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Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F.&A.M

January-March 2024 Trestleboard

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Juan Carlos Diaz

Brothers!

Thank you very much for the opportunity you have given me to serve our lodge as Worshipful Master. I am excited to begin another year as Master of Columbia Lodge. My plan for this year is to bring the craft closer together by creating stronger bonds among our members. I will be working

with all the officers of our lodge to accomplish this goal. I welcome all to join me in making this possible.

The Blue Wave and the leadership of Jeff Flynn have created great joy in the future of our lodge. I thank all those who participated in bringing our new members on board. And I would like to greet and thank all the upcoming members in our craft. I feel we have been blessed with this great opportunity.

Oh how great it is for brothers to come together in the service of the Great Architect, for the benefit of our personal lives, family and community. A new chapter is being written in the history of our craft. I see the eagerness and excitement of all these new members of our lodge. They will be bringing new ideas and energy to the craft. The world seems dark sometimes, but where there is a spark of light there is hope. Brothers, I've been that spark of light in the world. I see that spark of light in our lodge today. And as Mahatma Gandhi said "be the change you want to see".

Fraternally,

Juan Carlos Diaz, Worshipful Master 2024

Fellowcraft Degree November 15, 2023



On November 15, 2023, Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F. & A.M. passed five Fellowcrafts. Shown the left are FC Exequiel Zamora, FC Jason Felber, WM Dave LaFargue, FC Brian Dikun, SW Juan Diaz, FC Zachary Burkett, DD6B Thomas Ducos, FC Filip Crup, and Secretary Walt Grube.

CALENDAR

Unless specifically stated, all meetings start at 7:30 PM

- January 3 **All Dinners require Reservations**
Installation of Officers (Officers Tux)
Dinner at 6:30 PM
- January 15 MM First Part Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 17 Stated Communication/ Business
Building Association Director's Meeting at 6:30 PM
- January 22 MM First Part Rehearsal 7 PM
- January 31 **Tobacco Council Meeting Valley Blue Lodge**
Composite #28
150 Bridge St., Suffield, CT
Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM
- January 30 MM Second Half Rehearsal 7 PM
- February 5 MM Second Half Rehearsal 7 PM
- February 7 Stated Communication/ Business
- February 10 **Master Mason Degree (Officers Tux) 3 PM**
Dinner 5 PM followed by 2nd Half of MM
RSVP to JW Gness by 2/6
- February 21 Stated Communication/Business
- March 6 Stated Communication/Business
- March 20 Stated Communication/Business
- April 5 **Grand Lodge of CT Banquet - 6 PM**
Hartford Marriott at Windsor Airport
- April 6 **Grand Lodge of CT - Annual Communication**
900 AM - 12:30 PM
Hartford Marriott at Windsor Airport

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 **Award's Night (Officers Tux)**
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Reservations by April 25
- May 4 **Derby Night**
Dinner and Bluegrass music 5 PM - 10 PM
Reservations by April 29

Update your Information on Grandview

Help us to stay in touch with you by regularly updating your personal information. Go to the "Masons Only" section of the Grand Lodge website (<https://ctfreemasons.net/>) and click "Member Portal" in the upper right corner. Sign-in using your email ID if already registered. *If not, then go to "Sign Up" lower left, under the login screen and follow the instructions using your Lodge number (25 for Columbia) and member ID (it's on your dues card).* Then go to "My Profile" to update.



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Necrology



Sadly, in the past few months, four of our brothers have been called to the Grand Lodge on High.

Brother Fred Moultrie passed away on Sunday September 17, 2022. Fred was born in 1923 in Albertville, Alabama, the son of Walter and Minnie (Bodine) Moultrie. He was a 1940 graduate of Albertville High School and served our country in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. Fred married his sweetheart Frances Grace Aldridge and together they raised a family of three daughters.

Frances spent several happy years as a student's wife at Auburn University where Fred earned B.S. (1948) and M.S. (1949) Degrees in Agricultural Sciences. In 1953 Fred earned his Ph.D. in Genetics from Kansas State University. He returned to Auburn in 1951 as an Associate Professor and in that capacity, and as a full Professor, he taught Genetics, but mainly conducted research on the genetics of resistance to the diseases of poultry. Fred and Frances took advantage of many opportunities to travel in the United States and also visited five continents over the years through Fred's academic and poultry industry endeavors, meeting dignitaries and industry leaders.

In 1956 Fred joined Arbor Acres Farm of Glastonbury, Connecticut. At the time, Arbor Acres was a small but growing genetics firm with only one branch operation and specializing in broiler breeding stock. In seventeen years at Arbor Acres, he rose through the ranks from Geneticist to President of the Domestic Division. In the meantime, Arbor Acres had grown to be the largest poultry genetics enterprise in the world with twelve branch operations in the United States and a total of twenty-eight in countries on five continents. At one time it was estimated that as much as eighty percent of the sophisticated broiler production in the world was with Arbor Acres stock. Dr. Moultrie had genetics programs going in many of those countries, and he or his staff supervised the technical aspects of production and distribution in all Arbor Acres locations. He moved to Maryland as Vice President, Research of Corbett Enterprises and established Corbett Breeders which subsequently became Kennebec International and was eventually sold to Perdue Farms. He then joined Perdue and later retired as Senior Geneticist.

