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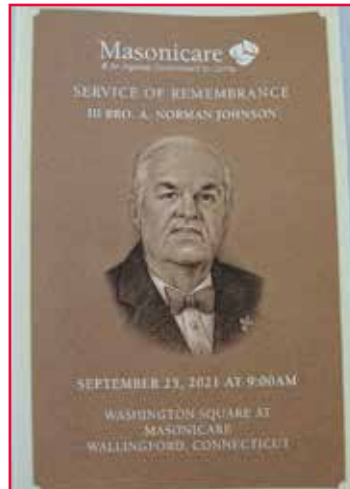


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Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication *by Francis G. Way*

Affected by COVID-19, and with more technological glitches than usual, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut held its Semi-Annual Communication on Saturday, October 16, in a hybrid fashion. Some brothers, including the Grand Lodge officers, current District Deputies, and current AGMs, met in person at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Newington. Nearly 200 voting members attended via Zoom, with individualized links to allow voting, and other non-voting brothers were able to view the livestream presented over Grand View.

MWB William E. Bohman opened Grand Lodge at 9 a.m., followed by the usual roll call of lodges. Past Grand Masters were recognized in person and online. The Necrology was read, and a moment of silence observed.

The next agenda item was the widely anticipated debate and vote on background checks. RWB Les King presented the proposal and explained the necessity. There were questions and comments in the auditorium, as well as questions and comments in the online "Q&A" room. RWB King explained the need for requiring all lodges to do background checks (so that those with a problematic background don't "shop" for lodges that don't require one) and also explained the process. After much debate, the vote was taken, and the proposal passed; the online voting margin was 75 percent in favor to 25 percent opposed. The Grand Master remarked that the voting cards in the auditorium were overwhelmingly in favor.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshment for the purpose of the Masonicare Board Meeting. Bro. Robert Polito and Bro. J.P. Venoit addressed the gathering. The results of the election for Masonicare Board members were presented and the nominated members were elected.

After returning to labor, the proposed budget for the upcoming year was presented by RWB Newton "Bud" Bucker. There is no per capita increase, and after some discussion, the proposal passed.

The Grand Master next had presentations scheduled:

- A revamped CHIP program will be rolling out in January 2022, with an instructional video for all who want to participate.
- RWB Bud Buckner reported on the technology transfer. Because the Grand Lodge had a need for less restrictive internet access and other differing needs, they have transitioned from residing on Masonicare's network to their own provider.
- The website upgrade was previewed, with easy access to issues of this newspaper, the Connecticut Freemasons, a Grand Master's calendar, a combined lodge events calendar, and very easy access to information on joining, finding a lodge, and allowing current brothers access to Grand View.

All the reports, including the printed reports in the packet, were voted on and passed.

The results of the election of Grand Lodge officers were announced. RWB Bruce Bellmore is now Grand Master-elect, RWB Joseph Porco is Deputy Grand Master-elect, RWB Edward Page in Grand Senior Warden-elect, and RWB Les King is Grand Junior Warden-elect.

With RWB Grant Gould and RWB Bud Buckner stepping down from their respective Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer officers, RWB Thomas Gondek is Grand Treasurer-elect and RWB James Anderson is Grand Secretary-elect.

RWB Robert Polito was elected Grand Trustee.

Following those results, MWB Bohman moved that RWBs Gould and Buckner be granted Emeritus status. The motion passed favorably.

Before closing it was announced that the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor in Windsor.

The Grand Master closed Grand Lodge at 11:20 a.m.

Connecticut Freemasons Announces “The Editor’s Award”

Inspired by the Grand Masters Award that is awarded to the district with the largest attendance of brothers on Grand Masters Day, the Connecticut Freemasons is pleased to announce, “The Editor’s Award.”

The Editor’s Award will be awarded in each issue to the district that submits the most articles for that issue. The award will be indicated with a graphic of a gold cup appearing in (or near) the district banner.

As not all articles about lodges appear in the section for their district, the determination will rest solely with the Editor. For example, if a lodge from District 1 works a Master Mason degree with a lodge from District 4, the article may appear in the paper at large, and would not count. But if the article is about a food drive that a single lodge from District 2 sponsored, it would go into the district news under District 2.

This is just a way to keep the wonderful momentum going that we have had since April, when lodges began submitting news stories at a record pace. In fact, the September and October issues were both 40 pages (normally we publish 36), something that had never happened before.

So, feel free to sharpen your pencils (um, er, keyboards?) and write up stories about what’s going on in YOUR lodge. Right Worshipful District Deputies, encourage the lodges in your district to send in stories. When lodges publish stories about their events, it inspires everyone, and may give another lodge an idea for trying something new.

The Editor’s Award will be awarded for the upcoming December issue. Deadline for submission is November 10th to submissions@ctfreemasons.net. Let’s see whose banner will carry the cup!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50-YEAR BROTHERS!

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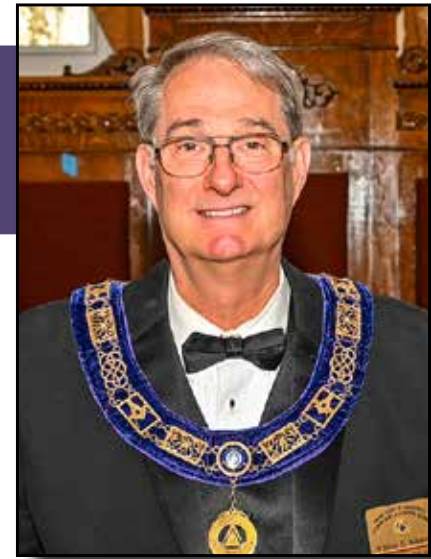
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Grand Master's Message

by William E. Bohman



My Brothers,

I wish I could have welcomed all of you to your semi-annual communication of your Grand Lodge. I am sorry that only a comparative few can meet together in this room while the majority can only attend by electronic means. COVID-19 is still keeping us away from our normal meeting place, the Hartog Center at Ashlar Village. Without the Center we simply don't have a room big enough to hold us all.

When I was installed as Grand Master last April there were three major things I wanted to accomplish:

One, to open AF & AM Masonry in Connecticut. My brothers, Masonry happens when we meet together. Electronic meetings are a poor substitute. I am very pleased to report our lodges are open, are working, are having degrees, doing charity work, raising new brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and perhaps most importantly, providing fraternity to the Craft. Our fraternity, so severely restricted by COVID-19, is working again.

Two, to get the long delayed Grand Lodge office network and equipment upgrade moving. Two years ago, an RFP committee was put together and bids were received and evaluated. Then COVID-19 hit, and the upgrade languished. I can now report the upgrade has been completed. Our office staff, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, now enjoy the benefits of having our own office network, upgraded computers and the software to go with them, and a new state-of-the-art telephone system. Our network is fully integrated, computers, printers, copiers, and telephones and has 24/7 monitoring and support. As a result, our staff and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary can now work from any location in the office or in the United States at any time of day or night. You already know the great service we all receive from the Grand Lodge Office staff; this upgrade will make it even better.

Three, to get the Grand Lodge website working at full functionality and capacity and maintained by an outside contractor. For 30-years we have had brothers who volunteered their ability and time to create and manage our Grand Lodge website. For the most part these brothers did a great job. But we all know that volunteering to do a job means that job gets done in our spare time. It seems to me we need to transition all those functions to professionals who will do the work at work. We establish our needs and expectations in a written contract that, if necessary, can be enforced. My brothers, we have contracted Grand View, the same company that manages our membership management system. I am very excited about the prospect of

getting our Masonic University launched, of having a unified calendar, of having links to the other Masonic organizations and bodies and the ability to post video messages to the fraternity, to the public, or even individual lodges or brothers.

Some of the Masonic meetings I have attended include the New England Conference of Grand Masters, District Deputy Presentations, the Down East Table Lodge at Moriah Lodge No. 15, Eastern Star Grand Chapter, the Grand Session of the Order of Amaranth, the Daughter of the Nile reception for the Grand Queen, the St. John's Day Parade with Wooster Lodge No. 10, Pierpont Edwards medal presentations, DeMolay Conclave (where I presented the David Wooster Medal to the Order of DeMolay in Connecticut) Ascension Day observance, the Supreme Session of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the 33rd Degree in Cleveland, Ohio, the Master Mason Farm Degree by Composite Lodge No. 28 and Sequin Level Lodge No. 140, a Memorial Service for Brother David Wooster with Union Lodge No. 40 and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Grand Masters Day at Masonicare in Wallingford.

My brothers it is an honor and pleasure to serve you and to meet with you. The open joy you have expressed that Masonry is open again warms my heart every day. I look forward to working with you and serving you until the end of our Annual Session in March 2022.

***WELCOME TO OUR
NEW BROTHERS!***

**Seneca Lodge No. 55
Dillon Eric Corso
Kyle Ryan Gonynor**

Semi-Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut *photos by Bill Greene*



From the Desk of Bro. Jon-Paul Venoit

President & CEO of Masonicare

I want to begin with a big thank you to everyone who played a role in organizing and staging our Grand Masters Day Family Festival on September 25. We hold this event in honor of our residents and to celebrate our historic ties to the Masonic family. It was an honor and a pleasure to welcome MWGM William E. Bohman, RWDGM Arnold Holmes, PHA, and many other distinguished guests back to our Wallingford campus.

