



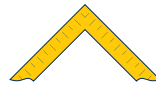
ANSANTAWAE LODGE No 89

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT



FEBRUARY 2025 TRESTLEBOARD | Organized October 13th 1859 – Milford, Connecticut

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As we enter into the second month of the year it is important to continue to evaluate our progress on the resolutions and goals made at the turn of the year. This puts us in a good mindset to add in an evaluation of our relationships. We can ask ourselves how well we have shown caring and generosity to our fellow man? How well have we nurtured our relationships? How much time have we spent in pursuit of perfection and shaping our lives to be the better fit for the builder's use?

The lodge always offers ways to help us fulfill these questions. For instance, Freemasonry and its teachings shape us, and make us better men. The more we understand the symbolism used in Freemasonry the more equipped we are to shape our lives. How better to learn the Masonic teachings than to watch and partake in the degrees? To experience the lectures? Each and every time I hear the lectures I come away with a little more knowledge, even though I have heard them so many times. It just so happens that this month we have both an extremely informative lecture scheduled (2nd and 3rd Section EA Lectures February 7th) and a degree scheduled (FC February 21st). I invite you to come and participate in these events.

How about nurturing our relationships? Well, the more time you spend with your brothers the stronger the bond will be, so being involved in our meetings will definitely do that. This same idea goes for the special person in your life, sometimes you should spoil them a bit with a nice dinner, well, that too, happens to be an offering of the lodge. **February 22nd**, we have a "Couple's Night Out" planned at Bridgehouse in Milford. Perfect opportunity! Contact **Michael Gendreau** at jw@ansantawae89.org or call (203) 907-9690 for more information.

Finally, caring and generosity to our fellow man. Charity, relief, and truth are the core principles of our institution, so with that in mind this year I have pledged the proceeds from the Mite box to Marrakech. This charity provides residential, employment, support, referral, and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities and similar service needs to assist them in exercising their human rights as citizens and contributing members of society and I would like to ask you all to assist me in supporting them by giving as liberally as you can, without injury to yourself, whenever you are in lodge. The might box will be out, as it always has been, whenever we walk out of the lodge room. It will be on the Senior Warden's pedestal.

I hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,
Julio A. Calvao
Worshipful Master

2025 Officers

- Worshipful Master**..... Julio A. Calvao (Jessica)
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- Senior Warden**..... Jeffrey J. Scepanski (April)
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- Junior Warden**..... Michael R. Gendreau (Lea)
Email: jw@ansantawae89.org / Phone: (203) 907-9690
- Treasurer**..... WB Jesse T. Batterton, (Wendy)
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- Junior Deacon** Alexander C. Campana
- Senior Steward**..... Gregory C. D'Andrea
- Junior Steward**..... Keith M. Smith, III
- Chaplain** WB James H. Tweedie
- Marshal**..... Moussa M. Kafal
- Tiler** Richard P. Smeland, Jr.
- Organist** WB Ernest A. Dubois
- Historian**..... RW Scott T. Sherrick

Trustees

- 2025** Kevin F. Weirsman, PM
- 2026** Ryan A. Elblein, PM
- 2027** David K. Eisenman, PM
- 2027** Greg F. Manley, PM
- 2027** Dennis S. McNamara, Jr., PM

Ansantawae Lodge Secretary's Corner



Brethren;

As we deal with the cold winter weather and lack of sunlight, I want you to think about the warm brotherhood and the Masonic Light offered by the Lodge. It is there for you, but you must make the effort to come out and receive it.

We have started a class of three through the Degrees and we have an additional group who will be ready to go later in the spring. There is a great feeling around the Lodge. Our new corps of officers are enthusiastic and working very hard for you.

I mentioned in my January message that we would be doing some social events in addition to our regular work. Last month we had the chili cookoff and this month we have a couples' night out. These are in addition to our regular monthly Family Breakfast and Mason's Night at Orange Ale House.

Finally, if you know of a Brother in sickness or distress, or if you yourself are, please reach out. It is a big part of our obligation to care for our Brothers, but we cannot do it if we don't know.

Fraternally;
 RWB Chuck McCollum,
Secretary



Masonic words and phrases

Balloting – Balloting on the acceptance or rejection of a candidate is secret. Small round white balls and black cubes are used in the voting. White balls elect; black cubes reject. In casting the ballot, all lodge members are required to base their ballot on personal knowledge, information of the committee on investigation, and reputed character the candidate. Under no circumstances are members to allow themselves to be influenced by personal likes and dislikes of the candidate or by a spirit of prejudice or revenge. Every member of the lodge is required to vote conscientiously for the good of the Order and in Brotherly consideration of the applicant.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Candidates Jeffrey J. Scepanski (203) 530-7001
 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	2006	K.I. Greenhill, PDD
1973	K.B. Hawkins, Sr. PGM	2007	R.F. Lutinski
1981	F.E. Schumitz	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
2002	T.R. Brooks	2023	R.A. Elblein
2004	R.X. Goodrich	2024	D. S. McNamara, Jr.
2005	M.J. Basque		* 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)	J. T. Mcwain, P.G.M., #65
R. R. Cole, P.D.D., #87	B. L. Silverstein #780 (Italy)
D. G. Conroy #143	B. J. Simonetti #83
J. S. Demko #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	HONORARY MEMBERS
P. V. Edelen #143	Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore, PGM
D. K. Eisenman #143	Gustaf R. Bodin, PGM
A. M. Friedman #143	George S. Greytak, PGM
R.J. Furce, A.G.M., #142	Charles W. Yohe, PGM
C. T. Gagel #143	
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
Scott T. Sherrick	Vice President
Jesse T. Batterton	Treasurer
Charles A. McCollum.....	Secretary
Robert E. Hall	Director
Joseph D. Morgan	Director
Salvatore Siconofi.....	Director
Richard P. Smeland, Jr	Director
James H. Tweedie	Director



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

Saturday, March 15, 2025 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!!



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,
7:30pm (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 13th — Stated Session, 7:30pm

PYREMUS NO. 82, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Saturday, February 15th – 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 21st – Hamilton Commandery Stated Meeting

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ANSANTAWAE LODGE No. 89 — CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Feb 3rd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Feb 5th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Feb 7th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
2nd and 3rd Section Lectures
- Feb 16th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am**
\$10 donation.
- Feb 21st** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
Conferring of **Fellowcraft Degree**.
- Feb 22nd** **“Couple’s Night Out”** at Bridgehouse, Milford
Contact JW Michael Gendreau for information.

MARCH

- Mar 3rd** Masonic Temple Corporation Meeting, **7pm**
- Mar 5th** Masons Night at Orange Ale House, **7pm**
517 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT 06477
- Mar 7th** Stated Communication, **7:45pm**
BeeHive Lecture
- Mar 15th** **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 16th** Masonic Family Breakfast, **8 – 10am** \$10 donation.
- Mar 21st** Stated Communication, **7pm**
Conferring of **Master Mason Degree**



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!