

PROCEEDINGS OF
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH SESSION
OF THE
**Connecticut
Council of Deliberation**



SHELTON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

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PROCEEDINGS

of the One Hundred Thirty-Ninth Session of the
CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand
Inspectors General of the Thirty-Third and Last
Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of
Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic
Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

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Secretary Emeritus

MEMBERS

ARTICLE 200 – The Active, Emeriti and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council accredited to each State; the Past First and Past Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise Masters of Chapters of Rose Croix; the Past Sovereign Princes of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Masters of the Lodges of Perfection; those members of Subordinate Bodies in the State who have received the Meritorious Service Award from the Council of Deliberation of such State, and the first three elected officers as well as the Treasurer and the Secretary of Subordinate Bodies, shall constitute a Council of Deliberation for that State of which the Deputy for that State shall be ex officio Illustrious Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE 329 – The first three officers as well as the Treasurer and the Secretary of each subordinate Body shall be elected. All other officers shall be elected, or appointed by the presiding officer of the Body as the Rules and Regulations of the Body provide.

PROXIES

ARTICLE 201 – Any Officer of a Subordinate Body of the Rite who is entitled to a seat in the Council of Deliberation for the State, but is unable to be present at any session of such Council, may appoint as his proxy, to act in his stead, any member of such Subordinate Body, provided, however, that such proxy shall not represent more than one member of such Council.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

LETTER OF INVITATION
CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION,
A.A.S.R., N.M.J., USA

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Place: Courtyard by Marriott, 780 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, CT 06484

Time: 8:30am Registration, 9:30am - 1:30pm COD Meeting, 1:30pm-2:30pm Lunch,
7:00pm Dinner

Dear Members of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation,

The Scottish Rite Valley of Bridgeport is pleased to announce the preparations for the Connecticut Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation for 2018. This event will begin with registration at 8:30am on Saturday, September 15th at Courtyard Marriott in Shelton, CT. The meeting will formally commence at 9:30am.

Following the meeting, a luncheon will begin at 1:30pm with the M.S.A. Ceremony following at approximately 2:30pm. Hospitality and cigar rolling will be available for those wishing to participate in the afternoon. A social hour will be available from 6:00pm - 7:00pm with a buffet dinner served at 7:00pm. In addition to baked stuffed shrimp and vegetable lasagna, a filet of beef carving station will also be available, with appropriate accompaniments. Music by Marty-Q and dancing will continue until 11:00pm. Dinner reservations are limited to the first 240 people, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Rooms for those wishing to stay Saturday night are available at the hotel for a price of \$ 90.00/nite by calling the hotel directly at 203-929-1500 and using the "Scottish Rite C.O.D." reservation code. A buffet breakfast on Sunday morning is included and served from 7:30am - 11:00am.

Dress for the day will be business attire (coat & tie) with Scottish Rite jewels, but NO CAPS. All RSVPs must be received by Monday, July 30th, after which, we will open up reservations to all Scottish Rite Masons on a first come - first served basis.

PLEASE send your RSVP to Ill. Jack Farkas, by e-mail: office@lafayetteconsistory.com or by phone: 203-375-0064, stating if you will be attending the meeting AND how many will be attending dinner Saturday night & breakfast Sunday Morning.

Cordially and Fraternally,
The Valley of Bridgeport Executive Committee

On Behalf of:

Bruce T. Work, 33°

Commander-in-Chief/Deputy for CT

Attest:

Anthony Angelica, 32°

Secretary, CT C.O.D.

LADIES PROGRAM

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Place: Courtyard by Marriott, 780 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, CT 06484

Time: 8:30am Registration and hotel check-in for those staying Saturday Night

9:30am: Assemble in lobby area and board motor coach transportation to Stony Creek, CT for a cruise around the Thimble Islands. "These islands were used for everything from farming to quarrying granite, from bootlegging to hiding Captain Kidd's treasure. Captain Kidd sailed here in 1665..."

NOTE: This boat is not handicapped accessible. Trip is limited to the first 48 Ladies to sign-up by July 30th.

1:30pm: Return to Courtyard Marriott to join with the men for luncheon

2:30pm: Meritorious Service Award presentation ceremony with the men

3:30pm (approximately): Free time

6:00pm: Cocktails in the lobby hospitality area

7:00pm - 11:00pm: Dinner and Dancing to Marty-Q Orchestra (Limited to first 240 people)

Sunday - September 16th 7:30am - 11:00am: Buffet Breakfast available

LADIES -

Be sure to send your RSVP to Ill. Jack Farkas, by e-mail: ffice@lafayetteconsistory.com or by phone: 203-375-0064, if you are planning on attending the Boat Cruise.

Your dinner reservations should be included with Member's R.S.V.P., so we do not double count.

