



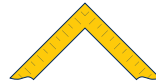
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers,

The leaves are changing colors, and the weather is getting cooler, that means Thanksgiving is right around the corner! This time of year, it is easy to get caught up with planning and shopping for the holidays. It seems like every year Black Friday sales start earlier. However, it is important to remember what Thanksgiving is about. It's a reminder for us to think of all that we are grateful for.

I will admit that I have not always been the best at remembering to think about what I am grateful for, and I am sure I am not the only one that has struggled with that. However, it is these imperfections that help us become better Freemasons. As you all well know, Freemasonry is about making good men better, which means none of us are perfect and we can all find ways to improve ourselves. This year, I plan to spend more time thinking about what I have to be thankful for. We can all find things in our lives that we are thankful for, and I encourage you to spend some time this month to identify what it is you are thankful for.

Lastly, my Brothers, while the upcoming holiday season is supposed to be a time of joy, there are many that struggle with financial and other stresses of life. We all took an obligation to help poor, distressed Brothers so let us not forget those that may need our help this month. Whether that help is in the form of financial donations, volunteering time, or simply lending an ear is completely up to you. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at lodge!

Fraternally,
Ryan A. Elblein
Worshipful Master



2023 Officers

- Worshipful Master**..... Ryan A. Elblein (Courtney)
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- Senior Warden**..... Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (Sonia)
Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 414-1030
- 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
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- 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

- 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



ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89



Masonic Family Breakfast

Sunday, November 19, 2023 — 8 to 10am

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 - \$10 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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DEMOLAY
MILFORD CHAPTER



Greetings Brothers,

Ansantawae Lodge No.89 is one of the largest Masonic lodges in the State of Connecticut with membership of 315 Master Masons. Yet, as secretary I find we struggle to gather more than 20 Brothers to a meeting including officers. For decades, we all know our meetings are the first and third Fridays of the month (except July and August) at 7:45pm. But with the lack of attendance, I've asked myself "What are the benefits to Masonry?"

Masonic lodges have been around for centuries and have attracted millions of men of every race, color, creed, and political persuasion throughout the world. The Masonic Lodge is a fraternity that encourages its members to practice the faith of their personal acceptance. Masonry teaches that each person, through self-improvement and helping others, has an obligation to make a difference for good in the world.

Moral Self-Improvement: Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, illustrated by symbols. It is a philosophy of ethical conduct which imparts moral and social virtues and fosters brotherly love. Its tenets have endured since man turned the first pages of civilization.

Increased Brotherhood: Every Mason stands equal among his brothers, regardless of walk of life, and none is turned away for financial need. The purpose of the Ancient Craft of Freemasonry is to unfold a message where "truth abides in fullness", invoking greater understanding of the inward life and a spirit of fellowship in which every Mason can also lead a better outward life.

Community Relief/Charity to Others: Masonic lodges are known for their charitable work in their communities. They provide assistance to those in need through various programs such as scholarships, disaster relief, and medical research.

Leadership Skills: Joining a Masonic lodge can help develop leadership skills through various roles such as Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and more.

I hope that you find inspiration from one of these subject matters and they motivate you to take some time to revisit your lodge. Attend a meeting or activity and take advantage of all benefits that Freemasonry offers. I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to greet you at Ansantawae Lodge.

Fraternally;
WB Kevin M. Field,
Secretary

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates	Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (203) 414-1030
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Member Retention.....	Scott T. Sherrick, P.M. (203) 996-1960
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Trestle Board	Kevin M. Field, P.M. (203) 506-6410

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	HONORARY MEMBERS
D. K. Eisenman #143	Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM
A. M. Friedman #143	Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM
R.J. Furce, A.G.M. #142	George S. Greytak, PGM
C. T. Gagel #143	Lewis G. Myrick Sr., PGM, PH
J. H. Introcaso #143	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



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



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 Julio Calvao

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

October 12th – Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

October 18th – 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

October 19th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1st** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Nov 3rd** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
- Nov 6th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Nov 17th** Stated Communication, **7pm**
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree**,
SW Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. presiding in the East
- Nov 19th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
Annual Toys For Tots Fund-raiser
\$10 donation, all you can eat breakfast.



DECEMBER

- Dec 1st** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Event TBD
- Dec 4th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Dec 6th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Dec 15th** **Annual Communication & Election of 2024 Officers.** Lodge opens at, **7:45pm**
- Dec 17th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation, all you can eat breakfast.
- Dec 18th** **Annual York Rite Carol Sing**
Dinner will be served at **6pm**,
Carol program will start at, **7pm**



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