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From the Editor

Brethren,

First and foremost, I must acknowledge the excellent work that W.B. David Abrames has done with the Wayfarer over the years that he has been the Editor/Publisher. Due to health issues W.B. David has stepped down from this role and I have taken it on. If I can do as good a job as he, I shall be very happy.

This is a first issue for me. I hope you will feel that I have done a good job. I am sure that it will improve over time. The bulk of the distribution will be by electronic means in PDF format. This will save costs substantially. There will still be paper copies available at the Lodge for visitors, and selected paper distribution.

Brethren, this is YOUR magazine. It is not just Officers of the Lodge that can or should contribute. If you want to say something, write an article! Send it to the W.M. for approval, and it will (with his permission) get published. Our next issue will in April 2017, so starting thinking about writing something.

Hope you enjoy this issue.

Jon R. White, PM

From the East

Brethren,

It is a privilege and honor to have the opportunity to write this article as the Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge 70. Our Lodge has the unique honor of not having a repeat Master for 117 years. This is an accomplishment that we as a Lodge do not take for granted, and I promise you that it is a responsibility that I will not take for granted. I have imagined myself occupying the Oriental Chair since I was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. I just knew that it was something that I wanted to have the opportunity to do. After working through the chairs in the officer line (most of them, that is), I feel that I have gained the experience to do right by the office and by you, my Brothers.

I have been thinking for a long while about what I would like to accomplish as the Master of this Lodge. I feel that we should do more than just make Masons, not that that is something to be taken lightly. While there are lessons to be learned by taking in and absorbing the ritual that we hear accompanying each degree, there is still a vast world of Masonic knowledge that we can begin to tap into, either through the expertise of our own Brothers, or by bringing in our Brothers from other Lodges. It is my intent that we receive more light in this manner. I plan on tapping into our Historian and new Custodians of the Work to help us to learn more about our own Lodge. I am in the process of arranging speakers from other Lodges in the state to come and give presentations on various Masonic topics. These are intended to foster conversation and curiosity amongst the craft, feeding into our constant quest for more light.

There will be a revamping of some of the aspects of Lodge communication. I have, and will continue to be the person who manages email and "call-em-all" communications. The Grand Lodge is in the process of reworking the form of Lodge websites and calendars. The new calendar will be a Google calendar, which can be easily shared with Brothers, allowing the option to view in your cell phone's calendar app. The old Joomla website will be replaced by WordPress, which will be easier to manage and update. I will outline all of these technological updates and how they affect you during an upcoming Stated Communication. I can also offer you help regarding to how best access our shared Lodge calendar on your various devices.

As always, you can reach out to me by sending a message to washingtonlodge70@gmail.com. I look forward to serving you during this upcoming year!

Steve Matthews



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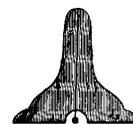
From the West

Brothers

As we start the New Year, I am hoping everyone had a happy holiday and New Year. I would like to thank WB Jon White for an excellent year and for all the hard work he has done.

I also look forward to the coming year with WM Steve Matthews. I look forward to continuing the work that is being done now and look forward to WB Steve idea's and plans for the coming year. We need everyone's help and support to make Washington Lodge the great Lodge we all know and love. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sterling Viets



From the South

Brethren,

I look forward to an exciting 2017 and serving the lodge as Junior Warden. Luckily for the lodge I am a better cook than a public speaker.

My predecessors have done a great job throughout the years in providing lodge with delicious meals and as a result attendance at lodge dinners has increased. It is my goal is to continue this success by providing fresh, high quality meals at an affordable price with the hope that brothers will look forward to attending lodge dinner. I feel that these dinners are just as critical to our success and longevity as our meetings and degree work. It is at these dinners and other informal events that brothers can socialize and get to know one another better.

I have already begun planning the menus for the upcoming year. There will be the standard classics and I have some new meal ideas that I



hope everyone will enjoy. If there are any requests or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me. I will also look to all of the brothers for their help and support.

Joseph Difraia

From The Senior Deacon

Greetings Brethren,

A few months back I found myself watching the somewhat recent television mini-series of War and Peace - which was really not bad at all for a period piece. I had almost dozed off when the protagonist meets a Freemason and decides to join the Fraternity in order to make himself a better person. A good idea. This of course woke me back up and I was obliged to then watch the entire production. It occurred to me that Freemasonry had survived in Europe throughout the Napoleonic wars as well as a host of other conflicts over the centuries. Most of us are familiar with the outlaw and persecution of Freemasons under the Nazi and Fascist regimes of the 30s and 40s, and by Communist states prior to and following the axis defeat. Masons were executed following the emergence of the fundamentalist regime in Iran in 1979, and we have been placed in danger at times by many other regimes. Totalitarianism and Freemasonry it turns out do not mix well – such disregard for liberty, justice, and human rights does not reconcile with a free association of men with a philosophy of tolerance working under the Aegis of the Grand Architect of the Universe - especially not behind tyled doors. Freemasonry has always been a great threat to tyranny.

Brothers, we live in very troubled and changing times. Freemasonry has survived in such times for centuries. Our impact is not made by loud public displays, but by working to improve ourselves and through work dedicated to God and to the benefit of humanity. We are the quiet fraternity. This is one of our strengths. Another of our strengths has been the ability to adapt to changing times. The form of Freemasonry experienced by War and Peace era brethren was different from what we experience today. Different but recognizable – as the philosophy and basic ritual (as well as symbolism) has remained the same. Organizational structure (in some respects), outreach, communication, customs and the trestle board have changed over time. Both strengths will be necessary for survival as we face changing society norms, conspiracy theories and potential hostility towards the fraternity, and declining membership. The Fraternity will again survive as it must. Liberty itself survives with it.

Mark. T. Keenan

From The Junior Deacon

To My Brothers of Washington Lodge 70,

As my term of Junior Deacon (Deus vult) begins,

I would like to share an insight on the role of deacon and the Diaconate from a slightly different perspective. Many Biblical scholars believe that the diaconate was established by the Disciples of Jesus as found in the Book of Acts. That is where you will find the story of seven men who were appointed to go out and serve the poor, destitute and disadvantaged in the world.

To many the role of Deacon in the church is often compared to the role of the ambulance to the hospital, vis a vis, the ambulance goes out to gather the hurt, sick and otherwise ill people and brings them back to the hospital for healing. In the church it is the deacon who goes out into the world and brings the word of God out to all who are poor, homeless, disadvantaged, hungry and otherwise on the margins of society and brings their needs back to the church for redress and healing.

In the Lodge it is somewhat fitting that in the role of Junior Deacon and Senior Deacon you take the orders and instructions from the Senior Officers about the Lodge and elsewhere as may be directed, train candidates, conduct visitors and see that the Lodge is duly tiled. The role of the deacon has a direct and significant historical connection to the role of the Deacon as established by Scripture.

It is into this role that I commit myself and, hopefully, live into the example of those who have gone before.

Harry A. "Chip" Elliott III

From the Chaplain

Acts of Kindness

Acts of kindness, no matter how small, are important. They are important because they will make a positive impression on the person who performs the act and on the person or persons who are the recipients of that kindness. It is the easiest way of taking the love that God gives His people and passing it on to others. You can make someone's life beautiful, even if just for a moment. The amazing part of that is that you will get more out of the situation than you give. You will know that something special just happened. You will feel it in your heart. So if you get a chance to perform an act of kindness, no matter how small-do it. You will be glad you did.

Richard Incurvati Sr.

Secy Sayz

Washington Lodge, in the year ending 30 November 2016, had a net GAIN of 1 member. We raised 7 new brothers and had 1 reinstatement. We lost only 2 to the Grand Architect of the Universe, and

1 to dimit and 4 NPD at the end of last year. We have a significant number of candidates in various stages of work, so the future still looks bright, though it would be brighter if we could get some of them to pass their proficiency exams. But even that would not compensate for the 8 brethren who have not yet paid up for 2016, despite efforts by WM White and other brothers to contact them and urge them to comply with their financial obligations to the Lodge before they suffer the ignominy of being struck NPD on 31 December 2016.

Some facts you don't need to know, but might find interesting: Our membership on 30 November was 179. Of these, 15 are exempt from dues and assessments because of 50 years of membership. We have 1 brother who is exempt from Grand Lodge assessments because of dual membership (we have another 17 who are dual members but not exempt because Washington 70 is their primary Lodge.). We currently have no brothers under care of Masonicare. The average age of the members of the Lodge is 59.68, down slightly from last year, and the average number of years of membership is 21.13. Our oldest member is Brother Kenneth E. Caswell at 96 years of age, and our senior member in terms of years of membership is Brother Daniel E. Mack at 73 years. We have 31 living Past Masters, we lost the senior among them, Right Worshipful J. Philip Lukens who was Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge in 1967. That makes WB Thomas E. Morton our senior Past Master. He served in 1976. Washington Lodge is still able to brag that it has not had a repeat Master in 116 years, the longest such string in Connecticut and probably elsewhere as well.

Those of you who don't come to Lodge meetings are really missing the boat. Washington Lodge is a lively and hard working Lodge, involved in the community, and the brethren are fun to be with. Not only do you miss out on the camaraderie that exists among the members, but you deprive us of the opportunity to enjoy your company as well. That's really a "Lose-Lose" situation.

A reminder that the fee for new members is \$325.

We need at least \$100 with any new petitions, and will charge \$75 prior to each degree. Also, why not consider including a bequest to Washington Lodge in your will?

