

# MASTER'S MESSAGE

*Brothers:* Coming to Lodge and taking on a role of sweet familiarity is for me a journey down memory lane as well as a challenge and an urge to achieve greater accomplishments. I was filled with two emotions on **Installation Night** on December 4 as I was humbled to be installed as Worshipful Master for my fourth time, *joy and ecstasy*. The joy was listening to the messages that all the symbolism of the installation ceremonies deliver. The ecstasy was empathized in RW Don Dean's remark that "Coming to Columbia Lodge is like coming home to family because of the friendship so apparent in everything done in this Lodge." It is the friendships which we build in Lodge that are the strength behind Freemasonry. The memory is of the great achievements of our Lodge, not only in the other years in which I served as Master but in all the years I have been a Freemason. The challenge is reminding our brothers that it is through these friendships that we will reach our goals. Our brothers superbly passed the challenge to arise when I had to fly to Dubai, UAE, the day following installation to care for daughter (and granddaughter) during her recovery from an infection that had her in the hospital 8 days. Overcoming several complications arising from my absence, our officers and brothers assumed roles to confer a Fellowcraft degree on December 15. This is what Freemasons and friends do to achieve the goals of their Lodge.

On January 19, Past Masters of our Lodge will assume roles of sweet familiarity to confer the first part of the Master Mason Degree on potentially five Fellowcrafts. Many of these Past Masters will join our cast of brothers in rendering the tragedy or second part of this degree. Come, hopefully in performing a role, or to witness this impressive work of our Lodge.

Dues paying brothers do not "work" their way into Lodge with signs, words or tokens. The only requirement, as a member of Columbia Lodge, is that you may need to show upon your entrance your dues card if you are not personally known by a brother. If you want to experience the sweet familiarity of a role you once assumed in one of our degrees and need a refresher course, our brothers are happy to work with you toward this goal. We would be happy to have you participate in our Entered Apprentice Degree on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fellowcraft Degree on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It has been said that behind every successful man there is a woman. This is especially true for Freemasons. Our relationship with our ladies gives us strength. At **Ladies at the Table** on February 16, you have the opportunity to recognize your Lady with an evening of fun, food (Seven courses prepared by Master Chef Paul Finney of October Kitchen) and toasting to all that women do for us.

Ladies will also enjoy history brought alive to life by Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, the State Archaeologist, who is the speaker at the **Sixth District Blue Lodge Council** meeting on January 31. They and your non-Masonic friends are welcome to attend both the dinner and meeting.

Any fan of UConn Women's Basketball is welcome to join us as we staff the phones at CPTV during a women's game. Check our website or Facebook page for details as the date had not been set at the writing of this Trestleboard.

**WB Steven P, McMahon (1991-2, 2005) is the Worshipful Master Elect of Wolcott Lodge No. 60 of Stafford.** His installation is at 3 PM on Saturday January 8, 2011. Steve has been active in Columbia Lodge, so let's give him our support.

Many of our recently, or about to be, raised brothers have young children. An initiative for 2011 is to both create, and to take advantage of, opportunities for these young families to share fellowship. One opportunity is the **Scottish Rite Valley of Hartford annual family day at the New Britain Rock Cats**. This event is tentatively scheduled for the Friday evening July 9 game against the Binghamton Mets. Our Secretary Walt Grube is the Valley's ambassador to our Lodge. Ask him for details.

Fraternally, Brother Arnie

## Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2011 Officers



WM J. Arnie SW Mike JW Dave Secretary Walt



Treasurer Rich SD Radu JD Brian SS Dave



JS Travis Marshall Eric Chaplain Skip Organist Dave



Tiler George Historian Dave

# CALENDAR

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

- January 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- January 8** Wolcott Lodge No. 60 Officer Installation  
WB Steven P. McMahon WM Elect – 3 PM  
276 Orcutville Road, Stafford, CT
- January 19** Past Masters' Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tux*)  
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*  
*Reservations by Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Dave)*
- January 31** 321st Meeting of the 6th District BL Council  
Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, the State Archaeologist  
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM
- February 2** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)  
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*  
*Reservations by Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Dave)*
- February 16** Ladies at the Table (Lodge opens 6:00 PM)  
Reservations by Feb. 9 (Contact JW Dave)
- March 2** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tux*)  
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*  
*Reservations by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Dave)*
- March 16** Stated Communication/Business Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)
- April 4** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)
- April 20** Awards Night (*Officers Tux*)  
*Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by April 13*

**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 a 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

*William Churchill*  
*WB Robert W. Flint*  
*Gordon L. Miller*  
*Normand F. Roberge*  
*WB Robert A. Sawyer*  
*John A. Waterhouse*

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## Lodge Fundraising Events



The kitchen crew was busy serving those attending the **Pasta Dinner** on September 18, 2010. The Lodge raised over \$900 to partially offset the Lodge's assisting brothers in need.



The **Annual Wine Tasting Festival** on October 2, 2010 was full of fellowship and great tastes in wine and food. The Lodge raised over \$2,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Chef Paul Finney ([www.octoberkitchen.com](http://www.octoberkitchen.com)), center in top left photo, prepared the hors d'oeuvres. Proprietor Craig Witzke ([www.southsidewines.com](http://www.southsidewines.com)), right in the top right photo, coordinated the wine selections for the six tables. Skip House was the event chairman.

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## PAST MASTERS

### OF COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 25

#### Living

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
George H. Bole	1976
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
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  
Reginald Abbott 2002  
(Lafayette #100) 1985, 86, 95  
(Hartford #88) 1990, 91, 92  
William G. Bryce (Manchester #73, PLR) 1994, 99  
Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34) 2007



Three honored with **Emeritus Recognition** for service spanning three decades by **Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & F.M.** At its annual meeting on December 2, the Lodge awarded (from left in the photo) *Treasurer Emeritus* status to Henry L. Killam, *Building Association President Emeritus* to Mario L. Accornero and *Secretary Emeritus* to Robert W. Flint, posthumously (Worshipful Master Jeff Moores holds the plaque which will be given to Bob's wife). Each served the Lodge in his position for over 20 plus years.

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**UConn Women Basketball Support** – We will again go to CPTV in Hartford to man the phones for the Lady Huskies basketball games. RW Rich Beebe is putting together a call and email list to let the brothers know when we are asked to support.

## TRESTLEBOARD

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**January - March 2011**

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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