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Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F.&A.M

April-June 2022 Trestleboard

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Jeff Flynn

Brothers of Columbia Lodge #25,

As we have completed the First Quarter of 2022, I am very pleased with our progress. Lodge attendance is doing well and growing each meeting. I want to personally congratulate

SS Jeff Spooner and JD Chris Gness for doing a wonderful job with a nearly two-month step-up to the chairs they will occupy next year! You could see the hard work they put into learning the ritual. I would also like to thank our Historian Dave Lockard for his excellent Masonic education each meeting, and especially the Landmarks of Masonry that were recently completed. This sparked some good dialogue with our Brothers. It was great to see our SD Deepak back after a long work trip.

I would like to discuss very soon a fund raiser for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Warmer weather is at our doorstep and now is the time to plan for it.

We do not have any hot petitions in the wings. Let us actively try to get some new Brothers into our lodge. If you know a man who you feel is a good candidate for Masonry, please talk to him about it. Not only would it be great to get back to degree work, but we are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of Brothers whom we can share with a new Brother.

In addition, I would like to thank our new Master Mason Michael Lombardi for stepping up to fill in as SS and Chaplain, when needed. We really appreciate your efforts and thank you again.

Warm Fraternal Regards,
Jeff Flynn, Worshipful Master

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations.

- April 6** Stated Communication/Business
- April 20** Stated Communication/Business
- May 4** Stated Communication/Business
- May 18** *Awards Night (Officers Tax)*
Diner at 6:30 PM
Reservations by May 11th
- May 7** *Derby Night: Dinner & Bluegrass*
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Reservations by April 30th (see flyer)
- May 30** *Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade* 9 AM
Assemble at 8:30 AM behind St. Paul's Church, at 2577 Main St. We step off on Welles St.
- May 31** *Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting*
Washington Lodge #70
153 Broad St., Windsor, CT 06096
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- June 1** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
- June 11** Grand Masters Day (10:00 AM)
Masonicare Campus, Wallingford
- June 15** Summer Picnic (6:00 PM)
Stated Communication
RSVP by June 13th (Contact JW Juan)

Join Us on May 30th



At the Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade
(Photo from 2021 Parade)



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Historian Corner



Because I'm a mason.

A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town: "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car; I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment." Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!" The farmer's wife prepares a wonderful meal, and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast, the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks, "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason".

Making the Perfect Ashlar

Gandhi said, "Every man is my superior in that I can learn something from him."

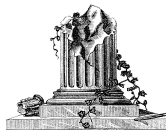


Installation of 2022 Lodge Officers



On January 5, 2022, Installing Master Walter Grube gives a prayer with Worshipful Master Elect Jeff Flynn at the altar and the Officers standing.

Necrology



Sadly, one of our brothers has been called to the Grand Lodge on High.

Brother Robert Perry Ulrich passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. He was born in New Haven, CT, on March 5, 1939. Bob was raised in Columbia #25 on October 15, 2014. He was a member of the Veterans of Korea, Vietnam, and Saudi Wars Association. He served as Marshall of our Lodge from 2016-2019.