

MASTER'S MESSAGE

If you are troubled by not remembering our rituals, the fall schedule gives you the opportunity to refresh your proficiency. We have an EA degree on September 20, FC degrees on October 4 and 18 and MM degrees on November 1, 15 and December 20 (if necessary to raise all FCs).

Dear Arnie
I was one of those rushed thru Orient Lodge just being drafted in 1945, and as a result never learned the rituals. Almost all of the members of that time have passed as well as most of my high school friends EHHS 1935
I have paid attention to the rules of the lodge as best as I can recall. Have had a successful political career, was on the BOARD OF trustees of engineering society. Served two years in Germany as a counterintelligence person.
My father died in 1917 two weeks before I was born. Bill Smith

As a brother of Columbia Lodge, all that is required for you to gain admission to our Lodge is a current Orient or Daskam-Columbia dues card. If you cannot find your dues card, call Bob Flint, our Secretary, and he can verify that you were issued one and will confirm that you can gain admission. *Grand Lodge regulations require examination of only visitors to Lodges. Members are not visitors.* MWGM Chuck Fowler, Jr. challenged all brothers to *Make Masonry Meaningful* when he was installed as Grand Master in April. The officers of Columbia Lodge at our summer officers meeting interpret this to mean to be as *inclusive* in Lodge functions, events and operations as our tenets, regulations and bylaws permit. Our public and semi-public events are designed to reach out and include our Masonic family and our community. Among these events is the **DeMolay Fun Night, Meet the Mason Dinner, the Wine Tasting & Taste of Glastonbury Night, Ladies Night, and Installation Night.** You can help us by providing Don Wills with the names of men, who you believe will become good masons by September 15. You can help young men, ages 12-18, to develop friendship, leadership and character in a wholesome, values-based environment by providing me with their names and contact information. Do so by September 7, and they will get an invitation to the DeMolay Fun Night.

Ladies Night is a classy event for our Lodge to **WOW** our Ladies at the prestigious Hartford Club in downtown Hartford. The food and service competes with anything a five star restaurant offers. We will be socializing (with a cash bar available), dining and entertained by both *Moonglow*, the highly acclaimed acappella chorus, and a string quartet in a Victorian styled dining room of this historical building. All of this is at a reasonable cost per person. If you don't bring your wife to this night, boy, will you really be paying the

price until next year. As your Lady is worth it, and it is good price, we know you will be coming. *Watch for your invitation from Monty Fitzpatrick in the mail.*

Wine Tasting Night is a fund raising event which will help place the Lodge in the minds of the public. Skip House and his committee have induced many area businesses to contribute wine, food, door prizes and silent auction items for a **"Taste of Glastonbury"** night. Skip will sell only 100 tickets, at \$20 per person, for this 3 hour event. This event will do much to increase awareness of Columbia Lodge as well as bring in money from outside the Lodge. We want to see you this fall at Lodge and at these events.

Call, we you want to join us! Fraternally,
Arnie Grot

From Orient to the East



What a pleasant experience it has been to be a part of the recent merger of Orient Lodge into the new Columbia Lodge. There were mixed feelings, naturally, at leaving our former home in East Hartford, but the building and location are the only things we left behind. Our members, memories, and traditions have been melded with those of our brothers from the former Daskam-Columbia Lodge to form what promises to be a vibrant and active lodge of Freemasons. The number of attendees, active calendar of events, and the youthful and energetic line of officers immediately moved those of us who began attending meetings in the Glastonbury lodge. I heartily encourage all members of the former Orient Lodge to take a good look at this trestleboard and make an effort to come to a meeting to experience the brotherhood in action here. There is still room on the sidelines, to be sure, but there will be plenty of brothers to keep you company. As always, if anyone needs or wishes transportation to a meeting, call an officer or a brother and it will be arranged. How wonderful it would be if some car pools could be set up to attend meetings and events!

