



ANSANTAWAE LODGE NO 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



APRIL 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

Emerging from the cold winter months, Spring is a time of renewal, hence the rituals of “spring cleaning”, gardening, and engaging in various other projects and efforts to improve and beautify our homes and property.

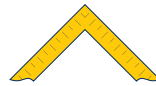
This should also remind us that there is always room for improvement in the Lodge as well, not necessarily in the physical sense, but in the functioning of the Lodge and if it is meeting the needs of the brethren. We should periodically step back and assess what works and what does not work and make improvements if needed. Engaging in a frank and open assessment such as this will avoid stagnation and atrophy and will keep us on the path to growth and prosperity.

At our first Stated Communication on Friday, April 3 we will be having a special program to explore and discuss possibilities for improvement through recognizing and effectively managing Lodge resources. I hope you will join us.

We also have a very special program at our second Stated Communication on Friday, April 17 in which 50 year pins will be presented to some well deserving Brothers. Please join us in celebrating this important milestone Masonry.

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)
Email: tweedji@earthlink.net / (203) 877-7861
- Marshal**..... Moussa M. Kafal
- Tiler** Richard P. Smeland, Jr.
- Historian**..... RW Scott T. Sherrick

Trustees

- 2026** Ryan A. Elblein, PM
- 2027** David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2027** Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2027** Dennis S. McNamara, Jr., PM
- 2028** Júlio A. Calvão, PM

ANSANTAWAE LODGE NO.89
Annual Fellowcraft Picnic

Sunday, June 28, 2026 – 12pm to 4pm
Harugari Singing Society
66 Highland St, West Haven, CT 06516

Donation – \$30 per person

Open to Masons and Non-Masons,
Men only and Must be 21 years of age.
Beer available for purchase.

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

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

Last month we completed our class of new members. This month we will be recognizing our members who have completed 50 years of service to our Craft.

I still need your help in making our database information as correct as possible. Last month, in an all members email, I asked those of you who served in our nation's military to let me know so that I can update that information in Grand View. Only one of you did. If you served, please let me know when you served, what branch of the military you served in and if you served during a time of conflict. Also let me know your highest rank received.

I am happy to report that our dues payments are slightly better this year than last. At this time last year, we had 57 Brothers who had not yet paid. Today we only have 52. Thank you for that. Remember that I bring the dues cards to each meeting so you can pay me then and receive your card at the same time.

Fraternally;
RWB Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



Masonic words and phrases

Token – Word is derived from the Anglo-Saxon, **tacn**, which means a sign, type or representation, that which points out something; and this is traced to **talcan**, to teach, show or instruct, because by a token we show or instruct others as to what we are. The word was well known to the fraternity and was in use at the time of the revival with precisely the same meaning that is now given to it as a mode of recognition. In Masonry, the grip of recognition is called a **token** because it is an outward sign of the covenant of friendship and fellowship entered into between the members of the Fraternity.

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
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



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MILFORD MASONS OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

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. 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**, 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, April 9th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Wednesday, April 15th – 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 2025-2026

Most Excellent High Priest..... Fritz Erauda
Excellent King..... Andrew Triandafilou
Excellent Scribe..... Silas Mante
Treasurer / Secretary Charles McCollum
Chaplain..... Michael Sabia
Captain of the Host Mark Agnew
Principal Sojourner Joseph Soto
Royal Arch Captain..... Brett Altman
G M 3rd Veil Christian Lutin
G M 2nd Veil..... Alexander Campana
G M 1st Veil Barry Belardinelli
Sentinel Richard Smeland
Organist..... Richard Kassay

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 2025-2026

Thrice Illustrious Master Kurt Wischow
Deputy Illustrious Master Joseph Soto
Ill. Prin. Cond. Works..... Brett Altman
Recorder / Treasurer Charles McCollum, PMPGM
Capt. Of the Guard Fritz Erauda
Conductor Mark Agnew
Steward Alexander Campana
Chaplain Michael Sabia
Sentinel..... Richard Smeland
Organist Richard Kassay

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

April 23rd — Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 A.F. & A.M.
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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- Apr 1st** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Apr 3rd** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Special Program: Recognizing and
Managing Lodge Resources
- Apr 6th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Apr 17th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
50 year Pin Presentations & Dinner at 6:30pm
Please make reservations via email: jw@ansantawae89.org
- Apr 19th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation

MAY

- May 1st** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Special Program: DeMolay Degree
- May 4th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- May 6th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- May 10th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation
- May 15th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Special Presentation: A Lesson on Death
from the Master Mason Degree
- May 29th** **Fifth Friday Fellowship Happy Hour, 6 – 8pm**
Bar 3 Thirty Three, 333 Boston Post Rd, Milford,
Contact JW Joe Soto for more information

The 237th 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)

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!