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

# January-March 2023

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## 2022 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 suporting Columbia Lodge #25 and me as Worshipful Master in 2022. As I hand over the Oriental chair to RW David LaFargue let me emphasize by saying, as I did in my first Master's message lst January, that we have TREMENDOUS talent here at Columbia Lodge #25. I look forward to working to support the Lodge and assuming my role as Almoner in 2023.

Warm Fraternal Regards,
Jeff Flynn, Worshipful Master 2022

## 2023 MASTER'S MESSAGE

David LaFargue

Greetings Brothers, families, and friends of Columbia Lodge #25,
Thank you for the opportunity to serve Columbia 25 as Master for 2023 and to follow in my Great Grandfather's footsteps. Brother John S. LaFargue served as master of Daskam 86 in 1908 and 1909. I remember as a young child helping my grandfather clean Daskam Lodge on the weekends and playing with the Tyler's sword.
I would be remiss not to recognize and thank my wife and best friend, Sharon. I am so thankful for her patience and support through my Masonic journey. I believe that a Freemason's journey from a rough to a smooth ashlar is first demonstrated at home. Without the support and sacrifices of our families, our lodge would not be as vital and effective as it is.
RW Brother Jeff Flynn, thank you for leadership and helping expand the welcoming environment of Columbia 25. As we look towards 2023, it is vital that we build upon the success of 2022 by raising the men currently in the pipeline and keeping them engaged. To that end I will be traveling to other Lodges throughout the year, including the Friendship Tuscan Lodge trip to NY. I would love to have a large contingent of Brothers from Columbia Lodge join me.
For those who are interested the following events will happen this year: We will be hosting a table lodge with Friendship Tuscan Lodge 145 and Composite 28 and Derby Night in the spring, and Wine tasting in October to name a few events.
I would like to take this moment to wish each of you and your families a prosperous New Year. I look forward to leading our Lodge with as much enthusiasm as the first day I became a member of this wonderful Brotherhood.

Fraternally,
David S. LaFargue, Worshipful Master 2023

## CALENDAR

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

**All Dinners require Reservations.**

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| **January 4** | Installation of Officers *(Officers Tux)*<br>*Dinner at 6:30 PM* |
| **January 18** | Stated Communication/Business<br>Building Association meeting at 6:30 PM. |
| **January 31** | Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting<br>Wyllys-St. John's #4<br>160 South St., West Hartford, CT 06127<br>Dinner at 6:30 PM |
| **February1** | Stated Communication/Business |
| **February 6** | EA Rehearsal - 7 PM |
| **February 13** | EA Rehearsal - 7 PM |
| **February 15** | Entered Apprentice Degree (*Officers Tux*)<br>Dinner at 6:30 PM<br>Reservations to JW Deepak by Feb. 11 |
| **March 1** | Stated Communication/Business |
| **March 15** | Stated Communication/Business |
| **March 29** | Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council Meeting<br>Hartford Evergreen #88<br>1559 Main St., S. Windsor, CT 06074<br>Dinner at 6:30 PM |
| **March 31** | Grand Lodge Annual Banquet<br>Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport<br>28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095<br>6:30 - 9:00 PM |
| **April 1** | Grand Lodge Annual Communications<br>Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport<br>28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095<br>9:00 AM-3:00 PM |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| **April TBD** | Table Lodge with Composite #28<br>& Friendship Tuscan #145 |
| **April 19** | Fellowcraft Degree |
| **May 6** | Kentucky Derby Night |
| **May 17** | Awards Night |
| **May 29** | Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade 9 AM |
| **June 7** | Master Mason Degree |

## Past District Deputy Jewel Presented

On December 10, 2022, at FTL#145 Awards Night, RW F. Matthew Heinrich, Jr. presented David S. LaFargue with a Past District Deputy Jewel recognizing his service as District Deputy for 6A for 2020-2022

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## *Historian Corner*

David Lockard

### TRAVELING MAN IN MASONRY

By Brother Jeff Godwin

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry, the masons were often required to move from job to job much as in our modern time. It was further explained that ancient master masons, just as 1st class masons of today of today, were more likely to travel great distances than those of lesser ranks (FC & EA). Due to their experience (and today, usually a membership in the labor union representing the craft) they could move freely from job to job. Those doing so were normally members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of (or recommend) another 'traveling' mason.

In speculative masonry we as Master Masons may freely move from Lodge to Lodge (either visiting or moving membership) and upon proper avouchment or by testing be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. This is much the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Also, a Master Mason is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East, because it is the source of light. Thus, being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment). We "traveled" symbolically when we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Remember the words, "It will be necessary for you to travel."

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.

## *Entered Apprentice Degree October 19, 2022*

Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.M & A.M. initiated two Brothers as Entered Apprentices on Wednesday October 19, 2022. SD Deepak Saluru was in the East. Shown from the left are Arnold Grot DD6B (SW for the degree), David Prior WM HE88 (JS for the degree), Raheem Van-Davidson EA HE88, Deepak Saluru SD, Saint Patrick EA CL25 and Brian Berk AGM6B.

## *Necrology*

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

Brother Kenneth E. MacMurtry passed away on Thursday August 3, 2022 after a fall at home. He was born in Rutland, VT on March 19, 1936. Ken was raised in Orient #62 in 1981. He grew up in East Hartford. He graduated from East Hartford High School in 1955. He received an Associate Degree from Hillyer College, now part of the University of Hartford. In 1958 Ken joined the United States Marine Corps and was discharged in 1962. Ken was a dedicated worker for the U.S. Post Office in Hartford for many years. Ken was a member of several organizations including the Glastonbury Elks Lodge 2202 where he served as Chaplain and the National Path Finders. Ken also was a speaker, at different locations, for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Brother Ronald C. Christensen passed away on Thursday August 11, 2022. He was born in East Hartford, CT, on January 22,1936. Ron was raised in Orient #62 in 1974. He graduated from East Hartford High School and married Loretta Calabrese in 1955. Ron was a proud US Navy aviation veteran, serving his country aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal. He worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft throughout his professional career, retiring in 1992 as Operations Manager of its Middletown, CT Plant. He enjoyed his lakefront summer home in the woods of northern Maine, with a view of Mount Katahdin.

Brother Philip A. Grasso passed away on Sunday December 4, 2022. He was born in Glastonbury on June 28, 1936. Phil was raised in Columbia #25 in 1989. Phil served as SD in 1992. He resided on the family farm. Phil was a graduate of Glastonbury High School class of 1955. After graduation he worked at Midway Garage in South Glastonbury, served in the US Army at Fort Lewis, Washington and became a postman at the Glastonbury Postal Service from 1961-1992. In retirement he fulfilled a lifelong dream of restoring "old cars" specifically Model A Fords that put his Master Mechanic skills to the test each day. He was in his element when he designed and built an 85 foot long, 3 bay barn/garage at the back of his property.

Brother Henry H. Hunt, III passed away on Friday September 9, 2022. He was born on March 7,1943 in Glastonbury where he spent his life. Henry was raised in Columbia #25 in 1973. He had a long career as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney, retiring after 30+ years. He would entertain people for hours with stories about his time at Pratt & Whitney, the history of his hometown, of the fox hunts out of Manchester and silly stories of useless information. He was known to friends as a walking encyclopedia or "Mr. Glastonbury". Everyone who knew Hank felt his big heart, kindness, generosity, and smile.