



ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

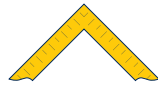
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NOVEMBER 2018 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

Message from the East



Brothers,

As the year draws to a close, I am cherishing my time in the East. What a privilege it is to serve this lodge as Master, and I am enjoying every minute of it.

It's an exciting time at lodge as we begin our double advancement nights. First up is our EA Degree on November 2nd with our SD James Whitaker in the east. Lodge opens at 7:45pm and light refreshments will be served after the degree.

Then on November 16th, we will confer our FC Degree with JW Jeff Brockett presiding in the East. Lodge will open at 7:45pm and hot refreshments will be served after the degree.

And in December we will have the MM degree on the 7th with SW Robb Womack in the East. All this will culminate with or annual meeting and election of officers on December 21st. Both of these meetings will have a dinner at 6:30pm.

We will also have our annual "Toys for Tots" breakfast on November 18th from 8:00am to 10:30am for just \$8.00 per person. A Limited menu will be served, and all proceeds will go to the Milford Fire Department's Toys for Tots program. Please **DO NOT** bring toys. The Milford Fire Department will purchase toys and distribute them to local children throughout Milford.

Finally, the **Milford Veterans Day Parade** is on Sunday, November 11th at 2:00pm. I would like the lodge veterans who are able to walk the parade route to march with us this year. If you are willing to march, please contact me and let me know. If you are unable to walk the route, we will arrange seating in front of the Lodge building. I encourage all members of Ansantawae Lodge to join us in Marching this year.

I look forward to seeing you at lodge,

Fraternally,

Mark Wasserman

Worshipful Master

2018 Officers

- Worshipful Master** Mark Wasserman (Abigail)
Email: wm@ansantawae89.org / Phone: 203-901-1115
- Senior Warden** Robert G. Womack (Elizabeth)
Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: 203-503-1366
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- Secretary** Kenneth B. Hawkins, PGM (Elaine)
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- Ass't. Secretary / Trestle Board** Kevin M. Field, PM
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- Chaplain** Robert L. Thomas, PM (Jennifer)
Email: rob@robthomasct.com / Phone: 203-641-1714
- Senior Deacon** James Whitaker, Jr. (Anna)
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- Junior Deacon** Kevin F. Weirsman (Stephanie)
- Senior Steward** Ryan A. Elblein
- Junior Steward** Antonio L. Albizu
- Marshal** Michael D. Southmayd
- Organist** Robert M. Eldridge, PM (Connie)
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- Historian** Robert D Sherrick Sr., PAGM (Anne)
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Trustees

- 2018** Jesse T. Batterton, PM
- 2018** David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2018** Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2019** Michael G. Nowlin, PM
- 2020** Gregg E. Bateman, PM

Stated Communications, first & third Friday of every month. Except during July & August.



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Masonic Family Breakfast

Sunday, November 18, 2018 — 8 to 10:30am

All proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to the **Milford Fire Department** and their “**Toys for Tots**” program.

Please do not bring toys to the breakfast.

Masonic Building, 59 Broad Street, Milford, CT

Cost: Adults - \$8 All that you care to eat with special rates for children and families

Menu: Menu includes Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Orange juice, Coffee or Tea.
Sorry no Omelets or French toast this month.



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Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



ABOUT HIRAM ABIFF, THE MASON'S MAIN MAN

The tale of Hiram Abiff like a good fish story, has been embellished over time until it has become a central element of Masonic mythology.

Abiff first appears in the Bible in 2 Chronicles 2:13, as Hiram-abi, son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, sent by King Hiram of Tyre to help King Solomon construct a magnificent temple on the Temple Mount of Jerusalem.

Hiram-abi, King Hiram said, was a skilled artisan, "Trained to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, with purple, blue and crimson yarn and fine linen- experienced in all kinds of engraving and able to execute any design assigned to him."

Hiram crafted two pillars, which stood at the entrance to the temple, and all of its bronze furnishings.

But then his name changes. The Freemasons medieval *Old Charges*, a group of manuscripts containing their code of ethics and masonic legends, claims that a man known as Hiram Abiff, a stonemason, worked on the temple's construction. Later in the 18th century, Abiff's role in the building of the temple was further elaborated. He became the architect of King Solomon's Temple and main protagonist in the most important Masonic legend of all.

According to this legend, which is not a part of the original Bible story, Hiram Abiff knew all the secrets of the temple and was murdered by laborers who unsuccessfully demanded his knowledge.

The legend became an important mystical element of the degree rituals of Freemasonry. In those rituals, Hiram Abiff's death opens the door to a "final stage of perfection or regeneration." As part of the ceremony for elevation to the Third or Master Mason degree, each Freemason must take part in a reenactment of his death, and must swear an oath not to reveal the secrets of Freemasonry.

