

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## Committee on Masonic Education

### Speakers Bureau

The following are a list of speakers, their topic and their email address. If you would like to have one of these brothers speak at your lodge please email them directly to set up the arrangements. Any speakers that have special requirements i.e. need a projector, etc., have been noted. Please note that all these speakers need advance notice and all have busy lives. They may or may not be able to accommodate your needs. Please contact them well before the date you would like them go speak, so you can best coordinate scheduling.

If you would like a speaker on a topic you do not see here, or would like to suggest a speaker, please email the Committee on Masonic Education at [CME@ctfreemasons.net](mailto:CME@ctfreemasons.net)

1. **TOPIC: ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION – SAVE A LIFE!**

W.B Richard Denno     [toursone@comcast.net](mailto:toursone@comcast.net)

Brother Ed Lawson,     [Edosan7@yahoo.com](mailto:Edosan7@yahoo.com)

The Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program would be very happy to speak at your next meeting. Our trained speakers all have intimate connections with organ/tissue/eye donation. In order to present both sides of the transplant picture, usually two speakers are sent; explaining transplants from both the donor and recipients standpoint. Questions are welcomed and information on how to learn more and become a registered donor is provided.

2. **TOPIC: "The Esoteric Meaning of the Third Degree"**

W.B Steve Hudson     [S.hudson@snet.net](mailto:S.hudson@snet.net)

(Master Masons Only) The three degrees tie together in unexpected ways to inform the Master Mason of deeper lessons. Much of this is alluded to in "Esoterika" by Albert Pike. I present an overview of this interpretation starting with the groundwork set in the EA degree lectures and ending with the Legend of Hiram.

3. **TOPIC: "The Lodge As a Memory Place"**

W.B Steve Hudson     [S.hudson@snet.net](mailto:S.hudson@snet.net)

The Lodge as a Memory Palace": The second set of Statutes of Freemasonry written by William Schaw in 1599 states that "[T]he Warden of the Lodge. . . shall take trial of the art of memory and science thereof of every fellow craft and every apprentice according to their vocation and in case that they have lost any point thereof. . . pay the penalty as follows for their slothfulness. . .". This refers not to a general ability to memorize but to a set of ancient formal mind training known as the Ars Memorativa. These techniques have recently surged into popular culture through the depiction of their use of them by Sherlock Holmes, Hannibal Lecter and others in the form of the 'Mind Palace' or 'Memory Palace'. I can demonstrate and explain these techniques and show how they are applicable to Masonry.

4. **TOPIC: "Grammar, Rhetoric and Logic as a Spiritual Practice - an introduction to General Semantics":**

W.B Steve Hudson     [S.hudson@snet.net](mailto:S.hudson@snet.net)

How we use language affect how we perceive the world. I present an introduction into the basics of General Semantic theory and illustrate some ways in which subtle shifts in language can contribute to our happiness.

5. **TOPIC: "POLISHING THE CHROME"**

R.W.B. Lem Johnson     [unclelem@charter.net](mailto:unclelem@charter.net)

RWB Johnson does a presentation on refining your ritual work. From the proper way to do the Sign of Fidelity to squaring your corners, RWB Johnson will give you pointers on how to make your degree work the best it can be.

6. **TOPIC: "THE CLOSING CHARGE"**

R.W.B. Lem Johnson     [unclelem@charter.net](mailto:unclelem@charter.net)

It is generally well established that the essence, or the most basic parts, of our ritual and lectures were written and/or interpreted by several different authors during the mid to late-eighteenth-century; when speculative masonry was rapidly emerging into its modern form. Among these various findings was a particular historical Charge. This Charge is spectacular and many lodges that have heard it now use it when they close lodge.

