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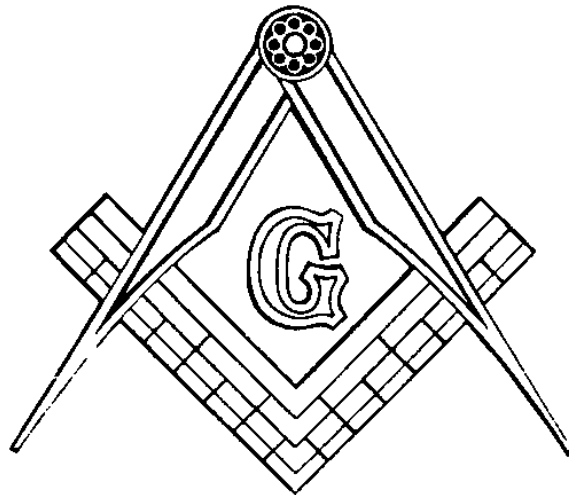
## DASKAM LODGE

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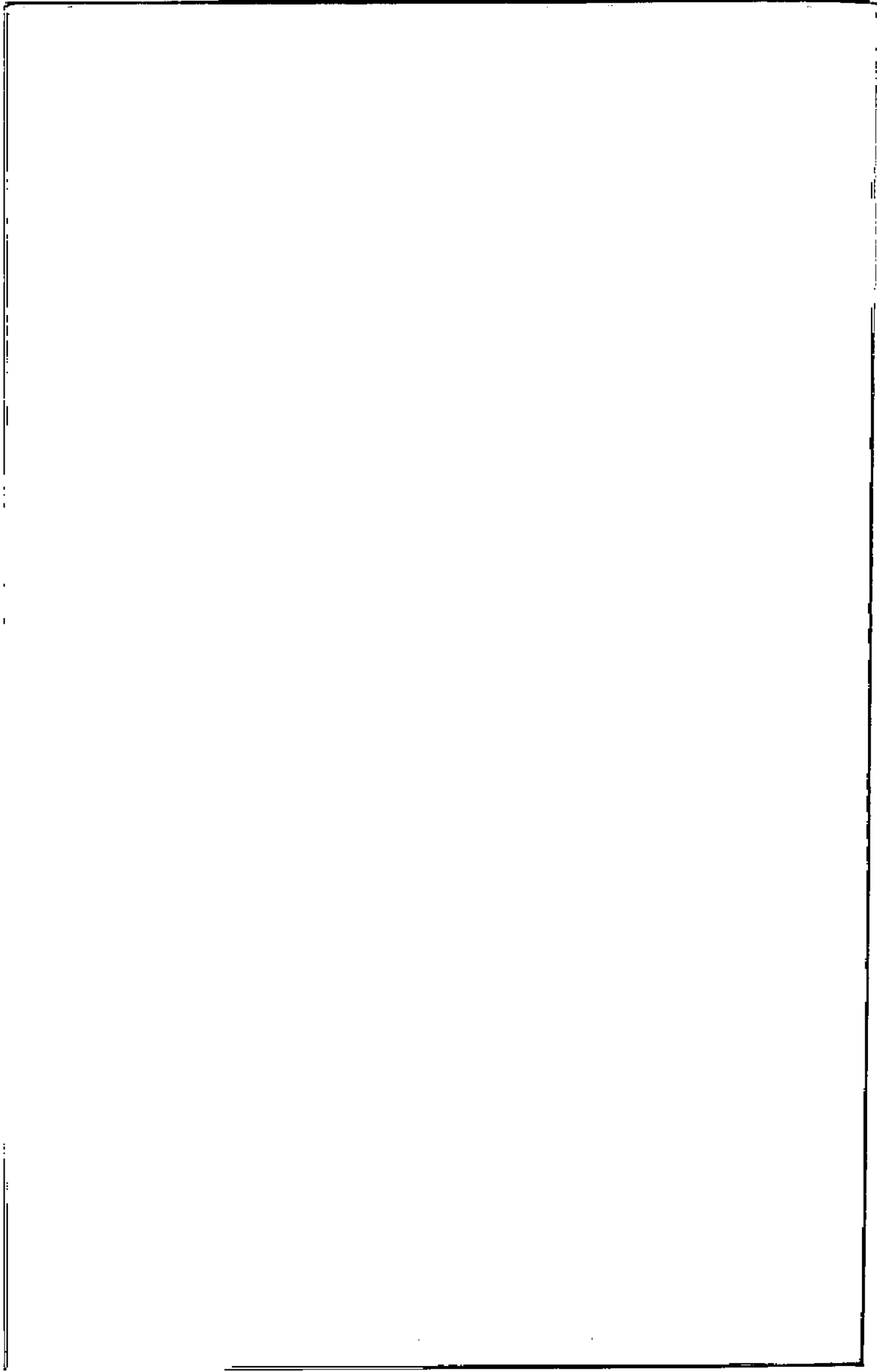
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# George F. Daskam

Grand Master  
1858 - 1859

Brother George F. Daskam, after whom Daskam Lodge, No. 84, A.F. and A.M. was named, began his masonic career in St. John's Lodge, No. 6, A.F. and A.M. of Norwalk, Connecticut by being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 14, 1845. The next year he was appointed Senior Deacon of his Lodge and he became Worshipful Master in 1848.

He was active in York Rite Masonry, being exalted in Washington Chapter, No. 24, RAM on December 12, 1845. He served as High Priest of his Chapter for the years 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1859. He was active in Council affairs and served as MP Grand Master in 1858. He was knighted in Clinton Commandery, No. 3, KT in 1847 and served as Eminent Commander from 1854 through 1861. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut for the year 1859.

In the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, he was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1851 and continued through the chairs until he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on May 12, 1858.

During the Civil War, he served the Union well. He was a private in the Second Connecticut Light Battery from 1862-65. He was always interested in GAR activities after the war.

In his church life, he was an active member of the Episcopal Church of Norwalk, and he had this interest until his death. His vocation in life was that of a wholesale grocer. He was taken to the Grand Lodge on High on December 28, 1877 from his home in Norwalk, where he lived from the time of his birth on May 8, 1818. His body is buried in St. Paul's Churchyard Cemetery on the Green in his Home Community.

# History of Daskam Lodge No. 86 A.F. & A.M.

By Erwin D. Reed, Past Master

As an introduction to a history of Daskam Lodge No. 86, we should start by giving a brief sketch of our Mother Lodge, Columbia No. 25, which dates back to 1794 when it was located at Stephney, now known as Rocky Hill. In 1817, land and a building were purchased in South Glastonbury and the Lodge moved there.

An interest in Masonry developed in the north part of Glastonbury and in 1858 the Brothers from that section submitted a resolution that the Lodge be moved to the north end of Glastonbury. At a communication held on January 18, 1858, this resolution was debated at great length, and passed by vote of 25 to 17.

The Lodge secured a ten-year lease from Mr. Azel Chapman for a hall in the Glastonbury Hotel and a committee consisting of Brother Albert A. Bogue, George R. Curtis and Sylvester Fox, was appointed to furnish the hall. This was very capably done at an expense of \$520. The Lodge was dedicated in its new location February 3, 1858, with several visiting Brothers present.

As there were several candidates in waiting, the Lodge was very much encouraged and felt that it would soon be able to pay its indebtedness, which amounted to about \$300. However feelings of discontent soon arose from some of the Brothers who were opposed to the change of location. To show their feelings, they began to use the "Black Ball," which seemed to some to be very un-Masonic. This matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge, which appointed a committee to meet and hear all sides of the controversy.

On August 28, 1858, a meeting was held and the Grand Lodge recommended the arrest of Columbia Lodge's Charter until the next Grand Lodge session in May 1859. At this time the Brothers in the northern and eastern parts of the town petitioned the Grand Lodge for a dispensation to create a new Lodge. This was granted on September 28, 1858, and named Daskam Lodge No. 86 in honor of the then Grand Master, Most Worshipful George F. Daskam. At the Grand Lodge session May 11, 1859 a

charter was granted. On May 26, 1859, the charter was presented to the Lodge by Grand Secretary E.G. Storer. This date was the first official communication of Daskam Lodge No. 86 under a charter of its own. There were thirty-four charter members.

The officers who served while the Lodge was under dispensation were as follows:

Roswell Hodge.....	<b>Worshipful Master</b>
Albert A. Bogue.....	<b>Senior Warden</b>
William Kay.....	<b>Junior Warden</b>
Frederick Cooley.....	<b>Treasurer</b>
Warren Thrall.....	<b>Secretary</b>
George R. Hale.....	<b>Senior Deacon</b>
Isaac I. Olcott.....	<b>Junior Deacon</b>
Erastus Chapman.....	<b>Senior Steward</b>
George L. Ford.....	<b>Junior Steward</b>
Russell C. Goodale.....	<b>Tyler</b>

Mention should be made however, of the activities which took place while the Lodge was under dispensation. On October 6, 1858 Robert McNaughton and J.B. Lang were the first to be initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons. At this time it was voted to be governed by the same by-laws as Columbia Lodge No. 25 until such time as Daskam Lodge had a set of its own. Daskam Lodge adopted its own by-laws on December 20, 1859.

During the period of dispensation, there seemed to be a spirit of true brotherhood prevailing and the knowledge of Masonry seemed to be foremost in the lives of many of the Brothers. Several men united with the Craft during this period.

It is interesting to note that the ritual work in those days was learned by word of mouth. It was passed on to Daskam Lodge officers by Brother Cyrus Goodale of St. John's Lodge No. 4 of Hartford and Past Master Sabin Stocking. On December 15, 1858 it was voted to tender a vote of thanks to Brother Goodale of St. John's Lodge for his efforts and patience in this matter. A vote of thanks was also extended to Grand Master George F. Daskam for the gift of a Bible for the Altar.

At the session of the Grand Lodge held May 11, 1859, the committee on Charters reported and recommended that the charter be restored to Columbia Lodge No. 25, and the property belonging to them at the time of the arrest of the charter be equally divided between Columbia Lodge and Daskam Lodge.

The first list of officers elected to serve Daskam Lodge No. 86, May 21, 1859 was as follows:

Albert A. Bogue.....	<b>Worshipful Master</b>
Thaddeus Welles.....	<b>Senior Warden</b>
George S. Price.....	<b>Junior Warden</b>
Frederick Cooley.....	<b>Treasurer</b>
William S. Goslee.....	<b>Secretary</b>
George R. Hale.....	<b>Senior Deacon</b>
Issac I. Olcott.....	<b>Junior Deacon</b>
Philo Phelps.....	<b>Senior Steward</b>
William Lewis.....	<b>Junior Steward</b>
Simeon Rosenblatt.....	<b>Tyler</b>
Sabin Stocking.....	<b>Chaplain</b>

These officers were installed May 26, 1859. Several Grand Lodge Officers were present, including Past Grand Master George F. Daskam, after whom the Lodge was named. A vote of thanks was given to the many visitors for their attendance and help in making this such an interesting occasion.

At the Regular Communication of the Lodge held June 1, 1859, the following communication was read:

“To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Daskam Lodge No. 86, Brethren:

The Undersigned, a committee to adjust the division of the effects of the late Columbia Lodge No. 25, hereby inform you, that we will meet a committee of your Lodge as speedily as may be, for affecting the object of our appointment. Time and place to be agreed on mutually.

**Committee**

**George Merrick      F. Glazier      John Dayton**

P.S. We will propose next Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 P.M. Place to be designated by you.”

A committee consisting of the Worshipful Master, Brothers Thaddeus Welles, Roswell Hodge, H.H. Hunt, and William S. Goslee was appointed and after due consideration, decided the word “effects” should be stricken from the resolution and the word “property” substituted therefore. A vote was taken to accept the resolution as amended. This matter of division of property was a subject of discussion for about a year and a half, after which time it was agreed that a division should be made as follows:

The building and real estate at South Glastonbury was to belong to Columbia Lodge No. 25, and all other properties belonging to said Lodge to become the property of Daskam Lodge No. 86. By this agreement, Columbia Lodge had a hall in

which it could start working and Daskam Lodge had the furnishing, as well as the debt of \$300. At a meeting held January 5, 1861, it was voted that Worshipful Master Albert Bogue be instructed to present Columbia Lodge No. 25 the desks formerly used by them, and their original seal as a gift from Daskam Lodge, to show respect to its Mother Lodge.

The first Brother to receive the Master Mason Degree under the Charter was Brother William Kalkhoff, who was raised October 3, 1859.

At the annual meeting of the Lodge January 4, 1860, the same corps of officers were re-elected. It was noted that the Lodge gained three new members.

The Lodge seemed to be in peace and harmony until the latter part of the year 1861, when a difference of opinion occurred between the Master and some of the Brethren. The matter had to be settled through the Grand Lodge, which was called in on December 26, 1861 to hear the charges and render a decision.

At this time the Most Worshipful Grand Master closed the Lodge until such time as the Grand Lodge decided that Daskam Lodge might reopen. This was granted September 3, 1862. An election returned to office the same officers, with one exception. Thus the Lodge was once more united, with peace and harmony prevailing.

On June 7, 1865 it was voted that all Past and Present Masters present their photographs to the Lodge. Now Daskam Lodge is proud to see photographs of all its Past Masters displayed in the anteroom of the Lodge and note that the chain has never been broken.

On April 19, 1865 the Lodge passed a set of resolutions on the death of President Lincoln, it being the duty of all good Masons to support the government under which they live.

The Lodge evidently carried on in a routine manner for several years with new members coming in and others being taken away by death. The officers advanced by regular gradation until the year 1870.

In 1870 Mr. Azel Chapman gave notice that he would require more rent and on January 5, 1870, a committee was appointed to confer with him regarding the matter. On January 19 another committee was appointed to consider purchasing a suitable building lot. This committee reported little progress being made and it was discharged with thanks at a meeting held February 12, 1870.

On February 22 Mr. Chapman still insisted that he must have more rent and a committee conferred with Mr. Gaines regarding his hall. Gaines Hall was then leased for a term of ten years at \$50. per year. The Lodge moved at once and held its first meeting in its new rooms on March 27, 1871. The Lodge had used Chapman Hall for 13 years.

In 1874 the Lodge began a backward trend. There was not only a lack of candidates, but also a lack of interest and the funds of the Lodge were very low. This state of affairs continued for a period of five years and many of the Brothers then felt they should disband, but the courage of the faithful few kept things alive.

It was felt the best thing to do would be to re-elect Worshipful Brother Albert A. Bogue as Worshipful Master. This was done at the annual meeting held in December 1878. He held this office until 1886, a period of seven years. Worshipful Brother Bogue, having been the first Master of Daskam Lodge, was naturally much interested in seeing the Lodge pick up again, so with a pledge to help from the faithful few, he took the office and put his heart and soul into creating interest. This was done by first attending to the finances. He then tried sociability by having entertainment and refreshments, not only for the Lodge members but also for their families and friends. Soon there was better feeling prevailing and things looked much brighter with funds coming in to purchase a number of things needed for the Lodge and leaving some money in the treasury.

At the time the ten-year lease of Gaines Hall expired (February 1881), the Lodge was informed by Mr. Gaines that he would not consider a long term lease. He was willing, however, to rent the hall on an annual basis of \$75., an increase of \$25. a year over the rent of the previous ten years.

This caused considerable unrest and the matter of building a Masonic Hall was discussed from time to time. The rent was again raised \$25. the next year. This made the brothers more determined to build, and on February 23, 1884 a committee was appointed to solicit funds. The drive met with success, and it was voted that the trustees purchase a parcel of land from Brother Ramson Wrisley, on which to erect a two-story building, 46 feet by 27 feet. A building committee was appointed to work with the trustees. However, this vote was rescinded at a meeting held on March 8, as a better location had been found. This land was purchased from P.H. Goodrich, and it was voted to erect a



building of the above dimensions without delay. This is where our present hall is located.

The Brothers laid the foundations, but bad weather delayed the start of the building proper until April 21, 1884. The architect and builder was Past Master Frederick W. Dean. Many of the Brothers who made pledges for the building were allowed to meet their obligations by working at various jobs on the construction, while others paid theirs in cash. All showed a very brotherly spirit.

The total cost of the land, building and furnishings, etc., according to the record of December 1884 was \$2,348.23.

The building was completed and the dedication ceremonies were held on September 24, 1884. The services were very impressive, and a large number of Grand Lodge Officers and members from many Lodges were present. Refreshments were served to all members in a large tent erected on the adjoining Phelps lot. In the evening a general reception was held for all present and the entire occasion was a credit to Masonry, long to be remembered by all.

During the ceremony a large Master's chair was given to the Lodge by the Hartford Lodges. The presentation was made by Right Worshipful Brother J.K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary. This chair is the one being used in Daskam Lodge at the present time.

At a meeting held February 1, 1885, it was noted that the Worshipful Master Albert A. Bogue, was absent because of illness. He had attended every meeting since January 11, 1879 when he was re-elected Master.

On June 20, 1885 the Lodge received a framed picture of the late Frederick Cooley, who was Master from 1865-1869 and from 1872-1873, from his two sons who at this time were members of the Lodge. This gift was greatly appreciated and a vote of thanks was expressed.

In 1889 the Lodge felt that a little more room was needed, so an addition was added to house the coal and wood, and the kitchen was enlarged at a total expense of about \$200. This seemed to take care of all the needs. At the annual meeting held in 1891, however, the question of enlarging the hall and installing a ventilator was discussed. A committee was appointed to see what could be done. The committee submitted a report January 23, 1892. This matter was discussed at length, but the financial condition of the Lodge caused the report to be tabled. On March 25, 1893, it was voted to repair the building, inside and out, at an ex-

pense of about \$300.

On July 8, 1893 the Lodge voted to purchase a lot in St. James Cemetery and place the body of Mrs. Thomas M. Fell therein. This is the Daskam Lodge Plot which we now own and where some of our Lodge members have been buried.

On April 27, 1895 it was voted that Daskam Lodge No. 86 and Columbia Lodge No. 25 together would furnish a room at the Masonic Home at a cost of about \$30. each.

The first mention of the observance of St. John's Day is recorded as being June 21, 1896. At this time all Masonic graves were visited and decorated. Now a floral piece in the form of a square and compass is placed at the Monument on the plot of Daskam Lodge in memory of all departed brethren.

In 1897 the matter of securing a safe for the Lodge records was discussed. A committee was appointed and Brother H.S. Vale reported on March 12 1898 that a safe was available from Eagle Sterling Company for the price of \$10. It was voted to make the purchase.

On June 20, 1898 Past Masters' Night was observed with Past Master Alfred E. Phelps acting as Worshipful Master. He had the honor of raising his son Willard G. Phelps to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

On November 20, 1899 an impressive memorial service prepared by Past Master Albert A. Bogue was given at an open meeting which was attended by many of the families of departed Brothers. A very interesting program had been arranged and was much appreciated by all present.

On April 2, 1900 a special meeting was held to listen to an historical address by Past Master Bogue covering the history of the Lodge. It was voted to contribute \$12.50 to have it printed.

At the annual meeting December 8, 1900 a vote of thanks was given to Worshipful Master William H. Meyers and Junior Warden Frederick W. Benn for a beautiful altar which they made and presented to the Lodge. This altar is being used at the present time and is a fine tribute to the memory of these two faithful Past Masters.

