

MASTER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank all the brothers for electing me Worshipful Master for 2016. I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason October 1, 2008 by Worshipful Brother Louis (Skip) House IV, and since then my knowledge has grown sufficiently to begin to understand how little I know. I look forward to involving myself and the lodge in educational opportunities that will help us all grow in knowledge and brotherhood.

I would like to concentrate this year on fund raising and membership. The Grand Lodge has made it clear that our numbers are diminishing. It is a call of distress to which we need to respond. The fact that our numbers are down is surprising to me, because it seems that Masonry is needed now more than ever. With effective fund raising and increasing our profile in the community, the new memberships should follow. Membership will also be strengthened through a mentoring program that will help solidify the commitment of new Master Masons. I would also like to follow the lead of the Grand Lodge and institute an Almoner's Fund for brothers and families in need.

Fund raising will be pursued by keeping the wonderful events we already enjoy, while at the same time introducing some new events. I would like to establish one new annual fund raiser that everyone looks forward to as much as we currently look forward to events like the Ladies at Table and the Wine Tasting.



In 1891 my Great Grandfather was elected Worshipful Master of Wamponam Lodge No. 437 (<http://suffolkmasons.com/wamponam/>) in Sag Harbor, NY. I intend to travel

to that lodge during my tenure and bring the brothers there our warm fraternal greetings. Our own lodge has an even longer history, as it was founded about 50 years earlier. One of my favorite things to do in the lodge is look over the photographs of Past Masters. Great men. I'd like to bring out some of the history of those men to our educational endeavors for the year, as a way to honor their work and commitment and further flesh out who they were and what they did. Brothers, I am excited about 2016 and the possibilities it provides. Please join me in making it a memorable and pleasant year for all.

Erik E. Roberts, WM

It's full steam ahead!



Having two speakers on September 2 was a positive start to a "It's full steam ahead!" fall schedule. First, University Professor Dr. Johannes Miholic, a surgeon and Worshipful Master of Lodge Europa (zu neuen Welten) Vienna presented an interesting history of Masonry in Austria. Second, WB Steven E. Canada from Temple Lodge No. 16 gave a lecture on Esoteric Masonry. Shown from left to right: District Deputy Steve McMahon, WB Steven Canada, WM Radu Sapatoru, WM Prof. Dr. Johannes Miholic and Associate Grand Marshall WB Arnie Grot.

Where in the world?

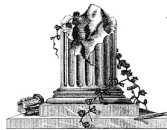
Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand at or near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in the United States of America, Arnold (Arnie) Grot Associate Grand Marshall 2014-15 of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut with his brew...



... and a copy of the New Zealand Freemason magazine June 2015.

Send your photo with the New Zealand Freemason magazine, either in New Zealand or overseas to editor@freemasons.co.nz.

WB Arnie is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand at or near the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Connecticut. His article about inspiration from reading the June issue of the New Zealand Freemasons Magazine, "Fraternal Synergy from Down Under", appeared on page 19 of the October issue of the Connecticut Freemasons Magazine.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
George J. Beisel Jr.
William S. Berner
John L. Christensen
Robert W. Flavell
John H. Kirkman
Frank Sauerbeck
Edward F. Ruff

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations

- January 6** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- January 9** **2016 Officers Installation (Officers Tux)** (3:00 PM)
- January 20** Building Association Directors Meeting-6:30
 Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Program: Mario Accornero - Glastonbury Orchards
- January 28** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Wyllys-St. John's Lodge No. 4
 160 South Street
 West Hartford, CT 06110
 Dinner at 6:30 PM
- February 3** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- February 17** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Program: Gerry Thompson - Korean War
- March 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- March 16** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Program: James Aspessi - Police Work

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 10** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell) 6 PM
- April 11** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell) 9 AM
- May xx** **Awards Night (Officers Tux)**

From our Archives



Update on the Masonic Flask first reported in April-June 2013 Trestleboard.

*South Glastonbury April 6th 1918.
 To all members of Columbia Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, Greeting
 I present to you this old Green Bottle, with the Masonic Emblems hereon, which was formerly owned by my Great Grandfather Stephen Shipman who was a member of Columbia Lodge of Free Masons, & knows to be an honorable man, please accept this present & keep it in your possession until time shall be no more.
 Yours in Friendship
 Charles E. Wanchett*

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Gerry Thompson – Term expires at end of 2016
Earl Evans – Term expires at end of 2017
Don Wills – Term expires at end of 2018

We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others of opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers.



