

MASTER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank brothers Mario Accornero, Gerry Thompson and James Aspessi who spoke at stated communications during the opening quarter of the year. Each lecture informed us about the subject matter, but we also learned more about each brother in ways that we never would have learned through casual conversation. We are having more brothers speak in the future, (*Jason Ruimerman on April 20*) and I plan to give a speech of my own regarding a book about Masonry that I recently read. Many Masons who have visited the lodge have asked about Masonic education, and I think we'd all agree that one of the most important ways a Mason can develop himself is through education. There are many books about Masonry. I recommend selecting a title from a trusted source, such as the Grand Lodge. Let's face it, there are a lot of misleading books out there that claim to be authoritative. Remember, also, the lodge has a library of its own.

Between now and the summer break, we are looking forward to **Awards Night** and the **Kentucky Derby Party**. Please make your reservations early, as it assists with planning. I encourage everyone to attend both. Please also, consider inviting friends to the Derby Party. We will have live music and a showing of the race. Open to all, we are using the event as a fund raiser. Please also let us know if you can help out in the kitchen. It is being held on a Saturday evening, and I think we will need at least 6 people to help in the kitchen. If you can help out, please let me know by telling me at a regular meeting, or you can email me at shax2020@yahoo.com.



Please also consider traveling with us to **Sag Harbor, Long Island, NY** on June 4-5. We will be visiting historic **Wamponam Lodge No. 437** and enjoying

some of the sights offered by this beautiful waterfront community. I look forward to seeing you all at the events and at the lodge!

Erik E. Roberts, WM

2016 Lodge Officers



The Officers of Columbia Lodge No. 25 were installed in afternoon ceremonies on January 9, 2016.

Lodge Almoner



The duties of **Almoner** encompass the well-being of lodge members and their families. He is to be a discreet presence in the lives of brothers and widows of past brothers so that the lodge may readily assist

them should they find themselves in any particular need. He is the go-to brother for assistance when in sickness or distress.

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



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Allan E. Acker PM
Ernest E. (Gene) Belcher, Jr.

Grand Masters Day - June 11 - 10 AM



CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations

- March 31** Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88
1559 Main Street
South Windsor 06074-1007
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- April 6** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- April 10** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell) 6 PM
- April 11** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell) 9 AM
- April 20** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Program: Jason Ruimerman – Investing for the future
- May 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- May 7** Derby Day: Bourbon & Bluegrass
- May 18** Awards Night (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by May 11 (see flyer)
- May 26** Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Washington Lodge No. 70
153 Broad Street
Windsor, CT 06095
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- May 30** Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade 9 AM
Assemble at 8:30 AM on
Welles St behind St. Paul Church
- June 1** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM - Reservations by May 28th
(Contact JW Juan)
- June 4-5** Wamponam Lodge No. 437 Trip
Sag Harbor, Long Island, NY.
- June 11** Grand Masters Day (10:00 AM)
Masonicare Campus, Wallingford
- June 15** Summer Picnic (6:00 PM)
Stated Communication
Reservations by June 12th (Contact JW Juan)

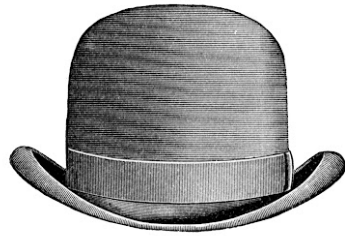
Trustees

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

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Be a part of these Events



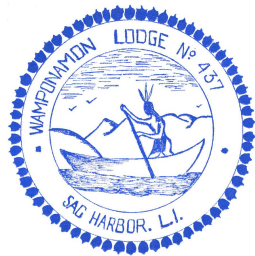
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 7, 2016

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Wamponam Lodge No. 437



Sag Harbor, Long Island, NY
June 4-5, 2016

Awards Night

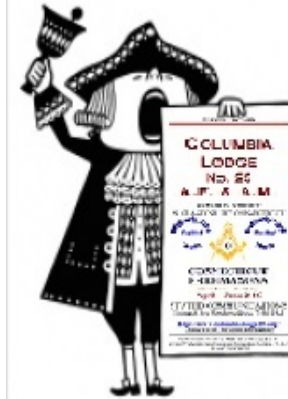
Wednesday, May 18, 2016



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
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 2014-15	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
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

All Due Signs and Summonses



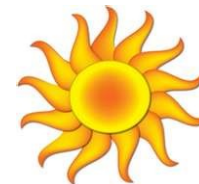
In the obligations of each degree we are admonished to "Answer all due signs and summonses from the lodge if within the length of my cable tow." The Trestleboard is a summons to our meetings and events. When you receive your Trestleboard, please drop our Secretary a note in answer to this summons. Your brothers would like to hear from you. Periodic correspondence from brothers who we don't see regularly, makes fellowship more real to all.

Historian Corner High Twelve



When the craft is often called to refreshment by the Junior Warden at "high twelve" it is generally taken to signify midday or noon.

The Latin word "nonus" originally referred to the ninth hour of the day, that is, nine hours after sunrise. In the Medieval church it referred to the middle hour between midday and sunset, that is, about three o'clock P.M. Over the course of time it came to refer to any part of the middle of the day, and finally to twelve o'clock ("noon").



The origin of our "High Twelve" is uncertain, but it is probable that it goes back to a time before "noon" was generally used for twelve o'clock; the "high" doubtless refers to the sun, which at that time was at its

highest point in the sky.

TRESTLEBOARD

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

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S. GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



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FREEMASONS

Masonic Renewal - I hold the key.

April - June 2016

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

<http://www.columbialodge25.org/>
Check web site for latest information!

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www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Columbia-Lodge-25-AF-AM/342780670785