

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Summer time greetings from the East. Whether you stayed local and enjoyed the time off or traveled with family and friends I hope that you found these last two months enjoyable and relaxing. We have a great schedule of events planned out for the remainder of the year and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone come back in September hopefully feeling refreshed. During break we were able to implement some improvement projects to the building including; a newly designed Steward's area complete with a vanity sink and refrigerator for our basement Fellowship room, a new commercial chair lift to provide access to the basement, and upgraded light fixtures for the Lodge room to provide better visibility. I am also pleased to announce that we received a letter from the IRS stating that the Building Association Tax Exempt Status has been retroactively restored.

I personally used this time off to expand my Masonic network by joining The CT Widows Sons, a Masonic Riders Association that is open to all Master Masons in the state of Connecticut with the goals of having fun, promoting a positive image of Masonry, and to raise money for Masonic oriented charities and causes. I have found that being a traveling mason is rewarding and I encourage those who are able to do so too.

Brian John Berk, WM

## IMPORTANT VIRIDIAN MESSAGE

Viridian's latest renewal rates are higher than CL&P's rates for electric energy supply. Further, the residual checks to the Lodge have recently stopped. If we get a satisfactory answer from Viridian as to the cause of this situation, we will forward it. **For customers who are still on their fixed rate, don't do anything yet.** When your fixed rate expires, it is recommended that you call CL&P customer service and tell them you want to choose CL&P for your energy supplier. To find out your status on the fixed rate, look at the bar graph on your CL&P bill with the heading: GENERATION RATE. This will show the generation rate you are paying. You can count the number of months at the same rate. If you are up to 6 months, your fixed rate is expiring. If it is less than 6 months, you need do nothing at this point. We hope Viridian rectifies this situation, but if not, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this program so far. We saved some money and Columbia Lodge made some money.

## District Deputy Presentation – May 31



RW Brother Steve McMahon and WB Arnie Grot were presented with their Warrants and Jewels of Office as District Deputy and Associate Grand Marshall by MWGM Simon R. LaPlace in a special ceremony at the Lodge on May 31, 2014. Many Grand Lodge Officers and family and friends of these two brothers attended. Sir Knights of Washington Commandery No. 1 formed a Color Guard and presented the American Flag.

## Awards Night – May 21



At Awards Night Marti Curtiss received our 2014 Community Service and Bob Fitzgerald received the Daskam-Nott Award from WM Brian Berk and Walt Grube presented the Emerson C. Reed Award of Excellence to Dave Lockard.

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor – May 27



During ceremonies honoring two new Eagle Scouts of Glastonbury Troop 540, Brothers Bob Fitzgerald and Arnie Grot of Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F. & A.M. presented David Pulvermacher with an Eagle Scout Commendation Award (Certificate) along with a personal Letter of Congratulations from Simon R. LaPlace, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association.



We are saddened by the recent loss of  
Allen F. Fraser  
Richard (Dick) T. Walsh  
Lloyd G. Wood

## CALENDAR

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

**All Dinners require Reservations**

- September 3** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 13** Open House Training Seminar (Manchester #73)  
9 AM - Noon
- September 13** Beyond the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (Manchester #73) 1-5 PM  
**Registration Required - \$20**  
<http://www.ctfreemasons.net/index.php/grand-lodge-news/835-september-13-seminars.html>
- September 17** Officer Step Up Night/Business Meeting
- September 24** MM° 1<sup>st</sup> Section Rehearsal 7 PM
- September 27** 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
Good Intent Chapter No. 17 OES 1-4 PM
- October 1** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 8** MM° Tragedy Rehearsal 7 PM
- October 11** Cellar Secrets Wine Festival – by ticket only (\$30)  
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 15** Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)  
Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 PM  
Reservations by Oct 13<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Erik)
- October 18** Community Open House
- October 25** Grand Lodge Semi Annual Meeting 9 AM
- November 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 19** Tobacco Valley Blue Council Meeting  
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM  
Speaker after meeting
- December 3** Annual Meeting (Lodge & Building Assoc.)
- December 17** Stated Communication/Business Meeting



WM Brian Berk got his vest and patches on August 19 as a member of the Masonic Riders Association.

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**Shriners Burn Hospitals**



Tom Knowlton from the Sphinx Shrine in Newington presents a certificate to the Lodge on the behalf of Shriners Hospitals for our donations made in memory of Ulises Toledano's daughter.



**Our Newest Fellowcrafts** were passed on June 4, 2014. Shown from the left are, Michael Prisco, Robert Ulrich, WM Brian Berk, Calin Sapatoru and Nicholas Montminy.

**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 (Stepney # 133)	1989, 90, 91
Gerald F. Thompson, PDD 6C 1993	1996
Frank J. Decker	1989
Laurence E. Atwell	1990
Steven P. McMahon, AGM 6A 2009	1991, 2005, 06
Leonard E. Whitford Jr.	1991, 92, 2005
Walter Grube	1992
Herbert E. Grommeck	1993, 94, 97, 2001
Arthur M. Rettberg	1996
Lawrence A. Miffitt	1996
Arnold S. Grot	1997, 98
Paul F. Blake	1998, 2002, 06, 11
Gilbert E. Wishart	1999, 2003
Earl S. Evans	1999
Peter J. Hunt, PDD 6C 2002	2000, 01
Donald A. Wills, DL 2006	2000
Louis O. House IV (Mosaic #52, ME 1986)	2004
Jeffrey S. Moores	2008
Michael E. Hudson	2009, 2010
Brian J. Berk	2012, 13
Allen E. Acker (Hospitality # 128)	2014
Robert F. LeDoux (Friendship #145)	1971
Anthony F. Keegan PAGM 6C 1993 DD 6A 2009 (Wyllys-St. John's No. 4)	1981
Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34)	1982
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	2007

**Memorial Day Parade- May 26**

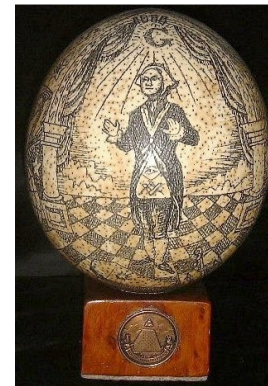


Twelve craftsmen from Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M. marched in the parade.

**Historian Corner**

Masonic Scrimshaw

Scrimshaw is the old art of engraving designs on whale teeth, shells, antlers, bone, or ivory and highlighting the channels with tar or lampblack. The pictured giant ostrich egg depicting Washington measures 8 inches high and about 4.5 inches in diameter.



The following words are engraved on the egg: "General George Washington, Fredericksburg Virginia, 1752-1852, Lodge No. 4" There is an image of George Washington dressed in his Masonic regalia, a coffin at his feet, a checkered floor done with perspective, an obelisk, the sun, moon five-pointed stars, the All-Seeing Eye with its projecting rays, an American eagle, an hourglass, globe and some patriotic bunting. All mounted on a wood block with an inset copper coin depicting the pyramid found on the back of the one dollar bill. (The base is believed to be a recent addition to the piece). The symbolism and dates suggest that this egg was commissioned to commemorate the 100th anniversary of George Washington's Masonic initiation on November 4, 1752 into Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Virginia. Masonic scrimshaw was popular in the mid-1800s for cane tops and razor handles. Most scrimshaw on the market today is plastic "shamshaw".



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1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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

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