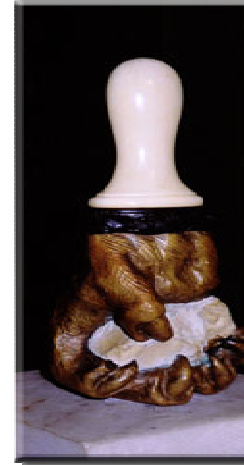
Our brothers raised three new **Master Masons** on Wednesday night November 18, 2015. Joshua Clayton Howe, along with two brothers from Manchester #73 (David Ortiz and Adrian L. Spence) received the Master Mason degree. They are shown with Worshipful Master Radu Sapatoru. GSD Melvin E. Jonson congratulated the new Master Masons and said he found it heart-warming to see the Koran on the altar, along with the bible. The Koran is the book of sacred law for both of the Manchester #73 brothers. Mel said that since the beginning of Masonry, all faiths have been accepted, and no discussion of religion has ever been permitted in the lodge. He further explained how each of the five points of fellowship describes how all brothers support each other.

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
Carl L. Edgerton, PDD 6A 1980	1975, 85
Paul H. Garneau	1976
Ralph W. Fish Jr.	1977
Richard T. Chapman	1978
Robert G. Fitzgerald, PDD 6B 1990	1979
Arnold B. Waterman	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 (Stepney # 133)	1989, 90, 91 1996
Gerald F. Thompson, PDD 6C 1993	1989
Frank J. Decker	1990
Laurence E. Atwell	1991, 2005, 06
Steven P. McMahan, DD 6B 2014-15	1991, 92, 2005
Leonard E. Whitford Jr.	1992
Walter Grube	1993, 94, 97, 2001
Herbert E. Grommeck	1996
Arthur M. Rettberg	1996
Lawrence A. Miffitt	1997, 98
Arnold S. Grot, AGM 6B 2014-15	1998, 2002, 06, 11
Paul F. Blake	1999, 2003
Gilbert E. Wishart	1999
Earl S. Evans	2000, 01
Peter J. Hunt, PDD 6C 2002	2000
Donald A. Wills, DL 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
Allen E. Acker (Hospitality # 128)	1971
Robert F. LeDoux (Friendship #145)	1981
Anthony F. Keegan PAGM 6C 1993 DD 6A 2009 (Wyllys-St. John's No. 4)	1982
Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34	2007

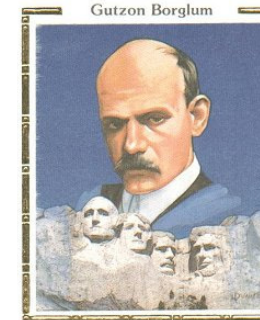
Historian Corner

The strength in the grip of the Lion's paw is an important allegory made use of in Masonic symbolism. It is the centerpiece of this story.



With the advent of the new year, members of each lodge look forward to the installation of a new slate of officers and some attention may be directed to an important symbol of the Master. Lodge gavels are generally made in one of three styles. The most common design is the "presidential style" or mallet that looks like the letter "T" with the striking cap shaped like a barrel. The "common

gavel" style looks like a mason's working hammer with a wedge shaped edge on one side and a flat edge on the other. The Master's gavel is still called a hammer in some Irish Lodges. The third style is the "setting maul" that resembles a church hand-bell or miniature "speed bag" used in the pugilistic training of boxers. When Gutzon Borglum was Master of Howard Lodge #35 in 1910-11, he crafted a setting maul styled gavel for his use. The striking part that would normally resemble the miniature boxing speed bag, was cast in bronze and sculpted in the shape of a lion's paw, with the claws grasping a chunk of stone. The stone shard came from the "Wailing Wall" of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. The handle was pure white. Borglum's unique Lion's Paw Gavel is currently on display among the property of the Lodge of Antiquity #11 in Brentwood, New York.



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

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CONNECTICUT FREEMASONS

Masonic Renewal - I hold the key.

Jauary - March 2016

STATED COMMUNICATIONS
1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

<http://www.columbialodge25.org/>

Check web site for latest information!

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