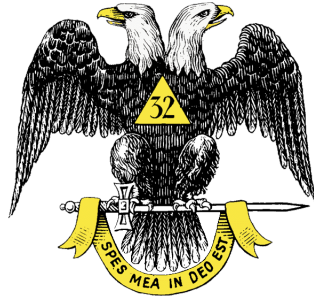


The Norwich Valley Orator



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Message From the Chairman of the Valley Executive Council

Greetings Brothers,

First I want to say I'm honored by being elected to Chair the Executive Council for this year. I view this opportunity with mixed emotions. It's like watching your Mother-in Law drive off a cliff in your new SUV. Seriously, I will do my best to live up to the high standards set by Bro. Bill Breed. Thank you Bill for all your efforts. I'll be calling on you and the Bros. Turner for help and guidance during my term. I'm glad to see the *Orator* will be published again. Communication is vital now particularly since so many of us are busy with work, home, and now, vacations.

I know most of you have forwarded your e-mail and other contact information but may I prevail upon you to send it in again. We don't want to miss any of you because you may have changed your address or, we don't have it at all. I can be reached @ jplante@davis-standard.com. At home (860) 599-1467, or on my cell, (860) 287-3540. My home address is 16 Wilford Court, Pawcatuck CT 06379. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions, or if I can help in any way.

May the Grand Architect watch over us and may you all have a safe and happy summer.

Fraternally,

John Plante
Chairman, Valley Executive Council

Valley Welcomes New Sublime Princes

A warm fraternal welcome and congratulations to the following Brothers who have been created Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32° during the 2009-2010 season and have joined the Valley of Norwich.

The following brothers received their 32° at the December 14, 2009 State Consistory Rendezvous in New Haven: **Brian D. Bates** of Somerset - St James Lodge No. 34; **James Chinese** of Coastal Lodge No. 57; **Carlton R. Csiki** of Uriel Lodge No. 24; **Kyle J. Hick** of Oxoboxo Lodge No. 116; **Shawn A LoSole** of Coastal Lodge No. 57; and **Albert A. Overbeck** of Wooster Lodge No. 10.

Receiving their 32° at the State Consistory Rendezvous in Newington on May 1, 2010 were Brothers **Keith D. Richards**, **Kenneth A Richards** and **John S. Rhoads** all of Putnam

Lodge No. 46.

Secretary's Corner

I want to personally thank those Brothers who took the time to inform me of their address/e-mail changes during the past year. Your response has allowed me to keep my files updated.

In an effort to save time, money in printing and postage costs, and to communicate more efficiently with you, we have increasingly relied on e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to hdtturner@hotmail.com and frankmann@ct.metrocast.net so we may keep you updated on our activities. We appreciate the issues surrounding e-mail and we will respect the privacy of your address.

Don't forget that we have a web page now so be sure to consult it periodically at www.valley-ofnorwich.org to keep abreast of Valley activities and announcements.

We had a good response to the request to pay dues this year. One thought to bear in mind, if you make a dues payment a few weeks before the next dues announcement is made you may contact me and say that you just paid your dues. However, the dues you paid were most likely for the previous year. A good way to avoid this problem is to pay your dues when you receive a dues notice. If I notice you are carrying a dues balance I will notify you to see if you want a refund or apply the balance to next years dues. The choice will be yours.

Frank Rebmann, Secretary

Dodge Receives "Black Hat"

At the annual meeting of the Players Club on June 24th, Club President Carl Mossberg presented a Black Hat to Brother **Mike Dodge**. It is the custom of the Valley to award a Black Hat to any brother who recruits five new members in the current year. Brother Mike has been an avid recruiter and has carried the Valley's message to the Ninth Masonic District. Brother

Mike was Worshipful Master of Putnam Lodge No. 46 in 2002 and is currently serving a Grand Marshall for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He is also serving on the committee for legal matters. He is active in the Valley production of the 4th degree, *Master Traveler*, portraying Hiram the Masonic Everyman.

Congratulations Mike!

Costner Receives MSA

It is with great pleasure that we announce that **Brother David M. Costner**, 32^o (now MSA) was the Valley's 2010 recipient of the Ill.: Arthur M. Brown, 33^o Meritorious Service Award presented at the 131st Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation held in Niantic on June 11, 2010. Brother Dave is past Thrice Potent Master of King Solomon Lodge of Perfection, and past Most Wise Master of Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix. He served two terms as the Chairman of the Valley Executive Council. He has also been active as Chairman of the Valley's Family Life Committee, member of the Budget Commmittee, and as the lead for the kitchen committee responsible for refreshments and lunches on degree days. Heartiest congratulations Brother Dave to a most devoted and deserving Brother!

