



ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

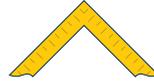


JANUARY 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,



It is truly a great honor to be elected Worshipful Master of Ansantawae Lodge. First, I would like to thank the Brothers who elected me and for entrusting me with such a great responsibility. Also, thanks to those Brothers who have been important mentors to me in my Masonic journey. Your counsel has been invaluable in preparing me for the office of Worshipful Master. Thank you also to my fellow Officers for all of your help and support and I know that I can depend on you this coming year. Finally, thanks to my family and their support as I have moved up the officer line in the Lodge.

As we begin a new Masonic Year, I ask you to take a moment to stop and reflect on your Masonic journey so far. What does the Fraternity mean to you? How is it relevant in your life? Have you been putting in the work to reap the rewards that Freemasonry has to offer? I can say from my own experience that Freemasonry is the epitome of an institution that gives back what we put into it and the journey is much more fulfilling if not made alone. Since this is a fraternity, derived from the Latin word *fraternitas* meaning “brotherhood”, it is important that we do the work together as a brotherhood. The best way to accomplish this is to attend Lodge. Many of you reading this message have not attended Lodge for quite some time, but that is all the more reason to come back and we welcome and meet you on the level, as it should be. Others have only been Masons for a few years and attending Lodge is the best way to gain more Masonic knowledge and get to know your brethren. It is only a few hours of your time and I am looking forward to seeing you at Lodge!

It is also fitting that as we ring in the New Year, we will be welcoming a new class of candidates to begin their Masonic journey by receiving the Entered Apprentice degree at our second meeting on January 16. I strongly encourage you to attend this Degree and to support these candidates in this first step in Masonry.

We will also be welcoming in the New Year by having a happy hour at Bar 3 Thirty Three in Milford on Friday, January 30 (*see calendar below for more details*). Spouses and significant others are welcome as well. This is the first in a series of social events on the fifth Fridays of the months in which we have an extra week between Lodge meetings, dubbed “**Fifth Friday Fellowship**”.

I would also like to congratulate the Milford Chapter of DeMolay International on 2026 being its **100th Anniversary** as a chapter here in Milford. Ansantawae Lodge has been a proud sponsor of Milford Chapter, so be on the lookout for future announcements about upcoming events to commemorate this milestone.

I hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,
Jeffrey J. Scepanski
Worshipful Master



2026 Officers

Worshipful Master.....Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)
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Senior Warden..... Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)
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Junior Warden..... Joseph Soto
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Secretary RW Charles A. McCollum, (Beth)
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Junior Deacon Keith M. Smith, III

Senior Steward.....Gregory C. D’Andrea

Junior Steward.....Scott R. McVeigh

ChaplainWB James H. Tweedie

Marshal.....Moussa M. Kafal

Tiler Richard P. Smeland, Jr.

Historian.....RW Scott T. Sherrick

Trustees

2026Ryan A. Elblein, PM

2027 David K. Eisenman, PM

2027 Greg F. Manley, PM

2027Dennis S. McNamara, Jr., PM

2028Júlio A. Calvão, PM

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



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167th Annual Installation of Officers
Friday, January 2, 2026 – 7p.m.

Jeffrey J. Scepanski
Worshipful Master

Masonic Building, 59 Broad Street, Milford, Connecticut

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

We have just completed a full Masonic year under the leadership of WB Julio Calvao. We did several classes of Degrees this year. I want to thank you for your continued support in electing me to continue as your Secretary for this year. I look forward to working with our new WM Jeff Scepaniski 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.

WM Jeff has planned an equally busy year this year with Degrees, programs and some added family events. Keep your eye on the Trestleboard for dates and time.

Fraternally;
 RWB Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



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WB T. Raymond Brooks
 WB James S. Demko
 Kenneth E. Fears
 Robert S. Gavlik
 MWB Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr.
 Joseph H. Introcaso
 Maurice D. Knox, Jr.
 Dennis B. Mattison
 MWB James T. McWain
 WB Eugene J. Mikita

Kenneth E. Mitchell, Jr.
 Pasquale Natri, Jr.
 Frank C.W. Rogers
 Ronald N. Ruoss
 WB Frederick E. Schumitz
 Joseph F. Turechek, Jr.
 Evan M. Winters
 David B. Woodmansee
 Glenn B. Zwiebel, Jr.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates Michael R. Gendreau (203) 907-9690
 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	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	2025	J.A. Calvão
2007	R.F. Lutinski		* 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)	B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)
R. R. Cole, P.D.D., #87	B. J. Simonetti #83
D. G. Conroy #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	
P. V. Edelen #143	
D. K. Eisenman #143	HONORARY MEMBERS
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
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
Richard P. Smeland, Jr	Vice President
Jesse T. Batterton	Treasurer
Charles A. McCollum.....	Secretary
Robert E. Hall	Director
Joseph D. Morgan	Director
Salvatore Siconofi.....	Director
James H. Tweedie	Director
Scott T. Sherrick	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

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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, January 8th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Saturday, January 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 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 15th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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JANUARY 2026

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- Jan 2nd** Stated Communication, **7pm**
2026 Installation of Officers
- Jan 5th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Jan 7th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Jan 16th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree**
- Jan 18th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation
- Jan 30th** **Fifth Friday Fellowship Happy Hour**,
Bar 3 Thirty Three,
333 Boston Post Rd, Milford, **6-8pm**
Contact JW Joe Soto for more information

FEBRUARY

- Feb 2nd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Feb 4th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Feb 6th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
EA Second & Third Section Lectures program
- Feb 15th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation
- Feb 20th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Fellowcraft Degree**

2026
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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