The year 1902, which was Worshipful Master Benn's second term, seemed to be a very successful year, there were eleven members added to the rolls of the Lodge; this gave the members a feeling of prosperity. This was the banner year since 1865, when fourteen members joined.

A framed picture of Brother John Cooper who served for 26

years as Tyler was presented to the Lodge by Brother James P. Cornish on May 14, 1904 and at this time Brother Cooper made a request to the Lodge that at his death he be buried with Masonic Honors. His wish was carried out when he passed away and he was buried in the Daskam lot on August 10, 1904.

During the year 1904 considerable money was spent for repairing and renovating the Lodge room. Eight members were added. Thus, another prosperous year was recorded.

Past Master Albert A. Bogue, was a guest at the Masonic Home from April 24, 1904 until his death on July 13, 1907. His remains were returned to Glastonbury and buried in St. James Cemetery with full Masonic Honors by his home Lodge which he had so long loved.

On May 12, 1908 it was voted to appoint a committee to solicit funds to clear up the indebtedness of the Lodge and this was done.

On October 8, 1908 the Masons of Connecticut were invited to take part in the laying of the last stone in the Bulkeley Bridge at Hartford. It was a credit to Daskam Lodge to have had about sixty members participating in this big event.

The Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on May 12, 1909, at which time the Past Masters filled the chairs and conferred the Master Mason Degree. A history, compiled by Willard G. Phelps and Harry W. Potter covering the entire 50 years was read. At this meeting the Trustees had the pleasure of burning the mortgage. Also at this time a frame containing all the former Past Masters' photographs was given to the Lodge by Past Master C. Hawley Hodge.

Past Master William H. Myers reported on September 9, 1911, that the monument for the Daskam Lodge lot in St. James Cemetery had been placed. It had been purchased with money left by the late Brother Cooper, who had been beloved Tyler of the Lodge. It was formally unveiled and turned over to the Lodge on October 8, 1911 with a very impressive service.

On April 17, 1912, the meeting night, which had been the subject of discussion for some time, was changed from Saturday to Wednesday.

During the year 1913 extensive interior and exterior repairs were made to the Lodge building. At the end of the year there was a balance of \$63.26 in the treasury and the Trustees' report gave an appraisal of \$3500. on the building and \$1577.27 on the furnishings.

On November 2, 1917 the Lodge held its first Ladies' Night in the Williams Memorial Hall. It proved to be a success. The proceeds were used to purchase the two pillars in the West which had been needed for some time. In this year the by-laws were changed to include one dollar per year for a contingency fund.

At the close of the year 1917 the membership was 139. In the year 1918 several men wished to join before going into service. The membership steadily increased through the years, even though there were several losses by death and other causes, until 1926 when the total membership was 207.

In July 1918 the town of Glastonbury needed more school facilities and wished to rent the lower hall. This was granted by the Trustees at a price of \$150 per year.

During this year Junior Warden Frank J. Whitemore was taken by death. This was a sad event for the Lodge for it was an accidental death and, therefore more pathetic.

On November 29, 1918 it was voted to present the retiring Master a Past Master's Jewel and to discontinue the practice of giving Past Master's Aprons as had been done in previous years.

At a meeting held on August 13, 1919 a welcome home party was voted to honor the Brothers who had served in World War I, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. The date was set for September 27. The following Brothers were welcomed home:

Henry J. Williams	Guy B. Welles
Basil W. Parsons	Lincoln E. Tucker
Clifton S. Bradley	Ralston M. Sherman
Samuel C. House	William E. Williams
Ralph J. Briggs	Earl W. Outtrim
John H. Roser	Girard H. Story
Shelton P. Hubbard	

The service was very impressive and very fitting. It was a pleasant evening which will long be remembered by members and friends who were present.

On November 8, 1919 a team of Past Masters from the Colt Manufacturing Company conferred the Master Mason Degree on Brother William Harper Potter. They were assisted by a Fellowcraft Team from Hartford Lodge No. 88. The occasion was designated as Colt night. It was certainly an enjoyable evening for the large crowd present, and Worshipful Master Albert L. Taylor was congratulated.

The question of securing a new site for a new Masonic

building was discussed on March 10, 1920, and Worshipful Master Arthur B. Goodrich was authorized to appoint the following committee to look into the question: Brothers, Phillip A. Bantle, William H. Myers, Frank S. Lee, Willard G. Phelps, John H. Roser, Eugene W. House and Amiel H. Williams. No action was taken however, and on January 10, 1923 a finance committee consisting of Brothers Arthur B. Goodrich, Harry P. Spafard, William W. Pollard, Frederick O. Turner, Lucius H. Utley, Benjamin H. Work, and Ernest J. Bantle was appointed to work with the building committee. Byron H. Griswold was selected to fill a vacancy on the building committee which occurred when Worshipful Brother Frank S. Lee moved from the area.

At a meeting held on April 25, 1923, the question of a new building was again discussed and a motion was carried that the finance committee prepare a budget showing what the current expenses would be, should the Lodge decide to purchase land and erect a new Lodge Building at a cost of approximately \$35,000. and present some plan for raising the money. The site suggested at this time was the parsonage of the First Church of Christ in Glastonbury. On March 26, 1924 Brother Phillip A. Bantle reported that the Delina House property on Main Street could be purchased for \$7,000. and it was voted to make the purchase. At a meeting held on May 28 pledges were asked for a period of three years from the members for the purpose of paying off a \$5,000. mortgage on this property, if bought; \$2,000. was at once pledged by 45 members. The next report, on October 22 showed \$4,500. pledged, of which \$2,280.77 had been collected.

On August 18, 1925 the House property was transferred to the Trustees of Daskam Lodge for the sum of \$7,000.; The Glastonbury Bank and Trust Company took a mortgage for \$3,200. At the annual meeting in December 1926 this mortgage had been reduced to \$550., which showed that the committee had been doing good work.

The writer of this history became affiliated with Daskam Lodge on February 22, 1928, and therefore is able to report more first hand information, all previously reported facts being learned through reading the old records and through consultation with other members for whose help he is exceedingly grateful.

On April 29, 1929 the need for an emblem on the front of the building was discussed at some length. Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Benn, being skilled in wood carving, accepted the

challenge and made The Square and Compass Emblem which hangs over the front entrance.

During 1929 the Lodge was very fortunate in having presented to it the benches from the County Building in Hartford. These were obtained through the influence of Worshipful Brother Eugene W. House and Brother Charles Goodrich. By the close of the year the Trustees had sold the House property to the Southern New England Telephone Company for \$8,000., thus making a profit which they invested for future use.

As the year 1930 opened, with Worshipful Brother Ernest J. Bantle as Master, the Lodge again felt a need for expansion. On January 20, 1930 a committee was appointed to remodel the present facilities. A committee was selected consisting of Worshipful Brothers Phillip A. Bantle, Chairman; Henry M. Gaines, Frederick W. Benn, Martin L. Roser, and Edgar F. Williams. This committee started to work at once and on April 9, 1930 it was voted to send cards to all members informing them that plans for remodeling would be presented at the next meeting. This was done and on April 23 the plans were presented and carefully explained to all present. It was then voted that the secretary notify all members that final action would be taken at the next meeting. On May 14 the committee reported that the survey of the land had been made by Brother Olmstead of East Hartford, and some of the Brothers were of the opinion that a little more land could be used to advantage. The Trustees were directed to interview the adjoining property owners to see if a portion of their land could be purchased.

It was then voted to have the building committee proceed with the work of remodeling both floors according to the plans submitted, at an expense not to exceed \$6,500. The generous offer of Good Will Grange to allow the Lodge to use the hall during the remodeling was accepted after the Grand Lodge granted a dispensation to do so.

At a meeting held August 13, 1930, the Brothers, all having due notice of same, were informed that the \$6,500. voted for this project was not sufficient. It was therefore voted to increase the amount by an additional sum not to exceed \$3,000., and to authorize the committee to secure a loan of \$4,500., on the Lodge securities.

As the work neared completion it was deemed advisable to have Good Intent Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, inspect the work, as it was renting the Hall. This was done, and the

inspectors were very pleased. To show its appreciation, Good Intent Chapter presented the Lodge with a large Gas Range for the kitchen.

The new quarters brought about needs for more kitchen equipment, etc., so a committee was appointed to raise the funds. As the renovation neared completion, much enthusiasm was shown by all.

It was voted to have a joint open meeting with the Good Intent Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, for the dedication on November 15, 1930. There were many distinguished guests and friends present, including Grand Master Elbert L. Darbie, Grand Secretary Winthrop Buck, District Deputy Lewis Kinne, the Grand Matron and Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Jennie E. Stevens and Fred A. Verplank.

After the formal ceremonies of the event, remarks were made by distinguished guests and others. Worshipful Brother Henry M. Gaines, the Chaplain, presented the Lodge a new Bible on behalf of the Worshipful Master Ernest J. Bantle. A check was also received from Mrs. James Parks in memory of her husband, Brother James Parks. This was used to purchase the lights which now stand in the South, West and East. The meeting was then adjourned to the lower hall where refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed by all.

It might be of interest to note that the membership at this time was 200 and that with the Hall in such fine condition continued growth in members seemed inevitable. However, this was not the case, the records show a slight decrease each year until 1940, when membership had dropped to 136. During this period however, the faithful few were enjoying the building by having an active Fellowcraft Club which did much for the Lodge, both socially and financially.

The special event of the year 1932 was the Bicentennial of the birth of George Washington, the Mason, which was observed on May 8, 1932. This was an open meeting and an interesting program was presented. The main address was given by Grand Secretary Winthrop Buck. Musical selections were given by Eastern Star members. The evening was much enjoyed by all.

The following year Orient Lodge No. 62 wished to lend a helping hand and offered to give a benefit minstrel show in Glastonbury. This was done under the chairmanship of Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Turner. It gave the Lodge a profit of

\$60.

