



ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

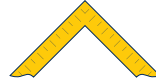
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



JANUARY 2025 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Fraternal Greetings Brothers,

As we start the new year there are many feelings which arise, feelings of anticipation for the things to come, feelings of comfort and happiness looking back at the good memories of the good times gone by, and feelings of anxiety with the realization that time is fleeting and seems only to be speeding up. During this process, we make resolutions to assist us in trying to get a handle on the time as it flies by and make new memories that we can later look back on with pride and satisfaction. So, if I may, I would like to add a resolution to your list that will definitely fulfill both of these goals. **Come to lodge and participate.** A large part of Freemasonry is turning around and helping the man coming behind you. While looking back at those memories that give you comfort and happiness I entreat you to remember when you took your degrees, can you remember how when you were brought to light you saw the full rows of brothers lined up left and right of the altar? Can you remember being conducted about the altar to salute the wardens and seeing brothers filling both rows of seats lining the north and the south? Can you remember standing in the northeast corner after the gavel was rapped and having a seemingly unending line of brothers coming around the room to shake your hand and congratulate you on your degree? Can you remember how that made you feel? How you felt welcome and connected to every brother in that room? Well, this is still going on, this is still being done, but there has been a notable absence of our lodge members to help the new brothers feel this same way. There is a sense of pride in shaking the hand of a new brother and saying, "Congratulations, and welcome to the best fraternity in the world!" a sense of satisfaction in assisting and watching them learn and grow into a just and upright mason. **It is so worth being a part of!!**

As the old man who crossed the chasm in the twilight dim and turned when safe on the other side to build a bridge to span the tide. When asked why he builds this bridge he speaks of the youth who must pass this way and says, "This chasm has been naught to me, to that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. He too must cross in the twilight dim; my friend, I am building this bridge for him."

This year one of my goals is to try and fill the seats the way I remember when I was raised. Along with this, I am planning events to bring us together inside and outside of the lodge room. My officers and I also plan to visit and invite other lodges to unite with us in this great and good work. I believe if we make it our mission as a whole lodge to make this year one we can be proud of and look back on with satisfaction when it is over there is no way we can fail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns that may arise or any questions or comments you may have.

See you at Lodge.

Fraternally,
Julio A. Calvao
Worshipful Master



2025 Officers

- Worshipful Master**..... Julio A. Calvao (Jessica)
Email: wm@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 650-1174
- Senior Warden**..... Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)
Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 530-7001
- Junior Warden**..... Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)
Email: jw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 907-9690
- Treasurer**..... WB Jesse T. Batterton, (Wendy)
Email: Jessebatterton@gmail.com / Phone: (203) 974-9622
- Secretary** RW Charles A. McCollum, (Beth)
Email: secretary@ansantawae89.org / (203) 241-2554
- Senior Deacon** Joseph Soto
Email: sd@ansantawae89.org / (203) 667-8107
- Junior Deacon** Alexander C. Campana
- Senior Steward**..... Gregory C. D'Andrea
- Junior Steward**..... Keith M. Smith, III
- Chaplain** WB James H. Tweedie
- Marshal**..... Moussa M. Kafal
- Tiler** Richard P. Smeland, Jr.
- Organist** WB Ernest A. Dubois
- Historian**..... RW Scott T. Sherrick

Trustees

- 2025** Kevin F. Weirsman, PM
- 2026** Ryan A. Elblein, PM
- 2027** David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2027** Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2027** Dennis S. McNamara, Jr., PM

Stated Communications, first & third Friday of every month. Except during July & August.

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

I have now completed one full year as your Secretary. It has been a whirlwind of a year. I want to thank you for your continued support in electing me to continue as your Secretary for this year. Look forward to working with our new WM Julio Calvao and his corps of officers. It is a great team who will work diligently for the good of our Lodge.

Getting dues notices out early has really helped as many of you have already paid your dues. I thank you all. Many of you have taken advantage of Venmo and I hope that it has made your dues paying easier. As always, I will have the dues cards with me at every Communication so if want to pay then you will immediately get your dues card.

WB Calvao has an ambitious plan laid out for the year and I hope you all will support him by attending our Communications, serving on committees as needed, coming out to our monthly breakfast events as well as the social events WB Calvao has planned.

If you have not been as active in the past, remember that a new year is a perfect time to get back into Lodge activities. I hope to see you in the quarries.

Fraternally;
RWM Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



Masonic words and phrases

Holy of Holies – The ancient Tabernacle erected by Moses at Mount Sinai was divided into two compartments or rooms. At the west end was the Most Holy Place constructed of a perfect cube fifteen feet in all dimensions. It was separated from the other room, the Holy Place, by curtains. The only article of furniture in the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant which contained the Book of Law, the stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded. The Most Holy Place was entered only by a high priest once each year on the Great Day of Atonement. Like the Tabernacle, King Solomon's Temple was divided into two compartments. The Most Holy Place was a perfect cube forty feet in all its dimensions. All the walls were overlaid with fine gold as was the floor.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates Jeffrey J. Scepanski (203) 530-7001
 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	2006 K.I. Greenhill, PDD
1973 K.B. Hawkins, Sr. PGM	2007 R.F. Lutinski
1981 F.E. Schumitz	2008 S.T. Hill
1984 A.M. Brown, PDD	2009 D.K. Eisenman, PDD
1985 C.A. Buck, Jr., PGM	2010 S.T. Sherrick, PDD
1986 J.D. McCormack	2011 C.J. Buck
1989 T.J. Ritter	2012 R.L. Thomas
1991 A.E. Dubien	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	2023 D. S. McNamara, Jr.
2005 M.J. Basque	* Not Active

LIVING ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS WHO WERE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

R. E. Bateman, P.D.D., #143	R. C. Marquette #143
A. M. Brown, P.D.D., #79	C. A. McCollum, P.D.D., #40& #49
J. H. Burbank #95 (Missouri)	J. T. Mcwain, P.G.M., #65
R. R. Cole, P.D.D., #87	B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)
D. G. Conroy #143	B. J. Simonetti #83
J. S. Demko #143	B. E. Thompson The Meadows Lodge, MA
K. L. Dworkin #143	R. V. Travis #144
R. M. Dworkin #143	R. W. Van Horn #84 (Maine)
J.E. Dyer #143	HONORARY MEMBERS
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D. K. Eisenman #143	Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM
A. M. Friedman #143	George S. Greytak, PGM
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D. L. Manley #143	
G. F. Manley, P.A.G.M., #143	

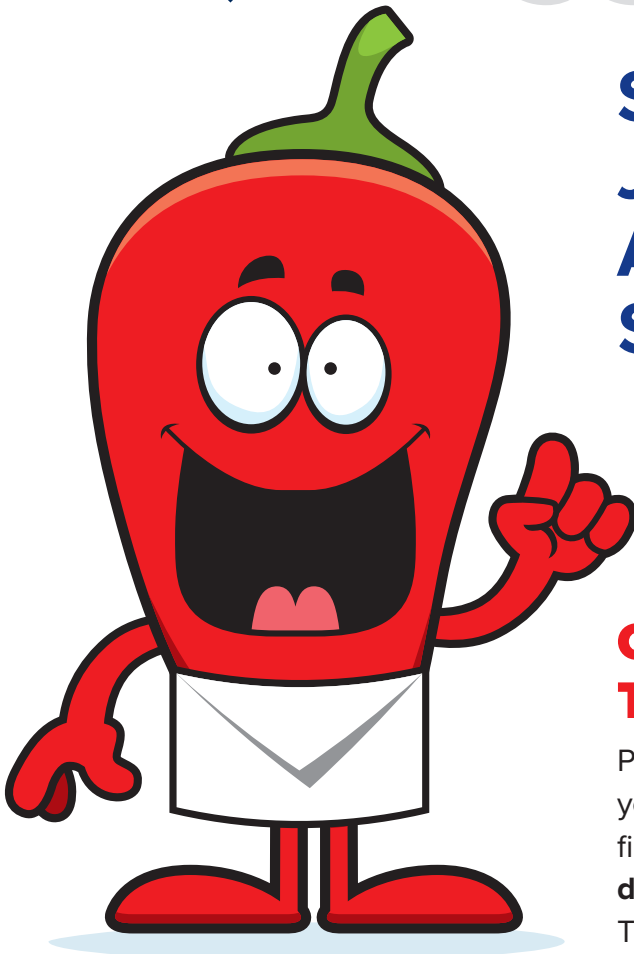
MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

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
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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, January 9th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Saturday, January 18th – 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 2024-2025

Most Excellent High Priest..... Andrew Flasko
Excellent King..... Michael Miller
Excellent Scribe..... Fritz Erauda
Treasurer / Secretary Charles McCollum
Chaplain..... Michael Sabia
Captain of the Host JD Debaun
Principal Sojourner Gary Shepard
Royal Arch Captain..... Joseph Soto
G M 3rd Veil Kurt Wischow
G M 2nd Veil..... Benjamin Clark
G M 1st Veil Gabriel Zayas
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 2024-2025

Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Miller
Deputy Illustrious Master Andrew Flasko
Ill. Prin. Cond. Works..... Kurt Wischow
Recorder / Treasurer Charles McCollum, PMPGM
Capt. Of the Guard Joseph Soto
Conductor Travis Bain
Steward JD DeBaun
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

January 16th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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JANUARY 2025

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 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.



FEBRUARY

- Feb 3rd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Feb 5th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Feb 7th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
2nd and 3rd Section Lectures
- Feb 16th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation.
- Feb 21st** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Fellowcraft Degree**

The Ansantawae Lodge is seeking 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!

2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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