A stated communication, and Necrology & Awards Night, of Harmony Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M. was held at the Masonic Temple, 531 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut on Thursday, **November 19th, 2026,** with the following officers in attendance:

Worshipful Master:	Kevin Kazlauskas	Senior Warden:	Matthew Ranaudo, Absent
Junior Warden:	Alex J. DeFranzo,	Treasurer:	Michael Kenausis
Secretary:	Gary A. Byram	Senior Deacon:	Gerry Matthews
Junior Deacon:	Michael Pranulis, Absent	Senior Steward:	Patrick Donnelly, Absent
Junior Steward:	Peter Testa	Chaplain:	Daniel Sharkis, PM
Historian:	Gary Rosengrant	Marshal:	~~Joseph Pisani~~, PM , Absent
Tiler:	Colten Matthews, Absent	Librarian:	~~Joseph Pisani~~, PM, Absent
Almoner:	RW Kenneth Tarwood, PM	Organist:	RW Don Wismann, PM

In the East: WM Kevin Kazlauskas. **Pro tem':** Tyler- RW Hal Elwell; Senior Warden- RW Donald Wismann, PM

Past Masters: 15; Past Grand Masters: 1; Grand Lodge Officers: 2 ; Visitors: 2; Total: 43 (with guests);
Visitors: Tonight were are honored with the presence of MWGM Shane Dufresne and RWB Mark Dzurnak.

Harmony Lodge No. 42 opened on the Master Mason Degree at 7:33 PM by WM Kevin, instructed WB Daniel lead the craft in prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag. WM Kevin then acknowledged all Past Masters and Past Grand Master present tonight. WM Kevin brought the lodge to refreshment and ordered tonight's attending ceremony guests to be brought into the lodge and seated and ordered tonight's program to commence.

WB Russell Griswold conducted the Necrology ceremony with the assistance of RW Kenneth Tarwood, PM and WB Jason Gadue, PM. The officers were conducted to the East forming a line in front of the alter. Our departed brothers being honored tonight are Marshall J. Scholan, Stephen F. Brittain, PM, Roger E. Levesque, and Willis I. Leslie, Jr.

WM Kevin sat the officers and proceeded with awarding incremental service pins to those brothers in attendance.

- 5 Years: Brothers Alexander J. DeFranzo, Gary A. Byram, Martin J. Gelinas, and WM Kevin J. Kazlauskas.
- 15 Years: Brothers Joseph E. Flaherty and RWB Donald M. Wismann, PM.
- 25 Years: WB Paul B. Iltchenko, PM and Steven M. Markowski.
- 30 Years: Brother Michael J. Sexton
- 35 Years: RWB David L. Sharkis, PM and WB Russell W. Griswold, PM
- 60 Years: Brother Peter G. Taylor

Robert S. Walker Award: WM Kevin gave a special speech to honor this year's recipient, Junior Steward **Peter J. Testa**, who received a well-deserved standing round of applause. This concluded tonight's ceremony, WM Kevin ordered J.S. Peter Testa to escort all of our guest down to the dining hall, and brough the lodge from refreshment back to labor. MWGM Shane Dufresne was invited to sit in the East. A copy of tonight's program is attached to these minutes.

Secretary's Report:

1. Money was not collected for tonight's dinner as it was our annual Necrology & Awards night with guests in attendance.
2. Advised the craft that previous meeting minutes were emailed to the membership and to contact me directly if anyone should have any questions or comments of the posted minutes.
3. Gary Byram requested a reimbursement for purchasing printer ink cartridges from Walmart, $79.35, all approved and issued under Voucher # 5323.
4. Gary Byram requested reimbursement for USPS mailings at a total cost of $19.39, all approved and issued under Voucher # 5322.
5. Michael Kenausis requested reimbursement for office supplies from Staples, $21.61, all approved and issued under voucher # 5324.
6. Michael Kenausis requested reimbursement for tonight's ceremony flowers from Fran's picked up by WB Russ Griswold, $30.00, all approved and issued under voucher # 5326.
7. Michael Kenausis requested reimbursement for USPS mailing of $16.40, all approved and issued under voucher # 5325.
8. The craft was previously notified via email of the passing of WB Chris Martinelli father. In lieu of sending flowers or sympathy card, I suggested that at the family request Harmony Lodge donate to LiveWell, senior care and living, in Plantsville, CT. I volunteered to perform this task and bring the receipt to the next Stated Communication for reimbursement.
9. I advised the craft that, through WB Pual Iltchenko, we received an health update on WB William Blackwood (Past Master in 2008), who has since relocated from Colorado to Texas and is living near his daughter. WB Bill would have

received his 25-year service pin tonight. Thank you, WB Paul, for staying in touch with WB Bill and his daughter, and mailing his pin and other lodge medallions to him in Texas.

10. Having no further business to present, no follow up questions asked, my desk was found to be clear.

Treasurer's Report: No report given at this time.

