



January 2023 Trestle Board

Brainard No. 102 Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons





From the East: WM Richard A. Miller

Brothers:

It is with great pleasure that I address you once again. When Brainard Lodge No.102 and Bay View Lodge No. 120 consolidated last year, the brothers decided that the lodge name would remain Brainard Lodge No. 102 and that the Temple Association would continue to be named Bay View Masonic Temple Association.

When the consolidation occurred, we were required to create new by-laws. While rewriting the by-laws, it was decided that we would change the annual date of the Election of Officers. Traditionally the Election of Officers has been a part of our Annual Meeting. Per our new by-laws, the Election of Officers will be held on the first meeting in October. It was felt that this change would give the incoming Worshipful Master two months to plan out his year.

On October 11, 2022, our officers were elected and appointed for the 2023 year. As your Worshipful Master, I'm happy to say I come from a large Masonic family. My father, Henry A. Miller, was a member of Bay View Lodge. My wife, Carolyn's father, Roland H. Wright, was a Past Master of Bay View Lodge and my wife's grandfather,

Wells T. Bray, was a member of Longmeadow Lodge in East Longmeadow, Mass. Her great grandfather, Philip S. Marie, was a member of Charles Spellman Lodge in Springfield Mass.

In following this tradition, I was a member of New London Chapter Order of DeMolay and became a Master Mason on March 20, 1971. I served Bay View Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1997, 2000, 2001, 2006, and 2010, and was Worshipful Master of Brainard Lodge in 2012. I have also served Brainard Lodge as Secretary for the past 10 years.

My proudest moment, as a Mason, was on March 26, 2019, when my oldest grandson, Richard L. Galbo, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He is also our Junior Deacon for the 2023 year.

Brainard Lodge is very fortunate to have a young core of officers. Most of our officers are in their 20s and 30s, and we have a candidate waiting to take his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 24th who is 21 years old. In fact, he is an East Lyme High School classmate of two Brainard Brother's; Brother Dante Simpkins and our Junior Deacon Brother Richard L. Galbo.

We are planning on a busy year in the coming months. At our officers meeting held on November 22, 2022, the officers decided that they will meet every Tuesday. The Stated Meetings are still on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, and the other Tuesdays will be used for rehearsals, interviews with candidates, planning meetings, and any other pending items.

If you are free on any of our off nights this year, I welcome you to come down to the lodge and get to know the officers and Brothers. Even better, bring a friend who is interested in learning what Masonry has to offer.

Richard Miller, PM
Worshipful Master

Recent Events

Brainard Lodge held its 2023 installation on January 1, 2023. The Installation was at 3:00 p.m. and was performed by the following:

M.W.B. Ted Nelson as the Installing Master
R.W.B. Richard Boardman as Installing Marshall
R.W.B. C.A. Duke as Installing Chaplain

BRAINARD LODGE No. 102

2023 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master : R.W.B. Richard A. Miller (Carolyn)
Senior Warden : Bro. Seth Beebe
Junior Warden : W.B. Tyler Beebe
Treas.: W.B. John Henry Wadsworth III (Emily)
Secy. W.B. James Gilstrap
Senior Deacon : Bro Jonathan Lamas (Hilary)
Junior Deacon : Bro Richard Galbo
Senior Steward : Bro. Mike Bogdan (Tracy)
Junior Steward : Bro. Wilson Scott (Kimberly)
Marshall : W.B. Gordon Fraser Jr. (Pam)
Chaplain : M.W.B. Ted Nelson (Grace)
Tyler : W.B. Scott Larkham
Web Master ; Bro. Jonathan Lamas (Hilary)

Trustees

M.W.B. Ted Nelson (2023)
W.B. Tyler Beebe (2024)
W.B. Scott Larkham (2025)

The Installation was followed by a delicious dinner prepared by R.W.B. Jim Moran and his wife Leah, assisted by their daughter Peyton. My wife Carolyn made a cake for the occasion.

Some of the Lodges in the 8th Masonic District have already had their installations and others will be having theirs soon.

8th Masonic District Worshipful Masters
Wooster Lodge #10 –W.B. Dave Shultzman
Union Lodge #31 –W.B. Josh MacDonald
Somserset –St. James Lodge #34 –W.B. Frank Saviano
Coastal Lodge #57-W.B. Paul Johnson
Brainard Lodge#102 –R.W.B. Richard A. Miller
Oxoboxo Lodge #116 –W.B. Chris Dinoto
Purity Lodge #150 –W.B. Greg Rinald

JANUARY CALENDAR

1/3/2023 –Officers Meeting 6:30 pm

1/10/2023- Stated Communication –Rehearsal for the Entered Apprentice Degree after the meeting. Dinner prior to the meeting.

1/17/2023 Temple Association meeting at 5:00, Rehearsal Follows

1/24/2023 –Entered Apprentice Degree. This is our Annual Inspection and it would be nice if we have a good number of Brothers present. R.W.B. Phil Rathbun DD-8B will be doing the Inspection with his suite of officers. Dinner prior to the Degree.

1/31/2023 –Officers meeting –Discussion of Inspection.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/7/2023 –Officers meeting, Candidates proficiency

2/14/2023 –Stated Communication –Program –The Working Tools of the United
Grand Lodge of England

2/21/2023 –Temple Association meeting at 5:30 with Fellowcraft Degree Rehearsal to
follow.

