



JUNE 2026 TRESTLEBOARD | Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it is already June and half way through the year! It seems like only yesterday that my fellow officers and myself were installed as officers of the Lodge for 2026. Time seems to have quite literally flown by. The midpoint of the year is an opportune time for self-reflection, especially for those of us who set out to accomplish certain goals at the beginning of the year. It often appears that there has not been enough time to do so.

This has prompted me to think about the nature of time and I am reminded of the Masonic symbolism of the level that “we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns.” This reminds us that time is the great equalizer for us all. While the laws of physics dictate that time is a variable feature of the architecture of the universe, in the arena of human experience time is invariably consistent. We are all absolutely equal in the sense that we are all on the same journey along the level of time that will ultimately end in the termination of our earthly existence. However, this should not be a morbid or depressing realization. Rather, it should motivate us to make the most of the time that we do have to accomplish our goals and to live the best life that we can, with the assistance of our working tools, without procrastination.

June will be a very busy month for our Lodge before our summer break.

Since Father’s Day is in June, at our first Stated Communication on Friday, June 5, Milford Assembly No. 4 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will be presenting a ceremony honoring fatherhood.

Then, on Saturday, June 6 at 1:00pm, the Lodge will be hosting an open house in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Milford Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay.

Our second Stated Communication on Friday, June 19 will be our annual Strawberry Fest with pins, awards, and scholarships.

Also, on Saturday, June 20 the Lodge will be marching in Milford’s America 250 Parade in celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country. We will be assembling in the parking lot at Wasson Field at 10:00am. The parade steps off at 11:00am.

Finally, our annual Men’s Masonic Picnic will be on Sunday, June 28 from 12:00-4:00pm. Please contact me or one of the officers to purchase your ticket to the picnic for just \$30. It will be held in the same place as the last three years: Harugari Singing Society, 66 Highland Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516.

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey J. Scepanski
 Worshipful Master



2026 Officers

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2026 Ryan A. Elblein, PM

2027..... David K. Eisenman, PM

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

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

2028Júlio A. Calvão, PM

ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

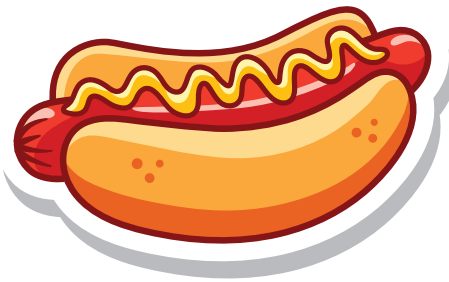
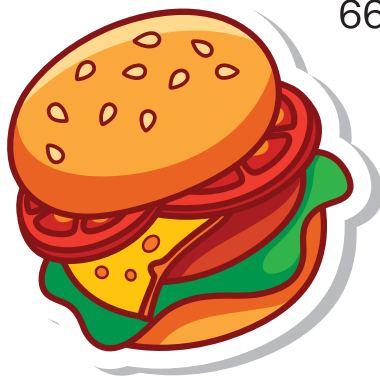


ANNUAL FELLOWCRAFT PICNIC

Sunday, June 28, 2026 – 12pm to 4pm

Harugari Singing Society

66 Highland St, West Haven, CT 06516



DONATION: \$30 per person

For Tickets, please contact any Ansantawae Lodge Officer.

Open to Masons, Non-Masons, Families and Friends. Men only and Must be 21 years of age.

visit: www.ansantawae89.org or follow us on Facebook at Ansantawae Lodge

Save the Date!

Grand Masters Day

Saturday, June 13th, 2026
10:00AM - 3:00PM

Masonicare Health Center | 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, CT



*This Year's
Grand Masters*



MW Brother Shane Dufresne
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of CT



Brother Daniel L. Blackmon
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of CT



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Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

As we look to the end of the first half of the year we have much to be proud of. We completed a set of Degrees in March, we had a great 50-year pin presentation with three members receiving their pins in a fine portrayal by our Grand Line Officer, Nick Ives.

