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

September - December 2019

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A MASTER'S PERSPECTIVE



Rodney A. Spooner

Keep the line moving!

Brothers of Columbia Lodge have been busy since my April message. We marched in the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade on May 27th. We did 2 CTCHIP events and 2 Masonic Funeral services. Our Lodge was well represented at Grand Masters Day at Masonicare in June. We will be doing degree work in September (inspection), October and November. We need kitchen help for all our degree nights; **contact Juan, our Junior Warden (860) 268-6419 (c), to volunteer.** Please keep your contact information current, as well as your dues, as some brothers move leading us to lose track of each other. With the Officer Chairs for next year being filled, it looks like we are on our way to *keeping the line moving* in 2020. I thank you all for your friendship and support during my year as Master.

Best Wishes, *Rodney Spooner, WM*

Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade



On May 27, Most Worshipful Brother Mel Johnson joined brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25 as they honored veterans by marching in the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade. This was the fourth straight year that Brother Mel marched with Columbia Lodge. He was joined by RWB Matt Heinrich, Assistant to the GM, and RWB Don Scroggs District Deputy of 6B. There were 12 Brothers marching, representing five District 6 Lodges and four rode in a new pickup provided by Monaco Ford. More than half of the marchers are veterans.

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations

- September 4 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 9 EA° Rehearsal 7 PM
- September 18 Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW by September 16th
- September 30 Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Columbia Lodge No. 25
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 2 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 7 FC° Rehearsal 7 PM
- October 16 Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW by October 14th
- October 19 Grand Lodge Semiannual Meeting
Ashlar Village, Wallingford
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- October 26 Master's and Wardens Seminar
Ashlar Village, Wallingford 8 AM – 1 PM
- November 6 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 11 MM° First Section Rehearsal 7 PM
- November 18 MM° Tragedy Rehearsal 7 PM
- November 20 Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW by November 16th
- November 22 Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Manchester #73, 25 E Center St., Manchester, CT
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- December 4 Annual Meetings for Lodge
and Building Association
- December 18 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- December 19 Hartford County Lodge of Actual Past Masters
Wyllys St. Johns #4, 160 South St, West Hartford
Dinner at 6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

TBD 2020 Officers Installation



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Robert M. Beisel
Dwight H. Slocum
WB Gilbert E. Wishart, Sr.



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Awards Night

At its Annual Awards Night on May 15, Columbia Lodge No. 25 recognized Brothers with Incremental Service Pins and for excellence and unselfish service.

Incremental Service Pin Presentations



25-year: RW Peter J. Hunt



30-year: WB Walt Grube



35-year:
RW Gerry Thompson



40-year: VW Don Wills



40-year:
Bro. Bob Nordstrom



45-year:
RW Robert G. Fitzgerald



50-year: WB Harold M. Waters, Jr.



60-year:
Bro. Ward M. Edgerton

Service honored by Columbia Lodge No. 25



Presentation of Daskam-Nott Award to Bro. Sam Ranno



Presentation of Emerson C. Reed Award of Excellence to WB Brian J. Berk



Presentation of Community Service Award to Robert J. Zanlungo, Jr.

The **Emerson C. Reed Award for Excellence** is presented to a brother who has demonstrated excellence in some significant field of endeavor for the benefit of the Lodge. It is named after the late Brother Emerson C. Reed who set an example of excellence in all that he undertook in the field of Masonry. This year the award was presented to Worshipful Brother Brian Berk.

The **Daskam-Nott Award** is presented to a brother who has demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service to Columbia Lodge or Masonry in general for an extended period of years. It is named in honor of Brother George F. Daskam who was Grand Master when Daskam Lodge No. 86 was chartered in 1858, and Brother John Nott who was the first Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25 when it was chartered in 1793. This year the award was presented to Brother Santi Ranno.

The **Community Service Award for 2019** was presented to Mr. Robert J. Zanlungo, Jr. on behalf of the community of Glastonbury. There are many community needs that are not met within the budget of the town government. Volunteers sometimes fill these needs. There are a few men and women who devote an extraordinary amount of their time, talents and other resources in this effort.

Summer Picnic





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Historian Corner



As we return from the summer hiatus and begin another year of fellowship and lodge activities, we must be mindful of the need to always work to improve the Masonic experience for all of us. The following simple poem captures how a lodge can fail or succeed due to this commitment from the brothers.

Ten Master Masons

author unknown.

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master", then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.
Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.
Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.
Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.
Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.
Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.
Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said, "What's the use", then there was one.
One Master Mason found a brother - true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.
Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.
Four Master Masons saved their Lodges fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.
Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.
So, we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.
Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

Our Brother in the West

Tony's Masonic journey began in 1977 when he received light through the three Masonic degrees, culminating with being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 22, 1977 in St. Johns' #4 in Hartford, Connecticut. He immediately immersed himself in the work of the Lodge, jumping quickly to Senior Steward, Senior Deacon, plus Junior and Senior Warden before being elected to Worshipful Master for 1982.



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He further expanded his Masonic activity by also affiliating with Daskam Lodge #86, where he became a close friend of brother Gerald Thompson and served as Associate Grand Marshal for him as Gerry began his term as Right Worshipful Deputy of District 6C on March 31, 1993.

He later served as Deputy for District 6A from 2009 to 2011. Many of his fondest and most memorable moments of Tony occurred as he advanced through the chairs at Scottish Rite, where he was doing it all, as he always does: officer, directing degrees as needed, and best of all, performing on stage. When a serious vacancy occurred in the Lodge of Perfection, Tony volunteered and jumped right into the position of Senior Warden. Tony's total dedication to all things Masonic earned him the honor of being coroneted an honorary 33rd degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General in St Louis, Missouri on September 23, 2003. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite in Newington, Connecticut.