Dean and Mossberg to Receive 33^o

Our heartiest congratulations are also extended to Brothers **Winston S. Dean** and **Carl J. Mossberg** who have been elected by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General to receive the 33^o, and become Honorary Members of the Supreme Council at its Annual Session in August of 2010 in Philadelphia.

Winston S. Dean was born on June 14, 1937 to Leo M. and Eileen (Smith) Dean in Milo Maine. He attended Norwich Free Academy and the University of Connecticut at Storrs. In 1957 he joined the Division of Construction of the Connecticut Highway Department which later

became the Connecticut Department of Transportation. In 1982 he became Engineer of Design and Supervisor of Hydraulics and Drainage until his retirement in 1992.

On May 26, 1962 he married the former Judith D. Spence. Win and Judy reside in Bozrah and have three sons: Jason W., Jonathan L., and Matthew T.

Brother Dean was raised a Master Mason in St James Lodge No. 23 in Norwich on June 14, 1960, and served as Secretary from 1961 to 1967, Worshipful Master in 1974 and later as Trustee. Following the union of St James Lodge with Somerset Lodge No. 34 to be come Somerset-St James Lodge No. 34, he served as Secretary during 2006-2008 and Treasurer from 2009 to the present. He served as District Deputy for Masonic District 8A during 2003 and 2004.

He has served as Sovereign Prince of Van Rensselaer Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Most Wise Master of Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix; and Master of Ceremonies of Connecticut Consistory, S.P.R.S. He has also served as a Trustee of the Valley of Norwich and as a member of the Valley's Executive Council. He is also a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor.

His community service included membership (and former chairman of) the Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of Bozrah. Elections Moderator and Treasurer of the Bozrah Democratic Town Committee. He has also served as Cub Master of Cub Pack 77 and Committee Chairman of Troop 77. He holds membership in the Tuckerbung Association, Inc. the New London Masonic Club, the Past District Deputies Association, New London Chapter No. 58, National Sojourners, Inc. and Fort Trumbull Camp, Heroes of '76.

Carl J. Mossberg was born on November 8, 1965, the son of William Mossberg and the former Bonita Smola. Carl grew up in the City of Groton, attended local schools, and graduated from the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School in their manufacturing techno-

logy program. Following graduation, Carl worked for a number of major employers, accumulating experience in the world of technology. He is currently employed by Pfizer Corporation since 1987, as a Building Automation Engineer. His team is responsible for all of the HVAC, Controls, Instrumentation and Electrical for the Pfizer Research Campus in Groton. Carl returned to school, earning an A.S. Degree in Engineering, and is currently finishing his B.S. degree. For his dedication to the company and his community he was awarded the Pfizer's Global Upjohn Award in 2004.

Carl married the love of his life, Michelle Pajak of Ledyard, Connecticut, in 1989 and they are currently living in Groton. Carl and Michelle have one daughter, Ashley.

Carl was raised in January 2001 at Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, was installed as Junior Steward at the next meeting and become very active in the lodge. He awarded the RW Ed Studwell award for special lectures in 2002, and Mason of the Year for Charity and Relief Lodge in 2003. He was elected to serve as Worshipful Master for 2004. In September of 2004, Asylum Lodge No. 57, Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72 and Pawcatuck Lodge No. 90 voted to merge and to form Coastal Lodge 57. Carl was elected to become the first Worshipful Master of Coastal lodge for 2005. After his term he was elected Secretary of the Lodge serving from 2006 to 2009. In 2008 he was awarded the Coastal Lodge Outstanding Masonic Service medal. He is currently the Temple Corp President of Coastal Lodge.

Carl is active at the State and District level. He started the 8th District monthly breakfast club in 2003 which still meets monthly in Groton. He is the 8th District Masonic Ladies Chairman; He served as President of the Blue Council in 2004 and 2007. He was the 8th District Chairman for the CTCHIP from 2003 to 2007, the State Chairman for CTCHIP from 2007 to 2010 and was awarded director emeritus for 2010 for his dedication to CTCHIP.

Other state committees that he has served on are the Strategic Planning committee in 2003, Redistricting committee in 2006, Grand Sessions committee 2007 to 2010, and Legal Matters committee from 2006 to 2009.