Or how about making a donation just to help out, or maybe for a specific purpose? Our major charities are scholarships, both Windsor HS and others; Masonic Charity Foundation; and Connecticut Freemasons Foundation (for CT CHIP). We also support DeMolay and Rainbow with small donations.

Charles B. Fowler Jr.

From the Senior Steward

My Brothers,

Oh how time flies as here we are at the beginning of another yet another year both on the calendar and here

as officers of the lodge. I am excited to start another year and serve as your Senior Steward and look forward to working with as many of you as possible on this year's upcoming events. I encourage all brothers to try their best to attend our events that we have outside of the lodge room as this is probably the best way you can meet and get to know your fellow brothers. Lobster dinners, shad derby, blood drives, picnics etc. like they say we "have something for everyone!" Please feel free to contact me if there's anything I can do to make this year a successful year for you as a brother.

Kevin G. Dugdale

From the Junior Steward

Brethren,

A little more than a year ago, a Brother asked me to sit in the Marshal's seat. I gladly accepted, as I wanted to contribute more to the craft. Now, being in the line for year it has opened my eyes to new light. I am grateful that my life allowed me the time I needed back to serve and I truly feel that I have more purpose in the Lodge. I look forward to spending more time with the Brothers for they are the ones who will help guide me in my quest for further light. This is truly a fraternity for the betterment of men and as I pass through each position I wish to leave an indelible mark on Masonry.

Christopher Houde

Medicare Part "D" Prescription Drug Coverage

If you or a member of your family is having problems understanding the Medicare Part "D" Program, the Masonic Community Services (MCS) staff may be able to assist you. You can contact a member of the MCS staff at 877-4-AGELESS (877-424-3537). This is another free service of Masonicare.

From the Marshal

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promote of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother."

George Washington

Brethren,

I am honored to wear the crossed batons of the Marshal for 2017. I know this is the start of my Journey to the east and its a journey I will take with honor and respect. My first impression of the Marshal

in the lodge has always been a reverent one escorting the Chaplain to the altar where I had placed my hands not so long ago. So I did a little research into the Marshal's responsibilities within other lodges across the country, and I found this commonality between all: "The Marshal is responsible for presenting and retiring the flag of our nation. His Jewel is the Crossed Batons. The Marshal is the Lodge's Conductor or Master of Ceremonies. The Marshal's duties and principal role is the organization of processions and ensuring the correct precedence and etiquette in formal proceedings." One lodge had the Marshal state these words to any candidate about to receive his first words of light at the door "Marshal assured him that "Freemasonry is far removed from all that is trivial, selfish, and ungodly..." Another explored the psychological impact of the Marshal:

"His position within the door indicates that this stage of consciousness is genuinely within the psyche, while his intimate relationship with the Tiler/Outer Guard indicates that he is very much concerned with the physical world."

All this has strengthened my resolve to be the best Marshal possible not only to myself, my fellow brethren but freemasonry as a whole.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year at Washington Lodge #70

Erik R. Nivison

Do we have your E-mail Address?

Please let our Secretary, Charles B. Fowler, Jr. PGM know what your e-mail address is so we can keep you up to date on Lodge events and changes to the Trestleboard. Send an e-mail to Bro. Chuck at cbfowler525@gmail.com

Editor

Masonic Poetry Corner

Brethren,

As we look forward to Table Lodge in March, I felt that this work by W. Bro. Rudyard Kipling, may be worth a read.

Jon R White

King Solomon's Banquet

"Once in so often," King Solomon said,
Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
"We will club our garlic and wine and bread
And banquet together beneath my Throne.
And all the Brethren shall come to that mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen - no more no less.

"Send a swift shallop to Hiram of Tyre,
Felling and floating our beautiful trees,
Say that the Brethren and I desire
Talk with our Brethren who use the seas.
And we shall be happy to meet them at mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen - no more no less.

"Carry this message to Hiram Abif-
Excellent Master of forge and mine:
I and the Brethren would like it if
He and the Brethren will come to dine,
(Garments from Bozrah or morning dress)
As Fellow-Craftsmen - no more no less.

God gave the Hyssop and cedar their place -
Also the Bramble, the Fig and the Thorn -
But that is no reason to black a man's face
Because he is not what he wasn't been born,
And, as touching the Temple, I hold and profess
We are Fellow Craftsmen - no more and no less.

So it was ordered and so it was done,
And the hewers of wood and the Masons of Mark
With foc'sle hands of the Sidon run
And Navy Lords from the Royal Ark,
Came and sat down and were merry at mess
As Fellow Craftsmen - no more and no less.

The quarries are hotter than Hiram's forge,
No-one is safe from the dog-whip's reach.
It's mostly snowing up Lebanon gorge,
And it's always blowing off Joppa beach;
But once in so often, the messenger brings
Solomon's mandate; "Forget these things!
Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings
Companion of Princes - forget these things!
Fellow Craftsmen, forget these things!"

Masonic Birthdays

Name	Raised	Name	Raised
		<u>February</u>	
Warren W. Ball	1947	John D Hayes	2004
Alton H. Wilson	1953	Jonathan A. Pulino	2005
David K. Blackall	1960	Bruce I. Lazaroff	2006
Edward E. Kemp Jr	1963	Charles B. Fowler III	2007
Robert G. Palifka	1966	Kenneth D. Roach	2007
Kenneth E. Caswell	1968	Charles W. Jackson III	2007
David N. Terry	1970	Bruce J. Hoffman	2008
Lee R. James	1971	Matthew R. Chmiel	2018
John C. Carmon	1971	Nickey I. Mohammed	2010
Richard P. Henderson	1975	Eric W. Eisnor	2010
Steven T. Roberts	1975	Timothy J. Kwiecinski	2010
Robert B. Lougee	1976	Peter T. Kwiecinski	2010
Richard E. Smith II	1976	Karl D Pearson	2010
Mark J. Fernandes	1983	Robert B. McKay	2011
Fred E. Anderson	1984	Ryan J Williams	2011
James H. Ratcliffe	1992	Christopher A. Dugdale	2011
T. Donovan Scroggs	1994	Eric A Ball	2012
Jonathan R. White	1995	Maurice E. Butler	2012
John B. White	1996	Joseph C. Difraia	2013
Kevin L. Pasternack	1996	Winston G Davis Jr	2014
Patrick J. W. Chagnon	1997	Jack G. Gregory	2014
Robert J. Carlson	2000	Lewis A. John	2015
Rodney R. Plath	2002	Roger H. Ali	2016
Frank W. Carmon IV	2003	Stephen C. P. Lake	2016
Max R. Kuziak	2004	Michael S. Restucci	2016
Robert J. Gresham	2004	Victor M. Sterling Sr	2016
David W. Shaw	2004	Robert K. Middleton Jr	2016
		<u>March</u>	
Thomas E. Morton	1967	Stephen H. McKay	2010
William E. Hastings Jr	2003	Michael J. Lawlor Jr	2011
Anthony R. Lupoli	2003		
		<u>April</u>	
Daniel E. Mack	1943	Craig A. Buckley	1980
James F. Abdo	1963	Larry T. Remkiewicz	1984
Bruce R. Chamberlain	1967	Calvin J. Creekmore	1984
Allen G. Dugdale	1967	Robert C. Dodge	1987
David J. Barth	1975	Jorge L. Dipini Jr	2016
Charles B. Sniffin Jr	1976	Brian T. Kelly	2016
Peter T. Arnold	1977		

Calendar of Events

Codes: T = Tux D=Dinner P=Public
 B=Business suit R=Refreshment L=Ladies
 C=Casual

January 2017 Trestleboard

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Codes</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Officer in Charge</u>
F 6	7:00 pm	C	Installation Rehearsal	MW C .B. Fowler Jr
Sa 7	1.00 pm	T, P, R, L	Installation Meeting	MW C. B. Fowler Jr
M 9	7.30 pm	B, R	Stated Communication	WM Steve Matthews
Sa 14	7:00 am	C, R	Blood Drive	WB Ronald Eleveld

February 2017 Trestleboard

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Codes</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Officer in Charge</u>
M 13	7:30 pm	B, R	Stated Communication: Presentation of "Qabalah & the Masonic Lodge" by W.B. Chuck Landau	WM Steven Matthews
M 27	5.30 pm	T, D	Past Masters of WL #70 M.M. Degree	WB Brian Cosker Jr

March 2017 Trestleboard

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Codes</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Officer in Charge</u>
Su 5	6.00 pm	C	Rehearsal E.A Degree	WM Steve Matthews
Su 12	6:00 pm	C	Rehearsal E.A Degree	WM Steve Matthews
M 13	7.30 pm	T, D	E. A. Degree	WM Steve Matthews
S 26	2.00 pm	C	Table Lodge Set-Up	WB Mark Fernandes
M 27	6.00 pm	T, D	Table Lodge	WM Steve Matthews

April 2017 Trestleboard

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Codes</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Officer in Charge</u>
M 3	9:00 am	B	Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of CT	
M 10	7:30 pm	B, R	Stated Communication: Presentation of "What is a Rosicrucian?" by WB Martin Ede (tent.)	WM Steve Matthews
Su 23	6:00 pm	C	Rehearsal FC Degree	WM Steve Matthews
M 24	7:30 pm	T, D	Fellowcraft Degree	WM Steve Matthews
F 28	5:00 pm	C, P, L, D	Shad Derby Dinner	TBD