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

# April - June 2019 Trestleboard

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## A MASTER'S PERSPECTIVE



Rodney A. Spooner

January through March started off pretty good. We had a Master Mason and an Entered Apprentice and a Fellow Craft degree. I hope to see our membership continue to grow.

Looking into the spring, we have the **Memorial Day Parade** on May 27<sup>th</sup> in Glastonbury. The Most Worshipful Grand Master

will march with us and representatives from other lodges. We hope a large contingent of brothers, many of whom are veterans, will attend. Please ask brothers who you know from other lodges to join us. They are more than welcome to march with us in the parade in honor of our veterans.

Brother Sam Ranno and our brothers of the Veterans of Korea & Vietnam And Saudi Wars Connecticut Chapter No. 1 of East Hartford will be going to Masonicare on April 10 to work with veterans to sign them up for benefits which they deserve. Any interested brother is welcome to come. Our Grand Master will also join us for **Awards Night** on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Lodge presents 50-year Service pins to those brothers who have reached this milestone in 2019. We will also recognize may other brothers for their service to the Lodge.

Some of our younger brothers are moving up the officer line, so things are looking good.

I hope to see you soon and often in Lodge, as well as at **Kentucky Derby Night** on May 4<sup>th</sup> and on **Saints John Sunday** on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Best Wishes, *Rodney Spooner, WM*

## 2019 Installed Officers



From the left: Historian David Lockard, SD Mikhail Nolan, Tiler George Zack, SS Deepak Saluru, JW Juan Diaz, WM Rodney Spooner, SW Anthony Keegan, Treasurer Rich Beebe, Chaplain Earl Evans, Secretary Walt Grube, JS Chris Smith, Marshal Bob Ulrich, JD Jack Ranney.

## CALENDAR

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

**All Dinners require Reservations**

- April 3** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- April 7** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell) 6 PM
- April 8** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell) 9:30 AM
- April 17** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tax)**  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Reservations to JW by April 13<sup>th</sup>
- April 27** Healthy Kids Day with Glastonbury YMCA!  
**CTCHIP Event**  
95 Oakwood Drive – Glastonbury  
10 AM - 1 PM
- May 1** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- May 4** **Derby Night: Dinner & Bluegrass**  
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Reservations by April 29<sup>th</sup> (see flyer)
- May 15** **Awards Night (Officers Tax)**  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Reservations by May 8<sup>th</sup> (see flyer)
- May 27** **Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade** 9 AM  
Assemble at 8:30 AM on Welles St behind St. Paul's Church
- May 29** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**  
Composite Lodge No. 28  
50 Bridge St, Suffield, CT  
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- June 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- June 15** Grand Masters Day (10:00 AM)  
Masonicare Campus, Wallingford
- June 19** Summer Picnic (6:00 PM)  
Stated Communication  
RSVP by June 17<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Juan)
- June 23** **Saints John Sunday 10:30 AM**  
(meet at Lodge at 10 AM)  
South Congregational Church  
South Glastonbury

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 25** **230th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge**  
9:00am – 6:00pm  
Sphinx Shrine  
3066 Berlin Tpke Newington, CT
- October 5** **Grape Harvest Wine Festival**



We are saddened by the recent loss of  
*Robert L. Neumeister*



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## New Master Mason



On January 16, Christopher Gness was raised a Master. From the left are WB Jack Ranney, WM Rodney Spooner, Bro. Chris Gness, WB Ralph Fish Jr.

## Memorial Day Parade Honors Veterans



On Monday May 27, the to be then *Most Worshipful Grand Master Melvin E. Johnson* will march with our Brothers and Veterans in **The Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade.**

Lodge Brothers who are members of the Veterans Of Korea & Vietnam And Saudi Wars Connecticut Chapter No. 1 of East Hartford are working to get our Lodge brothers who are veterans to march with us in the parade. If you are physically able to walk the two-mile route, please let WM Rodney know by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Monaco Ford will provide new cars for those veterans who require a ride if we give them a count.