This year's Grand Masters Day had the added significance of being the first since the start of the pandemic – in total, 27 months since we last gathered together under the tent. In addition to the familiar parade, festivities included an overdue recognition of Masonicare's 125th anniversary and a rededication of the A. Norman Johnson Apartments.

After all they have endured over the last year and a half, it could be said that Masonicare residents and staff deserved a celebration. Everyone wants desperately to get back to normalcy – to enjoy the company of others without fear or reservation. And for a few hours on a sunny, gorgeous Saturday afternoon, we were able to recapture that feeling.

This is an exciting time for Masonicare, when our commitment to diversify despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, is starting to show results:

- In October, we opened a new short-term rehabilitation unit at Masonicare Health Center. With a private entrance and 19 newly renovated single rooms (each with its own bathroom), the unit will allow Masonicare to offer best-in-class care in a state-of-the-art facility.
- November will see the opening of an expanded outpatient rehab clinic to support the needs of the Yale New Haven Health orthopedic practice *leasing* space in our Medical Office Building — a partnership opportunity long in the works.
- We are looking to further reduce the number of skilled nursing beds at the Health Center while adding capacity in the behavioral health arena.
- We are anxiously waiting for the construction of our new Behavioral Health Hospital unit to be complete in November. We will be adding 14 additional beds which will be a total of 43 when complete.
- GenM, Masonicare's healthcare and senior living consulting agency, finalized a contract to manage Southwick Village, an independent and assisted living community in Southwick, Massachusetts. Masonicare does not own Southwick Village; we are just managing the day-to-day operations of the community.

- We are moving ahead with plans to expand homecare services into the Westerly, Rhode Island, area.

These and other developments are part of the strategic plan we laid out five years ago to transform Masonicare into a leaner, more efficient organization that would be better equipped to deal with changes in healthcare and less reliant on federal and state reimbursement. I am really proud of how far we have come since then, and appreciative of everything our employees, our friends in the community, and YOU have done to help get us here. Masonicare is a part of the fraternity and I am proud to be part of it.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, know that I continue to be thankful for your support of Masonicare.

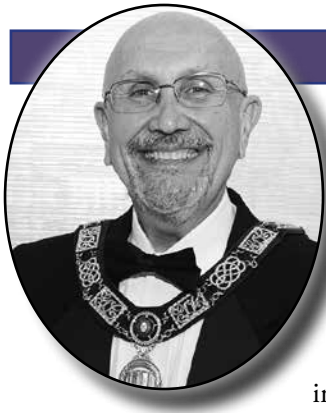
Sincerely and fraternally,



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
75-YEAR BROTHERS!**

**Harold C. Burkhardt
Friendship Lodge No. 33**

**Harold C. Mason
Hospitality Lodge No. 128**



Grand Chaplain's Message

by Reverend Harry "Chip" Elliott, III

Have you ever been sent to do something important for someone else? When I was a small lad, one night the paperboy did not deliver our evening paper, so my dad sent me on an errand to pick up the daily paper for him at the Joe's Corner Store. It was an easy enough mission and I felt rather important that my dad would trust me to bring home the paper he loved to read after dinner. Should be no problem, right? Wrong.

Joe's was a dangerous place. There was a pinball machine at Joe's and it happened to be the very first pinball machine in our neighborhood. All the kids were gathering to see this amazing new toy that promised lots of fun for a dime. The newspaper was also a dime. When I entered Joe's there were four or five kids standing around the pinball machine and my friend Peter was taking his turn. I squeezed into the group and watched in amazement as the silver ball went this way and that, setting off bells and whistles. Peter was really good at using the flipper to knock the ball all the way back to the top of the game. I had never had a turn at the machine, and the dime I was clutching was beginning to burn a hole in my hand. Then it happened! Peter's turn was over, and he turned to me and asked, "Want to try?" Before I knew it, my dime was delivered to the hungry mouth of the pinball game.

There were some important lessons learned that day. The game was actually no fun at all. I played with anxiety as I pictured going home to my father with no newspaper. The failure of performing the mission was compounded. I was late for supper because I wandered around wondering what I would say to my dad. Then I got the brilliant idea to tell him I lost the dime. Big mistake! He had called Joe's to see if I was there Joe explained that the last time he saw me, I was playing pinball! I did not have a pleasant evening in my room completing my dad's assignment to me to "think about trust."

Throughout our lives, all of us will have times when we are sent to accomplish something for someone else. When we are sent to do something important, we are the recipients of the sender's trust. The greater the mission, the greater the trust. That was the greatest lesson – albeit a hard one – of, as it is now fondly referred to, "The Joe's Mistake." The most difficult part of the whole experience was that horrible feeling inside of having disappointed my father.

The Great Architect of the Universe has placed an absolutely amazing amount of trust in us! We know that the trust of God in us is great because we have been sent into a difficult world. Just as Joe's was a tough place for a little boy to enter with a dime in his hand, so the

world you and I must enter as representatives of our Creator and Masonry is a tough place. We will encounter barriers if we take seriously the commission of our Creator to "...go into all the world." Two of the barriers are external – things we will face in the world. The third barrier is an internal one – something we will face within ourselves.

1. The Barrier of Unbelief

One of the barriers we will face when we enter our world as sent persons is the unbelief of the world. The *barrier of unbelief* is one we will encounter when we take seriously the fact that the Lord wants to *send us* to bring the good news to our world. We are Masons and we represent that which is good. "Making Good Men Better" are not merely words, they are a mission.

2. The Barrier of Resistance

There is more than unbelief in our world. We will also encounter resistance to the whole message of Masonry and the Great Architect. If you take seriously the fact that you are one of the sent to make good men better, *you will encounter resistance*.

3. The Barrier of Temporality

We are limited, temporal beings and the most important things in life are not the fading treasures of this world, but the forever treasures of spiritual things. When we become the sent ones of Him who made us, we turn away from the world's standards of success and well-being to the standards of being a Mason and of being a man committed to making our world a better place. We must, in the words of the great German theologian and pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, consider "The Cost of Discipleship." But the good news is that our Creator empowers our "being sent." These are the things that will overcome the barriers. We dare not enter this dangerous world on our own apart from the empowering gifts of our Creator.

Here's something absolutely essential to the well-being of those who are called to be a Mason. We get into trouble when we try to maintain a healthy spirituality on our own. There is a story of a pastor from many decades ago who went to visit a man who had not been in church for a long time. The man greeted his pastor with the words, "I suppose you've come to give me a scolding about being away from church." The pastor said, "No, I've just come to talk." They went inside and sat in front of the fireplace as they talked baseball, the weather, and how the harvest looked good for this year. As they talked, the pastor took the poker from beside the fireplace and pulled one glowing ember away from

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the fire and continued talking. As they talked, the ember which had been aflame, then aglow, finally turned dark while the rest of the fire continued to burn and glow. Then the pastor took his leave and went home. The man was in church the following Sunday.

Without community, we, like the lone ember, will lose our glow. We must attend lodge and stay active to be remain strong and be able to do that to which we are called to do. We must read and study and learn about being a Mason. We must hear about being a Mason.

There is wisdom in the old saying, "The proof is in the pudding." It does not rank up there with $E=mc^2$ but it is true. When all is said and done, the proof of authentic discipleship is in the fruit of it. Is your lodge growing? Have you invited your neighbor or friend to attend a meeting or an open house? What a wonderful thing it is to be so valued and so trusted by the Lord of Life that he sends us into a world in need.

And God never gives up on us. I think I learned that in part from my dad. Just about two or three weeks after "The Joe's Mistake," my dad gave me a five-dollar bill and sent me to buy him a box of chocolate covered cherries at Watson's Chocolates. Nothing he ever did brought about a stronger commitment to being worthy of his trust like that one act. I marched past Joe's, past my friends at the pinball machine with a determination that not even the gates of hell would prevent me from faithfully carrying out my father's mission! All I had was myself, the five dollars and my father's trust.

We too are sent, by God on a mission. Isn't it wonderful to be so valued and trusted by a God so great?

What We Know and May Not Know About Freemasonry *by John Monteleone*

What We Do Know About Freemasonry

Freemasonry is the first and oldest fraternal organization. Its origins are still being researched and studied by historians, but in recorded history the Craft dates to at least as far as 1598, the year that Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 in Scotland made the transition from "operative" Freemasonry (as in the actual trade of stonemasons) to "speculative" Freemasonry (the philosophical, allegorical organization).

However, Masonry as a fraternal organization goes further back – operative Masons worked as members of guilds, or lodges, and passed on various means of recognition (words, phrases, tokens, grips, etc.) to help them know one another and obtain work from town to town across the world. As such, Masonry at least symbolically, if not historically, traces its heritage as far back as the building of Solomon's Temple.

What We May Not Know About the Influence of Freemasonry

Rotary International (1905) and Lions Club International (1917) find their beginnings in Masonry. Freemasons were founding members of both the Rotary Club and the Lions Club. Paul Harris, the founder of the Rotary Club was assisted in its creation by Bro. Gustave E. Loehr, a Mason. Bro. Melvin Jones, the founder of the Lions Club, was a Mason.

Masonry came to America via England and became popular in American culture – its principles became the basis for most every college social and service fraternity formed in the late 18th century and throughout the 19th century. In the 20th century, our "nation of joiners" experienced a boom in fraternal organizations as businessmen, soldiers, college students, and others sought to create further opportunities for brotherhood, service, philanthropy, etc.

Thanks to the fraternal principles espoused by Freemasonry, other organizations were founded – the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Elks Club (1868), the Loyal Order of Moose (1888), the Oddfellows (1819), the Eagles (1898), the Knights of Pythias (1864), the Optimist Club (1919), The Grange (1867) and the list goes on and on. Nearly all of these have at least their inspiration, if not a basis, in Freemasonry, but none of them are Masonic.



Grand Historian's Corner

by Andrew R. Mellilo

Masonry was advancing into the industrial world. As members such as Most Worshipful Brother Lockwood, of a time and era when horses and farms were the rule, were fading away into the abyss of history, the next generation was assuming the Grand Orient and leading the Connecticut Craft into the 20th-century. At the Grand Session of 1921, Grand Master Charles Clark Perkins was preparing to make way for his successor, Charles W. Cramer. Grand Master Perkins offered imagery and a vision of where the Craft and its members were headed:

Today this grand body reaches the one hundred and thirty third milestone of its eventful career. It has advanced the trail to the cow path, to the well-worn highway of stagecoach days and it has now reached the automobile period with boulevards of macadam, asphalt, concrete, and rubber in high gear and in high speed. I suppose some of my successors in the near future will be attending Grand Lodge sessions with aero planes.

He was the son of a fisherman from New London and was a tailor and civic leader in that same community, serving on the city council, and was appointed to the committee to procure and unveil the John Winthrop, Jr. statue to celebrate the town's 250th anniversary. He had a deep sense of history and offered portions of his personal fortune for the betterment of his native place. During his last months in office, while he speculated about the technological advancement of the nation and the members of the Craft, he wrote:

I think the custom of having the Grand Master serve but one year instead of two or three is absolutely best and the safest for the Fraternity. Even if now and then one does not measure up to the highest standard because new ideas, new suggestions, and new decisions are rendered oftener and again, like Tennyson's 'Brook' 'Grand Masters may come and Grand Masters

may go, but the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will go on forever.' So long as the Grand Lodge has an efficient Secretary like our good Brother Kies, it matters not how often we change Grand Masters... There have been lean years and fat years to be sure, but our gain has been steady. Last year we thought we had reached the pinnacle of success but the returns for 1920 proclaims it the banner year in our history. While we have added greatly to our number, yet the quality has been maintained. In fact, I am convinced that the quality has been improved with the aid of experience and progressive science...

Grand Master Perkins had a lot to express confidence about, whether it be the technology the Craft witnessed being invented every year in the state and country, whether the Grand Lodge officers were one sort or the other, but the Grand Lodge would always survive, and that every time they thought they had reached a pinnacle in membership, the returns always gave them another boost of optimism. In 1919, when Wallace S. Moyle served as Grand Master, (and who would be dead by September, 1920 and the loss recorded and greatly lamented during Grand Master Perkins' last session in the Grand Orient), the annual returns showed a total membership of 29,417 brothers. In 1920, that number jumped to 34,703 brothers and that trend would continue for the next decade. Like their predecessors some 20 years before, imbued with a romantic confidence of their destiny, this new generation of Grand Lodge leadership was witnessing that confidence in cold hard statistics. But behind the numbers are the actual lodge and its members.

As the membership began to grow, existing lodges could not keep pace with the demand for membership, and new lodges sought to be chartered. In 1920, Worshipful Brother Norman C. Stevens sent a petition to the Grand Lodge to charter a new Lodge in Hartford named Tuscan Lodge. The Grand Lodge granted the charter and on March 6,

1920, the lodge was duly established. The first Worshipful Master of that lodge was Homer B. Belfield, who started life as a farm hand and became a clerk and salesman for various industries. And the lodge continued to grow.

Also, that year, Charity and Relief Lodge welcomed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and he was the recipient of a gift, a turquoise ring. The lodge was the mother lodge of Captain Henry E. Davis, the superintendent of construction in removing the obelisk, *Cleopatra's Needle*, from Alexandria, Egypt, to Central Park in New York City. The ring had been gifted by Captain Davis to Captain Benjamin Latham, who, when Captain Davis gifted it on to Captain Latham, instructed him to "pass it on to his dearest Masonic friend." And thus, years later, when the Grand Master visited the lodge, it was gift to him by Captain Latham – and indeed it was a rare, unique, and distinguished gift in such a humble and simple object.

New lodges were being chartered, lodges were growing, men of consequence and unique international, national, and local significance and influence were pioneering America's rise and along with it, Connecticut Masonry's prestige. It was an age of growth, confidence, industrialization, change and wonder. And the Connecticut Craft rose up and played its part right alongside that national sentiment and action. It comprised the very same optimism and men that were shaping the way for humanity's progress and action – and no one had any reason to believe that would ever change. Connecticut Masons were growing in number and playing their most interesting and integral parts across all sectors of society.

It was an age of curiosity, confidence, wonder, growth, and invention.



Growing League Of Women | GLOW

by Lisa D'Addeo Bohman

As Bill and I continue to travel around the state, it is nice to hear from some of the women, along with their accompanying Masons, how what I have offered each month thus far with **GLOW** has sparked ideas of their own to carry out this simple yet, what I believe, could be a profound and impactful mission for not only connecting women, but adding vitality to our lodges.

And what better month for us women to continue to find light with each other through **GLOW** than in the month of December, quickly to be upon us and considered by many to be the month of light – candles light up Christmas trees and houses are festooned with lights, the menorah candles of Hanukkah the Festival of Light, the lighting of candles in the Kwanzaa kinara, and the slow return of daylight with the arrival of the Winter solstice.

So, let's continue our journey looking for ways women can Grow the **GLOW**.

Letter Writing Day

So here's a little bug-a-boo of mine. In the night on 25 years, I have been going to Masonic events, I find one thing sorely lacking, and that is the part of aiding and assisting the Master Masons' widows. Now before you get your dander up, I know that many lodges have 'Widows Nights' (an event name that I hate by the way) and some offer occasional assistance in the way of fixing things around their homes or doing yard cleanup. But we all should strive to do more to reduce the isolation and increase the socialization. In some cases, it's more than just being nice or kind, but could actually save a life. We women can lead the way – by identifying those that might be on their own and taking the time to drop them notes of encouragement or friendship, offer to share or prepare a meal, take the time to visit more than once, offer to make them a part of your social life, which could include creating monthly activities based at your lodge that bring women of all ages together to share a fun evening.

Christmas Card Day

Though sometimes considered as just another task on the long list of our holiday 'to-dos,' we all know that feeling of joy we get from sending and receiving season's greetings to/from those we love. So while we are on the topic of writing and reaching out, consider some other constituencies of our greater community with whom we can have a positive impact: soldiers stationed away from home and hospitalized kids. What better bonding activity than to get a bunch of women together at the local lodge, maybe a little hot chocolate, possibly with some added 'octane,' crank up the music, and share some extra holiday greetings. There are many programs you can participate in if you are interested in sending cards to U.S. military troops and soldiers overseas. Here are just a few: *Operation Christmas Cards For Our Troops* <https://www.usaso.org/christmas-cards-for-our-deployed-troops/>; *A Million Thanks* <https://amillionthanks.org/>; *Operation Christmas Cards For Troops Overseas* <https://www.facebook.com/OperationChristmasCards4TroopsOverseas/>; *Operation*

Gratitude <https://www.operationgratitude.com/>. And for children in hospitals that need a little cheer, the go-to organization seems to be *Cards For Hospitalized Kids* <http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/holiday-cards.html>

Festivus AND National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

It was brought to my attention at a recent lodge visit that there were several wives with elementary school-aged children who liked the concept of **GLOW** and were trying to think of activities that would appeal to younger women. So, here are a couple of bonding activities that I have personally seen young entrepreneurs with whom I work enthusiastically embrace.

For those of you that remember the television show Seinfeld (now on Netflix), this first one will certainly ring a bell. To refresh your memory: Jerry's friend George told of his father, Frank Costanza, being so fed up with the commercialization of Christmas that he replaced the evergreen tree with a sturdy aluminum pole, and "Festivus for the rest of us" was born. You don't need to 'air grievances' or 'show off feats of strength' in order to bond with people over this one. First off there are the decorations, which consist of a sturdy aluminum pole and nothing else. Then there is the food. You could go traditional with meatloaf served on a bed of lettuce or search out real food made by real companies celebrating this 'holiday.' Ben & Jerry's made an ice cream flavor several years ago called 'Festivus: A Flavor for the Rest of Us' and I have heard tell of brewing companies that make special edition beers in honor of Festivus. However, you choose to do Festivus, I think you get the gist that this can be great fun.

This next one also makes for a great mixer, either in-person or online. 'Ugly Sweater Parties' are where attendees wear what they consider to be the tackiest holiday-themed sweater imaginable. You may have a hidden gem in your own closet, you might want to browse the racks at thrift stores, or you can make your own by taking a plain sweatshirt and sticking fun patches and felt shapes on it. You can start things off by having a fashion show. You may want to award prizes, such as for the most creative, the one with the most decorations, the best depiction of a reindeer, whatever. Then you can play some fun games, like Simon Says the Ugly Sweater Version, where contestants are asked to stand up, sit down, clap, etc... if their sweater is red, has a cookie on it, lights up, etc... Put some snacks out and you've got a fun way to meet and network with other young women.

Have a **GLOW** story you would like to share? Write to this magazine at the address above and let us know.

Looking forward to seeing/meeting you as Bill and I continue to travel around the state, and to sharing more ideas to help you find your **GLOW** next month.

Masonicare Health Center Seeks Volunteers for its Geriatric Lay Ministry Program

Ageing, with its many challenges, is often a time when spiritual resources and emotional support are very important to the elderly and their families. Unfortunately, there simply aren't enough people trained to provide the pastoral care and spiritual resources vital to an elderly person's well-being.

Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford helps to meet that need through its Lay Education in Geriatric Ministry program. Open to people of all faiths, the program has been teaching basic ministry skills to volunteers from the community for 28 years.

Participants will receive 20 hours of training at Masonicare Health Center. A sample of topics covered include "Introduction and

Orientation to our Facility," "The Pastoral Care Visit," "Understanding Dementia," and "Coping with Loss." Continuing education and support sessions are provided monthly.

After completing the course, participants make a one-year commitment to provide approximately four hours of pastoral ministry at Masonicare Health Center each week. In addition to making a valued contribution to the lives of residents, volunteers will learn skills that will enable them to minister effectively to older members of their own families, church, mosque or temple, as well as in the community.

Other opportunities to serve the worshipping community at Masonicare Health Center include transporting seniors to worship and other religious activities and instrumental accompaniment at worship services, vespers, and hymn sings.

If you have interest in participating in the Lay Education Geriatric Ministry Program, please call Chaplain Thayer Quoos at 203-679-6259 or email tquoos@masonicare.org.

For information about Masonicare and Masonicare Health Center or to obtain directions, visit Masonicare's web site at www.masonicare.org or call 888-332-0033.



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Technology Changes at Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge telephone, network access, and systems support have historically been provided to Grand Lodge through Masonicare. As our operations increasingly require greater use of technology and the ability to work both from the office and remotely, the Grand Lodge officers, in consultation with Masonicare IT, have been reviewing alternate solutions that would be in the best interests of both Masonicare and Grand Lodge operations. Ultimately, the decision was reached to establish separate network and telecommunications systems for Grand Lodge. The network conversion is complete, and the telecommunications upgrade will occur over the coming weeks. As part of this conversion, our @masonicare.org email addresses will be discontinued. Our phone numbers will essentially remain the same, as will most of our email contacts. All are effective immediately and are listed as follows.

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District 1

Lodges 3, 5, 6, 8, 19, 65, 67, 85, 104, 109, 107, 142, 144, 149



Washington Lodge No. 19 Initiates Two Brothers *by Roy Nealon*

Washington Lodge No. 19 recently initiated two brothers and would like to welcome and congratulate brothers Dan Mallozi and Michael Ganino.

Photo by Martin Cernuch



District 2

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



St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Raises Four Brothers *by Daniel W. Nichols*

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On September 21, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 with help from Union Lodge No. 40, performed a Master Mason Degree with all parts filled. To see so many brothers performing ritual and taking the time to perform perfectly was astounding.

With four brothers raised it was no short night, but the experience was one to remember. It is always impressive to see a brother, for the first time, perform a part he has no doubt practiced for weeks. This is why it is so important to let new brothers take over historical parts. While there are excellent past masters who perform spotless ritual, lodges must encourage new brothers to do the parts. If for no other reason than to have a solid back up.

After a Master Mason degree that is the perfect time to meet with the new brothers and explain what they have experienced. Whether it's using a tracing board or having a "build a brother" ritual meeting, these are things to accomplish while Masonry is still fresh in their mind. Making Masons is key, but retention should be the true goal.



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Union Lodge No. 40, Grand Lodge Team with DAR and SAR to Honor Brother David Wooster

by David A. McClain

On a balmy Saturday afternoon, September 18, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Union Lodge No. 40 of Danbury, the Mary Wooster Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Connecticut Line and Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9 of the Sons of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the Danbury Museum & Historical Society and representatives of Danbury Cemetery Association, converged in Danbury. The groups met at the Wooster monument in Wooster Cemetery to dedicate a new plaque and marker at the grave of Revolutionary War General and the Father of Connecticut Freemasonry, General and Brother David Wooster.

After welcoming remarks and introductions of the several dignitaries by WM David A. McClain of Union Lodge No. 40, Cathy McKenna of the Mary Wooster Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution led those assembled in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend and Brother Bruce R. Bellmore, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Past Master of Wooster's lodge, Hiram Lodge No. 1 of New Haven, led a stirring acapella rendition of the National Anthem. Brother Andrew Mellilo, Right Worshipful Grand Historian gave a history of General Wooster's life, his Masonic service, and a history of the monument itself.



Marian Hesemeyer of the Wooster Chapter of the DAR followed by presenting General Wooster's military history and continued with a dedication of the new marker by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Cathy McKenna of the DAR unveiled the plaque, and an American flag was placed at the marker by the Sons of the American Revolution. David Perkins, of the Sons of the American Revolution led a 3-round musket salute that captivated those present.

The ceremony concluded with Brother William E. Bohman, Most Worshipful Grand Master sharing his remarks before Reverend and Brother Carl Anderson, Right Worshipful Grand Almoner and Past Master of Union Lodge, gave a heartfelt benediction after which the flags were retired by the Sons of the American Revolution. The Danbury Museum & Historical Society was kind enough to host refreshments afterwards.

The plaque and marker recognize General Wooster for his service and sacrifice during the American War for Independence. Wooster was attempting to head off British

forces looking to capture the military supplies stored in Danbury when he was mortally wounded on April 27, 1777. He succumbed to his wounds five days later on May 2. The 30-foot high marker of his final resting place was erected on April 27, 1854, and is carved with Masonic and military symbols. In addition to his military service, Brother Wooster obtained the first charter for a Masonic lodge in Connecticut, Hiram Lodge No. 1 in New Haven, and served as its first Worshipful Master. He is recognized as the Father of Connecticut Freemasonry, and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut awards the David Wooster Medal in his honor.

Photos by Brother Rodrigo Martins



Please Help St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 Expand Their Library! *by Matthew Fitzgibbons*

Like so many older lodges, St. Peter's Lodge No. 21 is proud of its modest collection of Masonic antiques, particularly its books. There is a special feeling watching a newly raised brother enter the library for the first time of his own accord and begin a lifetime journey of education on countless Masonic subjects. Few experiences inspire confidence in the future as much as finding brothers sitting in a room with the TV and stereo off quietly reading 150-year-old Masonic texts.

However, the lapse of time takes its toll on these treasures, often because of inadequate care. Books can become unused decorations almost forgotten, collecting dust and losing their spines over years without humidity control. It is a sad and unnecessary fate for such irreplaceable treasures.

St. Peter's Lodge has undertaken a mission to renovate and expand its library in an effort to protect their existing books with new glass-front bookcases in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment. The goal is to create a space that provides a source of inspiration and wisdom for generations to come.

If you or your lodge have any Masonic books you would be willing to donate to us, whether old or new, we will gladly accept them. Someone from St. Peter's Lodge will be happy to coordinate going to your lodge and collecting them at your convenience.

Please reach out to brother Dan Keeler at (860) 318-6206 or Dan_Keeler@hotmail.com. Thank you!



District Two Attends Grand Master's Day *by Daniel W. Nichols*

On Saturday September 25, the sun was shining, there was a cool breeze in the air and the fraternity was assembled. Grand Masters Day is truly an event not to miss. The food was abundant, and smiling faces were everywhere.

This is not only a day for fun, family and fraternity but a day to thank all the residents of Masonicare. One of the highest missions of Connecticut Masons is the support and charity of Masonicare, an institution that was born out of a necessity in a time when people did not receive the proper care they needed. It is due to the high level of care that Masonicare provides that most people in the health care community know who they are.

This is why Grand Masters Day is such a big deal. The parade that in front of Masonicare's main building is the one time most Masons interact with the Masonicare community. This is an event all Masons need to experience. A brother's heart will swell when they see the face of a resident smiling and waving back.

If you have never gone to Grand Masters Day, mark your calendar for next year and if you are a regular bring a new brother!