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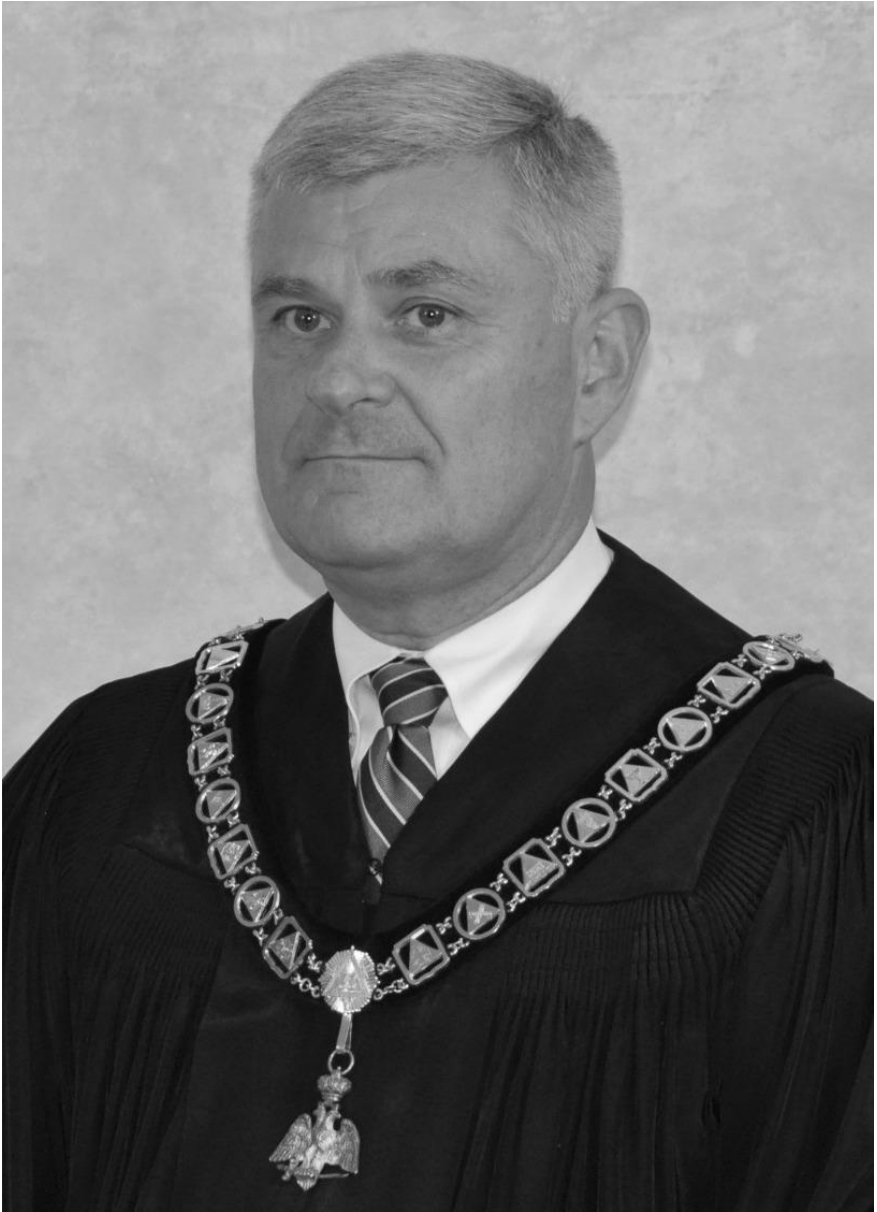
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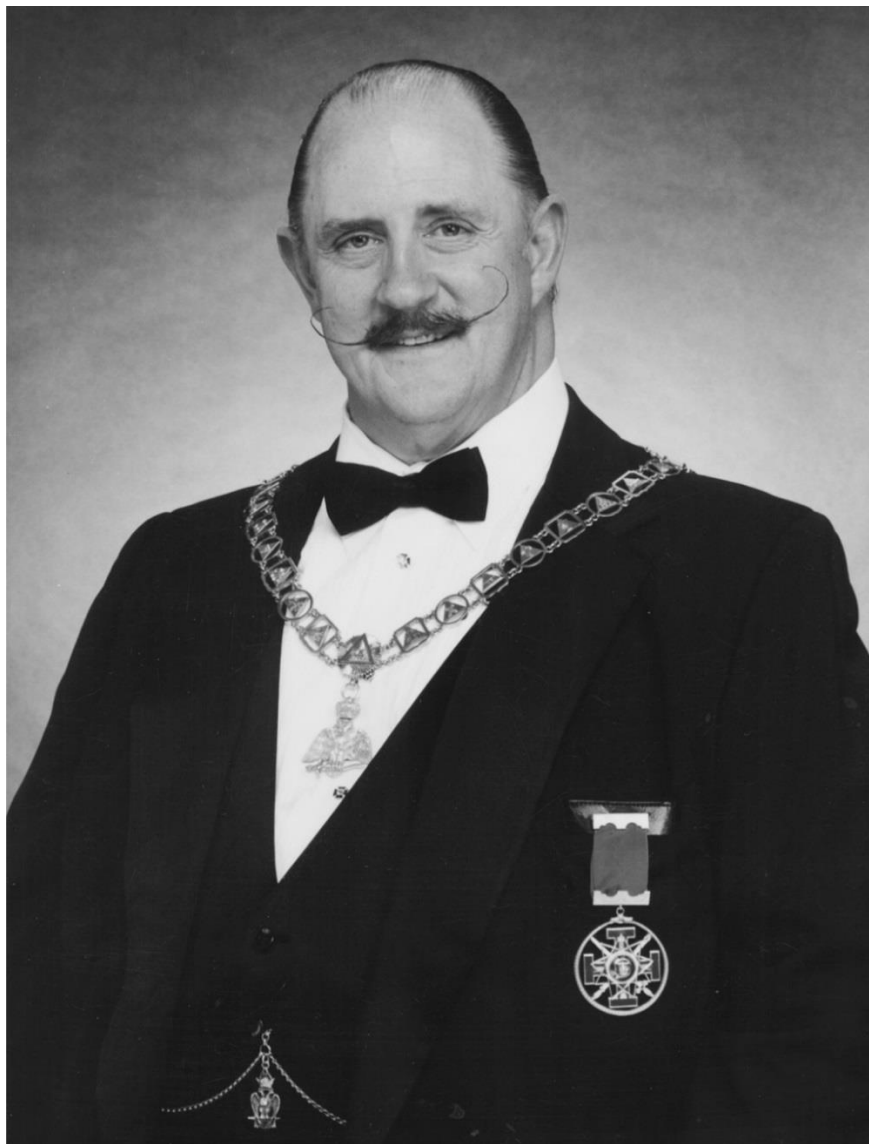
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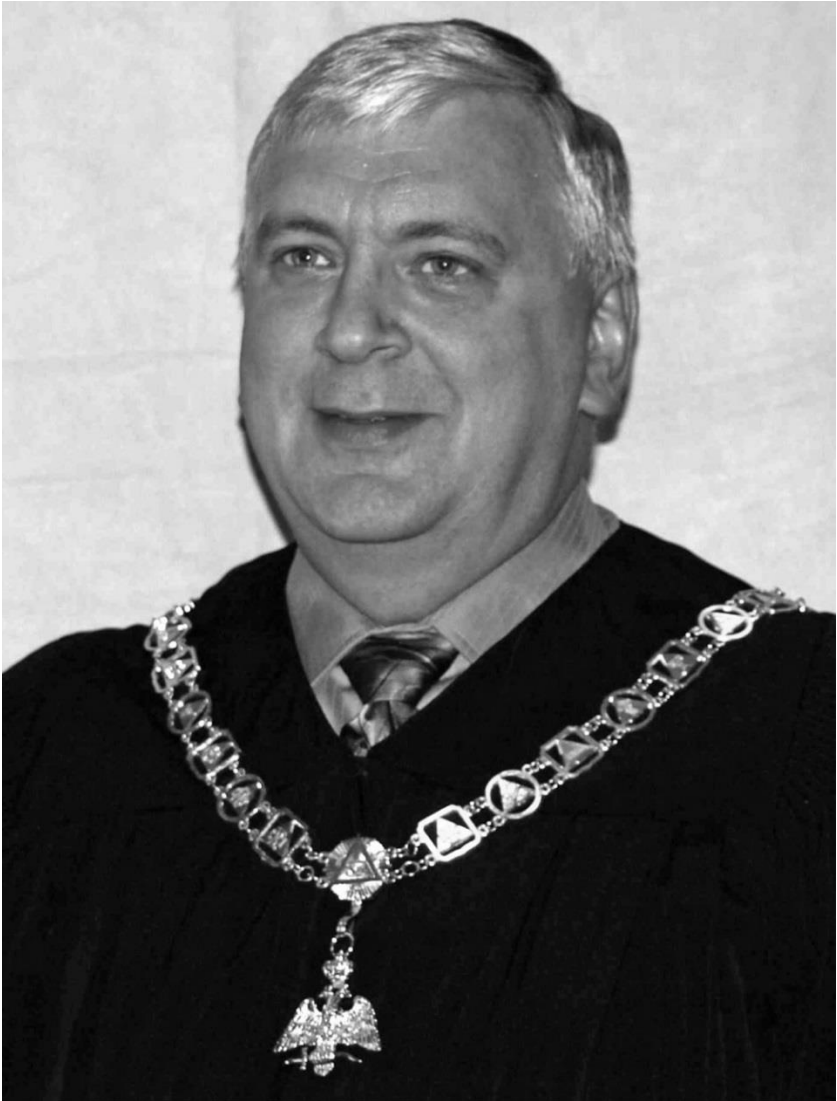
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 OF THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

