

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers:

Time seems to be going by very quickly. We are already wrapping up the first quarter of our year. We had a very successful inspection night in January that saw us initiate a new Brother who was then passed to a Fellowcraft in February. We have conducted three CT Chip events already this year, which were well attended and supported by the Lodge. Our Brother KC Chakravarti was even showcased in the Glastonbury Citizen promoting an upcoming event. Our Ladies at the Table was another great success with a sellout crowd. A big thank you to Brother Paul Finney and all who helped cook and serve that evening to make it such a great night. I want also like to thank all of the Brothers and ladies who came out that evening to this event. We all need to do what we can to support the fundraisers for the lodge.

On a very serious note, our tenant, the church, notified us at the end of last year that they had leased a larger building and would be leaving. This has left a big hole in our Building Association budget. So with that being said, if any Brother of the lodge knows of a suitable tenant for our lodge, please contact either myself or the secretary and we will forward that information along to the trustees. WB Bob Flint's and my contact information can be found on the 2009 Officers page and we have also added our email addresses if you would prefer to contact us that way.

Just a reminder: Lodge dues were to be paid by January 1st, 2009. Any Brother that has not paid his dues, please remit them to Worshipful Brother Flint, so he doesn't have to send you a reminder. We all know that we are in trying financial times and even our lodge took a financial hit with our investments this past year. Something every Brother should consider is a Life Membership in the lodge. The current cost of a Life Membership is 10 times the annual dues plus one year's dues, which would be \$1210 that would begin in 2010. There is also a three year payment plan that would work out to be about \$477 a year for three years. The principal of the Life Membership is placed in Trust with the Trustees and your dues are paid from this fund. You younger Brothers will most likely save money over the years, and for the older Brothers, it is a great way to create a memorial to help the lodge in the future.

We are also planning an informal **Lodge of Instruction** on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 AM. Worshipful Brothers Walt Grube and Gerry Thompson plan to have a little get together of Brothers for coffee and doughnuts and a discussion about masonry. This is intended for some of our younger Brothers to get some of their questions about masonry answered, but any Brother is welcome to attend. The topics for the morning will be about whatever the Brothers that show up

would like to know more about. Depending on how this initial session is received, we may schedule more of them.

We had hoped to work the CPTV telephones for one of the Lady Huskies basketball games, but they were all taken up by the corporate sponsors this year. We did offer our services for another telethon opportunity and are waiting to see when they need us. We will announce it in lodge and via email when we are asked for help.

We will have a very busy May, with our **Awards Night** on May 6th this year. Please return your reservations forms as soon as possible to WB Flint as this is usually a very well attended evening. And with great pleasure, we are hosting the **District Deputy Presentation** on May 9th to honor our incoming District Deputy, Worshipful Brother Anthony Keegan and his Associate Grand Marshall, Worshipful Brother Steven McMahon. I hope everyone marks their calendar and comes out to honor our very deserving Brothers.

I am planning a public program on the evening of June 3rd. We will hold our annual cookout that evening which we will open up to all of our friends and family that would like to join us this evening. I am going to open lodge early, so right after dinner we can start the program. I have arranged for a representative from the Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children to come down and talk about the care that this hospital provides as well as the care available in the other 21 hospitals in the network. This should be a very informative evening, so I hope everyone comes out to see this program.

Lastly, we had so much fun with the Ceilidh that we had last year, we are planning a similar event for this summer. This years event will be open to the ladies and any non-mason that would like to attend and will be an evening of "Bourbon & Bluegrass". We are planning a dinner with some samplings of fine bourbons throughout and then we will retire upstairs for a Bluegrass show. At the time that the trestleboard had to go the printer, we are still finalizing details on the date and band that will play, but tentatively we are planning for sometime in mid to late July. Hope this is something that would be of interest to everyone and that we can support it as fundraiser for the lodge. Keep a lookout for future mailing or email about the particulars.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff

Lodge Cleaning Schedule

Master	January/February
Senior Warden	July /August
Junior Warden	March/September
Senior Deacon	April/October
Junior Deacon	May/November
Marshal	June/ December

CALENDAR

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

- March 31** Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Columbia Lodge #25
Dinner: 6:15 PM (\$10)
(Reservations by Mar 29—call WM)
- April 1** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
EA° Rehearsal if needed
- April 15** Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tux)
Stated Communication
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations by Apr 13—call WM)
- April 25** 6th District CT CHIP Training at Columbia Lodge #25
Coffee & Banana Nut Bread 9:00-11:30 AM
- May 6** Awards Night (Officers Tux)
(Lodge to open at 5:30)
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by April 29
- May 9** District Deputy Presentation (Officers Tux)
Special Communication - 2 PM
(Lodge to open at 1:00 PM)
Refreshments Following
- May 13** FC° Rehearsal if needed 7 PM
- May 16** Lodge of Instruction 9:00 AM
Coffee & Doughnuts
- May 20** Fellowcraft Degree (Officers Tux)
Stated Communication
- May 27** MM° Rehearsal – Tragedy 7:30 PM
- June 3** Cookout & Fellowship (Casual Dress)
Stated Communication Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by June 1 (Contact WM Jeff)
Public Program Following – Shriners Hospitals for Children (Lodge opens at 6 PM)
- June 10** Officers Meeting – 6:30- PM
MM° Rehearsal – First Part 7:30 PM
- June 17** Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)
Stated Communication
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations by June 15—call WM)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July TBD** "Bourbon & Bluegrass" Fundraiser
- July TBD** Picnic with OES at Bayside Cottage in Noank – 11 AM
- September 12** CT CHIP Event at GVAA – 9:30 AM
- October 3** Wine Tasting Night - by ticket only

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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on September 12.



www.ctchip.or

We have been invited by Dave Miller of the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association to present a CTCHIP event at the GVAA Bike/Safety Rodeo on September 12. The event will from 10 AM to 2 PM at the GVAA building at 2112 Main Street. **We need 6 Brothers and friends to work on September 12.**

Volunteers arrive by 9:30 AM. We had a very successful CTCHIP events the last two years at GVAA. A bike safety/rodeo will be offered from 10-11 AM by Bicycles East, a local bike shop in town. The parents or guardians of the children 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.

Attend the Sixth District CTCHIP Training on April 25 from 9:00-11:30 AM at our Lodge and learn about each of the events stations.

CTCHIP has identified over 45,970 children in over 410 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 distribution and supplies.



Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 is conducting CTCHIP events at the **Channel 3 Kids Camp** in Andover on six (6) Wednesdays (9 AM- 1 PM) next summer on these dates: June 24th, July 8th, July 15th, July 29th, August 5th, and

August 12th (tentative). These are high profile events for CTCHIP and the Sixth Masonic District. If you are able to help, please contact Steve Aldi at 860-643-5038.

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 distriss and would welcome help, please contact our Chaplain, Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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
Robert W. Flint	1968, 76, 87
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
Robert A. Sawyer	1985, 95
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
James F. Morin	1990, 94
Laurence E. Atwell	1991, 2005, 06
Steven P. McMahon	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
 Robert F. LeDoux (Friendship #145) 1981
 Anthony F. Keegan, PAGM 6C 1993

(Wylllys-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

Emerson C. Reed, Jr. (Thomas Talbot Lodge, MA) 2004

Burton F. Turner (Somerset-St James #34) 2007

Our Craft at Labor



Columbia Lodge No. 25 Brothers actively labor to benefit our community. A few of our Brothers are shown above at one of our recent CTCHIP Events. If you haven't labored among us or been to one of these events, please check our calendar for training or an event and contact our CTCHIP Coordinator Arnie Grot to volunteer.



Bourbon & Bluegrass

WM Jeff Moores roots stem from his grandfather, Raymond, who was WM of Richmond Lodge No. 25 in Kentucky and Most

Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky. Granddad Ray particularly impressed upon young Jeff the camaraderie at gatherings and that both bourbon and bluegrass, once swallowed or heard, should leave a pleasant afterglow. Come join us on this fine July evening. Watch our web site for details.



We are saddened by the recent loss of

William A. Herlth

Stanley F. Patch

Frederick W. Riggs

Harold S. Rosenthal

James Tsolas

Charles D. Vitale

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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(Phone in Temple)

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

Check web site for latest information!