

THE CABLE TOW



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

Spring 2016

Message from the East

Worshipful Master Jason Elkhay

“Good day Brothers. I bid you a happy Spring 2016 from the East. We received a break this year from mother nature in the form of a light (or relatively light) winter, and a somewhat early spring.

HE 88 has been busy this year so far. We have accomplished many things building on the works of the Masters of recent years.”

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“Many communities have been struggling with how they’re going to pay for body cameras for their policemen.... South Windsor was very fortunate to have the Masonic lodge step forward, not just once, but twice.”

-Mayor Tom Delnicki



South Windsor Town Hall for an Award Presentaton: Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88 Day

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- QUILTS of VALOR Awarded \$2000
- MS SOCIETY Awarded \$5000
- Children's Law Center Awarded \$15000



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"We have completed two degrees: A **Fellow Craft** with Brother Jon Hibbard in the East, and an **Entered Apprentice** with Brother Charles Jewart in the East. Both did a great job, as did the other brothers in stepping up for lectures, and just by their attendance.

HE 88 hosted the first **Tobacco Valley Blue Lodge Council** meeting of the year. We had a great showing with the most brothers in attendance from HE 88. Well done Brothers! And of course, another great meal put on by Brother Bob and the stewards.

Philanthropically, we have started off the year with a tremendous amount of giving. **The Philanthropic Committee** has done a fine job in vetting the proposals and requests, and we have been able to make some large donations to very worthy causes.

The donation from 2015 to the **South Windsor Police Department** of \$26,000 for the purchase of **body cameras** resulted in recognition from the Town of South Windsor, and the mayor, declaring February 1, 2016, "**Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88 Day!!!**"



WB GREG STUMP, PM, AGM Treasurer



WB Dwaine Clarke and WB Steve Munz



Master Jason Elkhay's Message continued from the previous page...

“Our own Brother, Bob Malt, partnered with the **MS Society of CT**, and through this partnership, we provided a dinner for fundraisers, and made an additional \$5,000 donation of our own.

This year we have increased our **Scholarship Giving**. We will be giving a total of \$10,000 to worthy seniors from South Windsor High School. This donation makes us the largest donor for the **Dollars for Scholars Program**. The presentation will be taking place on June 2nd at Maneeley's in South Windsor.

Brothers from HE 88 joined together with the **SWPD, SWFD, and Ambulance Services of Manchester** to conduct a **food drive** at Geissler's Supermarket in South Windsor. We were able to fill the Police pickup truck and half of an ambulance, in addition to collecting hundreds of dollars in cash donations for the **South Windsor Food Bank**.

Coming soon, we will be conducting a **CHIP** event in South Windsor, **Birds of Prey** in May, a **Family Barbeque** in June, the **Tri Lodge Picnic**, and other events. Of course, the second running of the **Bissel Ferry 5k** will be held after the summer, and our **Barn degree** will be in September. Watch your emails, and come to the Stated Communications to find out more.

I am looking forward to a great Summer and hope to see as many Brothers at Lodge, and at the events, as possible.

Fraternally,

Jason Elkhay, Worshipful Master

HE 88 A.F & A.M.





2015 Bissell 5K in South Windsor

Hartford Evergreen Lodge # 88

Stated Communications

1st & 3rd Mondays

Except July and August

7:30 P.M.

(unless otherwise stated)

A Message from the West



Brother Jonathan Hibbard, Senior Warden

“As the year 2016 is underway, it is a pleasure to see increased attendance at Lodge. It is really nice when Brothers can get together and socialize. Masonry is much more than just a Stated Communication meeting. This year I would like to promote our Lodge and take part in more community events. I would like to do this by hosting the CHIP program. We have been invited to attend several events already, and I am looking for Brothers to help me out. We have had some great press lately, and I would love to see this continue. May we always meet on the level. See everyone at Lodge.”



HE #88's "Youth and Energy"



"Ladies At Table" February 2016 (and Gentlemen LOL)

**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

"Happy Spring, Brothers! The mild winter has melted into a sort of thawed state, just in time to lead into summer, and, of course, the Tri-Lodge Picnic. This is one of the biggest events that #88 participates in, and this year should be another good one."



Brothers Dave Prior and Brian Warren



LADIES AT TABLE (February 2016)



**Brother Roger Bristol
has the Best Masonic Ties**



Upcoming Activities

July - December

Don't Miss the Fun!
Join Us!

Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88

Bissell 5K Marathon September

Scholarships June

Lodge Annual Picnic June

Hartford Evergreen #88

Look At All We Have Done Since
January!

