

MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brothers: I must apologize for this trestle board being very late. Time, as you know, seems to go faster each year. That tendency was suddenly reversed in July however when Jane and I learned that our daughter Abbey had a tumor in her chest. It was nearly six weeks before we learned that it was diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, which to our relief is a very treatable form of cancer, especially for one of her relatively young age. She began her regimen of chemotherapy and is doing well now that she knows what it is and what to expect. We anticipate that she will be fully recovered six months from now.



The Anah Highlander Degree Team

Our Ceilidh this past May was fantastic success in all ways except one. Thanks to the hard work of many brothers, especially our kitchen crew, the afternoon and evening went off without a hitch.

Brothers continue to remark to me about the quality of the Anah Temple Highlander's degree work and concert, the banquet and fine Scotch Whisky tasting and the wonderful concert by P.V. O'Donnell and friends. My brothers from Maine tell me that it



was "a historic event and quite possibly the highlight of their Masonic careers!" Their bus was spotted on Sunday morning at the liquor store in New Hampshire cleaning out the supply of The Glenlivet's best whisky.



Irish fiddler O'Donnell

The only downside of the event was our failure to cover all our expenses. This shortcoming and the sparse initial commitment to my planned trip to Maine in light of its likely cost, lead me to cancel that planned event.

Despite cutting out that trip, we still have a full slate of activities this fall, starting with our third Fall Wine Tasting and our third Ladies Night at the Hartford Club. See the enclosed fliers for the details of those events. Brothers, I earnestly solicit your support of these two events as well as our regular meetings listed elsewhere in this trestle board.

Too soon, my year as Master of Columbia Lodge #25 will be over. I want you to know that it has been my privilege to serve you over the last three years and that I have every intention to continue to actively participate in the activities of this great lodge.

Fraternally, Skip House

Junior Deacon Mike Hudson and his wife Amy welcomed daughter Kira Grace into their lives at 3:51 AM on August 27th. Below, proud dad and delighted daughter enjoy getting to know each other.



We are saddened by the recent loss of

- Donald C. Burney
- Thornton Lee Carlough
- Raymond H. Chapman, Jr.
- Jasper N. Elder II
- Richard K. Libby
- Lorne D. Purcifer, PM
- Allen H. Pike, Jr.
- Daniel W. Savage



Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M.
Annual Ladies Night Dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2008 6:30 p.m.
The Hartford Club

We look forward to your response by October 5, 2008
\$75.00 per person
Persons attending

1. _____
2. _____

(Please make checks payable to Monty Fitzpatrick)

If you want to bring your lady to our Annual Ladies Night Dinner and do not receive an invitation, which will be mailed in mid September, please call Monty at 860-604-0985 to make your reservation.

CALENDAR

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

- September 3** Stated Communication & EA° Rehearsal
- September 17** Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Sept. 15th (Contact JW Jeff)
- September 27** CTCHIP Event at GVAA
2112 Main Street 10AM- 2 PM
- September 30** Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting
Manchester Lodge No. 73
Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$10)
- October 1** Stated Communication & FC° Rehearsal
Program: *Mission Trips*
- October 4** 2009 Masters Seminar, Ashlar Village, 8 AM
- October 4** **Wine Tasting Night - by ticket only**
- October 5** Dyslexia Awareness Walk – Waterbury-Noon
- October 15** Fellowcraft Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication
- October 17** Serve OES Dinner (6 PM)
- October 18** **Ladies Night (6:30 PM until you drop!)**
Hartford Club in Hartford
- October 18** Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communications
Hartog Center of Ashlar Village – 9 AM
- November 5** Stated Communication & MM° Rehearsal
- November 8** Wardens for 2009 Seminar, Ashlar Village
Registration and Fraternity 8:00 a.m.
- November 12** MM Rehearsal (Tragedy section) 7:30 PM
- November 19** Master Mason Degree (*Officers Tux*)
Stated Communication *Dinner 6:30 PM*
Reservations by Nov. 17th (Contact JW Jeff)
- November 23** **Worship Service at MHC (3 PM)**
- December 3** **Annual Meeting (Lodge & Building Assoc.)**
- December 6** **Installation Night (Officers Tux) 7:30 PM**
Refreshments will be served afterwards
- December 17** Stated Communication
- December 23** Blood Drive (afternoon - times to be posted)

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 September 27.



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 27. The event will from 10 AM to 2 PM at the GVAA building at 2112 Main Street. Boy Scouts from Troop 156 will staff the DVD station. *We need 6 brothers and friends to work on September 27.*

We had a very successful CTCHIP event last year at GVAA on Sept 15, 2007. This year a bike safety/rodeo will be offered from 10-11 AM by Bicycles East, a local bike shop in town. Volunteers arrive by 9:30 AM. 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.



Columbia Lodge No. 25 has already conducted 4 CTCHIP events in 2008. Above Brother K.C., DDS, takes a child's bite impression on March 1st at Pack 356's Pinewood Derby at Nayuag Elementary School.

CTCHIP has identified over 40,000 children in over 350 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.

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
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

Awards Night – May 21, 2008



Fifty Year Service Pin recipients and their ladies with MWGM Robert Stika. From the left, above, are Marge and Bob Noble, Carol, Ed Ruff and daughter Elaine Gembela, MWGM Bob Stika, and Myrtle and Win Jensen.

At right, Fred Moutrie of Salisbury, MD proudly wears his 50-year service pin that he received from the Grand Lodge



of CT.



At left, WB Bill Bryce is pinned, at our June Cookout, with his 55 year service pin by his wife Roberta. WB Paul Blake, who was master when Bill was affiliated with Columbia Lodge, is in the background.

Community Award recipient Carol Ruff, fourth from left and her family enjoy the dinner which preceded the Awards Night festivities.



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September - December 2008

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!