

MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brothers:

I thank you for your vote of confidence in electing and installing me as Master of Columbia Lodge #25 for 2008. I pledge to do my best to merit that confidence.

I take great pleasure in joining WB Henry Killam as a third generation master of this lodge. My roots go back in both Daskam and Columbia lodges. My grandfather Louis O. House Jr was master of Daskam Lodge in 1935 and served for more than 25 years as its Secretary. Dad, Louis O. House III, was master of Daskam Lodge in 1956 and served many years as a trustee. My maternal grandfather, Perrin B. Allen was a member of Columbia Lodge. Thus it seemed only appropriate to affiliate with this lodge when I returned to Connecticut from my 28 year sojourn in the woods of Maine.

I have scheduled the repeat this quarter of a popular event from last year: the **Ladies at Table**. I expect that we will "sell out" the Ladies at Table, so get your reservation in early with the Junior Warden for that evening.

Unfortunately, WB Rich Beebe discovered that corporate sponsors grabbed all CPTV/UCONN Lady Huskies telethon dates, so we will not be able to participate in a telethon this year. Rich vows to call earlier next year.

I am going to try to help the "Kitchen Crew" out this year with more accurate head counts for dinners. All reservations are to be made with the Junior Warden, Jeff Moores by calling his cell phone: 860-614-5474 and leaving a message if he does not happen to be available when you call. Reservations should be made by Sunday evening preceding the dinner, but please call after that if you have a last minute change in plans.

Brothers, you may still show up for a dinner without being on Bro. Jeff's list, but you will pay exactly TWICE the regular price for the meal. I'm asking our chef of the evening to plan for no more than five extra places. We are not being good stewards of lodge funds or food when we have to guess how many will be attending a dinner. There is no reason that we should lose money on any meal.

While I'm on the subject of funds, please consider what you would pay for equivalent refreshments at a commercial establishment when you contribute to the basket on the refreshment table.

The Wardens and I have discussed dropping the summer picnic from the schedule this year and making our last stated meeting in June a bigger affair. I am also planning to separate our widows program from our ladies night and hold them as different events in the fall. I will be looking for your input for these ideas as well as the two big projects I outlined in the last trestle board at our first meeting in January.

Columbia Lodge is fortunate to have a great line of first time officers for 2008. Past masters are occupying only the master's, treasurer's, secretary's and tiler's chairs this year. Since we also have a number of newly raised brothers who are also good

candidates for chairs in the line, the wardens and I are establishing an informal "Stewards Corps" who will sit adjacent to the stewards and be ready to fill in for them should occasion arise. I will give them the opportunity to perform smaller parts in our degree work. Bro. Rick Wilson is the first appointee to the corps. I am looking for additional volunteers.

I am asking the corps, as well as the Stewards, to learn portions of the second and third lectures in the EA degree. I am planning to have those lectures regularly portrayed in place of rehearsing the first lecture for the newly admitted brothers.

You will notice that I have scheduled a couple of rehearsals to follow a business meeting and a program during the first quarter. This is an intentional attempt to reduce the number of nights out for our "younger" officers. In no way do we wish them to neglect their professional, family, religious or social obligations. There will be a short break between to closing of lodge and the start of the rehearsals to get the refreshments started. Any brother is welcome to sit in on the rehearsal and help wean me from too much Grand Lodge of Maine ritual.

Fraternally, Skip House

Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2008 Officers.



WM Skip SW Pete JW Jeff Secretary Bob



Treasurer Henry SD Monty JD Mike SS David



JS Dan Marshall Radu Chaplain Gerry Organist Dave



Tiler Reg Historian Jon

CALENDAR

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

- January 2** Stated Communication/Business 2008 plans & MM degree rehearsal (first section)
- January 9** MM Rehearsal (Tragedy section) 7:30 PM
- January 16** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tax)**
Inspection Night
Stated Communication
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations by Jan 13-call JW)
- January 19** **CT CHIP Event at Pack 61's Pinewood Derby**
11:30 AM-4:30PM – Hebron Avenue School
- January 26** **CT CHIP Event at Pack 158's Pinewood Derby**
11:30 AM-4:30PM – South Congregational Church EH
- January 30** EA Rehearsal 7:30 PM
- January 31** **Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$10)
- February 6** **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Feb 3 (Contact JW Jeff)
- February 20** **Ladies at the Table** (6:30 PM)
Stated Communication (*Lodge Opens at 6 PM*)
Reservations by Feb 17 (Contact JW Jeff)
- March 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Boat Delivery up the East Coast
a slide talk by WB Skip
followed by FC degree rehearsal
- March 19** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication Stated

