

# Trestle Board – Warren Lodge #51

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### Worshipful Master Robert M. Oakliff's Message

"If you keep Masonry in front of you, it will lead you. If you place yourself in front of Masonry, it will never catch up."

Greetings Brothers,

The beginning of the year has started off wonderfully with a stellar Entered Apprentice Degree run by our junior warden Brother Michael S. Masselli.

We will be having a Fellow Craft Degree April 20. Joining us at this degree will be the Brothers from Warren Lodge 51 from Cockeysville, MD. It will be a pleasure having them attend.

On May 18 we will be having a program presented by Brother Thomas Keser which should prove to be informative as always.

Finally June 1<sup>st</sup> will be our awards night and strawberry social.

Please remember to bring canned items for the food drive when in attendance and as always it is a pleasure to see you all at our fellow craft club. If you attend it would be a great and for our younger masons a valuable lodge of instruction.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Oakliff WM.

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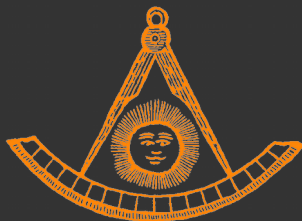
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## Living Past Masters

John L. Gilbert 1969  
Robert O. Anderson 1973  
Gerald J. Nash Jr. 1974  
Roger W. Guild 1975  
Keith G. Johnson 1976  
Gerald J. Nash Jr. 1977  
John B. Sterry Sr. 1979”  
Richard R. Washburn 1980\*  
Donald W. Goodrich 1982\*  
George H. Swanson Jr. 1984  
John B. Sterry Jr. 1985  
Paul H. Rasch Jr. 1986  
Richard R. Washburn 1987\*+, 1988+\*  
David W. Ives 1989\*, 1990\*  
Paul H. Rasch Jr. 1991  
Rodney A. Spooner 1992\*, 1993\*  
David W. Ives 1995\*, 1996\*  
Richard R. Washburn 2000\*+  
Robert W. Doak 2001\*  
James A. Tyler Jr. 2002\*  
Robert E. Godwin 2003\*  
Frederic W. Frost III 2004\*  
David A. Berndtson 2005\*  
James H. Landry 2006\*, 2008\*  
Frederick W Frost III 2009\*  
James H. Landry 2010\*  
Ronald W. Kutz 2011, 2015  
Thomas P. Keser 2012\*  
Thomas F. Mumford 2013\*  
James W. Hartzell, Jr. 2014  
Robert M. Oakliff 2016, 2017

“ *Past Associate Grand Marshal*  
*+Past District Deputy*  
*\*Mason-of-The-Year*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Calendar of Lodge Events

### April 6

Stated Communications – Rusty Mason Night (7:30 PM)  
Dinner 6:30 PM Speaker From Farmington Bank

### April 13

Fellowcraft Club – FC Rehearsal (7:00 PM)

### April 20

Stated Communications – FC Degree (7:30 PM)  
Dinner 6:30 PM Warren 51 MD visiting

### April 27

Fellowcraft Club – Lodge of Instruction (7:00 PM)

### May 4

Stated Communications - (7:30 PM)

### May 11

Fellowcraft Club – Lodge of Instruction (7:00 PM)

### May 18

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)  
Program by WB Thomas Keser)

### May 25

Fellowcraft Club – Lodge of Instruction (7:00 PM)

### May 31

Blue Lodge Council – Washington 81 (7:30 PM)  
Dinner 6:30 PM

### June 1

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)  
Awards Night and Strawberry Social

### June 8

Fellowcraft Club – Lodge of Instruction (7:00 PM)

### June 15

Stated Communications - (7:30 PM)

### June 29

Fellowcraft Club – Going Dim Cookout (7:00 PM)

Fellowcraft Club every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday with Lodge of Instruction for  
Brothers not yet Master Masons at 7:00PM

Please see our web site for last minutes changes

[www.warrenlodge51.org](http://www.warrenlodge51.org)

Or

Warren Lodge #51 on Facebook

### **Don't Forget!!**

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## EMAIL NOTICE

Brothers if you would like to receive future issues of the Trestle Board by E-Mail please send your E-Mail address to me. My address is [kesertom@gmail.com](mailto:kesertom@gmail.com). I will add you to our list. You may also receive other important Lodge communications from time to time via E-Mail

### WAGES OF OPERATIVE MASONS

*IN ALL THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS PRAISE IS GIVEN TO SAINT ALBAN BECAUSE HE RAISED THE WAGES OF THE FREEMASONS. THUS THE EDINBURGH-KILWINNING MANUSCRIPT SAYS: "SAINT ALBANS LOVED MASONS WELL AND CHERISHED THEM MUCH, AND MADE THEIR PAY RIGHT GOOD, STANDING BY AS THE REALM, DID, FOR HE GAVE THEM 1S. A WEEK, AND 3D. TO THEIR CHEER; FOR BEFORE THAT TIME, THROUGH ALL THE LAND, A MASON HAD BUT A PENNY A DAY AND HIS MEAT, UNTIL SAINT ALBAN AMENDED IT."*

*WE MAY COMPARE THIS RATE OF WAGES IN THE THIRD CENTURY WITH THAT OF THE FIFTEENTH, AND WE WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE LITTLE ADVANCE THAT WAS MADE.*

