

# MASTER'S MESSAGE

## Brethren:

I am thankful for the opportunity to lead Columbia Lodge through the next year. I hope to carry on things that have been positive experiences for the lodge and to try to find new ways to help. There is a great enthusiasm at work here, and I think that M.W.G.M. Chuck Fowler's admonition to "Make Masonry Meaningful" is being put to good use at Columbia Lodge.

I ask each member of Columbia to find a way to be an active participant in the work of the lodge. There are many ways in which you can be involved. Volunteers are needed to work on committees for planning and carrying out events, both in the lodge and in the community. We want to be more of an active participant in community affairs, and we need help beyond the officers alone. Those who can't be physically present could coordinate events by phone or e-mail.

I want to set up ways to communicate with our members beyond the trestleboard. We live in a flexible world, and if plans change after the trestleboard goes out, an announcement in lodge only reaches the 20 or 30 brothers in attendance. I fervently ask all brothers who have e-mail addresses to send those to [[web@columbialodge25.org](mailto:web@columbialodge25.org)]. These are for our own use only and will NOT be shared. I would like to set up a telephone tree for those brothers who do not use e-mail. This will be a huge undertaking, and will require the help of many brothers. Ideally, if each person on the telephone tree had a few persons to call, and each of those persons could call a few more, we could communicate personally with those brothers in the area on a more regular basis. This would allow Columbia Lodge to keep better track of how each of us are doing and allow us to be informed of any special circumstances which might need attention.

We recently voted to form a Scholarship Fund to award an educational grant to a worthy local student, hopefully each year. This will require a committee to formulate operating procedures and will require regular fund-raising efforts if it is to continue. Many volunteers will be needed here.

We want to staff the telephones at CPTV for a UConn women's basketball game, perhaps in February. We need a minimum of thirty people to do this, although forty would be better. I need to have volunteers right away, or we will not be allowed to schedule this event. It might be possible to double up with another lodge, but it would be nice to fill the seats ourselves. Spouses and family members would be very welcome. Columbia Lodge would not realize any funds from this event, but it would provide tremendous exposure by being mentioned during every television break, and should be lots of fun. CPTV provides on-site parking, training and refreshments. They are located on Asylum Avenue near Woodland Street in Hartford.

Please try to attend the meetings and programs when possible. If anyone would ever like transportation to and from lodge, call me, or any officer, and we will arrange a ride for you.

Fraternally, Rich Beebe



**Columbia Lodge No. 25's 2007 Officers.** From the left, are: David Söderberg (Organist), Jack Ranney (Historian), Henry Killam (Treasurer), Skip House (Senior Warden), Will House (Junior Steward), Rich Beebe (Master of the Lodge, seated), Jerry Thompson (Chaplain, top), Jeff Moores (Senior Deacon), Peter Gambardella (Junior Warden), Mike Hudson (Senior Steward), Larry Atwell (Tyler) and Bob Flint (Secretary). *Assistant Secretary, Junior Deacon and Marshal are not pictured.*

## The Four Most Common Investment Myths

January 3, 2007 Program

John Porriello will explain the truth behind four most common investment myths. He will also explain how you can employ Nobel-Prize winning investment theory to create a portfolio that does not utilize the four most common speculative methods. The end goal is to have a long-term investment plan that creates peace of mind as well as attain market rates of return in all markets that you are invested.

John Porriello began his career as an aspiring business school student from the University of Connecticut. Phoenix Mutual recognized this young talent and he became a member of their team in 1986, a year before he received his degree as a double major in Finance and Marketing. In 1995, John branched out to create Lifeline Financial. Lifeline Financial, LLC is an independent Registered Investment Advisory firm dedicated to providing unique financial strategies based on academic research and sound economic principals. In his practice, John is dedicated to helping clients achieve financial peace of mind. He enjoys the process of educating clients on the myths and truths of the investment world and how to financially engineer solutions to maximize results. John's passion and love for investing is mirrored in his personal life. John lives in Wethersfield with his, wife Janet, and his children, Olivia and Joseph.