7. **TOPIC: Brother Pawlicki presents the seldom-heard sections of the lectures (not the first section, which every candidate hears) with slides. *\*He will need a projector provided to show slides from his laptop***

Brother Bernard A. Pawlicki     [bernardpawlicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernardpawlicki@sbcglobal.net)

5. **TOPIC: INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DeMOLAY**

R.W.B Harry Needham     [hneedham3@yahoo.com](mailto:hneedham3@yahoo.com)

RWB Harry will speak on DeMolay the organization started by a Brother who wanted to help the sons of other Brothers. He will talk on how this fantastic organization helps to mold young men into fine upstanding men by teaching basic values and morals. They will also do a flag presentation if requested.

6. **TOPIC: RAINBOW GIRLS**

Anne Needham     [Akn050@yahoo.com](mailto:Akn050@yahoo.com)

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is the only youth club that teaches what matters most – leadership, confidence, and citizenship. The Rainbow Girls come together to laugh, share, and grow through fun events and challenging workshops designed to empower girls of all ages. Along the way, they gather invaluable life skills that help them become the best daughter, sister, student, and friend they can be.

They will also do a flag presentation if requested.

**7. TOPIC: "MASONIC DIVERSITY"**

**Brother Ed Lawson,** [Edosan7@yahoo.com](mailto:Edosan7@yahoo.com)

Brother Lawson will speak on his extensive travels, and experiences he has had with brothers in other countries. Brothers who have truly shown him how strong the bonds of Brotherhood are.

**8. TOPIC: "BRITISH MASONRY - DIFFERENT CUSTOMS"**

**W.B. Martin Ede** [mede@snet.net](mailto:mede@snet.net)

Born in Britain and now an American citizen, WB Martin's interest and personal experience in the comparison between different Lodge customs and ritual crafted a fascinating look at the evolution Freemasonry. In many ways, American ritual resembles the English ritual at the time of the joining of the Ancients and Moderns into the United Grand Lodge of England more than contemporary British Freemasonry. Over the years, oppressive social forces, a natural conservatism and waves of anti-masonic sentiment encouraged our Brothers across the sea to tone things down. While they meet less frequently than we do, they have a greater variety of rituals, which Martin has explored and compared to ours.

**9. TOPIC: "WHAT IS A ROSICRUCIAN?"**

**W.B. Martin Ede** [mede@snet.net](mailto:mede@snet.net)

A look at the ideas, ideals and history of an Enlightenment Movement from which some of Freemasonry's symbols and degrees originate.

**10. TOPIC: QABALAH AND THE MASONIC LODGE.**

**W.B. Chuck 2.0 Landau** [chuck418@gmail.com](mailto:chuck418@gmail.com)

W.B. Chuck 2.0, continues his series of presentations on the esoteric insight of the Hebrew Bible and how they relate to Masonic Lodge furniture, ritual and philosophy.

**11. TOPIC: THE SHRINE & SHRINER'S HOSPITAL**

**R.W.B. Jean Maheu** [maheujean@yahoo.com](mailto:maheujean@yahoo.com)

R.W.B. Maheu will speak to your lodge and or Blue Lodge Council about the Shrine and the good works it does. The Shriners hospital provides free care for children locally and internationally. Several children from Haiti were cared for there after the devastating earthquake. Learn how Shriners, as Masons help care for children and how you can help.

**12. TOPIC: RESEARCH LODGES**

**Philosophic Lodge of Research No. 400 W.B. Stephen Thal** [StephenThal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:StephenThal@sbcglobal.net)

**Masonic Lodge of Research No. 401 R.W. B Ronald Goldwyn** [cleanwake@optonline.net](mailto:cleanwake@optonline.net)

While they are a proud members of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the research lodges differ somewhat from most other Lodges in the state.

Research Lodges in Connecticut do not initiate candidates. The mission statement for Research Lodges is: "...to encourage and conduct Masonic Research and study by its members, hold discussions, gather and preserve Masonic information, maintain a library, supply papers or speakers at the request of other Lodges when convenient, and conduct a program of general service to the Craft in the field of Masonic education and information...."

