



## **November/December 2023 Trestle Board**

Brainard No. 102 Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons





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

Brothers of Brainard Lodge:

My time as Master of Brainard Lodge is coming to an end and it's been a pretty good year. Unfortunately, some things have taken place in my personal life that are taking a lot of my time, but things happen sometimes.

At our last Stated communication, a motion was made and seconded to raise the dues to \$170.00 per year. This will be voted on at our Annual Meeting which is on December 12. At the Annual meeting we will also be receiving the reports from the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees, as well as the Audit Committee.

At our October 12, 2023 meeting we held our Election of Officers. The following Officers were elected.

Worshipful Master – Bro. Seth Beebe  
Senior Warden – W.B. James Gilstrap  
Junior Warden – Bro. Jonathan Lamas  
Treasurer – R.W.B. John Henry Wadsworth III  
Secretary – R.W.B. Richard A. Miller  
Trustee – M.W.B. Theodore J. Nelson (expires 2026)

Officers Appointed

Senior Deacon – Bro. Richard L. Galbo  
Junior Deacon – Bro. Michael Bogdan  
Senior Steward – Bro. Wilson Scott  
Junior Steward – TBD  
Tyler – W.B. Tyler Beebe  
Marshall – W.B. Gordon Fraser  
Chaplain – M.W.B. Ted Nelson

The Installation of Officers will be on Saturday January 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

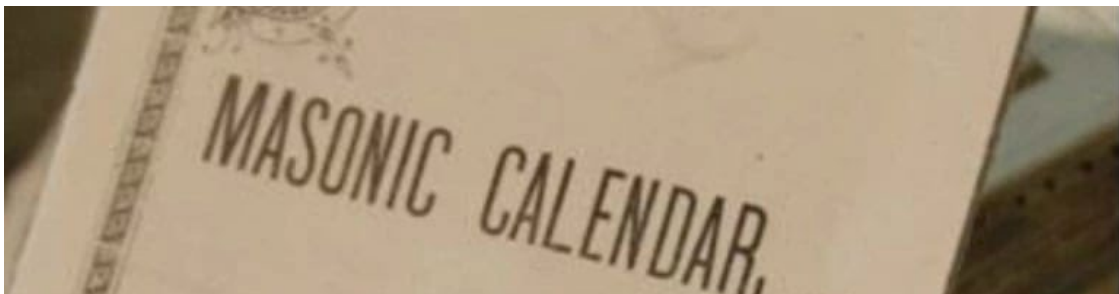
Installing Suite will consist of the following  
Installing Master – W.B. Tyler Beebe  
Installing Marshall – W.B. Andrew Pedro  
Installing Chaplain – M.W.B. Ted Nelson

When Brainard Lodge #102 and Bay View Lodge #120 consolidated, we had to rewrite our By-Laws. One of the changes we made was to change our Election of Officers to the 2nd Tuesday in October. The purpose of this change was to give the incoming Worshipful Master a reasonable amount of time to really prepare for his year in the East.

Fraternally

**R.W.B. Richard A. Miller**

Worshipful Master



## **Events Calendar November/December**

- Tuesday November 7, 2023 6:00 p.m. — Officers Meeting
- Tuesday November 14, 2023 – Stated Communication: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday November 15, 2023 – Somerset/St. James #34 Preston, CT. Fellowcraft Degree put on by Veterans of the 8th Masonic District. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Degree at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday November 21, 2023 — Temple Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday November 28, 2023 – Stated Communication: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

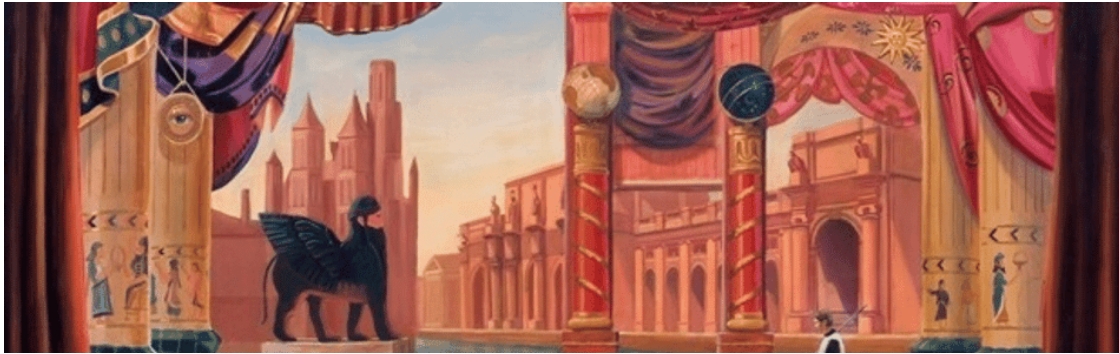
- Tuesday December 5, 2023 — Officers Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
  - Thursday December 7, 2023 — 8th Masonic District monthly Breakfast at Groton Town House 8:30 A.M. First Thursday of the Month.
  - Tuesday December 12, 2023 – Annual Meeting - Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30 p.m.. As stated we will be voting on a dues increase to \$170.00
  - Tuesday December 19, 2023 — Temple Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.
  - Saturday January 6, 2024 — Installation of Officers 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments to follow.
  - Tuesday January 9, 2024 — Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday January 23, 2024 - EA Degree: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m.
- \*Please note that we will be meeting every Tuesday*
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## Welcome to Our Newest Entered Apprentices

Brainard Lodge #102 received several new Brothers into the lodge during an Entered Apprentice degree conducted on September 26, 2023. We look forward to seeing you each grow in your Masonic journeys and would like to thank all who came out to witness, and participate in, this special degree evening.

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## The Masonic Meaning of Columns

Columns are a prominent Masonic symbol of stability and wisdom. They embody the balance between opposite forces, such as light and darkness or strength and beauty. The many teachings of Freemasonry seek to encourage our Brothers to live virtuous lives, uphold principles of honesty, integrity, and charity, and strive to become better individuals. Central to these teachings are symbols, often drawn from nature (such as the acacia tree), stonemasonry (the square and compasses), and religious texts. [Read more.](#)

*Source: Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ, USA Scottish Rite Blog, 2023*

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# 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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## **Auditing**

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Seth Beebe

Tyler Beebe

## **Fund Raising/Philanthropy**

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## **By-Laws**

Theodore James Nelson

## **Programs**

TBD

## **Dues and Delinquents**

TBD

## **Membership/Retention**

TBD

## **Scholarship**

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Andrew Ely

**Investigation**

TBD

**Marketing**

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Andrew Ely

**Information & Technology**

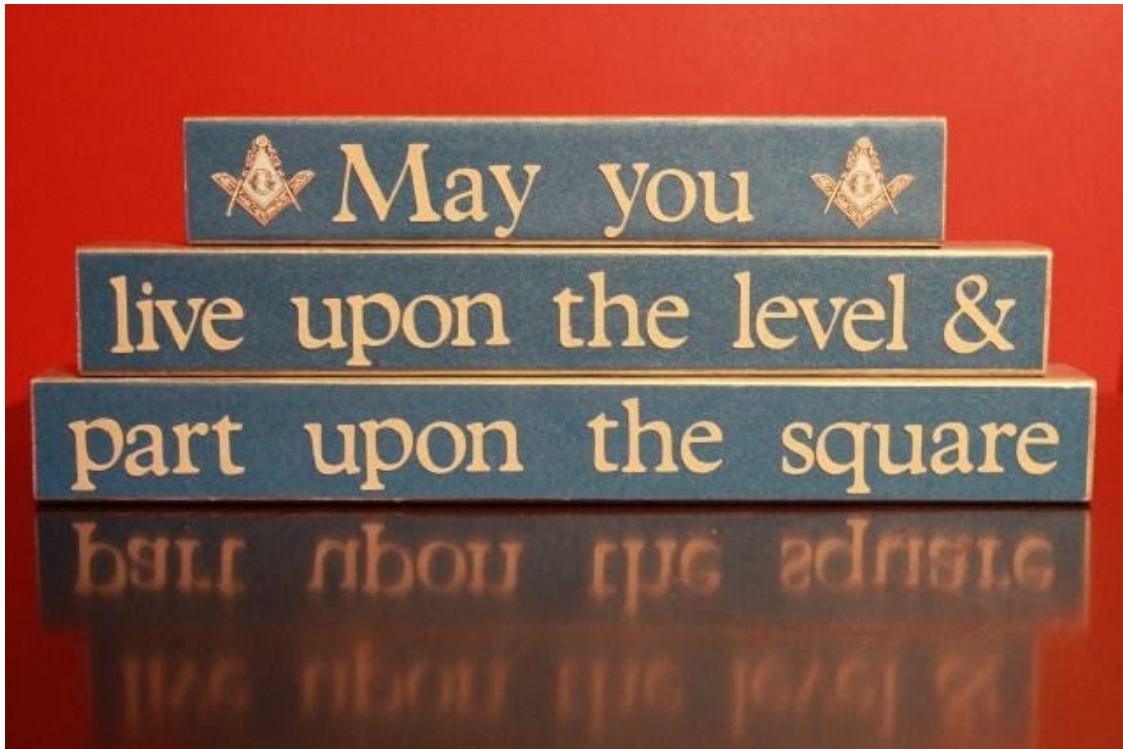
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If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the [WM](#) or [Secretary](#).

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