In accordance with the preceding notice issued by order of the
 Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth
 Convocation of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation assembled at
 Shelton, Connecticut at 9:30am on September 15, 2018.

The following officers were present:

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SESSION OPENING

The session was declared open at 9:30am by Ill. Bruce T. Work,
 33°, Commander-in-Chief.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were welcomed by the Commander-in-Chief and introduced to the membership, who in turn accorded each with a hearty round of applause. Grand honors were awarded to Most Worshipful Brother Marshall K. Robinson, 32°.

Brother and Companion **James S. McNeely**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut

Escorted by Ill. Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°

Ill. Brother and Companion **Charles D. O'Neill, 33°**

Most Puissant Grand Master

Most Puissant Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut

Escorted by Ill. Martin Ede, M.S.A., 33°

Ill. Brother and Sir Knight **Paul L. Chello, 33°**

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery - Knights Templar of Connecticut

Escorted by Ill. Brother and Sir Knight Edward R. Ham, 33°

Ill. Brother and Knight Companion **Kevin J., Hecht, 33°**

Active Member of this Supreme Council and Intendent General

Division of Connecticut, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

and Appendant Orders for the United States, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Accompanied by Ill. Brother and Knight Companion **Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°**

Puissant Sovereign, Saint Andrews Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

Escorted by Ill. James R. Spencer, Jr., M.S.A. 33°, Active Emeritus

S.G.I.G. **EDWARD E. CHERRY, 33°**

Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut

United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

Accompanied by Ill. Brother **Charles M. Paris, 33°**

Escorted by Ill. David L. Sharkis, 33°, Active Emeritus

Most Worshipful Brother **Marshall K. Robinson, 32°**

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Connecticut

Escorted by Ill. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Active for Connecticut

OPENING PRAYER

III. Bruce R. Bellmore, 33° led the members in opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE NATIONAL ANTHEM

III. Bruce T. Work, 33° led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag. Brother Guy O Whelchel, III, MSA, 32° and Brother Erik P. Meyer, MSA, 32° both led the members in song, singing our National Anthem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. Bruce T. Work, 33° made a few housekeeping announcements and reminded the members present to turn off their cell phones for the remainder of this Session.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S DYSPLEXIA CENTER, CONNECTICUT

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Council of Deliberations, in Annual Session, at Shelton, Connecticut, on September 15th, 2018:

Good morning and greetings from all of us at the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut. I am Cheryl Sharkis and I have had the honor and privilege of being the Director, Trainer, and a Tutor at the Center for the past 16 plus years.

We are proud to report to you that the Children's Dyslexia Center continues to develop and progress forward. We have celebrated the achievements of 139 youngsters. Upon completion of their work at the Center, all have progressed at least 2 to 3 grade levels

in their reading skills, with many surpassing this average. The most current ceremony was in June, with 8 youngsters completing their work at the Center. At present, we have experienced 15 Celebration of Achievement Ceremonies. Alumni continue to periodically stop by to share their achievements, upcoming plans, volunteer, and participate in Center presentations.

I have compiled an update on “where they are now” for some of the youngsters that have studied at the Center: 1 is serving in the Navy, 2 are serving in the Marines, 1 is studying at Norwich University, 2 are studying Nursing, 1 Grad Student, 2 Porter and Chester grads, 1 college grad in Banking Finance, 1 studying at NVCC and 1 Forest Firefighter. We are thrilled and moved that they are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to remember their Tutors, give back, and help the next one in line. There is no feeling better than knowing that you have made a positive difference in a person’s life!

The Center Staff currently includes 7 Initial Level Tutors, 2 Advanced Level Tutors, and 1 Supervisor. In total, the Center’s Scholar training program has certified 40 Tutors. Our next Scholar training cycle is scheduled to begin September 28th and there are 3, possibly 4 scholars scheduled to begin their training.

By the end of September, the Center will be providing tutorial sessions to 23 youngsters. Once again we have finalized each youngster’s annual progress assessment and we are thrilled to report that everyone is progressing and developing, with the gap between their grade levels and performance levels reducing significantly. There are approximately 40 youngsters remaining on the waitlist. If you know of a child that may benefit from participating in the Children’s Dyslexia Center Program, please encourage their families to contact the Center.

We are all very proud to be participating in such a positive and empowering youth program. Enabling these youngsters to better achieve their academic potential is magnificently rewarding and

uplifting for all involved. Individual generosity, the annual RUN, Dyslexia Awareness WALK (Oct. 14th), the Wine and Beer Tasting/Auction, the Turkey Trot (Nov. 22nd) and all the continued support from the supporting Masonic bodies perpetuates the rewards. We are all enthusiastic and excited by the prospective development of Tutoring Satellites. This outreach has the potential for the Children's Dyslexia Center of CT Program to better meet the educational needs throughout our state.

Thanks to the Scottish Rite philanthropic endeavors, you are enabling these youngsters to live as Imagine Dragon's "Thunder" lyrics invoke; To paraphrase... *They are the Thunder before the lightening! Feel the Thunder!*

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Sharkis, Director/Trainer/Tutor
Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut

PRESENTATION TO THE CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER

Brother David B. Urban, MSA, 32°, addressed the members present, speaking about the joy of his experiences in raising money for the CDC, and presented them with a \$5,000.00 check.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER OF CT.

