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Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F.&A.M

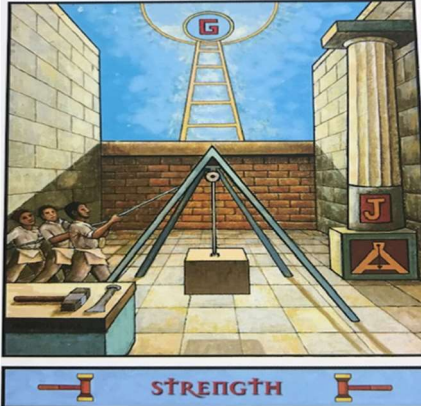
September-December 2021

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Juan Diaz

Brethren:

This year has been a great challenge for masonry and humanity, but we have also seen a time for growth and new opportunities. Challenges gives us the opportunity to learn, to adjust and most importantly to grow. This

year has been a learning experience for all of us. I believe my consciousness has grown because of this experience. I thank all of you for providing support for this challenge.

Despite the dark shadow of COVID-19 we have been able to have a successful year. We succeeded in raising funds for the Dyslexia Centers, we had an Entered Apprentice Degree, and a reception for District Deputy Arnold Grot and Associate Grand Marshal Brian Berk. Scheduled this fall are a Fellowcraft Degree, a Master Mason Degree, as well as Awards Night. Thank you for your commitment and hard work.

I would like to end by dedicating this year to all those brothers who could not be with us, especially those that put down their working tools. Their names and service to our craft are recorded in the archives of our heart, and of Columbia Lodge. Fifteen brothers have passed away since the beginning of 2020. They are John Page, Steve McMahon, Radu Sapatoru, Melvin Babcock, Dr. William Henry, Paul Garneau, Len Savastio, Don Keller, Carl Falcone, George Tryon, Frank Collins, Joe Kenyon, Frank Decker, John Manion, and Stanley Taylor.

Sincerely,
WM Juan Diaz

CALENDAR

Unless specifically stated, all meetings start at 7:30 PM

All Dinners require Reservations.

- September 1** Stated Communication/Business
followed by Fellowcraft Rehearsal
- September 13** FC° Rehearsal 7 PM
- September 15** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Diner at 6:30 PM (RSVP to JW)
- September 29** Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Composite Lodge #28
150 Bridge St., Suffield, CT
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- October 6** Stated Communication/Business (Budget Review)
- October 16** Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Meeting
9:00 AM-1 PM
- October 20** Awards Night (*Officers Tux*)
Diner at 6:30 PM
Reservations by October 13th
- November 3** Stated Communication/Business
- November 17** Stated Communication/Business
- November 29** MM° Rehearsal- First Half 7 PM
- November 30** Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Manchester Lodge #73
25 East Center St., Manchester, CT
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- December 1** Annual Meeting/Building Association Meeting
- December 13** MM° Rehearsal- Tragedy 7 PM
- December 15** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Diner at 6:30 PM (RSVP to JW)
- December 16** HCLAPM Degree – FTL#145

UPCOMING EVENTS

TBD Installation of 2022 Lodge Officers

Entered Apprentice Degree June 29



Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.M. & A.M. conducted an Entered Apprentice Degree on June 29, 2021. It was Inspection Night. Shown from left: Robert Malt (AGM 9B), Kenneth Luurtsema (DD 9B), Michael Lombardi (Newly Initiated Brother) and Juan Diaz (WM Columbia Lodge No. 25).



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Historian Corner



**“REMEMBER
YOU'RE A MASON”**

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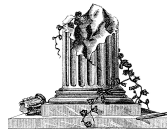
When the pressures of recession
Make us concentrate on greed,
Take heed, a worthy Mason
Cares about another's needs;
Don't let pressures of the moment
Make your obligation sway,
Stop and help a fallen brother
Or another by the way;
What you give is like a bubble
Whenever you assist,
What it costs in time and trouble
Is, soon after, never missed;
Brother, bear that obligation
You accepted on your knee,
It's in direct relation
To your own security;
Never hesitate, my brother
Square your actions now and say,
"I'll remember I'm a Mason,
"And behave like that today;"
"With regard to human kindness
And the 'Golden Rule', I pray,
I'll remember I'm a Mason...
And behave like that today."

District Deputy Presentation



RW Brother Arnie's four-year-old granddaughter asked what he did at the “party” on August 20th. “Well, they had me stand in front for a long time while people talked to and about me.”

Necrology



Sadly, in the past few months, three of our brothers have been called to the Grand Lodge on High.

Worshipful Brother Frank J. Decker passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on January 27, 1934. Frank was raised in Dakam #86 in 1985. He worked for many years for the Town of Glastonbury Department of Sanitation and was a charter member of the Glastonbury Volunteer Fire Department Company 4.

Brother John R. Manion passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. He was born on September 4, 1932, in the Bronx, NY. His early working years were spent as an elevator mechanic in New York City. His next career was as an insurance executive for Greater New York Mutual for many years. John was known for his wit, wisdom, and storytelling. His motto was "Enjoy Life, Every Day!"

Brother Stanley A. Taylor passed away on July 31, 2021. He was born on January 6, 1932, in Hancock, ME. Stanley was raised in 1955 in Orient #62. He served in the United States Navy and was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving aboard the USS Hyman. He worked as a Supervisor for Pratt & Whitney for 35 years. He was known as “Stanley Now” as everything needed to be completed right away.



Grand Masters Day

Saturday September 25, 2021 from 10 am to 3 pm
Masonicare Campus, 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford