

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

Our 214th year is off to a rousing start, and as you receive this Trestleboard, 5 new brothers are in the process of becoming master masons in Columbia Lodge. If you haven't met them yet, I encourage you to do so. We brought 37 volunteers to CPTV on Feb. 17, and nearly \$24,000.00 was raised on our watch. Plus the UConn women's basketball team defeat Pittsburgh. The **Ladies at the Table** night was well received and my thanks go out to S.W. Skip House for composing the program as well as Paul Finney for running the kitchen. Both of these events will be repeated next year.

Fewer volunteers than needed came to the CHIP event on Jan. 27 at the Cub Scout Pack 158 Pinewood Derby. Many thanks to Arnie Grot, Mike Hudson and our DeMolay boys, who worked feverishly to make it a success. Arnie's daughter came to take photos and stayed to work as an interviewer. Let's not let this happen again. Please come out to help at scheduled events whenever you can. This brings me to my topic for this Trestleboard: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteerism will make or break any event. Confucius is reputed to have said, "*Many hands make light work*". It also makes the task more fun than work, enabling all to share in camaraderie with their brothers, and gives the public the best impression of Masonry and Columbia Lodge.

As you read this, please think of ways you would like to contribute to your Lodge by giving of your time. You could be a committee member, work at a scheduled event, give a brother a ride to and from a meeting, serve at or clean up after a dinner, or drum up support for a project such as the Masonic **Quality of Life Walk** on May 19th. (See article on back of the Awards Night flyer) I am sure everyone is familiar with the Masonic facilities and the great work they do. This fund raiser is taking place literally in our backyard, and Columbia Lodge brothers should take an active part in seeking out people to make it a great success.

The same dedicated brothers have been doing our degree work for years, and it seems that we are only too happy to let them do it every time. Please offer to learn one or more parts, so that we could have a list to choose from and backups in place for each part. **Note the FC° on 5/2 and MM° on 6/4.**

Many brothers have been sporting the new **Columbia Lodge shirts**. You may have seen them on the CPTV telethon. These are a royal blue "sport" shirt with a collar and the logo over a pocket. (See picture in this Trestleboard) They make a statement when we are in public, and may open a conversation about Masonry, which many still think of as a "secret" society. Call or email me *before April 9th* to order yours. The cost, dependent on shirt size and the size of our order, will be between \$25-30 per shirt, payable on delivery.

SW Skip House will preside over a **Master Mason degree** on April 18th, while Abbie and I are vacationing in Florida.

Please support him by attending and/or participating. WB Steve McMahon will prepare a roast beef dinner before the meeting, and will need servers and cleanup help. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact JW Peter Gambardella to make a reservation by Sunday, April 15. Come out to meet our newest Brother Master Masons.

A "**Meet the Mason**" evening will be held on Friday, April 27 at 6:00 PM. Brothers and their ladies are invited to enjoy dinner and discussion with prospective new masons and their ladies. If you know of a man whom you would like to recommend, contact VW Don Wills at 528-8920.

May 16th is the date for our annual **Awards Night**. M.W. Brother William L. Greene will attend with his wife, Sandie. M.W. Brother Bill will present our 50 year pin(s). See enclosed flyer.

A "**Lodge of Instruction**" is the program on June 20th. This will provide an opportunity to review Masonic protocol & procedure, and will be a good chance for any brother who may be uninstructed or has gathered some "rust" to get answers to any questions which he may have. Our annual pre-summer break barbeque will precede the program.

We will join in worship to celebrate **St. John's Sunday** on June 24th at the First Congregational Church, 837 Main Street, East Hartford at 10:00 AM. Please gather at 9:30 AM at the church.

Our **Brothers & Family Picnic** will be held on July 7th at Wickham Park in East Hartford. See enclosed flyer.

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

Fraternally, Rich Beebe



Fifty-nine brothers and guests enjoyed the Columbia Lodge No. 25's **2007 Ladies at the Table Night** on February 21. Personal Chef Brother Paul Finney and his staff on nine brothers, including one of our candidates, prepared and served a seven course meal. The Toasts were heart felt and enthusiastically received by all.