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session in Shelton Connecticut on September 15, 2018...

Brothers, good morning and greetings from your Board of Governors. Will the members of the Board of Governors who are

present please stand and be recognized? My brothers these dedicated volunteers continue to work to support the life changing tutoring provided by the dedicated team of tutors at the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut. Please join me in offering your appreciation for their time and efforts (*applause given.*)

My brothers I am delighted to report that your Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut has embarked in its first ever expansion of scope this year. We are very close to opening the first satellite center in Bridgeport, and are planning a second satellite center in Hartford by the 1st quarter of next year. By adopting a satellite center, rather than a separate center structure, we can keep the governance complexity to a minimum by eliminating the need for separate Boards for each Center. In essence the Satellite centers are but remote classrooms from a management point of view.

The placement of the new centers in the State's most populous and geographically centralized urban centers will address the huge need for such counseling that exists in the state, and will also serve to relieve the significant waiting list of children who are waiting to gain admission in the currently existing Waterbury center. The need for such counseling is so intense that at least one family currently travels weekly from Pleasantville NY to Waterbury to obtain help for their child.

The need for such services is very pressing, and with many school districts feeling the municipal budget pinch, the likelihood of obtaining help at the local school district level is dubious for families without extraordinary means. Personally, I would hope that once the current expansion phase is successfully digested, that an additional center or two might someday be added, perhaps in the New London and New Haven areas proper. We can only hope.

This expansion could not be undertaken without the additional very generous pledges by the Valleys of Bridgeport and Hartford

to support the new satellites for a period of 5 years, allowing the Board of Governors time to increase their fund raising efforts to be able to independently fund these satellite locations.

Your Board of Governors acknowledges the outstanding financial support that comes directly from the Constituent Valleys in Connecticut. We also acknowledge the yeoman's job that many brothers in the Constituent Valleys have done to raise money for the Center. Annual events such as the Turkey Trot in Stratford, the newly optimized 5K Run/ Walk in Newington, the Clam fritter booth at the North Stonington Fair and the Annual Walk for Dyslexia Awareness in Waterbury provide us with a seasonal financial shot in the arm. I can only hope that we can enlist the aid of more such events around the state so that we can look forward to an event every other month.

As you can imagine, these fundraisers involve devoted and selfless efforts on the parts of many Brothers in all the Valleys in Connecticut. This year we have created a subcommittee of your Board to address exclusively the issue of fundraising, and to address the increasing needs arising out of our expansion.

I must acknowledge the herculean efforts of Illustrious Brother David Sharkis 33° in undertaking to manage the aforementioned expansion and to coordinate the real estate, construction and related legal and regulatory matters related to the Bridgeport satellite, in addition to his heavy load of work related to the management of the physical plant of the Waterbury Center. He is also presently scouting for a suitable Hartford location. I also must express my personal kudos and thanks to Illustrious Brother William E Bohman 33°, my immediate predecessor, who generated and provided the initial momentum for the entire concept of the satellite expansion. I must also, as always, extend kudos to Cheryl Sharkis the Center Director and A.J. Kayser, who selflessly provide time and service way beyond that for which they are compensated for, as well as all of the Tutors and Tutor-

Scholars who counsel each of the children on a personalized basis weekly.

Lastly, I ask that everyone here please support and participate in our next upcoming fund raiser – specifically the Dyslexia Walk, on Sunday October the 14th which kicks off at the Waterbury Masonic Temple at 1 Pm with registration at noon. Our stalwart brethren, Illustrious Brother Russ Griswold, 33°, MSA, Br Paul B. Iltchenko, 32°, MSA, as well as the brothers of the Valley of Waterbury and the members of your Board of Governors will be on hand to organize, set up and help with the management of the event.

Lastly, I wish to thank each of you for your individual efforts and contributions. Your ongoing support for our Center and its new Satellites is vital for our continued success. Please mention this to your Blue lodge brothers, and remind everyone that the Center should also be considered when making plans for memorial gifts.

Let's work together to help more children escape the darkness of Dyslexia and bring them to the light of improved reading and better prospects in life.

Fraternally Yours,

John A. Amarillos, 32°, MSA,
Chairman, Board of Governors

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS, CONNECTICUT EXPANSION PROJECT

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Council of Deliberation, in Annual Session, September 15, 2018 at Shelton, Connecticut:

You may have noticed the Children's Dyslexia Centers of CT display in the lobby. If you did, you might know that today is 16

years to the day since our formal Dyslexia Center dedication. Today is our sweet sixteenth birthday. Where has the time gone? We started with Cheryl, AJ, and a single student, Garrett, who happens to be that forest fire fighter that Cheryl mentioned in her report. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he battles the fires in California. The Dyslexia Center at its inception was a bit like the movie Field of Dreams. We went on the premise, if you build it they will come – and did they ever come. I won't repeat Cheryl's statistics, however please know that some of our students have traveled in excess of an hour each way to take advantage of the excellent services provided by your Dyslexia Center. Cheryl did mention we have approximately 40 children on our waiting list. At face value, this doesn't sound like a very large number. However, when you couple it with our staffing levels and capacity you learn that the typical wait time can be up to three years. I ask you to put yourself in the position of a caring parent; one who has struggled with finding a way to help their child with dyslexia – and then when they find an answer, they are told they have a three year wait. Take a moment to think of how frustrating and heartbreaking that is to both parent and child. In the past, Cheryl and I had often been approached about expanding our services. Maybe it was just too easy to get in the victim loop and list all the obstacles and hurdles that were in the way. Long story short – nothing ever happened. That was until last fall when Illustrious Brother Bill Bohman once again inquired about expanding the Center. This time we gave it more thought and to borrow a bit a ritual, to this Scottish Rite mason the time was now.

So we started to develop an expansion proposal. Non-negotiables included no compromise on the quality service the Center provides and the plan must maintain the present support for the existing location. We also knew that we had to be very cost effective and to do this we needed to leverage everything we have learned about operating a center over the last 16 years. The result was a single dyslexia center format with subordinate

tutoring satellites. This leverages the current Board of Governors and staff, minimizes administrative expenses and unifies fraternal support around a single dyslexia center operation. In March, we pitched this proposal to key members of the Valleys of Bridgeport and Hartford as they were the Valleys that had voiced interest in supporting a satellite and had the requisite financial strength. Almost immediately Bridgeport committed to a 5 year commitment. This was later followed by Hartford. We were now committed to a Children's Dyslexia Centers of CT network that consisted of the main Dyslexia Center in Waterbury and Tutoring Satellites in the greater Bridgeport and Hartford areas. We would have the capacity to more than double the number of children we serve and have locations in Fairfield, New Haven and Hartford counties. I'd be less than honest with you if I didn't admit that there were times Cheryl and I looked at each other and wondered what have we done? A glass of wine usually cured that anxiety.

