

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers: I sincerely hope that you all had a fun & safe summer! I am, very much, looking forward to a busy and exciting fall season. On October 6th, from 6 to 9 PM, we will be having our annual **Cellar Secrets Wine Festival** (www.GlastWine.com) to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Please see the enclosed flier for more information. Later in October, Connecticut Freemasons will, again, be participating in a statewide **Open House**, where we will open our doors to the public in an attempt to increase awareness and membership in Freemasonry. On November 10th, The Grand Lodge of



Masonic Hall, Main Street and Hopewell Road, where Columbia Lodge met for nearly a century, until 1912.

Orient Lodge #62. The temple in East Hartford is still a Masonic building, now owned by the York Rite Bodies. Please keep your ears and eyes open, as we may seek to include the Orient Lodge Building in our rededication plans. As always, if you would like to participate, volunteer, or attend any of these events, please contact an officer & they will be more than happy to get you what you need!

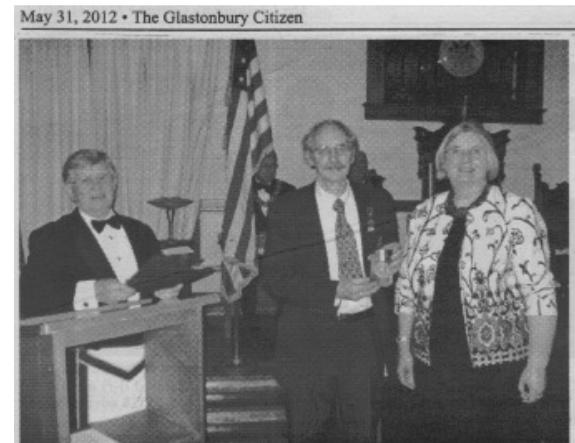
As the year begins to wind down, we speak amongst each other about who will put in the work to make our events a success, now and in the future. We talk about who will take on important roles in the Lodge, such as officers or committee chairmen. Over the last several years, we have noticed a shift in the priorities of our new members. Not all that we raise dream of sitting in the East. Many of them will only participate in a few events per year. This attitude about Freemasonry is very different from that of prior generations. They joined and served the Lodge in many capacities over many years. Most served in the East multiple times & felt that it was their duty to do so. Both of these attitudes towards Freemasonry are valid. The merely reflect the ever expanding availability of things to see and do. People no longer join just one organization to devote their time to. This poses difficult questions for us. How do we inspire new members to participate at a level high enough so that the torch can be passed and our Lodge remains vibrant and active? Do we change what we do to adapt to shifting interests?

Fraternally,
Michael

Columbia Lodge No. 25 in the News



Twelve Brothers marched or rode in the Glastonbury Memorial Day parade on May 28. Mario Accornero joined the parade as a past Glastonbury Fire Chief, riding for the first time in 65 years. Skip House marched and played with Manchester Regional Pipes and Drums. Others watched.



May 31, 2012 • The Glastonbury Citizen
Worshipful Brother Arnold S. Grot (center) receives the Daskam-Knott Award for his dedication to Freemasonry from Very Worshipful Donald A. Wills. Nancy Grot, Arnie's wife, looks on.

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David Söderberg (left) received the Emerson C. Reed Award for Excellence in Service to Columbia Lodge No. 25 and many Masonic bodies. His wife Carolyn, proudly joins in the recognition.

CALENDAR

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

- September 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 8-9** Glastonbury Art Guild On-The-Green
- September 12** MM° Rehearsal (1st) 7 PM
- September 19** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 26** MM° Tragedy Rehearsal 7 PM
- October 3** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Oct. 1st (Contact JW Radu)
- October 6** **7th Annual Wine Tasting – by ticket only (\$30)**
Contact Skip House at 860-916-1973
- October 6** *Seminar for Masters 2013-Hartog Center*
- October 17** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 20** Community Open House
- October 27** Grand Lodge Semi-Annual–Wallingford 9AM
- October 30** EA° Rehearsal 7 PM
- November 7** **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Nov 5th (Contact JW Radu)
- November 10** **Grand Lodge Rededication of Lodge Building**
Lunch at Noon, Program at 1:00 PM
Reservations by Nov. 8th
- November 21** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 29** **329th Meeting of the 6th District BL Council**
Washington Lodge No. 70, Windsor
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM
- December 5** **Annual Meeting (Lodge & Building Assoc.)**
- December 19** **Officers Installation (Officers Tux)**
Dinner at 6:30 PM (RSVP-JW Radu by 12/15)

If you need a ride to Lodge, call an Officer.