Unforeseen circumstances in Paul Blake's life have provided an opening for the Master's position in the upcoming year, and I was asked to place myself up for election at the next annual meeting. I was hesitant to do so, as it has been seventeen years since I was Master at Orient. It would be a great opportunity to provide some additional bonding of the lodges, however, and it would be a great experience to be part of such an energetic line of officers, all of whom are looking forward to progressing through the chairs in succession. The future of Columbia Lodge #25 is very bright indeed, and I strongly urge you all to be a part of it. There will be many committee positions to be filled, as well as a need to help the several capable brothers already working in the various places in the lodge. *Fraternally, Rich Beebe, PM*

CALENDAR

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

- September 6** Stated Communication
Business Meeting
Presentation: York Rite by Bill Miller and Jack Smith, Grand & Deputy Grand Commander
- September 13** Building Association Officer Meeting - 7PM
EA° Rehearsal 7:30 PM
- September 14** **DeMolay Fun Night**— 6:30 PM
Radio Controlled Cars Racing
- September 20** **Entered Apprentice Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by Sept 16 (Call Skip House)
- September 22** **Meet the Mason** Dinner – 6 PM
- September 27** FC° Rehearsal— 7 PM
- September 29** **Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Washington Lodge No.70
153 Broad Windsor, CT Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$10)
- October 4** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication
- October 7** **Wine Tasting & Taste of Glastonbury Night Silent Auction – by ticket only (\$20)**
- October 11** MM° Rehearsal (Tragedy) – 7 PM
- October 18** **Fellow Craft Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication
- October 21** **Grand Lodge Semi Annual Communication Masonic Temple – New Haven, CT - 9 AM**
- October 21** **Ladies Night (6 PM until you drop!)**
ENTERTAINMENT: A String Quartet and Moonglow, a highly acclaimed acappella chorus at Hartford Club
- October 25** MM° Rehearsal (First Part) – 7 PM
- November 1** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by Oct29 (Call Skip House)
- November 12** **Worship Service at MHC (3 PM)**
- November 15** **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tax)**
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM
Reservations by Oct 29 (Call Skip House)

- November 30** **Sixth District Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Dinner: 6:30 PM (\$10)
- December 6** **Annual Meeting (Lodge and Building Association)**
- December 9** **Installation Night (Officers Tax)**
- December 20** **Master Mason Degree (if necessary)**
Stated Communication (*Degree: Officers Tax*)
Dinner 6:30 PM (*if degree is held*)
Reservations by Dec 17 (Call JW)

Please keep those letters coming. We like hearing how you are doing. This is just an excerpt from one of the enjoyable notes our brothers write.

FOR THE RECORD
THIS WAS MY 90TH B'DAY.
BEATRICE, MY WIFE OF 61
YEARS DIED IN 2000. WE
WERE PIN 1/2 PP OF BIGELOW
CHAPTER DES.
FOR 90, I HAD SURVIVING.
RECENTLY IN HOSPITAL 3 DAYS.
AGAIN THANKS,
J. Weston A. Miller 32°



MWGM Chuck Fowler, Jr. presents the Columbia Lodge Charter to WM Arnie Grot on Awards Night



We are saddened by the recent loss of
Lucius H. Chapman
Raymond A. Conti
Frederick R. Tongren, Jr., PM

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., AGM 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	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
* Demitted † NPD	

The Charter Oak Chapter, [Order of DeMolay](#) is having a Fun Night on September 14 at Columbia Lodge No. 25 to introduce our first class of young men, ages 12-18, to DeMolay. If you know eligible young men in the Glastonbury area, please send us their names. These young men will receive personal invitations with our [Fun Night flyer](#).

Young men from an existing chapter to provide the introduction to the boys through both the RC controlled ATVs and a mini chapter meeting. There will be info for the parents, too.

Please provide the following for those young men you know from the Glastonbury and surrounding towns:

Your Name _____

Boy's Name _____

Boy's Parents Names _____

Boy's Address _____

Boy's Town _____

Boy's Phone _____

Can we let the boy know that you recommended him? Yes No

Please mail names to Arnie Grot at 87 Chapman Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033 or email to ArnieG1457@aol.com.

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:30 PM

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The history of Orient has been added.

(Note: the Grand Lodge ISP issued us a new domain name on August 19, 2006)