

MASTER'S MESSAGE

It seems that finally the harsh winter went away. Transitioning into our new positions we had some challenges with the ritual. This usually happens every year, but with the help and expertise of our Past Masters, Grand Lodge representatives and a few other good helping brothers we hope to be soon past it.

In this New Year we received two new brothers into masonry. By the time you read this, some of them will already be entered apprentices.

In February our traditional Ladies at Table took place. Lately it has become a tradition to have a complementary winter storm with it. Brother Paul Finney and his kitchen crew did an excellent job once again.

This second quarter of the year we will have the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Awards Night, and the Memorial Day Parade. We salute our new future Grand Master Charles W. Yohe MWPGM. He will be starting his mission in the Grand East.

We will also have a Fellowcraft Degree, a Master Mason Degree, with our Summer Picnic event officially closing the activities of this period and transitioning toward the summer break.

I wish all good helping brothers of our lodge a nice quiet second quarter of this Masonic year, and may brotherly love always prevail.

Radu G. Sapatoru, WM

IMPORTANT VIRIDIAN MESSAGE

Our concerns about Viridian have been satisfactorily resolved. We received our residual dividends and are again getting monthly income, thanks to those of you who have chosen Viridian as your energy generation supplier. Their rise in rates turned out to be, as they had stated, simply ahead of the other companies, and they are now competitive with other suppliers. When your renewal letter arrives, you need do nothing, it will automatically renew your fixed rate plan for 12 months. You could also call customer service to get a longer plan, if you wish. Either way, thank you for participating.

Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2015 Officers



Seated: Worshipful Master Radu Sapatoru

From left standing: David Lockard, Historian; David Söderberg, Organist; Richard Beebe, Treasurer; Erik Roberts, Senior Warden; Juan C. Diaz, Senior Deacon; Wes Smith, Junior Steward; Jeff Cote, Junior Deacon; Winfried Quast, Junnior Warden; Earl Evans, Chaplain; Walt Grube, Secretary; Don Wills, Senior Steward; Tim Hilliker, Tiler. Jason Ruimerman, Marshall is not pictured.



At Ladies at Table on February 14, 2015, Brothers, friends and sweethearts celebrated companionship with seven courses of great culinary delights, fine wine and toasts. Columbia Lodge No. 25 held its Annual Ladies at Table. It was the second year in a row that snow fell on the night of this event.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Robert C. Noble
John A. Pirzl

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations

- April 1** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tax*)
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM - Reservations by March 29th (Contact JW Winfried)
- April 12** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)
- April 13** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)
- April 15** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- May 6** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- May 20** *Awards Night (Officers Tax)*
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 13
- May 25** *Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade 9 AM*
Assemble at 8:30 AM on
Welles St behind St. Paul Church
- May 28** *Tobacco Valley Blue Council Meeting*
Composite Lodge No: 28
150 Bridge Street
Suffield, Connecticut
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- June 3** *Master Mason Degree (Officers Tax)*
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM - Reservations by May 31st Contact JW Winfried)
- June 13** *Grand Masters Day (10:00 AM)*
Masonicare Campus, Wallingford
- June 17** *Summer Picnic (6:00 PM)*
Stated Communication
Reservations by June 14th (Contact JW Winfried)



REPGC Bill Miller presents a 1925 jewel from Washington Commandery No. 1 of Washington DC to Sir Knight Arnie Grot during his installation on February 17 as Commander of Washington Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar of CT.

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Don Wills – Term expires at end of 2015
Gerry Thompson – Term expires at end of 2016
Earl Evans – Term expires at end of 2017

Grand Masters Day - June 13 - 10 AM



Our Newest Entered Apprentices were initiated in due form on Wednesday February 18, 2015. The degree was an exemplary introduction for Tony (left) and James (right) to Freemasonry. WM Saporu (center) was up to the challenge.

2015 Lodge Mission

To spread the word about Freemasonry and our Tenets, to continue to receive new brothers, to promote new young members, to aid and assist brothers who are in need and to grow our officers.

COLUMBIA's Living PAST MASTERS

Mario L. Accornero	1958, 95
Henry L. Killam	1961
Reno L. Ferrando	1962
Leon E. Gardiner	1965
Robert W. Flavell, PDD 6B 1978	1967, 68
Franklin J. Davis Jr., PAGM 6C 2002	1972
William A. Blatchley	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	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, AGM 6A 2009	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	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. Saporu	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)	Burton F. Turner
(Somerset-St James #34)	2007

Historian Corner

The Goose and Gridiron Ale-House Lodge

It wasn't until 1760 that Masonic Halls, Temples, and Lodges began to receive names befitting of Freemason significance. Prior to 1760, a Lodge was generally known by the name of the tavern or pub in which the members held their meetings.



Coil's Encyclopedia informs us that the lodge which originally met at the Goose and Gridiron Ale house in St. Paul's Churchyard in London in 1717 was one of the four original Lodges which effected the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge of England. In 1729, this lodge then moved to the King's (or Queen's) Arms Tavern in the same area of London, where it remained for an extended period of time. On the Engraved

List of Lodges of 1760, it assumed the name, "West Indian and American Lodge." In 1770, this name was changed to the "Lodge of Antiquity."

The fact that early Masons held their meetings in pubs may have had an impact on the manner in which new brother Masons were tested before being advanced to the next degree. In modern America Masonry, a candidate must recite a formally memorized catechism or examination in the preceding degree before he is Passed or Raised to the next degree. This practice did not exist until 1850, when it was introduced in Louisiana. Prior to this ritualized proficiency on the lectures, Lodge officers would ask the candidate casual questions over a pint of brew until satisfied that he had an understanding of the preceding degree. If the evening was still young, they would proceed to confer the next degree.



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1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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