The last 6 months have flown by but we are proud of the progress we made. In an effort to maintain sanity and focus, our plan was to get the ball rolling in Bridgeport before we started in Hartford. With the help of Brother Gerry Matthews, we started our site search. We needed 1000sq ft. of space that could provide 4-5 tutoring rooms and a waiting area. We wanted it to be convenient to major highways and close to the urban populations we were targeting. We also wanted to maintain the intimate non-institutional environment that has become a hallmark of the Waterbury Center. On June 11, we signed a 5-year lease for space at 961 Huntington Turnpike in Bridgeport. For those who may be familiar with the area, it is at on the corner of Broadbridge Road across the street from the Treeland Garden Center and Nursery. This space met all our requirements. It is convenient to Routes 8, 15 and 95. While it is in Bridgeport, it is in a desirable area and less than 10 minutes from the Valley's office. It is also in a converted residence that we share with a dentist office. It has a similar feel to the Waterbury facility – it even has a fireplace in the waiting area! Renovations are well underway. We are

approximately 2-3 weeks from getting our Certification of Occupancy. I am happy to report that our start-up expenses are running 16% under budget. This is large part due to donations of furniture and equipment coordinated by Illustrious Brother Charles Yohe and the efforts and cooperation of Brother Gerry Matthews, our contractor Leonard Poplaski and others. We are absolutely thrilled that Constance Vogt, who has taught in the Waterbury Center for 13 years, has accepted the position of co-director. We have a tutoring scholar preparing to perform her practicum in Bridgeport and we have identified our first students. We remain on track to conduct our first sessions before the end of October. It is exciting times indeed in Bridgeport. In Hartford we have initiated our property search and have reviewed 49 properties. We have identified one possibility and are doing further due diligence. We will not compromise quality over schedule. We continue to look for a site which meets all our requirements. Our goal is to have the Hartford Tutoring Satellite open in the winter of 2019.

I know I speak for Cheryl, our staff and more importantly the children and families we serve when I say we are humbled and grateful for the support the Center receives from the entire Connecticut Masonic family. My brothers, you have given us the opportunity to help some truly wonderful children reach their true potential. You are making a significant difference in the quality of life for them, their families and our communities. You exemplify what we mean when we say you are not just men, you are masons!

Cordially and Fraternally,

David L. Sharkis 33°
Active Emeritus for Connecticut

PRELIMINARY COUNT OF CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

This Committee on Credentials respectfully reports that of all the Officers, Illustrious Brethren, Permanent Members, and Representatives who are entitled to seats in this Council of Deliberation, the Preliminary count of registered members present is 98. The Final count of registered members present is 100.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Angelica
Secretary, Council of Deliberation

SUPREME COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS 2018 Session - Lexington, Massachusetts

Executive Session -

Membership Report of the Grand Secretary General:

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| June 15, 2017 | 115,188 |
| June 15, 2018 | <u>108,337</u> |
| Net Loss | 6,851 |

Broken down as follows:

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|--------------|-------|
| Initiations | 1,708 |
| Restorations | 1,453 |
| Deceased | 5,482 |
| Suspensions | 3,983 |
| Demits | 547 |

Ritual -

- All 29 Degrees now count for the Bookend degrees, as all now have core values assigned.

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- The required admonition for presentation of historical degrees or plays (Secretaries have this) to be read at any presentation.

Strategic Planning Committee -

- The Supreme Council Strategic Planning Committee continues to be committed to making no changes in the Vision and Mission statements. They are the right words at the right time and the statements will continue to remain as they are.
- Valley of Excellence Awards would be presented at the Bi-Annual session of the Supreme Council starting in 2019. Watch for further information and requests for your successes.
- The Path Forward Committee has had positive feedback and continues to chart a new course for membership. This is not a "quick-fix" plan but rather a foundation upon which to build our future. More about this later today.

Annual Meetings -

2019 - August 24-27, Milwaukee, WI

2020 - August 27 - 30, Executive Session Only - Lexington, MA

2021 - August 26 - 31, Cleveland, OH

2022 - August 25 - 28, Executive Session Only - Lexington, MA

2023 - August 26 - 29, Louisville, KY

Children's Learning Center -

- Jobs of the Director is supervision, observations, reporting, tutoring etc.
- Jobs of the Board of Governors are creative fund raising ideas, not adding burden to the center director, tutors, and/or staff, and to provide a 10 year plan of action for the center's survival and continuance. I realize the Boards of Governor's work tirelessly throughout the year, and they need relief. Brothers, this Board has recently been restructured, with Brother John Amarilios graciously taking

over as Chairman. You will hear more about this later in today's program as well as our satellite expansions.

Seminars -

- A combined Secretary's/Treasurer's training seminar was held on August 10 & 11, 2018 in Lexington, Massachusetts. This was the first time a Treasurer's seminar had been held and was overwhelmingly received by all who attended. A "live stream" was held concurrent with this seminar for those who could not attend.

Grand Almoner's Fund -

- A total of \$ 1,650,705 was spent for the benevolence of 121 members of our Fraternity as well as the relief for storm distressed Brothers in Texas, this past year. You should all be proud of our continued support of our Brothers.

Nominations -

- This year, Connecticut nominated one Brother to receive his 33rd Degree, and with the unanimous favorable ballot, Brother Sterling N. Viets from the Valley of Hartford, will receive his 33rd Degree in Milwaukee, WI, in 2019. Please congratulate him when you see them. He will join Brother David Urban and Brother Dennis Cyr who were nominated and approved last year in Rochester, N.Y.

REMARKS FROM ILL. CHARLES D. O'NEILL, 33°

Ill. Charles D. O'Neill, 33°, Most Puissant Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, addressed the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018 with kind heartfelt remarks.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session at Shelton, Connecticut, this 15th day of September, 2018.

The proceedings of the 138th session of this Council of Deliberation have been printed and distributed to all of our members. The proceedings of today's 139th session of this Council of Deliberation will be printed and distributed to all of our members within the next few weeks.

We started the past year with 258 Members within this Council of Deliberation, and experienced an overall gain of 11 members throughout the year. Membership within this Council of Deliberation now stands at 269.