If you are, or you 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
Herbert N. "Pete" Bagshaw
Robert H. Kellogg III
Preston Allen Miller
Herbert E. Pfalzgraf
Paul Allan Taylor

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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

100 Years Ago...

Columbia #25. In September, 1911, a committee was appointed to consider repairs to the building they had been occupying for 95 years. The committee found that the building was uninhabitable. A second committee was appointed to acquire plans to build a new Temple at 895 Main Street, which was purchased in 1905 for \$575. In December, the Lodge voted to move forward with plans for the new building. A contract was signed with WB E.N. Mackey to build the Temple for \$5,430. Architect and Brother William Brainard drew the plans. Both Brother Mackey and Brainard were members of Columbia Lodge. On November 23, 1912, The Grand Lodge of Connecticut dedicated the, then finished, Temple. The dedication was led by Worshipful Master H.T. Clark & Most Worshipful Grand Master Justin Holden. 145 People attended the dedication, including 54 brothers. Following the ceremonies, the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon Lewis William Stevenson.

Orient #62. In 1892, Brothers of Orient Lodge began considering building a Temple. In February, 1906, a committee was appointed to explore ways, means and plans to erect such a building. After several years of fund raising, including a \$25 donation from St. John's Lodge #4, the Hall Association was able to secure over \$6,000 for the project. In the spring of 1911, Orient Lodge purchased the site and approved plans to adapt the existing building for its use. The Architect was Lester King & the builder was Brother Carl Dean. The excitement in the Lodge about the project was so high, that much of the work was done by brothers of Orient. The building was completed and turned over to Orient Lodge in September of 1912 and the Grand Lodge of CT dedicated the Temple, led by Most Worshipful Grand Master Justin Holden on October 5, 1912.



Daskam #86. In October of 1908, Connecticut Freemasons were invited to lay the last stones on the Bulkeley Bridge in Hartford. Daskam Lodge had over 60 members participating in this event. In May of 1909, the Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary by conferring a Master Mason degree with only Past Masters participating. The Lodge also, that year, had the distinct pleasure of burning their mortgage on the Temple. In September of 1911, a monument was laid in St. James Cemetery marking the location of the Daskam Lodge Lot, which was purchased with funds left the Lodge by brother Cooper. In April of 1912, after many months of discussion, the Lodge meeting night was changed from Saturday to Wednesday.

Columbia Lodge Brothers Birthdays

Arthur Colby - 9/1	Nicholas Federici - 10/20
John Manion - 9/4	Robert Hollis III - 10/21
Homer Scoville - 9/6	George Pattison - 10/21
John Pomfret - 9/10	Donald Smith - 10/22
Allan Bailey - 9/11	Lloyd Seymour - 10/23
Alexander Motyka - 9/12	Burton Porter - 10/25
Robert Brautigam - 9/13	Steven McMahon - 10/28
Carl Falcone - 9/14	Norman Waite Jr - 10/29
Allen Fraser - 9/14	Paul Finney - 10/30
Jonathan Beatty - 9/17	Fred Boyd - 11/1
Burton Yeager - 9/17	John Ranney - 11/2
Ryan Henderson - 9/18	Aldorigo Scopino Jr - 11/5
Ansel Ross - 9/21	Arnold Waterman - 11/7
William MackKnight - 9/22	Michael Geoffroy - 11/11
Winfried Quast - 9/24	Alan Rogers - 11/12
Peter Deich - 9/25	Travis Simpson - 11/13
Richard Wilson - 9/27	Bud Gross Jr - 11/14
David Brooks - 9/27	Harold Waters, Jr. - 11/15
Frederick Bennett II - 9/28	Edward Portaluppi - 11/19
Robert Howes - 9/28	Mario Accornero - 11/23
Andrew Barnard - 9/29	Richard Lennon - 12/2
Robert Beisel - 9/29	Reno Ferrando - 12/4
George Dufresne - 10/1	Donald Coyle - 12/5
William Wilcox - 10/1	Erik Roberts - 12/6
Theodore Pesce - 10/6	Joseph Goodhue, Jr. - 12/7
Gordon Maltempo - 10/7	James Eaton Sr - 12/9
Herbert Hanover - 10/9	Malcolm Morton - 12/15
Frank Sauerbeck - 10/11	Domenick Botto - 12/16
David Wills - 10/12	Montgomery Fitzpatrick - 12/19
Roger Knickerbocker - 10/12	Juan Diaz - 12/20
Andrew Nisbet - 10/13	William Skidgell - 12/24
Walter Grube - 10/13	William Berner - 12/24
Arthur Chase - 10/17	Raymond Clay - 12/28
David Söderberg - 10/19	Paul Klausen - 12/30
James Ferris - 10/20	Leon Gardiner - 12/31

"Quality of Life Walk"



From left, Brothers Gerry Thompson, Don Wills, and Harold Waters helped Bro. David Soderberg enjoy his "Quality of Life Walk."

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

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