

# THE CABLE TOW



Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88  
1559 Main Street, South Windsor, CT 06074

## FALL 2016

### Message from the East

Worshipful Master Jason Elkhay oversees a lodge with many talented brothers who have done a variety of activities to improve the lives of people. A CHIP Event; a Food Drive; the Dollars for Scholars program; the original and unique Barn Degree; two Road Races: our own Bissell Ferry 5K Scholarship FUN(D) Run, and the Hartford Marathon; Camp Scholarships for the Connecticut Chapter of Boy Scouts of America; and a Flu Clinic, are just some of the activities that have come to fruition during Master Jason Elkhay's term as Master of Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88.

**"MASONS DO GREAT THINGS TO MAKE LIFE BETTER"**  
-WM Jason Elkhay

### VETERAN'S DAY 2016

*Friday, November 11*

***"Let's remember those serving here and abroad that allow us to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear"***

*Worshipful Master Jason Elkhay*



WB Bill Fraize, WGM Gail Smith, and WM Jason Elkhay

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HE 88 CHIP EVENT in South Windsor

## Hartford Evergreen Lodge # 88

**Stated Communica-  
tions**

**1st & 3rd Mondays**

**Except July and Au-  
gust**

**7:30 P.M.**

**(unless otherwise stat-  
ed)**



## A Message from the West

**Brother Jonathan Hibbard, Senior Warden**

"Brothers, I hope you all had a great summer with your families. As the weather was hot and dry, it made it easy for lawn work..... very little.

As we return to lodge for the second half of the year, it would be great to see the lodge full. What better time to come together and reunite as brothers. Friendship and brotherhood are key with the Masonic way. We have a great dinner planned for our return back to lodge.

I am currently making plans for next year. I am looking for input from members of our lodge. As this is "our" lodge, I would like activities that "you" are interested in. I have a list that I will be reading in a few meetings, that contains some ideas I have, but your input is important. I would like members who are interested in helping out with the degrees to contact me. There are many roles in degrees that do not require you to be an officer. The more you put into being a Mason, the more you will get out of it. I don't care if you are interested in a very small role, ever little bit helps.

Activities for 2017 will not just include activities for the brothers, but also the families, as they are just as important to our lodge as the brothers are."

I look forward in seeing everyone again.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Hibbard, Senior Warden



BIRDS OF PREY PROGRAM



HE 88 CHIP EVENT in South Windsor

**Hartford  
Evergreen  
Lodge # 88  
A.F. & A.M.**

**1559 Main St,  
South Windsor,  
Ct 06074**

**Originally Chartered  
June 17, 1859**

**Rechartered  
February 2007**

## A Message from the South



Brother Charles Jewart, Junior Warden

**“Welcome back brothers! It was an eventful summer with brothers from 88 assisting in conferring the EA degree at Composite #28, as well as the Tri-Lodge Picnic on a very hot summer day.**

**After our summer vacation, it's now time to get back into the quarries and finish the year out strong. We have our only Stated Communication of September on the 19th with a prime rib dinner, courtesy of our own Chef Bob Malt, (and through the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, this will be a free event for members of 88).**

**We have our Master Mason Barn Degree on September 17th. Hope to see everyone there as we put on a good degree for Brothers Lou and Khamp.”**

**Fraternally,**

**Chuck Jewart  
Junior Warden**



**BOY SCOUTS RECEIVE  
\$2000 for  
SUMMER CAMP 2016**





HE 88 CHIP EVENT in South Windsor

## Hartford Evergreen #88

Look at What We've Done since MAY!

### 2016 ACTIVITIES

South Windsor Food Bank Food Drive June

Birds of Prey May

CHIP EVENT July

Pierpont Edwards Medal Ceremony June

HE #88 Annual Picnic June

Dollars for Scholars June

Masonic and Hultman Scholarships

Barn Degree September

Bissell 5k Scholarship Fun(d) Run September

Hartford Marathon Water Table October

Tri Lodge Picnic August

EA Degree at Composite #28

## Upcoming Activities

October- December

Don't Miss the Fun! Join Us!

