

MASTER'S MESSAGE

It's a pleasure to finally be able to say "Happy Spring"! I have been waiting anxiously for the warmer weather to arrive after our lodge was struck with numerous cold weather issues immediately after I took office in January. It all started with an electrical issue which caused the furnace to shut off. This led to our heating pipes freezing solid and bursting. After that a winter storm caused us to have to cancel our stated communication meeting. Two weeks later a plow truck backed into the Northwest corner of the building and broke our rear door. Even our annual Ladies at Table got off to a rough start when an oil tanker that was leaving the Mobile gas station got jackknifed in our entrance way and shut down traffic for an hour just when our guests were starting to arrive. Thankfully, we've been able to make the best out of the situations we were dealt. With the insurance money we were able to replace all of the radiators and install two new quiet industrial ceiling fans in the lodge room. This improvement gives us a more even temperature distribution within the lodge room in an efficient and controlling manner. The old rear door was replaced with a safer windowed one so that you don't accidentally open it into someone. The moral of the story that I learned was that when life hands you lemons, you need to make the best out of it and squeeze it into lemonade.

By now I hope that you have received an email or two from me about upcoming events that don't always make it into our trestle board in time. I like to be able to keep the craft informed of events especially if you haven't been able to attend our lodge meetings. If you have not received any emails and wish to in the future, please contact me so that I can make sure you are on the distribution list. We have a fun filled second quarter ahead of us and I hope to see you at the lodge soon.

Brian John Berk, WM



Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2014 Officers



Seated: Worshipful Master Brian Berk. Standing from left: David Söderberg, Organist; Jeff Cote, Senior Steward; Don Wills, Tiler; Winfried Quast, Senior Deacon; Richard Beebe, Treasurer; Radu Sapatoru, Senior Warden; Erik Roberts, Junior Warden; Walt Grube, Secretary; David Lockard, Historian; Juan C. Diaz, Junior Deacon; Gerald F. Thompson, Chaplain; Wes Smith, Marshall; Jason Ruimerman, Junior Steward

IMPORTANT INFO

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 Brother Neal Forte. Thank you, brothers.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
J. Ernest "Bud" Gross
John R. Heacock
Alexander Motyka

CALENDAR

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

- April 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- April 6** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)
- April 7** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)
- April 9** FC° Rehearsal 7 PM
- April 16** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tax*)
 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by April 13th (Contact JW Erik)
- May 3** Derby Day (Details to follow)
 Bourbon & Food Pairing
- May 7** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- May 14** MM° 1st Section Rehearsal 7 PM
- May 17** Quality of Life Walk (Great River Park, EH 10 AM)
- May 21** Awards Night (*Officers Tax*)
 Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 14
- May 26** Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade 9 AM
 Assemble at 8:30 AM on Welles St behind St. Paul Church
- May 28** MM° Tragedy Rehearsal 7 PM
- May 29** Tobacco Valley Blue Council Meeting
 Manchester Lodge No. 73
 25 E. Center St, Manchester
 Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM
- June 4** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tax*)
 Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by April 13th (Contact JW Erik)
- June 14** Grand Masters Day (10:00 AM)
 Masonicare Campus, Wallingford
- June 18** Summer Picnic (6:00 PM)
 Stated Communication
 Reservations by June 15th (Contact JW Erik)
- June 22** Saint Johns' Sunday (10:00 AM)
 Meet at 9:30 AM
 First Congregational Church
 837 Main Street, East Hartford

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 4** Secret Cellar Wine Tasting Festival



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<http://www.masonicare.org/walk>

Connecticut Child Identification Program

**Training on April 19 at Columbia Lodge
9 to 11 AM**

Let Arnie Grot (860-633-5849) know that you plan to attend.



The CTCHIP State Operating Committee (SOC) will hold a CHIP event training session. This training has two parts:

- Toothprint – individuals will be certified to administer the dental bite impression.
- Laptop System – training in the use of laptops for entering a child's personal information, taking digital fingerprints, snapping digital images and recording a video interview and burning all this on a CD will be given. There are procedures that must be followed so that this information will be readily available for use by authorities when searching for a missing child.

www.ctchip.org

Members of the SOC will share tips on running an event with the laptop system, such as how to set up the stations and manage crowd control for a smooth flow through all stations in a minimum time.

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The Newest Entered Apprentices were initiated on February 19, 2014. Shown from the left are Nicholas R. Montminy, Robert P. Ulrich, Worshipful Master Brian J. Berk and George J. Constance, Jr. Nicholas' grandfather, a Past Master (1992) of Hudson-Morris Lodge No. 80 in King George, VA, was able to attend.

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
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

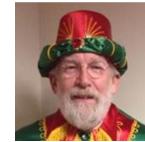
Grand Masters Day- June 14 - 10 AM



Historian Corner

NOT ALL QUALIFY

In California, saloon keepers and bar keepers were disqualified from becoming Freemasons.



Connecticut Masons disqualified any "Stupid Atheist" or Libertine from membership.

Arizona disqualified "Eunuchs and Illiterates". In all fairness, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Minnesota, New York, and South Dakota also disqualified eunuchs in 1917. Georgia and Wisconsin disqualified them without using the snippy word. They simply required candidates to have their "Entire Organs" and be "Unmutilated".

Sumo wrestlers would have a problem in 1917 in Florida, where candidates were deemed disqualified for health reasons, if they were not "their due weight".

Quasimodo had better stick to bell-ringing if he lived in Georgia. They disqualified hunchbacks, but in West Virginia, they were eligible. Illegitimacy of birth did not disqualify in Georgia, but it did in Virginia.

South Dakota had a prejudice against any man with a "Cork Leg". Apparently South Dakotans had more of a problem with pirates than Masons did in Missouri, for cork legs did not disqualify applicants in the "Show Me" state.

Although not explicitly stated, politicians in New York might have a problem being elected to a local Masonic Lodge. The State's Grand Lodge disqualified "Scandalous men" and Fools.

Wyoming turned a blind eye to any man with a "Glass Eye". They likewise disqualified a man for shooting himself in the hip with the loaded revolver carried in his pocket while riding.

TRESTLEBOARD

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

TEL. 860-633-9698

(Phone in Temple)

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

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