WM Kevin Kazlauskas Agenda Topic and Discussion:

1. Bro. Mike Kenausis discussed the passing of WB Chris Martinelli's father and asked of the craft to stand for a moment of silent prayer. We will continue to assist WB Chris and his family at their home who reside doen the street from the lodge.
2. WB Ernest A Phillips would have received his 65-year service pin however he and his wife are living in Masonicare-Chester are is no longer traveling. WB David Sharkis and WB John Lawlor will coordinate a trip, with other brothers who can join them, to visit WB Ernie in the near future to do a wellness check and personally hand him his 65-year pin.
3. WB Donald Wissman advised the craft of the upcoming Valley of Waterbury "Day with Santa" event being held here at the lodge on the morning of December 12th. An event flyer was emailed to the craft.
4. WB Kevin reminded discussed upcoming events…
    a. December 3rd Annual Meeting and Stated Communication. Not only will our business reports be presented to the craft, but we also choose succession of the next years line of officers. This is always an very important meeting and all a
    b. o attend. Officers in tuxedos, others jacket & tie attire, dinner at 6:30PM, with meeting starting promptly at 7:30PM.
    c. December 19th is our Christmas party, open to family and friends, casual attire though Christmas themed attire, such as sweaters, would be most welcomed.
    d. Saturday morning, November 28th, Seneca Lodge will host a Master Mason Degree here at the lodge. We will have two FC candidates advancing to MM. Our attendance and supporting our brothers would be very much appreciated. An announcement email was sent to the craft.

MWGM Shane Dufresne made a few small announcements and gave final word and warm fraternal greetings on behalf of the CT-Grand Lodge officers. Having no further lodge business, WM Kevin proceeded to close the lodge at 8:45PM.

Upon review of the minutes, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Never hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully Submitted

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WHAT MAKES A MAN A MASON?

By
George M. Free

What makes a man a Mason, O brother of mine?
It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast. It isn't the apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip, nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip, Nor yet the possession of that mystic word on five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine, They don't make a Mason, O brother ofmine.
That you to your sworn obligation are true
'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust, with lodge and with brother be honest and just, Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear, And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine, And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try. The gavel of vices with courage apply.
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb, On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,

The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide, The compass your passions shut safely inside; The stone which the Architect placed in your care Must pass the strict test of His unerring square

And then you will meet with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason,
O brother of mine

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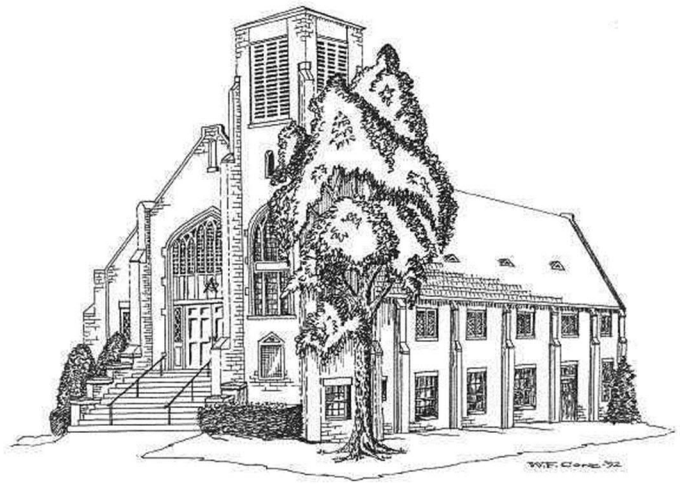

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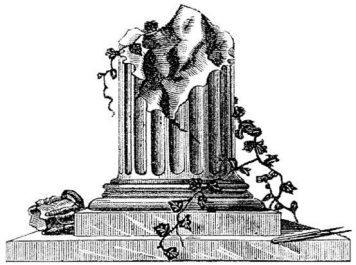

"I heard a voice from the Heaven saying unto me,
'Right, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die
in the Lord'.
Even so saith the Spirit; for they, rest from their labors."

BROTHER	BORN	RAISED	DIED
Bro. Marshall J. Scholan	**5/15/1930**	**9/29/1952**	**1/22/2026**
Bro. Stephen F. Brittain	**4/19/1936**	**5/1/1986**	**8/28/2026**
Bro. Roger E. Levesque	10/12/1940	11/12/1975	11/9/2025
Bro. Willis I. Leslie Jr.	**4/24/1948**	**9/14/1977**	**5/29/2026**

Service Award Recipients 2026

65 Years
R.W. Bro. Ernest A. Phillips
Bro. Alvin Rosenbaum
Bro. Alan S. Baumgartner

60 Years
Bro. Kenneth E. Block
Bro. Peter G. Taylor

50 Years
Bro. David Felix Poulin

35 Years
W.B. Raymond G. Schuster
R.W.B. David L. Sharkis
W.B. Russell W. Griswold
Bro. Lawrence L. Brandolini

30 Years
Bro. Michael J. Sexton
Bro. Aaron Schroeder
Bro. Stewart William Crouse

25 Years
W Bro. Paul Boris Iltchenko
Bro. Steven Michael Markowski
Bro. William G. Blackwood

20 Years
Bro. Carl Gene Norman
Bro. Alexander J. Alarez

15 Years
Bro. Joseph Earl Flaherty
Bro. Jordan Tyler DeAngelis
R.W. Bro. Donald M. Wismann

10 Years
Bro. John D'Aversa
Bro Kyle J. Pelletier
Bro. Anthony Naveja
W.B. Partick J. Donnelly
Bro. Joe D. Ferreira

5 Years
Bro. Alexander J. DeFranzo
Bro. Ralph E. Crouse
Bro. Frank Nicholas Pisani
Bro. Gary Arthur Byram
Bro. Martin Joseph Gelinas Jr.
W.B. Kevin John Kazlauskas

Robert S. Walker Award

To be Announced