The year 1934, being the year for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Lodge, there seemed to be much interest shown on the part of the older members. There was still the usual loss in total membership at the end of the year.

Soon after Brother Erwin D. Reed was elected Master, a committee was appointed to make plans for the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of the Lodge to be observed on May 12, 1934. This committee consisted of Frederick W. Turner, Frederick W. Benn, and Addison D. Case, all Past Masters, and Senior Warden Louis O. House, Jr. and Senior Deacon Elbert C. Brown. A very interesting program was planned which proved very enjoyable to all who attended.

It was planned in the form of a twenty-four hour celebration divided as follows:—the Lodge was opened in due form on Saturday May 12 at 3:00 P.M. and the regular officers conferred the Master Mason Degree on Dr. Wood. At 6:00 P.M. a bountiful dinner was served in the lower hall, followed by speeches. At 8:00 P.M. an open meeting was held. At this time a history of the Lodge, written by Past Master Harry W. Potter, was read. The Lodge was then called to refreshment until Sunday morning when it attended divine service at the Buckingham Congregational Church. The Brothers then returned to the Hall and closed the Lodge in due form Sunday, May 13 at 12:45 P.M. A detailed program of the entire occasion can be found in the archives of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, Erwin D. Reed, wished to have a Past Masters' night and asked Past Master Frederick W. Benn, who was Master in 1902, to take the leadership and confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on Dr. Frank O. Wood. At this meeting it was a fine record to have 22 Past Masters present out of the 30 who were living at the time. The work was very well done and was a great credit to the Past Masters.

In the year 1937 Worshipful Master Elbert C. Brown conceived the idea of having Masonic Birthdays for all Brothers raised during a certain period. There were five of these held during the year. They proved to be very interesting.

As the Lodge was losing more members than it was gaining, it naturally affected the finances, so the problem of collecting back dues had to be resolved. We were fortunate to have as a Brother, Robert O. Rider, who had much experience in this field, and he was prevailed upon to take the office of Senior Warden in



1939. He took a keen interest in seeing the Lodge put on a sound financial basis. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1940, followed by Brother Philip F. Dean in 1941 whose father and grandfather had served as Masters. At this period Daskam Lodge again seemed to be started on an upward trend. A fund for painting the outside of the building was started and enough was collected to paint the building and purchase drapes for the Hall.

During the period of World War II attendance decreased and some of the appointed officers were called into service. The only two appointed officers to carry through were Howard H. Mino who was Master in 1942, followed by Francis S. Fisher who served for two years. During his second year the membership increased to 152.

On December 6, 1944 the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees were conferred on Harley L. Reed who was home on furlough, a dispensation having been granted by the Grand Master to work two degrees in one evening. His father, Past Master Erwin D. Reed was given the honor of being in the East for the Master Mason Degree which was conferred on December 16, 1944. This was quite a family occasion as Brother Emerson C. Reed, brother of the candidate was Senior Deacon, Worshipful Brother Charles Robinson, a cousin from Fayette Lodge No. 69, was Senior Warden. Brother Sabin Griggs, another cousin from Hartford Lodge No. 88 assisted. It was a very impressive occasion and will long be remembered by all who were present.

The Lodge seemed to be in rather an unsteady situation at the annual meeting December 13, 1944, Past Master Elbert C. Brown was prevailed upon to fill the office of Worshipful Master to see if he could pull things together. He accepted the challenge and the Lodge under his leadership became more united, the incoming officers worked together as a team, and were very efficient in their work.

The new elective and appointive officers under the leadership of Brother Emerson C. Reed, who was elected Master for 1946, continued through the chairs with two exceptions. Brother John Boysworth, Jr. and Brother Albert L. Black, who owing to ill health, were unable to continue in office. The membership at this time had grown to 172.

1947 was another busy year under the leadership of James G. Cummings, when the membership reached 186. During this year Worshipful Brother Willard G. Phelps, who was the Treasurer of

the Lodge, very generously presented to the Lodge a parcel of land south of the Lodge property as a memorial to his father, the late Worshipful Brother Alfred E. Phelps, and his grandfather, Brother Philo F. Phelps. This piece of land has been graded and put into an attractive lawn with parking space in the rear.

The year 1948 was the banner year for Daskam Lodge. There were 19 members raised and 3 reinstated. This was the year when Loring W. Moores was Master. A Fellowcraft Team was formed during this year under the leadership of Worshipful Brother James G. Cummings to assist in the Master Mason Degree. This practice has been continued and Daskam Lodge has a Team that is a credit to Masonry.

In May 1949 Daskam Lodge No. 86 had the honor of having a member, Worshipful Brother George W. Trepp, Jr., appointed District Deputy of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut for the Sixth Masonic District. Right Worshipful Brother Trepp appointed as his Associate Grand Chaplain Worshipful Brother James G. Cummings. They served for the years 1949 and 1950.

On May 24, 1950 a Father and Son night was held. Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed had the honor of raising his third son, Howard E. Reed, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason with Worshipful Brother Emerson C. Reed acting as Junior Warden and Harley L. Reed as Senior Warden. There were three generations of the Turner family present, as well as several fathers and sons.

At the annual meeting on December 13, 1950 our Treasurer, Worshipful Brother Willard G. Phelps, completed 30 years of service as Treasurer and declined further election. He was succeeded by Worshipful Brother Robert O. Rider. To show the appreciation of the Lodge for Worshipful Brother Phelps' faithful service, he was given the title of "Treasurer Emeritus."

At the annual meeting in December 1954 Worshipful Master James F. Hattings reported with a great deal of satisfaction that the balance of the loan at the Glastonbury Bank & Trust Company had been repaid in full and the Daskam Lodge was again free of debt. This enabled the brothers to view the future with confidence.

On January 31, 1955 Brother Charles T. Corbit, who had been organist for many years, was called to the Celestial Lodge above. He was a great lover of Masonry and at his death left a bequest to Daskam Lodge. The ambition of Brother Corbit had always been to see the Lodge own an organ, it was voted to use

part of the money to purchase an organ in his memory. This was done and a suitable dedication service was observed on February 13, 1957.

On November 14, 1956 Emerson Charles Reed, Jr. was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The candidate had the distinction of having many relatives who were Masons. His father Worshipful Brother Emerson C. Reed, acted as Master, Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed, his grandfather, acted as Senior Warden, Worshipful Brother Robert H. Bragg of Orient Lodge No. 62, an uncle acted as Senior Deacon, Brother Ralph W. Bragg of Orient Lodge, No. 62, another uncle, acted as Junior Deacon, and Brother Sabin E. Griggs of Hartford Lodge No. 88, a cousin, acted as Secretary.

Another family night was held on November 28, 1956 although it was observed as Past Master's night, with Worshipful Brother Percy E. House in the East. The candidate was Burton F. Turner, son of Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Turner. Worshipful Brother House invited Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Turner to assist in raising his son. This is an honor to which all Masons aspire. Worshipful Brother Leon W. Turner of Columbia Lodge No. 25, uncle of the candidate, assisted as Chaplain.

In 1957 some of the Brothers feeling that there should be more activity of a social nature among the Lodge members and their families, suggested that a Masonic Ball be held in the Spring. The matter was discussed, and Worshipful Brother Ellsworth A. Lewis appointed a committee with Brother William K. Hudson as chairman.

The committee put much time and effort into the planning and the Ball was held in May 1957. It proved to be a big success both socially and financially. The Spring Dance was repeated the following year and has become an annual event for Daskam Lodge.

On May 14, 1958 Brother Donald S. Pierce, Sr. was given the privilege of presiding in the East and raising his son, Donald S. Pierce, Jr. to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. At the following meeting on May 28, 1958, another father, Right Worshipful George W. Trepp, Jr. had the honor of raising his son, Jay D. Trepp to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Worshipful Brother Ellsworth A. Lewis raised his son Robert John Lewis to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 11, 1958. This completed a record of three successive meetings where a father had the honor of raising his son.

A word should be said regarding the present condition of the Daskam Lodge building. During the last few years a House Committee has been charged with the supervision of the property. The Committee, with the help of the Lodge members, has worked untiringly to have a building that the Lodge can feel proud to own, and all concerned are to be commended for their many projects to improve the entire property.

In bringing to a close this brief and altogether too imperfect sketch of the first century of the Masonic History of Daskam Lodge, the author prays that the Lodge will continue to grow and prosper, and that a true feeling of Brotherhood will prevail throughout the years to come.

## Biographical Sketches

### **WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ALBERT A. BOGUE**

Worshipful Brother Albert A. Bogue, who as the first Master of Daskam Lodge, has the distinction of having served as Master for the greatest number of years, his terms being from 1859 to 1860, and from 1879 to 1885, or a total of nine years.

### **THE PHELPS FAMILY**

Brother Philo F. Phelps, who was a Charter Member of Daskam Lodge, was elected to the office of Treasurer in December, 1860. He held this office until 1878, a period of seventeen years. His son Worshipful Brother Alfred E. Phelps, was raised in Daskam Lodge on November 2, 1869 and served the Lodge as Worshipful Master during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876. At the annual meeting held in December, 1878 he was elected Treasurer to succeed his father, Brother Philo F. Phelps. This office Worshipful Brother Alfred E. Phelps held until his death in July 1920, a period of fifty-three years.

In the year 1898 he had the honor of raising his son, Willard G. Phelps, who also became Worshipful Master for the years 1906 and 1907. Upon the death of Worshipful Brother Alfred E. Phelps, Worshipful Brother Willard G. Phelps was elected to succeed his father as Treasurer. He held this office until the end of 1950, a period of thirty years, thus completing a period of ninety years during which time the office of Treasurer was held by three successive generations of the Phelps family.

