

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers: It is, truly, an honor to be speaking to you from the East. I would like to thank those brothers, who have volunteered to serve Columbia Lodge this year. Your hard work and dedication makes our Lodge great. I am excited to report that there are many things in the works for 2012, both behind the scenes and within the community.

We have two important items, currently in progress that will be completed this year. The first is the establishment of the **Columbia Lodge Scholarship Fund**. Chairman, Louis "Skip" House, is extremely close to formally establishing the Fund with the Office of the Secretary of State. After several years of raising money for this venture, we will finally be able to put together its Board of Directors and work towards awarding its first scholarship in 2012!

The other item is the status of Columbia Lodge as a *tax-exempt* organization. We are, or have the right to be, tax-exempt because of our charity work. This allows us to do a variety of things, which I won't get into here. This is an extremely important part of our existence & we discovered, in 2011, that our exemption had lapsed. The sudden passing of WB Robert W. Flint further complicated things, as he would have been our main resource for investigating the issue. However, thanks to the tireless efforts of Bro. Flint's successor, Walter Grube & some assistance from the Grand Lodge, we will regain our tax-exemption in 2012 with minimal ramifications due to its lapse. Believe me when I say, brothers, that this is no small feat.

A new committee has been established to assist the Lodge in its efforts to contribute to the town of Glastonbury & its citizens. The **Community Action Committee**, chaired by Junior Deacon, David Kinney, has been charged with actively seeking out service opportunities for the Lodge, no matter how small. Over the past several years, our participation in the community has dropped off. This committee was formed to remedy that, as we are a service oriented organization. I am pleased to say that the committee has already begun to perform! We assisted MARC, Inc. of Manchester with refurbishment of their facilities back in mid-October & beginning in the spring, Columbia Lodge will sponsor a team with the Glastonbury Little League. Both parties are very excited about the partnership. If you know of any service opportunities, please contact Brother Kinney.

A number of other programs are also in development to better the Lodge and its members, specifically the officers and brothers who are going through the degrees. As I said, it is going to be an exciting year. If you should find yourself in either a position of need or in a position to help, PLEASE do not hesitate to call an officer. We are all brothers & that is what we are here for.

Fraternally, Michael

Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2012 Officers



WM Michael SW Steve JW Radu Secretary Walt



Treasurer Rich SD Brian JD Dave SS Eric



JS Winfried Marshal Neal Chaplain Skip Organist Dave



Tiler George Historian Dave



Traveling Man Masonic

Passport: The Grand Lodge has instituted this program to spark an increase in the visiting of other Lodges and thereby spreading Brotherly Love among more Brothers. What will we get out of this program? We'll make some new

friends and see some new ritual. It will also give the visited lodges some new exposure. The big winner, though, will be all Masons by way of the Masonic Medical Research Lab which is in Utica, New York. About \$15.00 of the cost of the passport will be given to this facility. This Lab is engaged in research to cure all kinds of heart disease. Andy Ziedler, our District Deputy, now has a limited number of these Masonic passports that he will be selling so you do not need to go to the Grand Lodge office to get them. If you would like one of them, please call him at 860-643-2055 and he will make some arrangement for you to get one.

CALENDAR

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

- January 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Building Association Annual Meeting
- January 18** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- January 21** **CT CHIP Event at Pack 158's Pinewood Derby**
Noon -3:30 PM – Hebron Avenue School
- January 25** FC° Rehearsal (7 PM)
- January 30** **326th Meeting of the 6th District BL Council**
Wylls-St. John's No. 4, 11 S Main St, in WH
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM
- February 1** **Fellowcraft Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication (No Dinner)
- February 15** **Ladies at the Table** (Lodge opens 6:00 PM)
Reservations by Feb. 8 (*Contact JW Radu*)
- February 29** MM° Rehearsal - 1st Section (7 PM)
- March 7** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- March 14** MM° Rehearsal - Tragedy (7 PM)
- March 21** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Jan.30th (Contact JW Radu)
- March 25** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)
- March 26** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)
- March 29** **327th Meeting of the 6th District BL Council**
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16** **Awards Night (Officers Tux)**
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 9
- October 6** **Wine Tasting Festival**

If you need a ride to Lodge, call any officer and we will see that you get to lodge.