2016 ACTIVITIES

SOUTH WINDSOR FOOD BANK DRIVE March

BIRDS OF PREY May

LADIES AT TABLE February

"QUILTS OF VALOR" March

MS SOCIETY FUNDRAISER April

SUPER BOWL PARTY January

SOUTH WINDSOR POLICE BODY CAMERAS January

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER DONATION March

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE April

THREE DEGREES OF MASONRY LECTURE January

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE February



Bob Malt In the "Malt Shoppe"

Masonicare Walk of Life May

"Stay tuned for more events"





CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

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Worshipful Master Jason Elkay noted, "We are pleased to help the Children's Law Center and its critical work to protect poor children who are put at risk because of their parents' disputes. Divorce is never easy for any family, but when you add some of the complicating factors these indigent families face – like violence, abuse, addiction, mental illness, and more – your heart goes out to these children caught in the middle. Someone has to reach out and help them and we're glad we can be of service. It's what we are all about to promote the betterment of lives."

Hartford Evergreen #88 Supports the Children's Law Center with \$15000 Award

The Children's Law Center of Connecticut was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Hartford Evergreen Masonic Lodge on April 4, 2016 at the Lodge's monthly meeting in South Windsor. The funds will support the three programs of the Children's Law Center (CLC), which all protect the rights of indigent children whose parents are involved in contentious family law disputes of divorce, custody, and visitation.

Connecticut Freemasons Lodge Worshipful Master Jason Elkay noted, "We are pleased to help the Children's Law Center and its critical work to protect poor children who are put at risk because of their parents' disputes. Divorce is never easy for any family, but when you add some of the complicating factors these indigent families face, – like violence, abuse, addiction, mental illness, and more – your heart goes out to these children caught in the middle. Someone has to reach out and help them, and we're glad we can be of service. It's what we are all about to promote the betterment of lives. "

Justine Rakich-Kelly, Executive Director of the Children's Law Center reiterated the important mission of the CLC, "We are thrilled to have the support and friendship of the Hartford Evergreen Masonic Lodge who do so much for the community. With their help, we can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children."



Brother Aaron Gersten, our Legal Expert

Hartford Evergreen # 88

Officers 2016

WM Jason Elkhay

SW Jon Hibbard

JW Charles Jewart

SD James DeVanney

JD Bob Malt

SS Curt Dynak

JS Brian Warren

Secretary Pat Jones

Treasurer Gregory J. Stump, PM, AGM

Chaplain Dave Larsen

Marshal Robert Dynak

Tyler Roger Bristol

Almoner Paul Bregonzio

Organist Edward Minor



Quilts of Valor

Written by Brother Bob Dynak, Marshal, a Quilt of Valor Recipient

On February 6, 2016, Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, South Windsor, CT, opened our lodge to Nancy Parker and a few of her volunteer Quilters. Scott Horsfield and Bob Dynak provided a quiche breakfast for them as they worked on the various “Quilts of Valor” they were making for Veterans. Why Quilts of Valor ? Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts began the Quilts of Honor Foundation in 2003 from her sewing room at home in Seaford, Delaware. Her son, Nathanael, was deployed to Iraq, and her desire to see that returning troops were welcomed home with love and gratitude provided the rest.

Catherine hit upon the idea that linking quilt top makers and machine quilters in a national effort could achieve her goal of awarding healing quilts to returning service men and women touched by war. These awarded quilts, called “Quilts of Valor,” serve as tangible reminders of appreciation and gratitude to service members. Over time, the mission of QOV has expanded to include military service members touched by war, regardless of the conflict, declared war or otherwise, in which they served. QOV are lifetime awards, stitched with love, prayers, and healing thoughts. QOV are tokens of appreciation that unequivocally say “thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor.” QOV are awarded to service members free of charge. QOV does not provide quilts to organizations for permanent public display, or to serve as bed covers for hospital beds. As of January 2016, 132,907 quilts have been presented to service men and women that have served in World War II to the present.



Brother Bob Dynak

Secretary’s Note: **Brother Bob Dynak** received a **QOV** at one of our Stated Communications for his distinguished service as an Air Force Commander.

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Brothers Support MS SOCIETY

On Saturday, April 9, East Hartford resident Jen Ganley celebrated her 36th birthday surrounded by friends and family at the Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, located in South Windsor. The lodge's brethren made the day even more significant with a large donation to Team Jenga, a Walk MS fundraising team that hopes to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis. Ganley has lived with MS since 2013.

The brothers presented a \$5,000 check to Jen Ganley and Lisa Gerrol, National MS Society, Connecticut Chapter president, before the meal. As of April 10, Team Jenga has raised \$11,436 for the 2016 travelers Walk MS, which will take place in East Hartford Saturday, April 30.

Brother Bob Malt indicated that the lodge has a Philanthropic Committee that decides how to delineate funds each year, usually including a donation of toys for children around the holidays, and scholarships for local students.