Sources: Freemasonry Symbols, Secrets, Significance, by W. Kirk MacNulty, Thames & Hudson, Ltd, 2006; Wikipedia.

BROTHERS – Please note that our Lodge year closes on November 30th. That's the day we close our books. It is therefore imperative that each member remit their dues payment by that date.

Please remember that the Grand Lodge assessment for each non-exempt State Mason is \$65.00. This amount must be paid by each lodge regardless of receiving remuneration from their members. Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I remain,
Fraternally;
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., *Secretary*

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE TEAM

Jesse T. Batterton	Robert S. Gavlik	Steven P. Schreck
Joseph R. Borack	Robert E. Kee	Richard P. Smeland, Jr.
T. Raymond Brooks	Dean L. Manley	Nicholas J. Staurovsky
Charles A. Buck, Jr.	Greg F. Manley	Robert L. Thomas
Julio A. Calvao	Paul M. Marino	Robert W. Volgmuth
Kevin M. Field	Sean P. Ronan	Todd J. Whaley
	Willam W. Roots	

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

David K. Eisenman, PM	Endowments
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., PGM	Member Retention
Greg G. Manley, PM	Widows Program
Kevin M. Field, PM	Photography
Kevin M. Field, PM	Trestle Board
Robb G. Womack	Candidates
WB Gregg E. Bateman	Outreach Committee

ANSANTAWAE LODGE LIVING PAST MASTERS

1972	T.R. Richards	2000	E.A. Dubois
1973	K.B. Hawkins, Sr. PGM	2001	J.A. Harker
1980	J.D. Lang	2002	T.R. Brooks
1981	F.E. Schumitz	2003	J.A. Victor
1982	A.H. Jennings*	2004	R.X. Goodrich
1984	A.M. Brown, PDD	2005	M.J. Basque
1985	C.A. Buck, Jr., PGM	2006	K.I. Greenhill, PDD
1986	J.D. McCormack	2007	R.F. Lutinski
1988	D.J. Darak	2008	S.T. Hill
1989	T.J. Ritter	2009	D.K. Eisenman, PDD
1991	A.E. Dubien	2010	S.T. Sherrick, PDD
1992	E. J. Mikita	2011	C.J. Buck
1993	B.R. Somers*	2012	R.L. Thomas
1994	J.J. Blair*	2013	K.M. Field
1995	R.L. Jess, PAGT	2014	J.W. Hanson
1996	S.P. Schreck	2015	J.T. Batterton
1997	R.S. Zwiebel	2016	M.G. Nowlin
1998	B.A. Rumford	2017	G.E. Bateman
1999	J.H. Tweedie, PAGM	HON	R.D. Sherrick, PAGM

* Not Active

ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

R.E. Bateman, PDD	G.F. Manley, PAGM
R.R. Cole, PDD	R.C. Marquette
D.G. Conroy	J.T. McWain, PGM
J.S. Demko	H.E. Newton, PGC
K.L. Dworkin	J.L. Pallas
R.M. Dworkin	D. Parkinson
J.E. Dyer	R.D. Sherrick, PAGM
P.V. Edelen	B.I. Silverstein
R.M. Eldridge	B.J. Simonetti
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R.J. Furce	R.W. VanHorn
C.T. Gagel	HONORARY MEMBERS
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K.A. Maehlenbrock	Charles W. Yohe, PGM
D.L. Manley	

MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

Meeting the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

David K. Eisenman	President
Scott T. Sherrick	Vice President
Alan M. Brown	Treasurer
Kenneth B. Hawkins, PGM	Secretary
John W. Hanson	Director
Greg F. Manley	Director
Bruce A. Rumford	Director
Salvatore Siconofi	Director
James H. Tweedie	Director

David K. Eisenman Receives Pierpont Edwards in Bronze

Right Worshipful Brother David Karl Eisenman was born in Milford on March 15, 1968, to the late Karl Eisenman and Donald Paquette. He was educated in the Milford school system and graduated from Joseph A. Foran High School in 1986.



During his sophomore year, he worked part time with R. A. Tool Company, owned by a neighbor, Bro. Robert A. Andrews. Thirty-four years later, Dave still helps Bro. Bob to operate the company.

As a machinist, he is always ready to assist a brother when a special part is needed and he even designed and manufactured a special insert for the K-9 vehicles for the Milford Police Department.

Owing to this relationship with Brother Andrews, RWB Dave applied for membership in Ansantawae Lodge No. 89. He was elected to take the degrees on January 17, 1992, initiated on March 20, passed on April 3 and raised April 24, 1992.

From day one, he immersed himself in Lodge activities. Since 1994, he has been a member of the Masonic Temple Corporation and is currently serving as President. He is the first to volunteer to work on any needed project in and on the building. He plans and cooks numerous dinners, and for more than ten years has run the game dinners, which has resulted in donations of over \$10,000 to the Ansantawae Foundation.

