



July/August 2023 Trestle Board

Brainard No. 102 Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons





From the East:

Worshipful Master's Report

WM Richard A. Miller

Brothers and Friends of Brainard Lodge:

I'm sorry I haven't gotten back to you sooner but the last month or so has been truly hectic with a lot of things going on at my church. In March the Senior Warden of my church, St. John's Episcopal Church in Niantic, CT resigned. I was asked to replace her. Fr. Anthony Dinoto, our Rector, then decided that he would retire and his last day was June 30, 2023. In the Episcopal church in Connecticut the Senior Warden assumes responsibility for the Parish until a new Rector is chosen. The selection process may take up to a year or more. As you can imagine I have been extremely busy with the church.

Now for Brainard Lodge.

We are moving along and things are going well. The new Electronic Membership Request Chairman at Brainard Lodge is R.W.B. Jim Moran. On Tuesday August 15th we are having a meal at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. we are having a Special Communication. The Grand Master has issued dispensation allowing Lodges that don't meet in the Summer to have Special Communications strictly for the purpose of receiving petitions so we can appoint Investigation Committees. That will allow us to vote on the petitions on Tuesday September 12th and perform the Entered Apprentice Degree on September 26th.

Also on August 15th we will be setting dates and times for rehearsals. I would expect that we would have rehearsals on Tuesday August 22nd, Tuesday August 29th, and Tuesday September 5th, after our Temple Association meeting.

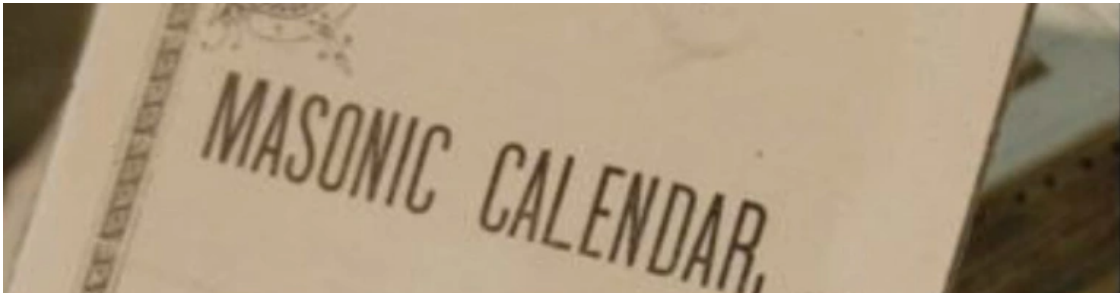
Other dates to think about

- **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
- **Tuesday October 10, 2023** we will be electing officers for the year 2024.

Fraternally

R.W.B. Richard A. Miller

Worshipful Master



Events Calendar August

- **Tuesday August 15, 2023** Special Communication, Dinner @6:30 p.m. Lodge @ 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday August 22, 2023** Officer's Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., EA Degree Rehearsal
- **Tuesday August 29, 2023** Officer's Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., EA Degree Rehearsal

Additional

- **Tuesday September 5, 2023** Officer's Meeting/Temple Association Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., EA Degree Rehearsal

- **Saturday September 9, 2023** Awards Ceremony 2:00 p.m. Brainard Lodge
 - **Tuesday September 12, 2023** Stated Communication, Dinner @6:30 p.m. Lodge @ 7:30 p.m.
 - **Tuesday September 26, 2023** Entered Apprentice Degree, Dinner @6:30 p.m. Lodge @ 7:30 p.m.
 - **Sunday October 1, 2023** Ladies Dinner Langley's Social Hour 1:00 p.m., Dinner 2:00 p.m.
 - **Tuesday October 10, 2023** Stated Communication, Dinner @6:30 p.m. Lodge @ 7:30 p.m., Voting of Officers for 2024
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Five Qualities of Successful Leaders

The article, *The 5 Qualities All Successful Leaders Have in Common*, explores the traits, qualities, and attitudes all successful leaders possess. In the article it suggests that leadership is a skill that an individual is not necessarily born with but can develop. Several prominent Masons were asked to weigh in on the connections that can be made with our Masonic lodges. For instance, they focus on developing others because Freemasonry "...makes good men better" and they encourage strategic thinking, innovation, and action. [Read More](#)

Source: Northeastern University and the Southern California Research Lodge, 2023

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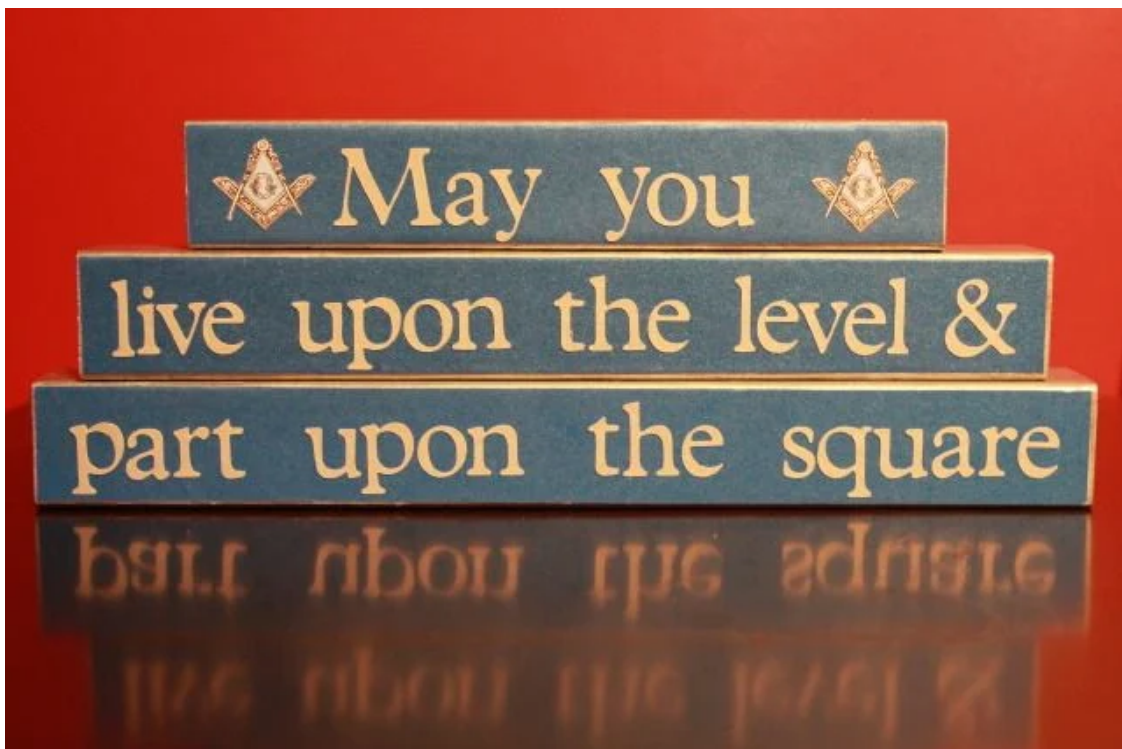
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If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the [WM](#) or [Secretary](#).





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