In recognition of his work for CTCHIP and in the 8th District, he was awarded the 8th District Mason of the Year and the Grand Master's Appreciation award in 2005. In 2009 he was presented the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service for masonry for the State of Connecticut.

He also served on the MasoniCare Board for the Masonic Charity Foundation from 2003 to 2005. He then served on the Board of Directors for Ashlar Village from 2006 to 2008. He also served as the 8th District Quality of Life Captain in 2008.

Carl joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich in 2001; he was on the Family Life Committee from 2002 to 2004. He served as Sovereign Prince of Van Rensselaer Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 2005; Most Wise Master of Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix in 2008; and Chancellor of Connecticut Consistory, S.P.R.S. in 2010. He served as Executive Council President in 2005 and was the Co-Chairman of Membership Committee in 2007 and 2008. He was awarded a Black Hat in 2007 for bringing in 5 new members and was awarded the Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Award in 2007.

He is a member of New London Chapter, No. 58 of National Sojourners, Inc.; Fort Trumbull Camp, Heroes of '76; the New London Masonic Club, where he currently serves as vice-president; the York Rite; Putnam Lodge 48; Estuary Lodge 34; Composite Lodge of Prince Masons in CT; Life Member of the NRA; Groton Lodge of Elks; and the Groton Sportsman Club. Carl's hobbies include boating, upland bird hunting, golfing, vegetable gardening, apiary, and making maple syrup.

Valley of Norwich presents Scholar-

ships to Local Students

On Wednesday, July 30, the Brothers of the Valley of Norwich gathered at the Preston Masonic Center to honor several young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic related-youth groups with the award of scholarships to support their continuing education. Ill Bro. Theodore J. Nelson, 33°, hosted the awards ceremony and made the presentations.

The Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction awarded Scottish Rite Abbot Scholarships, named after Leon M. Abbot, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, to **Marissa Peck** and **Tim Piper**.

Marissa will be attending Union College in Schenectady New York as a freshman. Her major is currently undecided, possibly in the environmental science field. She has demonstrated she is a scholar, leader and athlete. Her recommendation states: "Marissa would rather earn a C in an Advanced Placement course than take an easier course and earn an A." She is a Leader of the School Service Committee and organized the "Cookie Platoon" to send cookies overseas to the troops. She is also the Class Secretary. She is Captain of the basketball team and, in addition to basketball has lettered in soccer, field hockey, and softball. She is also a Youth Deacon in her church. She is the daughter of Bro. Gregory Peck, 32° of the Valley of Norwich.

Tim will be attending the Rhode Island School of Design as a senior, majoring in Graphic Design. He aspires to someday start his own graphics design company. He is involved in student government, the RISD Business Club, and Brown University's Entrepreneurship Club. He plays soccer and works part time in the RISD Copy Center. He is also in the process of becoming a Freemason. He is the grandson of Bro. James Piper, 32° of the Valley of Norwich.

The Valley of Norwich awarded scholarships funded by the Valley to **Emily Eckenrode**, **Candice Reavis**, **Danielle Rowland**, **Heather**

Turner and Randy Weiner.

Emily will be attending Plymouth State University as a junior, majoring in Childhood Studies and Elementary Education. She is an admissions representative, belongs to a student organization called PACE (Planning Activities in a College Environment), and was selected as Community Advisor (Resident Advisor) beginning in Fall 2010. She aspires to be an Elementary School Teacher. She is the daughter of Bro. Brian Eckenrode, 32° of the Valley of Norwich and the grand daughter of Bro. Gerald Eckenrode, 32° of the Valley of New Castle.

Candice will be attending SUNY, Potsdam as a senior, majoring in Math with Spanish and History minors. Her career path is undecided, between working for the government or possibly in international relations. She belongs to The TRISTATE Horseman's' Association, is a member of an equestrian team and participates in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She is the daughter of Bro. Mickey Reavis, 32° of the Valley of Norwich, and the grand daughter of Bro. Henry Clay Reavis, also a Scottish Rite Mason.

Danielle will be attending Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA as a freshman, majoring in Health Sciences. After the first semester she plans to transfer to the nursing program. She has served as Worthy Advisor of Mountain Laurel Assembly of Rainbow, and has held Grand Offices of Rainbow as Flag Bearer and Service. She is also a member of her high school tennis team. She is the grand daughter of Bro. Charles E. Rowland, 32° of Norwich.