This month, we will have our annual Strawberry Festival at the second meeting of the month and present service pins to those Brothers who have completed 10, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. Their names are listed in this trestle board, and they have each received an invitation to attend.

I already have some RSVPs.

A second dues notice was sent, and I have received several payments. We still have 33 Brothers who have not paid their dues for the year. If you have not paid, please do so. If you are unsure, you can find out by logging in to Grand View or just reach out to me. We are also able to accept dues payments using Venmo @charles-mccollum-12.

If you are having any sort of difficulty, financial, health or other, please reach out to us so we can take the necessary steps to provide you with assistance.

Also, this month we have our annual Picnic on **June 28th**. All the officers have tickets. This is open to all men over 21, so if you have someone who might be interested in Masonry, bring him along. I look forward to seeing you at our Stated Communications.

Fraternally;
RWB Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



The Signing of the United States Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration itself was formally approved on **July 4, 1776**, and most delegates signed the engrossed version on **August 2, 1776**, in Independence Hall. Confirmed Masonic Signers

Historians and Masonic records generally agree that Nine of the Fifty-Six signers were definitely Freemasons. The most commonly confirmed include:

- Benjamin Franklin
- John Hancock
- William Whipple
- Robert Treat Paine
- Richard Stockton
- George Walton
- Joseph Hewes
- William Hooper
- William Ellery

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	2009	D.K. Eisenman, PDD
1984	A.M. Brown, PDD	2010	S.T. Sherrick, PDD
1985	C.A. Buck, Jr., PGM	2011	C.J. Buck
1986	J.D. McCormack	2012	R.L. Thomas
1989	T.J. Ritter	2013	K.M. Field
1991	A.E. Dubien	2014	J.W. Hanson
1993	B.R. Somers*	2015	J.T. Batterton
1994	J.J. Blair*	2016	M.G. Nowlin
1995	R.L. Jess, PAGT	2017	G.E. Bateman
1996	S.P. Schreck	2018	M. Wasserman
1997	R.S. Zwiebel	2019	R.G. Womack
1998	B.A. Rumford	2020	J.R. Brockett
1999	J.H. Tweedie, PAGM	2021	J. Whitaker, Jr.
2000	E.A. Dubois	2022	K.F. Weirsmann
2001	J.A. Harker	2023	R.A. Elblein
2004	R.X. Goodrich	2024	D. S. McNamara, Jr.
2005	M.J. Basque	2025	J.A. Calvão
2006	K.I. Greenhill, PDD		* Not Active
2007	R.F. Lutinski		

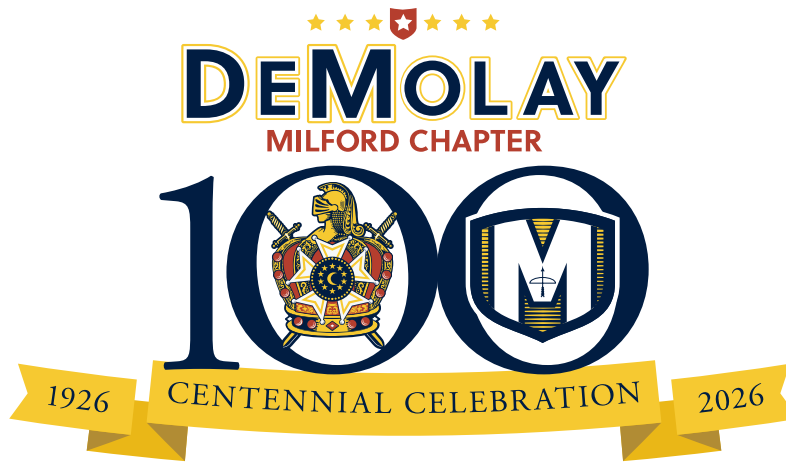
LIVING ANSANTAWAE MEMBERS WHO WERE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

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	HONORARY MEMBERS
D. K. Eisenman #143	Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM
A. M. Friedman #143	Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM
R.J. Furce, D.D., #142	George S. Greytak, PGM
C. T. Gagel #143	Charles W. Yohe, PGM
D. L. Manley #143	
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



We are honored to invite you to a momentous occasion — the **Centennial Celebration** of the **Milford Chapter** of **DeMolay International**. This milestone marks **100 years** of dedication to shaping young men into leaders of character, compassion, and integrity.

Founded in Kansas City, Missouri in 1919, **DeMolay International** (*formerly the DeMolay Council and the Order of DeMolay*) enriches the lives of its members by providing a fun-filled program which develops key life skills such as public speaking, budgeting, fundraising, collaboration and event planning. Under the mentorship of certified adult volunteers, every DeMolay member is encouraged to develop at his own pace, making his own unique DeMolay experience.

Milford DeMolay was chartered in 1926 and sponsored by **Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M.**, counts among its alumni a multitude of gentlemen who transformed the lessons and examples from their DeMolay experience into the foundation for their success in their personal or professional lives. DeMolay empowers young men to become confident, responsible citizens through mentorship, and fellowship. Many Milford Chapter alumni have gone on to become influential leaders in business, government, and civic life.

Join us as we commemorate a century of brotherhood, service, and leadership. The afternoon will feature reflections from past and present members, special recognitions, and a celebration of the enduring values that have guided our chapter since its founding.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, June 6th

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Milford Masonic Building, 59 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460

Dress Code: Semi-Casual and light refreshment

We would be deeply honored by your presence as we celebrate this historic milestone. Kindly RSVP by to milford@ctdemolay.org.

Fraternally,
Dad Kevin M. Field
Advisory Board Chairman
Milford Chapter, DeMolay International

Dad Julio A. Calvao
Dad Advisor
Milford Chapter, DeMolay International





Doing Good Together !

**IORG - International Order Of The Rainbow
For Girls Miford Assembly #4**

**We invite you to come enjoy dinner at
Square Peg and support your local
community as we raise funds together for
their program.**

Tuesday June 16, 2026 4pm-close



We look forward to providing our food and services as we all come together to raise funds for our community!
Just let your server know you are dining in support of **IORG** for the evening.
Valid for in house dining or in person pick up (No third party delivery services).

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320 HOWE AVE. UNIT #6
SHELTON, CT 06484

(203) 538-5044





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
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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, June 11th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Wednesday, June 17th – 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 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 during a calendar year with meetings being held in January, March, April, 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 April 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

June 19th — Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

Grand Masters Classic Car Contest



Rev up your engines and join us for a celebration of timeless style and craftsmanship!

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Masonicare Health Center

22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, CT

Showcase your classic vehicle and compete for top honors! The best classic cars in the Grand Masters Day parade or on the event grounds are eligible to enter.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four cars, selected by Grand Master MWB Shane Dufresne.

Whether you're a car enthusiast, collector, or simply love vintage vehicles, this is an event you won't want to miss!

To register, please contact Carl Anderson at:
canderson@masonicare.org or 203.679.6917.

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October 3, 2026

Open house / Re-dedication

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October 24, 2026

Gala Celebration, 6:00pm

both events are at
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New Haven, CT 06511

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JUNE 2026

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- Jun 1st** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Jun 3rd** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Jun 5th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Milford Assembly No. 4 of IORG will be presenting a ceremony honoring fatherhood.
- Jun 6th** DeMolay International, Milford Chapter 100th Anniversary Open House, **1pm**
- Jun 19th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 
with pins, awards, and scholarships.
Families and friends are welcome to attend!
- Jun 20th** **Milford's America 250 Parade**
We will be assembling in the parking lot at Wasson Field at 10:00am. The parade steps off at 11:00am.
- Jun 21st** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
Happy Father's Day!
\$10 donation

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2nd** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Sep 4th** Stated Communication, **Roll Call Night Dinner, 6:30pm / Program, 7:45pm**
Families and friends are welcome to attend!
Business Meeting to follow.
- Sep 14th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Sep 18th** Stated Communication, Conferring of **Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:45pm.**
- Sep 20th** **"No Masonic Breakfast"**
Masonic Family Breakfast will resume in October

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.

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