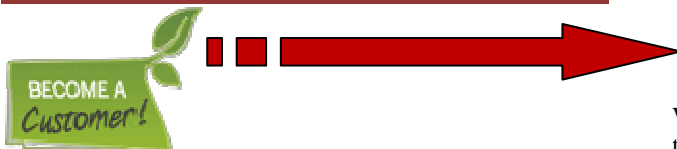


MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers: Greetings from the East! The brotherhood has seen fit to grace me with another year as Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to continue the momentum we built this past year. To all those that made 2012 a year to remember, I am in your debt. Not only did we continue our standards of excellence, we emerged from the Lodge room to create a superb presence in the community.

One of the first things you may have noticed this year is that our dues went up again. Some of you have even returned feedback with your dues payments. For those who would like to understand why this has occurred, let me explain. Late in 2011, I analyzed the budget of the Lodge and the Building Association. Since a major tenant left our building in 2007, the Building Association has operated at a heavy deficit. In these difficult economic times, it has been a challenge to find a suitable replacement for that tenant. It was decided that, beginning in 2012, dues would be raised by \$10 in each of the next 3 years. The goal of this was to increase the rent the Lodge pays to the Building Association so that they may operate with a balanced budget. Despite these increases, Columbia Lodge continues to have some of the lowest dues, given that we own our own building. The Lodge and the Building Association are inseparable & I feel that ultimately, we, as brothers of Columbia are charged with the financial stability of both. Having said all that, with the 2013 increase and the addition of a small tenant this year, I am pleased to report that the Building Association will begin the year with a balanced budget for the first time since 2007.



IMPORTANT INFO

This will be a year of continued community involvement & Lodge improvement. However, for the first few months, our focus will be on membership. We have a dozen men, awaiting entrance into our fraternity. Yes, you read that right. Additionally, most of these men are young and have no Masonic backgrounds. It is an exciting challenge to welcome these new brethren. We will need help, though. If anyone would like to step up and be a mentor to one of these new members, your assistance will be GREATLY appreciated.

Fraternally, Michael

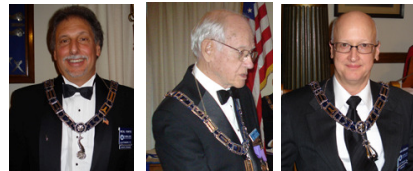
Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2013 Officers



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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 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- January 9** EA° Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 16** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Jan.13th (Contact JW Brian)
- January 26** CT CHIP Event at Pack 158's Pinewood Derby
Noon - 3:30 PM – Hebron Avenue School
- January 26** Table Chapter Kitchen Crew –YREHMH 6 PM
- January 30** EA° Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 31** 330th Meeting of the 6th District BL Council
Manchester #73, 25 E. Center St, Manchester
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM
- February 6** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Feb. 3rd (Contact JW Brian)
- February 10** CT CHIP Event at Pack 356's Pinewood Derby
9:30 AM - Noon– Nayuag School
- February 16** Ladies at the Table (6:00 PM)
Reservations by Feb. 8th (Contact JW Brian)
- February 20** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- March 6** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- March 13** FC° Rehearsal 7 PM
- March 20** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication (No Dinner)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)
- April 8** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)
- April 17** Awards Night (*Officers Tux*)
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by April 10
- June 23** Saint Johns Sunday
- October 6** Wine Tasting Festival



We are saddened by the recent loss of

Robert H. Anderson
Philip A. Jarish
Mervin D. Lichtel
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Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on Jan 26 and Feb 10.



On January 26, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 158's Pinewood Derby at Hebron Avenue School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. **We need 6 brothers to work with the scouts on January 26.**

On February 10, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 358's Pinewood Derby at Hebron Avenue School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. **We need 6 brothers to work with the scouts on February 10.**

www.ctchip.org

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



The Annual Wine Tasting Festival on October 5 2012 was full of fellowship and great tastes in wine and food. The Lodge raised over \$3,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Chef Paul Finney (www.octoberkitchen.com), in left photo, prepared the hors d'oeuvres. 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.



On November 10, 2012 **Rededication of the Lodge Building on its 100th Anniversary** was performed by the Grand Lodge Officers in a packed room. Leon Turner, Master in 1950, was greeted by WM Michael Hudson.

COLUMBIA's Living PAST MASTERS

Leon W. Turner, PDD 6S 1959	1950
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
Winthrop Jensen	1967
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
Dwight W. Nickerson	1982, 83
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
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
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)	2007

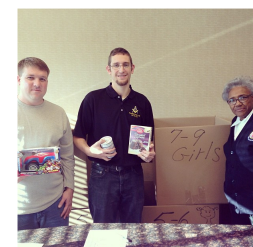
Columbia's new Fellowship Hall



Columbia Lodge No. 25 Fellowship Hall was well received upon its completion over the summer and has been well used after Lodge meetings and events.



Columbia Lodge was on the front page of the *Glastonbury Citizen* on October 4 and November 8, thanks to the generous cooperation of its editor Jim Hallas. Jim is a history buff and son of our late brother Henry Hallas.



Travis Simpson and Michael Hudson were two of the 12 members from Columbia Lodge #25 A.F. & A.M. who volunteered at the **WTIC 1080/Salvation Army Holiday Store** on December 14 and worked under the guidance of Senior Soldier Grace.

Michael, Gerry, Travis and George make a public announcement while staffing the Salvation Army Holiday Store on Friday December 14, 2012. (<http://viddy.it/UrR4yc>)

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