DECEMBER 2023 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 - Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Greetings My Brothers,

As we approach the end of the year, I hope this month's Trestleboard finds you well and in good spirits! I wish all of you the best the Holidays can offer and with that a wish for a healthy and enjoyable new Year to come!

Here are the upcoming December dates for us:

December 2nd - We will be having our Stated Communication with Lodge opening at 7:45pm. The evening's event will be a presentation of some infrequently seen ritual work - Worshipful Brother Jesse Batterton will kick things off with the **2nd Section Lecture from the EA degree** and be followed by some additional ritual presentations, as well.

December 16th - ANNUAL MEETING. For the Annual Meeting this year we will be having a catered dinner beginning at 6:30pm with Lodge opening at 7:45pm. In addition to the election of 2023 officers, the annual reports will be delivered and discussed, and we will have the opportunity to enjoy a great meal together. Please do your best to let JW Denny McNamara know if you will be attending by Wednesday, December 14th, so we can make sure we have an accurate count for the meal.

Reservations can be made at jw@ansantawae89.org.

As we wrap up 2022, I am both grateful and excited. Grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as Master of Ansantawae Lodge #89 - and for all of the assistance our many Past Masters, officers and Brothers have granted me - and equally excited to see the next advancing set of officers take the reins and continue successfully on! I am incredibly proud of our heritage and looking forward to our future.

Thank you, my Brothers - I look forward to seeing you all at Lodge!

Fraternally,

Kevin F. Weirsman

Worshipful Master

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2022 Officers

Worshipful MasterKevin F. Weirsman (Stephanie) Email: wm@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 623-6278 Senior WardenRyan A. Elblein (Courtney) Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (774) 329-5565 Junior WardenDennis S. McNamara, Jr. (Sonia) Email: jw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 414-1030 TreasurerJesse T. Batterton, PM (Wendy) Email: Jessebatterton@gmail.com / Phone: (203) 974-9622 Secretary / Trestle BoardKevin M. Field, PM Email: secretary@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 506-6410 ChaplainRobert L. Thomas, PM (Jennifer) Email: rob.thomas@outlook.com / Phone: (203) 641-1714 Senior Deacon......Julio A. Calvao (Jessica) Email: sd@ansantawae89.org Senior StewardGregory C. D'Andrea (Marcia) Junior Steward Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April) Tiler Richard P. Smeland, Jr.

Trustees

2022	James H. Tweedie, PM
2023	Jeffrey R. Brockett, PM
2024	David K. Eisenman, PM
2024	Greg F. Manley, PM
2024	James Whitaker, Jr., PM

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

I would like to congratulate WB Kevin F. Weirsman and the officers of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 for their hard work and dedication over the past year. After several years of adverse conditions, they have continued to make our lodge, fraternity, and brotherhood the cornerstone of light in the world.

Thank you to all those who supported the recent Masonic Family Breakfast, Annual Toys for Tots charity. This year, we raised \$1,700 in donations for the Milford Fire Departments Toy program. Thank you to everyone, who helped brighten the season for those families

in need of some Holiday cheer!

I would like to personally wish everyone health and happiness in the coming year. *Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!*

Fraternally; WB Kevin M. Field, Secretary

Masonic words and phrases.

Evergreen – having foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year. In masonry, the evergreen is used as a symbol of our faith and the immortality of the soul.



The Ansantawae Lodge needs Brothers who are interested in joining the **Fellowcraft Degree Team**. We require volunteers to perform several speaking roles for the **Master Mason tragedy** in the future. If you are interested in performing a speaking role, send an email to **secretary@ansantawae89.org** with your aspiration. Thank You!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates	Ryan A. Elblein (774) 329-5565
Endowments	David K. Eisenman, P.M. (203) 641-2426
Member Retention	Scott T. Sherrick, P.M. (203) 996-1960
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Trestle Board	Kevin M. Field, P.M. (203) 506-6410
Widow's Program	Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr.

ANSANTAWAE LODGE LIVING PAST MASTERS

1972	T.R. Richards	2004	R.X. Goodrich
1973	K.B. Hawkins, Sr. PGM	2005	M.J. Basque
1981	F.E. Schumitz	2006	K.I. Greenhill, PDD
1982	A.H. Jennings*	2007	R.F. Lutinski
1984	A.M. Brown, PDD	2008	S.T. Hill
1985	C.A. Buck, Jr., PGM	2009	D.K. Eisenman, PDD
1986	J.D. McCormack	2010	S.T. Sherrick, PDD
1989	T.J. Ritter	2011	C.J. Buck
1991	A.E. Dubien	2012	R.L. Thomas
1992	E. J. Mikita	2013	K.M. Field
1993	B.R. Somers*	2014	J.W. Hanson
1994	J.J. Blair*	2015	J.T. Batterton
1995	R.L. Jess, PAGT	2016	M.G. Nowlin
1996	S.P. Schreck	2017	G.E. Bateman
1997	R.S. Zwiebel	2018	M. Wasserman
1998	B.A. Rumford	2019	R.G. Womack
1999	J.H. Tweedie, PAGM	2020	J. R. Brockett
2000	E.A. Dubois	2021	J. Whitaker, Jr.
2001	J.A. Harker	HON	R.D. Sherrick, PAGM
2002	T.R. Brooks		* Nat Astina
			* Not Active