### **THE DEAN FAMILY**

Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Dean was raised in Daskam Lodge January 1, 1870 and was elected to the office of Worshipful Master for 1886, 1887 and 1891. He was the architect and builder when the present hall was erected in 1884. On April 6, 1887 he had the honor of raising his son, Carl F. Dean, who became Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1895. On June 4, 1921 he was asked to act as Worshipful Master at the raising of his son, Philip F. Dean, who was elected Master of the Lodge for the year 1941, thus making three generations of the Dean Family who had been Masters of Daskam Lodge.

### **THE CHARLES F. HUTT FAMILY**

Brother Charles F. Hutt was raised in Daskam Lodge, January 14, 1879 but no record can be found of his ever having held an office in the Lodge.

His son, Charles F.C. Hutt was raised June 14, 1905 and was elected to the office of Worshipful Master for 1912. In 1938 he was elected as a Trustee, which office he holds at the present time. June 9, 1948 Brother Robert F. Hutt was raised in Daskam Lodge and his father, Charles F.C. Hutt, assisted in the raising. Brother Robert F. Hutt has been a member of the House Committee for several years and it was by his efforts that the project of landscaping the grounds was completed.

### **WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HAROLD B. WALDO**

Another Past Master who should be mentioned is Worshipful Brother Harold B. Waldo. He was raised on December 3, 1892 and was Secretary from 1896 to 1899. He was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1905.

Worshipful Brother Waldo was not only active in his own Lodge but also took a keen interest in the Grand Lodge Sessions. At the Grand Lodge meeting of April 8, 1948 he was awarded the Pierpont Edwards Medal for his many years of service to Masonry.

### **WORSHIPFUL BROTHER FREDERIC W. BENN**

Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Benn is the oldest living Past Master of Daskam Lodge. He was raised on May 12, 1894, the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Lodge. He served as Worshipful Master in 1901 and 1902 and as Secretary from 1903 to 1909.

In 1926 he was elected to the Board of Trustees, an office he held until 1952. At that time he was given the title of "Trustee Emeritus" for his long and faithful service.

### **WORSHIPFUL BROTHER EDGAR F. WILLIAMS**

Worshipful Brother Edgar F. Williams who was raised June 25, 1909 became Worshipful Master in 1914. During his term of office he had the honor of raising his son, Henry J. Williams, who became Master of the Lodge in 1921. The year following his term of office as Worshipful Master he was elected Secretary, which office he held from 1914 to 1932, a period of seventeen years. On October 28, 1916 he had the honor of presiding in the East and conferring the Master Mason Degree upon his other son, William E. Williams.

### **THE TURNER FAMILY**

Frederick O. Turner was raised in Daskam Lodge, February 28, 1917 and became Worshipful Master for the year 1924. While Brother Turner was going through the chairs and during the year he served as Senior Deacon he had the privilege of acting as Worshipful Master November 5, 1921. He raised his son, Brother Frederick W. Turner, who later became Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1929. The following year when he was Junior Warden he had the privilege of again acting as Worshipful Master and raising another son, Brother Leon W. Turner, on April 22, 1922.

A grandson, Leon W. Turner was raised in Columbia Lodge, November 17, 1943 and became its Worshipful Master for 1950.

February 13, 1952 he was invited to Daskam Lodge to act as Worshipful Master at which time Worshipful Brother Frederick O. Turner received his twenty-five year pin presented by Worshipful Master Samuel A. Edgerton and he in turn presented his father, Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Turner, his twenty-five year pin.

On November 28, 1956, Brother Burton F. Turner was raised in Daskam Lodge and as it was Past Master's Night, his father Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Turner and his uncle, Worshipful Brother Leon W. Turner were asked to assist.

### **WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBERT O. RIDER**

Worshipful Brother Robert O. Rider, who was raised on May 24, 1922, was one who always had the interest of the Lodge at heart although he did not hold an office for fifteen years. He

was finally persuaded to take the office of Worshipful Master in 1940. At the end of this year he was elected Secretary for two years, during which time he installed a membership accounting system. This system, which simplifies the financial accounting and recording of members has been continued by our present Secretary.

In 1950 when Worshipful Brother Phelps would no longer accept the office of Treasurer, Worshipful Brother Rider was elected and very capably filled that office until his death in 1956.

### **THE REED FAMILY**

The Reed family has more members in the Lodge than other family. Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed was raised in Fayette Lodge No. 69 on November 10, 1914 and affiliated with Daskam Lodge on February 22, 1928. He held the office of Worshipful Master during 1934 and was appointed Chaplain in 1936 which office he has held until the present time. As a Past Master, he had the privilege of raising Emerson Charles Reed on June 9, 1943.

Worshipful Brother Emerson C. Reed served as Worshipful Master for the year 1946 and has always taken an active part in the affairs of the Lodge.

Harley Leslie Reed, who is presently in the Air Force, was raised in Daskam Lodge on December 16, 1944 and became Master of the Lodge in 1951.

Howard Erwin Reed, a third son, was raised in Daskam Lodge on May 24, 1950. Since he does not reside in Glastonbury he has been less active in Lodge affairs than other members of his family.

A grandson, Emerson Charles Reed, Jr. was raised by his father, Worshipful Brother Emerson C. Reed on November 14, 1956 in Daskam Lodge. Upon this occasion, Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed assisted in the capacity of Senior Warden.

To raise three sons, to install two of them as Worshipful Master, and to assist in raising a grandson is an honor of which Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed may be justly proud.

### **OUR SECRETARY, LOUIS O. HOUSE, JR. and FAMILY**

Our Secretary, Louis O. House, Jr. was raised May 26, 1923 and became Worshipful Master for the year 1935. At the end of his year as Master he was appointed Marshal for 1936 and Junior

Steward for 1937. At the annual meeting in December 1937 he was elected to serve as Junior Warden for 1938 and the year following served as Junior Deacon.

In the year 1943 at the annual meeting he was elected Secretary of the Lodge, which office he still holds. His records are a credit not only to him but also to Daskam Lodge and when it becomes necessary for him to relinquish his duties it may be said of him: "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant."

NOTE: At the end of the year 1957 he had collected all the dues and assessments 100%.

Regarding his family, his father Brother Louis O. House was raised in Daskam Lodge, April 9, 1904 and although he was never Master of the Lodge, he held the office of Junior Steward in 1905, 1908 and 1909. A Brother, Samuel C. House, was raised December 20, 1916 and although he never held office he was always willing to lend a helping hand until his death, May 23, 1949.

The Officers Elected to Serve for 1959 are as follows:

Robert H. Kellogg, Jr.	<b>Worshipful Master</b>
George E. Elliott, Jr.	<b>Senior Warden</b>
James W. Bain	<b>Junior Warden</b>
George W. Trepp, Jr., P.M.	<b>Treasurer</b>
Louis O. House, Jr., P.M.	<b>Secretary</b>
Hiram K. Jones	<b>Senior Deacon</b>
Robert E. Garrard	<b>Junior Deacon</b>
Charles L. Lincoln	<b>Senior Steward</b>
Fletcher J. Freligh	<b>Junior Steward</b>
William I. Thomsen, Jr.	<b>Marshall</b>
Erwin D. Reed, P.M.	<b>Chaplain</b>
Edward Nordstrom	<b>Organist</b>
John W. Rath	<b>Tyler</b>



# History of Daskam Lodge No. 86, A.F. & A.M. Glastonbury, Connecticut 1959-1974

By Past Master Emerson C. Reed

In 1959, Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed wrote a Lodge History covering the first century of happenings in Daskam Lodge. This addendum outlines some of the activities for the past fifteen years, thus bringing interested Brothers up-to-date on Daskam Lodge highlights.

In 1959 Daskam Lodge had its centennial celebration. Plans for the affair were started in 1958 when Worshipful Master John E. Davis appointed a committee of Senior Warden Robert Kellogg-Chairman, Right Worshipful George W. Trepp, Jr., Worshipful Brothers Erwin D. Reed, Emerson C. Reed, Ellsworth A. Lewis, Louis O. House, Jr., Louis O. House, 3rd, James F. Hattings and Elbert C. Brown to plan a suitable program. On January 14, 1959, Worshipful Master Kellogg appointed Worshipful Louis O. House, 3rd to the committee chairmanship and added the new Senior Warden George Elliott, Jr. to the committee. An interesting program was planned for a twenty-four hour celebration. The Lodge was opened in due form on Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Academy School (The Old High School), and the regular officers conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother Victor J. Zeller. At the hour of 6:30 p.m. a fine dinner was served in the school cafeteria, followed by speeches and Thank You remarks. At 8:00 p.m. an open meeting, with ladies and invited friends present, was held, with musical entertainment and remarks by various distinguished guests. Guests included the Grand Master, many Grand Lodge Officers, and Representatives from many of our Sister Lodges, as well as our Mother Lodge - Columbia Lodge, No. 25, in South Glastonbury. The Lodge was called to refreshment after an inspiring evening until Sunday morning when it was reconvened to attend divine service in the First Church of Christ Congregational. The Brothers then returned to the Academy School and closed the Lodge in due form. A detailed program of this entire occasion can be found in the archives of the Lodge. The 100 year history by Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed

highlighted the celebration.

Family nights continued to be important Lodge activities. On November 11, 1959, Worshipful Brother Samuel A. Edgerton presided in the East for a Master Mason Degree on Past Master's Night, assisted by his Brothers Mills F. Edgerton as Senior Warden and Lloyd W. Edgerton as Junior Warden. Past Masters of Daskam Lodge filled the other stations. Brothers Carl and Ward Edgerton, sons of Worshipful Brother Sam, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It was an evening long to be remembered by all who attended the affair.

At the annual meeting on December 12, 1959, Worshipful Master Kellogg presented the Lodge with a new larger safe for the storage of books, papers and records. This is the safe that we presently use.

On May 25, 1960, with Worshipful Master George E. Elliott, Jr. at the helm, the Lodge was visited by Chicopee Lodge of Chicopee, Mass. to confer the Fellowcraft degree in Massachusetts form on one of their candidates. The work was impressive and well received. Meetings such as this are fine ways of cementing relations with our neighboring jurisdictions.

At the October 26, 1960 communication, the House Committee announced that new chairs had been purchased for the lower hall. This was a much needed investment. This evening was also very special, as our long-time Tyler John W. Rath was escorted into the Lodge room and presented with a trowel, suitably engraved for his 45 years of Masonic service. While Brother Bill is now in the Grand Lodge on High, his memory will long be cherished in Daskam Lodge.

In keeping with the growth of our country, on February 22, 1961, the Line Officers presented the Lodge, through Worshipful Master James W. Bain, with a 50 star American flag. We can now be proud of all fifty states.

On March 12, 1961, it was with sadness that the Brothers assembled for Masonic funeral services for Worshipful Brother Frederick W. Benn, "Trustee Emeritus" and faithful supporter of the Craft since May 12, 1894. His devotion to Masonry will long be remembered. Our altar, the Secretary's desk, the Treasurer's desk and the letter "G" attest to his skill as an "Operative Mason."

On May 24, 1961, for the first time in several years, a "Ladies" night was held, with Most Worshipful Brother Albert

Ruwet giving a talk about our Masonic home and hospital. These affairs should be continued.

On September 26, 1962 a "Seacoast" painting, painted by Brother Robert S. Niver was presented to the Lodge and accepted by Worshipful Master Hiram King Jones. It was very fitting that Worshipful Brother Hi was able to accept due to the years that he spent portraying "Hiram." This painting now hangs in our Lodge room.

On November 17, 1962, our Mother Lodge, Columbia, No. 25, observed the 50th anniversary of the dedication of their present temple. Daskam Lodge was happy to be able to join with our Mother Lodge on this occasion for an evening of best wishes.

In December 1962, at the time of his installation as Worshipful Master, Brother Charles L. Lincoln presented to the Lodge, through Worshipful Master Hiram K. Jones, a complete set of Officers Jewel Collars and an oak chest of drawers to store them in. This gift was much appreciated by the Brothers.

In 1963, Worshipful Master Charles L. Lincoln had two Father-Son nights of which he can be very proud. On March 27th, with the help of Plax Co. Brothers, he raised his son, Charles L. Lincoln, Jr. to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and on April 24th, with the help of Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Brothers, he raised his son-in-law Albert C. Burr also. These were very impressive evenings.

On December 29, 1963, newly installed Worshipful Master George W. Hodgdon and a delegation from Daskam Lodge attended the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 6 in Norwalk. This was the home lodge of Most Worshipful Brother George F. Daskam, who was Grand Master when Daskam Lodge was instituted. Daskam Lodge was happy to be able to take part in this historic celebration.

On May 9, 1964 Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed was called to his Grand Lodge on High. Brother Erwin was Master in 1934, Marshall in 1935 and Chaplain from 1935 until the time of his death. During all of this period he was Lodge Historian. He had been awarded the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for distinguished masonic service, by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut just previous to his death. This medal was presented posthumously to his sons, Worhipful Brothers Emerson and Harley, by the Grand Master on May 13, 1964 at ceremonies in

Daskam Lodge.

The House Committee under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Russell. J. Preuss and with Worshipful Masters Donald S. Pierce, William F.L. Andrew and Winthrop Jensen as Lodge Leaders did much to improve conditions in our building. Over \$1000.00 was raised to paint the building. A new organ was purchased in 1965 and renovations were made in our kitchen. Also in this period, on December 6, 1965, Worshipful Brother Robert H. Kellogg, Jr. was able to assist in the raising of his son, Robert H. Kellogg, III by Hay Market Lodge, No. 313, Hay Market, Va. for our own Lodge. This young man was in the U.S. armed services at the time of his raising.

On January 24, 1968, Worshipful Master Charles E. Baker, Jr. was pleased to have a communication from Albert Pike Lodge, No. 376, New Orleans read, stating that our Brother Shelton P. Hubbard, who holds dual membership in Albert Pike Lodge, was elected Master. Daskam Lodge was pleased to learn of the dedication of our Brother to Masonry.

On Past Masters' night on November 13, 1968, Worshipful Brother Christopher W. Totten had the pleasure of raising his son, Christopher M. Totten to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Worshipful Brother Chris presented his son with his Grandfather's masonic ring.

On February 12, 1969, Worshipful Master Royal Dupuis held a Ladies night to honor Worshipful Brother Louis O. House, Jr. Over 100 guests were present. Worshipful Brother Lou was thanked for his many years of dedicated service to the craft and especially for his 25 year stint as Secretary. At the end of this year's service, Worshipful Brother Lou retired as Secretary and was elected Secretary Emeritus for Life.

On November 12, 1969, another family affair was held when Worshipful Brother George W. Hodgdon raised his son-in-law Paul H. Garneau to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was a proud night for George.

Worshipful Master Charles L. Lincoln, Jr. instituted a program of presenting Masonic certificates to newly raised Brothers on May 13, 1970. This program was voted a continuing custom by the Lodge, and is a welcome gift to all Brothers receiving the certificates.

Grand Master Carl O. Carlson visited Daskam Lodge on May

27, 1970 and presented the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze to Worshipful Brother Louis O. House, Jr. for his distinguished masonic service over many years. The lodge room was crowded with many distinguished guests and friends, who congratulated Brother Lou and extended to him best wishes. The honor was well deserved by this dedicated Brother.

The Lodge was honored again on June 10, 1970 when word was received that Brother Carl Edgerton had been appointed by the Grand Master to the Masonic Youth Committee. Programs working with youth are deep in the hearts of all Daskam Brothers.

The black veil fell on Daskam Lodge on July 22, 1970, when Brother John William Rath was called to the Grand Lodge on High. Brother Bill was a fifty-six year member of the Lodge and our long-time Tyler and building custodian. Bill was known, loved and respected by all who knew him.

In 1971 Worshipful Master George W. Lingley instituted a program to contact all of the Brothers personally. Thus our Master had a knowledge of all the wishes and concerns of his Brethren and all could say that they knew their Master. This program is worthy of continuation.

On May 3, 1971 Daskam Lodge voted to contribute funds to send a DeMolay boy to the DeMolay Leadership Camp. This project has been continued through the years and is felt to be very worthwhile, as these boys are our future Men and Masons.

The Grand Lodge again honored Daskam Lodge this year by appointing Worshipful Brother Charles L. Lincoln, Jr. to Field Representative of Masonic Culture and Public Relations and appointing Worshipful Brother Samuel A. Edgerton to the Grand Lodge Bi-Centennial Committee. Congratulations to both of these Brothers.

In September 1971, Worshipful Master Lingley "sparkplugged" an auction for the Fellowcraft Club that raised money to obtain a new rug for the lodge room and a refrigerator for the kitchen. The rug was in place to "dressup" the lodge room for the installation of the 1972 officers.

On October 27, 1971 a DeMolay awards night was held. Our Grand Master Merle P. Tapley was present with many distinguished guests. Worshipful Brother Samuel A. Edgerton was the recipient of the Chevalier Award by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay. Brother Sam has been active in DeMolay work for his

entire life and this was a well deserved honor.

On December 8, 1971 it was voted to further brighten the lodge room by the addition of new drapes. The Material was purchased by gifts from Worshipful Brother Winthrop Jensen and his wife from when they were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star and from a gift from Good Intent Chapter, No. 17, O.E.S. Sister Carol Lee (Mrs. Michael) Geoffroy made the drapes.

At a communication on February 9, 1972, Worshipful Master Franklin J. Davis presented Worshipful Brothers Charles L. Lincoln, Jr. and George W. Lingley with plaques from the Fellowcraft Club for outstanding service. These Brothers had sparked many of the projects that raised money to help finance Daskam Lodge projects.

As years passed by, Daskam Lodge still continued relationships with Lodges in Sister jurisdictions, as on February 25, 1972 the Lodge visited Charles W. Moore Lodge in Fitchburg, Mass. It was reported that an enjoyable fraternal visit was held.

At the Grand Lodge session on April 5, 1972, Brother James G. Cummings was appointed Right Worshipful District Deputy for District 6B and Worshipful Brother George W. Hodgdon was appointed to be his Associate Grand Marshal. These two Brothers were dedicated ritualists and hard-working members of Fraternity and Daskam Lodge was highly honored by these appointments.

On April 12, 1972, Glastonbury Assembly, No. 24, Rainbow, visited Daskam Lodge and portrayed the Father's degree. At this meeting an Associate Patron's Certificate was presented to the Lodge by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation for assisting with an auction that was held to raise money for this worthy cause. This meeting showed the many facets of interest to masons.

On May 4, 1972, Worshipful Brother Louis O. House, Jr. left us for the Grand Lodge on High. He served as Master in 1935, Secretary from 1944-1970 and Secretary Emeritus since 1970. He was a holder of the Pierpont Edwards Medal for distinguished masonic service. He performed services and served on committees - numerous in numbers. He was a Brother loved by all. On May 6, 1972 Daskam Lodge paid last respects to this Brother with an impressive masonic funeral.

Past Grand Master Merle P. Tapley was present on May 24, 1972 to present the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for distinguished masonic service to Worshipful Brother Emerson C.

Reed. Approximately 100 distinguished guests and friends of the recipient were present to offer Brother Emerson congratulations. At this meeting it was also announced that Right Worshipful Brother James G. Cummings had been appointed Grand Junior Steward and Worshipful Brother George W. Hodgdon had been appointed Grand Custodian-District 7 of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Connecticut.

On September 29, 1972 a testimonial dinner was held in Valle's Steak House, Hartford, to honor Brothers James G. Cummings and George W. Hodgdon. It was a joint affair by Daskam Lodge and Gideon Welles Chapter, No. 50, R.A.M. to express the pride of both bodies in the appointment of these Brothers to important offices in both Lodge and Chapter Grand Bodies as noted above. It was an evening long to be remembered by all attending this affair.

The Daskam Fellowcraft Club was still very active on September 30, 1972, as an auction was held that raised over \$1400.00 for new shrubery and other improvements around the building. The Brothers in this Club are the heart of the Lodge.

On October 25, 1972 it was announced that the Lodge had been left \$1000.00 in memory of Worshipful Brother Louis O. House, Jr. and that a room had been paid for and furnished at the Masonic Home and Hospital in Wallingford through the interest that Lou's widow has in Masonry. Daskam lodge is grateful for this great interest in the Craft.

Worshipful Brother Charles L. Lincoln was honored on October 27, 1972. He received the Grand High Priest's Award from the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. for dedicated service. Daskam Lodge takes pride when fine service is given by a brother.

On November 15, 1972 a visitation was made to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, Hartford to participate in the official visitation and inspection by Right Worshipful James G. Cummings. Two of the candidates of the evening for the Master Mason degree were Daskam Brothers John Nachelly and Franklin Field. Seventeen Daskam Brothers accompanied Right Worshipful Jim and all enjoyed the exchange of fellowship and brotherhood.

With the 1976 Bi-Centennial of this country approaching, on December 13, 1972, the Worshipful Master appointed a committee consisting of Brothers Paul H. Garneau, Chairman, Richard D. Martens and Frederick R. Tongren, Jr. to make preliminary

plans for Daskam Lodge participation in this event. On this same evening, Daskam Lodge was honored to hear that Brother Carl L. Edgerton had been appointed to the position of Assistant Executive Officer of DeMolay for Connecticut. Brother Carl has done much for youth programs in Connecticut and we trust that in the years to come that he can continue this worthwhile effort.

At the communication of December 27, 1972 Worshipful Master George N. Seely accepted a Certificate of Appreciation for Daskam lodge from the Connecticut DeMolay for the fine support of the DeMolay Leadership Camp program. All present were pleased with the award but said that support had been given without thought of fee or reward.

In the early part of 1973 former President of the United States and Past Grand Master of Missouri Harry S. Truman was called to the Grand Lodge on High. On January 10th, Daskam Lodge draped the altar in his memory. It is heartening to know that a man with all the responsibilities of U.S. President drew his strength from the masonic principles.

On February 20, 1973 it was announced that Worshipful Brother Charles L. Lincoln had been installed Emminent Commander of Washington Commandery, No. 1. Brother Charles has now been elected head of all York Rite Bodies. Congratulations.

In April of 1973, Worshipful Master Seely announced that he had received an offer for chairs for the lodge room from the Bushnell Memorial Hall in Hartford. The offer was accepted by the Lodge and work to get and install the chairs was started at once. By May 23rd the job was completed. Hats off to the Master for completing this job so quickly.

An awards night was held on June 13, 1973, at which time Worshipful Brother Russell J. Preuss was presented with the George F. Daskam Award for service to masonry and Daskam Lodge in particular. Besides being Master in 1953, Brother Russ has headed the House Committee, with its many problems, for many years in a most capable manner. At this same meeting Worshipful Brother Emerson C. Reed was presented with the DeMolay Medal of Appreciation from the Supreme Council for his service to DeMolay in general and Charter Oak Chapter in particular.

In keeping with our "Love of Country" program, Worshipful Brother John E. Davis presented the Lodge with a new flag



for the lodge room on June 24, 1973. At the same time, Worshipful Brother Samuel A. Edgerton presented a new flag and flagpole for Daskam grounds, to Daskam Lodge and Good Intent Chapter, No. 17, O.E.S. in memory of his wife, Ruth. The first flag raising took place with Brother Sam's sons, Brothers Carl and Ward raising the flag. It was a fitting and impressive start for a St. John's Sunday.

The Fellowcraft Club was still working hard on September 29, 1973, at which time an auction netted \$983.36. This money with some left over from last year was used to pave the parking lot. All lot users should have a "Thank You" in their heart, for the hard work of this club.

On October 13, 1973 many of the Brothers journeyed to Orient Lodge, East Hartford where Charter Oak Chapter DeMolay invested Brother Carl L. Edgerton with the Legion of Honor for the Supreme Council. Brother Carl is the first Daskam Brother to be so honored.

A Daskam visitation was made on November 5, 1973 to Franklin Lodge, No. 56, in Bristol to confer the Fellowcraft Degree. The minutes of that Lodge communication tell it all. "Excellent work. Daskam Lodge can be mighty proud of these Brothers."

At the December 29, 1973 meeting, with Worshipful Master, Michael A. Geoffroy in the East, Worshipful Brother Samuel A. Edgerton completed the project of presenting office lapel pins to all Lodge Officers. This program was started by our late Brother William V. Smallwood. All officers use the pins during their term of office and then pass them on to the new officers.

On January 24, 1974 Daskam Lodge visited Friendship Lodge, No. 145, in Manchester and on February 13th, Friendship Lodge returned the visit. Joining with our neighbor Lodges is a fine way to promote good fellowship.

On April 10, 1974, Most Worshipful Gail Smith, P.G.M. visited Daskam Lodge for a Ladies night and gave a talk on the Masonic Home and Hospital. All present were interested in this fine project.

Grand Master Wesley F. Gomez visited us on June 5, 1974 and presented Brother Charles D. Vitale with the Pierpont Edwards Medal for distinguished masonic service. Brother Charlie has been very active in carrying masonic principles to the com-

munity at large. At the same meeting it was announced that Worshipful Brother Emerson C. Reed had received the Grand High Priest's Award for service to capitular masonry. The award was made at the recent Grand R.A.M. session.

A successful summer social and dance was held on June 8, 1974 with Good Intent Chapter, No. 17, O.E.S. It was a fine evening with the Lodge at refreshment. These social times have for some years been a part of the life of Daskam Lodge.

August 16, 1974 saw Worshipful Brother George W. Hodgdon leaving us for the Grand Lodge on High. Daskam Lodge conducted a funeral service and provided pall bearers for our beloved Brother. Brother George had masonry in his heart and his passing is a great loss to the Fraternity. At the time of his death, Brother George was still Grand Custodian of District 7 of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. The vacancy, caused by his decease, was filled by the appointment of Brother Charles L. Lincoln to this position by the Grand High Priest.

The first family day picnic for Daskam Lodge was held on September 8, 1974 at Williams Park in Glastonbury. About 75, Brothers and their families, joined in a day of recreation. Several widows of departed Brothers joined in the affair. It was a real Daskam family day, and the picnics should be continued.

The awards night for this year was held on October 9, 1974, with Worshipful Brother Percy E. House the recipient of the George F. Daskam award. About 75 Brothers, Ladies and Friends were present for a supper and the presentation. Brother Percy has served as a member of the degree team and Trustee for many years, as well as Master. He has Daskam Lodge in his heart.

The final big event of the year 1974 was a Brotherhood dinner and dance with the Knights of Columbus and Columbia Lodge, No. 25. Affairs such as this really promote the Great Brotherhood of Man. Thus December 7, 1974 can be a landmark date in Glastonbury, Conn. for the uniting of all good men for the good of all society. The profit from this affair was given to the Glastonbury Committee for Aging to help furnish the Gideon Welles Senior Citizen Center.

And so we bring this sketch of our past fifteen years to a close, with a hope that this period has been a credit to Masonry in general and Daskam Lodge in particular. All who served the Craft with

fevency and zeal are to be commended. And as our late Worshipful Brother Erwin D. Reed said, " We pray that the Lodge will continue to grow and prosper; and that a true feeling of Brotherhood will prevail throughout the years to come."

## Past Masters Of Daskam Lodge, No. 86, A.F. & A.M.

... And the years they served, taken from the Secretary's records.

*Albert A. Bogue	1859; 1860; 1879-1885
*Thaddeus Wells	1861, 1962
*George R. Hale	1863, 1864; 1888
*Frederick Cooley	1865-1868; 1872
*William R. Stevens	1869, 1870
*William S. Goslee	1871
*Thomas H.L. Talcott	1873
*Alfred E. Phelps	1874-1876
*S.V.H. Risley	1877
*Henry P. Welles	1878
*Frederick W. Dean	1886, 1887; 1891
*James P. Cornish	1889, 1890
*Luther P. Davis	1892-1894; 1896
*Carl F. Dean	1895
*William H. Myers	1897-1899
*C. Hawley Hodge	1900
*Frederick W. Benn	1901, 1902
*Philip A. Bantle	1903, 1904
*Harold B. Waldo	1905
*Williard G. Phelps	1906, 1907
*John S. LaFargue	1908, 1909
*Harry W. Potter	1910
*Frank S. Lee	1911
*Charles F. C. Hutt	1912
*Allison M. Bidwell	1913
*Edgar F. Williams	1914
*Louis H. Moseley	1915
*Henry P. Spafard	1916
*Eugene W. House	1917
*Louis O. Potter	1918
*Albert L. Taylor	1919
*Arthur B. Goodrich	1920
*Henry J. Williams	1921
*John R. Larson	1922
*L. Milton Sweet	1925
*Frederick O. Turner	1924
*Henry M. Gaines	1925
*Addison D. Case	1926