"After hearing Jennifer's story, these men chose to support MS research with this incredibly generous contribution to Walk MS 2016," shared Lois Gottlieb, Jen's mother, and captain of Team Jenga. "It is important for all of us to know that a contribution of this size is never taken lightly by us or by the National MS Society. Heartfelt thanks, and our sincere appreciation is sent out to the members of the Hartford Evergreen #88 Masonic Lodge for their kindness, their compassion and their generosity."

South Windsor Police

Body Cameras

Its called a story for a reason....

Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 donated approximately **\$26000** to the **South Windsor Police Department** to purchase body cameras to aid in their work. The SW Town Council and Mayor Tom Delnicki recognized Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88, proclaiming **February 1, 2016** as

Hartford Evergreen Lodge No. 88 Day

in South Windsor. Deputy Police Chief Scott said "body cameras are becoming an increasingly important tool to stave off misconduct, gather evidence, and shield officers from danger and unfounded complaints and lawsuits."

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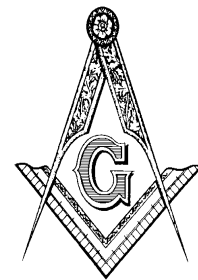
"We want to thank South Windsor for giving us the opportunity to make the donation to the town, to make the police force safer, and the town safer as well."

-WM Jason Elkhay

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-Mayor Tom Delnicki

"Masonry makes the world a better place"



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1559 Main Street

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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 1 978, 2003, 04	
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 De-Vanney

Ritual Advisor: WB Dwaine Clarke PM

Masonic Outreach: WB Stephen G. Munz, PM

Hospitality Committee: WB William Fraize, PM PDD

E-Communications: WB Stephen G. Munz, PM

Publicity Reporter: Br Jonathan Hibbard

Widows & Birthdays WB Angelo Pedrazzini, PM

Scholarship Committee

Br Charles Jewart, Chair

WB Greg Stump, PM
PDD AGM

WM Jason Elkhay



Trustees

Br Dave Larsen 1 Year

Br Rich Lumpkin 2 Years

Br Bob Malt 3 Years

Our Worshipful Master Jason, and new Brothers Khamp and Lou at the South Windsor Food Drive in February

ORIENTAL EVERGREEN

MASONIC BUILDING CORPORATION

President's Report 2016

Greetings, Brothers, from the OEMBC Building Corp! I hope everyone enjoyed this virtually snow free winter as much as I did.

On behalf of the OEMBC, I would like to take a moment and thank the Brothers of HE #88 for re-electing Rich Lumpkin, Vice President; Gil Gamboa, Treasurer; and Stephen Munz, President; and, new for 2016, Paul Bregonzio, Secretary. The OEMBC is now firing on all cylinders, and we are looking forward to serving the lodge in 2016.

By now, I'm certain most of you have heard me a 100 times discussing the benefits of creating a budget while utilizing "QuickBooks." With having a budget these past few years and, now being able to use "QuickBooks," it has allowed the OEMBC to examine our expenditures in greater detail, which resulted in decreasing our monthly requests from the trustees by 20%! This equates to \$1,000 per month. Additional opportunities to increase that 20% savings are becoming more apparent, as historical data is presented, and we utilize the reporting capabilities within "QuickBooks." Granted, some of our past requests from the trustees have included capital improvements, but when we look at re-occurring expenses, we are uncovering additional opportunities for savings. In addition, we are able to provide easy to understand reports, with charts and graphs, that illustrate our expenses versus our budget. The goal is to be as lean as possible, to keep the "seed corn" in the system, allowing our investments to continually grow. I'd like to thank Gil Gamboa for taking the time to understand "Quickbooks", and providing his detailed Treasurer's reports, which no doubt are providing dividends to the lodge.

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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

Building Corporation Meetings

Second Monday @ 7:00pm

Every Month

at Hartford Evergreen Lodge # 88



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This year's capital improvement budget consists of new cabinets and counter tops on the west wall of the hall. A coffee bar will also be installed on the north east corner. After vetting a few quotes, it was determined by the OEMBC and voted on by the brothers, that Brother Khamphiou Phimvongsa be awarded this project. Brother Khamp is also going to make the lodge a very nice mail sorting center that will be installed at the base of the stairs by the alarm panel. Brother Khamp has significantly reduced his labor rate on these projects to help offset the cost to the lodge. Brother Curt Dynak will be providing the electrical work, so when you see these brothers, please give them a great big "ATTA-BOY"!!!

The primary goal of the OEMBC is to always do "what's best for the lodge". Brother's Rich Lumpkin & Bill Fraize exemplify that statement. Rich Lumpkin's running errands for the lodge behind the scenes, and Bill's dedication to the building, is something we all should be thankful for. Thanks Brothers, your efforts are deeply appreciated.