Grand Lodge Regular Communication October 22

Greater Hartford Marathon Oct 8

Holiday Dinner for Brothers and families November

Holiday Dinner for Seniors December 10 & 11

Blue Lodge Council November 29th at Wyly's St Johns



SCHOLARS at AWARDS NIGHT 2016



WB Bill Fraize PDD receiving the Pierpont Edwards Medal

## PIERPONT EDWARDS AWARD

” The awarding of the Pierpont Edwards Medal is not something that just happens. The Committee on Awards does not dream up a list of who should be recognized during the coming year.”

*Richard C Memmott, Grand Secretary*

## Hartford Evergreen #88 has a Pierpont Edwards AWARD WINNER WB Bill Fraize PDD

“William Thomas Fraize became an Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1982. He took his Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees on June 3, 1983. Bill has served in all of the lodge offices. He was Master of Evergreen Lodge #114 five times...He was also Master of Oriental Evergreen Lodge four times. Bill served as a District Deputy in District 6B...He belongs to the Past District Deputy Association, is a Shriner, and belongs to the order of Knights Templar. He has served as Chairman of the Lodge's Building Corporation. Bill has been, and is, sexton of his lodge.

William Fraize is a true Mason. If someone needs a helping hand, Bill is always available. Without a second thought, he will change his plans to accommodate others....

He is so proud to be a member of the Masonic fraternity...He is following in the footsteps of his Dad, who was also a Mason...In recognition of his service to his country, his family, his community, his neighbors, his church, and the youth organizations he has served, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut is pleased and proud to present to RW Brother William Thomas Fraize, Jr., the Pierpont Edwards Medal.”



AWARD'S NIGHT 2016

## Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88

### Officers 2016

WM Jason Elkhay

SW BR Jon Hibbard

JW BR Charles Jewart

SD BR James DeVanney

JD BR Bob Malt

SS BR Curt Dynak

JS BR Brian Warren

Secretary BR Pat Jones

Treasurer WB Gregory J.  
Stump, AGM

Chaplain BR Dave Larsen

Marshall BR Robert Dynak

Tyler BR Roger Bristol

Almoner BR Paul Bregon-  
zio

Organist BR Edward Mi-  
nor



HE #88 FOOD DRIVE AT STOP & SHOP

## FOOD DRIVE

The Brothers from HE #88 combined services with the South Windsor Police Department, Emergency Services Personnel, and Stop & Shop and Geissler's Supermarkets to raise funds and food for the South Windsor Food Bank this past June. The brothers hope to conduct food drives on an annual basis. Join the fun!

HE #88 FOOD DRIVE AT GEISSLER'S





# HE # 88 AWARDS NIGHT, June 20, 2016

The **Grand Master, Gail Smith**, and his suite of officers, honored us with a visit and participated in the awards presentations. Grand lodge officers present included past Grand Master Charles Yohe and his wife Barbara, Deputy Grand Master T.J. Nelson, Grand Senior Warden Marshall K. Robinson, and Grand Senior Steward Porco.

**Lodge Scholarship Recipients** present included **Jennifer Newton**, winner of the Mark Hultman Memorial Engineering Scholarship; **Cameron Larsen**, son of **Chaplain Dave Larsen**, and winner of a Hartford Evergreen #88 Masonic Scholarship; **Amelia Mattesen**, winner of a Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88 Book Scholarship; and **Isabella Guillimette**, a winner of a Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88 Book Scholarship.

"Dollars for Scholars" recipients present included **Julia Mainelli**.

