



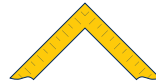
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers,

September is here, our two-month break is over, it's time to get back to labor and boy do we have a lot of work to do!

First, I want to thank everybody who participated in the Fellowcraft Picnic in July. We sold over 50 tickets and most people that bought tickets attended. There was food, drinks, and fellowship to be had by all and the event was a greater success than I could have hoped for. While the Fellowcraft Picnic has never been a big fundraiser for the lodge (at least not since I have been a member), I am happy to say we made a profit for the first time in several years. This event would not have been the success it was if it were not for the team of officers that worked hard to put this together, thank you all for your efforts.

I mentioned there is a lot of work to do and that work has to do with Project Blue Wave. If you are not aware, Project Blue Wave is the Grand Lodge's effort to raise awareness of Freemasonry in Connecticut and grow our numbers with quality Brothers. Previously, Project Blue Wave was only being tested at a handful of lodges, however, our time to participate has now come and we are already seeing an influx of candidates. As I write this, we have 16 inquiries, 10 of which have come over the break. The influx of inquiries is expected to increase as the program gets fully up and running and Project Blue Wave has created a new role called Prospect Manager. Traditionally, the Senior Warden has been responsible for reaching out to prospects and gauging if they would be good candidates of Freemasonry. However, with the influx of inquiries, we feel it might be a better idea to have a separate prospect manager whose sole responsibility will be to reach out to prospects and find out if they would be a good fit for our lodge. If this is a position that interests you, please reach out to me for more details.

Lastly, if these 16 inquiries turn into candidates, it may be necessary for us to hold special meetings for the purpose of degree work. We are not at that point yet, but I want to make you all aware that it is a possibility as having degrees as special meetings may require greater assistance from the craft depending on the schedules of the officers. If we do have a need-a-run specials, we will give you ample notice so that you may assist or attend.

These are exciting times and I feel the future of Freemasonry, and Ansantawae Lodge, is bright! I look forward to seeing you all back at lodge.

Fraternally,
Ryan A. Elblein
Worshipful Master

2023 Officers

- Worshipful Master**..... Ryan A. Elblein (Courtney)
Email: wm@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (774) 329-5565
- Senior Warden**..... Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (Sonia)
Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 414-1030
- Junior Warden**..... Julio A. Calvao (Jessica)
Email: jw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 650-1174
- Treasurer**..... Jesse T. Batterton, PM (Wendy)
Email: Jessebatterton@gmail.com / Phone: (203) 974-9622
- Secretary / Trestle Board**..... Kevin M. Field, PM
Email: secretary@ansantawae89.org
- Chaplain**..... Robert L. Thomas, PM (Jennifer)
Email: rob.thomas@outlook.com / Phone: (203) 641-1714
- Senior Deacon**..... Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)
Email: sd@ansantawae89.org
- 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

- 2023**..... Jeffrey R. Brockett, PM
- 2024**..... David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2024**..... Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2024**..... James Whitaker, Jr., PM
- 2025**..... Kevin F. Weirsmann, PM

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

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

Welcome back from our July and August hiatus. We trust you all had a restful summer and are refreshed for our return to labor.

For all those brothers who have not yet registered with the **Connecticut Grand Lodge – CT Grandview online system**, please make an effort to log in and create your account. The CT Grandview System gives each brother access to resources, information, and users ability to update their contact information.

All Connecticut Masons can go to <https://ct.grandview.systems> and access your Connecticut Grand View account. To do so, you will need your member ID number (number located on your dues card), mother Lodge number, and Last name. This will help the Connecticut Grand Lodge and Ansantawae maintain accurate records and provide better communication among the craft. Thank you!

Additionally, I encourage the members of Ansantawae Lodge who have not yet paid their **2023 Annual Dues**, to please do so in a timely manner. If there is an issue or concern with your dues, please feel free to contact me via email: secretary@ansantawae89.org or by phone at (203) 506-6410.

I wish all of you continued health and happiness.

Fraternally;
WB Kevin M. Field,
Secretary

Masonic words and phrases.

Sublime – *Sublimis*, in Latin, referred to something high, lofty, exalted, like a city set on top of a hill, or an eagle's nest atop some lonely crag. It refers to that which is eminent, of superlative degree, moral grandeur, spiritual exaltation. Inasmuch as the Third Degree is at the top of the system of Ancient Craft Masonry, it is known as "**The Sublime Degree**".



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
1984	A.M. Brown, PDD	2007	R.F. Lutinski
1985	C.A. Buck, Jr., PGM	2008	S.T. Hill
1986	J.D. McCormack	2009	D.K. Eisenman, PDD
1989	T.J. Ritter	2010	S.T. Sherrick, PDD
1991	A.E. Dubien	2011	C.J. Buck
1992	E. J. Mikita	2012	R.L. Thomas
1993	B.R. Somers*	2013	K.M. Field
1994	J.J. Blair*	2014	J.W. Hanson
1995	R.L. Jess, PAGT	2015	J.T. Batterton
1996	S.P. Schreck	2016	M.G. Nowlin
1997	R.S. Zwiebel	2017	G.E. Bateman
1998	B.A. Rumford	2018	M. Wasserman
1999	J.H. Tweedie, PAGM	2019	R.G. Womack
2000	E.A. Dubois	2020	J. R. Brockett
2001	J.A. Harker	2021	J. Whitaker, Jr.
2002	T.R. Brooks	2022	K.F. Weirsman

* Not Active

LIVING ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS WHO WERE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