Membership within the Connecticut Valley's now stands at 2,247 for the Lodges of Perfection, Councils, Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapters, Rose Croix and 2,231 for the Consistories, S.P.R.S. Although this means there are 16 Scottish Rite Brothers that still do not belong to a Consistory, this has improved since last year, and will continue to be addressed and corrected as we continue moving forward with our efforts.

The breakdown of the State-wide membership is as follows: Collectively, we Initiated 64, Affiliated 1, Restored 19, Suspended 31, Discharged 6, and Demitted 9 members this past year. We have also reported a total of 96 Deaths. Together, this represents an overall loss of 58 members from the previous year. Although this overall loss is down from last year's 85 members lost, it is still an overall loss.

Separately, the Valley of Bridgeport finished the year with a gain of 8. Once again, they are the only Valley to report an overall gain in membership. Congratulations!

The Valley of Waterbury finished the year with a loss of 3.

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The Valley of Norwich finished the year with a loss of 6.

The Valley of Hartford finished the year with a loss of 26.

And the Valley of New Haven finished the year with a loss of 31.

The per capita tax of \$8,598.00 has been sent out. This assessment was reduced by the number of Senior Members for each Valley. All 5 CT Valleys have sent in their Assessments, and we've received 4 of the 5 checks so far, totaling \$7,988.00. This includes donations totaling \$104 from 2 Valleys, which is the amount these 2 Valleys' assessments had been reduced. Thank you to the Valleys of Bridgeport and Norwich for your generosity. This report will be adjusted to include the \$714.00 assessment when it is received, bringing the total assessments received to \$8,702.00. *(This was received on 9/25/18.)*

All underlying data used to create this report comes directly from Supreme Council's MDS Database (a graph of which will be provided in the CT COD Session Book).

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony S. Angelica, 32°
Secretary
Council of Deliberation

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Members
6/16/2017

Initiated

Affiliated

Restored

Deaths

Suspended

Discharged

Demitted

Senior
Status

Members
6/15/2018

Assessed
Members
6/15/2018

Gain/Loss

Per Capita Tax
Received

Lodges Of Perfection

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|--------|----------------|-------|----|---|----|----|----|---|---|----|-------|-------|------|------------|
| B | DeWitt Clinton | 484 | 28 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 492 | 487 | 8 | \$487.00 |
| N | King Solomon | 369 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 363 | 353 | (6) | \$353.00 |
| H | Charter Oak | 765 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 58 | 739 | 681 | (26) | \$681.00 |
| NH | E. G. Storer | 436 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 405 | 392 | (31) | \$392.00 |
| W | Doric | 251 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 248 | 238 | (3) | \$238.00 |
| TOTALS | | 2,305 | 64 | 1 | 19 | 96 | 31 | 6 | 9 | 96 | 2,247 | 2,151 | -58 | \$2,151.00 |

Councils, Princes of Jerusalem

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|--------|----------------|-------|----|---|----|----|----|---|---|----|-------|-------|------|------------|
| B | Washington | 484 | 28 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 492 | 487 | 8 | \$487.00 |
| N | Van Rensselaer | 369 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 363 | 353 | (6) | \$353.00 |
| H | Hartford | 765 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 58 | 739 | 681 | (26) | \$681.00 |
| NH | Elm City | 436 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 405 | 392 | (31) | \$392.00 |
| W | Ionic | 251 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 248 | 238 | (3) | \$238.00 |
| TOTALS | | 2,305 | 64 | 1 | 19 | 96 | 31 | 6 | 9 | 96 | 2,247 | 2,151 | -58 | \$2,151.00 |

Chapters, Rose Croix

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| B | Peduncrock | 484 | 28 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 492 | 487 | 8 | \$487.00 |
| N | Norwich | 369 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 363 | 353 | (6) | \$353.00 |
| H | Cyrus Goodell | 765 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 58 | 739 | 681 | (26) | \$681.00 |
| NH | New Haven | 436 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 405 | 392 | (31) | \$392.00 |
| W | Corinthian | 251 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 248 | 238 | (3) | \$238.00 |
| TOTALS | | 2,305 | 64 | 1 | 19 | 96 | 31 | 6 | 9 | 96 | 2,247 | 2,151 | -58 | \$2,151.00 |

Consistories, S.P.R.S.

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| B | Jeff Ayette | 1,154 | 39 | 0 | 12 | 48 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 1,131 | 1,109 | (23) | \$1,109.00 |
| N | Connecticut | 545 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 37 | 526 | 489 | (19) | \$489.00 |
| H | Nathan Hale | 584 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 574 | 547 | (10) | \$547.00 |
| TOTALS | | 2,283 | 64 | 4 | 19 | 93 | 30 | 6 | 10 | 86 | 2,231 | 2,145 | -52 | \$2,145.00 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

General Fund

August 1, 2017 – July 1, 2018

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| Balance as of August 1, 2017 | | \$247,734.37 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Supreme Council Receipts | \$5,150.00 | |
| AASR Investment Trust Interest | \$3,828.94 | |
| Bank Interest | \$14.39 | |
| Pre-Paid Dinners | \$3,690.00 | |
| Valley Contributions: | | |
| Lodges of Perfection | \$1,499.00 | |
| Councils, Princes of Jerusalem | \$1,499.00 | |
| Chapters, Rose Croix | \$1,499.00 | |
| Consistories | \$1,654.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Donations | \$87.00 | |
| Market Value of Investments Gain/(Loss) | \$15,423.99 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$34,345.32 | |
| TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE | | \$282,079.69 |

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| EXPENSES | | |
| Deputy Honorarium | \$1,000.00 | |
| Active Honorarium | \$500.00 | |
| Active Emeriti Honorarium | \$750.00 | |
| Secretary Honorarium | \$1,000.00 | |
| Treasurer Honorarium | \$500.00 | |
| Office Expense:Printing, Postage & Supplies | \$1,994.09 | |
| Web Site Maintenance & License | \$1,000.00 | |
| Audit Fees | \$1,425.00 | |
| MSA and 33 rd Awards and Jewels | \$1,960.00 | |
| Supreme Council and C.O.D. Session | \$19,323.87 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | \$23.10 | |
| Dyslexia Walk T-shirts | \$1,079.00 | |
| 33 rd Dinner Expense | \$3,776.00 | |
| Donations: | | |
| Masonic Charity Foundation Endowment Fund | \$0.00 | |

