

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Masonry, in the form of Community Service, arrives once again at the lodge this October 15th with our annual Wine Tasting, which benefits the scholarship fund. A lot of work has already gone into the event. We have met with a marketing team and mapped out the plan to get the word out. Our goal this year is to sell 150 tickets, which will be available in advance online and at South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe for \$40. Please get the word out to your friends and families about this important event.

Can we all look forward to the second half of the year? Yes we can! We have an excellent new brother coming up through the degrees, and we have several other events to involve everyone. The Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be held at 9 a.m. on October 22nd. We also expect to have a lodge Open House on October, 15th, which is the same day as the wine tasting.

Change is inevitable, even with the unchanging improvements to the lodge building, thanks to the great work of our building committee. We have a solid group of talented brothers in the line. And we are fortunate to continue to benefit heavily from the contributions of the more experienced brothers who continue to provide a wealth of guidance and advice.

You can look at the time of a Worshipful Master as simply one link (or two) in a long unbroken chain of service, which is continually looking to the past and to the future to guide lodge. We all look forward to a strong second half of the year, and I look forward to seeing each of you as we all join together in the good work of Masonry.

Erik E. Roberts, WM

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.

Grand Masters Day - June 11



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.

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations

- September 7** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 10** **Shoreline Picnic** – Noank 11 AM
Jerry Thompson (860) 536-8106
- September 21** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 29** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Columbia Lodge No. 25
Dinner at 6:30 PM - *Contact JW Juan by 9/25*
Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 15** **Grape Harvest Wine Festival – Tickets \$40**
Tickets purchased at the door will be \$50
Buy your tickets online (\$40)
www.GlastWine.com or at South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe, 860-633-2763 Craig Witzke
- October 15** **Community Open House**
- October 19** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 22** Grand Lodge Semi Annual Meeting 9 AM
- November 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 8** FC° Rehearsal – 7 PM
- November 16** **Fellowcraft Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM - Reservations by November 13th Contact JW Juan
- November 29** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Wylllys-St. Johns No. 4
160 South Street
West Hartford CT 06110
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
Speaker after meeting
- December 7** **Annual Meeting (Lodge & Building Assoc.)**
- December 15** **Actual Past Masters**
Friendship No. 33
76 Main Street
Southington CT 0648
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- December 18** **Installation of 2017 Officers**
- December 21** Stated Communication/Business Meeting

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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GRAPE HARVEST WINE FESTIVAL

Buy your tickets online at www.GlastWine.com **\$40**

Saturday, October 15
6-9pm

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

May 7, 2016



Best Hats

Wamponamom 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 2014-17	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 2014-17	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, 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
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
Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34)	2007
John H. Green (Silas Deane #147)	2008

Historian Corner

As we approach another contentious election, Masons can look forward to their Lodge as a refuge from the political divisions of society. It seems fitting however, as an expression of our shared love of country, to recognize that Uncle Sam, one of the most iconic images of the USA, was "born" 200 years ago this year.



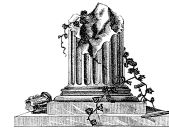
Uncle Sam Wants You!

The inspiration for the iconic Uncle Sam is said to be Brother Daniel Rice. The first use of Uncle Sam was actually in 1816 however, seven years before Rice was born, but it was his portrayal of "Yankee

Dan" in top-hat, red-and-white striped pants, and his tailored goatee that captured the imagination of mid-nineteenth century America and inspired the period's political cartoonists.

Rice was twenty-one before he ran off with the circus and created his clown persona. Rice was hailed as the first widely recognized American clown. Breaking the stylized mold of European diamond-clad harlequins and buffoonery clowns, Rice amassed a small fortune while commanding the unheard of sum of a thousand dollars a week in salary. He ran for President in 1868, believing he could wrest the Republican nomination from Ulysses S. Grant based solely on his popularity. Stripped of his caricature image, Rice suffered personal ridicule and rejection that he had never experienced when performing as his alter-ego.

Bro. Rice was a member of Lake Erie Lodge #347 in Girard, Pennsylvania.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Alvin Lloyd Bean
Charles London

TRESTLEBOARD

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

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FREEMASONS

Masonic Renewal - I hold the key.

September - December 2016

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

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

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