(l-r): AGM WB Peter Dolce 2A, DD RW Jim Saraceni 2B, DD RW Daniel Nichols 2A and WM Matt Fitzgibbons St. Peter's Lodge No.21

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Stan Jennings

St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 at CAMA

by Peter Dolce

The brothers of St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 have historically sold food at the annual Connecticut Antique Machinery Association Fall Festival. The brothers do outstanding work by preparing delicious chili and extra-large grinders for sale. A noticeable collaborative effort from the Craft delivers great results. The support from the attendees is outstanding, and the ultimate result are many students are awarded scholarships from the proceeds of this event through the generosity of St. Luke's Lodge.



(l-r) Brian Coons, Jeff Parker, David Warren, Josh Remany, Charli Price, Ruben Miller III, Kevin Coons.

St. Luke's Lodge No.48 Initiates New Brothers

by Daniel W. Nichols

On September 16, St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 initiated three new brothers into the Craft, something that had not been done since well before the pandemic. What does this mean? It means that during a low time in this great country's history, men had time to reflect on what matters in this earthly life, and then act.

Making Masons is the job of every lodge, but we must be careful what we let in. It is their duty and privilege to see new men receive light.

St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 did a phenomenal Entered Apprentice degree. Now is the time to grow Masonry, now is the time to labor in the temple. Make the most of that labor and show the communities why Masonry has been around for so long.



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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



Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 at East Haven Fall Festival

by Fred Marotti

The brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 participated in the East Haven Fall Festival on September 10-12. This year, instead of hosting an open house, the lodge spent three days in their booth at the fair.

The booth was manned Friday 5-11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The brothers were there to promote Freemasonry and answer any questions that might arise.

Masonic literature was available as well as a multimedia presentation. Besides interacting with the public, the brothers were able to speak with two out-of-state brothers who will be moving back and want to affiliate.

A number of Cosmopolitan brothers helped man the booth. It was great fellowship. The lodge has already secured a booth for next year with the hopes of hosting a CHIP program too.

After having participated in this event, this is something that other lodges should investigate. Now more than ever it is very important that Masonry becomes more visible to the public and showcase the good work that is done every day. It was a great success for Cosmopolitan Lodge.



Lodge In Need of Assistance!

Brethren! Corinthian Lodge No. 63 in North Haven is in dire need of a Masonic Altar. They have just finished remodeling their lodge, and their old hand made altar is over 40 years old, is failing, and they need an upgrade.

Ideally, they are seeking an altar with a hinged top, or some type of inside storage for Bible, charter, etc. They are also in need of kneelers and the three lesser lights, but their primary and most immediate need is for an altar.

The lodge would be more than happy to make a donation to any Masonic cause in return.

If any brother or lodge reading this can help, please contact RWB William G. Demetriades by phone at (203) 691-0426 or by email at billthegreek@att.net.

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A Very Special Past Masters Event at Hiram Lodge No. 1 *by Jeffrey A. Blayman*

The night of Thursday, September 23, was a singular occurrence at Hiram Lodge No. 1, as all the brethren prepared to witness a Past Master's Master Mason degree with the Deputy Grand Master himself, RWB Bruce R. Bellmore, in the East. RWB Bruce was also celebrating 40 years as a past master.

With five Fellowcrafts preparing to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the room normally reserved for the Scottish Rite had filled up with a myriad of senior Masonic officers from Grand Lodge as well as the appendant bodies. It was pleasing to see almost 100 brothers filling the seats for the degree.

After formal introductions of Grand Lodge officers ranging from Associate Grand Marshals to the current Most Worshipful Grand Master, William E. Bohman, the evening's degree commenced. Everything went as expected but with a certain added flair found in the colonial form of Hiram Lodge's ritual.

A special thanks needs to be given to Bro. Al R.R. Johnson for acting as Senior Deacon, as it was his first time and with only a week's notice. Additionally, WB Mike Calderone provided a fabulous rendition of Hiram's Soliloquy for the newly raised brothers, and Grand Secretary RWB Grant Gould kindly took the role of exemplar.

Lastly a special word of thanks to Worshipful Master Keith Macdowall for the fine fellowship and the courtesies of the evening.

The Old Lodge at Hiram continues to uphold tradition and exemplifies the craft. So mote it be.



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District 5

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



Hospitality Lodge No. 128 Hosts Unity Lodge No. 148 for Axe Throwing *by Francis G. Way*

On Wednesday evening, September 22, the brothers of Hospitality Lodge No. 128 hosted brothers from Unity Lodge No. 148 for an evening of axe throwing at Montana Night Axe Throwing in Newington.

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Wethersfield closed the Solomon Welles House where Hospitality Lodge meets on the second Wednesday of each month. With no place to meet, the lodge immediately began searching for a lodge room that might be available when lodges were again allowed to meet in person. Unity Lodge welcomed Hospitality Lodge with open arms and made the lodge building available for as long as they needed.

Thus, began Hospitality Lodge's sojourn in New Britain. The second Wednesday of every month started with dinner at the New Britain Diner. The staff soon got to know the six or seven brothers who would regularly attend, and half of the fun of dinner was the good-natured banter back and forth between brothers and servers. The warmth of brotherhood stoked by a good meal and fellowship, the brethren would make the short trek to 10 Mason Drive and Unity's building. There they would meet in the large lodge room and accomplish things that were difficult, or impossible, to accomplish on Zoom.

This sequence continued until May 2021. At that time Wethersfield re-opened the Solomon Welles House and Hospitality Lodge returned home. It was somewhat of a bittersweet parting – this author had grown particularly fond of the Senior Warden's chair, and only the obligation of a Master Mason prevented the chair from being spirited away to Wethersfield.

The brethren of Hospitality Lodge enjoy a good relationship with the brothers from New Britain and wanted to express their thanks. A night of axe throwing was chosen, and brothers from both lodges had an enjoyable evening throwing axes, enjoying libations, and most of all, enjoying the fellowship that has grown stronger and stronger over the last several years.

To the brethren of Unity Lodge, the brothers at Hospitality say a resounding, "Thank you!"



1876 Flag Presented to Friendship Lodge No. 33 *by Michael Leser*

On Labor Day, September 6, at first meeting following the summer months, Friendship Lodge No. 33's Junior Warden Mike Leser presented Worshipful Master Vasilios Tiniakos with a special 35-star American flag. The flag was made in 1876, the same year the lodge's building (former Governor Marcus Holcomb's house) was built and was in Brother Leser's possession for the last 40 years. The flag was purchased from a junk store near his off-campus home while at UCONN and covered an ugly wall for several years before being stored in its current case.



WM Vasilios Tiniakos accepts the flag from JW Mike Leser.

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Unity Lodge No. 148 Makes Donation to the New Britain Police Explorers *by Roger Thorin*

On Saturday, September 25, New Britain held its 13th Annual Downtown Car Show. The money raised from the car show goes to support the New Britain Police Explorers. Unity Lodge No. 148 usually sets up a food booth and all the profits are given to the New Britain Police Explorers.

This year New Britain had its 150th Anniversary (1871 to 2021) and Unity Lodge could not set up their food booth. Instead, the lodge voted to make a donation to the Police Explorers as usual. The check was presented to the Captain of the Police Explorers on the day of the show.

Unity Lodge also made a donation to the Wreaths Across America Project the same day.



(l-r) WB Paul Catanzaro, WB Keath Romano, Bro. Brian Tardif, and Bro. David Wallace.

District 6

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



Composite Lodge No. 28 Marches in Town of Suffield 350th Anniversary Parade *by Charles M. Jewart*

On October 9, the Town of Suffield celebrated its 350th anniversary with a parade through the town.

Composite Lodge No. 28, being located in Suffield (where Apollo Lodge No. 59 had, since 1820, been located before the merger), participated in the festivities.

Brethren in their casual Masonic clothing with aprons and jewels, joined for a ride around town.





RWB James M. Anderson Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze

James McGivney Anderson was born on August 10, 1954, to William Arvid Anderson and Catherine Phyllis McGivney in Sandusky, Ohio. The family moved to Bristol, in 1956 where Jim went to St. Matthews School through the 7th grade, when the family moved again to Meriden. Jim graduated from Maloney High School in 1972. He went on to study Civil Engineering at Hartford State Technical College.

Jim met his wife, Shirley Martin, while attending Maloney High School and they were married on September 19, 1975. Shirley is presently a paraprofessional in the City of Meriden's school system and working at Casimir Pulaski Elementary School. Shirley and Jim have three children: Megan, born March 22, 1982, Martin born July 1, 1985, and Emma born July 17, 1989. Megan is married to Adam Lucas, and they have three children, Cailin, Cecilia, and Maeve. Martin is married to Bridget Flynn, and they have two children, Charlotte and James. Emma is married to Brother Michael J. Waite, who is Jim's Lodge brother in Meridian Lodge No. 77 and Ouroboros Lodge No. 151.

