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

January-March 2022 Trestleboard

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Jeff Flynn

Brothers of Columbia Lodge #25,
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for having the confidence in me to serve Columbia Lodge #25 as Worshipful Master for 2022. I do not take this role lightly, and I am deeply honored. Let me begin by saying that we have **TREMENDOUS** talent here at Columbia Lodge #25. I have worked

with many of you in the past in Scottish Rite and York Rite, and continue to enjoy our work together here in Blue Lodge. I have some goals I would like to achieve even if they have been tried in the past, successfully or not. In an effort to raise funds I would like to do a spaghetti supper and possibly a tag sale. I also feel an open house would be something to revisit. Grand Lodge had a push for open houses some years ago and many lodges were successful while others had little attendance if any. We have a nice location and the ingredients are there to have a successful open house. Perhaps coupling it with a tag sale or spaghetti supper might be the key. I would like our fund raisings go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. My message for the ensuing year is the same as when I served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut - "Educate and Welcome All". I have followed this message for all the years I have served as Worshipful Master in other lodges. We need to always provide Masonic education to our members and give them a reason to attend. Our Historian Brother Dave Lockard has done a wonderful job and I thank him for his efforts in the past and I am looking forward to his Masonic education in the future. I know I always learn something from his talks, and I am sure I speak for all. Perhaps, in addition, we can have a guest speaker or one of our members may have a topic to explore.

The other half of my message is "Welcome All". Again, from the many years I served as Worshipful Master I always welcomed everyone individually when I began each meeting, and thanked them for their attendance. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them. Each and every one of you make a sacrifice to attend our meetings and it is very much appreciated.

In conclusion, I ask my officers to please communicate with our Secretary Brother Walt Grube if they are unable to attend a meeting. I know life can get in the way but communication is the key.

Warm Fraternal Regards,
 Jeff Flynn, Worshipful Master

CALENDAR

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

- January 5** Stated Communication/Business
followed by Installation Rehearsal
- January 9** Installation of Officers (*Officers Tax*) 2 PM
Refreshments follows
- January 19** Stated Communication/Business
Program: *Landmarks of Masonry – Part 1*
- January 29** Masonic Customs and Practices (Junior Officers)
Village #29 123 River Road, Collinsville, CT
- January 31** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88
1559 Main St., South Windsor, CT 06074
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- February 2** Stated Communication/Business
- February 16** Stated Communication/Business
Program: *Landmarks of Masonry – Part 2*
- March 2** Stated Communication/Business
- March 16** Stated Communication/Business
Program: *Landmarks of Masonry – Part 3*
- March 25** Grand Lodge Annual Banquet
Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport
28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095
6:30 - 9:00 PM
- March 26** Grand Lodge Annual Communications
Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport
28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7** Kentucky Derby Night
- May 18** Awards Night
- May 30** Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade 9 AM

Master Mason Degree December 15, 2021



Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.M & A.M. raised two Brothers as Master Masons on Wednesday December 15, 2021. WM Juan Diaz was in the East for the first section. WB Rodney Spooner was Most Excellent King Solomon for the Tragedy. Show from left to right are Brother Michael Lombardi, WM Juan Diaz, Brother Sebastiano Milardo and WB Rodney Spooner.



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Historian Corner



"THE LAMB SKIN"

By Edgar A. Guest

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great,
 There are other things far more useful, yet truly I state,
 Tho of all my possessions, there's none can compare,
 With that white leather apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,
 When Dad hustled around, and so much time was spent
 On shaving and dressing and looking just right,
 Until Mother would say: "It's the Masons tonight."

And some winter nights she said: "What makes you go,
 Way up there tonight thru the sleet and the snow,
 You see the same things every month of the year."
 Then Dad would reply: "Yes, I know it, my dear."

Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true.
 And though they are old, they always seem new,
 For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,
 Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet."

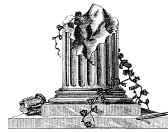
Years later I stood at that very same door,
 With good men and true who had entered before,
 I knelt at the alter, and there I was taught
 That virtue and honor can never be bought.

That the spotless white lambskin all Masons revere,
 If worthily worn grows more precious each year,
 That service to others brings blessings untold,
 That man may be poor tho surrounded by gold.

I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,
 That enmities fade 'neath the compass and square,
 That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
 As there on the level men meet and abide.

So, honor the lambskin, may it always remain
 Forever unblemished, and free from all stain,
 And when we are called to the Great Father's love,
 May we all take our place in that Lodge up above.

Necrology



Sadly, in the past few months, three of our brothers have been called to the Grand Lodge on High.

Brother Richie B. Bernard passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. He was born in Hartford, CT, on May 10, 1945. Richie was raised in Dakam #86 in 1978. He was a Vietnam Veteran for the 11th Calvary Black Horse Division. His working career was mainly in the Manufacturing and Industrial Fields where he worked in different capacities such as Quality Control, Research and Development and other technical positions.

Brother Robert C. Nordstrom passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021. He was born in Hartford on August 13, 1943. Bob was raised in Dakam #86 in 1979. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He was employed by Pratt & Whitney for more than 20 years and also worked part time for Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home for 14 years.

Worshipful Brother Burton F. Turner passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. He was born on March 19, 1935 in Hartford. Burt was raised in 1956 in Dakam #86. He joined the science department faculty of Fitch Senior High School in September of 1958, and was the department chairman from 1971, until his retirement in 1995.

Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze



William L. Miller, II, R.E. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of CT, presented the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze to Robert G. Fitzgerald, on November 9, 2021 at Wolcott Council No. 1, R&SM meeting.

Breaking Historical News

The 25 Landmarks of Freemasonry

Starting in several of our Stated Communications from January to March, our Historian will cover 3 to 5 of the landmarks of "**The 25 Landmarks of Freemasonry**". Attend our meetings to learn more about the fabric of our fraternity.

Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze



At the conclusion of Awards Night ceremonies on October 20th, Most Worshipful Grand Master William E. Bohman presented WB Walter Grube with a Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze. "Well done, Brother."