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

September-December 2022

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Jeff Flynn

Brothers of Columbia Lodge #25,

Welcome Back Brothers!!
I hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer! As we return to the Quarry, I wanted to highlight some activities we have

planned for the Fall 2022.

The Grand Lodge is encouraging all lodges to hold a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser on Friday, September 23 to support the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. The Memorial is in the midst of a \$10 million dollar renovation. Covid has cut the Memorial's income by \$500,000 per year for the past two years. Extra funds are needed to complete the renovations. Please plan to attend this dinner at the lodge and bring family and friends.

We will hold our Wine Tasting event on October 1. Profits go to our Scholarship Fund, which awards college scholarships to Glastonbury High School seniors. Due to Covid, we have not had a Wine Tasting fund raiser since 2018.

We will be having more guest speakers. We all enjoyed Will Mackey's presentation and we are in the process of securing other presentations.

Again, I would like to thank our Historian Dave Lockard for his excellent Masonic education at each meeting.

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.

I really appreciate your efforts and attendance at our meetings. Warm Fraternal Regards,

Jeff Flynn, Worshipful Master

CALENDAR

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

All Dinners require Reservations.

- September 7** Stated Communication/Business
- September 21** Stated Communication/Business
Scottish Rite Presentation
- September 23** GWMM Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser
\$15 - \$25 per couple - \$10 per child under 11
- September 28** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Composite Lodge #28
150 Bridge Street Suffield, CT 06078
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- October 1** **Grape Harvest Wine Festival 6-9 PM**
Buy your tickets online (\$35)
<https://columbialodge25.ticketspice.com/wine-tasting-2022> or
at South Side Wine & Spirit Shoppe,
860-633-2763 Craig Witzke
- October 5** Stated Communication/Business Meeting
2022 Budget Review
- October 15** **Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Communication 9 AM-1 PM**
- October 19** Stated Communication/Business
Masonic Jeopardy
- November 3** Stated Communication/Business
York Rite Presentation
- November 17** Stated Communication/Business
- November 29** **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting**
Friendship-Tuscan Lodge #145
24 Golway St. Manchester, CT 06042
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- December 7** **Annual Meeting/Building Association Meeting**
- December 15** HCLAPM Degree – FTL#145
- December 21** Stated Communication/Business
- TBD** **2023 Officers Installation**



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Historian Corner



The Mosaic Floor.

The Mosaic Floor is an important part of masonic lore.

Often in artwork with Masonic symbols in it, there appears a white and black checkered floor. This is often referred to as the Mosaic floor or the Mosaic pavement.



In some descriptions it is based on the main floor of King Solomon's Temple. Although some dismiss this, there are descriptions making it clear the floor of the temple is made of wood and it's elevated. The argument is stone was not used for an elevated floor. While this is most likely a true argument, it does not take into account that a Mosaic floor does not have to be

built of stone, merely one of multiple colors. It makes it difficult to prove or disprove what the floor was made of since no archaeological evidence of the Temple of Solomon exists and any written accounts of the temple were most likely done by scribes in the court of Solomon, who had no knowledge of the engineering which went into the building of the temple.

The explanation Freemasons use is the black and white floor of King Solomon's Temple is representative of the good and evil in every man's life. This explanation attempts to explain the reasoning for the floor. It tends to make the concept of the Mosaic floor a more modern creation, at least in its philosophy. Scribes most likely understood the basic concept of good and evil. Since this fact is not related in the descriptions of the temple it is less likely it was the reasoning for the floor. Again, there is no archaeological evidence for the Temple of Solomon, so it is hard to say whether it is lost knowledge or a modern interpretation.

Regardless of whether it is meant as a direct representation of the floor in Solomon's Temple or not, the philosophical explanation is what is most important to the Freemason. The reminder good and evil is present in all of our lives is taken as a reminder and as a warning. A reminder there are always those who, by design or by accident, bring unhappiness or "evil" into our daily lives and to be vigilant to those threats and concerns. It reminds us not to just avoid them, but also temper our reaction to those events and actions. It warns us we are just as capable of inflicting unhappiness or "evil" on others. Freemasons remember it is our own deeds coloring the Mosaic floor. We all have good days and bad days... the goal is to always have the one extra white square balancing our life to the good and not the bad. We keep this balance by how we respond when "evil" enters our life and whether we choose by our actions to insert "evil" into the lives of others.

Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade



(Photo from 2022 Parade)

Making the Perfect Ashlar

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." (Philippians 2:3 NIV)



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Necrology



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

Brother John N. Waters

passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. He was born in New Britain, CT on January 25, 1936. John was raised in Daskam #86 on May 8, 1957. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, he went to the University of California, Berkley and received his master's degree in Paleontology. He spent a year in Texas working for Humble Oil and Refining Company, then worked at the Lawrence Berkley Laboratory until he retired in 1996.

Brother Robert A. Sinibaldi passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. He was born in Boston, MA on May 22, 1928. Bob was raised in Daskam #86 on March 22, 1978. Bob worked 35 years as a design Engineer at UTC. He loved playing the saxophone throughout his life and performed in four bands at the same time, one being the Shriners Band. He learned to frost cakes from his father and decorated many wedding and party cakes. He always challenged himself and his motto was "If you are going to something, do it to the best of your ability". He never said, "It's good enough."

Brother Robert W. Hollis, III passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. He was born in East Hartford, CT on October 21, 1950. Bob was raised in St. John's #4 on November 18, 1981. He affiliated with Orient #62 on December 13, 1989. Bob graduated from George J. Penney High School and continued his education at A.I. Prince Technical High School, studying construction drafting and design. He then began his long career in the fire protection industry at Grinnell Fire Protection. In 1991, he and his wife Brenda established their own successful fire sprinkler company, Central Connecticut Fire Protection, Inc. in Meriden, Connecticut, where they worked side by side for 26 years, until their retirement in 2017. Bob was very involved in advocating for the fire protection industry. He served on several boards and committees, including the State of Connecticut Sprinkler Fitter Licensing Board. He was also chairman of the American Fire Sprinkler Association Connecticut Chapter, member of the H.C. Wilcox Technical High School Educational Committee and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). He was a key contributor to the ABC Pro Rodeo, a program introducing young people to skilled trades. In 2018, Bob

was nominated for the Henry S. Parmelee Award, which is the sprinkler industry's highest honor. He also received the Legacy Award by the Associated Builders and Contractors. For many years he was an active member of the East Hartford Exchange Club. Moving to Lords Point in Stonington, Connecticut, Bob was very involved in his local community, where he served on the board of the Lords Point Association, as a member of both the dock and grounds committees and was instrumental at promoting activities to bring the neighborhood together. He was an avid boater, fisherman, sailor, an excellent clammer and maker of wonderful maple syrup.

Grape Harvest Wine Festival



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**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 1, 2022
6:00 - 9:00 PM**

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895 MAIN STREET
SOUTH GLASTONBURY

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www.columbialodge25.ticketspice.com/wine-tasting-2022

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE
COLUMBIA LODGE #25 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Join us on Saturday October 1, 2022, from 6-9 PM for our 2022 Grape Harvest Wine Festival.