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*"Hartford Evergreen #88 Brothers, Thank you so much for the opportunity to further my education at Roger Williams University. I plan on getting my Bachelor's Degree in engineering, and the money you've so generously given me will help me achieve my goal. Thank you again!"*

**CAMERON  
LARSEN**



**WM JASON ELKHAY with Scholarship Recipients**



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The following brothers were present to receive service pins: 5 Year Pin, **JASON ELKHAY**; 10 Year Pin, **STEVE VARJABEDIAN**; 20 Year Pin, **PATRICK JONES**; 25 Year Pin, **GREGORY STUMP**; 30 Year Pin, **ERNEST HINTZ**; 40 Year Pin, **MARK SIMMONS**; 45 Year Pin, **HERBERT WENTWORTH**; 45 Year Pin, **DON ROBERTSON**; 60 Year Pin, **ART DUNHAM**; and 60 Year Pin, **LYMAN HARDING**.

The following brothers were unable to attend, but earned service pins: 15 Year Pin, **JUSTIN GEORGE**; 25 Year Pin, **ERIC POGG**; 15 Year Pin, **STEVE MUNZ**; 40 Year Pin, **RUSSELL BUGBEE**; 40 Year Pin, **RICHARD NIESE**; 40 Year Pin, **STEPHEN WATKINS**; 50 Year Pin, **JOHN A MATTHEWS**; 65 Year Pin, **WILLIAM PALLAIT**; 65 Year Pin, **AUSTIN GREER**; 70 Year Pin, **TOM WEBER**.

Brother Brian Warren and Brother Paul Bregonzio were recognized by **WB Steve McMahon, DD**, for completing the Masonic Passport Program. Great job! **WB Bill Fraize, PDD**, received the **PIERPONT EDWARDS MEDAL**, the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. His impressive list of accomplishments will be entered into our permanent Masonic records. Thank you Worshipful Brother Bill for bringing such honor to our lodge!!!

**BROTHER DAVE LARSEN AND FAMILY AT AWARDS NIGHT**





## Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88

### LIVING PAST MASTERS

**“Masons Make Your World Better”**

William R. Swanback 1964	Mike Seamon PDD 1996 , 1999, 2005
G. Herbert Clarke 1965	Gregory J Stump 1998
William S. Young 1966, 73	Scott F. Horsfield 1999
Lyman P. Harding, Jr, PAGM 1968, 85, 89	Charles D. Weiss 2001, 02, 04, 05
Edward J. Krpata 1968	Peter T Arnold PAGM 2002, 06
Phillip A. Prisk, Jr. 1969	Wayne S. Rettburg 2008
Keith B Brown 2010	
Fletcher W. Kinsley, Jr, PDD 1972, 95	David C Duarte 2012
Arthur J. McKinney, PDD 1974	Steven Munz 2013
Lawrence J. Moore 1974	Matthew Nodland 2014
Charles J. Abronze 1977	Dwaine Clarke 2015
Herbert W. Wentworth 1978, 2003, 2004	
Angelo Pedrazzini, PAGM 1979, 82, 90, 97, 07	
Robert A. Hathaway 1981	
Richard B. Niese 1982	
Ronald R. Goodrich 1983	
James P. McWalter 1983	
Rudolph A. Gaydos, Jr. 1987	
Wilbert E. Nead 1988	
William T. Fraize, Jr., PDD 1988, 89, 94, 95, 96, 2003, 06	
Denis B. Lambert 1991, 92, 93, 96, 97	
Mark F. Stuart 1992	
Robert H. Marlatt 1993, 94	
Jeffrey L. Herz 1995	
Paul A. Nai 1996	

#### *Lodge Responsibilities*

Mentor Chairman: BR James DeVanney

Ritual Advisor: WB Dwaine Clarke PM

Masonic Outreach: WB Stephen G. Munz, PM

Hospitality Committee: WB William Fraize, PDD

E-Communications: WB Stephen G. Munz, PM

Publicity Reporter: BR Jonathan Hibbard

Widows & Birthdays WB Angelo Pedrazzini, PAGM

#### *Scholarship Committee*

WB Charles Jewart, Chair

WB Greg Stump, PM , AGM

WM Jason Elkhay



#### *Trustees*

Dave Larsen 1 Year

Rich Lumpkin 2 Years

Bob Malt 3 Years

## ORIENTAL EVERGREEN

## MASONIC BUILDING CORPORATION

### President's Remarks Fall 2016

Greetings Brothers from the OEMBC Building Corp, I hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer.

