

MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brothers: As my term in the East comes to a close, I marvel at how fast it went by. I must admit that I was apprehensive about taking on this job last year, but it turned out to be a genuine pleasure, due to the willingness of the brothers and friends to pitch in whenever there was work to be done.

Many thanks to all who participated in the CTCHIP events, the "playscape raising" and the UConn Women's Basketball telethon. I hope to arrange doing that again this season.

Columbia Lodge is truly blessed to have several extremely talented chefs among the membership. Steve McMahon, Paul Finney, Jon Tufano and Bob Nordstrom always come through with a fine dinner. They can always use help with serving, and especially with cleaning up after. Please take note of this for the dinner before the Special Communication for the **Master Mason Degree** on Monday, November 19th, as those in the kitchen will need to be upstairs as soon as possible for the work of the evening. *Please note the times.*

Please join in to assist at the upcoming events. **Worship Service** at the Masonic Healthcare Center in Wallingford at 3 PM on Sunday, 12/11, **Santa's Run** at Glastonbury High School on Sunday, 12/2, The **Salvation Army Holiday Store** at Homewood Suites on Monday, 12/17, and also at the **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Lodge on Wednesday, 12/26.

The greatest joy of all has been the many new members who have become Masons at Columbia Lodge this year. There are still several degrees in the near future and I hope you will all come to welcome and encourage your new brothers. I'd like to see our degree teams expand and to have a list a brothers willing to be called on to assist at our various functions.

The **annual meeting** of Columbia Lodge will be held on Wednesday, December 5. Please come to cast your ballot for next year's elected officers and to extend them your support. The Building Association's annual meeting will follow the Lodge's.

The **Installation of Officers** will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

I once again would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve Columbia Lodge No. 25 for this year and those whose efforts made it such a pleasurable experience for me.

Fraternally, Rich Beebe

View from the West

Brethren: It appears that Columbia Lodge has established an important new and successful tradition in the Fall Wine Tasting Festival. It is important, because through it, we are making our presence in the community more visible; and it is successful because it is a night of great fellowship and a financial success. This year's income from the event was just over \$1,400.

I want to thank the hard work of Brothers Paul Finney, David Wills, and Jonathan Beatty whose efforts made our success possible. We look forward to the continuation of this tradition and would welcome any suggestions to improve it.

I have started planning activities for 2008 in the anticipation that I might be fortunate enough to move to the East next year. I anticipate an encore of the "Ladies at Table" to be held around Valentine's Day. I am working to arrange a visit in the late spring from my brothers in the Anah Temple Highlanders to exemplify the Master Mason Degree and provide the excuse for a *Ceilidh* (I'll leave it to you discover the current meaning of that Gaelic word that literally translates as "visit"). The other big event I envision for the year is a fall foliage tour to Bar Harbor, Maine with a side trip for the brothers to my mother lodge in Dover-Foxcroft to exemplify our Master Mason Degree.

I congratulate RW. Bro. Rich Beebe on an excellent year cementing relationships within the combined lodge and note that he will be leaving big shoes to fill. I pledge to work hard to make it an active and productive year and ask for your support and participation. Together we can make it happen!



Bro. Jon Tufano prepares a salmon appetizer.



Fraternally, Skip House

CT Children Identification Program

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 from 11:30 AM to 4 PM. 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.

CALENDAR

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

- November 3** **Secretary's Seminar** 8AM-12 PM –MHHC
Wardens Seminar 8AM-12 PM – Ashlar Village
- November 4** **Ceremonial Opening of new GL Office 2PM**
with Autumn Gathering after - Wallingford
- November 7** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- November 10** DeMolay Grand Master Class
- November 12** MM Rehearsal – Tragedy Section 7 PM
- November 11** **Worship Service at MHC (3 PM)**
- November 14** MM Rehearsal – First Section 7 PM
- November 19** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux) 7 PM**
Special Communication
Dinner 6:00 PM
Reservations by Nov 16 (Call JW Pete)
- November 21** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
Master Mason Lecture (if necessary)
- November 2x** **Sixth District BLC Meeting**
- December 2** **Santa's Run** 10 AM Volunteers/Noon Race
- December 5** **Annual Meeting (Lodge and Building Association)**
- December 8** **Installation Night (Officers Tux) 7:30 PM**
Refreshments will be served afterwards
- December 12** FC Rehearsal –7 PM
- December 17** **Salvation Army Holiday Store 7 AM - 7PM**
Homewood Suites, 65 Glastonbury Blvd.
- December 19** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication
- December 26** **Blood Drive mid AM/mid PM (9-2 or 10-3)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16** **Inspection Night on MM^o(Officers Tux)**
Stated Communication
- January 26** **CTCHIP Event - Pack 158's Pinewood Derby**
Hebron Avenue School 11:30 AM – 4 PM