LIVING ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS WHO WERE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

R. E. Bateman, P.D.D. #143

A. M. Brown, P.D.D. #79

J. H. Burbank #95 (Missouri)

R. R. Cole, P.D.D. #87

D. G. Conroy #143

J. S. Demko #143

K .L. Dworkin #143

R. M. Dworkin #143

J.E. Dyer #143

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K. E. Fears #144

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A. M. Friedman #143

R.J. Furce #142

n.J. Fulce #14

C. T. Gagel #143 R.W. Harriman #143 J. H. Introcaso #143

D. L. Manley #143

G. F. Manley, P.A.G.M. #143

R. C. Marquette #143

J. T. Mcwain, P.G.M. #65

D. Parkinson #104

R. D. Sherrick, Sr., (Massachusetts)

B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)

B. J. Simonetti #83

B. E. Thompson The Meadows Lodge, MA

R. V. Travis #144

R. W. Van Horn #84 (Maine)

HONORARY MEMBERS

Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM George S. Greytak, PGM Lewis G. Myrick Sr., PGM, PH Charles W. Yohe, PGM

MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

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

David K. Eisenman	President
Scott T. Sherrick	Vice President
Jesse T. Batterton	Treasurer
Kevin M. Field	Secretary
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr	Director
Joseph D. Morgan	Director
Salvatore Siconofi	Director
Richard P. Smeland, Jr	Director
James H. Tweedie	Director

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Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18, 2022 — 10:30am to 12pm

Masonic Building, 59 Broad Street, Milford, CT

All brothers are welcome to bring their families to spend some time with Santa! Fun activities, games and refreshments will be served.

Please make reservation with Senior Deacon, Julion Calvao via email: sd@ansantawae89.org





Milford Assembly No. 4, Rainbow

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

Daja Bird	Worthy Advisor
Liz Plasky	•
Kristie Mascia Bird	

Rainbow Calendar

Until further notice, **Milford Assembly No. 4** meetings will be restricted to members, advisors and parents only.

Rainbow Advisory Board

Tony Barcia • Kristie Mascia Bird • Stephen T. Hill • Anna Plasky Liz Plasky, PWA • Casey Kudravy • Amy Wrinn

#thumbsupforrainbow



LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

December 8th Stated Session, 7:30pm

January 12th Stated Session, 7:30pm



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.

Officers for 2022-2023

Most Excellent High Priest	Craig Nelson
Excellent King	James Whitaker, Jr.
Excellent Scribe	Gary Shepard
Treasurer / Secretary	Charles McCollum
Chaplain	Michael Sabia
Captain of the Host	Andrew Flasko
Principal Sojourner	Michael Miller
Royal Arch Captain	
G M 3rd Veil	
G M 2nd Veil	Joseph Soto
G M 1st Veil	JD Debaun
Sentinel	Richard Smeland
Organist	Richard Kassa

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.



Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay

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

DeMolay International

We are the premier organization based on timeless principles, committed to developing and inspiring leadership, team building, and networking for young men ages 12 – 21.



DeMolay Advisory Board

Daniel J. Adams, PMC, CHEV • Julio A. Calvao • Susan Carpenter, COH
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Mark H. Hawkins, HON • Connie Pesquera • Becca Sheffler, Scribe
Michael P. Sheffler, PMC, CHEV, LOH • John M. Sheffler, PMC, CHEV
Scott T. Sherrick, PMC, CHEV

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

December 21st Stated Session, 7:30pm

January 18th Stated Session, 7:30pm



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.

Officers for 2022-2023

Thrice Illustrious Master	James Whitaker, Jr, PTIM.
Deputy Illustrious Master	Gary Shepard, PTIM
III. Prin. Cond. Works	Craig Nelson, PTIM
Recorder /Treasurer	Charles McCollum, PMPGM
Capt. Of the Guard	Andrew Flasko
Conductor	Kurt Wischow
Steward	Joseph Soto
Chaplain	Michael Sabia
Sentinel	Richard Smeland
Organist	Ernest 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 Ansantawae 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.



Hamilton Commandery #5 Knights Templar

3960 Main Street, Stratford, CT **7:30pm** – 3rd Thursday, Except July & August

December 15th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting **December 18th** – Christmas Observance, **3pm**

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DECEMBER 2022

Trestleboard

ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2022

Dec 2nd Stated Communication – 7:45pm.

2nd Section Lecture from the EA degree

WB Jesse T. Batterton

Dec 5th Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, 7pm

Dec 7th Masons Night at Orange Ale House, 7pm

517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477

Dec 16th Annual Communication & Election

of 2023 Officers. Dinner served at 6:30pm

Lodge opens at 7:45pm

Dec 18th Masonic Family Breakfast, 8 – 10:30am

Dec 19th ANNUAL YORK RITE CAROL SING

Dinner will be served at **6pm**, Carol program will start at **7pm**





JANUARY 2023

Jan 1st	HAPPY NEW YEARS!
Jan 4th	Masons Night at Orange Ale House, 7pm 517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
Jan 6th	Stated Communication, 2023 Installation of Officers, 7pm
Jan 9th	Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, 7pm
Jan 15th	Masonic Family Breakfast, 8 – 10:30am
Jan 21st	Stated Communication, 7:45pm Conferring of Entered Apprentice Degree .