

A MASTER'S PERSPECTIVE

Liam and Quinn (Toby, too) build anticipation:

It was a winter of our discontent as storms Liam and Quinn lead to the cancellation of our Stated Communications on February 7th and March 7th, respectively. Third time is the charm: Carl Anderson will give his long anticipated Masonicare presentation on May 2nd.

Spring arrives just in time to kick off our 225th Anniversary celebrations. First up is Festive Lodge 1793 on April 7th. Get your reservations in.

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

Presents

Festive Lodge 1793



April 7, 2018

6:00 PM

Making Masons and making Masons better men are prime objectives of all Masonic Lodges. My current year as Worshipful Master began with a Master Mason Degree in January at which we raised two brothers. In February, JW Keegan was in the East for an Entered Apprentice Degree. Tony awesomely executed this ritual which he first performed nearly four decades ago in St. John's Lodge No. 4. We added two new brothers that night. RW Bob Gresham will give Columbia Lodge its annual Evaluation on our Fellowcraft Degree on March 21st. Please get your reservations in for the Corned Beef dinner. You will not want to miss the Master Mason Degree on April 18th with SW Spooner in the East, at which we will raise three of our brothers and one from Uriel Lodge No. 24 (our older sibling!), which was also chartered on May 18, 1793. Join us for the pre-degree dinner.

Lodge is not all work. Get your reservations in for the 114th running of the Kentucky Derby

KENTUCKY DERBY DINNER

Saturday, May 5, 2018

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

\$30 Per Person

RSVP to Erik Roberts by April 29



The Grass Routes will again perform live blue grass music after the Derby thanks to WB Erik Roberts. *Wearing Derby hats is encouraged.* Inspired by 40th year service pin recipient Brother Bob Sinibaldi who plays his saxophone in three 16-member bands, Organist David Söderberg is putting together some big band music for Awards Night. He will also play featured tunes from each of the incremental (5 years) periods from 25 – 60 ago. His music will highlight the reflections presented by each of our pin recipients on the light discovered in their journey in Freemasonry. Please use the enclosed flyer to make your Awards Night Dinner reservations.

Arnie Grot, WM

This may be the last printed Trestleboard that you will receive from Columbia Lodge. Please note that:

Columbia Lodge is going to electronic distribution of its Trestleboard. Please email our Secretary Walt Grube to be included on a distribution list.

Trestleboards can also be viewed on our website (<https://lodge025.ctfreemasons.net/>) by clicking on "**From the East**" in the menu. Then click on the Trestleboard that you want to view from the list under **Our Trestleboards:**

If you wish to continue to receive a printed Trestleboard, you must contact our Secretary.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Carl L. Edgerton

CALENDAR

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

- All Dinners require Reservations**
- April 4** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Rescheduled due to Winter Storm Toby
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW by April 2nd
- April 7** Festive Lodge 1793 (*Officers Tux*)
Informal Ladies at Table, in homage to 1793
\$25per person: Dinner at 6:00 PM
Reservations by March 31st (see flyer)
- April 8** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell) 6 PM
- April 9** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell) 9AM
- April 9** MM° 1st Part Rehearsal 7 PM
- April 11** MM° Tragedy Rehearsal 7 PM
- April 18** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations to JW by April 15th
- May 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Masonicare Foundation Presentation
Rev. Carl Anderson, M.Div
- May 5** Derby Night: Dinner & Bluegrass
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Reservations by April 29th (see flyer)
- May 16** Awards Night (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by May 9th (see flyer)
- May 28** Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade 9 AM
Assemble at 8:30 AM on
Welles St behind St. Paul's Church
- May 31** 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 6** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- June 9** Grand Masters Day (10:00 AM)
Masonicare Campus, Wallingford
- June 20** Summer Picnic (6:00 PM)
Stated Communication
RSVP by June 17th (Contact JW Tony)
- June 24** Saints John Sunday 9:30 AM (meet at Lodge at 9 AM)
South Congregational Church
South Glastonbury

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6** Grape Harvest Wine Festival

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- Earl Evans – Term expires at end of 2020
Gerry Thompson – Term expires at end of 2019
Don Wills – Term expires at end of 2018

Historian Corner

Columbia Lodge's 225th Charter Anniversary on May 18, 2018

The origins of Columbia Lodge #25 began in the early federal period of American history in Stepney Parish, then the shipbuilding section of Wethersfield and now the town of Rocky Hill. Stepney Parish had a prosperous population of farmers, artisans, captains and ship owners which included several Freemasons. Ten of the Masons were charter members of Berlin Lodge #20 when it was organized in 1791. Nearly two years later the Stepney Masons, tired of traveling to Berlin for Masonic meetings, decided to leave Berlin Lodge #20 and form a Wethersfield lodge. They received a charter on May 18, 1793, the same day as Uriel #24 (Merrow, CT), and as the twenty-fifth lodge chartered in Connecticut, became Columbia #25.



WM Amie Grot with WM Ken Luurtsema at Uriel Lodge No. 24 on 2/10/18.

