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

January - March 2019

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A MASTER'S PERSPECTIVE



Rodney A. Spooner

My Name is Rodney Spooner. I have been elected as Worshipful Master for the year 2019. I hope to see you at our Officers Installation on January 5, 2019 at 2 PM. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Columbia Lodge No. 25 with its rich history. Our 225th

Anniversary year celebration continues through May 18, 2019. I thank all the Past Masters for their help to keep our Lodge *moving forward*. As we achieved our goals, we set new ones. My theme for 2019 will aptly be *Keep the Line Moving Forward*.

Our Degree cycle will start with a Master Mason Degree on January 16th. As we already have one petition to take the degrees ready for balloting on January 2nd, an Entered Apprentice Degree is tentatively scheduled for February 20th and a Fellow Craft Degree for March 20th. The EA and FC Degrees may change with petitions that you bring into Lodge in January.

We are planning other events including our usual core events of Kentucky Derby Night on May 4th, Awards Night in May (depending in part when the MWGM Elect Mel Johnson can attend), marching in the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade on May 27th (MWGM Elect Mel Johnson has said he will march with us), our annual Wine Festival on October 5th and the Statewide open House in October. Any Brother is encouraged to suggest events. Please let me know and we can go about making it happen. Particularly, I thank Worshipful Brother Arnie Grot for serving as Master in Columbia Lodge for five distinct times over his 25 years as Master Mason.

WM Rodney Spooner

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations

- January 2 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- January 5 **2019 Officers Installation**
2:00 PM
Refreshments to follow
- January 7 MM^o First Section Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 14 MM^o Tragedy Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 16 **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tax)**
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW Juan by January 13th
- January 26 **Junior Officer's Seminar**
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
207 Deming St., Newington, CT
- January 30 **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Washington Lodge No. 70
154 Broad St., Windsor, CT
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- February 6 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- February 11 EA^o Rehearsal 7 PM
- February 20 **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tax)**
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW Juan by February 17th
- March 6 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- March 11 FC^o Rehearsal 7 PM
- March 20 **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tax)**
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW Juan by March 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 **Derby Night: Dinner & Bluegrass**
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Reservations by April 28th
- May 15 **Awards Night**
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by May 8th
- May 27 **Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade** 9 AM



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Larry Atwell

Historian Corner



As we begin a new year with (mostly) new officers we often take stock of how the lodge membership has changed over the last year. We have lost brothers who have been called by the Grand Architect. We have lost brothers who have left and never returned. We have gained new brothers who have begun their journey toward greater light in Masonry. Whatever the net effect of these changes has been on the overall count of brothers in our lodge, one fact is undeniable... we never see more than a small fraction of them in the seats at any stated communication. With that thought in mind I found the following poem (author unknown) to be particularly appropriate:

Let's Go To Lodge Tonight

My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight;

You haven't been for years.

Let's don our Lambskin Apron white

And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,
to climb those creaky stairs;

I know it'll be a thrill for me
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
and though he'll hesitate,
we'll hear him say just as before,
"Come in or you'll be late."

I'd like to get out on the floor--
Come on, let's get in line;
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap
the Craftsmen to attention
and see the Master don his cap;
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
or your wrestling bout or fight;
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

Veterans Chapter Donates to Columbia Lodge



On December 19, 2018, The Veterans Of Korea & Vietnam And Saudi Wars Connecticut Chapter No. 1 of East Hartford presented a check of a good sum to Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M. in recognition of the service of Freemasons to Veterans and the community. Br. Sam Ranno made the presentation to WM Arnie Grot.

The chapter has been working to get veterans benefits to all veterans serviced by Masonicare. This will both reduce Masonicare's costs and provide some income directly to the veterans. They are the first chapter in the country to have such a program.

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

Shown in the photo above from the left, Bob Ulrich, WM Arnie Grot, Richard Bates, Sam Ranno, John Wohlfert, Nick Cordone, Stan Veniot and WM Elect Rodney Spooner.

Defibrillator Seed Money



Columbia Lodge presented a check for \$425, the same amount we received from WL#70, toward the purchase of a defibrillator for Uriel Lodge No. 24 at their Installation of 2019 Officers on December 9, 2018. Shown from the left: WM Grot, WM Locicero, WB Luurtsema and VW Wills.