

MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brothers:

This year is passing quickly. The first quarter is already laid up among the records of the lodge. The lodge had a successful inspection by our District Deputy, Bro. Melvin E. Johnson during which we raised Bro. Brian Berk. February saw us initiate a new brother and conduct our second "Ladies at Table" with 72 brothers and their guests participating. March saw us initiating two more brothers.

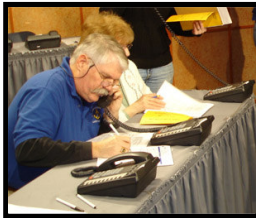


Our kitchen crew has been working overtime this winter, serving four dinners to the delight of the brothers attending. On behalf of the lodge, I express our thanks to this hard working crew who add so much to our meetings. I also want to remind you all to make your reservations with our Junior Warden, Jeff Moores at least a couple of days in advance of each dinner.



Interspersed with our stated meetings the brothers of the lodge conducted three CHIP events with help of Boy Scout Troops 61 (EH) and 156 (Glastonbury). Pack 158's dental hygienist, Izabella Pulvermacher (photo at left)

says of working with the Freemasons, "Giving back to the community is a nice feeling." We tried to schedule a repeat of last year's afternoon of helping CPTV by taking phone pledges during a UCONN women's basketball game, but were told that all the dates had been reserved. A last minute opening occurred in January, however, so we rallied the ladies of Good Intent Chapter #17 OES and again manned all the phones for another successful fund raiser for public television and radio.



We plan to conduct a Fellowcraft degree on April 16th and a Master Mason degree on May 7th. Our annual awards night is scheduled for May 21st with the Grand Master planning to attend. I have tentatively scheduled another Entered Apprentice degree for June 4th as we have had a couple more inquiries from men expressing interest in becoming Masons. Our final meeting prior to going dark for the summer will be a cookout and evening of fellowship at the lodge with a very brief business meeting on June 18th.

The BIG event for this spring will be held on Saturday, May



The Anah Highlander Degree Team marches to the beat of a different drummer

31st. My fellow nobles of the Anah Temple Highlanders will be visiting our lodge that day to exemplify the Master Mason degree using the Maine ritual on a candidate from Maine who is

planning to become a Highlander. I can tell you with no little pride that this degree team is noted for its outstanding ritual work in full highland dress.

Lodge will open at 3:00 PM for the degree, following which the Highlanders will be performing a concert outside while we setup for a "dining in" (like a table lodge, but un-tiled). Instead of the usual wine toasts we will learn about and sample five Scotch Whiskeys throughout the course of the meal. Following the meal, we will be treated to a concert by renowned Irish fiddler PV O'Donnell and friends.



Irish fiddler O'Donnell
www.pvodonnell.com

This promises to be popular and most memorable afternoon and evening. Seating is strictly limited so admission will be by ticket only. Tickets covering the entire event are \$75 and must be purchased in advance from Jeff Moores. Call Jeff at 860-614-5474 to reserve your ticket, which must be paid for by May 15th. See the included flyer for more details. I suggest you get your reservation in early as this event is likely to sell out.

Fraternally, Skip House



We are saddened by the recent loss of

James W. Bain, PM
Stephen C. Callahan
Henry Hallas
Roland W. 'Bill' Labroke
Edward Nordstrom
George N. "Fuzzy" Seely, PM

CALENDAR

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

- April 2** Stated Communication/Business/Discussion and Vote on GL items & FC° rehearsal
- April 6** Grand Lodge Banquet (Farmington)
- April 7** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Farmington)
- April 16** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication
- April 23** MM Rehearsal (Tragedy section) 7:30 PM
- April 24** CTCHIP Event at Webb Elementary School
- April 26** Red Cross Blood Drive (8 AM-1 PM)
- April 30** MM Rehearsal (First section) 7:30 PM
- May 7** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by May 5th (Contact JW Jeff)
- May 17** **Quality of Life Walk – Great River Park 10 AM**
- May 21** **Awards Night (Officers Tux)**
Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 14
- May 31** **Anah Highlanders MM° Ceilidh (3:00 PM)**
"Dining in" with five Scotch Whiskeys followed by Irish Fiddler Concert (\$75)
Reservations paid by May 15th (Contact JW Jeff)
- June 4** **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by June 5th (Contact JW Jeff)
- June 18** **Cookout & Fellowship (Casual Dress)**
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by June 16th (Contact JW Jeff)
- June 22** **Saint Johns Sunday Worship Service**
Meet at Lodge Parking Lot at 9:00 AM
South Congregational Church (9:30 AM)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July TBD** Picnic with OES at Bayside Cottage in Noank – 11 AM
- October 4** **Wine Tasting Night - by ticket only**
- October 11-13** **Down East (Maine) Taisdeal (Journey)**
- October 18** **Ladies Night (6:30 PM until you drop!) Hartford Club in Hartford**

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

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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on April 24.



www.ctchip.org

On April 24 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, we are conducting a CTCHIP event at Webb Elementary School in Wethersfield. The school principle requested the event and asked the PTO to help. **We need 5 brothers to work with volunteers from the PTO and Silas Deane Lodge No. 147.**

The students will be allowed time from their classes and those with parental promission 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 38,612 children in over 342 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.



Columbia Lodge No. 25 has conducted 3 CTCHIP events in 2008; the most by any one Sixth District Lodge. At Pack 158's Pinewood Derby at Hebron Avenue School on January 26, 2008, boys of Troop 156 and the Edward Slate Chapter of DeMolay teamed up at the DVD station (see above photo). Also in January, Columbia Lodge teamed with Troop 61 at a CTCHIP event at Pack 61's Pinewood Derby in East Hartford. On March 1, we were assisted by Troop 156 at Pack 356's Pinewood Derby at Nayuag Elementary School.

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 |
| 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, 06 |
| Paul F. Blake | 1999, 2003 |
| Gilbert E. Wishart | 1999 |
| Earl S. Evans | 2000, 01 |
| Peter J. Hunt, PDD 6C 2002 | 2000 |

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| Reginald Abbott | 2002 |
| Donald A. Wills, DL 2006 | 2004 |
| Louis O. House IV (Mosaic #52, ME 1986) | 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 |
| William G. Bryce (Manchester #73, PLR) | 1994, 99 |
| Emerson C. Reed, Jr. (Thomas Talbot Lodge, MA) | 2004 |



RW Donald W. Dean (left), Grand Junior Steward, presented 50 year award to Brother John W. Symonds (right) on Sunday February 17. Brother Symonds was raised on June 11, 1958 in Orient Lodge No. 62. Brother John's proud son, WB Preston F. Symonds, Past Master (1996) of Friendship Tuscan Lodge 145, is in the center. The presentation was made at Brother John's residence in Kimberly Hall in Windsor, CT.



and Secretary/Treasurer. Mike Hudson (second from right) was nominated, elected and installed as Vice President. At right, Fred Schmalz stands ready to begin his term as President.

It was appropriate that Columbia Lodge hosted this 308th meeting of the Sixth District Blue Lodge Council as 3 of the 4 officers are members of our Lodge. Brother Mike is the only 2008 Sixth District BLC officer who has yet to serve his lodge as Master.

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April - June 2008

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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(Phone in Temple)

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

Check web site for latest information!