R. E. Bateman, P.D.D. #143	D. L. Manley #143
A. M. Brown, P.D.D. #79	G. F. Manley, P.A.G.M. #143
J. H. Burbank #95 (Missouri)	R. C. Marquette #143
R. R. Cole, P.D.D. #87	J. T. Mcwain, P.G.M. #65
D. G. Conroy #143	D. Parkinson #104
J. S. Demko #143	B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)
K. L. Dworkin #143	B. J. Simonetti #83
R. M. Dworkin #143	B. E. Thompson The Meadows Lodge, MA
J.E. Dyer #143	R. V. Travis #144
P. V. Edelen #143	R. W. Van Horn #84 (Maine)
K. E. Fears #144	
D. K. Eisenman #143	HONORARY MEMBERS
A. M. Friedman #143	Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM
R.J. Furce, A.G.M. #142	Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM
C. T. Gagel #143	George S. Greytak, PGM
J. H. Introcaso #143	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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WB Kevin M. Field, *Secretary*



The **"Masons Only"** section of the **Connecticut Grand Lodge** website's will be going away. It is being replaced by our new membership management system called **"Grand View"**. It is a cloud-based system and can be accessed at <https://ct.grandview.systems>

All Connecticut Masons can go to <https://ct.grandview.systems> and access your Connecticut Grand View account. To do so, you will need your member **ID number** (number located on your dues card), **mother Lodge number**, and **Last name**.

- Step 1.** Enter the url for your jurisdiction
- Step 2.** Click on Member Portal
- Step 3.** Click on Member Registration
- Step 4.** Enter your Lodge Number
- Step 5.** Enter your Member ID
- Step 6.** Enter your Last Name - (case sensitive)
- Step 7.** Click on Check Membership Status
- Step 8.** Enter your email address
- Step 9.** Enter a password that you can remember
- Step 10.** Enter Confirmation by entering password again
- Step 11.** Click on Submit

You are now in Grandview and returned Member Record. All manuals, rules, ceremonies, reports, etc. will be made available there in the **"Resources"** section.

If you have any questions or problems, call the office at **(203) 679-5903** or email GrandLodge@ctfreemasons.net



What is **CONNECTICUT GRAND LODGE GRAND VIEW?**

The “Masons Only” section of the Grand Lodge website’s has been replaced by the new membership management system called “Grand View”. The cloud-based system is a state-of-the-art system that has replace our existing database and allow us to do so much more for our Grand Lodge, Lodge, and even the individual members.

As an active brother, you will have access to make changes to your contact information on your record including the ability to:

- Update mailing address
- Update telephone numbers
- Update email address
- Update your personal information (birth date, place of birth, and occupation).

Members will also have access to the private member portal where you can find lodge meetings throughout the state, your lodge events, access educational and resource materials.

This system is unique in that it is designed to distribute access and control of lodge records down to the lodge secretaries. Your lodge secretary will have access to your member record to make changes to your history and office positions.

In addition to the record management features, Grand View also provide communication abilities where your secretary can create posts and events that are automatically emailed to the members who use email and mail merge letters for those that do not.

Anstatawae Lodge No. 89, is promoting greater engagement with **Connecticut Grand Lodge Grand View**. Please take a moment to set up your CT Grand View account. Instruction can be found on following PDF page.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please send an email to: secretary@anstatawae89.org

Anstatawae is dedicated to seeing our members have the tools and resources to allow our craft to grow and prosper both now and in the future.

CURRENT ANSANTAWAE LODGE GRAND VIEW ENGAGEMENT



- Registered (22%)
- Not Registered (78%)

**315 Master
Masons**



Milford Assembly No. 4, Rainbow

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

Liz Plasky..... Mother Advisor
Casey Kudravy..... 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

Kristie Mascia Bird • Jeff Brockett • Ernie Dubois
Casey Kudravy, PWA • Anna Plasky, PWA • Liz Plasky, PWA

#thumbsupforrainbow



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
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John M. Sheffler, PMC, CHEV • Scott T. Sherrick, PMC, CHEV

LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

September 14th – Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

September 20th – 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 2023-2024

Most Excellent High Priest..... James Whitaker, Jr.
Excellent King Gary Shepard
Excellent Scribe Andrew Flasko
Treasurer / Secretary..... Charles McCollum
Chaplain Michael Sabia
Captain of the Host Michael Miller
Principal Sojourner Fritz Erauda
Royal Arch Captain Joseph Soto
G M 3rd Veil JD Debaun
G M 2nd Veil.....
G M 1st Veil
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, CT. 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 2023-2024

Thrice Illustrious Master Gary Shepard, PTIM
Deputy Illustrious Master Andrew Flasko
Ill. Prin. Cond. Works..... Michael Miller
Recorder / Treasurer Charles McCollum, PMPGM
Capt. Of the Guard Kurt Wischow
Conductor Joseph Soto
Steward
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, CT. 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

September 21st – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1st** Stated Communication, **Roll Call Night Dinner, 6:30pm / Program, 7:45pm**
Families and friends are welcome to attend!
Business Meeting to follow.
- Sept 6th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Sept 11th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Sept 15th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree**,
SD Jeff J. Scepanski presiding in the East
- Sept 17th** **No Masonic Breakfast**
Masonic Family Breakfast will resume in October

OCTOBER

- Oct 2nd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Oct 4th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Oct 6th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Presentation of the **"Bee Hive Lecture"**,
by WB Kevin F. Weirsman
- Oct 15th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10:30am**
\$10 donation, all you can eat breakfast.
- Oct 20th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Fellow Craft Degree**,
JW Julio A. Calvao presiding in the East
- Oct 21st** **Grand Lodge of CT - Semi-Annual Communication**,
Masonicare, 74 Cheshire Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- Oct 27th** Special Communication, **6:30pm**
TABLE LODGE, please make reservations
JW Julio A. Calvao no later than Friday, October 20th

THERE WILL BE **NO MASONIC FAMILY**
BREAKFAST DURING **SEPTEMBER**

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