In closing, our meeting attendance and input from the brothers has been excellent. I encourage as many brothers as possible to come and attend these meetings. We try to make it fun, while keeping the agenda moving, and your input is what "is best for the lodge".

Fraternally, WB Stephen Munz PM

"ATTA-BOY" !!!

Look what's
Coming:

- ♦ New Cabinets and Countertops
- ♦ Mail Sorting Center
- ♦ Coffee Bar



*The Official Trestleboard of
Hartford Evergreen Lodge*



Distressed Worthy Brothers

Some of our Brothers had challenges:

Brother Ed Minor

WB Peter Arnold

Brother Robert Pogg

Brother Mark Blackaby

Brother Roger Bristol

Brother Herman Tulin

The Friend Who Just Stands By

*When trouble comes your soul to try
You love the friend that just "stands by"
Perhaps there is nothing he can do ~
The thing is strictly up to you;
For there are troubles all our own;
And paths the soul must tread alone;
Times when love cannot smooth the road
Nor Friendship lift the heavy load,
but just to know you have a friend
Who will "Stand By" until the end,
Whose sympathy through all endures,
Whose warm handclasp is always yours
It helps, someway, to pull you through
Although there is nothing he can do.
And so with fervent heart you cry,
God Bless the friend who just stands by.*

B.J. Williams

Poem selected by Lou Lamphear



*SOME OF HARTFORD EVERGREEN LODGE #88's
SUCCESSFUL BROTHERS!*

This is what makes us the Best!

Worshipful Master **JASON ELKHAY** took over the leadership of our lodge in December and see what happened:

BR'S **Curt Dynak** and **Brian Warren** each earned the Perfect Ashlar Award this year! This was no small feat as they had to meet many Grand Lodge Requirements!

WB **Greg Stump** is now an Associate Grand Marshal for District 6A!

WB **Charlie Weiss** is the new District Deputy for District 6A!

BR **Dave Prior** is using his Masonic Passport to visit various lodges! He went above and beyond, visiting some of our "distressed worthy brothers."

BR **Paul Bregonzio** is our new Lodge Almoner!

WB **Matt Nodland** received his Past Master's Apron!

WB **Angelo Pedrazzini** worked tirelessly on the Widow's List and with Dues!

BR **Bob Malt** created and launched hartfordevergreen88.org, besides cooking great meals!

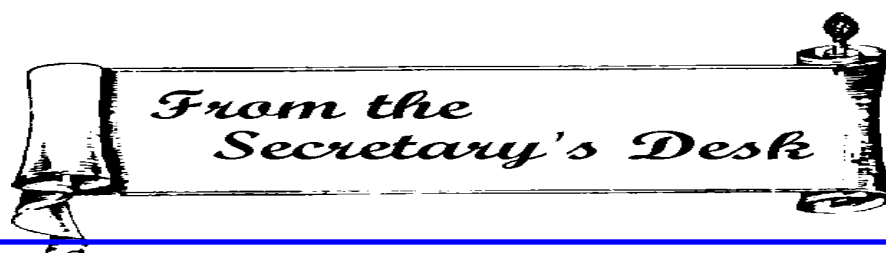
BR **Khamphiou Phimvongsa** exhibited skilled craftsmanship and beautiful art work on various projects for the lodge. Take a look at his work on the HE 88 Day Award framed and mounted in the lodge!

BR **Jon Hibbard** conducted the Fellowcraft Degree!

BR **Charles Jewart** lectured on the "Three Degrees of Masonry," as well as Masonic signboards!

BR **Bob Dynak** received a "Quilt of Valor" this year!

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MORE OF HARTFORD 88's SUCCESSFUL BROTHERS!

WB Bill Fraize PM,PDD does a wonderful job of maintaining our building, and providing excellent advice and knowledge on Masonic matters!

Br Lou Lamphear has been working hard serving at many of our dinners.

Br Aaron Gersten's legal mind and expertise is INVALUABLE!

Br Ray Zaugg offers a helping hand in virtually everything we do!

Br Ed Minor brings music to our ears and a song to our hearts!

Br Rich Lumpkin does more for the lodge and brothers than I can detail!

WB Steve Munz brings ideas and energy to the group! "ATTA BOY"

Br Paul Berg is always a valuable contributor at our meetings.

RW and Brother Reverend Art Dunham Past Grand Chaplain celebrates 60 Years in Masonry this year. Congratulations Art!

WB Greg Stump PM , AGM does a great job as our Treasurer. Thanks Greg!

This Trestle Board

is Dedicated to

Worshipful Brother

NORMAN MILLER

Past Master

1930-2016



Masons Work Together for Life

Hello Brothers!

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Cable Tow. Thanks to all of you who contributed something. All of you did. Looking forward to working with you!

Pat Jones, Secretary Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88