There were twelve charter members: Merchant Asa Deming, Benjamin Ames, William Nott, Captain Selah Francis, Oliver Goodrich, Captain Andrew M. Combe, saddler Rodger Riley, Jason Boardman, Captain Richard Riley, Captain Enos Robbins, Jason Robbins, and Captain John Nott.

The Grand Lodge held a meeting at the long building, a tavern, located where the former railroad freight building now stands. Grand Lodge records report that a "Grand Lodge" was held at Stepney, now called Rocky Hill, which is the place mentioned in the charter as the location of the lodge June 26, 1793, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and installing a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. (Source: *History of Connecticut Masonic Lodges* by Robert O. Decker.)



Lodge Almoner

RW Tony Keegan serves as the Almoner of Columbia Lodge No. 25. If you need help, contact Tony by phone at 860-895-9500 or by email at longtimeshoreman@aol.com.

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New Masons

On January 17, 2018 Columbia Lodge raised two new Master Masons, while on February 21, 2018 two new Entered Apprentices were added.



WM Amie Grot, Nicholas A. J. Cordone, Justin Crane of Village Lodge #29 and WM Steve Doughty Sr.



Newly initiated Richard Bates, WM Grot and new member Entered Apprentice Brian Pryor.

All Due Signs and Summonses



In the obligations of each degree we are admonished to "Answer all due signs and summonses from the lodge if within the length of my cable tow." The Trestleboard is a summons to our meetings and events. When you receive your Trestleboard, please drop our Secretary a note in answer to this summons. Your brothers would like to hear from you.

Periodic correspondence from

brothers who we don't see regularly, makes fellowship more real to all.



Visiting Master Masons were given our 225th Anniversary pin along with brothers of the Lodge who had not yet received this pin after the Entered Apprentice Degree on February 21.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

COLUMBIA's Living PAST MASTERS

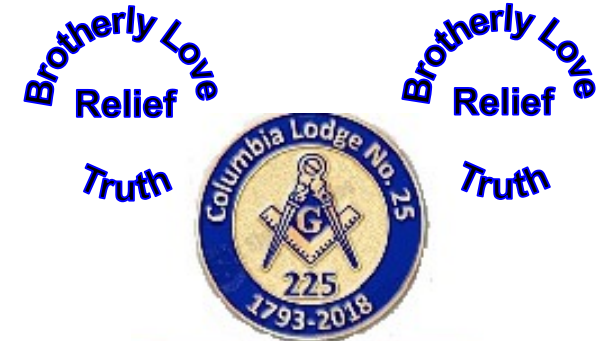
Mario L. Accornero	1958, 95
Henry L. Killam	1961
Reno L. Ferrando	1962
Leon E. Gardiner	1965
Franklin J. Davis Jr., PAGM 6C 2002	1972
Harold M. Waters Jr.	1973, 93
Michael A. Geoffroy	1974
Kenneth A. Slocum PAGM 6B 1990	1974
Delmar G. Cooke Jr.	1975
Paul H. Garneau	1976
Ralph W. Fish Jr.	1977
Richard T. Chapman	1978
Robert G. Fitzgerald, PDD 6B 1990	1979
Franklin C. Field	1980
John R. Ranney PAGM 6C 1999	1980
Edward A. Portaluppi	1981
Douglas R. Ewen	1984, 2004
Douglas S. Haseltine	1986
Carl R. Falcone	1987
Franklin J. Davis	1988
William C. MacKnight	1988
Richard L. Beebe, PDD 6C 1999	1989, 2007
Richard P. Taylor, PAGM 6C 1996	1989, 90, 91
(Stepney # 133)	1996
Gerald F. Thompson, PDD 6C 1993	1989
Frank J. Decker	1990
Laurence E. Atwell	1991, 2005, 06
Steven P. McMahon, DD 6B 2014-17	1991, 92, 2005
Leonard E. Whitford Jr.	1992
Walter Grube	1993, 94, 97, 2001
Herbert E. Grommeck	1996
Lawrence A. Miffitt	1997, 98
Arnold S. Grot, AGM 6B 2014-17	1998, 2002, 06, 11, 18
Paul F. Blake	1999, 2003
Gilbert E. Wishart	1999
Earl S. Evans	2000, 01
Peter J. Hunt, PDD 6C 2002	2000
Donald A. Wills, PDL 2006	2004
Louis O. House IV (Mosaic #52, ME 1986)	2008
Jeffrey S. Moores	2009, 2010
Michael E. Hudson	2012, 13
Brian J. Berk	2014
Radu G. Sapatoru	2015
Erik E. Roberts	2016, 17
Robert F. LeDoux (Friendship #145)	1981
James W. Pike (Hospitality #128)	1981
Anthony F. Keegan PAGM 6C 1993 PDD 6A 2009	
(Wyllys-St. John's No. 4)	1982
Rodney A. Spooner (Warren #51)	1992, 93
Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34)	2007
John H. Green (Silas Deane #147)	2008
Jonathan R Beatty (PLR)	2015, 16

For building issues and use contact our Building Association President Don Wills at 860-305-6005.

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COLUMBIA LODGE No. 25 A.F. & A.M.

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Ignite Your Light.

April - June 2018

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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