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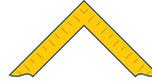
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



FEBRUARY 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

On behalf of myself and the other Officers, I would first like to thank those of you who attended the Lodge's Installation of Officers on January 2. Your support and goodwill means a great deal to us and it was a great start to a new Masonic Year.

I had a realization some time ago about a need in our society relevant to what our Fraternity has to offer men this day and age. This realization actually came to me while I was thinking about another trend regarding music. I was born when vinyl records were still in vogue and came of age when they were eventually eclipsed by other formats, such as audio cassettes, compact discs (CDs), and then the digital music of today. However, in recent years, despite the obvious benefits and conveniences of digital music, vinyl records have made an unexpected comeback. This resurgence of vinyl appears to be a reaction against the digital format. Vinyl enthusiasts consider the older analog sound to be the superior format for sound quality. They also seem to prefer the tangible nature of vinyl and the ritual of touching and playing vinyl on a turntable. This tangibility and ritual associated with vinyl creates a perceived real connection to the music.

This got me to thinking about Freemasonry being such an ancient art, or the "older format" at odds with the modern world. The past few decades seem to have been trending toward individuals immersing themselves in the impersonal realm of the Internet, which seems to have become the dominant format of communication in the modern world, rather than engaging in the real interpersonal world in which Freemasonry resides. However, I believe that there are a growing number of men that have the same need to be part of something tangible and real supported by a meaningful ritual. This need has even been communicated to me by several prospects over the past few years. Freemasonry is the older format that they desire and need for a real connection to their fellow man. Recognizing this need should help us to be more effective in communicating to prospective candidates what Freemasonry has to offer and initiating more good men into the Fraternity.

This month there are some important events going on at the Lodge. Our Stated Communication on Friday, February 6 will include presentations of the Entered Apprentice Second and Third Section Lectures. These lectures are rich in Masonic knowledge and are an excellent educational opportunity. Also, on Friday, February 20, we will be conferring the Fellow Craft Degree on our three Entered Apprentices. I strongly encourage you to attend this Degree and support our new Brothers in their second step in Masonry.

Also, last year, unfortunately we had several Brothers pass away and I am concerned that we may also have other Brothers in need. Therefore, this year all donations to the Mite box on the Senior Warden's pedestal will go to worthy Brothers in distress. I encourage you to contribute as liberally as you can to this worthy cause.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
Jeffrey J. Scepanski
Worshipful Master



2026 Officers

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Junior Steward.....Scott R. McVeigh

Chaplain WB 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.

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

We are off to a great start this year with an excellent EA Degree last month for three new candidates. We will be continuing their Degrees this month at our second meeting. I hope you will be able to attend and support the officers as they portray the work and these new Brothers as they advance in our Craft.

In the next few weeks, I will be emailing everyone with a request for information. With the dues notice I sent last year I asked you all to update your contact information and several of you did, including adding your wife's name. I have made these changes in Grand View, which is our membership database.

All of you can log in to Grand View and update your own information. If you need help setting up your account let me know.

The next thing I want to update is the military service of our members. I need to know the dates you served, the branch you served in, and any conflict you may have served in. Please feel free to update your email address and phone number as well.

Fraternally;
RWB Chuck McCollum,
Secretary

This month we celebrate Presidents Day, the holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

There have been fourteen U.S. Presidents who were Freemasons:

George Washington (1st): Initiated in 1752, he was a charter member of the Alexandria Lodge No. 22.

James Monroe (5th): Initiated in 1775.

Andrew Jackson (7th): Served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

James K. Polk (11th): Initiated in 1820.

James Buchanan (15th): Master of his lodge in 1822-1823.

Andrew Johnson (17th): Initiated in 1851.

James A. Garfield (20th): Became a Mason in 1861.

William McKinley (25th): Initiated in 1865.

Theodore Roosevelt (26th): Initiated in 1901.

William Howard Taft (27th): Made a Mason at Sight in 1909.

Warren G. Harding (29th): Initiated in 1901.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (32nd): Initiated in 1911.

Harry S. Truman (33rd): Served as Grand Master of Missouri and was a 33rd-degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., (38th): The last confirmed Mason to hold the office, initiated in 1949.

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. Weirsmen
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
K. L. Dworkin #143	The Meadows Lodge, MA
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	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

#thumbsupforrainbow



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, February 12th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Saturday, February 21st – 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

February 19th – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBURARY

- 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**

MARCH

- Mar 2nd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Mar 4th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Mar 6th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Special program
- Mar 14th** **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 15th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation
- Mar 20th** Stated Communication, **7:00pm**
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree**
— Dinner served at the Break



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!