



May 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 E.A. Degree is tentatively scheduled for June 13th. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Degree starts at 7:30 p.m.

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 will be going to The Meadows Lodge in East Longmeadow Mass. for the Masonic Naval Degree on Friday June 2. The degree starts at 6:00 p.m. and there is a dinner. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes the Degree, Dinner, and your lifetime dues card. It is a fun degree and the dress code is shorts, Hawaiian shirt, and

sandals. Be prepared to get wet. After the degree some of us will meet with the Officers of the degree to set up a date for them to come to Brainard Lodge to look over our setup. 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.

Saturday June 24, 2023

Will be the Summer Picnic and Strawberry Festival.

12:00 p.m. at Brainard Lodge

Bring your family and guests

Saturday July 8, 2023

Officer's Picnic and Officers and P.M's meeting so the incoming Worshipful Master can go over his plans for 2024.

2:00 pm at a place to be decided.

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

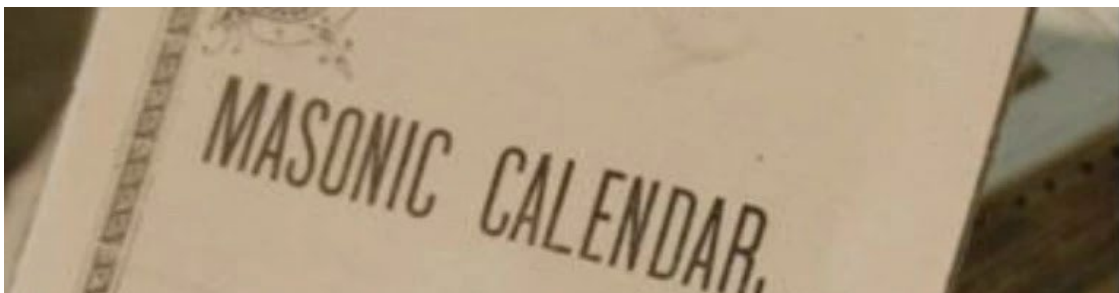
Tuesday October 10, 2023 Election of officers for 2024

On May 27, 2023 Right Worshipful Brother John Henry Wadsworth III will have his official District Deputies Investiture Ceremony at Brainard Lodge. We wish Right Worshipful Brother John and his Associate Grand Marshall W.B. Andrew Pedro a good year. R.W.B. Wadsworth and W.B. Pedro received their Patents, and collars from M.W.B. Joseph Porco, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut at the Annual Communication. They have been off to a good start and it's a well deserved Award for R.W.B. John.

Fraternally

R.W.B. Richard A. Miller

Worshipful Master



Events Calendar May

- **Tuesday May 2, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m. w/Degree Rehearsal
- **Tuesday May 9, 2023** Stated Communication, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday May 16, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m. w/Degree Rehearsal
- **Tuesday May 23, 2023** Stated Communication, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday May 27, 2023** District Deputy Investiture for R.W.B. John Henry Wadsworth 2:00 p.m. dinner to follow Brainard Lodge
- **Tuesday May 30, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m. w/Degree Rehearsal

Events Calendar June

- **Tuesday June 6, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m. w/Degree Rehearsal
- **Tuesday June 13, 2023** EA Degree, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday June 20, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m. w/Degree Rehearsal
- **Saturday June 24, 2023** Summer Picnic and Strawberry Festival 12:00 p.m. Brainard Lodge
- **Tuesday June 27, 2023** Officer's Meeting at 6 p.m. w/Degree Rehearsal

Additional

- **Saturday July 8, 2023** Officers Picnic and officers meeting P.M's also. 2:00 p.m.
 - **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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Sphinx & Pyramid Shrine Ceremonial at Brainard Lodge

On Saturday May 6, 2023 the Sphinx and Pyramid Shrines initiated 14 new Nobles at the Bay View Masonic Temple in Niantic, CT. In all, five Brainard Brothers became Nobles.

(Pictured Left to Right: WB Fred Driscoll, Senior Deacon Jonathan Lamas, WB Glenn Studwell, RWB John Henry Wadsworth III, Senior Steward Mike Bogdan)

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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Dues and Delinquents

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Membership/Retention

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