In addition, for many years he roasted a pig for the Annual Fellowcraft Picnic, which he also chaired for many years. On the third Sunday of each month from September through June, Dave can be found manning the grill for the York Rite breakfast, which is open to the public. In 1997, owing to his tireless work on behalf of his brethren, he was named Mason of the Year by the Ansantawae Fellowcraft Association.

RWB Dave also arranged the lodge participation with softball and bowling games with Special Olympic children.

In 2017, he single-handedly renovated the first floor ladies room at the lodge, and in 2018 he will play a major role in the remodeling of the second floor ladies room.

RWB Dave served as Tiler from 1996-2003. During that period, he was asked on several occasions to join the officer line but always countered with the answer, "I don't think I'm capable of learning and delivering the ritual." However, he finally acquiesced and in 2006, was appointed as Junior Deacon.

On January 2, 2009, having proven his earlier self-evaluation wrong, he was installed as Worshipful Master. As that was the 150th year anniversary of the Lodge, many special programs were held, including a Master Mason degree portrayed by members of those lodges that had combined to assist in the founding of Ansantawae Lodge in 1859: St. Johns Lodge No. 8, Stratford and King Hiram Lodge No. 12, Derby (now located in Shelton). Another Master Mason degree was portrayed by Connecticut Past Grand Masters, with Most Worshipful Brother George S. Greytak in the East. Sixteen members were raised during this milestone year.

In 2010, MWB Charles A. Buck, Jr appointed WB Kenneth I. Greenhill as RW District Deputy of Masonic District 4B. Without hesitation, Ken chose WB Dave as his Associate Grand Marshal. Together they served with distinction through the 2011 Grand Lodge year.

Owing to his above performance, in 2016, MW Gail N. Smith appointed WB Dave as RW District Deputy for District 4B. RW Bro. Dave chose WB Gregory F. Manley as his Associate Grand Marshal. They served with distinction through the 2017 Grand Lodge year.

The Blue Lodge is not the only Masonic body which has benefited from Dave's membership. He walked the hot sands of Pyramid Shriners on December 19, 1992, was Exalted in Milford Chapter No. 49, RAM on October 12, 1999 and received and greeted in Adam Sattig Council No, 35, R & SM, December 7, 1999.

On June 18, 2002 he affiliated with Orange Lodge No. 143 and subsequently was installed as Worshipful Master on January 17, 2012. In that capacity, he was instrumental in the smooth merger of Orange Lodge with Ansantawae Lodge.

Rarely does a member dedicate himself to serve his brothers in so many capacities. No matter what service is needed, he analyzes the situation and works through until the job is completed.

To the Brothers of Ansantawae, however, his finest attribute is that everything he has accomplished in life and Masonry has been done so unassumingly, not looking for credit, only the satisfaction of serving his brothers. He was a wonderful son and continues to be a trusted employee, valued friend and the members of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 are proud to call him Brother.

In recognition of his years of service to our fraternity, to his Lodge and to the state of Connecticut, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut is both pleased and proud to present RW Brother David Eisenman the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.





Milford Assembly #4, Rainbow

Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00pm
Email - milfordrainbow@yahoo.com

Amanda SchmidtWorthy Advisor
Amy Wrinn..... Mother Advisor
Stephen T. Hill..... Chairman

Rainbow Calendar

Nov 1st – Business meeting, White gowns – **7pm**
Setup at 6:30pm

Nov 15th – Pledge and Fun meeting.
Bring a friend – **7pm**

Rainbow Advisory Board

Tony Barcia • Denise Curcio • Stephen T. Hill
Kristy Mascia • Andrea Nadel • Liz Plasky, PWA
Sonja Schmidt, PWA • Steve Mullins

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The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay

Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays,
7:30pm (except July & August)

Master Councilor Sebastian Pesquera
Senior Councilor KJ Pokornowski
Junior Councilor Isaac Evans
Dad Advisor..... Dad Mark Hawkins

DeMolay Calendar

Nov 4th – **Game Day / Prospect Event – 12-4pm**
Fellowship, Video & Board Games,
Pizza and Snacks! **DeMolay and
Prospective members welcome!!**

Nov 14th – Stated Communication – **7:30pm**

Nov 28th – Stated Communication – **7:30pm**



DeMolay Advisory Board

Daniel J. Adams, PMC, CHEV • Christopher J.M. Buck, PMC, PSMC, CHEV, LOH
Susan Carpenter, COH • Kevin M. Field, Chairman, PMC, CHEV, LOH
Kenneth B. Hawkins, CHEV, LOH • Mark H. Hawkins, HON • Leonard Schmidt
Sonja Schmidt • Becca Sheffler, Scribe • Michael P. Sheffler, PMC, CHEV, LOH
John M. Sheffler, PMC, CHEV • Scott T. Sherrick, PMC, CHEV • Robert G. Womack, HON



Housatonic Chapter #13, Royal Arch Masons

Stated Convocations for this Chapter will be held at
7:30pm, on the **2nd Friday** of each **ODD** month.