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 6** Grand Lodge Banquet (Farmington)
- April 7** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Farmington)
- May 21** **Awards Night (Officers Tax)**
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 15

Lodge Cleaning Schedule Duties

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

2008 OFFICERS

- LOUIS O. HOUSE IV, PM** (Jane) Worshipful Master
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Wethersfield, CT 06109
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West Hartford, CT 06107
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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on January 19 and 26.



www.ctchip.org

On January 19, are conducting a CTCHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 61's Pinewood Derby at South Congregational Church at 1301 Forbes Street in East Hartford. **We need 10 brothers to work with the scouts on January 19.**

On January 26, are conducting a CTCHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 158's Pinewood Derby at Hebron Avenue School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. **We need 10 brothers to work with the scouts on January 26.**

The scouts and their siblings 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 38,186 children in over 340 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.



The Sixth District conducted 15 CTCHIP events in 2007, the most by any one district. CTCHIP State Operations Committee member, Arnie Grot, presented a certificate in recognition of this achievement to all Sixth District brothers, who had worked at a CTCHIP event in 2007 and who were attending their November 29, 2007 Blue Lodge meeting. Bard Teigen, Area Coordinator Chairman in the Sixth District, accepts the certificate for the Sixth District. **Columbia Lodge No. 25 conducted 4 events in 2007; the most by any one Sixth District Lodge.**

PAST MASTERS

OF COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 25

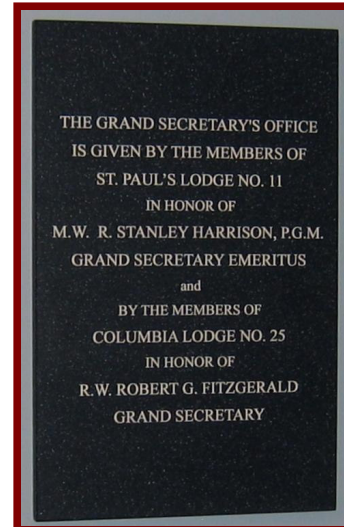
Living

Leon W. Turner, PDD 6S 1959	1950
Mario L. Accornero	1958, 95
James W. Bain	1961, 86
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
George N. Seely	1973, 84
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
Lorne D. Pulcifer	1983
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, 2006
Paul F. Blake	1999, 2003
Gilbert E. Wishart	1999

Earl S. Evans	2000, 01
Peter J. Hunt, PDD 6C 2002	2000
Reginald Abbott	2002
Donald A. Wills, DL 2006	2004
Louis O. House IV	2008
Robert F. LeDoux (Friendship #145)	1981
Anthony F. Keegan, PAGM 6C 1993	
(Wyllys-St. John's No. 4)	1982
Reginald Abbott (Lafayette #100)	1985, 86, 95
(Hartford #88)	1990, 91, 92
Louis O. House IV (Mosaic #52, ME)	1986
William G. Bryce (Manchester #73, PLR)	1994, 99



Columbia Lodge No. 25 of South Glastonbury has staffed the finish line for the *Santa's Run* every year since 1989. Pictured at the finish line for the 2007 *Santa's Run* on Sunday, December 2, are from left: Flint, Pete Gambardella, Mario Accornero, Herb Grommeck, Steve McMahon, Paul Finney, Walt Grube, David Wills, Rick Wilson, Mike Hudson, Jeff Moores, Rich Beebe (Master of the Lodge), Skip House, Tony Keegan, Henry Killam and Lloyd Wood.. The photo was taken by Arnie Grot, PM, who ran the race in 27:38.



R.W. Robert G. Fitzgerald reports that being brought from darkness to light in the Grand Secretary's Office is simply a matter of waving his hands, when, while laboring on long communications on his laptop, the motion sensors periodically switch off the lights.

TRESTLEBOARD

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

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January - March 2008

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

TEL. 860-633-9698

(Phone in Temple)

We are updating the web site to a new look
<http://www.columbialodge25.org/>
Check web site for latest information!