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| AASR Masonic Museum & Library Fund | \$0.00 | |
| Grand Lodge of CT Almoner's Fund | \$0.00 | |
| DeMolay Youth Activities | \$0.00 | |
| George Washington National Memorial | \$0.00 | |
| Children's Dyslexia Center of Ct | \$0.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$34,331.06 | |
| BALANCE AVAILABLE JULY 31, 2017 | | \$247,748.63 |

ASSETS – General Fund

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|--|---------------------|
| Simsbury Bank Checking | \$7,573.35 |
| Simsbury Bank Savings | \$6,392.26 |
| Wells Fargo Savings | \$8,513.97 |
| BNY Mellon Investment Account (Market Value) | \$225,269.05 |
| JULY 31, 2017 BALANCE | \$247,748.63 |

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| TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND JULY 31, 2018 | \$247,748.63 |
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I would like to thank the brethren for their continued support and for giving me the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of the Council of Deliberation for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Treasurer

Report was received by unanimous ballot and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REMARKS FROM BROTHER JAMES S. McNEELY

Bro. James S. McNeely, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, addressed the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018 with kind heartfelt remarks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

BUDGET FOR 2018-19**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lodges of Perfection | \$1,500.00 |
| Councils, Princes of Jerusalem | \$1,500.00 |
| Chapters, Rose Croix | \$1,500.00 |
| Consistories | \$2,200.00 |
| AASR Investment Fund | \$10,500.00 |
| Transfer from Savings | \$6,000.00 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | \$23,200.00 |

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

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| Active Allowance | \$500.00 |
| Active Emeritus (5 emeriti) | \$1,250.00 |
| Deputy Allowance | \$1,000.00 |
| Secretary Allowance | \$1,500.00 |
| Treasurer Allowance | \$500.00 |
| Audit | \$750.00 |
| 33 rd Degree and MSA Awards | \$2,000.00 |
| Postage | \$500.00 |
| Printing | \$2,000.00 |
| T-shirts for Dyslexia Walk | \$1,300.00 |
| 33 rd Testimonial Dinners | \$1,000.00 |
| Supreme Council Session/COD Meeting | \$9,900.00 |
| Website Maintenance | \$1,000.00 |

DONATIONS

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| Grand Lodge of CT Almoner's Fund | \$0.00 |
| MCF Endowment Fund | \$0.00 |
| AASR Masonic Library & Museum 40 th Anniv Fund | \$0.00 |

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES \$23,200.00

We recommend that the Treasurer be authorized after the 31st day of July to expend funds at the same rate as in this budget, until the next fiscal year budget shall have been approved.

Due to the level of membership, the per capita tax collected from the Valleys has been half the budgeted amount the last two years. This has caused a larger withdrawal from the savings and investment accounts to balance the budget. We recommend that the Council look at increasing the per capita tax to the Valleys. There has not been an increase in the per capita since 2007.

We move that this report be accepted, and the budget and the recommendations made be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jones, 33°

Edward Ham, 33°

Anthony Keegan, 33°

Report was received by unanimous ballot and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Our policies were renewed in August of this year and expire 8/1/2019. Auburn Insurance handles the coverage and according to them the program has remained essentially unchanged for this year with only minor adjustments.

Workers Compensation remains at \$1,000,000; the Paraphernalia amount is set by each Valley and the "On Premises" Crime Coverage remains at \$2,500,000. Auto is unchanged at \$1M. Our General Liability Coverage is unchanged, the Aggregate per location is \$3M and the medical expense limit is \$20,000. Data processing coverage has a \$5,000 deductible, the building value is set by each Valley and the Umbrella Coverage remains at \$20M.

Ill. Brother Kevin J. Hecht 33° at the Supreme Council Office at (781) 465-3325 can respond to specific questions as can the people at Auburn Insurance.

Submitted by:

Melvin E. Johnson 33°, Chairman

Gordon C. Willoughby, 33°

Arthur M. Pugh 33°

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

From: The Rules Committee, Connecticut Council of Deliberation,
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations.

Date: September 15, 2018.

On the recommendation of the Deputy, Ill. Bro. Bruce T. Work, 33°, and pursuant to Article VIII of the Rules and Regulations for the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Rules Committee proposes the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations, Article V, Finances, Section 1; and Article VIII, Amendments, Section 2.

I. FIRST PROPOSED REVISION

Existing Text, Article V, Finances, Section 1:

The Secretary of each Body of the Rite in this State shall, annually, at least 7 days prior to the annual meeting forward to the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation a detailed statement of the proceeding year's work and a remittance of the per capita tax of one dollar (\$1.00) (as amended 8/15/2007) per each member on its roll of membership as of May 31.

Proposed Revisions: Article V, Finances, Section 1:

The Secretary of each Body of the Rite in this State shall, annually, at least 7 days prior to the annual meeting forward to the

Secretary of the Council of Deliberation ~~a detailed statement of the proceeding year's work and~~ a remittance of the per capita tax of ***not more than five dollars (\$5.00)*** (as amended 8/15/2007; ***and on __/__/2019***) per each member on its roll of membership as of ~~May 31~~ ***June 15***.

Reason for Proposed Revision:

The fluctuating market conditions, in addition to the fact that the Supreme Council session now meets bi-annually, can result in financial strains on the treasury in “odd numbered” years which are not necessarily experienced in “even numbered” years. The proposed revision will allow the Treasurer and the Commander-in-Chief to adjust the per capita tax--as needed and within the limits established in the proposal--without having to change the Rules and Regulations each year. The proposed revision also conforms the Rule to the actual practice and time frame, insofar as the “detailed statement” concerning membership is actually obtained by the Council of Deliberation Secretary from the Supreme Council’s Member Database, rather than from the “Secretary of each Body” as previously stated in the Rule.

II. SECOND PROPOSED REVISION

Existing Text, Article VIII, Amendments, Section 2:

By Council of Deliberation, these Rules and Regulations may be amended at any annual meeting of this Council by a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment or amendments have been presented at the proceeding annual meeting, and due notice thereof shall have been given to the members and provided, further, that an amendment or amendments may be adopted at the annual meeting at which it is presented, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment or amendments having been given to the members.

Proposed Revisions, Article VIII, Amendments, Section 2:

By Council of Deliberation, these Rules and Regulations may be amended at any annual meeting of this Council by a majority vote

of the members present, provided the proposed amendment or amendments have been presented at the ~~proceeding~~ *preceding* annual meeting, and due notice thereof shall have been given to the members and provided, further, that an amendment or amendments may be adopted at the annual meeting at which it is presented, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment or amendments having been given to the members.

