



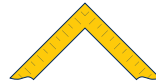
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



FEBRUARY 2023 TRESTLEBOARD | Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers,

It's hard to believe that I am already writing my second Master's message! This year is off to a great start as we had a good turnout of brothers and families for the installation. It meant a lot to me, as I am sure it did to the other Brothers that were installed, to have so many Brothers and their families attend. Our first fellowship night also had quite a few Brothers attend and most of the Brothers who attended stayed for hours after the meeting to enjoy some fellowship.

During good of the order at the second meeting in January, I referenced an article called Slowing the Sands of Time by RW Bro. Chad M. Lacey Past Master of Dundee Lodge No. 190 in Carpentersville, IL. For those that were not in attendance, this article discusses the feeling that time moves faster the older we get and it suggests ways to slow that feeling. Have you ever felt as if a year flew by? Like you blinked and all of a sudden it was New Year's again? I know I have. The above-mentioned article explains that our minds are always trying to become more efficient and therefore we find ways to do things without actively thinking about doing them. We have the same morning routine so that we can get up and go without remembering what it is we need to do. We drive the same route to work each day so we can focus our mind on something other than driving. While these routines may be efficient, they are not memorable and for that reason we look back at the year and think it has flown by because we did not have many memorable moments. So how do we fix that?

We fix it by making our year more memorable! The reason it feels as if time moved slower when you were a child is because everything was new and memorable. So, for the month of February I challenge you to try and slow down time. Reach out to a Brother you haven't talked to in a while, visit a lodge you've never been to before, and if you haven't been to lodge in a while come to the February meetings so we can all create memories together!

Lastly, I have two important notes for the month of February. First, at our EA degree on 2/3 all donations to the mite box will be going to Fayette Lodge #69 in Ellington to help pay for the fire damage to their lodge. Second, Grand Worthy Advisor of Connecticut Rainbow, Brenna Wrinn, will be collecting bottles, cans, and can tops, for the Shriner's Hospital during the month of February so please drop your bottles, cans, and can tops in the donation bin that will be set up at lodge by the time this message is released.

Have a great month Brothers!

Fraternally,
Ryan A. Elblein
Worshipful Master

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- 2025** Kevin F. Weirsman, PM

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

February marks the observance of Presidents Day, a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present. The significance of Presidents Day to Masonry is abundant and interesting. WB George Washington of Fredericksburg Lodge, A.F. & A.M. was inaugurated as the First President of the United States of America on April 30, 1789.

There have been fourteen that have served as President, George Washington, 1st President, 1789 – 1797; James Monroe, 5th President, 1817 – 1825; Andrew Jackson, 7th President, 1829 – 1837; James Knox Polk, 11th President, 1845 – 1849; James Buchanan, 15th President, 1857 – 1861; Andrew Johnson, 17th President, 1865 – 1869; James Abram Garfield, 20th President, 1881; William McKinley, 25th President, 1897 – 1901; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President, 1901 – 1909; William Howard Taft, 27th President, 1909 – 1913; Warren Gamaliel Harding, 29th President, 1921 – 1923; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd President, 1933 – 1945; Harry S. Truman, 33rd President, 1945 – 1951; Gerald R. Ford, Jr., 38th President, 1974 – 1977.

Our inauguration is now conducted at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., a symbol of the American people and their government. At 10:00 a.m., the cornerstone of which was laid on September 18, 1793, by President Washington. A Virginia newspaper, the Alexandria Gazette, recorded how Washington crossed the Potomac and was met by two brass bands, a volunteer artillery company, and a delegation of Masons in full regalia. They accompanied him in the first parade held in Washington, D.C.—a grand procession from the construction site of the White House to the construction site for the U.S. Capitol. With the president were Joseph Clark and three “Worshipful Masters” bearing the corn, wine, and oil used to consecrate the stone. An engraved plate was delivered and the inscription read:

“This South East corner stone, of the Capitol of the United States of America in the City of Washington, was laid on the 18th day of September, in the thirteenth year of American Independence, in the first year of the second term of the Presidency of George Washington, whose virtues in the civil administration of his country have been as conspicuous and beneficial, as his Military valor and prudence have been useful in establishing her liberties, and in the year of Masonry 5793, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, several lodges under its jurisdiction, and Lodge 22, from Alexandria, Virginia.”

A mural depicting the ceremony is painted in the main entrance of The George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Worth the visit!

Fraternally;

WB Kevin M. Field,

Secretary

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

* Not Active

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- Lewis G. Myrick Sr., PGM, PH
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MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

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

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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

Connecticut DeMolay 2023 Grand Masters Class

Honoring **Rev. and Bro. Bruce R. Bellmore**

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Saturday, February 11th, 2pm – 5pm
285 Whitney Ave New Haven, CT



DeMolay Advisory Board

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LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

February 9th Stated Session, **7:30pm**
March 9th Stated Session, **7:30pm**

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

February 15th Stated Session, **7:30pm**
March 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
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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.

