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Deliverance by Sea: A Secret Ship of Texas Independence—
Manifest Destiny and the Freemasons.

William Drettler's Masonic Register.



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MEET DAVID H. COOPER, THE VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT'S NEWEST MSA AND CORPORATE SALESMAN, EXTRAORDINAIRE.

I am 57 years old and come from a place called Framingham, Massachusetts (which was at one point the largest town in America but has since become a small city). I went to college at the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor of business administration, graduating in 1990. I was fortunate enough to get a 6-month co-op that turned into a job at IBM, where I started in January of 1991 in Stamford, Connecticut, as an accountant. I really made it big; my first office overlooked Long Island Sound. I have had a few jobs at IBM (I've been moved) and eventually got my current job, a Certified Storage Sales Representative, which I've had for 25 years.

A Storage Sales Rep basically sells data storage (disk/flash/backup/disaster recovery/archive/storage software/data security) to whatever accounts are covered. I truly love it. Presentations, follow-ups, pricing, working with business partners, dealing with customers who need my help, and feeding the IBM "Beast" (IBM humor). I currently have some research accounts, which means I'm working with scientists who are searching for a cure to cancer. To me, in my small little way, I am helping by securing and storing

the Petabytes upon Petabytes (lots of data) of human DNA images.

I've been a Mason since January of 2010, and like most Masons, I matriculated through all the chairs to become the Worshipful Master of Union Lodge Number 5 (A.F. & A.M.) in 2018. I have since been the Worshipful Master in 2021, 2022, and 2023. I also oversaw the sale of the lodge 3 years ago; Union 5 now meets in Darien at Ivanhoe Number 107. I've always tried to assist with degree work and to meet and assist new Masons, a job that is very important and, quite honestly, a lot of fun. I am now the Junior Warden, meaning I get to ask for help from others to create and serve meals at Stated Communications.

Being a Master Mason, I joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Bridgeport (thank you, John Amarillios!). I have been working in a team with many like-minded brothers to bring the 29 Scottish Rite Degrees to life for our brethren. I was humbled and honored to receive the MSA and Red Cap at the Council of Deliberation session, September 27, 2025.



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AUGUST 26,
2025



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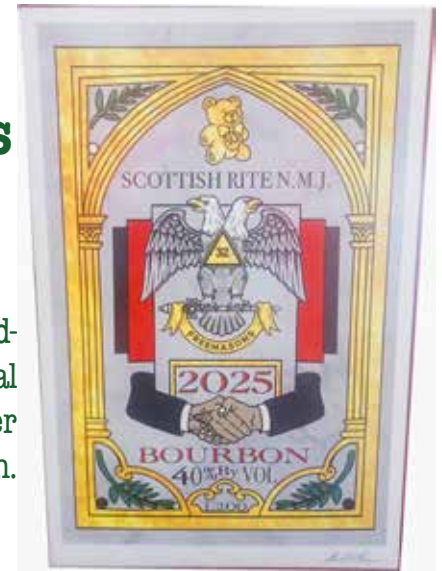
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AASR Enjoys Essex Clipper Dinner Train Trip October 4, 2025



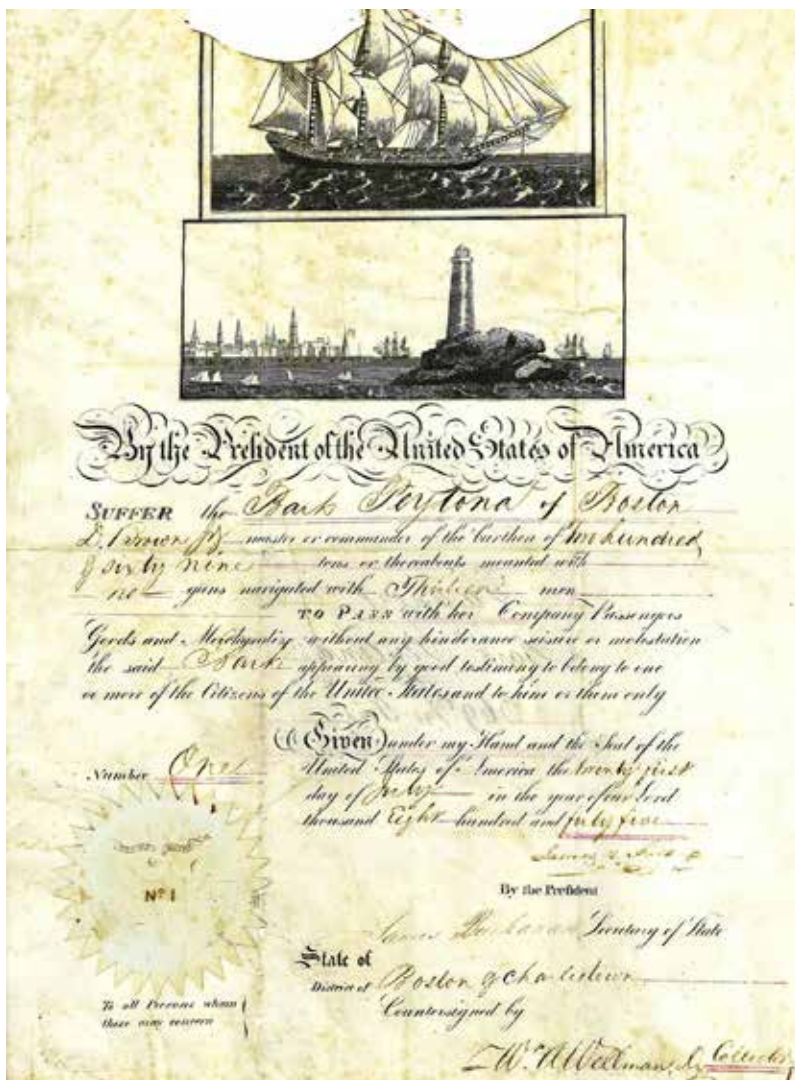
DELIVERANCE BY SEA: A SECRET SHIP OF TEXAS INDEPENDENCE—MANIFEST DESTINY AND THE FREEMASONS BY WB GARY F. ECSEDI

