

# MASTER'S MESSAGE

*Brothers:* Tidings from the East! It has been five short months since we spoke last, but so much has changed in this Mason's life. In mid-April, I underwent surgery to have two hernias repaired. Two weeks later, on April 30, my wife and I welcomed our third child, Brennan Carter Hudson, to the world. As if those two events in one year were not enough, my family also purchased a new home and moved to Tolland, CT. To say that I have been a busy man would be a tremendous understatement. I want to thank the craft for the amazing display of brotherly love friendship and understanding during these wonderful and stressful times.

The fall will be busy, as usual, for us. We will begin with a Fellowcraft degree, performed by Columbia's Past Masters on October 2nd. If you wish to participate, please contact Secretary Walt Grube. Following the degree, on Saturday, October 5th will be our Annual Wine Tasting to benefit the Columbia Lodge #25 Scholarship Fund. The event's creator and long-time chairman, WB Skip House has moved to Maine and passed the reins on to Co-Chairs David and Don Wills. Please contact either of them if you can assist in the kitchen with Chef and Brother Paul Finney or in the Hall during the event. We will need LOTS of help. If you would like tickets to the event, please contact Brother Craig Witzke. Later on in the month, on October 19th, we will be participating in a joint Master Mason degree with several Lodges in the area. We will be likely be raising some of our own brothers there, as well as providing some of the ritual talent for the event. It promises to be an exciting and memorable occasion.

## Tobacco Valley BLC Master Mason Degree



<http://hartfordcounty4hcamp.org/directions/>

This fall, all seven Lodges of the Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council (formerly the 6th District) are planning to conduct a joint Master Mason Degree at the Hartford County 4-H Camp, 247 South Rd, Marlborough, CT 06447. The entire property will be reserved and there is a spacious hall, which will be able to accommodate us all. This will be an all day event, including degree work, meals, and plenty of fellowship afterwards. Many of the details are being finalized now, so watch for more information very soon! Reservations will be required to attend. Please contact WM Michael Hudson if you would like to attend and if you would like to take part in the degree. This promises to be an historic event!

In November, we will perform an Entered Apprentice degree and welcome at least two new brothers into our Lodge. You will also see, if you look at the calendar, several meetings where other officers will be in the East. Please do your best to come out and show them support while they show us what they have learned so far.

As the sun begins to set on my time in the Oriental Chair, I begin to think back over my years in the officer line. I remember thinking as a junior officer that it would be a lifetime before I would sit in the East. Then, seemingly overnight, ascending to the Wardens' chairs and realizing that I would, in fact, be Master soon. Now, I look back at only the last two years and there are so many experiences that it is difficult to really get a handle on any one specific lesson. I am sure that I will continue to learn as I am able to fully digest all that has happened during my tenure.

I would like to share one thing I have learned about Columbia Lodge, for which I am incredibly thankful. While in the East, I have been afforded many opportunities to travel to different Lodge and speak with other Masters. We talk about programs or degree work, but we always ended up talking about what it was like to be Master of a Lodge. More often than not, I would hear complaints or criticisms about Past Masters being a bit too "involved." Some of you are probably laughing now, but I was shocked. I cannot think of a single time that a Past Master of Columbia Lodge pressured me into anything. Quite the opposite, in fact. I recall, quite clearly, asking Past Masters their opinions of my plans. The response I always received was, "You're the Master." You let me run the Lodge. At the time, it was frustrating, but now I understand how rare and precious that overall attitude is in a Lodge. Thank you.

Fraternally, Michael

## Lodge Picnic - June 19, 2013



It was a great way to end the first half of 2013 with a great barbeque, a talk on Masonic Foundation by Kate Tedford and a very productive meeting. There was plenty of food, drink, friends and relaxation. Five petitions were acted upon.

# CALENDAR

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

- September 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 18** Stated Communication/Business Meeting (SD Erik in East)
- September 25** Past Masters FC° Rehearsal 7 PM
- September 30** 333rd Meeting of the Tobacco Valley BLC  
Wyllys-St Johns #4  
11 South Main Street, West Hartford  
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM
- October 2** Past Masters Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tux)  
Stated Communication
- October 5** 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 16** Stated Communication/Business Meeting (JW Brian in East)
- October 19** Community Open House 10 AM – 3 PM
- October 26** Grand Lodge Semi-Annual–Wallingford 9AM
- October 30** EA° Rehearsal 7 PM
- November 6** Entered Apprentice Degree – Evaluation (Officers Tux)  
Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 PM  
Reservations by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Brian)
- November 20** Stated Communication/Business Meeting (SW Radu in East)
- December 4** Annual Meeting (Lodge & Building Assoc.)
- December 18** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- December 19** Hartford County Lodge of Actual Past Masters  
Composite Lodge No. 28  
150 Bridge Street, Suffield, Connecticut  
Dinner at 6:15 PM; Degree at 7:30 PM
- January 4** Officers Installation (Officers Tux)  
Dinner at 6:30 PM (RSVP-JW Brian by 1/2)  
Installation at 7:30 PM



We are saddened by the recent loss of  
Newman "John" Fellows  
Winthrop Jensen. PM

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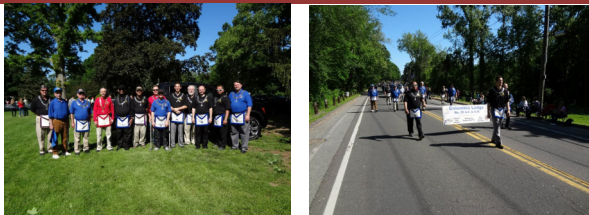
## Saints John Sunday Worship



On Sunday, June 23, 2013, Brothers (left) of Columbia Lodge No. 25 gathered at First Congregational Church in East Hartford to celebrate the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist. Many of the men and ministers of First Congregational Church have been members of Columbia or other Masonic Lodges over the years. Brother Rich Beebe is a Deacon of the Church and read the scriptures.



At Glastonbury Heath Care Center on June 15, 2013, brothers and friends conducted a Children Identification Program at its Kids Safety Day. At left are Linda Dougherty, Brothers Mike Seamon, Arnie Grot, George Zack, Tony Keegan and Kaylan "KC" Chakravarti. At right is a child at the Toothprint Station.



On May 27, 2013, brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25 marched in the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade.



Later in the day they gathered with their families at Don Wills home for a picnic.

## 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)
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
Allen E. Acker (Hospitality # 128)	2012, 13
Robert F. LeDoux (Friendship #145)	1971
Anthony F. Keegan PAGM 6C 1993 DD 6A 2009	1981
	(Wylls-St. John's No. 4)
Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34)	1982
	2007

## Master Mason Degree raises Five



On June 5, 2013 more than 60 brothers, representing 8 separate lodges and 2 grand jurisdictions, helped raise 3 brothers from Columbia Lodge No. 25 and 2 brothers from Composite Lodge No. 28. The pre degree dinner was enjoyed by 48. After the degree ended at 11:55 PM, many brothers went down to the fellowship hall and enjoyed home brews provided by the Captain General of Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. Shown in the photo are from the left: WM Michael Hudson (25), Jeff Cote (25), Peter Pruess (25), Robert Green (28), Wesley Smith (25), WM Tom Duclos (28) and Adam Mullen (28).

### Support our Lodge and Save on your Electricity Bill

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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](http://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.

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