**13. TOPIC: BEEHIVE LECTURE**

**W.B. Ryan Carlson** [rcarlson618@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rcarlson618@sbcglobal.net)

W.B. Carlson will present the Beehive lecture to your lodge. This is an excellent, yet rarely heard lecture.

**14. TOPIC: "THE WORKING TOOLS OF A MASTER MASON IN LONG FORM"**

**R.W.B. Roger Cole** [rogejoan@comcast.net](mailto:rogejoan@comcast.net)

RWB Roger will present this lecture, which is one of the best yet often hidden parts of Masonry.

**15. TOPIC: "PRESERVING OUR MASONIC TREASURES"**

**W.B. Jonathan Beatty** [beatty917@gmail.com](mailto:beatty917@gmail.com)

Brother Beatty gives an impressive presentation on how to best preserve our Masonic treasures. How many of us have our original charter or minutes that are decades if not centuries old sitting in a climate controlled safe? Learn how to preserve your treasures for our future Brothers.

**16. TOPIC: "MASONIC INVESTIGATIONS" of a Petitioner**

**R.W.B. Ben Isaacson** 860-309- 8620 [Resistmuch@me.com](mailto:Resistmuch@me.com)

Investigating a petitioner is one of the first steps in guarding the gate to Freemasonry. We should all be sure that the men we recommend for admission and investigate should be men of good character and every investigating committee has the responsibility to do a proper investigation. Brother Isaacson will talk to your lodge with some suggestions and best practice ideas which you may choose to utilize in your own lodge.

**17. TOPIC: "ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS"**

**R.W.B. Ben Isaacson** [Resistmuch@me.com](mailto:Resistmuch@me.com)

Electronic Membership Requests (EMR's) are a way that many men come to Masonry. Over the past few years hundreds of men have become Masons by initially coming to Masonry through the EMR system. Brother Isaacson will speak to your lodge about the importance of using this tool effectively and how to use it to gain good members for your lodge.

**18. TOPIC: "MASONIC COMMUNITY SERVICES / MASONICARE"**

**R.W.B. Carl Anderson** [Canderson@masonicare.org](mailto:Canderson@masonicare.org)

RWB Anderson will speak on the history of Masonicare as well as the various facilities Masonicare runs, how to apply, and answer any all questions from reserving a spot at a Masonicare facility, to medicare questions.

**19. TOPIC: ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**Brother Richard Ames, Grand Worthy Parton** [RWA555@Hotmail.com](mailto:RWA555@Hotmail.com)

The Order of the Eastern Star is an adoptive rite of Freemasonry whose teachings are based upon the Bible with objectives that are charitable and benevolent. It is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. The Order is dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness. The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternity for both men and women, and that "all male members must be Master Masons."

**20. TOPIC: CT FREEMASONS FOUNDATION**

**R.W.B. Philip R. Roberts**    [phil.roberts50@yahoo.com](mailto:phil.roberts50@yahoo.com)    203.732.3577

The Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, Inc. is a unique 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity organized by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to support philanthropic pursuits beyond care of the elderly so ably done by The Masonic Charity Foundation.

The Vision of the Foundation is to assist charitable, religious, educational, and scientific endeavors in order to further the Masonic ideal of service to humanity.

Among the organizations supported by the Foundation are a wide variety of humanitarian efforts ranging from cardiac health research, and organ donor awareness, to the protection of children, education of Dyslexic children, and the Masonic Relief Fund. The Masonic youth groups, Connecticut DeMolay and Rainbow, receive support and assistance. The Foundation also contributes to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and the Masonic Service Association. The speakers would be pleased to update Lodges and Brothers on the good work done by their Foundation and provide information on any or all of the organizations that are supported by the Foundation.

**21. TOPIC: TABS FOR TOTS**

**Drop of locations for TABS that you or your Lodge may have collected:**

Grand Lodge Office, 69 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, CT

Madison Masonic Temple, 1163 Boston Post Rd., Madison, CT. Leave on the back porch.