Although the lodge was at refreshment for the summer months, the OEMBC continued to have meetings and continued with projects at hand. For those of you who haven't stopped into the lodge over the summer, I suggest you come out and see for yourselves the improvements to the lodge. I'm certain you will be very impressed. Thanks go out to Brothers Khamp, Curt and Lou for all of their hard work on the lodge over the break.

We have come a long way brothers in so many ways, and we ALL should be proud of our accomplishments. These recent improvements mark the end to the major hall renovations that were outlined years ago. It has taken us a few years to get to this point, but it was well worth it when you look at the results.

The OEMBC Treasurer, Brother Gil, has been diligently working with the lodge accountant & other sources to get the most out of Quickbooks to identify trends for future savings. The goal of the OEMBC is to be as lean and mean as possible. The more we analyze the data and understand how to pull reports, the leaner and meaner we get.

I'd also like to congratulate Brothers Khamp and Lou with obtaining the sublime degree of a MM in the barn on September 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure both brothers will remember this experience for the rest of their lives. Congratulations brothers!!

Last, but certainly not least, the lodge should thank Brothers Rich Lumpkin and Bill Fraize for all of the daily running around they do for the lodge. Recently, the behind the scenes work they did for the barn degree was very much appreciated. Great job guys!

I look forward to seeing all of you in lodge.

Fraternally,

WB Stephen Munz

## OEMBC

## OFFICERS

**President** WB Steve Munz PM

**Vice President** BR Richard Lumpkin

**Treasurer** BR Gilbert Gamboa

**Secretary** BR Paul Bregonzio

### Philanthropic Committee

BR Gil Gamboa

WB Steven Munz PM

BR Richard Lumpkin

WM Jason Elkhay

BR Aaron Gersten

### Building Corporation Meetings

Second Monday @ 7:00pm

Every Month

at Hartford Evergreen Lodge # 88



# BISSELL 5K SCHOLARSHIP FUN(D) RUN

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

By Brother Pat Jones

On a beautiful Fall day, perfect for walking or running, approximately 62 individuals participated in the Second Annual Bissell Ferry 5k Scholarship Fun(D) Run. Numerous brothers helped out to make this a very successful event. It is one of our most successful fundraisers, not to mention that it is growing in popularity within the race circuit. The Run raises money to support the various scholarships the lodge provides for promising young students. The success of this year's event will serve to encourage an even better event for next year.

The race was started two years ago by Co-Chairmen Master Jason, Elhay, and WB Steve Munz, as a way to raise money for the Hartford Evergreen Scholarship Fund. Elkhay said "this is a great way to meld us and the community, and to get people out into the community."

WB Steve Munz, who is passionate about this event, is already working on improving things for next year. "Since 2017 will be the third year of this race, let's give it the third degree and develop a quality plan of action. There is plenty of room for improvement, and we should strive for a \$5000 net for the Scholarship Fund. \$5K for the 5K has a certain ring doesn't it?... We should approach the 2017 race with a more focused approach by having clearly defined goals... Keep the race FUN and interesting, that's what will draw the people. MARKETING, MARKETING, MARKETING.... We should do whatever we can to get this race into the minds of runners. "

Particular thanks to Brothers Steve Munz, Paul Bregonzio, and Rich Lumpkin. They did the lion's share of the work on this event. Many other brothers pulled together to make this event fun and successful. Thank you, Brothers!

"ATTA-BOY" !!!

Brother Steve Munz

Brother Paul Bregonzio

Brother Rich Lumpkin

Brothers of Hartford

Evergreen Lodge #88



*The Official Trestleboard of Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88*



## HARTFORD EVERGREEN LODGE #88

Gives \$2000 to Boy Scouts of America CT Rivers Council

Hundreds of Youths get to go to Camp!



"A few years ago a staff member left the Scouting profession because, in his words, "he could not see that he or scouting made a difference." He talked about my recently sharing with the staff a story about a young man I had worked with years earlier in my career that came back to see me and to share with me how Scouting had changed his life and given him purpose. This staff member said he could not wait to see the results of his work and he moved on. I felt bad for this staff member. While he went on to a new career that was very much about helping people in immediate need, he could not see that his work truly did make a difference.

A few weeks ago the Hartford Courant ran a story "Scouts Honor: Hartford Men Reunite With Troop Leader Who Saved Them From Gang Culture." Brother Marcus Turcotte met two of his Scouts from Troop 5 sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church in the Frog Hollow neighborhood of south Hartford. The men, now in their 40's, with children of their own, regaled Bro. Marcus with stories about how (Bro. Marcus), their scout leader, saved their lives. From selling drugs on street corners, to leading a life with structure and purpose, Brother Marcus, Scoutmaster of Troop 5, made a difference.

Too often, these stories go untold, for in today's society, we need immediate satisfaction, we need to see results. Scouting is a process of character development, citizenship, and mental and physical preparedness. It does not just happen overnight, it happens because of leaders like Brother Marcus, and donors like you.

Thank you for your gift of \$2000. Please know that your gift is making the difference in someone's life each and every day."

Yours in Scouting,

Steven A. Smith, Scout Executive / CEO, Connecticut Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America

Brother Khamphiou Phimvongsa made the newspapers, and deservedly so. Khamp has donated his beautiful art work “War Dogs” to help fund special monuments to honor our Veterans. He is working with the East Windsor Veteran’s Commission and American Legion Post 40 on a benefit fundraiser for the Memorial Green Upgrades, and has generously created 500 units of “War Dogs” that will be sold to provide the necessary funding. Brother Khamp has assured us that all proceeds will go to the project. The Brothers of Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88 have pledged their support for this worthwhile project. He hopes that the brothers will help spread the word. Brother Khamp recently received his Master Mason degree at our Barn Degree program in September. We are very fortunate to have Brother Khamp in our lodge. He has done some great work in our lodge of which we are very proud. Come see for yourself.





"Its been quite an interesting and successful year at **Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88**, and I expect it will continue to be so as we finish **2016**. There's still plenty to do and some good times ahead. Some highlights include the following:

**WB Bill Fraize PDD** honored us by receiving the **Pierpont Edwards Medal**, the highest award given to a Mason.

The **Bissell Ferry 5K Scholarship Fun(D) Run** was quite successful, and a lot of fun for the Brothers and the participants.

Our excellent Treasurer **WB Greg Stump** was appointed Associate Grand Marshall.

**WB Charlie Weiss** was appointed District Deputy.

The **Barn Degree**, a unique creation of Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88, brought us two new Master Masons, **Khamphiou Phimvongsa**, and **Lou Lamphear**.

**Curt and Bob Dynak** received their **Lewis Jewels**. CONGRATULATIONS!

The lodge was honored by a visit from **Abdurrahman Nejat Bilgen, PH.D**, who hails from the **Grand Lodge of Turkey Free and Accepted Masons**.

**Brother Steve Rucki** offered a free **Flu Shot Clinic** for the brothers and their families.

**Brother Khamphiou Phimvongsa** created his beautiful art work "**War Dogs**" to raise money for veterans.

Approximately 24 brothers came out to man water tables for the **2016 Hartford Marathon**.

**BROTHERS!** If you haven't been to lodge, or think that you are not missed, we'd love to hear from you. If you are sick, or housebound, let us know. I will feature you in our next "Cable Tow" unless you tell me otherwise. Please send me an email at **he88secretary@gmail.com**, or send a letter to **Pat Jones, Secretary, Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88, 1559 Main Street, South Windsor, CT 06074**. Phones work too! Call me at **860-836-8392**. I'd love to hear from you!"

Pat Jones, Secretary