On March 4, 1845, Brother James Knox Polk became the 11th President of the United States. On March 10, 1845, President Polk appointed Brother James Buchanan Jr. (Future 15th President of the United States) as Secretary of State. Polk was an advocate for Jacksonian democracy. Andrew Jackson was the 7th President of the United States of America and served as the Grand Master of Freemasons for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee from 1822 to 1824. Andrew Jackson strongly believed in Manifest Destiny, the idea that the United States was destined to expand its dominion and spread its ideals across the North American continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans.

President James Knox Polk played a pivotal role in shaping the United States during a transformative period in American history. Polk was often referred to as the "Manifest Destiny President". In 1845, the United States was dealing with numerous issues: primarily the annexation of Texas and the growing tensions with Mexico, the question of Slavery was still a major issue and had never been fully resolved. In 1844, Texas was close to annexation by the United States. A treaty of annexation was signed on April 12, 1844, between the Republic of Texas and the United States; however, it was ultimately rejected by the U.S. Senate. One very important reason was the issue of Slavery. The issue of whether Texas would be admitted as a Slave or Free State was a major point of contention in the U.S., mainly in

the Northern and Central United States. Ultimately, Texas joined the Union as a Slave State. This decision contributed to the growing tensions over slavery that eventually led to the Mexican-American War. President Polk was not

against slavery, and some saw his expansionist policies as an attempt to extend slavery into new territories. In truth, Polk really didn't care if a State was a Free State or a Slave State; his main goal as president was to expand our country's borders from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. President Polk needed a good reason to convince the Northern politicians to expand our country further south into Mexico. Why not create a false story saying the Mexican Troops attacked the small-numbered U.S. troops on the new U.S. Border, initiating a War? Congressman Abraham Lincoln challenged Polk's narrative, asserting that the U.S. troops were the aggressors by occupying



the disputed territory. The Northern politicians would certainly investigate the matter, but it would be some time before Congress and the Senate could vote to send arms and troops to help support the new State of Texas. What if the arms and troops had already been sent there early in 1845, without anyone knowing?

Mexico severed relations with the United States in March 1845, shortly before the annexation of Texas. In September, President Polk sent John Slidell, United

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States Minister to Mexico (a close confidant of Brother Albert Pike), on a secret mission to Mexico City to negotiate the disputed Texas border, settle U.S. claims against Mexico, and purchase New Mexico and California for up to \$20 million. Ultimately, \$15 million was paid. Mexican President Jose Joaquin Herrera, aware in advance of Slidell's intention, refused to receive him. When Polk learned of the snub, he ordered troops under General Zachary Taylor (Future 12th President of the United States) to occupy the disputed area between the Nueces and the Rio Grande. General Zachary Taylor arrived in Texas in July 1845, ironically, the same month the ship "Peytona" sailed mysteriously out of Boston. The mystery lies in the fact that there are no records of the port collector recording the departure. Any research on this voyage in July 1845 indicates that this shipping passport is missing. Yet here it is found 180 years later.