Heather will be returning to the University of Connecticut as a junior this fall. She is majoring in Communication Disorders. She aspires to continue her education in graduate school leading to a master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology. Her extra curricular activities include working as an intern in the UCONN Media Relations Office and participating in the Performing Artistic Writing Students (PAWS) theater group as a performer and backstage worker in costuming and publicity. She is the

daughter of Ill Bro. Howard Turner, MSA, 33°, and the grand daughter of Ill. Bro. Burton Turner, 33°, both members of the Valley of Norwich.

Randy will be returning to Lasell College in Newton, MA as a junior, with a major in Sports Management. He is a member of the Lasell varsity baseball team and works part time in the school cafeteria to help with school expenses. He also works as a front desk attendant at Lasell Village senior housing community, which is known for its support of an active lifestyle in retirement. He aspires to become a professional baseball player, and involved in recruiting and coaching. He is connected to Masonry through his grand father, Bro. Samuel Bernstein, 32° of the Norwich Valley.

Officers/Committees for 2010-2011

The following have been elected/appointed for the 2010-2011 year in the positions indicated. All are 32° unless otherwise indicated.

King Solomon Lodge of Perfection

Thrice Potent Master – John Plante
Deputy Master – Jonathan Wilson
Senior Warden – Wayne LeBarre
Junior Warden – Fred Baker
Orator – Robert Bailey
Master of Ceremonies – Brian Bates
Captain of the Guard – Carlton Csiki

Van Renssalaer Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Sovereign Prince – Robert Archembault
High Priest – William Morse
Senior Warden – M. Shane Devine
Junior Warden – Lewis Bradley
Master of Ceremonies – John Rhodes
Master of Entrances – William Dawson

Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

Most Wise Master – Wallace DeSouza
Senior Warden - Ill. Theodore Nelson, 33°
Junior Warden – Victor Stancovski

Orator - Kyle Hick
Master of Ceremonies – Albert Overbeck
Captain of the Guard – Christopher Dinoto

Connecticut Consistory, S.P.R.S.

Commander-in-Chief – Charles Clark, MSA
1st Lt Commander – C.A. Duke, MSA
2nd Lt Commander – Carl Mossberg, MSA
Orator – Ronald Magliano
Chancellor – Robert Eubanks
Master of Ceremonies – Winston Dean, MSA
Engineer & Seneschal – Edward Childs
Captain of the Guard – Robert Edmiston
Color Bearer – Gregory Peck
Standard Bearer – Wayne LeBarre
Sentinal – Christopher Hurd

General Valley Officers

Treasurer - Ill.: Howard Turner, MSA, 33°
Secretary – Frank Rebmann
Hospitalier – C.A. Duke, MSA
Class Marshal – Lewis Bradley
Wardrobe/Properties – Jeffrey Stober
Stage Manager – William Breed, MSA
Trustees (elected) – Winston Dean, MSA ('11);
Roger Read, MSA ('12); Ill.: Theodore Nelson,
33° ('13)
Trustee Emeritus - Ill.: Alexander Horochivsky,
MSA, 33°

Executive Council

Chairman – John Plante
Vice Chairman – Wallace DeSouza
Members – Treasurer; Secretary; Elected Body
Officers; David Costner, MSA; Winston Dean,
MSA; John Sasser; Roger Read, MSA.

Family Life Committee

Chairman - David Costner, MSA
Orville Campbell; Winston Dean, MSA; John
Sasser

Membership/Retention Committee

Chairman - Ill.: Howard Turner, 33°

William Breed, MSA; Carl Mitchell;
Ill.: Theodore Nelson, 33°; Jon Wilson

Audit Committee

Chairman - John Sasser
Ill.: Alexander Horochivsky, MSA, 33°; Robert
Stika, MSA

Budget Committee

Chairman - Winston Dean, MSA
William Breed, MSA; Charles Clark, MSA;
David Costner, MSA; Ill.: Howard Turner,
MSA, 33°

Long Range Planning Committee

Chairman - Ill.: Theodore Nelson, 33°
Charles Clark, MSA; Brian Eckenrode; Roger
Read, MSA; Richard Wingate, MSA

Scholarship Committee

Chairman - Frank Rebmann
William Breed, MSA; Ill.: Alexander
Horochivsky, MSA, 33°; John Sasser;
Ill.: Howard Turner, MSA, 33°

Ambassadors

Wooster Lodge No. 10 – Jeffrey Stober
Union Lodge No. 31 – Frank Rebmann
Uriel Lodge No. 24 – Louis Bradley
Somerset-St James No. 34 – William Dawson
Coastal Lodge No. 57 – Wallace Souza
Shane Devine
Brainard Lodge No. 102 - Ill.: Theodore Neson,
33°
9th District lodges – Michael Dodge/Robert Eubanks

