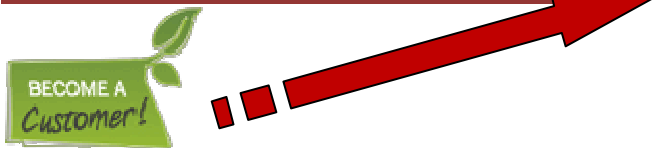


MASTER'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter. I truly appreciate your votes of confidence in my ability to serve the lodge as the Worshipful Master for the upcoming 2014 year. I petitioned to join the lodge as soon as I graduated from college in June of 2007, and was raised in Columbia Lodge just 7 months later in January. I can't believe that six years have gone by already, it seems like just yesterday I was sitting in the North East corner of the lodge. I have since been progressing through the line of officers, and taking on additional responsibilities in the lodge. It's truly been a great experience so far and I'm excited for it to continue down this new path.

The main goals that I am setting for the lodge this year are Ritual work, fellowship, and officer training. I am very proud of how we currently rank in these areas, but we must not get complacent and must always strive for improvement. Ritual has always been one area that has always been close to my heart. Before joining the freemasons, I was a member of the national fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho. I served this organization for 2 consecutive years as the ritual officer. In my final term of office, my chapter was awarded the outstanding ritual award at the national convention. I also plan on scheduling some educational presentations and guest speakers into our stated communication meetings throughout the year. You will also see that I will be adding a new event this year, more information to come on that event later.



IMPORTANT INFO

Lastly, I would like to thank our current WM Michael Hudson for the hard work that he has put into leading our lodge over the past two years. You did a fantastic job, set a great example, and left some big shoes to fill. I wish everyone the best of luck for the New Year and Happy Holidays to you and your families.

Brian John Berk – 2014 WM Elect

Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2014 Officers



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Support our Lodge and Save on your Electricity Bill



I want to tell you about our partnership with Viridian, a company which generates electricity for residents of CT, MA, NY and several other states. I am asking that you change your electricity SUPPLIER to Viridian.

When you look at your electric bill, there is a charge for the supply of the electricity you use, as well as a charge for the delivery of that energy. For those who use CL&P as your SUPPLIER, you need to know that they are going to discontinue that service. They will still be DELIVERING the electricity to your house and will continue to be your utility company, but will begin to use a third party to generate the actual energy. If you do not choose an alternate supplier, they will assign one for you. It is free to switch, and you will save money, as Viridian's fixed and variable rates are extremely competitive. Also, if you switch through our website (viridian.com/columbialodge25), Columbia Lodge will receive \$2 per month for every month you stay with them & a \$250 bonus for every 25 people who sign up. It is a great program... it's FREE, you'll SAVE MONEY, and you'll be fundraising for Columbia Lodge. Questions? Contact our Junior Steward, Brother Neal Forte. Thank you, brothers.

CALENDAR

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

- January 1** New Years Day. NO MEETING
 - January 4** 2014 Officers Installation (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by Dec. 31st (Contact WM Brian)
 - January 15** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
 - January 26** Table Chapter Kitchen Crew –YREHMH 6 PM
 - January 30** 333th Meeting of the 6th District BL Council
Columbia Lodge No. 25
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM
Reservations by Jan. 27th (Contact JW Erik)
 - February 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
 - February 8** CT CHIP Event at Pack 180's Pinewood Derby
9 AM – 1PM – Nayuag School
 - February 9** CT CHIP Event at Pack 356's Pinewood Derby
9 AM – 3 PM – Nayuag School
 - February 12** EA° Rehearsal 7 PM
 - February 15** Ladies at the Table (6:00 PM)
Reservations by Feb. 7th (Contact JW Erik)
 - February 19** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by Feb. 3rd (Contact JW Erik)
 - March 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
 - March 19** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- ### UPCOMING EVENTS
- April 6** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)
 - April 7** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)
 - May 21** Awards Night (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 14
 - June 22** Saint Johns Sunday
 - October 4** Secret Cellar Wine Tasting Festival



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Raymond E. Clay
Charles P. Gabalis



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Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on and February 9 & 10.



On February 8, 9 AM- 1 PM, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 180's Pinewood Derby at Nayuag School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. **We need 6 brothers to work with the scouts on February 8.**

www.ctchip.org

On February 9, 9 AM- 3 PM, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at

Cub Scout Pack 358's Pinewood Derby at Nayuag School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. **We need 6 brothers to work with the scouts on February 9.**

Contact Arnie Grot (860-633-5849) to volunteer.



The Annual Wine Tasting Festival on October 6 2013 was full of fellowship and great tastes in wine and food. The Lodge raised over \$3,000 for the Scholarship Fund. The event staff with Chef Paul Finney (www.octoberkitchen.com), in left photo, relax at the end of the night. Proprietor Craig Witzke (www.southsidewines.com), left in the top right photo, coordinated the wine selections for the six tables. Skip House was the event chairman.



Brotherly love prevails: At left Brothers Dave Lockard and Don Wills help a brother set a new woodstove in place in preparation for winter. At right, the red rose most clearly expresses love and is presented to our ladies who attend our Ladies at Table event on February 15.

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
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

Columbia's Meeting Places in Glastonbury



Columbia Lodge No. 25 conducted meetings in these three buildings in Glastonbury. From December 1814 until the spring of 1817, Columbia Lodge met at the house of Gideon Hale (left) at 1401 Main Street. On January 24, 1817 the members voted to purchase Brother Stephen Shipman's store (center) on the northeast corner of Main and Hopewell. The Lodge moved into this building on May 15, 1817 and remained there from the next 95 years. On November 23, 1912, the Lodge moved into its present building (right) at 895 Main Street.

Columbia's Move to Glastonbury

Why would a group of upstanding citizens for Stepney (now Rocky Hill) and Glastonbury chose to move their organization, which they established 21 years before in Stepney, across the river into the first society of Glastonbury? In the late 18th and early 19th century, crossing the Connecticut River was only aboard the ferry, a shipyard vessel or by private boat. Yet in 1814, the members of Columbia Lodge No.25, A.F. & A.M. moved their Lodge into Glastonbury. Our Lodge records from June 26, 1793 to December 8, 1818 make an interesting story of the move to Glastonbury.

In the early 1800's as many new members came from South Glastonbury, a group began to call for a removal of the lodge to that community. They voted to petition the Grand Lodge on September 4, 1805 for permission to meet part of the time in Glastonbury. From then until 1814, the sentiment grew to move.

The cutting down of the trees for shipbuilding created a shortage of timber by the War of 1812 in the Connecticut River Valley. This coupled with the beginning of the age of steam vessels and the building of iron vessels meant that Stepney's days as a shipbuilding community were numbered. Many skilled workers moved on and the major number of Columbia Lodge members lived across the Connecticut River from Stepney Parish, Wethersfield.

Finally, on August 24, 1814, the lodge voted to petition to the Grand Lodge for permission to move to South Glastonbury. This was granted on October 19, 1814 with Asaph Coleman, Master, and Ezra Dayton, Secretary, representing Columbia Lodge. After twenty-one years of meeting in Stepney Parish, Columbia held its November 9, 1814 meeting in the house of Roger Hale in its new town.

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