2/28/2023 –Fellowcraft Degree if Candidate is ready to advance.

In the past we have tried to have a degree each month. That said, your officers and I decided that we are no longer going to rush the candidates through this process. We believe if the candidate for the degrees comes to the Lodge and works on his proficiency with the Brothers present, he will develop a comradery with the Brothers that is not possible by working with just one Brother alone.

LOOKING AHEAD

3/11/2023, CORNED BEEF and CABBAGE DINNER 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Last year we resumed our well known Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This year our Senior Deacon, Jon Lamas, and our Senior Steward, Mike Bogdan, volunteered to Chair this event with the Assistance of Treasurer W.B. John Henry Wadsworth III. There will be more to follow in our February Trestle Board.



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From the West:

SW Seth Beebe

Hey Brothers:

It looks like we're going to have a lot of fun and great activities coming up this year. I'm looking forward to serving with each and every one of you again.

When I first stepped into the officer line, I did so passionately for what I was given the opportunity to do. However, the flare faded as the entire discussion in lodge was always about merge.

Last year, I joined Brainard Lodge as the Senior Warden and I was reminded why I joined Masonry and all the great things that come with being a Mason. I am ecstatic with what this Lodge has planned and look forward to probably one of the best years of my journey in the Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Bro. Seth Beebe

Senior Warden

Information & Technology Committee

Greetings Brothers,

As a member of the 2023 Information & Technology Committee, I manage our [official website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as our monthly Trestle Board communications. If you have any photos, announcements, or other communications you'd like to share, please contact me at the email below.

Email: jonathanplamas@gmail.com

Fraternally,

Bro. Jonathan Lamas

Senior Deacon

2023
MEMBERSHIP DUES

Reminder: 2023 Blue Lodge Dues

As a reminder, membership fees are currently due for the 2023 calendar year. If you've already submitted yours, thank you! Please contact our lodge secretary, [James Gilstrap](#), with any questions.



Committees

Finance

TBD

Auditing

WM Richard Miller

Seth Beebe

Tyler Beebe

Fund Raising/Philanthropy

Michael Bogdan

By-Laws

Theodore James Nelson

Programs

TBD

Dues and Delinquents

TBD

Membership/Retention

TBD

Scholarship

Theodore James Nelson

Andrew Ely

Investigation

TBD

Marketing

Jonathan Lamas

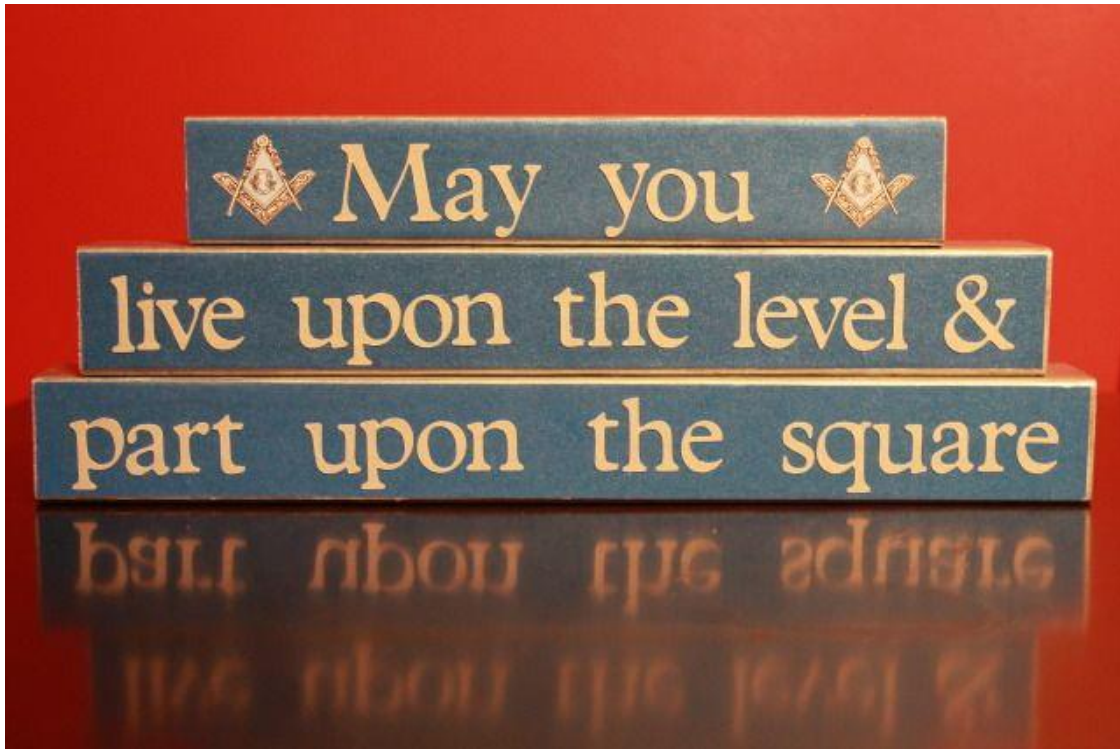
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If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the [WM](#) or [Secretary](#).



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