



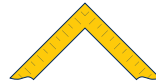
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, well maybe not too “healthy” if you loaded up on side dishes like I normally do.

I can't believe it is already December and this is my last Master's Message. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve the brothers of Ansantawae Lodge #89. I set out this year with the goal of increasing the engagement of Ansantawae Lodge both within and without the lodge and I am happy to say that I believe we have achieved that goal. Every meeting had a program or purpose, we brought back the picnic (which was a big success in my book), and we had programs we have not had in a long time, if ever (the Martin & Max play, a history talk about Freemasonry during the Revolutionary War, fellowship nights, to name a few) and we hosted a Blue Lodge Council meeting with one of the largest attendances they have had in several years. Additionally, I have seen several brothers who have not been to the lodge in years come back and participate.

I want to thank all the brothers who attended and participated in events throughout the year. A Worshipful Master can make all the plans and goals they want, but that all means nothing without the help of the brothers. Thank you all for making this year a success!

Lastly, I want to leave you with some thoughts for the future. Throughout the year I have had the pleasure of talking with Worshipful Masters of several lodges and if I had to pick one area where I believe Ansantawae Lodge could improve the most, it would be fundraising. I have heard many opinions on fundraising in Blue Lodge and while I understand where those who oppose it are coming from, the costs of keeping a lodge running continue to go up. The unfortunate reality is that we, like many lodges around the state, have decreasing membership. Decreasing membership means less funds to support the lodge. Couple that with increasing costs and the gap becomes even wider. So, what is the solution to this problem? Fundraising. There are all sorts of ways that a lodge can fundraise, from golf tournaments to picnics, to spaghetti dinners. How Ansantawae Lodge fundraises in the future will be up to the future Worshipful Master's. Still, I have no doubt that fundraising will need to be part of our future and I encourage all the brothers to get involved and not be afraid to offer up ideas to the officers of the lodge.

Thank you, brothers, this has been a fantastic year. Our officer line is strong, and you have many more great years ahead.



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. Weirsman, PM

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

I would like to congratulate WB Ryan A. Elblein and the officers of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 for their hard work and dedication over the past year. WB Ryan worked tirelessly over the past year to introduce new ideas and bring back some old Ansantawae traditions. They have continued to make our lodge, and fraternity, the beacon of light for brotherly love and friendship in our community.



Thank you to all those who supported the recent Masonic Family Breakfast, and Annual Toys for Tots charity. This year, we

raised \$1,900 in donations for the Milford Fire Department's 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.

Word – In all of its several and varied uses, the term “WORD” symbolizes Divine Truth. The search for the Word in any sense means ultimately the search for Truth. The whole system of speculative Masonry is, in its essence, the search for Truth. The written word of God hold a pre-eminent place in all Degrees of Masonry and in all of its teachings.

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 wm@ansantawae89.org with your aspiration. Thank You!

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

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. Weirsmen

* 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

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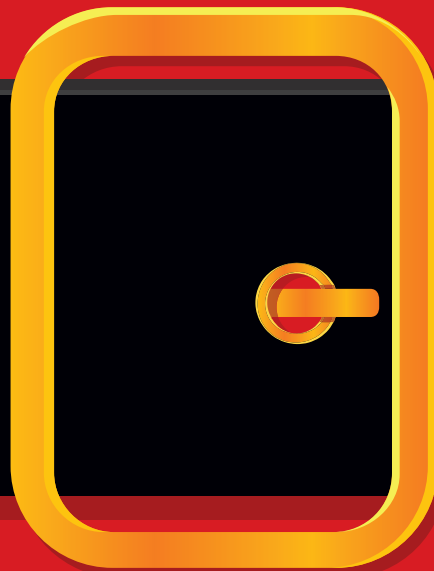
Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 2023 — 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, Jeffrey Scepanski
via email: sd@ansantawae89.org





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 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

December 21st – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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DECEMBER 2023
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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.** Dinner will be served at **6pm**. Please make reservations with JW Julio Calvao - Dinner \$25 donation. Lodge will opens promptly 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**



JANUARY 2024

- Jan 1st** **HAPPY NEW YEARS!**
- Jan 3rd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Jan 5th** Stated Communication,
2024 Installation of Officers, 7pm
- Jan 8th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Jan 19th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree.**
- Jan 21st** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**