



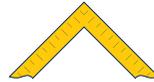
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Fraternal Greetings Brothers.

March is a great time of year because we transition from cold and snowy, to thawing out. Before you know it we will see the first robins building their nests. Lodge also stays busy with the upcoming Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees over the next couple of months. We also have our 50 year pin presentation and Strawberry Festival coming up. Then we get a much-needed break to relax and spend the nice weather outdoors with our friends and family.

With the Blue Wave program in full swing, we get online inquiries from people who see all the TV shows that portray us in all sorts of mysterious ways. We at Ansantawae have a great tradition of finding candidates by getting family members, or longtime friends that have great reputations and would contribute to the good of Lodge and our community. If you know good people like this, why not talk to them about joining? I think this is a much better approach to building up our ranks with men that are not total strangers that we have to try to get to know over a short period of time.

March 1st we have a Lodge of Instruction that includes the second and third section lectures of the Entered Apprentice Degree. This lecture help tie together a lot of the information that you learned during the degree. They also give us a lot of additional information that wasn't necessarily portrayed during the degree but will explain a lot of the mysteries of Masonry. Please come down and get "more light" in Masonry.

March 15th will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on our newest Entered Apprentice with our Senior Warden, Julio Calvao in the East. Please come to enjoy what I am sure will be an outstanding work, as our officers are working very hard to keep our lodge's long reputation of great ritual work.

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Dennis S. McNamara, Jr.
Worshipful Master



2024 Officers

- Worshipful Master**..... Dennis S. McNamara, Jr. (Sonia)
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- Senior Warden**..... Julio A. Calvao (Jessica)
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- Junior Warden**..... Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)
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- Senior Deacon** Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)
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- Junior Deacon** Joseph Soto
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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.
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Conferring of **Fellowcraft Degree**
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*Sunday
April 14th
12pm-
6pm*

Tap Takeover

BY PYRAMID SHRINERS
MOTORCYCLE CLUB



FEATURING

Guest Bartender
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as well as other
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Pub 67 - 225 West Street
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Parade

March 10, 2024
Please Come
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Meet at the
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285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven

Hot breakfast served from 9 to 11 A.M.
Barbecue picnic lunch to follow parade!

Come and represent Connecticut Masonry and our extended family.

Bus transportation is provided for marchers from the lodge to the staging area beginning at **NOON**. The parade steps off at 1:30pm. You can walk the parade route or sign up to ride the 45' float. (limited seating)

Lodge officers wear formal attire, tuxes/dark suits, jewels, aprons, and top hat. Lodge members wear dark suits and aprons. Your family is very welcome to march with us and enjoy the fun. The more, the merrier! After the parade its back to the lodge for a barbecue lunch and fellowship.

Please contact WB Fred Marotti with questions at:
fred@absct.com or 203-641-3932 or
to let us know you're coming before **March 5, 2024**.
Additional parking accross the street in Yale lot.

Scan the QR code to
R.S.V.P you are attending

Breakfast -Parade



Parade-Lunch



All three events



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A proxy form will be sent directly to the Lodge Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden should they: 1) not be able to attend this Annual Communication in person [proxy must be executed in advance]; 2) be entitled to vote by virtue of holding one of these offices in more than one lodge; 3) be entitled to vote by virtue of being a Grand Lodge Officer or a permanent member of Grand Lodge. Please inform any brother who is attending as a proxy that he must present his 2024 dues card. All brothers entitled to vote should bring the apron and jewel of their office, whether as permanent member, lodge officer or serving as proxy.

Your attendance at this Annual Communication is important. We will consider available reports of Standing and Special Committees, Grand Lodge Officer reports, and any other business proper to be considered, all subject to the usual rules. **There may be certain changes to the Rules & Regulations which will be considered for adoption.**

Please note the following Sections of our Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations regarding Lodge representation:

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(reads in part) "A Lodge neglecting to be represented at a Regular Grand Lodge Communication shall incur the penalty of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars ..."