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Russell E. Vincent
William S. Edge, Jr., PM
Robert B. Saunders
Gene B. Krar

CALENDAR

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

- March 28** MM° Rehearsal – Tragedy 7 PM
- April 4** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- April 11** MM° Rehearsal – First Section 7 PM
- April 16** WB Arnie Grot, is running the 111th **Boston Marathon** for benefit of the Waterbury 32° Masonic Learning Center. Visit www.ctbia.org/dyslexia for details
- April 18** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)**
 Stated Communication – **Roast Beef Dinner**
 Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations—call Junior Warden)
- April 25** FC° Rehearsal – 7 PM
- April 27** **Meet the Mason** Dinner – 6 PM
- May 2** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tux)**
- May 16** **Awards Night (Officers Tux)**
MWGM Bill Greene will attend
Open Lodge at 5:45 PM
 Dinner 6:30 PM -Reservations by May 9
Quality of Life Walk (Great River Park–10 AM)
- May 19** MM° Rehearsal – Tragedy 7 PM
- May 23** MM° Rehearsal – First Section 7 PM
- May 29** **Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
CT CHIP Event at 2007 Scout Show
 9 AM-Noon – Hebron Fairgrounds
- June 2** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)**
 Stated Communication – **Dinner (RSVP by 6/1)**
 Dinner: 6:30 PM (Reservations—call Junior Warden)
- June 6** **Grand Master Day (Open to All)** 10 AM-4 PM
 Masonic Healthcare Center, Wallingford
- June 9** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Lodge of Instruction/Rusty Mason Night
 Barbeque 6 PM
- June 20** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Lodge of Instruction/Rusty Mason Night
 Barbeque 6 PM
- June 24** **Saints John Sunday Worship Service**
 Meet at 9:30 AM
 First Congregational Church EH (10:00 AM)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 7** **Brothers & Family Picnic (Noon – Dusk)**
- September 15** **CT CHIP Event at GVAA**
 10 AM-2 PM – 2112 Main Street
- October 6** **Wine Tasting Night - by ticket only**
- October 20** **Ladies Night (6:30 PM until you drop!)**
Hartford Club in Hartford

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Please call an officer to receive or give help!

Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on June 2 and September 15.



www.ctchip.org

On January 27, the boys and advisors of the Charter Oak Chapter of DeMolay conducted a CT CHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 158's Pinewood Derby at Hebron Avenue School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. Fifty-three scouts and their siblings were 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.

During this event, Bill Zinky, Executive Director of the Hockanum River District of the CT Rivers Council of Boy Scouts of America invited us to do a CHIP event at the **2007 Scout Show** on June 2 at the Hebron Fairgrounds. There will be 8,000 scouts at this show. CT DeMolay has taken on this event as both a community service project and an outreach event. DeMolay Chapters and their supporting Lodges are asked to staff 3 hour shifts during the day from 9 AM to 6 PM. The State Chapter will set up a DeMolay display which will include a video game station. Charter Oak Chapter and Columbia Lodge No. 25 have volunteered for 9AM to Noon.

We need 10 brothers to work with the DeMolays on June 2. All brothers are welcomed to help. This is a great opportunity for Senior DeMolays to work with the boys of our Chapter. If you were into scouting, either as a scout or a leader, come see what today's scouts are doing. We have been invited by Dave Miller of the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association to present a CHIP event at the **GVAA 50th Anniversary Celebration and Community Outreach Day** on September 15. The event will from 10 AM to 2 PM at the GVAA building at 2112 Main Street. **We need 15 brothers and friends to work on September 15.**

Contact Arnie Grot (633-5849) to volunteer.

CT CHIP has identified over 33,000 children in over 280 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.



Charter Oak Chapter
For more information contact Mike Hudson
878-7665 (c)
www.ctdemolay.org

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
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 and Good Intent Chapter No. 17 staffed every phone during UConn Women Basketball game versus Pittsburgh at the CPTV Pledge Drive on Saturday, February 17. It was a great day for CT Freemasons. **Join us next season.**

Lodge Committees Chairmen

AUDIT: *Tony Keegan*
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LADIES NIGHT: *Monty Fitzpatrick*
OUTREACH: *Don Wills*
PUBLICITY: *Arnie Grot*
RITUAL ADVISORS: *Walt Grube*
WIDOWS COMMUNICATION: *Monty Fitzpatrick*



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RW Rich Beebe
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Columbia Lodge
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Call or email before April 9th to order yours

Phone: (860) 569-0163 or Email: RCHBB51@aol.com

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