



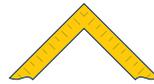
# ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



## DECEMBER 2025 TRESTLEBOARD | Organized October 13<sup>th</sup> 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

### MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I, personally, try to end every day with an examination of the day that has passed. I try to look back at all the things I did and didn't do, the things I said, the things that were said to me, and the events that occurred and my responses to them. This introspection tends to lead to growth and learning as well as better equipping me for the days to come. The month of December gives us a perfect opportunity to perform this same ritual on a much larger scale, to examine the year that has passed and to evaluate the paths we chose, the decisions we made, and the men we were. For all of us, I am sure there were stumbling blocks along that road, some we avoided, but some we did not. Did we learn from them? Are there still lessons to be learned from them? Have we overcome them? Are we still stumbling due to them? Did we ask for help when we needed it? Should we ask for help now? These are important questions to ask, but sometimes it is difficult to come to grips with the answers. Know, my brothers, that there are always brothers that are here to listen, to discuss with, to assist, and to lean on. Let me remind you, "that brotherhood is a reciprocal relationship... it is not only for grateful gifts and happy hours, but for use when the soul is sad, when the heart is pierced and pained and the road seems lonely and drear." Also, be sure to not concentrate solely on those stumbling blocks, let them teach their lesson and then move on from them, the examine is not meant to only highlight the bad, but also to call to mind the good in ourselves, when I sit and do this examination I try to end with a block of positive, it is meant to inspire hope and accentuate the positives to be repeated.

I start my day with a prayer of thanks to God for my life, my wife, my kids, my family, my brothers, and my friends. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you and I pray that this holiday season brings peace and happiness to all!

I hope to see you soon!

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)  
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- 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

# ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89



## Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21, 2025 — 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, Joesph Soto  
via email: [sd@ansantawae89.org](mailto:sd@ansantawae89.org)



# Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

This month we complete the Degree work on our WM's son. What a joy it is to see the love of our craft pass from generation to generation.

This month we also have our annual meeting which is your opportunity to select the officers who will lead our Lodge in 2026. Please come out on the 19th and make your voice heard.

I want to thank so many of you who have already paid your 2026 dues. Sending the notice early and accepting payment using Venmo has been key to this success. If you haven't paid yet, please do so.

I will be sending an email to all of you whose email address I have asking for some information to complete your information in our database, Grand View. The beauty of the database is that you can make changes to your information on your own. If you do not have log in credentials and want them, let me know. Otherwise, look for my email and send the information I ask for.

Fraternally;  
 RWB Chuck McCollum,  
*Secretary*



## Masonic words and phrases

**Judah** – Judah, the fourth son of Jacob and the founder of the tribe bearing his name, is also the representative of a key point in ancient Masonry. Judah distinguished himself on a number of occasions and was given Messianic distinction in the tribal blessings of his father and by Moses. The royal house of Israel was of the tribe of Judah, even as was Jesus. The tribe of Judah was the first to cross the Jordan and enter the Promised Land. For this reason, and because of its distinction as the tribe of David, Solomon and Jesus, Judah represents or symbolizes the entrance of the candidate into the Light and liberty of Freemasonry.



## 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	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. Weirsman
2004	R.X. Goodrich	2023	R.A. Elblein
2005	M.J. Basque	2024	D. S. McNamara, Jr.
2006	K.I. Greenhill, PDD		* Not Active

## LIVING ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS WHO WERE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| R. E. Bateman, P.D.D., #143  | G. F. Manley, P.A.G.M., #143     |
| A. M. Brown, P.D.D., #79     | R. C. Marquette #143             |
| J. H. Burbank #95 (Missouri) | C. A. McCollum, P.D.D., #40& #49 |
| 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                   |
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| R. M. Dworkin #143           | R. V. Travis #144                |
| J.E. Dyer #143               | R. W. Van Horn #84 (Maine)       |
| P. V. Edelen #143            |                                  |
| D. K. Eisenman #143          | <b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b>          |
| A. M. Friedman #143          | Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM      |
| R.J. Furce, D.D., #142       | Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM             |
| C. T. Gagel #143             | George S. Greytak, PGM           |
| D. L. Manley #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



### 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  
Michael R. Gendreau • Casey Kudravy, PWA  
Anna Plasky, PWA • Liz Plasky, PWA



## The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



### Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay

Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays,  
7:00pm (except July & August)

Master Councilor ..... Julio E. Calvao  
Dad Advisor ..... Dad Julio A. Calvao  
Chairman ..... Dad Kevin M. Field

### 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 • Christopher J. Buck, PSMC, CHEV  
Julio A. Calvao • Susan Carpenter, COH • Kevin M. Field, PMC, CHEV, LOH  
Michael R. Gendreau, PSMC, CHEV, LOH • Mark H. Hawkins, HON  
Connie Pesquera • Becca Sheffler, Scribe • Scott T. Sherrick, PMC, CHEV

### LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Thursday, December 11th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

### PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Wednesday, December 17th – 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

December 18th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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## **DECEMBER 2025**

### Trestleboard

## **ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **DECEMBER**

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**  
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** Stated Communication, Conferring of **Master Mason Degree** at **7pm**
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** **Annual York Rite Carol Sing**  
Dinner will be served at **6pm**,  
Carol program will start at **7pm**
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** **Annual Communication & Election of 2026 Officers.** Dinner at **6:30pm** with Lodge opening at **7:45pm**
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**  
\$10 donation
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** **Ansantawae Kids Christmas Party**  
**10:30am – 12pm**

### **JANUARY 2026**

- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** Stated Communication, **7pm**  
**2026 Installation of Officers**
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**  
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Jan 16<sup>th</sup>** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree**
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**  
\$10 donation
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** **“SAVE THE DATE”**  
**Fifth Friday Fellowship Happy Hour**  
Further details to follow

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**2026**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR