



OCTOBER 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

Fall is upon us and with it brings significant change in nature - cooler temperatures, less daylight, and the lush greenery of the spring and summer months transitions to the colorful fall foliage in which the beauty of nature is on full display. This transition actually has an interesting connection to the teachings of Masonry. Earth-Sun geometry governs the distribution of sunlight across the Earth, which determines the length of the day, solar angle, and the climate patterns that are directly responsible for the change of seasons and “the variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye.” Thus, this time of year should once again remind us of the importance of Geometry in our Craft. Geometry is not only relevant to the structures built by man, but is a fundamental part of nature and the universe itself.

At our first Stated Communication on Friday, October 2, in further commemoration of the 250th anniversary of our country, the Worshipful Master of Trumbull Lodge No. 22, RWB Christopher Earle, will be visiting our Lodge to deliver his lecture “Freemasonry and the Origins of the American Revolution”. This promises to be a very interesting and informative lecture that will provide a new perspective on the American Revolution and I hope you will attend.

Also, on Saturday, October 3, we will be having a “Couples Wine Tasting” at Savino Vineyards in Woodbridge. Please contact our Junior Warden, Brother Joe Soto, at jw@ansantawae89.org or call (203) 667-8107 to make your reservation now!

At our second Stated Communication on Friday, October 16, we will be conferring the Fellow Craft Degree on four Entered Apprentices. I hope that you will attend this Degree to support our new Brothers in taking their second step in Masonry.

Finally, for our third and final “Fifth Friday Fellowship” event for 2026, on Friday, October 30, we will be having a Milford Masonic Family Halloween Party, where the other organizations that meet in our Lodge building are also invited to attend. Come join us for some Halloween fun and refreshments!

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
Jeffrey J. Scepanski
Worshipful Master



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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.

The New Haven Masonic Temple

1926 * Centennial * 2026



You are cordially invited

Open House & Re-dedication Ceremony

October 3rd, 2026 10:00am to 2:00pm

Please join us as the Grand Master and his corps of Grand Lodge officers, re-dedicate the building to the use of our fraternity.

After the ceremony we'll offer tours of the building and have displays by all our owning bodies as well as other past a present resident organizations.

Come and enjoy a stroll around our building and enjoy some light refreshments in the dinning hall.

October 24th, 2026 6:00pm at the lodge in New Haven

This formal affair will include dinner in the Banquet Hall with musical entertainment and a number of presentations including some historical information to get to know our temple. We'll have some thank you gifts which include carefully curated Centennial memorabilia.

Tickets to the Gala are \$55 per person which includes a drink ticket.



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Consider joining our **"Centennial Club"**.

The donation is \$100 and includes:

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- A Centennial formal tie. (bow or straight)

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner

Brethren;

We are fully back at labor and things are happening in the Lodge. Last month we had a successful Roll Call meeting and were able to present service pins to several Brothers or their family members. We also started a new class of men through our Degrees. This month we will continue their Degrees with a Fellow Craft Degree.

Please remember our regular social events, including Masons' Night at Orange Ale House the first Wednesday of the month, our monthly breakfasts on the third Sunday and our Fifth Friday Fellowship get together at Bar 3 Thirty. These events allow for a less formal gathering and even an opportunity to introduce Masonry to your friends and family who may be interested in joining.

Over the summer I sent a third dues notice to those who still owe. I have received several dues payments but there are still too many outstanding. Remember, if you are in difficulty and cannot pay your dues, please reach out and talk to us.

I will be holding off on sending next year's dues notice until after the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual where there is a vote to be held on a significant increase in the Grand Lodge assessment. This will affect our dues, so I have to wait and see if the Craft approved the increase.

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated Communications.

Fraternally;
RWB Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



Most Worshipful Brother Paul Revere, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

Paul Revere had a deep and well-documented connection to Freemasonry that spanned nearly four decades of his life. He joined St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston in 1760 at age 25, a lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and went on to become an active lodge officer, serving as its Master in 1770. He was also associated with St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, an advanced Masonic body, and demonstrated his craftsmanship as a skilled Masonic engraver, producing works such as an engraved summons for St. Andrew's Lodge. In 1792, Revere played a key role in reconciling Boston's competing Masonic factions, the "Ancient" and "Modern" traditions, and he subsequently became the second Grand Master of the unified Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, serving from 1794 to 1797. During his tenure, he chartered 23 lodges and helped strengthen organized Freemasonry throughout the state. Revere's Masonic network overlapped significantly with the political and civic circles involved in the American Revolution—fellow Freemasons included figures such as Joseph Warren—though Freemasonry itself was not the cause of his revolutionary activities. Revere held his Masonic involvement in especially high regard; in a 1797 address, he described serving as Grand Master as the "greatest happiness" of his life. Ultimately, his Masonic career remained distinct from, yet closely intertwined with, the civic, commercial, and revolutionary networks that defined Boston during his era.

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. Weirsmen
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)
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R. M. Dworkin #143	R. V. Travis #144
J.E. Dyer #143	R. W. Van Horn #84 (Maine)
P. V. Edelen #143	
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MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION

Meeting the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm	
David K. Eisenman	President
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AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY



1776

COLONIAL COSTUME BALL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026



ASHLAR VILLAGE • WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Join us for a very special evening celebrating America's 250th Anniversary at the 1776 Colonial Costume Ball! Step back in time and experience the spirit of Revolutionary-era America with an unforgettable evening of colonial pageantry, patriotic fellowship, music, dancing, and celebration. Guests are encouraged to dress in colonial attire—or their finest formal wear—as we honor the people, principles, and enduring ideals that gave birth to our great nation. Come celebrate 250 years of American history while creating wonderful new memories with friends and family!



October 31, 2026

5:00 PM: Cocktail Hour

6:00 PM: Dinner

Ashlar Village

74 Cheshire Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89



ANNUAL TABLE LODGE

November 13, 2026 – 6:30pm

59 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460

DONATION: \$30 per person

Reservations are a must for this event no later than

Friday, November 6th and can be made with

JW Joseph Soto at jw@ansantawae89.org

Table Lodge will be opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree.





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
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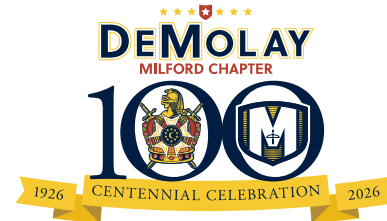
Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay

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.



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LUCIA CHAPTER NO. 25, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Thursday, October 8th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Wednesday, September 21st – 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

October 15th — Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Oct 2nd** Stated Communication, **Special Program**
“Freemasonry and the Origins of the American Revolution” by RWB Christopher Earle
Dinner, 6:30pm | Program, 7:45pm
- Oct 3rd** **Couples Wine Tasting, 4 – 6pm**
Savino Vineyards, 128 Ford Street, Woodbridge
- Oct 5th** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Oct 7th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Oct 16th** Stated Communication, Conferring of
Fellow Craft Degree at 7:45pm.
- Oct 18th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation
- Oct 30th** **Fifth Friday Fellowship Event**
Milford Masonic Family Halloween Party -
Rainbow Trunk or Treat **7:00pm**
Party at **7:30pm**



NOVEMBER

- Nov 2nd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Nov 4th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Nov 6th** Stated Communication, **7:00pm**
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree**
— Dinner served at the Break
- Nov 13th** Special Communication, **6:30pm**
Annual Table Lodge
\$30 donation
- Nov 15th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
Annual Toys For Tots Fund-raiser
\$10 donation
- Nov 20th** Stated Communication at **7:45pm.**



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