We are saddened by the recent loss of  
*Hazen A. Calhoun*  
*Atwood L. Hall*

# CALENDAR

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

- January 3** Stated Communication  
Business Meeting/*Semi-Public Program at 8 PM*  
*The Four Most Common Investment Myths* -  
John Porriello
- January 10** EA Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 17** **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tux)**  
**Inspection Night**  
Stated Communication – **Roast Pork Dinner**  
Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations—call Junior Warden)
- January 27** **CT CHIP Event at Pack 158's Pinewood Derby**  
11:30 AM-4:30PM – Hebron Avenue School
- January 30** **Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting**  
Composite Lodge No. 128  
150 Bridge Street, Suffield, CT  
Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$10)
- February 7** Stated Communication  
Business Meeting/*Semi-Public Program at 8 PM*  
*Rebuilding Public Works in Iraq*
- February 10** Ritual Seminar (*Open to All*)  
Masonic Temple, New Haven 9 AM- Noon
- February 14** Rehearsal for Ladies at the Table
- February 21** **Ladies at the Table** (6:30 PM)  
Stated Communication (*Lodge Opens at 6 PM*)
- February 28** FC Rehearsal 7 PM
- March 7** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tux)**  
Stated Communication
- March 21** Stated Communication/Business Meeting  
*Semi-Public Program at 8 PM*  
*Glastonbury Firefighters* – Pete Cowles

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 25** Grand Lodge Banquet (Farmington)
- March 26** Grand Lodge Annual Meeting (Farmington)
- May 16** **Awards Night (Officers Tux)**  
*Dinner 6:30 PM Reservations by May 10*
- May 19** **Quality of Life Walk** (Great River Park–10 AM)

## Eighty Years of Glastonbury Firefighters

March 21, 2007 Program

In 1927, Fire House No. 2 of South Glastonbury and Fire House No. 1 to the north comprised the nucleus of a new organized volunteer fire department in town. Pete Cowles, Deputy Fire Chief will tell the stories of our Lodge's good neighbors and bring to life the past 80 years of Glastonbury Firefighters.

# 2007 OFFICERS

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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

## Rebuilding Public Works in Iraq

February 7, 2007 Program



As the Public Works Director for the City of Waterbury, John Lawlor is accustomed to answering challenges with his city's Public Works team. As a Civil Affairs officer in the Army Reserve, while his call-up was not unexpected, he anticipated that Iraq would be different than the places he had served before. He expected unique challenges for the

team he would assemble. John's presentation conveys his experience as Public Works Team Chief for the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion of 1st Infantry Division, responsible for essential services in the North-Central (Tikrit) region of Iraq, which includes the area known as the Sunni Triangle.

John Lawlor is a native of Waterbury, CT. As a CT Freemason, he served as Master of Harmony Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M. in 2002. John is the Director of Public Works for the City of Waterbury.

Lieutenant Colonel John Lawlor was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1987. He served as Aide-de-Camp to the NATO Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Operations. He also served as a member of the military staff committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5-Global as a Military Assistant to the US Ambassador to the United Nations. LTC Lawlor's awards include the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is a graduate of the Airborne, Air Assault, and Nuclear Biological and Chemical Warfare courses.

### Quality of Life Walk

The Masonic *Quality of Life Walk* will take place at 10 AM on **Saturday, May 19, 2007** at Great River Park in East Hartford. All proceeds from the Walk will be used to benefit Masonic's Quality of Life Funds. The Quality of Life Funds provide for the greatest needs of residents and patients when no other funding source is available. Participants can choose to walk ½ mile, one mile or three miles, which will encourage individuals of all ages to take part in this major Masonic fundraiser. There is a minimum walker registration fee of \$25.00, which includes a donation to the Quality of Life Fund of your choice, a specially designed walk T-shirt, and a light breakfast and light lunch. *Our goal is to have at least 25 walkers from Columbia Lodge #25.*

**Contact Pete Gambardella (633-2970) to sign up.**

## PAST MASTERS

OF COLUMBIA LODGE NO. 25

*Living*

Leon W. Turner, PDD 6S 1959	1950
Russell E. Vincent	1952
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 A. 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
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
William S. Edge Jr. (Van Courtlandt #1034, NY)	1952
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 2006 *Santa's Run* on Sunday, December 3, are from left: John Heacock, Gerry Thompson, Rich Beebe, Tony Keegan, Walt Grube, Henry Killiam (under the hat behind Walt's left shoulder), Peter Hunt, Harold Waters, Mike Hudson, Herb Grommeck, Peter Gambardella, Jon Tufano, David Wills, Don Wills, Steve McMahon, Jeff Moores, Bob Flint, Lloyd Wood and Mario Accornero.. The photo was taken by Arnie Grot, PM, who ran the race in 29:00.

### Lodge Areas of Responsibility

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### Charter Oak Chapter

For more information  
 contact Mike Hudson  
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## TRESTLEBOARD

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

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**January - March 2007**

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

TEL. 860-633-9698

(Phone in Temple)

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 Please use the .net for the old web site  
<http://www.columbialodge25.net/>  
**Check web site for latest information!**