Mike Hudson will be installed as Area Governor on Grand Masters Class Day – November 10, 2007

www.ctdemolay.org

2007 OFFICERS

- RICHARD L. BEEBE, PDD** (Abbie) Worshipful Master
41 Westview Drive (860) 569-0163
East Hartford, CT 06118 Email: RCHBB51@aol.com
- LOUIS O. HOUSE IV, PM** (Jane) Senior Warden
8 Guilmartin Road (860) 916-1973 (c)
Bloomfield, CT 06002
- PETER R. GAMBARDELLA** (Melissa) Junior Warden
86 Buttonball Lane (860) 633-2970
Glastonbury, CT 06033
- ROBERT W. FLINT, PM** (Pam) Secretary
300 Forest Lane (860) 633-1442
Glastonbury, CT 06033
- ROBERT G. FITZGERALD, PDD** (Nancy) Asst. Secretary
55 Lorraine Court (860) 568-2607
East Hartford, CT 06118
- HENRY L. KILLAM, PM** Treasurer
77 Tryon Street (860)-633-1067
South Glastonbury, CT 06073
- JEFFREY S. MOORES** Senior Deacon
P.O. Box 1111 (860) 614-5474
Manchester, CT 06045
- MONTGOMERY A. FITZPATRICK** (Julie) Junior Deacon
207 Prospect Street (860) 604-0985 (c)
Wethersfield, CT 06109
- MICHAEL E. HUDSON** (Amy) Senior Steward
779 Brewer Street (860) 878-7665 (c)
East Hartford, CT 06118
- WILLIAM J. HOUSE** Junior Steward
37 Prospect Street, Apt. A (860) 250-7774
Windsor, CT 06095
- GERALD F. THOMPSON, PDD** (Betty) Chaplain
154 Davis Road (860) 568-6352
East Hartford, CT 06118
- JONATHAN R. BEATTY** Marshal
9 Bellaire Manor (860) 635-0234
Cromwell, CT 06416
- DAVID E. SODERBERG** (Carolyn) Organist
12 Founders Road (860) 659- 3124
Glastonbury, CT 06033
- LAURENCE E. ATWELL, PM** (Jacqueline) Tyler
32 Mitchell Street (860) 568-7939
East Hartford, CT 06118
- JOHN R. RANNEY, PM** (Michelle) Historian
1663 Main Street (860) 289-4285
East Hartford, CT 06108

Please call an officer to receive or give help!



We are saddened by the recent loss of
James Ian Hamilton Jr.
Roland W. 'Bill' Labroke



Widows, Ladies and Brothers share in the buffet dinner as part of the festivities of **Ladies Night** in the Grand Ballroom of the Hartford Club on Friday evening, October 12, 2007.

Charter Oak Chapter of DeMolay Thanks

The Chapter's three young men, *Brian, Daniel and Charlie*, the Chapter's Dad, *Mike Hudson*, and the Chapter's Advisory Committee Chairman, *Arnie Grot*, with early on help of other advisors labored hard to make the Charter Oak Chapter of the Order of DeMolay succeed. The boys took their degrees, attended Brotherhood Weekends in Connecticut and Maine, Conclaves, social events, visited the Edward W Slade Chapter, served Class dinners for the Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite and were valuable help at many of the Columbia Lodge CTCHIP events.



The Charter Oak Chapter, however, has not attracted youth from Glastonbury. Our three young men are the sons of Bill Field, Master of Anchor Lodge No. 112 of East Hampton. Without both additional and local youth and with only two active Chapter advisors, the decision was mutually made with the state DeMolay organization that it is in the best interest of the boys and DeMolay if the Charter Oak Chapter ceases operation. The Field brothers will continue on in DeMolay by joining another Chapter. On behalf of those of the Chapter, and as its Advisory Committee Chairman, I extend our thanks to Columbia Lodge for its support of our endeavor to reawaken DeMolay in Glastonbury. While the Charter Oak Chapter is not going forward, it was the instrument in introducing three wonderful young men to DeMolay.

Fraternally, Arnie Grot

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 September 15 and October 6, brothers of Columbia Lodge No. 25 worked CTCHIP events at the Glastonbury Volunteer Ambulance Association in Glastonbury (right) and Haven Healthcare in East Hartford. Sixty-five and eighty-three children were processed on those respective Saturdays.

Please join us for the
**Masonicare
Autumn Gathering**
in the auditorium of
Masonic Healthcare Center
Sunday, November 4, 2007
immediately following the 2:00 p.m.
ceremonial opening of the new
Grand Lodge building

Social time, hors d'oeuvres
Recognition Awards
Tours of Masonic Healthcare Center
R.S.V.P. to Bro. Carl Anderson at 203-679-6917


www.masonicare.org

**Brother
Gerry
Thompson
will be
recognized
at the
Gathering.**



Mr. & Mrs. Michael E. Hudson thank their guests, *among them were many brothers and their wives*, immediately following their wedding ceremony on a beautiful late summer day.

TRESTLEBOARD

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

895 MAIN STREET
S. GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



Make Masonry Meaningful

November - December 2007
STATED COMMUNICATIONS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM
TEL. 860-633-9698
(Phone in Temple)

<http://www.columbialodge25.net/>
Check web site for latest information!