***If you are a veteran, please let our Secretary know.***

WM Rodney and the chapter is inviting local Lodges to send veterans to march with us and the MWGM. Shown in the 2018 photo above from the left: Arnie Grot, Don Wills, Harold Waters, JD Steve McMahon, Secretary Walt Grube, RW Mel Johnson, Brian Pryor, SW Rodney Spooner.

## Kentucky Derby Night

Get your reservations in for the 115<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby, a delicious dinner and blue grass music

### KENTUCKY DERBY DINNER

Saturday, May 4, 2019

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

\$25 Per Person

RSVP to Erik Roberts by April 28



The *Grass Routes* will again perform live blue grass music after the Derby thanks to WB Erik Roberts. *Wearing Derby hats is encouraged.*

## CTCHIP Event

On Saturday April 27, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at The Healthy Kids Day with Glastonbury YMCA! From 10 AM to 1 PM.

**We need 6-8 brothers to work stations.**

Glastonbury Family YMCA  
95 Oakwood Drive  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

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Saturday April 27

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### Historian Corner



As we leave the gloom of winter behind, entering the joy of spring, and particularly in recognition of the foolishness of April 1st, I offer the following to bring a smile:

#### She Would Be a Mason by Rob Morris

The funniest thing I ever heard,  
The funniest thing that ever occurred,  
Is the story of Mrs. Mehitable Byrde,  
Who wanted to be a Mason!  
Her husband, Tom Byrde, is a Mason true,  
As good a Mason as any of you;  
He is Tyler of Lodge Cerulean Blue,  
And tyles and delivers the summons due,  
And she wanted to be a Mason too,  
This ridiculous Mrs. Byrde!  
She followed round, this ridiculous wife,  
And nagged him and teased him half out of his  
life;  
So to terminate this unhallowed strife,  
He consented at last to admit her.  
And first, to disguise her from bonnet and  
shoon,  
This ridiculous lady agreed to put on  
His breech-ah! forgive me, I meant pantaloon,  
And miraculously did they fit her!  
The Lodge was at work on the Master's  
degree;  
The light was ablaze on the letter G;  
High soared the pillars J and B;  
The officers sat like Solomon wise;  
The brimstone burned amid horrid cries;  
The goat roamed wildly through the room;  
The candidate begged them to let him go  
home;  
The devil himself stood up in the east,  
As bold as an Alderman at a feast,  
When In came Mrs. Byrde.  
Oh, horrible sounds! Oh, horrible sight!  
Can it be that Masons take delight  
In spending thus the hours of night?  
Ah! could their wives and daughters know  
The unutterable things they say and do,  
Their feminine hearts would burst with wo!

But this is not all my story; -  
Those Masons joined in a hideous ring,  
The candidate howling like everything,  
And thus in tones or death they sing:  
(The candidate's name was Morey)  
" Blood to drink, and bones to crack,  
Skulls to smash, and lives to take,  
Hearts to crush, and souls to burn-  
Give old Morey another turn,  
And make him grim and gory."  
Trembling with horror stood Mrs. Byrde,  
Unable to utter a single word,  
She staggered and fell in the nearest chair,  
On the left of the Junior Warden there;  
And scarcely noticed, so loud the groan,,  
That the chair was made of human bones.  
Of human bones! On grinning skulls  
That ghastly throne of horror rolls,  
Those skulls, the skulls that Morgan bore;  
Those bones, the bones that Morgan wore.  
His scalp across the top was flung  
His teeth around the arms were strung;  
Never in all romance was known  
Such uses made of human bones.  
There came a pause - a pair or paws  
Reached through the floor, up sliding doors,  
And grabbed the unhappy candidate!  
How can I without tears relate  
The lost and ruined Morey's fate?  
She saw him sink In fiery hole,  
She heard him scream, "My soul! my soul!"  
While roars of fiendish laughter rolled,  
And drowned the yells of Morey.  
"Blood to drink," etc. etc.  
The ridiculous woman could stand no more:  
She fainted and fell on the checkered floor,  
'Midst all the diabolical roar.  
What then, you ask me, did befall  
Mehitable Byrde? Why, nothing at all -  
She dreamed she had been in a Mason's hall.

Rob Morris was a prominent American poet and Freemason. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1858-9. He also created the first ritual for what was to become the Order of the Eastern Star.