Most Excellent High PriestCraig Robert Nelson Sr.
Excellent King Gary Shepard
Excellent ScribeMichael Southmayd
Treasurer Anthony Pipitone
Secretary Charles A. McCollum
Chaplain..... John Mellor
Captain of the Host..... James Whitaker
Principal Sojourner..... Michael Miller
Royal Arch Captain Michael Skrocki
G M 3rd Veil Robert B. Danyliw
G M 2nd Veil..... Andrew Flasko
G M 1st Veil Robert Womack
Sentinel..... Harvey Hartin
Organist.....Richard Kassay

This Chapter meets 5 times during a calendar year with meetings being held in January, March, May, September, and November.

The Convocations for this Chapter are to be held at the America-St. Johns Masonic Temple, 3960 Main Street in Stratford, Connecticut. The Annual Meeting of this Chapter shall be held on the Stated Convocation of March of each year.



Paugussett Council #16 Royal & Select Masters

Stated Assemblies for this Council will be held at
7:30pm, on the **2nd Tuesday** of each **EVEN** month.

Thrice Illustrious Master Richard Kassay
Deputy Illustrious Master..... Michael D. Southmayd
Ill. Prin. Cond. Works James Whitaker
Recorder /Treasurer Charles McCollum
Capt. Of the Guard..... Gary Shepard
Conductor..... John Mellor
Steward Robert G. Womack
Chaplain..... John Mellor
Sentinel..... Harvey Hartin
Organist..... Ernest A. Dubois*

This schedule will have the new Council meeting 5 times during a calendar year with meetings being held in February, April, June, October, and December.

The Assemblies for this Council are to be held at the Ansantawee Masonic Lodge located at 59 Broad Street in Milford, Connecticut. The Annual Meeting of this Council shall be held on the Stated Assembly of April of each year.

LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

November 8th Stated Session, **7:30pm**

December 13th Stated Session, **7:30pm**

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

November 21st Stated Session, **7:30pm**

December 19th Stated Session, **7:30pm**

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CHEVALIER INVESTITURE

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Brother Keith Schmidt

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – 7:30pm
Chevalier Observance Dinner – 6:30pm

**North Haven Masonic Lodge
30 Church St, North Haven, CT**



Sponsored by Ansantawae Lodge #89, A.F. & A.M.

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MILFORD FOOD BANK DRIVE

Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay will be collecting non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries for **The Milford Food Bank**. DeMolay will be accepting donations on **Sunday, December 16th**, from **8am – 10:30am** at the **Milford Masonic Family Breakfast**.

DONATE AN ITEM AND YOUR BREAKFAST IS ONLY \$7.00.

Please donate as liberally as possible to those who are in need within our community. The Food Bank accepts donations and distributes food to individuals of all ages in Milford. **Please no canned corn.**

For additional information, please contact Dad Kevin Field via email: kevfield16@yahoo.com or call (203) 878-6339



Thank you for your support!

Milford DeMolay is sponsored by Ansantawae Lodge #89, A.F. & A.M.

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2018

- Nov 2nd** Stated Communication, **7:30pm**
Conferring of Entered Apprentice Degree with SD James Whitaker, Jr. presiding the in East, Double Advancement. Refreshments to follow.
- Nov 5th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Nov 7th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Nov 16th** Stated Communication, **7:30pm**
Conferring of Fellowcraft Degree with JW Jeffrey R. Brockett presiding the in East, Double Advancement. Hot Refreshments to follow.
- Nov 18th** **Masonic Family Breakfast, 8am – 10:30am**
- Nov 22nd**  **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- Nov 29th** **Blue Lodge Council, 7:15pm**
Widow's Son #66
8 Eades St, Branford, CT 06405

DECEMBER

- Dec 3rd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Dec 5th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Dec 7th** Stated Communication, **7:30pm**
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree**, SW Robb Womack presiding in the East. Dinner served at **6:30pm**
- Dec 16th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8–10:30am**
- Dec 16th** **Children's Christmas Party, 11am – 12pm**
- Dec 17th** **ANNUAL YORK RITE CAROL SING**
Dinner served at **6pm**, Carol program at **7pm**
- Dec 21th** Annual Communication & Election of 2019 Officers. Lodge opens at **7:45pm**, Brisket dinner will be served at **6:30pm**

JANUARY 2019

- Jan 1st** **HAPPY NEW YEARS!**
- Jan 4th** Stated Communication & Installation of 2019 Ansantawae Lodge #89 Officers, **7pm**

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