

# MASTER'S MESSAGE

*Brothers:* As a Fellowcraft we are taught about our wages and become eligible to receive them at the end of this degree. Mathew 20:1-16 teaches us through the parable of the owner of a vineyard that "the last shall be first, and the first shall be last; for many are called, but few chosen." In this parable, laborers were paid their agreed about wages at the end of the day. The first hired grumbled that they received the same as the last hired. The owner pointed out that the first were not harmed by his charity with the last. Similarly, all brothers Fellowcraft are entitled to their wages. You just have to show up to receive them. Through each Trestleboard and call-em-all voice message, many are called, but few choose to come to receive their wages. Do not complain when you are not present to receive your wages while other Fellowcraft come and get theirs.

Being the father of the bride in March for the third time, it was brought home to me the similarity of our fraternity to a family. The sharing of brotherly love is as joyous as sharing the love within a family. My joy in giving my daughter Cym in marriage would not have been as great if I was not present at the wedding. Such joy is the wages of a loving and attendant father. Be a present brother to share the joy of our fraternity. Examine our calendar and resolve to be at many of our events.

## Ladies at Table Photos



Wednesday, March 16, 2011



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, we recognized our Ladies with an evening of fun, food (Seven courses prepared by Master Chef Paul Finney of October Kitchen - [www.octoberkitchen.com](http://www.octoberkitchen.com)) and toasting to all that women do for us.

On March 16, Richard Denno talked with us on the mission of the **Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program**,

which is to increase the number of available donors by increasing the number of Connecticut residents signed up with the donor registry. There are 110,580 people on the National Waiting list, with someone new added to the list every 10 minutes and about 18 people die, every day, waiting, for organ transplants. In Connecticut, there are 1,246 people waiting. Additionally, over 1,000,000 people received donated tissue for transplantation last year. This includes heart valves, skin, soft tissues like tendons for sports injury repair and bone forms for a tremendous variety of uses and procedures. You can help: go to <http://www.donatelifenewengland.org/register.html> to become a donor or to change your donor status.



The **Cookout** on June 15 is both an opportunity to receive wages as a Fellowcraft and to contribute to the **Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program**. The proceeds from the **Cookout** will go to this program. Members or the committee will give a talk on the program.

In April, the Wardens and I will be attending the Grand Lodge Session that will find us at the installation of a new Grand Master. That Grand Master will be joining us in Columbia Lodge on the evening of April 20<sup>th</sup> for our **Annual Awards Night**. This year we have 37 brothers that are due service pins totaling 1,630 years of Masonic service! As a mason currently working on his 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic year, that just blows me away. We have one brother due to receive his 70 year pin. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in October of 1941. Congratulations Brother Miller, I hope you have many more. Dinner reservation forms are included in this mailing, so please return them soon as this event is always well attended.

Our Secretary, Brother Walt, reports that dues payments are proceeding well. Please take a look in your wallet, and if you don't have a current 2011 dues card, you may have inadvertently missed the first notice. Brother Walt inserted a second notice with this Trestleboard to those from whom he has not received a payment or a request for scheduled payments.

In the first quarter of the year, we raised three Master Masons and initiated two Entered Apprentices. We have a busy second quarter coming up, with a Fellowcraft degree scheduled on April 6<sup>th</sup> (at which we should have four Entered Apprentices to advance), a Master Mason degree on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and an Entered Apprentice degree on June 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope to see some of you brothers that don't make it to lodge regularly, coming out and visiting with us and enjoying the Masonic fellowship that is available to you.

Fraternally, Brother Arnie

# CALENDAR

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

**March 29** 322nd Meeting of the 6th District BL Council  
Friendship Tuscan #145/Manchester #73  
Speaker: Charles Billmeyer  
*Jefferson National Expansion Memorial*  
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM



**April 3** Grand Lodge Banquet (Cromwell)  
**April 4** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Cromwell)

**April 6** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tax*)  
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*  
*Reservations by April 4<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Dave)*

**April 20** Awards Night (*Officers Tax*)  
*Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by April 13*

**May 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting

**May 18** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tax*)  
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*  
*Reservations by May 16<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Dave)*

**May 30** Memorial Day Parade 8 AM Assemble-St Paul

**June 1** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tax*)  
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*  
*Reservations by Jan.30<sup>th</sup> (Contact JW Dave)*

**June 15** Cookout (Lodge opens 6:00 PM)  
Proceeds Benefit the *Masonic Organ and Donor Awareness Program*  
*Reservations by June 13 (Contact JW Dave)*

**June 26** Saints John Sunday

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 1** Wine Tasting Festival  
**October 15** Annual Square & Compasses Day Open House

**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  
*Marcus Melvin Hamilton*  
*Ronald J. London*  
*Anthony J. Polydys*  
*Rev. David A. Ripley*

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**Please call an officer to receive or give help!**



## Connecticut Child Identification Program

**We need your help on April 9 and May 15.**



[www.ctchip.org](http://www.ctchip.org)

On Saturday April 9 from 10 AM to 2 PM, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at the East Hartford Pre-school and Kindergarten Fair at East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place. **We need 8-10 brothers to work with the scouts on April 9.**

On Sunday May 15 from from 11:30 AM to 4 PM, we are

conducting a CTCHIP event at the New England Center for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Psychiatry Community Kid's Festival at 530 New London Tpke in Glastonbury. **We need 8-10 brothers to work with the scouts on May 15.**

The childrens' parents will be provided with five means of identification: a DVD video interview, a DVD still photo, fingerprints, a Toothprint bite impression, and a DNA swab as well as a height and weight check. As always, our hope is that there will never be a need to use this identification.

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

CTCHIP has identified over 53,715 children in over 522 events in Connecticut. *All identification is provided free* through donations by Connecticut Freemasons. CT CHIP maintains nine (9) sets of equipment, one for each Masonic District. The Sixth District Equipment is stored in Columbia Lodge. WB Arnie Grot coordinates.



**WM Arnie gave his daughter in marriage to Mark Willke.** One reward of fatherhood is being the father of the bride at your daughter's wedding. WM Arnie had this pleasure on March 19 in Charleston, SC. Cymbeline introduced her father to marathon running in 2003. Together they ran the Boston Marathon in 2005 for the *Children Learning Center*. On the morning of her wedding they ran a 9 mile route, which included the Cooper River Bridge.

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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



**Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & F.M. Brother Raised at Washington Lodge No. 70.** On March 7, 2011, Tim Hilliker (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) traveled with WM Arnie Grot (left) to Windsor where he was conducted and raised a Master Mason by Arnie, who served as Junior Stewart, in a degree with WM Bob Gresham (right) presiding. Brother George Washington, channeled through WB Paul Hendricks (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), gave the second section (a.k.a., Beehive) lecture.

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**CTCHIP Events** – We conducted three CTCHIP events in January and March at Cub Scout Pack Pinewood Derbies. Two additional events are scheduled

on April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join your brothers by volunteering to work at one of these events.

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