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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Connecticut Eastern Star,

Brother Bill and I humbly thank you for the confidence you placed in us to lead this great organization for the ensuing year and for the honor you have placed upon our Chapter, Lucia No. 25.

It is wonderful to welcome all to our Hawaiian Ohana at Grand Chapter. Congratulations, Caroline and the Kindness Crew, for their outstanding work This past year. I hope everyone was able to rekindle their friendships with our Eastern Star family from around the world.

Our aim this year is to solidify the entire Masonic family. We will share Many events with our Masonic brothers and sisters from the Masonic Lodges, Amaranth, Nile, IORG, and DeMolay families. We will help make our members healthier through our hikes up Haleakala. We will assist each chapter with fundraisers and membership drives.

Our Associate Grand Patron and Grand Sentinel will sell our Official Visitation Booklets for \$5.00 at all our events. Our Hoko Makeke (Jewelry Table) will be run by Sisters Deborah Zaleha, Elizabeth Kassay, and Sarah Brockett. See the flyer on the website for all items for sale, [www.ctoes.com](http://www.ctoes.com).

There will be two group discussions. The first will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Mystic Chapters #20 in Cheshire, beginning promptly at 2PM. The second will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Temple Chapter #53 in South Windsor, beginning promptly at 2PM. We encourage all members to attend, especially those who have never held an office. All projects will be announced at the group discussions.

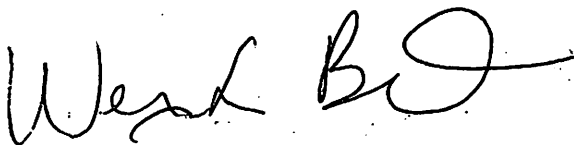
Our summer will be filled with travel to our various sister jurisdictions. We encourage as many people as possible to visit other states and countries. My favorite position in our Grand Chapter is Grand Representative. You represent our State, and I can't wait to hear about your wayfinding adventures.

Summer fun begins on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10AM with our first hike up Mount Haleakala at the Savin Rock Beach Walk in West Haven, CT. On June 29<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate Radiant Chapter's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Black Dog Grill. See Sister Helen Rice for details. Come watch our Hartford Yard Goats beat the Portland SeaDogs at 1PM on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are only \$15.00 per person. Sign up with Sister Wendy Batterton, text 203-668-8804. DeMolay Conclave Installation is being held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the University of New Haven, West Haven. IORG Supreme Assembly is from July 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> in Virginia. See Sister Betty Lafierriere for details. Our Mystery trip run by Past Grand Matron, Janet S. Berry will commence on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Be prepared for anything. Watch for further details!

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Order of the Eastern Star in Connecticut will be at Lake of the Isle in North Stonington. PGM Jean Spoor has agreed to make all our Hawaiian dreams come true for this special event. The new book, OES in Connecticut Volume 2, continues our journey from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can get your copy at the Luau on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

May the trade winds be at your back, a rainbow above you, and the Aloha spirit around you.

Mahalo,



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