



June 2023 Trestle Board

Brainard No. 102 Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons





From the East:
Worshipful Master's Report
WM Richard A. Miller

Brothers:

Things are going well at Brainard Lodge. Our Entered Apprentice Ryan Edwards is almost ready to take his next step in Freemasonry; his Fellowcraft Degree. We have two candidates waiting to take their Entered Apprentice Degree. Our Junior Warden, W.B. Tyler Beebe, will be sitting in the East for that Degree. The date for this Degree will be announced in a future update.

We have had two inquires through the Grand Lodge via Grandview for Electronic Membership Requests and will be meeting those two gentlemen at the dinners before Lodge meetings. We have a number of programs planned for the future.

Several of us attended the Masonic Naval Degree on Friday June 2 at The Meadows Lodge in East Longmeadow Mass. The degree started at 6:00 p.m. and there was a dinner. The cost was \$40.00 per person and included the Degree, Dinner and your lifetime dues card. It is a fun degree and the dress code was shorts, Hawaiian shirt, and sandals. After the degree some of us met with the Officers of the degree to set up a date for them to come to Brainard Lodge to look over our setup and they will assist us with putting on a Masonic Naval Degree in September. The intention is to make Brainard Lodge the Headquarters of the Southern Fleet of the Masonic Navy.

We are going to be having several events over the summer. Bring your family and guests.

Saturday July 8, 2023

Strawberry Festival/Officer's Picnic

2:00 pm at a place to be decided.

Call Dick Miller for more info (860) 460-8683.

July 12-16, 2023

North Stonington Fair – Scottish Rite Booth

Wednesday July 12 - Set Up

Thursday July 13

Friday July 14

Saturday July 14

Sunday July 15

Monday July16 - Clean up
Call Ted Nelson if you'd like to help (860) 235-0770

Saturday September 9, 2023

Awards Ceremony 2:00 pm Brainard Lodge

Sunday October 1, 2023

Ladies Dinner at Langley's at Great Neck Country Club Waterford

Social Hour at 1:00pm

Dinner at 2:00 pm

We will probably be performing degree work over the summer as necessary depending on the proficiency of our E.A. Candidates. We will keep you posted on those events. Meeting every Tuesday evening has worked out very well. The first Tuesday has been an officers meeting and the third Tuesday has been a Temple Association Meeting. The fifth Tuesday of the month is going to be for Lodge cleanup. This will be everything from washing and waxing the floors to cleaning the carpet in the Lodge room and upstairs foyer.

Cleanup dates

August 29, 2023

October 31, 2023

January 30, 2024

April 30. 2024

July 30, 2024
October 29, 2024

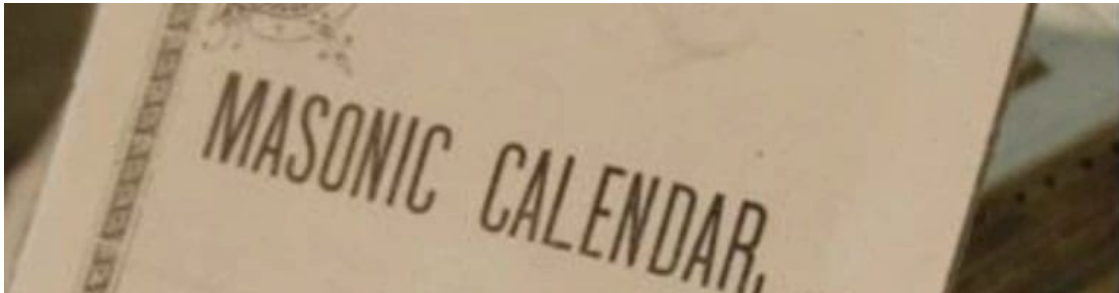
Other important dates

Tuesday October 10, 2023 Election of officers for 2024

Fraternally

R.W.B. Richard A. Miller

Worshipful Master



Events Calendar July

- **Tuesday July 4, 2023** No Officer's Meeting (Independence Day)
- **Saturday July 8, 2023** Strawberry Festival/Officers Picnic 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday July 12-16, 2023** North Stonington Fair – Scottish Rite Booth
 - **Tuesday July 25, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m.

Additional

- **Saturday September 9, 2023** Awards Ceremony 2:00 p.m. Brainard Lodge
 - **Sunday October 1, 2023** Ladies Dinner Langley's Social Hour 1:00 p.m.,
Dinner 2:00 p.m.
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The Freemasons of the Independence

In honor of the upcoming Independence Day Holiday, it is fitting to reflect upon those who made this national holiday possible. The signing of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution were borne from our Founding Fathers' unwavering belief in the right to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Thus, we celebrate the bravery and patriotism of the men who did what was deemed treasonous in order to achieve what they knew was right for their fledgling nation. [Read More](#).

Source: Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ, USA

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.



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TBD

Dues and Delinquents

TBD

Membership/Retention

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Scholarship

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Andrew Ely

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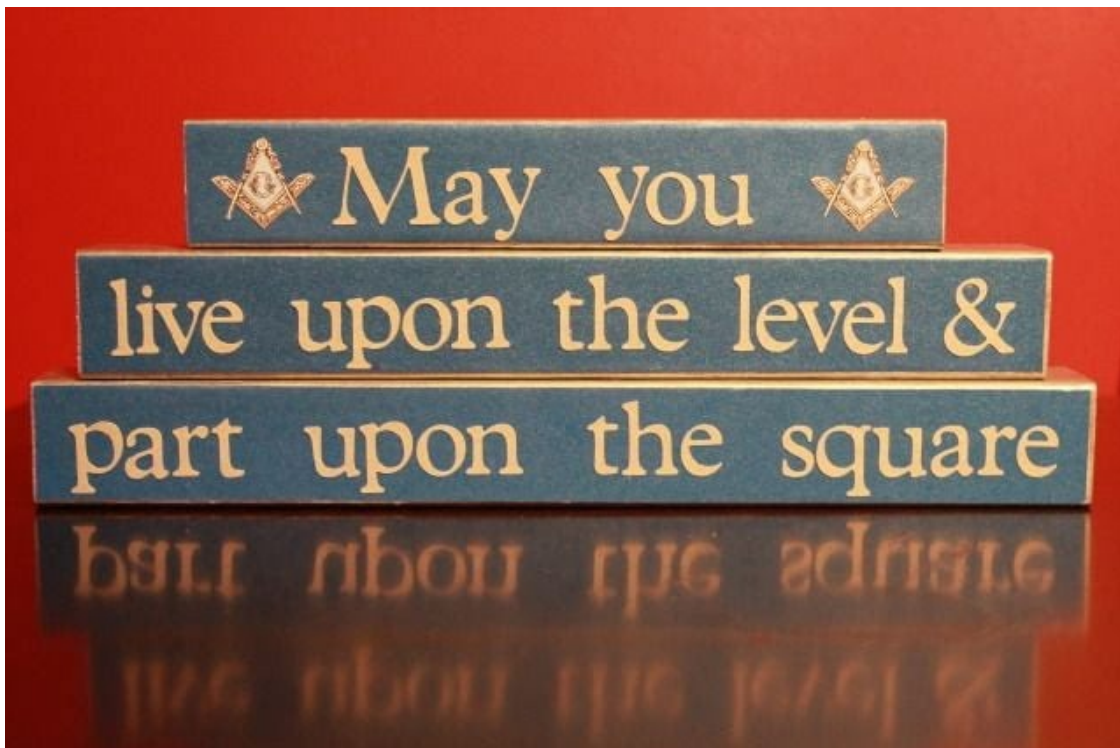
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If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the [WM](#) or [Secretary](#).





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