The Grand Lodge Office cannot make hotel reservations. Lodges and brothers are responsible for making their own reservations with the **Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport**. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Room rate is \$129 per night plus tax. Last day to book is **Friday, March 8, 2024**. To reserve your room use this link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1704310896526&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call 860-688-7500 (ask for Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut when making reservations by phone)

VOTING: Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputies, Past District Deputies, current Associate Grand Marshals, and current Grand Lodge Standing Committee members must register in order to vote. Each voting delegate will register **only once, either by virtue of his highest attained Grand Lodge Masonic office or Committee Membership or, if he chooses, as an elector (proxy) on behalf of his lodge.** The use of proxies is encouraged where appropriate to ensure full representation of constituent lodges.

FRIDAY BANQUET: The Grand Master's Banquet for Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, members of the Craft and their ladies will be held on Friday evening, April 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm with a social hour at 6:00 pm in the Windsor Ballroom. All brothers and their ladies are invited to attend. Please make every effort to send your reservation in early as tickets to this banquet are sold on a first come - first serve basis. **The deadline for reservation tickets is March 8, 2024.**

A banquet reservation form for the Friday night banquet is included in this publication. The entrée will be Filet Mignon \$60.00, Herb Frenched Chicken \$60.00, Filet of Salmon \$60.00, or Vegetarian \$60.00 and all by advance order. All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity. Please make all checks payable to the "Grand Lodge of Connecticut" and mail with the banquet reservation form. Banquet tickets will be mailed to those placing an order **prior to March 8, 2024.** It would be appreciated if a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) was also included. For orders received after that date, tickets will be held at the door.

SATURDAY LUNCH: On Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 12:00 Noon, the Past District Deputies Association of Connecticut will host a luncheon. Lunch choices are Roast Beef Sandwich for \$35 or Grilled Chicken Caprese for \$40. All prices are per person and include tax and gratuity. All brothers are invited to attend. See reservation form included in this publication. Reservations can be mailed to Bro. Brian Beals, 175 Mercier Ave, Bristol, CT 06010 or call 860-620-4102. **Reservation deadline is March 8, 2024.** Lunch will also be available at other venues in the surrounding areas.

Brother Lodge Secretary, please note that proxy forms will be mailed directly to the top three officers of your Lodge. Please remind them of their responsibility to be present at Grand Lodge or to sign their proxy and give it to someone else.

With my fraternal best wishes
James M. Anderson
R.W. Grand Secretary
February 1, 2024

*Sunday
April 14th
12pm-
6pm*

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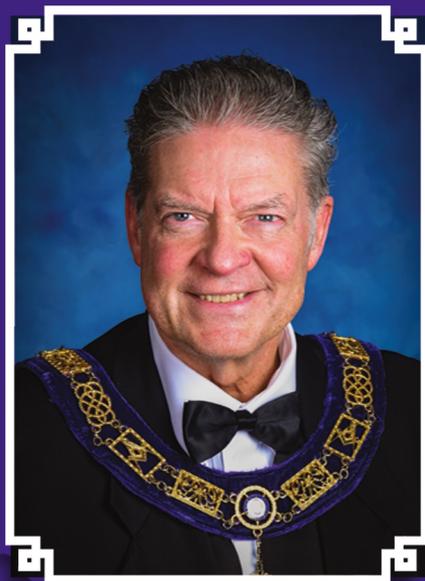
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April 28, 2024 6:00pm to 10:00pm

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**



APRIL

- Apr 3rd** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Apr 5th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Program **TBD**
- Apr 8th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Apr 19th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
50 year Pin Presentations & Dinner at 6:30pm
Please make reservations via email: jw@ansantawae89.org
- Apr 21st** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10:30am**

The 235th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut

held at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095 (I-91, exit 38), on **Saturday, April 6, 2024.**

The formal opening of the Grand Lodge will be at 9:30am.

(Dues Cards required to attend meeting)