*IN GROSSE AND ASTLE'S ANTIQUARIAN REPERTORY (III, PAGE 58), WILL BE FOUND AN EXTRACT FROM THE ROLLS OF PARLIAMENT, WHICH CONTAINS A PETITION, IN THE YEAR 1443, TO PARLIAMENT TO REGULATE THE PRICE OF LABOR. IN IT ARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:*

*AND FROM THE FEST OF MIGHELMASSE UNTO ESTER, A FREE MASON AND A MAISTER CARPENTER BY THE DAY IIID. WITH METE AND DRYNK, WITHOUTE METE AND DRINK IIID., OB.*

*TYLER OR SCLATTER, ROUGH MASON AND MEEN CARPENTER, AND OTHER ARTIFICERS CONCERNYNG BELDYNG, BY THE DAY IIID., WITH METE AND DRYNK, AND WITHOUTE METE AND DRYNKE, IIID., OB. AND FROM THE FEST OF MIGHELMASSE UNTO SISTER, A FREE MASON AND A MAISTER CARPENTER BY THE DAY IIID WITH METE AND DRYNK, WITHOUT METE AND DRINK, IIID., OB.*

*TYLER, MEEN CARPENTER, ROUGH MASON, AND OTHER ARTIFICERS AFORESAID, BY THE DAY IID., OB, WITH METE AND DRYNK, WITHOUTE METE AND DRYNK IIID., AND EVERY OTHER WERKEMAN AND LABORER BY THE DAY ID., OB, WITH METE AND DRYNK AND WITHOUTE METE AND DRINK IIID., AND WHO THAT LASSE DESERVETH, TO TAKE LASSE.*

### LAMB

*IN ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY THE LAMB IS THE SYMBOL OF INNOCENCE; THUS IN THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE FIRST DEGREE: "IN ALL AGES THE LAMB HAS BEEN DEEMED AN EMBLEM OF INNOCENCE." HENCE IT IS REQUIRED THAT A FREEMASON'S APRON SHOULD BE MADE OF LAMBSKIN. IN THE ADVANCED DEGREES, AND IN THE DEGREES OF CHIVALRY, AS IN CHRISTIAN ICONOGRAPHY, OR STATION, THE LAMB IS A SYMBOL OF JESUS CHRIST.*

*THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM OF THE LAMB COMES FROM THE EXPRESSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, WHO EXCLAIMED, ON SEEING JESUS, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD"; WHICH WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DERIVED FROM THE PROPHETIC WRITERS, WHO COMPARE THE MESSIAH SUFFERING ON THE CROSS TO A LAMB UNDER THE KNIFE OF A BUTCHER. IN THE VISION OF SAINT JOHN, IN THE APOCALYPSE, CHRIST IS SEEN, UNDER THE FORM OF A LAMB, WOUNDED IN THE THROAT, AND OPENING THE BOOK WITH THE SEVEN SEALS.*

## FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Fellowcraft Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. If we don't have a rehearsal scheduled we gather for fellowship and fun on the second Thursday, we grab a bite to eat, watch a movie, play cards, or just talk and relax with our Brothers. Your friends are welcome on these nights.

New brothers are strongly encouraged to attend for Lodge of Instruction while they are in process of receiving their Degrees.

At Lodge of Instruction night we take a deeper look at Degrees, Ritual work, Obligations and Lectures.

Drop in and say hello, stay a little, stay a while. Doors open at 7:00 PM. EA, FC, and MM candidates must attend Lodge of Instruction to advance.

**Rusty Masons Welcome!**



## Community Projects

### Food Bank Donations

A free will effort, Brothers are asked to bring a canned good or dry food good, each time we meet, for donation to the Portland Food Bank.

### Town Wide Tag Sale

Now an Annual Tradition with the Portland Historical Society, the Brothers of Warren Lodge assist the Portland Historical Society logistical assistance in the Town Wide Tag Sale.

### Kenneth Fletcher Scholarship Fundraiser

Warren Lodge supports the efforts of this Fundraiser by providing man power for parking and logistics.

### PHS Scholarship

The Lodge provides a Scholarship Award for a deserving High School senior who plans to continue their education.

### Girls State

The Lodge provides a Scholarship Award for a deserving High School student selected to participate in Girls State.

### Meet the Masons Charity Golf Challenge

A glorious half day of golf followed by a BBQ dinner at Lodge to benefit our Masonic Charities

### Brew Chilla

An afternoon of Homebrew and Chili sampling where you get to vote for your favorite. Proceeds benefit the Food Bank and Warren Lodge.

New Ideas are always welcome!  
Do you have something in mind?

# Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

## 2017 Dues Reminder

Brothers, please remember to keep your membership current.  
Send in your dues if you have not done so already  
Dues this year are \$80.00.

**HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME? - - CONTACT THE LODGE.**

### We don't know if you don't tell us....

Brothers, if any of your contact information changes  
*please*

Contact the lodge so our records stay current.  
New address, Phone, E-Mail. - - Contact the Secretary

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*Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character.*

*-Louis L. Williams*

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April 2017 to June 2017

## STATED COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH

7:30 PM

12 FREESTONE AVENUE

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PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT 06480



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LODGE No. 51**

12 FREESTONE AVE.  
PORTLAND, CT

CHARTERED IN 1811  
WARREN LODGE  
CONTINUES THE AGE OLD  
TRADITION OF  
FREEMASONRY AS WE  
ENTER INTO OUR THIRD  
CENTURY OF EXISTENCE.

