

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greeting from the East:

It is hard to believe that it is time to write another message for the trestleboard. We have had a very busy year so far and we have a busy end of the year coming up as well.

This past May we had a great time at our DD Presentation and Awards Night with a very fraternal visit from Most Worshipful Arthur Carlstrom. Awards Night saw us present pins totaling 595 years of Masonic service. Later that month I took a trip to Florida and was able to visit four more brothers and their ladies to present additional service pins. Please see the flyer included for a report on that trip as well as the presentation of a 60 year pin to another very deserving brother.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our plans for the **Bourbon and Bluegrass** event. We had difficulty coordinating our distributor, chef and music for the same evening, but we are still working on it for next year. Tentatively, we are thinking about holding it on the first Saturday in May as a Kentucky Derby Party.

We do have a full slate of activities coming up this fall that will include a degree class and we will be holding dinners on the evening of the Entered Apprentice and the Master Mason degrees. We also have our **4th Annual Fall Wine Tasting** for the benefit of our Scholarship Fund coming up on October 3rd. This is always a very enjoyable evening and very well attended, so get your tickets early as it is limited to only 100 people. Contact WB Skip House for tickets at 916-1973 or stop by Southside Wine & Spirits to get your tickets

We are also finalizing details on a bus trip to the **National Heritage Museum**, which has a large collection of Masonic artifacts combined with a stop at the **Saugus Iron Works National Park**. This will be a day trip leaving the lodge about 8 AM and returning in the late afternoon on October 24th. The cost of this trip will be \$35 and should be a very enjoyable day. If you are interested in this trip, please email me at spanmoon@sbcglobal.net or call me at the 614-5474.

In November we are planning a **Ladies Luncheon** at the Gallery Restaurant on November 15th. The cost of this afternoon will be \$25 per person and will start at 1:00 PM. We will have more details on this in Lodge this fall or feel free to call me for reservations and further information.

This coming fall the 2010 dues notices will be sent out and I wanted to remind every brother about the availability of a Life Membership in the Lodge. For 10 times the dues plus the current year's dues, the secretary will hand you a dues card

every year hereafter. The current cost of a Life Membership is \$1210. As I said in my last trestleboard, for you younger brothers, it will most likely save you 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. Please remember that Lodge dues are due on January 1st of the coming year. We will be discussing in Lodge this fall a \$15-20 processing fee being added for any dues not paid by January 31st. Late dues create a lot of extra work for the secretary. *If any brother is having financial difficulty, please contact the secretary, so we can see how best to help.*

Lastly, Brother Mario has asked that if any brother has an extra wheelchair, he needs a couple for the lodge when we have events. If any brother of the lodge can help with this, feel free to contact either myself or our Secretary, Brother Bob Flint.

Hope to see you brothers in Lodge this fall.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff

Bus Trip to National Heritage Museum & Saugas Iron Works

This will be a day trip leaving the lodge about 8 AM and returning in the late afternoon on October 24th. **The National Heritage Museum** boasts one of the country's finest collections of material and artifacts related to the history of American Freemasonry and fraternalism. The Museum also collects decorative arts, documents, artifacts, photographs and fine art related to American history—with particular attention to material related to Lexington around the time of the American Revolution.

The **Saugus Iron Works** blast furnace, forge, rolling mill, warehouse, and dock area are all reconstructed on original sites and are based upon extensive archeological excavations done between 1948 and 1953.

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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.

CALENDAR

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

- September 2** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 9** EA° Rehearsal – 7 PM
- September 16** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tax*)
Stated Communication
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations by Sept 14—call WM)
- September 30** Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Composite #28 Lodge - Suffield
Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$12)
- October 3** 4th Annual Wine Tasting – by ticket only (\$30)
Contact Skip House at 860-916-1973
- October 7** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- October 14** FC° Rehearsal – 7:00 PM
- October 17** Grand Lodge Semi-Annual
Ashlar Village - Wallingford, CT - 9 AM
- October 21** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tax*)
Stated Communication
- October 24** Bus Trip to National Heritage Museum & Saugas Iron Works (\$35)
(*Contact WM Jeff Moores at 860-614-5474*)
- October 28** MM° Rehearsal – First Part 7:00 PM
- November 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 11** MM° Rehearsal – Tragedy 7:00 PM
- November 15** Ladies Luncheon 1:00 PM (\$25)
Gallery Restaurant (Reservations by 11/12—call WM)
- November 18** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tax*)
Stated Communication
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations by Nov 16—call WM)
- November 30** Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Location TBA
Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$TBA)
- December 2** Annual Meeting (*Lodge & Building Assoc.*)
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations by Nov 30—call WM)
- December 12** Installation Night (*Officers Tax*) 7:30 PM
Refreshments will be served afterwards
- December 16** Stated Communication/Business Meeting

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

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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.org

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.

Our Craft at Labor



Columbia Lodge No. 25 hosted the presentation of Lodge Brothers Tony Keegan and Steve McMahon as District Deputy and Associate Grand Marshall for Masonic District 6A on Saturday May 9, 2009.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Durand G. Fuller
Harold Martin Neumuth
David K. Rines



June 3 Lodge Cookout

No Columbia Lodge Brother ever needs to walk over hot coals to get into Lodge. A Brother to vouch for you or a current dues card will do.

PAST MASTERS

OF COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 25

Living

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| 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

Columbia Lodge #25 AF&AM

Scholarship Benefit Wine Tasting

Sat. October 3, 2009
 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 895 Main Street
 South Glastonbury

Wines by South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe

Donation \$30.00 Advance ticket sales only: limited to 100
 Tickets available at South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe,
 1 Water Street, South Glastonbury
 Or by contacting Skip House at 860-916-1973
 For more information visit: www.columbialodge25.org

Lodge Cleaning Schedule

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

TRESTLEBOARD

COLUMBIA LODGE No. 25 A.F. & A.M.

895 MAIN STREET
 S. GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



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Working together to benefit all

September - December 2009
 STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM
 TEL. 860-633-9698
 (Phone in Temple)

<http://www.columbialodge25.org/>
 Check web site for latest information!