



# ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

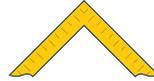
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



## MARCH 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13<sup>th</sup> 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

### MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

March is a month of transition. The month often begins with the harsh winter weather unabated, but ends with milder weather, giving us a glimpse of the glorious spring weather ahead. We also see the first signs of the rejuvenation of nature after months of being dormant. The days also become noticeably longer, transitioning from the winter months of increased darkness to a season of increased daylight, which we yearn for this time of year. This process repeats itself every year, but the anticipation and excitement for the light of spring and summer is always palpable at this time of year.

This seasonal transition should remind us of an important event in our Masonic journey, the day that we received the Entered Apprentice Degree and were first placed in the northeast corner of the Lodge. This is not only symbolic of the cornerstone of a new building, but the northeast corner is also symbolic of the transition from darkness to Masonic light, since it is the midpoint between the North, a place of darkness, and the East, a place representing spiritual enlightenment and wisdom. The Entered Apprentice has commenced his journey toward Masonic light, but there is still much work to be done. He also feels a sense of anticipation and excitement to continue his journey toward the light, but unlike the seasonal transition guided by the unerring law of nature, the Entered Apprentices journey is not automatic. It is essential that we as Brothers help to guide him in his journey through mentorship and fellowship. This guidance will also help to ensure that the new Brother becomes and remains an active and engaged member of the Lodge. I implore you to remember this with each new Brother that we initiate into the Fraternity.

This month, in our first Stated Communication on March 6, Milford Assembly #4 and Ansonia Assembly #8 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls will be presenting their flag ceremony. As our Lodge is a proud sponsor of Assembly #4 and we also have close ties to Assembly #8, I encourage you to attend.

On Saturday, March 14 the Lodge will be marching in the annual Milford St. Patrick's Day Parade. Come join us at the Lodge at 10:00am for coffee and donuts and we will be assembling in the parking lot at Wasson Field at 12:00pm. The parade steps off at 1:00pm.

We will also be having our monthly Masonic Family Breakfast on Sunday from 8:00-10:00am.

Finally, at our second Stated Communication on March 20, we will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on our current Fellow Crafts. Join us in supporting these Brothers as they attain the sublime degree of Master Mason.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,  
Jeffrey J. Scepanski  
Worshipful Master



### 2026 Officers

**Worshipful Master**.....Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)  
Email:wm@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 530-7001

**Senior Warden**..... Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)  
Email: sw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 907-9690

**Junior Warden**..... Joseph Soto  
Email: jw@ansantawae89.org / (203) 667-8107

**Treasurer**..... WB Jesse T. Batterton, (Wendy)  
Email: Jessebatterton@gmail.com / Phone: (203) 974-9622

**Secretary** .....RW Charles A. McCollum (Beth)  
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**Senior Deacon** ..... Alexander C. Campana  
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**Junior Deacon** ..... Keith M. Smith, III

**Senior Steward**.....Gregory C. D'Andrea

**Junior Steward**.....Scott R. McVeigh

**Chaplain** ..... WB James H. Tweedie (Kathy)  
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**Marshal**.....Moussa M. Kafal

**Tiler** ..... Richard P. Smeland, Jr.

**Historian**.....RW Scott T. Sherrick

### Trustees

**2026** ..... Ryan A. Elblein, PM

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**2027** ..... Greg F. Manley, PM

**2027** .....Dennis S. McNamara, Jr., PM

**2028** .....Júlio A. Calvão, PM

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



Come support the members of  
**Ansantawae Lodge No.89**  
as they march in the  
**MILFORD  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE**

**Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 1pm – Downtown Milford**

Members of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 and appendant bodies are welcome and encouraged to march. We will be meeting at the Masonic Building.

Light refreshments, coffee and orange juice served at **10am**.

We will depart for **Wasson Field** at **12pm** for Parade step off at **1pm**.

**Come down and enjoy the festivities!!**

# Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

As we hopefully leave the brutal cold of this winter and move towards the warm weather of spring, I want to ask you all to use this season of renewal to renew your efforts to support your Lodge and your Brethren.

This month we will complete the work of raising three new members into our craft. I hope you will make an effort to show them your support as they finish this journey. Remember back to when you joined. I would bet the sidelines were full of welcoming Brothers there for you. Now is your chance to do the same for these Brothers.

In my last message I asked that any of you who served in the military provide me with dates, branch of service, and any conflict you served in. I received only one reply.

Finally, we are finishing the first quarter of our dues year and there are still 64 of you who owe dues for the year. Please get caught up. You can pay through the Postal Service by check, or pay me at any Stated Communication via cash, check or Venmo. My Venmo handle is mcollum-charles-12.