After leaving Hartford State Technical College, Jim went to work for the Lane Construction Corporation, in August 1975, and travelled to several jobs, most notably, the construction of the Martins Fork Lake Dam in Harlan, Kentucky and the reconstruction of the West Virginia Turnpike in both Princeton, West Virginia and Marmet, West Virginia. In 1980 it was time to stop traveling for work and settle down, so Jim and Shirley moved back to Meriden where Jim worked for various surveying and engineering firms. Jim has been a licensed Land Surveyor in Connecticut since 1984, and in Massachusetts from 1986 to 1995. He started and ran his own firm from 1987 until 1995. In 1995, He began working for the City of Meriden as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Environmental Planner and the Head of the Surveying Department until his retirement in 2015. In 2015 Jim started working for LRC Group of Cromwell, where he is still working.

Jim was very active in the First United Methodist Church in Meriden, where he was the Chairman of the Administrative Board, Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Treasurer of the Trustees, Sunday School teacher, and Worship Leader.

Jim's civic duties include Town Crier for the Meriden Chamber of Commerce, member of the Republican Town Committee, Design Review Board of the City of Meriden, City of Meriden Charter Revision Committee, and member of the Board of Directors for the following: Meriden Boys Club, Kuhn Employment Opportunities, past secretary, the Bradley Home and Past President of the Meriden Kiwanis Club

Jim's other organization affiliations include coach of the Meriden Boys Club Cuno League Basketball program, and Soccer League, the Jack Barry Little League, Meriden U-14 travel baseball team, Meriden

American Legion Baseball team, The St. Mary's Girls Basketball team, Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader.

Masonically, Jim was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 18, 2006, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on October 16, 2006, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 20, 2006, all in Meridian Lodge No. 77. He was appointed Junior Deacon at Meridian shortly thereafter, on December 4, 2006, and has held an elected or appointed position within the lodge ever since. He was elected Worshipful Master on December 10, 2010 and served as Worshipful Master for 2011 and 2012. Jim was elected Secretary of Meridian Lodge No.77 in 2013 and has served in that position since that time. He is a Past President of the Meriden Masonic Temple Foundation and is currently Secretary of the Past Masters Association of Meridian Lodge No. 77. Jim is also the Charter Secretary of Ouroboros Lodge No. 151 and continues to serve in that role.

Jim was appointed Associate Grand Marshal at the Annual Communication in April 2013 and served in that capacity under District Deputy RWB Greg Whitehouse for the next two years. Jim was appointed District Deputy at the Annual Communication in April 2015 and served in that capacity for the next two years. Jim was appointed Associate Grand Secretary at the Annual Communication in April 2017 and is serving in that capacity at this present time. Jim was elected Vice President of the Blue Lodge Council of the 4th District in November 2016, and President in November 2017. Jim is also a member of Keystone Chapter No. 27 of the Royal Arch Masons, Hamilton Council No. 22 of the Royal and Select Masons, and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 of the Knights Templar.

In recognition of his service to our fraternity, his community and to the state of Connecticut, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut is pleased to present Right Worshipful Brother James M. Anderson the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.



RWB James Anderson receiving his Pierpont in bronze from MWGM Bohman on October 4 at Meridian Lodge No. 77. Jim's wife Shirley is pictured pinning on his medal.



RWB James Anthony Moran, Jr., Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze

James Anthony Moran, Jr. was born in Key West, Florida on August 7, 1966, to Terris Smith and James A. Moran Sr. During his early childhood, Jim's family relocated to Salem where Jim went to local schools and graduated from East Lyme High School.

Jim was an industrious young man, mowing lawns and delivering newspapers. It was on his route that, as a teenager, he first met WB R. Morgan Daboll, Sr. and his son WB Roger M. Daboll, Jr., who lived in Salem at that time.

Little did he know then that their lives would be entwined later in life by the fraternity.

Jim apprenticed as a carpenter and boat builder after high school. He then became interested in sales and pursued that with many different companies before starting his own company, JM Associates, in 1987, which specialized in designing and building exhibits and displays for the marine industry. He still owns the company. He began working with Guy Scribner in April 2001, doing kitchen and bath designs and sales on the side. He eventually bought Scribner Kitchen & Baths in 2009.

In young adulthood, Jim met, and married Karen and they had a son named James A. Moran, III. Unfortunately, Karen passed away early in their marriage from cancer and Jim was broken hearted and now raising a baby boy on his own. As always, God had a bigger plan for both Jim and James III, and brought the love of their life, Leah, into the picture.

Leah was the perfect fit for these two wayward souls and instantly started to mother young James. Leah is an elementary school teacher with a master's degree from Central Connecticut State University. She has 19 years of teaching experience in the primary grades and is also TEAM trained and has mentored new educators and student teachers. She and Jim had the second light of their lives when their daughter Payton was born. Many of us consider Jim and Leah as the dynamic duo since they complement each other so well. They reside in Salem to this day.

Because of Jim's love the water, he has built and owned numerous boats over the years. He, Leah, James and Payton have spent many enjoyable times together on the water. Travelling with his family has been a major part of their family activities together.

Jim was a Cub Scout leader until James crossed over to the Boy Scouts, and to this day is an active member of the Salem Lion's Club and the Masonic Club of New London. He and Leah are members of The Congregational Church of Salem where Jim assists with Vacation Bible School.

Jim met WB Bob Wade when Jim started assisting with the Cub Scouts in Salem and Bob was involved with his grandson. Jim found out that Bob was a Mason and petitioned Brainard Lodge No. 102. Jim took his Entered Apprentice Degree on October 28, 2008, his

Fellowcraft Degree on November 25, 2008, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 23, 2008.

As a leader in his career and community, it was natural for Jim to jump right into the Steward's chairs and learn the work and culture of the lodge. He ascended through the chairs and had a very active year as Senior Warden filling in many times to get experience in the East running the meetings. At the annual meeting in December 2014, Jim was elected Worshipful Master and was installed in January 2015 when he officially took the helm and led Brainard Lodge through many degrees, events and even an epic Table Lodge.

In 2016, Jim was appointed Associate Grand Marshal serving with RWB Craig Pedro over the B section of the 8th District. Proving himself to be well-travelled and exhibiting great care for the district, he was appointed by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Marshall K. Robinson, to be a District Deputy of 8B earning the permanent title of Right Worshipful Brother. He served in that capacity for two years and always demonstrated his willingness to assist the lodges under his care with guidance and an ever-ready attitude to just roll up his sleeves and help wherever necessary.

RWB Jim has works tirelessly behind the scenes for both Brainard and the Bay View Temple Association. He has remodelled two bathrooms and painted the main foyer of the lodge building. He assists brothers in need and helps with fundraising events. Jim has worked with the 8th District CT CHIP Program. He is a mentor to many young masons. In short, he is a driving force within the lodge and exemplifies the tenets of Freemasonry both in and out of the lodge.

In recognition of his service to our fraternity, his community and to the state of Connecticut, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut is pleased to present Right Worshipful Brother James A. Moran, Jr., the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.



WB James A. Moran Jr, his wife Leah and daughter Payton with MWGM Bohman at his award ceremony September 19 at Brainard Lodge No. 102

Illustrious Brother Burton F. Turner, 33rd – A Remembrance

by Francis G. Way

“Commander.....in.....Chief.”

Those were the first words I heard Illustrious Brother Burton F. Turner, 33rd, speak. I was sitting in the auditorium at the Valley of Hartford, and Burt was participating in a multi-Consistory 32nd Degree rehearsal. I had not yet met him, but from the deep bass tone and explicit annunciation of the work, I was incredibly sure that Burt must have been in radio or TV (he was not – he was a science teacher – although he definitely had “the voice” for radio or TV). However, by the way he worked, and the attention he gave to his part, I knew I wanted to meet him after the rehearsal was over.

Thus began an experience, dare I say friendship, that captures the essence of the Masonic journey. We all strive to be better men. When men with a common purpose join together, the opportunity to meet new, interesting, and fulfilling people, multiplies. Burt was one of those people. I would always look forward to occasions where I knew Burt would be in attendance.

Over the years, and I’m sure any brother who knew Burt would feel the same, I was a better man and a better Mason, for having known him. Those 17 or 18 years are filled with memories of times I got to experience his wit, his humor, his wisdom...or just watching him labor in the quarry.

Of special note to me is the evening I received my 33rd Degree in Providence in 2008, when Burt told stories of his youth in Glastonbury – my hometown, and that of my parents. Burt was only eight years younger than my mom, and his stories gave me an insight into what her life must have been like when she was a young girl. And in inimitable Burt fashion, some of those stories were downright funny. The last occasion when I got to spend any significant time with him was at Coastal Lodge’s outdoor MM Degree on Bro. Phil Baumann’s farm, when Bro. Rob Staton, Burt’s granddaughter’s husband, was raised. The laughter, and the warmth of being with such a great brother are indelibly imprinted upon my mind. It was a day I won’t ever forget.

Ill. Brother Burt’s accomplishments are far too numerous to list here, but he was, with his son Ill. Brother Howard Turner 33rd, one of the pillars of the Valley of Norwich, and he will be dearly missed there and in all the Connecticut Valleys, as well as in the hearts of all who knew him.

Burt laid down his working tools and passed from this life to the Celestial Lodge Above, on the evening of September 29, coincidentally, my birthday. It was a very sad moment when I got the news, but in retrospect, I like the fact that that anniversary will not pass but that I will think of Burt and toast to all the warm memories and a brother who, like his voice, was just a bit larger than life. That, to me, seems very fitting.

A line from the Installation of Officers ritual comes to mind, when the Compasses are described to the Worshipful Master: “that rising to eminence by merit, we may live respected and die regretted.” When I consider what Ill. Burton F. Turner, 33rd was to his family, to his brothers, and to this Fraternity we all love, truer words were never spoken.



Valley of Hartford, AASR

by David R. Blythe, Sr.

It's hard to believe that it was just a couple of months ago that we opened up our Valley for activities and the start of our fall degree schedule. Now we are beginning the holiday season as October ended with Halloween...

On October 1, the Council of Deliberation held its Annual Session at which time Brothers Brian E. Beals, and John "Jack" R. Boyce, were the latest brothers from the Valley to receive the Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, Jr., 33rd Degree Meritorious Service Award. Please congratulate them when you see them.

Also in October, the Valley portrayed a live presentation of the 15th Degree, under the direction of Bro. Walter Grube, M.S.A. Brother Walt has been nominated to receive the 33rd Degree at the Supreme Council's Annual Session in 2023.

There are no degrees scheduled in November, but we are showing some holiday movies. However, the fall degree schedule has not ended. On December 9, the Valley will portray the 22nd Degree, Prince of Libanus, on DVD, followed by the live portrayal of the 30th Degree, Grand Inspector. There is the usual pre-degree dinner before the degrees for \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Make your reservations and payment, prior to December 9 and save yourself \$5.

If you are a Master Mason, or know of a Master Mason, interested in becoming a Scottish Rite member, it is not too late to join the current class. The 32nd Degree will be portrayed on April 9, 2022, so there is still time. Upcoming degree nights are December 9, January 17, 2022 (snow date February 3), February 10, 2022 (snow date February 17) and March 31, 2022. Contact Ill. Brother Tony Angelica in the Valley office at (203) 666-0212 or sect@valleyofhartford.com.

Valley of Hartford Members! Do you realize that the Valley of Hartford, AASR is different than The Scottish Rite Foundation

of Hartford, Inc.? That the Scottish Rite Foundation actually owns the Cathedral and recently purchased the Shrine facility, and all its land and buildings? That the Valley of Hartford rents the Cathedral from the Scottish Rite Foundation?

Did you know that as a Valley of Hartford brother you are eligible to become a member of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Hartford and have a voice in the future of the Valley of Hartford?

That the fee for membership is a one time, lifetime fee?

Just what is The Scottish Rite Foundation of Hartford, Inc.?

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Hartford, Inc., came into being by a Special Act of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut on May 10, 1949.

There are nine directors elected from the membership of the Valley of Hartford, each of whom must be members of the Foundation. Each director shall serve a three-year term of office. The officers of the Foundation are elected by the directors at their Annual Meeting.

The estate of the late Ill. Edward Moseley White, 33rd, left funds to the Foundation, the income from which has been expended on behalf of, and to further the purposes of, the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Hartford.

The Foundation provides a suitable home for Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Hartford.

Any director, or the Valley Secretary, can furnish you with additional information concerning the Foundation. Please consult the current 2021-2022 Calendar of Events and Directory, page 16, for their names.

As a member you will be invited to the Foundation's Annual Meeting Luncheon where you can express your opinion on all future activities of the Foundation. The lunch is free to its members and is held in June of each year.

At this time, I would like to wish all our brethren and their families, a Happy Thanksgiving. Always remember that **the happiest times in life are those spent with family and friends.**



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Worldly Success and Service to Others

by John A. Amarillos, membership@lafayetteconsistory.com

November brings the fall degree season at the Valley of Bridgeport and the Lafayette Consistory closer to its inevitable conclusion. November features a live presentation of the 8th Degree, along with a video rendition of the 26th Degree on Monday evening November 15, at 7:30 p.m. A dinner at the adjoining Pyramid Shrine will commence at 6 p.m., and reservations are strongly suggested so there is enough food on hand. On December 6, the ultimate 32nd Degree of the Rite will be performed at 7:30 p.m. that evening, and once again dinners will be served in like manner at the Pyramid Shrine next door. Again, reservations in advance are required as there might be multiple sittings depending on the demand for the degree. Reservations can be made anytime night or day by calling the office at (203) 375-0064 and by leaving a short message with your name and which degree night you intend to attend.

The Rite has a number of core values, among which are: Reverence for God, Devotion to Country, Integrity, Justice, Toleration and Service. In our quest for light, these values must accompany us in an ever-present manner serving as a light unto our path.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with being successful in life for one of the reasons we are here is to attain the highest level of success possible given our individual talents and abilities, as circumstances permit. The Great Light blesses the work of our hands in several instances, so our work and subsequent attainments are a valuable and positive undertaking. Our Biblical talents which lead us to our individual success should not be hidden or denied but developed to their fullest potential. However, as in all human endeavor, a proper balance must be struck.

Worldly success is not the end all or be all of life – something that alludes wide swaths of our trance-like materialistic culture. Worldly success is simply the means to an end. Our earthly mission in life is to serve and SERVICE is one of the core values of the Rite as aforementioned.

In Matthew 16:26 we are questioned “For what is a man

profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” Our success can provide us with more avenues to accomplish this core value of SERVICE TO OTHERS. Using worldly success to serve humanity is renouncing wealth as the end all and be all. It transcends and transmutes selfishness and greed to generosity and service to others.

Mohammed once addressed the matter of imbalanced physical materialism and said, “if I had two coats, I would sell one of them and buy white hyacinths for my soul.” Too many times individuals are caught in the extreme polarized sides on money and success. Some choose to make themselves poor because they feel that this path leads to spiritual growth. Others accumulate wealth using it as an egocentric status symbol and revel in lavish waste. Neither of these two extreme states are desirable for a balanced evolution of the body and soul.

Divine law governing worldly success can be best summarized as follows: Ask Deity that you

can earn only the amount you need to accomplish two things: 1) Your earthly mission whatever it might be and 2) To best serve humanity. By embracing this thought you can now live within whatever means that your current circumstances dictate. If your current circumstances are best served at some point in your life by experiencing a miserly existence, then so be it. If at another time in your life your earthly mission and spiritual growth are best serviced by a large amount of capital, then use it wisely to serve.

In this manner success has a real meaning – it makes success a means to a spiritual end and not an end to itself. In this manner you will fulfill the law and consequently renounce wallowing in the emptiness of the solely materialistic world.

Fiat Lux!

As always, the Lafayette Consistory, and the Valleys of Bridgeport, New Haven, and Waterbury stand 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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Reflections on York Rite Leadership 401 Class

by Russel L. Scull

In the final in a series of three leadership courses offered by Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Leadership 401 broke the mold of the other two courses. This course delved into the self-awareness of communications with others. The individual, has to take responsibility for their actions. The class began with the tried-and-true cause and effect scenario. This led to the why, what, how, and finally, the “what if” of communication.

Simply stated, why is communication necessary? It is important to convey an idea, outline a procedure in a manufacturing process, even describe the beauty of a picture. The necessity of communication is part of our existence. Understanding communication was the goal of this course. One needs to know the topic, as well as how the audience perceives it. Does one picture the communication, feel the importance of the communication, or do they need to understand the sequence of events. These tools are needed to assess the audience and how they will understand the message.

The next step is relatively simple. With the knowledge of how the audience accepts information, the words used become the cement of communication. Body language, vocal inflection of the points and audiovisual media are used to enhance the conveyance of the information.

Finally, did the work pay off? This is the “debriefing.” When I was a Scoutmaster, at the end of a camping trip I would gather the troop and ask each scout what they learned this past weekend. To my pleasure each scout identified with another element of the weekend. One learned how to clean a pot, another learned how to tie knots, etc. The point is, this exercise is designed to find out, did we as leaders do our job.

The instructor and class originator, Lane Pierce, is an effective and interesting communicator. We who are Masons continue to seek out opportunities to better ourselves, not only to improve ourselves in Masonry, but help make good men better. This series complements other leadership training that is available.

I have had many different training experiences from local Boy Scout training to national Boy Scout training at Philmont Scout Ranch, along with marketing and sales training that had been job related. I believe that all Master Masons should investigate this series. Ask questions at your Lodge, within your Scottish Rite, York Rite or other Masonic affiliations. Ask how they heard of this training? Was it as they pictured? How did this information feel? Ask the details of their participation. This series of courses YRL 101, YRL 202 and this course YRL 401, are open to all Master Masons.



