



# ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

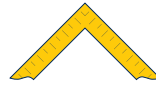
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## JANUARY 2023 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

### MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season and new year!

Thank you for entrusting me to lead Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 for the 2023 year. It is an honor to join the ranks of the 138 Past Masters that have come before me, and I hope that I can live up to the examples that these great men have set.

While planning my year in the East I came across a booklet of the history of Ansantawae Lodge that was prepared for our 125th anniversary. This booklet has summaries of every year from 1859 through 1984 and quite a bit can be learned by flipping through it. For example, I learned that 50 years ago, the year that MWB Kenneth B. Hawkins was installed as Worshipful Master, we ended the year with 635 members and the annual Strawberry Festival had an attendance of 160 people.

It should be no shock to hear that our membership and attendance have decreased significantly in the past 50 years. The decline in membership was discussed by MWB Bruce R. Bellmore in his April 2022 Grand Master's Message and he referenced a study done by Scottish Rite across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction that found the overwhelming majority of brothers who demitted or went NPD did so because of lack of engagement. Despite what you may think, this is great news! There will always be factors beyond our control, but a lack of engagement is something we have control over.

My brothers, my goal this year is to increase Ansantawae Lodge's engagement. I aim to improve the engagement of our members, not just within our lodge, but with the other lodges in our district and state, as well as with our Milford and Orange communities. However, I can only do so much as Worshipful Master. If this year is to be a success, I will need the assistance of you, my brothers. I encourage you all to reach out to brothers you may not have seen a while, talk with the new brothers and help them feel welcomed so they can see what our lodge is all about, travel to other lodges, and attend Blue Lodge Council meetings.

Lastly, as part of this goal to increase engagement, I will be establishing three committees this year. The committees will be focused on fellowship, fundraising, and public relations and I am looking for brothers that are interested in running and/or participating in these committees. Please let me know if you have an interest in taking part in these committees.

I am excited to see you all at lodge this year!

Fraternally,  
Ryan A. Elblein  
*Worshipful Master*

### 2023 Officers

- Worshipful Master** ..... Ryan A. Elblein (Courtney)  
Email: [wm@ansantawae89.org](mailto:wm@ansantawae89.org) / Phone: (774) 329-5565
- Senior Warden** ..... Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (Sonia)  
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- Junior Warden** ..... Julio A. Calvao (Jessica)  
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- Treasurer** ..... Jesse T. Batterton, PM (Wendy)  
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- Secretary / Trestle Board** ..... Kevin M. Field, PM  
Email: [secretary@ansantawae89.org](mailto:secretary@ansantawae89.org) / Phone: (203) 506-6410
- Chaplain** ..... Robert L. Thomas, PM (Jennifer)  
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- Senior Deacon** ..... Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)  
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- Junior Deacon** ..... Michael R. Gendreau
- Senior Steward** ..... Gregory C. D'Andrea (Marcia)
- Junior Steward** ..... Joseph Soto
- Tiler** ..... Richard P. Smeland, Jr.
- Marshal** ..... Michael D. Southmayd, Sr.
- Organist** ..... Ernest A. Dubois, PM
- Historian** ..... William W. Roots

### Trustees

- 2024** ..... David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2024** ..... Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2025** ..... Kevin F. Weirsman, PM

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

# Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

Thank you to all the Brothers of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, for their continuing vote of confidence, and for electing me to serve this Lodge as its Secretary for the coming 2023 year. This will be my last year serving as secretary. Unfortunately, I will not be able to adequately perform the duties required for this office due to increased responsibilities to my usual vocation. I will work with the current officers to ensure the Lodge has a transition plan in place for my successor.

The 2023 year marks the 164th Installation of officers for Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M. There have been one hundred and twenty-six brothers serving as Worshipful Masters of Ansantawae Lodge.

WB Ryan A. Elblein will be our 113th non-consecutive Master to sit in the oriental chair, beginning with WB Arthur H. Platt in 1910. In 1923, the Worshipful Master of Ansantawae Lodge was WB Walter E. Fladd.

The dues notices for the 2023 year have been mailed to the craft. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your notice, please feel free to contact me via email: [secretary@ansantawae89.org](mailto:secretary@ansantawae89.org) or call: (203) 506-6410. Or for other questions that may arise throughout the year.

I wish you and your families all a *Happy & Healthy New Year!*

Fraternally;

WB Kevin M. Field,

Secretary

## Masonic words and phrases.

**Worshipful** – As used in Worshipful Master, from the Anglo-Saxon, **Worthship** (worthy); honorable or respectable. Used as a respectful form of address. The term has no religious or sacred implication.



**Warden** – “Ward” is of Medieval origin, having been used in early English, French, German, etc., always in the sense of to guard something, a meaning preserved in warden, guard, guardian, wary, ware, ward, etc. A warden is guardian of the west gate of the Temple, the Junior Warden of the south gate.

## 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. Rumpfod	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	2022	K.F. Weirsmen
2002	T.R. Brooks	HON	R.D. Sherrick, PAGM

\* Not Active

## LIVING ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS WHO WERE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

R. E. Bateman, P.D.D. #143	J. H. Introcaso #143
A. M. Brown, P.D.D. #79	D. L. Manley #143
J. H. Burbank #95 (Missouri)	G. F. Manley, P.A.G.M. #143
R. R. Cole, P.D.D. #87	R. C. Marquette #143
D. G. Conroy #143	J. T. Mcwain, P.G.M. #65
J. S. Demko #143	D. Parkinson #104
K. L. Dworkin #143	R. D. Sherrick, Sr., (Massachusetts)
R. M. Dworkin #143	B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)
J.E. Dyer #143	B. J. Simonetti #83
P. V. Edelen #143	B. E. Thompson The Meadows Lodge, MA
R. M. Eldridge M.L.R.	R. V. Travis #144
K. E. Fears #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
Robert E. Hall	Director
Joseph D. Morgan	Director
Salvatore Siconofi	Director
Richard P. Smeland, Jr	Director
James H. Tweedie	Director

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates	Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (203) 414-1030
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

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### Milford Assembly No. 4, Rainbow

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

Daja Bird ..... Worthy Advisor  
Liz Plasky..... Mother Advisor  
Kristie Mascia Bird ..... Chairman

### International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow members are between the ages of 11 and 20 years old. Rainbow welcomes everyone, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

### Rainbow Advisory Board

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



## 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 ..... Keith Pokornowski  
Dad Advisor ..... Dad Mark Hawkins

### 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  
Kevin M. Field, Chairman, PMC, CHEV, LOH • 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

### LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

**January 12th** Stated Session, **7:30pm**  
**February 9th** Stated Session, **7:30pm**

### PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

**January 18th** Stated Session, **7:30pm**  
**February 15th** 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 ..... Fritz Erauda  
G M 3rd Veil ..... David Millington  
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.



### 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  
Ill. 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

**January 16th** – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

**Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 A.F. & A.M.**  
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## **JANUARY 2023**

### Trestleboard

## **ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JANUARY 2023**

- Jan 1st** **HAPPY NEW YEARS!**
- Jan 2nd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- 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**  
Installation Ceremony open to public.
- Jan 15th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10:30am**
- Jan 20th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
Fellowship Night — **Pizza.**

### **FEBRUARY 2023**

- Feb 1st** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**  
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Feb 3rd** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree**
- Feb 6th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Feb 17th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
Presentation of **Entered Apprentice 2nd & 3rd**  
**Section Lecture**, WB Jesse T. Batterton
- Feb 19th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10:30am**

2023  
*Happy New Year*

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