Fraternally;  
RWB Chuck McCollum,  
Secretary



## Masonic words and phrases

**Naphtali** – refers to the Tribe of Naphtali, specifically through the connection to Hiram Abiff, who is described as being the son of a widow from that tribe (*1 Kings 7:14*). It symbolizes a connection to Phoenicia, craftsmanship, and the “widow’s son” allegory, highlighting the blending of skills and the importance of Hiram in building Solomon’s Temple.

The tribe of Naphtali bordered Phoenicia, it represents the intersection of Israelite and Phoenician (*Tyrian*) skills, crucial for the construction of the Temple.

The name itself means “my struggle” or “wrestling”. In a broader symbolic sense within Freemasonry, it can represent the internal struggles, intellectual efforts, and work required of a Mason in the “quarries” of life and personal development.

### MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

#### ELMER F. MANLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ROBERT E. HALL AND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

For further information contact RWM Chuck McCollum  
secretary@ansantawae89.org — Subject: Scholarships

### 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	<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
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



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## MILFORD MASONS OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

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### Robert E. Hall and Family Scholarship

Ansantawae Masonic Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M. is offering a scholarship for High School Seniors and current college students, having and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 in their chosen field. Students meeting requirements are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

**Applicants must be one of the following:**

- 1.) A member of the Milford Chapter, Order of DeMolay or Milford Assembly No. 4, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.
- 2.) A daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, wife or goddaughter of an active member of Ansantawae Masonic Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M.
- 3.) A student pursuing law enforcement, fire services or the medical field.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials, a list of current social interests within their chosen field, along with two letters of recommendation from a Mason in good standing and a current official school transcript. (Transcript should be sent directly from the school). Non-Masonic affiliated applicants may submit two letters of recommendation from an instructor or person within the related services field.

**Send to: Lodge Scholarship Committee,**

Mr. Robert E. Hall, 197 Walnut Street, Milford, CT 06461

All requests must be received by **May 25, 2026**. Please include your full name, address, email and phone number where you can be reached. For further information call (203) 507-1181 or email [rhall1944@hotmail.com](mailto:rhall1944@hotmail.com). Subject: *Scholarship*.

If applicant applies for a scholarship and is awarded that scholarship, they will be required to attend the presentation ceremony in person in order to receive scholarship.

If, the applicant would be unable to attend, they will apply to scholarship committee to have a family member receive the scholarship award on their behalf.



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WB Greg F. Manley *Co-Chairman*  
Dean L. Manley, Sr., *Co-Chairman*

March 2026

## **ELMER F. MANLEY MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M. is offering two “**Medical Scholarships**” for \$1,000 each to a college student studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a resident of the town of Orange or family member of Ansantawae Lodge.

Also being offered are two “**Lodge Family Scholarships**” for \$1,000 each to College Students are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson, of a member of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their College credentials and current social interests within their chosen field, along with a current official school transcript. [Transcripts must be sent directly from your school.]

**To:** Lodge Scholarship Committee,  
Ansantawae Lodge No. 89,  
59 Broad Street,  
Milford, CT 06460-0173

All requests must be received by **May 22, 2026**. Your full name, address, email and phone where you can be reached must also be included. For further information **email:** [bowhunter155@hotmail.com](mailto:bowhunter155@hotmail.com), Subject: **Scholarship**.



### 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, March 12th – Stated Session, 7:30pm

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

Wednesday March 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 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

**March 19th** – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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## MARCH 2026

### Trestleboard

## ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**  
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
The International Order of the  
Rainbow for Girls Flag Ceremony

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** **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 15<sup>th</sup>** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 - 10am**  
\$10 donation

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** Stated Communication, **7:00pm**  
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree**  
— Dinner served at the Break



### SAVE THE DATE

**ANSANTAWAE LODGE NO. 89**  
Annual Fellowcraft Picnic  
**Sunday, June 28, 2026 - 12pm to 4pm**

### APRIL

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**  
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477

**Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
Special Program

**Apr 6<sup>th</sup>** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 - 10am**  
\$10 donation

**Apr 17<sup>th</sup>** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**  
**50 year Pin Presentations & Dinner at 6:30pm**  
Please make reservations via email: [jw@ansantawae89.org](mailto:jw@ansantawae89.org)

### The 237<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut

held at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Road,  
Windsor, CT 06095 (I-91, exit 38), on **Saturday, April 11, 2026.**

The formal opening of the Grand Lodge will be at 9:30am.

*(Dues Cards required to attend meeting)*