After retirement, Fred was a consultant in genetics until eighty years of age. He enjoyed woodworking, having completed 151 of the "log cabin" style birdhouse he favored. He constructed and gave away countless other style birdhouses, including the "John Henry's Store" birdhouse which was a tribute to his grandfather, John Henry Moultrie, and the store he owned in Albertville. Other woodworking projects were carved birds, walking canes, tables, vases, and bowls. He especially enjoyed genealogy and identified over eighty of his direct ancestors. He traced his bloodline to American Revolution Patriot Thomas Camp, and in 2016 was certified a member of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Dr. Moultrie was a member of both the American and World's Poultry Science Associations, the American Genetics Association and Poultry Breeders of America, of which he was President in 1967. In January 2023, he was named to his alma mater's Wall of Fame by the Albertville City Schools Foundation.

Fred was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 5, 1958, in Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F. & A.M., with Worshipful Brother Mario L. Accomero presiding Master.

Brother Kalyan K. Chakravarti passed away on Sunday October 21, 2023. Kalyan was born in April 1940 in Dacca, a large city in eastern India (now Dhaka, Bangladesh). KC earned his doctorate degree in dentistry while in India. KC and his wife Shyamali, better known as Shy, were married in India. Then, in 1976, KC came to the United States. Shy followed him in 1977. Their marriage has been blessed by the birth of two daughters, Mona born in India, and Jessica born in the US. KC followed through with post graduate work at Perdue University after he came to the US. He established his dentistry practice first in East Hartford followed by his long-time practice in Glastonbury. He supported his community by becoming a Glastonbury Rotarian where he was known for his participation in the work of the annual Lobster Fest. Always smiling and offering kind and supporting words, he was a quiet participant in the world around him.

Our Brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 17, 1999, in Daskam-Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F. & A.M., with Worshipful Brother Paul F. Blake presiding Master, and has been a true and faithful Brother since then. The lodge's name changed to Columbia Lodge No. 25 upon the merger



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with Orient Lodge No. 62 in 2006. He faithfully participated in the roll of Craftsman in our Master Mason Degree. KC broadened his masonic experience by membership in the Valley of Hartford Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was a member of the Craft for 24 years.

Historian Corner



David Lockard

Grand Jurisdictions is an organizational structure of Freemasonry.

A Grand Jurisdiction is the area controlled by a Grand Lodge or a Grand

Orient depending on its location.

In 1717 the first Grand Lodge was formed by four lodges in London, England. A Grand Lodge or Grand Orient is responsible for the organization, governing policies and functioning of what are called subordinate lodges. These are often referred to as regular lodges particularly those associated with the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE).

When the four original lodges formed the first or Premiere Grand Lodge, they became what are called "time immemorial lodges." Time immemorial lodges are in the unique position to have variances from the normal constitutions of the UGLE. Only three of the original four lodges are still in existence.

As new Grand Lodges and Grand Orients formed it became necessary for the Grand Jurisdictions to recognize each other. There are various levels of recognition between them. The highest level of recognition is amity. When two Grand Jurisdictions seek to have amity it is generally the newer who petitions the older. Part of this process is the review of the landmarks and constitutions associated with each Grand Jurisdiction. They are not required to be identical, although generally are close in content.

In the late 1800's a split came in the nature of Grand Jurisdictions particularly in Europe. The schism came when the Grand Orient of France (GOdF) changed their constitution removing references to the Grand Architect of the Universe (GAOTU). This caused the UGLE to break off amity with them causing the two Grand Jurisdiction systems to be formed. The two systems were the Continental style and Anglo style. The Continental style models itself after the Grand Orient of France (Grand Orients), where the Anglo style models itself after the UGLE (Grand Lodges).

There are countless Grand Jurisdictions around the world. Everyone is self-governed and recognizes amity with other Grand Jurisdictions of their choosing. The one thing they share in common is for their Jurisdiction and subordinate lodges there is no higher authority. The decisions of any one Grand Jurisdiction are not necessarily shared by another.

Prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, individual lodges possessed the power to create new lodges. After their creation, there was little to no oversight by the "Mother Lodge."

The formation of the Grand Lodge of England also created confusion for some, in and out of the fraternity. The 1717 date is often mistakenly believed to be the start of Freemasonry, specifically it's speculative form. There is an abundance of evidence contradicting this opinion. The formation of Grand Lodges (or Orients) became a radical shift in the governance of Freemasonry.

Walt Grube was Coronated an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33rd Degree.



This year in August, in Lexington, Kentucky, six Scottish Rite brothers from Connecticut, Illustrious Brothers John A. Amarilios, MSA, 33°, William L. Greene, MSA, 33°, Walter Grube, MSA, 33°, William H. Morse, Jr., MSA, 33°, Frederick J. Taft, MSA, 33°, and Guy O. Wheelchel III, MSA, 33° received the 33rd Degree.

At the 14-mile mark of the Hartford Marathon



Columbia Lodge was one of five District 6 Lodges to work at the 14-mile Water Station in front of Don Wills house at the Eversource Hartford Marathon on morning of October 14, 2023. There were 1605 registered participants (individual runners, wheelchair, and relay teams) for the Marathon.