

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren: I hope you all enjoyed your summer in whatever manner you chose. The fall approaches and with it, renewed activity at Columbia Lodge. There are prospective members awaiting their degrees, which will begin with the **Entered Apprentice Degree** on September 19. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30, and reservations should be made with the Junior Warden by Sunday, September 16.

Columbia Lodge will be conducting two **Child Identification Programs** (CTCHIP) in September: The first for the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association on September 15; the second at Haven Healthcare Center on October 6. Please contact Arnie to volunteer.

Pete Cowles will return on October 3rd at 8 PM to finish his presentation of the **History of the Glastonbury Fire Dept.** Those attending the first part of this last March 21st found it a really interesting presentation, and we decided back then to ask Pete to return to continue it. This event is open to all, so ask your ladies and friends to come, also.

The second annual Columbia Lodge **Wine Tasting** will be held at the lodge on Saturday evening, October 6th, from 7-10 PM. WB Skip House will coordinate this.

Ladies Night will be held at the Hartford Club on Friday, October 12. This is a night to take your Lady (or yourself) out for a truly special evening of food and relaxation in a club with great atmosphere.

The **Fellowcraft Degree** will be portrayed on October 17th, and the **Grand Lodge Semi-annual Communication** will convene on Saturday, October 20.

Columbia Lodge will host a **corned beef and cabbage dinner** on Friday, October 26, at 6:30 PM. This dinner will be open to the public, and volunteers are needed to serve and clean up.

I ask each of you, especially our newer members, to consider taking on a part in the ritual presentations. It will be a great way to "show your stuff" and to get some fresh faces into the work of the lodge. We can accommodate anyone in any capacity, and perhaps we could form some "ritual teams" for all three degrees, with backups for the various roles. If we have interested parties for this concept, there could be practices held on any convenient nights selected.

Well, I really hope to see you at lodge, and if anyone would like a ride, contact me, or any officer.

Fraternally, Rich Beebe

Connecticut Child Identification Program

We need your help on and September 15 and 22.



www.ctchip.org

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 8 brothers**

and friends to work on September 15.

We have been invited by Mary Acquaro of the Haven Healthcare Center to present a CHIP event at the Center on October 6. The event will from 10 AM to 1 PM at the center at 51 Applegate Lane in East Hartford. We need 8 brothers and friends to work on October 6.

On January 26, 2008, Columbia Lodge No. 25, with the boys and advisors of the Charter Oak Chapter of DeMolay, will conducted a CHIP event at Cub Scout Pack 158's Pinewood Derby at Hebron Avenue School. Columbia Lodge is the sponsoring organization for the pack. Last January fifty-three scouts and their siblings were provided with five means of identification. 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 36,000 children in over 315 events in Connecticut. *All identification is provided free* through donations by Connecticut Freemasons. CTCHIP 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.

Eighty Years of Glastonbury Firefighters

October 3, 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 continue telling the stories that he began at our March



21 meeting of our Lodge's good neighbors and bring to life the past 80 years of Glastonbury Firefighters. In March, his stories covered the years up to the late 1940's.

CALENDAR

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

- September 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- September 12** EA Rehearsal – First Section 7 PM
- September 15** **CTCHIP Event at GVAA**
10 AM-2 PM – 2112 Main Street
- September 19** **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by Sept 16 (Call Skip House)
- October 6** **CTCHIP Event at Haven Healthcare Center**
10 AM-1 PM – 51 Applegate, East Hartford
- October 6** **Wine Tasting & Taste of Glastonbury Night**
Silent Auction – by ticket only (\$25)
- October 7** **Dyslexia Awareness Walk** to Help Children with Dyslexia: Registration noon, Walk (2 mi.) -1:00 PM Step Off
Waterbury Learning Center
- October 12** **Ladies Night (6 PM until you drop!)**
ENTERTAINMENT: Jazz Band at Hartford Club
- October 3** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Semi-Public Program at 8 PM
Glastonbury Firefighters II – Pete Cowles
- October 10** FC Rehearsal –7 PM
- October 17** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication
- October 20** **Grand Lodge Semi Annual Communication Masonic Temple – New Haven, CT - 9 AM**
- October 26** **Corned Beef Dinner (Public – 6:30 PM)**
- October 27** **CT Freemasons Open House**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 11** **Worship Service at MHC (3 PM)**
- November 19** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux)**
Special Communication 7 PM
- December 5** **Annual Meeting (Lodge and Building Association)**
- December 8** **Installation Night (Officers Tux)**



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Please call an officer to receive or give help!



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Barclay W. Ellison
William P. Harding
Richard C. Newell
Otis M. Stevens
Alan M. Wasserman



Among the volunteers working over the June 23-24 weekend to ready the playscape at the new *Nayaug Elementary School* in South Glastonbury for opening day of school were brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M. Shown from the left are Pete Gambardella, Rob Brautigam, Ward Edgerton, Walt Grube, Rich Beebe (above on the bridge), Skip House, Bob Flint, Geny Thompson, Don Wills and Mike Vose with several other citizen volunteers, in the back ground, working on Saturday morning.



In its last meeting before the summer, Columbia Lodge conducted the "Rusty Nail Degree" on June 20, 2007 using the [MSANA](#) Short Talk Bulletin of the same title, which was issued 3-94. This "degree" reviews the three degrees of Masonry. The Lodge annual barbeque preceded the meeting. The brothers gathered outside the back door for a cool drink and then retired inside to enjoy pulled pork, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and chips with that drink. After the Lodge meeting was closed, the brothers assembled in the east for a photograph.



Brothers of Columbia Lodge carried both the Lodge and the CT CHIP banners in the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade on May 28. *Join us next year.*

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



On Sunday June 24, 2007, brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25 worshiped on **Saints John Sunday** at the First Congregational Church in East Hartford, the home church of our master, RW Rich Beebe. The *Call to Worship* was based on Psalm 133, "*How great and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*" which is one of the first lessons we are introduced to in Freemasonry. Saints John Sunday offers the chance to reflect on the unity of the work of our Lodge under the tenets and guiding principles of Freemasonry. It is a reminder of what we, as Freemasons, can accomplish by subrogating petty differences in preferences and by focusing on that which unites us.



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RW Rich Beebe to purchase your Columbia Lodge No. 25 sport shirt. Proudly wear it at our community service and casual events.

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