

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

It seems like yesterday I and my suite of officers were installed at the timona of Columbia Lodge No. 25. And here we are at the beginning of the last quarter of 2015. I hope you had a good, fun well deserved summer. The three picnics (first one after Memorial Day parade, second the Secretary picnic and third one at the Summer Officers meeting), were excellent, enjoyable events for us to get together and have a good time. The new line of officers was planned and also our trestleboard was drawn. I can only hope that the shift in priorities, the effort to change mentalities and new style of leadership will be continued by our young crew of officers in 2016. I was surprised, when visiting other lodges and talking to other young Worshipful Masters, that they too are encountering the same problems and resistance to change as we are.

Some important work was done to improve our building. A nicely painted side door is now at the top of the ramp, and stained glass windows with Masonic symbols to be installed in it. Other big and important projects are on the way. Various methods are being explored to address the ice build-up problem on the ramp leading to the side door. These improvements will help a lot our Masonic work.

This quarter we will be busy as usual. Wine Festival, Open House, three Masonic degrees, are the most important events for this fall. We will do the same hard work and have the same dedication as before.

Radu G. Sapatoru, WM

### Memorial Day and Officer Picnics



After the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade (left) and prior to a summer officers planning meeting (right), fellowship, great barbeque food and drink were shared.



**Brother James Aspessi**, one of our newest Master Masons, was featured in an article complimentary to the Windsor Locks Police Department in the June 26 Hartford Courant. He is the one pinning the badge on 5 year old Ureil Vaughan, whose life they saved when he stopped breathing during an asthma attack.

### Awards Night – May 20



At **Awards Night** Thomas P. Kane received our 2015 Community Service and Rich Beebe received the Daskam-Nott Award from WM Radu Sapatoru and Earl Evans presented the Emerson C. Reed Award of Excellence to Tony Keegan.

### Memorial Day Parade- May 25



Twelve craftsmen from Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M. marched in the parade.



We are saddened by the recent loss of  
*William H. Bland*  
*William A. Blatchley*

## CALENDAR

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

### All Dinners require Reservations

- September 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 8** EA° Rehearsal – 7 PM
- September 16** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tax*)  
Stated Communication  
*Dinner 6:30 PM - Reservations by September 13<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Winfried)*
- September 30** Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting  
Hartford Evergreen Masonic Lodge  
1559 Main Street  
South Windsor, Connecticut 06074  
*Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM*
- October 7** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 10** Cellar Secrets Wine Festival – Tickets \$35  
Buy your tickets online at [www.GlastWine.com](http://www.GlastWine.com) or at South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe, 860-633-2763 Craig Witzke
- October 12** FC° Rehearsal – 7 PM
- October 17** Community Open House
- October 21** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tax*)  
*Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by Oct. 18*
- October 24** Grand Lodge Semi Annual Meeting 9 AM
- November 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 10** MM° Rehearsal – 7 PM
- November 18** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tax*)  
Stated Communication  
*Dinner 6:30 PM - Reservations by November 15<sup>th</sup> Contact JW Winfried)*
- November 30** Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting  
*Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM*  
Speaker after meeting
- December 2** Annual Meeting (*Lodge & Building Assoc.*)
- December 18** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- January 9** 2016 Officers Installation  
(7:30 PM - 9:30 PM)

### UPCOMING EVENTS



Gil Wishart with his daughter and sons at Awards Night. Gil received his 60-year service pin.

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### Trustees

**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 brothers raised three new **Master Masons** on Wednesday night June 3, 2015. Shown from the left are Nick Montminy, James Aspessi, Worshipful Master Radu Sapatoru and Dan Froicu. After the degree many enjoyed fellowship in our Fellowcraft room.

**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
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, 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)	Burton F. Turner
(Somerset-St James #34)	2007

**Historian Corner**

The Traditional Christmas Flower

As we enter the autumn season and look forward to the holidays, a brother Mason



from the past holds a special significance: Brother Joel R. Poinsett (1779-1851) had a successful diplomatic career as US Secretary of War, US Congressman and Minister to Mexico. Additionally, he was instrumental in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mexico, served as Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Master of two of his Lodges, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Even with impressive credentials like that, however, he is best remembered for a plant he brought back from Mexico, the Mexican Fire Plant. After cultivating it and introducing it in the US, the plant was named in his honor. Today, the Poinsettia is the traditional Christmas flower.



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**Come to Lodge My Brothers**

**THE SMILING FACE**

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.



**And bring your Smiles**

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**September - December 2015**

**STATED COMMUNICATIONS**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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

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