*Carleton F. Holmes	1927
Martin L. Roser	1928
*Frederick W. Turner	1929
*Ernest J. Bantle	1930
*John Stokes	1931
*Alfred Young	1932
Louis J. Manning	1933
*Erwin D. Reed	1934
*Louis O. House, Jr.	1935
Percy E. House	1936
*Elbert C. Brown	1937; 1945
*Clarence P. Henderson	1938
George W. Trepp, Jr.	1939
*Robert O. Rider	1940
*Philip F. Dean	1941
Howard H. Mino	1942
*Frank S. Fisher	1943, 1944
Emerson C. Reed	1946
James G. Cummings	1947
Loring W. Moores	1948
*Frank W. Young	1949
Herman W. Dahl	1950
Harley L. Reed	1951
Samuel A. Edgerton	1952
Russell J. Preuss	1952
*James F. Hattings	1954
Christopher W. Totten	1955
Louis O. House, III	1956
Ellsworth A. Lewis	1957
John E. Davis	1958
Robert H. Kellogg, Jr.	1959
George E. Elliott, Jr.	1960
James W. Bain	1961
Hiram K. Jones	1962
Charles L. Lincoln, Sr.	1963
*George W. Hodgdon	1964
*Donald S. Pierce	1965
William F.L. Andrew	1966
Winthrop Jenson	1967
Charles E. Baker, Jr.	1968
Royal E. Dupuis	1969
Charles L. Lincoln, Jr.	1970
George W. Lingley	1971

Franklin J. Davis  
George N. Seely  
Michael A. Geoffroy

1972  
1973  
1974

\*Deceased

# List of Members of Daskam Lodge

As of December 31, 1977

- Aja, Valentino
- \*Anderson, Roy A.
- Andrew, William F.L.-P.M.
- Angelos, Arthur C.
- Antos, Frank R.
- Attanasio, Robert C.
- Auger, Leo A.
  
- \*Babcock, Melvin H., Jr.
- \*Bagshaw, Herbert N.
- Bahnsen, Robert F.
- \*Bailey, Bernard D.
- \*Bain, James W.-P.M.
- \*Baker, Charles E., Jr.-P.M.
- Barker, Leonard H.
- Barnes, Ernest H., Jr.
- Barnett, Francis B., Jr.
- \*Bartlett, Francis W.
- Barton, Charles K.
- Beebe, Arthur M.
- Bonzani, Peter J.
- Bristol, Warren E., Jr.
- Broderick, William F., Jr.
- \*Bronke, Raymond L.
- \*Burbridge, Donald P.
- \*Burney, Donald C.
- \*Burney, George W., Jr.
- Burnham, David C.
- Burr, Albert C. -P.M.
  
- Campbell, James D.
- Carlough, Keith R.
- Caton, Earle F.
- \*Chambers, John T.
- Champlin, Blair I.
- Chase, Arthur A.
  
- Churchill, William
- \*Clay, Frederick N.
- Colby, Arthur R.
- \*Cooper, Robert S.
- \*Coughlin, William N.
- Covey, Myles E.
- \*\*Cowles, Ernest C.
- Coyle, Donald L.
- \*Cribbs, William F.
- Cross, Richard M. Sr.
- \*Cummings, James G. -P.M.
  
- \*Dahl, Herman W. -P.M.
- Dahms, Albert J., Jr.
- Davidson, Everett D.
- Davis, Franklin J. -P.M.
- \*Davis, John E. -P.M.
- \*\*Dennen, Wesley G.
- Dresser, Jonathan N.
- Dunkle, Harry L.
- Dupuis, Royal E. -P.M.
- Dyer, Forrest E.
- Dyer, William
  
- Edgerton, Carl L. -P.M.
- \*Edgerton, Samuel A. -P.M.
- Edgerton, Ward M.
- \*Elliott, George E., Jr. -P.M.
- \*Ellison, Barclay W.
- \*Erickson, Charles T.
  
- Ferris, James C.
- \*Fiddler, William L., Sr.
- Field, Franklin C.
- \*Fisher, William J.
- Flick, Arthur W., Jr.

Fraser, Allen F.  
Freleigh, Fletcher J.

Garneau, Paul H. -P.M.  
Garrard, Robert E.  
Geoffroy, Michael A. -P.M.  
Golub, Morris E.  
\*Goodison, Russell W.  
\*Gosch, Ralph D.  
\*Greenshields, Jack B.  
Griffin, Roy A.  
\*Guaschino, Louis D.

Hacker, Richard S.  
\*Hallas, Henry  
Hanson, Melvin D.  
\*Harris, Paul  
Hibbert, Donald F., Jr.  
\*Higgins, Douglas L.  
Higgins, Irving D.  
\*Hollister, Wesley R.  
Hollister, John C., Jr.  
Holmes, Carleton F., Jr.  
\*House, Percy E. -P.M.  
\*House, Louis O. III -P.M., L  
Housley, Donald S.  
\*Howe, Wilbert C.  
Hrusa, Carl A.  
\*\*Hubbard, Shelton P. -P.M.  
\*Hutson, Luther L.  
Hutson, Robert L.  
\*Hutt, Robert F.

JaCoby, Charles B.  
Jacks, Franklin M.  
Jensen, Winthrop -P.M.  
Jenks, William B.  
Johnson, Henry A.  
Johnston, John L., Jr.  
\*Jones, Hiram K. -P.M.  
Jones, Cecil M.  
Jones, Clayton M.  
Judson, Wilbur T.

Judson, Eric W.  
Keeney, Herbert F., Jr.  
Kellogg, Robert H., III  
\*Kellogg, Robert H., Jr. -P.M.  
Kelly, Robert W.  
\*Kroff, Raphael  
\*Krohn, Harold J.  
Kudlach, Ladd S.  
\*Kusche, Erich H.

\*LaFargue, Stanley H.  
Lanari George G., Jr.  
\*Lang, Oscar A.  
Lawson, Richard A.  
\*Lennon, James S.  
Lennon, Richard J.  
Lewis, Dr. Robert J.  
Lewis, Leonard J.  
\*Lincoln, Charles L. -P.M., L  
Lincoln, Charles L., Jr. -P.M.  
Lingley, George W. -P.M.  
Lynch, Richard D.  
\*Luytjes, Abraham  
Lynch, Patrick E.

Mabrey, Tom H.  
MacClain, David M.  
\*MacDonald, Charles E.  
\*\*Manning, Louis J. -P.M.  
Martens, Richard D.  
\*Maye, Frank H.  
\*Mayo, Donald P.  
McKinney, Robert F.  
McLain, Charles E.  
\*\*McLean, Willard G.  
\*Messer, Ernest R.  
Miller, Gordon L.  
\*Miller, Milton I.  
\*\*Mino, William H.  
\*Mino, Howard H. -P.M.  
Moore, Horace E.  
\*Moores, Loring W. -P.M.



Nachilly, John L.  
 Nelson, Gilbert L.  
 Neumuth, Harold M.  
 Neumeister, Robert L.  
 Nichols, John T., Jr.  
 Nisbet, Andrew K.  
 Niver, Edward  
 \*Nordstrom, Edward  
 Nordstrom, John R.  
 Nordstrom, William H.  
 \*North, Walter H.  
 Novvey, Dr. Ernest E., Jr.  
  
 \*O'Dell, Richard K.  
 O'Shea, Daniel M.  
  
 \*Parks, Robert G.  
 Pesce, Theodore L.  
 Pierce, Donald S., Jr.  
 Pike, Allen H., Jr.  
 Plessinger, James A.  
 Portaluppi, Edward A.  
 \*Preuss, Kerwin A.  
 \*Preuss, Russell J. -P.M.  
 Pulcifer, Royce A.  
  
 \*\*Raff, Paul E.  
 Reed, E. Charles Jr. -L  
 \*Reed, Emerson C. -P.M.  
 \*Reed, Harley L. -P.M.  
 Reichenbach, Frank M.  
 Ripley, Rev. David A.  
 \*Rood, Charles H.  
 Rosenthal, Michael  
 \*\*Roser, John H.  
 \*\*Roser, Martin L. -P.M.  
 Ruff, Edward F.  
  
 Sanborn, Philip S.  
 Sauer, Malcolm C.  
 Schwartz, Walter S.  
 Scoville, Homer G.  
 \*Seely, George N. -P.M.  
  
 \*Selders, Daniel B.  
 \*Senecal, Eugene F.  
 Shannon, R. Gilbert  
 \*Shaw, Stillman S.  
 \*Shepherd, Robert W.  
 Shibles, Russell A.  
 \*Sigal, Morris  
 Simpson, Nelson L.  
 Smith, Brian F.  
 \*\*Smith, Reuben F.  
 Smith, Thomas F., Jr.  
 \*St Arnauld, Maynard  
 \*Stang, Nathan  
 Stevens, Leslie E.  
 Stokes, Russell F.  
  
 Taggart, Samuel S.  
 \*Taylor, Robert M.  
 \*Thoman, Wesley  
 Thomsen, William I., Jr.  
 Tongren, Frederick R., Jr. -P.M.  
 \*Totten, Christopher W. -P.M.  
 Totten, Christopher M.  
 \*Treggett, Errol G.  
 \*Trepp, George W., Jr. -P.M.  
 Trepp, Jay D.  
 Tsolas, James  
 Turner, Burton F.  
  
 \*Varrell, Donald B.  
 \*Vitale, Charles D.  
  
 Wadsworth, Charles W.  
 Waite, Sanford L.  
 Walsh, Richard T.  
 \*Warner, Errol M., Sr.  
 Waterman, Arnold  
 Waterman, Arnold B.  
 Waters, John N.  
 Weldon, Bernard G.  
 \*\*Welles, Guy B.  
 White, Henry K.  
 White, Jack R.

\*\*Williams, William E.  
Włodarczyk, Edward A.  
\*Work, James H.

\*\*Zajicek, George F.  
\*Ziegler, Karl  
Zielinski, Robert

\*Member 25 years & over.... 82  
\*\*Member 50 years & over.... 13  
L.-Life Member.....  
P.M.-Past Master..... 34  
Total Membership..... 232