Is sickness or distress causing you hardship?

If you or your family know of any brother or member of a brother's family who is sick injured or in any other distress and would welcome help, please contact our Chaplain, Worshipful Master or Secretary.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
James A. Collins Jr.

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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

Connecticut Child Identification Program



www.ctchip.org

On **January 21**, 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 21.**

Contact Arnie Grot (633-5849) to volunteer.



The Annual Wine Tasting Festival on October 1 2011 was full of fellowship and great tastes in wine and food. The Lodge raised about \$2,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Chef Paul Finney (www.octoberkitchen.com), in left photo, prepared the hors d'oeuvres. Proprietor Craig Witzke (www.southsidewines.com), center in the right photo, coordinated the wine selections for the six tables. Skip House was the event chairman.



Columbia Lodge No. 25 Honors Returned Brother. Charles F. Daly, Jr. was serving as Junior Deacon of the Lodge when he left the Lodge early in 2010. His reserve unit was called to active duty. They served a tour in Iraq which ended in September. He is grateful for the support of Lodge

brothers. Chuck thanked them for the care packages they sent. He enjoyed all the books, cookies, etc. They were a definite morale boost to both him and his unit.

Support our Lodge and Save on your Electricity Bill

Brothers and friends of Columbia Lodge No. 25 can save on their electricity bill and support our Lodge through the Viridian referral program. Sign up through our portal (viridian.com/columbialodge25) and you save (over CL&P) on your electricity bill and the Lodge will get a one time \$10 referral fee and \$2 a month each month you remain with Viridian.

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
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

Lodge Brothers' Birthdays

January

Robert Ruggiero (1)	E. Belcher Jr (14)
Vasile Dinicu (2)	Gary Hayes (15)
Melvin Babcock Jr (3)	Robert Schindler (16)
Richard Barker (3)	Matthew Simpson (21)
Leonard Savastio (3)	Ronald Christensen (22)
John Kirkman (4)	Ward Edgerton (23)
Wayne Martin (4)	David Gaston (24)
Wilbur Coolidge (5)	Robert Erdin Jr (25)
Henry Killam (6)	John Kennedy (25)
Stanley Taylor (6)	Jeffrey Moores (25)
Douglas Ewen (7)	John Waters (25)
Albert Garrard (7)	Frank Decker (27)
David Ripley (9)	Robert Kellogg III (27)
Franklin Davis (10)	Robert Ledoux (27)
Richard Ranney (10)	Louis Pillion Jr (27)
	Brian Berk (29)

February

Winthrop Jensen (2)	Harry Stone Jr (12)
Robert Flavell (4)	Jeffrey Cummings (14)
Charles Clapper (5)	Thomas Cordier (15)
Howard Turner (5)	Eric Ellison Jr (20)
Joseph Kenyon (8)	Alvin Bean (22)
P. Meehan (8)	Frank Collins Jr (24)
Donald Strickland (8)	Donald Hibbert Jr. (25)
James DeSantos Jr. (9)	Edward Ruff (25)
Ronald London (11)	Michael Hudson (28)
Goerge Zack (11)	George Tryon (28)

March

Howard Geltman (2)	Frank Schroll (16)
Daniel Selders (2)	Kenneth MacMurtry (19)
John Nordstrom (5)	Burton Turner (19)
Anthony Gesnaldo (6)	Robert Noble (6)
Robert Noble (6)	Ariel Guerrero (20)
Henry Hunt III (7)	Allan Edgerly (21)
Donald Wills (7)	Lloyd Wood (22)
Michael Cavanaugh (11)	Chris Totten (25)
Michael Vose (11)	Paul Blake (30)
Keith Carlough (14)	

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January - March 2012

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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

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