The shipping Passport is a significant document required by all United States Ships, as President George Washington first initiated the process in 1793. The document is intended to provide proof to any foreign power or port collector that the ship is owned solely by a U.S. Citizen, and to include a description of the cargo and the ship's destination. It is always signed by the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and the Collector of the port of departure. These documents were always carried on the Ship and were extremely accurate. During President Polk's tenure of office, he was known to sign at least 10 United States Ships' Passports. All passports were numbered on the official United States Seal. In July 1845, shortly after James Polk became President, he signed the very first Ship's Passport #1, which was for the barque "Peytona" of Boston. Ironically, this passport has been missing since the 1850s. The main question for the reader is: "Is this the ship's passport document carried on the first voyage for a covert action to start the Mexican-American War by shipping arms and troops secretly to Texas, ultimately, carrying out President Polk's goal of Manifest Destiny? It appears that all the pieces of the puzzle fit. Many of the participants at the beginning of the Mexican-American War were Freemasons, men who could trust one another and help President Polk carry out his goal of creating a country from one ocean to another, President Polk (Freemason), James Buchanan (Freemason), Sam Houston (Freemason), P.G.T. Beauregard (Freemason) George B. McClellan (Freemason), and George Pickett (Freemason).

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which brought an official end to the Mexican-American War (1846-1848), was signed on February 2, 1848, and resulted in the United States acquiring approximately 525,000 square miles of land from Mexico. This territory became what are now the states of California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona, as well as parts of Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas. The said acquisition significantly expanded the United States westward, solidifying the concept of Manifest Destiny.

Worshipful Brother Gary Ecsedi is a Two-time Master of Temple No. 65 in Westport, Connecticut. He is also the Lodge Historian. W.B. Ecsedi has been featured in several articles on American history and was recently featured in a documentary made for TV about the American Flag.

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The Consistory,
September 21, 2025



Installation Dinner ~



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Valley of Bridgeport



September 13, 2025



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(ALL 29 DEGREES)



- SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



THEATRE, STRATFORD

WILLIAM DRETTLER'S MASONIC REGISTER

BY SARAH SHEPHERD, ARCHIVIST,

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY

The recently opened October 2025 exhibition in the library reading room, titled *2025 Recent Acquisitions at the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives*, highlights several unique items. One object on view, a 1931 Masonic register for William Drettler, gives a glimpse into one man's Masonic experience and his Jewish background. A commemorative record rather than an official membership certificate, this document incorporates Masonic symbols and a Star of David.

William Drettler (1902-1998) was an Austrian Jewish immigrant, a Mason, and a police officer in New York City. He immigrated from Austria to New York City in 1920 on the ship *Leopoldina* and petitioned for naturalization on May 27, 1925. He was involved with Jewish community life in New York City, joining the Shomrim Society, an organization for Jewish members of the New York Police Department, and Armistice Lodge, No. 1008, in 1931, which had a predominantly Jewish membership. Though there were no exclusively

Jewish lodges, Jewish Masons would often join the same lodges, either because of being excluded from some lodges due to antisemitism or a desire for community, resulting in certain lodges with predominantly Jewish memberships. Established in 1924, Armistice Lodge No. 1008 grew quickly. It recorded over 300 members by the time Drettler took his degrees.

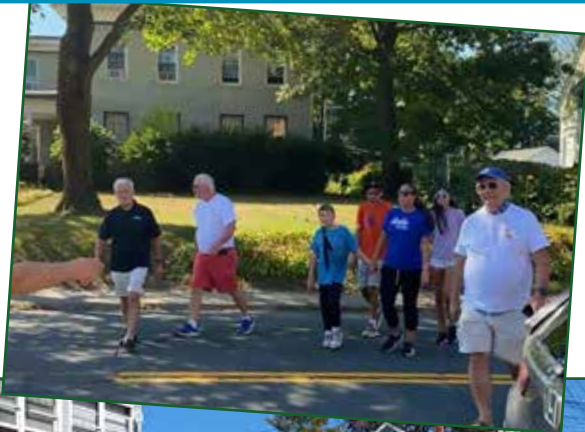
Drettler married Jean Blaustein on June 8, 1935, and they had a son, Stephen, in 1939. William Drettler died on June 8, 1998, and is buried in Montefiore Cemetery, a Jewish cemetery in Queens, New York. He and his wife were buried within the Shomrim Society plot at the cemetery.

Come see the certificate and other newly acquired items in the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives through April 3, 2026. This article was originally published on the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's blog. Visit srmmml.org/blog to read more.



Masonic register for William Drettler, 1931. New York, New York. Museum purchase, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, A2025-024-001

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 **Children's Dyslexia Centers**
A Charity of Scottish Rite Freemasonry



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ALL 29 DEGREES
FOR A SECOND TIME.
OCTOBER 6, 2025**



Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory

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7 to 10 p.m.**

**Stamford Cigar Bar,
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\$15 per person for two cigars

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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>
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 me. Ladies, formal holiday dress. \$40/person.



VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT 2025-2026 DEGREE SCHEDULE

DATE

2025

Mon.	Nov. 17	Stratford	25th Degree (live), 31st Degree (video)
Mon.	Dec. 1	Stratford	32nd Degree (live)

2026

Mon.	Feb. 2	Stratford	Stated Meeting, 4th Degree (live)
Mon.	Feb. 16	Stratford	26th Degree (live), 27th Degree (video)
Mon.	Mar. 9	Stratford	18th Degree (live), 21st Degree (video)
Mon.	Mar. 23	Stratford	10th Degree (live), 23rd Degree (video)
Mon.	Mar. 30	Stratford	Feast of the Paschal Lamb
Mon.	Apr. 13	Stratford	19th Degree (live), 28th Degree (video)
Mon.	May. 4	Stratford	32nd Degree (live)

Dinners are at 6 p.m., Degrees at 7:30 in Stratford unless otherwise noted. Dinners before the Bridgeport degrees on Mondays are at 6 p.m. in the Shrine building, unless otherwise noted,

- 4th Degree video as needed for new candidates.
- New candidates must register 45 minutes before degree. \$10/per brother.
- Monday candidates must fill out the application by Noon on Friday.

RSVP required for meals. **Email: Office@LafayetteConsistory.com or call 203-375-0064.**

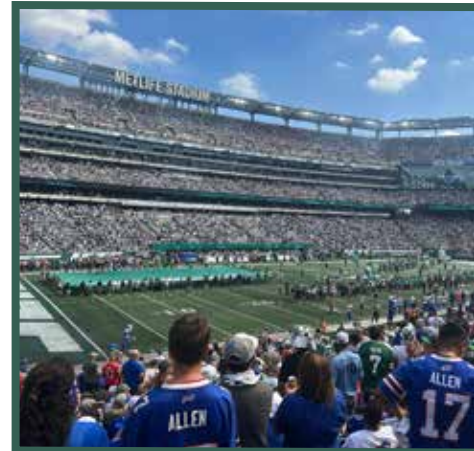
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NAME	32° CONFERRED	LODGE	HOME VALLEY	DATE OF DEATH
Gerald L Berthiaume, 32°	05/04/1981	Liberty-Continental Lodge No. 76	Waterbury	10/17/2024
John P. Dilks, Jr., 32°	11/16/2017	Ashlar Lodge No. 332	New Haven	07/05/2025
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., 33°	12/01/1984	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89	New Haven	07/30/2025
Warren G. Hayes, 32°	04/29/2000	Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107	Bridgeport	05/16/2025
Sidney W. Isenberg, 33°	08/26/2008	Annawon Lodge No. 115	New Haven	04/12/2025
Christopher S. Jennings, 32°	12/12/2015	Fidelity-St John's Lodge No.3	Bridgeport	06/21/2025
Maurice D. Knox, Jr., 32	05/01/1980	Ansantawae Lodge No. 89	New Haven	05/02/2025
Joseph R. Krusienski, 33°	12/01/1974	Compass Lodge No. 9	New Haven	06/28/2025
Paul D. MacKnight, 32°	12/01/1978	Meriden Lodge No. 77	New Haven	07/20/2025
Donald G. Maehlenbrock, 32°	12/01/1969	Corinthian Lodge No. 104	Bridgeport	08/09/2025
Edward J. Pahl, 32°	05/06/1991	Friendship Lodge No. 33	Waterbury	04/25/2025
David A. Parziale, 32°	12/05/1988	Franklin Lodge No. 56	Waterbury	08/26/2023
James A. Reed, 32°	05/01/1989	Ivanhoe Lodge No. 107	Bridgeport	05/24/2025
Tom Sirois, 32°	05/01/1983	Corinthian Lodge No. 104	Bridgeport	06/15/2025
James H. Wimer, 32°	12/01/1977	Fidelity St John's Lodge No. 3	Bridgeport	01/21/2025
Ramon A. Wotton, 32°	12/01/1983	Pownal Lodge No. 119	Bridgeport	05/13/2025

~ May they rest from their labors. ~

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Four Hour Premium Open Bar

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Carving Station

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BROTHERS REMEMBER

Whether traveling from in or out of the state it is easy to get to the Stratford Leo H. Lohrman, II, Scottish Rite Theatre via Metro North. Our Theatre is located right next door to the Stratford Station. Avoid I-95 traffic and parking concerns. Consult the Metro North Train Schedule at: <http://www.mta.info/schedules>.

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.