



ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

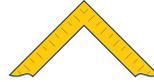
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Fraternal Greetings Brothers,



December is the end of a very great year. We will be raising two new brother Master Masons, having our children's Christmas Breakfast with Santa, and electing the officers for the next great year at our annual meeting. We still have a lot of work to do coming up with two more classes lined up already for the beginning of the next year.

December is also a very important month for the holidays. I wish everyone, of all faiths that celebrate this time of year the very best of peace and love with your family and friends. And please have a fun and safe New Year.

I am told that the hardest part of being Master of a lodge is coming up with the monthly message. While there is some truth to this, it is not entirely so. The hardest thing to do for me is writing my last one. I cannot express enough how much that Ansantawae means to me, and how much I appreciate the help I got from my brothers, my officers, and all the past masters. Without them, I would not be able to get through the year. I am honored to have served as your Master for the year 2024. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Remember, if you know a good man that can be made better, that is not a stranger, please talk to them about our fraternity. While Ansantawae is a healthy lodge, there is always room for "a few good men." Let's continue our tradition of raising the best of the best.

See you at 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)
Email: secretary@ansantawae89.org / (203) 241-2554
- Chaplain** William W. Roots
Email: bill.roots203@gmail.com / Phone: (860) 918-2771
- Senior Deacon** Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)
Email: sd@ansantawae89.org / (203) 907-9690
- 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

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Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15, 2024 — 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, Michael R. Gendreau
via email: sd@ansantawae89.org



Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

Last month we saw a great portrayal of the Fellow Craft Degree. This month we complete our cycle with the Master Mason Degree. Also, this month we have our Annual Meeting and election of officers. It also marks the completion of my first year as your Secretary. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you, and I look forward to meeting more in the coming year.

I want to thank those of you who have already paid your 2025 dues. This year we sent out the notices much earlier for a couple of reasons. First is that your current dues card expires on December 31st, so effectively you are not current after January 1st. Second is to try and distance the paying of dues from any holiday shopping or traveling expenses you might have. I appreciate any feedback you have on the timing.

I would also like to hear from you about our email communications. Are there too many, not enough or just right. If you aren't getting emails from the Lodge, I don't have your email address. I have asked you all for your phone and email contact on the dues notices as well as your wife's name. It is important for us to have your current contact and personal information so we can continue to keep in touch with you.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at our Stated Communications.

Fraternally;
RWM Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



Masonic words and phrases

White Stone – The white stone is a token of the fraternal friendship and helpfulness as well as enduring alliance.

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
Member Retention.....	David K. Eisenman, P.M. (203) 641-2426
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

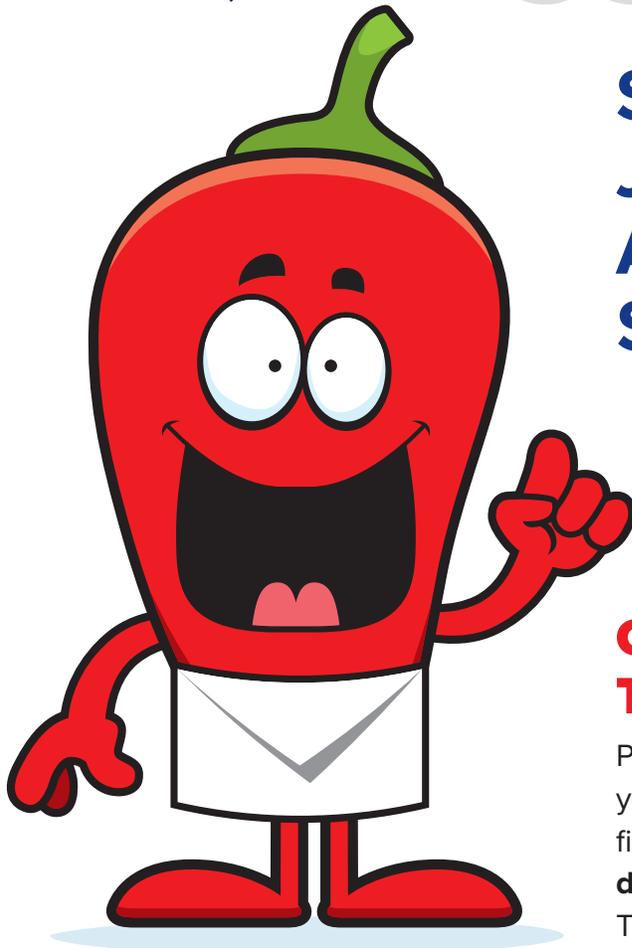
MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

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



ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 25TH
AT 6:30PM
\$20.00 EACH**

All proceeds from Contest
will be donated towards
the **Masonic Lodge
Building Fund.**

**CONTEST LIMITED
TO 16 ENTRANTS!**

Prepare your best to see how
you stack up or just come and
fill your belly! **Prize winners
determined by popular vote!**
There will be hotdogs & chips
provided for the kids!

**For more information, please contact
WB Dave Eisenman at (203) 641-2426**

Masonic Building, 59 Broad St., Milford, CT 06460



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 Julio E. Calvao
Dad Advisor Dad Julio A. 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, December 12th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Wednesday, December 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 19th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 A.F. & A.M.
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DECEMBER 2024

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2024

- Dec 4th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Dec 6th** Stated Communication, Dinner at **6:30pm**
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree, 7:45pm**
\$10 donation.
- Dec 9th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Dec 15th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation.
- Dec 15th** **Ansantawae Kids Christmas Party**
10:30am – 12pm
- Dec 16th** **Annual York Rite Carol Sing**
Dinner will be served at **6pm**,
Carol program will start at , **7pm**
- Dec 20th** **Annual Communication & Election**
of 2025 Officers. Dinner at **6:30pm**
\$15 donation. Lodge opens at **7:45pm**

JANUARY 2025

- Jan 3rd** Stated Communication, **7pm**
2025 Installation of Officers
- Jan 6th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Jan 8th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Jan 17th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree**
- Jan 19th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation.
- Jan 25th** **Annual Chili Cook-Off, 6:30pm**
\$20 donation.



2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!