



**February 2024**

**Trestle Board**

Brainard No. 102 Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons





**From the East:**  
**Worshipful Master's Report**  
**WM Seth Beebe**

Brothers,

January has come and gone. Last month, we initiated a new Brother into the fraternity. So I'd like to welcome Bro. Steve Jones to the fraternity as our newest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner.

Our inspection went well with some hiccups. The hiccups are not the end of the world, but they are the reason why it is essential that officers can make the scheduled rehearsals. I do want to give credit to the Entered Apprentices that stepped up and offered to take a part in the degree. Brother Mike Matovic did an excellent job proving

his proficiency in open lodge by providing the steward's lecture for the evening and Brother Ron Bradley provided the working tools.

At our first meeting in January, I established a committee to begin planning to establish a cabinet in which we will be selling Masonic apparel and memorabilia. More on this will be in the coming months.

Looking forward, it is now February and we currently have five Entered Apprentices. It is my intention to pass them on to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 27. With that in mind, we will be having two Fellowcraft Degree rehearsals. One on February 6th at 7 PM and the other on February 20th at 7 PM. I hope the officers will be in attendance for these dates.

I hope every brother's family and friends are in good health as we persevere through the New England winter. Please feel free to reach out to me or any brother for anything that you need.

Fraternally

**Seth Beebe**

Worshipful Master

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## Events Calendar February

- February 6th - FC Rehearsal
- February 13th - Stated Communication
- February 20th - Temple Association Meeting
- February 27th - FC Degree

*\*Please note that we will be meeting every Tuesday*

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# The History and Meaning of "So Mote it Be"

Every Mason has encountered the ritual phrase "So Mote It Be" numerous times in the lodge. This phrase, which means "so may it be," is repeated by a group of Masons at the end of a ritual, similar to how religious congregations say "Amen" in response to a prayer's ending. [Read more.](#)

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

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## 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

### Reminder: 2024 Blue Lodge Dues

As a reminder, membership fees are currently due for the 2024 calendar year. If you've already submitted yours, thank you! Please contact our lodge secretary, [RWB Richard Miller](#), with any questions.

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### **Auditing**

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### **Fund Raising/Philanthropy**

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### **By-Laws**

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### **Programs**

TBD

**Dues and Delinquents**

TBD

**Membership/Retention**

TBD

**Scholarship**

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TBD

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**Information & Technology**

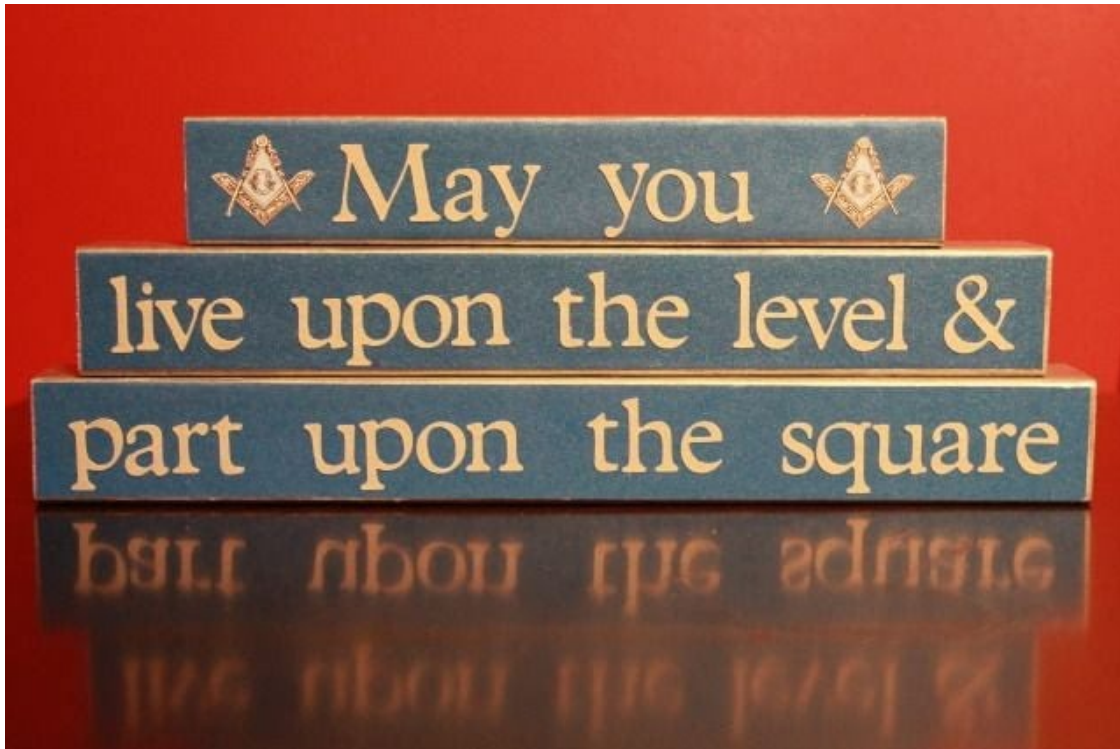
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If your are interested in joining a committee, please contact the [WM](#) or [Secretary](#).

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