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National Camping Travelers Finishes the Camping Season with Dinner and Annual QOL Donation

by Pat Kalinauskas

A small group of campers dined together at Mineral Springs Campground in Stafford the final official campout of the National Camping Travelers (NCT) season. This year the club prepared a pork roast for those who attended. Because of COVID, the decision was made to postpone the annual turkey dinner until next year. After dinner the annual donation was given to Past Grand Master Bill Greene, an NCT member, and board member of The Masonic Charity Foundation, who would be taking the check to its destination in Wallingford for the Masonicare's Quality of Life Fund.

The camping club has one more big event this year: the toy collection for little ones who visit the emergency department at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. The club, along with the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star (OES), has been collecting new unwrapped toys for this year's annual donation to the hospital. If you would like more information about contacting OES, please visit the website www.ctoes.com.

For information about NCT, or to make new toy donation to St. Mary's kids, please visit NCTDistrictOne@gmail.com.



(l-r) Master of Travel Dennis Morgan, Past Grand Master William L. Greene, and Past National President Ray Geer





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Motivation and Life Stories

by Richard F. Denno

Most of us realize the need to register as organ donors. Over the months and years, we have read or heard organ donation stories, both successful or unfortunate surrounding the lives of our family, friends and loved ones. Each month, your Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program has worked to motivate Freemasons to register as donors online at www.registerme.org.

Motivation is a funny thing. What inspires one person to action may not motivate another to register as either a living or deceased donor. Personal stories of successful transplants, or of patients on the waiting list, for whom an organ comes too late, may influence a potential donor to register. For others, it's the impact their registration may have on the lives of others. What parent or loved one doesn't take pride in the accomplishments or impact (there's that word again) their children have on the lives of others? By the selfless act of organ donation, don't the recipients of these life saving transplants live on for generations.

Many recipients of organ transplants have children, who have children, who have children. The accomplishments of these ancestral lines are shared by those who were born because someone cared enough to register as a donor. Just think of all those organ recipients whose contributions made an impact (!) on the lives of others! In other words, as a donor, you live on in the lives of those recipients after you.

One reason your registration is so desperately needed is that many who register may not, for a variety of reasons, be eligible to donate. Mathematics play an important part in donation. For every 10 patients in need of a kidney if five percent of those registered are able to donate, 200 registrants are required.

Not wanting to "re-invent the wheel," I found an EXCELLENT organ/tissue/eye donation website; <https://www.organdonor.gov/learn/life-stories> (short URL: <https://rb.gy/l4no39>) where you'll find many inspirational donation stories, from both recipients and donor families. There are great informational articles on donation.

Remember – "Don't Take Your Organs to Heaven – Heaven knows we need them Here!"



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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Hosts Degree Festival in New Haven *by William L. Miller*

On Saturday, October 2, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, under the leadership of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Daniel Luft and his Grand Officers, hosted a degree festival in New Haven and exalted 39 new Companions from nine Chapters across the state. The work of the day consisted of the portrayal of the four degrees of the Royal Arch by composite teams in full regalia, and under full COVID-19 restrictions.

The new Companions are now qualified to advance in the York Rite to the next stage of Cryptic Masonry, and ultimately, to become Knights Templar. The class was significant in many ways, as the first festival in seven years, and the largest such class in over a decade, as well as the first opportunity since before the COVID-19 to gather and welcome a growing number of candidates and propel renewed work in the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies.



Walking for Children with Dyslexia

by Donald M. Casey Jr.

Scottish Rite Masons held their annual Dyslexia Awareness Walk and Fundraiser in the Town Plot section of Waterbury, Connecticut, on October 3.

This annual walk is designed to bring awareness to dyslexia around the state, so families who have children who are struggling to read and write because of dyslexia can apply to the Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut. Once accepted, they will receive one-on-one professional tutoring at no cost.

These centers provide the highest quality multi-sensory reading and written language tutorial services for children with dyslexia through a network of nationally recognized centers of excellence.

Walking together brings awareness of this disorder so school-aged children diagnosed with dyslexia will realize that there is help available for them. They need help now and the Scottish Rite is here to provide them with these professional services. The main Dyslexia Center is in Waterbury, Connecticut with satellite centers in Bridgeport and Farmington.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns or want to make a charitable donation in support of this program, please contact the main Dyslexia Center in Waterbury at (203) 465-0830.



Dale Cunningham's Service Recognized by Suffield York Rite Bodies

by Charles M. Jewart



On September 15, Dale Cunningham was honored for his years of service to the York Rite bodies in Suffield. On that night he was presented the Ephraim Kirby Award for Meritorious Service to Capitular Masonry in Connecticut by the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, Daniel Luft. Companion Dale was also presented the Ish Sodi Award for Meritorious Service to Cryptic Masonry by the Ill. Grand Marshall of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, Charles M. Jewart, on behalf of the Most Puissant Grand Master James S. McNeely IV.

All in attendance expressed their gratitude to Companion Dale for all his hard work over the years.



Craft At Labor

To have your lodge events appear in the newspaper, please update your lodge website Google calendars prior to the 10th of the previous month. If your lodge needs assistance accessing the website please have the Master or Secretary or Calendar Admin contact the Help Desk: <https://ctfreemasons.on.spiceworks.com/portal>.

All times are supplied by the lodges. If there is a dinner, the time in the heading reflects that. The Connecticut Freemason newspaper is not responsible for errors.

When traveling, please contact the Secretary of the lodge to verify all times and events and to inquire about dinner reservations.

Grand Lodge Annual Communication Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9 a.m.

Entered Apprentice Degrees

Wed., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Hospitality Lodge No. 128,
Wethersfield, Dinner *Degree is at our lodge, 220 Hartford Ave,
Wethersfield, CT (Solomon-Welles House)*
Please contact Sec'y at mgriffin04@snet.net for details

Tue., Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., Union Lodge No. 40,
Danbury, Dinner

Tue., Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., Fayette Lodge No. 69,
Ellington

Fellowcraft Degrees

Mon., Nov. 15, 6 p.m., Compass Lodge No. 9,
Wallingford, Dinner

Thur., Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140
Newington, Dinner

Master Mason Degrees

Tue., Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m., America-St. John's Lodge No. 8,
Stratford, Dinner

Thur., Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42,
Waterbury, Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140,
Newington, Dinner

Past Master Degrees

Fri., Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Lodge No. 42,
Waterbury, Dinner *Actual Past Masters only (except candidates)*

Craft At Refreshment

For more details about any of these events, please contact the Lodge directly. In many cases reservations are required, and they may or may not be open to the public.

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Recurring Events

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

Second, Fourth Wednesday of the Month,
Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, 7 p.m.,
Fellowship Night at the Lodge. *Open to all brothers,
friends. Refreshments and discussion. Please call to verify.*

Recurring Breakfasts

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

Second Sunday of the Month, Compass Lodge No. 9,
Wallingford, 8 a.m., *Fellowship Breakfast (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)*

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

Thur., Nov. 25,
The staff of Grand Lodge Publications wishes you all a Happy
Thanksgiving.



Kiwanis Club of New London Golf Tournament

by Jeffrey A. Blayman

The Kiwanis Club of New London hosted its Annual Golf Tournament at Shennecossett Golf Course on Friday, September 17. This event is significant as all the proceeds fund grant requests from local organizations, as well as three \$3,000 college scholarships given by the club to local high school students.

It was a pleasure to once again show support and participate in this annual event with many fine gentlemen from throughout the region, including MWPG Ted Nelson, and MWPG Marshall K. Robinson.

All in all, it was a fabulous day raising money for the Kiwanis club and enjoying a meal with the generous golfers who attended.

Mark your calendars for September of 2022 to join in the fun and reach out to MWB Ted J. Nelson who chairs the golf committee for details. The Kiwanis club will be excited to see you.



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Composite Lodge No. 28 Hosts Master Mason Farm Degree *by*

Charles M. Jewart

On a crisp autumn evening in West Suffield, at the brow of a hill overlooking a low dale, a Master Mason Farm Degree took place for the purpose of raising six new Master Masons. The lodge was placed under a tent with hay bales around and pumpkins atop the Pillars in the West, with brethren in attendance from all over Connecticut as well as Massachusetts. Dress for the evening was flannel, jeans and boots.

The evening meal – farmer’s stew – was provided by Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 of Newington prior to the commencement of the work. Composite Lodge No. 28 took center stage as the degree began by welcoming Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of CT A.F. & A.M. William E. Bohman and his suite of guests, including grand line officers, District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshals.

The second half of the degree featured the Builder’s Lodge, portrayed by Friendship-Tuscan Lodge No. 145 of Manchester with assistance from Composite Lodge. The rest of the degree was performed by brothers from Composite Lodge, Hartford-Evergreen Lodge No. 88 of South Windsor, and Valley Lodge No. 36 of Simsbury. The second section lecture was performed with the Magic Lantern and the Canadian Charge preceded the official charge of Connecticut’s Standard Work.

By the time MWGM Bohman closed in ample form at 11:25 p.m., two new Master Masons from Composite Lodge, one from Valley Lodge, one from St. Andrew’s Lodge No. 64 in Winsted, one from Uriel Lodge No. 24 in Merrow, and one from Ark Lodge No. 39 in Danbury had been raised, having received a Master Mason degree they and the attendees will never forget.





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