Novel Presentation of 16° in 2011

If you direct your attention to the following
2010-2011 Calendar of Events, you will note

that a special form of the 16th degree, *Prince of Jerusalem* has been planned for Monday, March 28, 2011. We are copying an idea from our brothers in the Valley of Providence where some of us were privileged to witness a unique presentation of this degree this past spring. The first section of the degree will be presented in its usual form. The second section normally presented while the characters are participating in a banquet on stage will, instead, be presented during a dinner for all who attend the degree. Please note that the degree will be presented at Coastal Lodge in Stonington and not at our usual location in Preston and that advanced reservations are required.

Calendar of Events for 2010-2011

NOTE: All events will begin at 7:30 PM and will be held at the Preston Masonic Center unless otherwise indicated.

Fall 2010

- Sat, Sep 11 - 4° Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
9° Rehearsal (10:00 AM)
- Mon, Sep 13 - Executive Council
- Thu, Sep 16 - 9° Rehearsal
- Fri, Sep 17 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Sep 18** - TPM Reception (9:00 AM),
4° (10 AM), 9° and lunch
- Mon, Oct 4 - Executive Council
- Thu, Oct 21 - *Secret Master* Rehearsal
- Thu, Oct 28 - 14° Rehearsal
- Fri, Oct 29 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Oct 30** - TPM Reception (9:00 AM),
Secret Master presentation
(10 AM), 14°, and lunch
- Mon, Nov 8 - 15° Rehearsal
- Thu, Nov 11 - 18° Rehearsal
- Fri, Nov 12 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Nov 13** - SP/MWM Reception (9 AM),
15° (10 AM), 18°, and lunch
- Thu, Nov 18 - 29° Rehearsal
- Sat, Nov 20 - 29° Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
- Mon, Nov 22- 31° Rehearsal
- Tue, Nov 30 - 32° Rehearsal
- Thu, Dec 2 - 32° Rehearsal

- Fri, Dec 3 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Dec 4** - CinC Reception (9:00 AM),
29° (10 AM), 32°, dinner, and
31°
- Thu, Dec 9 - Semi-Annual Joint Meeting of all
Bodies (7:30 PM)

Winter/Spring 2011

- Mon, Jan 24 - Executive Council
- Sat, Feb 5 - 10° Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
- Mon, Feb 7 - Executive Council
- Thu, Feb 10 - 10° Rehearsal
- Sat, Feb 12 - 4° Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
10° Rehearsal (10:00 AM)
- Fri, Feb 18 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Feb 19** - TPM Reception (9:00 AM),
4° (10 AM), 10° and lunch
- Sat Mar 12 - 14° Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
- Thu, Mar 17 - *Secret Master* Rehearsal
- Fri, Mar 18 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Mar 19** - TPM Reception (9:00 AM).
Secret Master presentation
(10 AM), 14° and lunch
- Wed, Mar 23 - 16° Rehearsal (7:30 PM at
**Coastal Lodge No. 57, Stoning-
ton**)
- Sun, Mar 27 - 16° set-up at Coastal (TTBD)
- Mon, Mar 28** - 16° (7:00 PM at Coastal
**Lodge, Stonington; Dinner
during 2nd Section of 16°) RE-
SERVATIONS REQUIRED**
- Sat, Apr 2 - 30° Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
- Mon, Apr 4 - 18° Rehearsal
- Thu, Apr 7 - 30° Rehearsal
- Fri, Apr 8 - Degree Set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, Apr 9** - MWM/CinC Reception (9 AM).
18° (10 AM), 30° and lunch
- Sat, Apr 16 - FPL Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
- Thu, Apr 28 - Set-up for FPL (9:00 AM)
- Thu, Apr 28** - Dinner (6 PM); FPL svc (7 PM)
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
- Mon, May 2 - 31° Rehearsal
- Thu, May 5 - 32° Rehearsal
- Fri, May 6 - Degree set-up (9:00 AM)
- Sat, May 7 - CinC Reception (9:00 AM)
32° (10 AM), 31° and dinner

Thu, May 12 - Exec Coun (Nominating Meeting)
Mon, May 23- Annual Joint Meeting of All Bodies – (Reports & Elections)
(7:30 PM)
Thu, Jun 9 - Player's Club & Installations
(6 PM) (PTBD)
Mon, Jun 20 - Exec Coun (7:00 PM) (Calendar meeting)
Thu, Jun 30 - Scholarship Awards Night