



Unity Lodge No. 148

Minutes – December 3, 2024 Stated Communication

Worshipful Master	- Brian J. Tardif	Senior Steward	- Michael H. Wilcox
Senior Warden	- Mark R. Davidson	Junior Steward	- Jeremy R. Bradbury
Junior Warden	- Peter A. DiMauro	Marshal	- WB Paul D. Catanzaro
Treasurer	- RWB William A. Bonney, Jr.	Chaplain	- RWB Mark A. Parasiliti
Secretary	- RWB Brian E. Beals	Historian	- WB Roger B. Thorin
Senior Deacon	- Robert J. Rys, Jr.	Tiler	- John Marshall
Junior Deacon	- David E. Wallace		

Unity Lodge No. 148 was opened in due form on the Fellowcraft Degree at 7:30pm by Worshipful Master Brian Tardif. 29 members and guests were present.

The minutes of the stated communication held on November 5, 2024, and awards night held on November 19, 2024, were approved as distributed and will be posted in Grandview.

The altar was draped in memory of Brother Stanley Brooke who passed away on February 1, 2022. RWB Mark Parasiliti offered a prayer in Brother Stanley's memory.

The following Past Masters in and of Unity Lodge No. 148 were welcomed and introduced – WB Keath Romano, WB Roger B. Thorin, WB Bruce V. Thorin, WB Hiram Morales, II, WB Jeffrey L. Davis, WB Paul D. Catanzaro, WB James P. Cavanaugh, II RWB Mark A. Parasiliti, RWB William A. Bonney, Jr., RWB Christopher J. Earle, RWB Harry E. Needham, III and RWB Brian E. Beals.

Visitors included WB Joe Zannino from Morning Star Lodge No. 47 and Brothers Jorge Echevarria and Scott Shappy from Annawon Lodge No. 115.

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:50pm and closed at 8:50pm. Minutes of the annual meeting will be sent at a later date.

A thank you card from the Arseneau family was received. The mother of MWB Gary Arseneau passed away on October 13, 2024.

Lodge Business:

- The Unity Lodge Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 14, 2024, from 5pm – 8pm at the Manhattan Restaurant in Southington. Unity Lodge members a free. The guest cost is \$50. Reservations can be made with JW Peter DiMauro. Reservations will close on December 9, 2024.
- The 2025 budget for Unity Lodge No. 148 was presented by SW Mark Davidson and approved with the new dues amount of \$170.00.

- The 2025 budget for The New Britain Masonic Temple Corporation was presented by President RWB Harry Needham and was approved.
- WB Hiram Morales & Brother Dario Soto reported that Thanksgiving Dinner was provided for 3 needy families on Thanksgiving Day. Several brothers came in at 5am to cook the meals and deliver them in time for lunch.

Several Upcoming events were mentioned by various Brothers:

- The Wreaths Across American group will be meeting at Fairview Cemetery at 8am on December 14, 2024. To lay wreaths on the graves of veterans. Several members of Unity Lodge will be helping.
- Several District 5 Installations were announced. Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 at 11am on December 7, Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 at 5:30pm on January 4, Friendship Lodge No. 33 on January 4 at 1pm, Village Lodge No. 29 on January 4 at 2pm and Valley Lodge No. 36 on January 4 at 10am.
- A Brunch for Vets hosted by Trumbull Lodge No. 22 is being held on December 14, 2024, from 10am to 1pm at the New Haven Masonic Building, 285 Whitney Ave., New Haven. This event will benefit Rivers of Recovery.

In closing Worshipful Master Brian Tardif wished everyone all the best for a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Unity Lodge No.148 was closed in due form at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian E. Beals

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Secretary