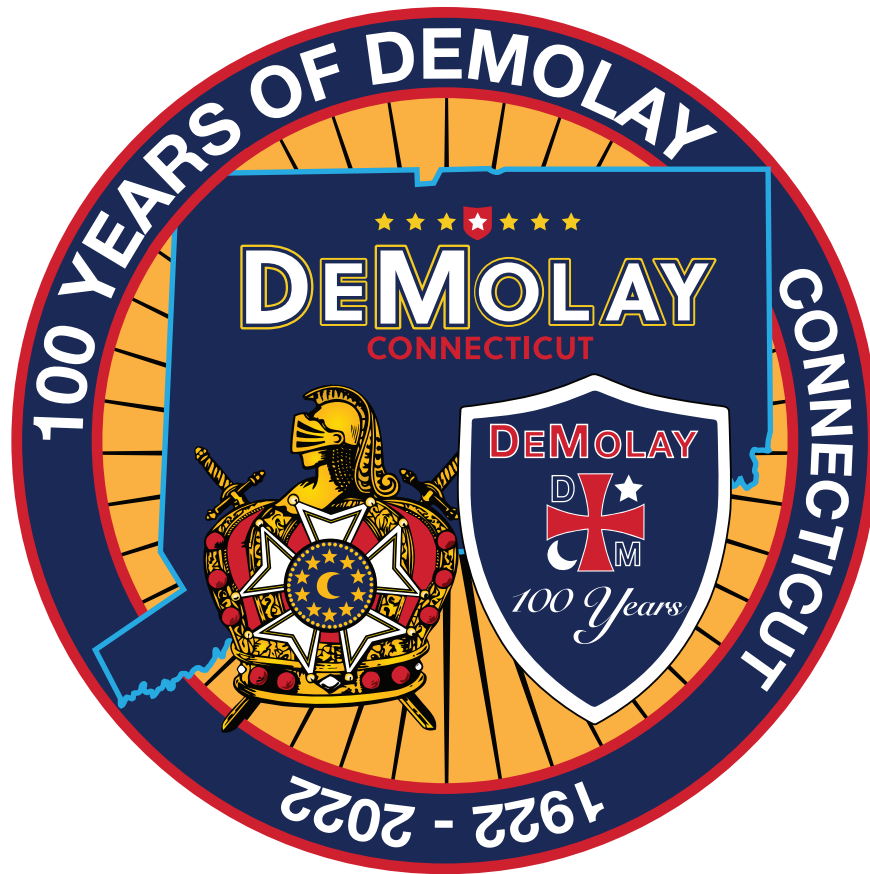
The Assemblies for this Council are to be held at the Ansantawae Masonic Lodge located at 59 Broad Street in Milford, Connecticut. The Annual Meeting of this Council shall be held on the Stated Assembly of April of each year.



Hamilton Commandery #5 Knights Templar

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

February 16th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting



COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION/BANQUET

Saturday, March 4th, 4pm – 7pm | 74 Cheshire Rd., Wallingford, CT
Donation \$50 per person, Active DeMolay free

Connecticut DeMolay entered its centennial year, with the chartering of **Bridgeport Chapter** in 1923. Celebrating 100 years of positive and moral influence for young men in their formative years. Based on the seven cardinal virtues of **filial love, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism**, membership in DeMolay provides a safe, worthwhile program where young men may excel into the successful leaders of the next generation.

Founded in Kansas City, Missouri in 1919, DeMolay International (*formerly the DeMolay Council and the Order of DeMolay*) enriches the lives of its members by providing a fun-filled program which develops key life skills such as public speaking, budgeting, fundraising, collaboration and event planning. Under the mentorship of certified adult volunteers, every DeMolay member is encouraged to develop at his own pace, making his own unique DeMolay experience.

DeMolay counts among its alumni a multitude of gentlemen who transformed the lessons and examples from their DeMolay experience into the foundation for their success in their personal or professional lives.

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 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**
JW Julio A. Calvao presiding in the East.
- 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**
- Feb 20th** **PRESIDENTS DAY**



MARCH

- Mar 1st** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Mar 3rd** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Fellowcraft Degree**
SW Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. presiding in the East.
- Mar 6th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Mar 11th** **Milford St. Patrick's Day Parade, 10:30am**
Light refreshments in Lodge Hall and families
are welcome. Parade steps off at **Wasson Field – 1pm**
- Mar 12th** **New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, 10am**
Sponsored by The 4th Masonic District - Blue Lodge
Council, Valley of New Haven-Scottish Rite and Hiram
Lodge No.1., assembling at the
New Haven Masonic Lodge, 285 Whitney Avenue.
- Mar 17th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Program TBD – **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- Mar 19th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10:30am**
- Mar 30th** Blue Lodge Council - Awards Night, hosted by
Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, Dinner served at **6:30pm**,
Meeting to commence at **7:15pm**

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