



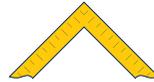
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



FEBRUARY 2024 TRESTLEBOARD | Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Fraternal Greetings Brothers.

Our first January meeting after the installation showed to be a very fruitful one. We had a Lodge of instruction administered by WB James Whitaker, and MWB Charlie Buck. They instructed us on Lodge etiquette, where we learned things like how to properly move about the Lodge room, how to enter late and recognize what degree we are open to, and what the Mite Box is for. They also answered a lot of questions from both the newest brothers and some more experienced brothers. I hope to have more programs like this in 2024.

This month remember that we celebrate the birthdays of two very important historical American figures. On February 12th we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday. On the 22nd we celebrate Brother George Washington's, one of the most famous Freemasons in the world. Both of these men led us through some of the most difficult times in our country's history, and we came out better every time. February also gives us that romantic day of Valentine's Day. February 18th is our monthly family breakfast. Our hall will decorate accordingly, and all your ladies will get a flower, so make sure you "show them some love" and buy them breakfast.

We have a couple of great things coming up in Lodge this month. February 2nd the Rainbow Girls will be portraying the "Fun Degree" upon the officers of Ansantawae. I know this will be a very entertaining night for both the officers, and the brothers on the sidelines. Please come out and show support for the Rainbow Girls for all their hard work, and for our officers for their sense of humor. On February 16th we will be portraying the Entered Apprentice Degree perfectly executed by our Junior Warden Jeff Scepanski, and his corps of officers. Please come out to support them, and the new brothers coming in.

We are off to a good start this year. I am very pleased with how all the officers are working as a team, along with our Past Masters, and mentors to make sure Ansantawae Lodge will continue to have fun and informative programs, be a positive influence in our fraternity, and a beacon of light in our community.

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Dennis S. McNamara, Jr.
Worshipful Master

2024 Officers

- Worshipful Master**..... Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (Sonia)
Email: wm@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 414-1030
- Senior Warden**..... Julio A. Calvao (Jessica)
Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 650-1174
- Junior Warden**..... Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)
Email: jw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 530-7001
- Treasurer**..... Jesse T. Batterton, PM (Wendy)
Email: Jessebatterton@gmail.com / Phone: (203) 974-9622
- Secretary** Charles A. McCollum, PM (Beth)
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- Chaplain** William W. Roots
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- Senior Deacon** Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)
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- Junior Deacon** Joseph Soto
- Senior Steward**..... Alexander C. Campana
- Junior Steward**..... Sebastian R. Pesquera
- Tiler** Richard P. Smeland, Jr.
- Marshal**..... Gregory C. D'Andrea (Marcia)
- Organist** Ernest A. Dubois, PM
- Historian**..... Robert W. Volgmuth

Trustees

- 2024** David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2024** Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2024** James Whitaker, Jr., PM
- 2025** Kevin F. Weirsman, PM
- 2026** Ryan A. Elblein, PM

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

I want to first thank all of you for your confidence in electing me Secretary of Ansantawae Lodge. I also want to thank WB Kevin Field for his assistance in making the transition smooth. I am thankful that Kevin is still going to be around to make sure I don't make too many errors as I learn the ins and outs of Ansantawae Lodge.

I am hoping to make some changes, which I feel will benefit you, the members. I hope very soon to be able to offer payment of your dues using Venmo. Many of you have expressed a desire for this. Keep your eyes on this column for updates.

I also want to try and do a database scrub. By this, I mean updating addresses, phone numbers, and emails. I have received a few dues notices back from the Post Office with a forwarding order expired notification. Please remember to notify me if you change any of your contact information, or just go onto Grand View and do it yourself.

If you need help setting up your account in Grand View, please bring your laptop or phone to the next meeting and I or one of the retention committee members will assist you in setting it up. I plan on being in the building by 7:00PM on meeting nights if you need to talk with me. I will also have the minutes of the last communication available for your review prior to the meeting.

If you are York Rite members you know I typically send out the minutes with an email reminder of the meeting several days before we meet. I may try to do that as well in the future. This allows our members who aren't able to attend to see what the Lodge is doing.

My contact information is in the trestleboard so if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I look forward to working with WM McNamara and the other officers to continue the good work this Lodge is known for.

Fraternally;
RWM Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



Masonic Hall Rental

The Masonic Temple Corporation is implementing a new procedure for inquiring rental hall availability. **Bro. Joseph Soto** will be the coordinating events calendar and rentals.

Please send inquires via email: rental@ansantawae89.org

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates Julio A. Calvao (203) 650-1174
 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	2005 M.J. Basque
1973 K.B. Hawkins, Sr. PGM	2006 K.I. Greenhill, PDD
1981 F.E. Schumitz	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	2023 R.A. Elblein
2004 R.X. Goodrich	* 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	C. A. McCollum, P.D.D., #40& #49
D. G. Conroy #143	J. T. Mcwain, P.G.M., #65
J. S. Demko #143	D. Parkinson #104
K. L. Dworkin #143	B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)
R. M. Dworkin #143	B. J. Simonetti #83
J.E. Dyer #143	B. E. Thompson The Meadows Lodge, MA
P. V. Edelen #143	R. V. Travis #144
K. E. Fears #144	R. W. Van Horn #84 (Maine)
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	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
Charles A. McCollum.....	Secretary
Robert E. Hall	Director
Joseph D. Morgan	Director
Salvatore Siconofi.....	Director
Richard P. Smeland, Jr	Director
James H. Tweedie	Director



Come support the members of
Ansantawae Lodge No.89
as they march in the
**MILFORD
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 1pm – Downtown Milford

Members of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 and appendant bodies are welcome and encouraged to march. We will be meeting at the Masonic Building.

Light refreshments, coffee and orange juice served at **10am**.

We will depart for **Wasson Field** at **12pm** for Parade step off at **1pm**.

Come down and enjoy the festivities!!



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

Thursday, February 8th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Saturday, February 24th – Stated Session, 12:30pm



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

February 15th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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FEBRUARY 2024
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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Feb 2nd** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Milford Assembly No. 4, IORG — “Fun Degree”
- Feb 5th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Feb 7th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Feb 16th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree**
- Feb 18th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
- Feb 20th** **PRESIDENTS DAY**



MARCH

- Mar 1st** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Program TBD
- Mar 4th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Mar 6th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Mar 9th** **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 10th** **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 15th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Fellowcraft Degree**
- Mar 17th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10:30am**

