race , Thanksgiving morning, supports the Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Centers.and other local charities.
12/13/25	Sat.	3 p.m.	Boston Pop Holiday Concert at Symphony Hall , a performance filled with holiday music favorites, the traditional sing-along, and a visit from Santa Claus himself. Shopping or dinner on your own at Faneuil Hall Market Place afterward. The bus leaves The Leo H. Lohrman, II, Theatre in Stratford at 10 a.m. Limit 40 people. \$95/person.
12/19/25	Fri.	6 p.m.	Annual Holiday Party and fundraiser for CT Children's Dyslexia Centers, Woodwinds Banquet Facility, Branford, CT to include cigar rolling and silent auction.Formal dress, black tie for men, ladies:formal holiday dress. \$40/person.

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Children's Dyslexia Center

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Sunday, October 5, 2025

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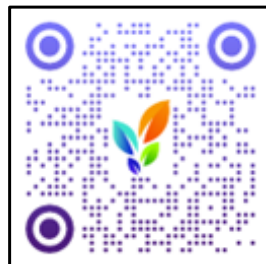
Waterbury Center 203-465-0830

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The Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) charitable organization.



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HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

6 -10 P.M.

WOODWINDS, SPECIAL EVENTS VENUE

A Holiday Buffet Dinner

At the Woodwinds by Chef Silvio

And Dancing with a DJ

Four Hour Premium Open Bar

Cocktail Hour, Hot and Cold Hors d'Oeuvres

Salad Station & Pasta Station

Farfalle with Sunday Sauce, Tortellini Alfredo

Entrée Station

Chicken Marsala, Chicken Florentine, Salmon Champagne

Carving Station

Prime Rib & Stuffed Roast Pork

Complements Station ~ Herb Roasted Potatoes,

Seasonal Vegetables Medley, Rice Pilaf

Desserts ~ Assortment of Cookies and Pastries

Served with Coffee, Tea, or Espresso

DRESS IS FORMAL

ONLY \$40.00 a person (cost the same as last year)

Reserve your place today.

Silent Auction and a Cigar Roller after dinner to benefit the Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut.

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Limited Space so RSVP Early by Friday, December 12.



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For those who drive to the Theatre, the street address is 2422 Main Street, Stratford, CT. The building is clearly marked with the name at the top of the building. There is limited handicap parking in front and there is parking behind the Theatre.