Reason for Proposed Revision:

The proposed revision is intended to correct what appears to have been a typographic error in the current version of the Article.

III. PROCEDURE (as to both proposed revisions):

Article VIII, Amendments, Section 2, of the Rules and Regulations provides that said Rules and Regulations may be amended by the Council of Deliberation “at any annual meeting of this Council by a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment or amendments have been presented at the proceeding annual meeting, and due notice thereof shall have been given to the members...” Accordingly, the vote on both proposed revisions will take place at the next scheduled Council of Deliberation annual meeting in 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

Bradley K. Cooney, 33°

Earl Evans, MSA, 33°

Gary Arseneau, 33°

Much discussion ensued, and a question regarding the above wording of the proposed changes was presented to the committee. We adjourned for a 15 minute break, when the committee revisited the above wording and found it to be correct as is. Upon return from break, the wording was explained and this report was offered as due notice (per regulations) to be voted on at the next annual Council of Deliberation Session.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

Brother George T. Taylor, IV, 32°, Associate Director of Membership & Valley Relations, Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, USA, gave a presentation on Supreme Council's focus and efforts to grow membership throughout the NMJ as well as the SJ, which resulted from the Path Forward book and work. Bro. George shared new hot off the presses Marketing Collateral, a 32° Member's Kit, and the new Passport/Business Card holders that will be distributed to each Valley. Bro. George also spoke about November 2018 being Scottish Rite Month and the 3 ways we can take part: As a jurisdiction to bring ASSR forward, at a Statewide Event, or at the Valley level, celebrating and honoring our members and their families. Bro. George continued to share how the Path Forward has grown and is now in 26 US States and in 3 Countries! His excitement for the future was noticed, and became ours.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE RITE

To: The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, Shelton, CT, on September 15, 2018:

As Chairman of the Committee I am pleased to present the following:

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has not begun to recover in any meaningful way over the last few years, but does appear to be stabilizing to some extent. A few years ago the Lodge Ambassador Program was instituted to keep Lodges informed of our activities and to recruit prospects for the Scottish Rite. This program had limited success probably because many of the Ambassadors, although well

meaning, lacked the ability to “close the deal” to bring in new candidates; also, this program was designed to bring in candidates but did little toward retention of the membership.

Constant Contact works well in keeping active members involved and informed, but this program also does not seem to bring our inactive members back to our Valleys. Many of our inactive members are content with their station and are not motivated or lack the time due to work and family. The Brother-to Brother Program has also faltered. While in theory this program might help motivate some inactive members to return, it is a very time consuming task and one that many members have difficulty performing.

The Path Forward, a new study conducted by the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, concluded we should be targeting men who have reached the point in life when they are no longer raising children and have a need for some new, fulfilling task in life.

One effective recruiting tool that has emerged over the last few years is the Valley Degree team. The Valley of Norwich has a Master Mason Degree team that has both performed the Master Mason Degree at Blue Lodges and provided assistance to other Blue Lodges when they could not field a full team. The Valley of Bridgeport has presented themed blue lodge degrees such as the Colonial Fellow Craft Degree and the Civil War Master Mason Degree. These efforts have provided us opportunities to demonstrate our desire to cooperate and assist the Blue Lodges and to demonstrate our excellent resources and ritual work. The reactions have been extremely positive and have attracted a number of new members.

Candidates, once recruited, need to be infused with interest and enthusiasm about our program. Our Valleys continue to present most of their degrees in live format, with the fourth degree being the one most often presented on DVD. All Valleys continue to have Spring and Fall degree programs, allowing two candidate

classes per year. The live degrees are generally much more positively received than those on DVD, and have received considerable praise from our candidates.

Valleys continue to invest in their members through a number of year-round activities. Some of these activities include trips to the Big E, Port Jefferson, Boston, Tanglewood, and the Westwood Broadway Dinner Theater. Other events such as cigar nights, annual picnics and a Players Club continue to spread brotherly love and family involvement that has provided good publicity and encouraged new membership.

CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER

All Valleys continue to support the Children's Dyslexia Center in Waterbury through dedicated fund raisers. The Valley of Bridgeport supports the Center through an annual Learning Center Walk and a Thanksgiving Turkey Trot; the Valley of Hartford sponsors an Annual 5K Walk/Run; the Valley of New Haven hosts a Wine and Beer Event and the Valley of Norwich operates the Clam Chowder and Fritter Booth at the North Stonington Fair.

Future plans for the Center include opening two additional sites in Bridgeport and Hartford. Bridgeport is expected to open this fall. The Dyslexia Center has received universal praise for its work and achievements. We should be and are proud of our support of this most worthwhile cause.

CONCLUSION

The Connecticut Scottish Rite continues to strive to improve its worth to our brotherhood and their families, and to participate in and contribute to our communities. There are always new challenges ahead and we continue to engage them as they arise. As a footnote, last year the State of the Rite Committee recommended that the Committee structure be reformed and terms of members be increased. This Committee fully endorses those recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Moulson, 32°, Chairman

Austin P. Clark, 33°, Co-Chairman

Frank Dlugoleski, MSA, 32°, Co-Chairman

Robert J. Furce, MSA, 32°, Member

Sterling Viets, 32°, Member (*Presenter*)

REMARKS OF ACTIVE & INTENDENT GENERAL AND ACTIVE EMERITI

Ill. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Ill. A. Norman Johnson, 33°, Ill. James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33°, and Ill. David L. Sharkis, 33° each gave warm fraternal greetings before deferring their remaining time back to the Deputy.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton Connecticut on September 15, 2018.

This past year, since we last met, has been extremely busy for Strategic Planning, not necessarily just for the State of Connecticut but for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction as a whole. The information provided to us from Supreme Council on it's research, strategic planning and program development relieves us of some of the steps to gather information and analyze our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. What they have provided us helps to move us, in most cases, to the implementation phase of a Strategic Plan.

As you may recall our Supreme Council started in 2017 to do a study both within the membership of the AASR, and with non-Mason American men at large.

This study was the most comprehensive, data-driven research that has been done in Masonry for the past 20 years. The intent of the study was to help us understand – on a factual basis - how to move the fraternity forward.

The results of this research was significant and somewhat unexpected, both by the number of respondents and the information that was provided. For a full accounting of the method and results of this research it is recommended that all members read the book penned by our past Sovereign Grand Commander III. William Wm. McNaughton titled “Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry”.

When the results of the research were compiled it became self-evident that there was a fact-based foundation that clearly showed a path forward for the Fraternity.

A few of the highlights of the results from the survey of non-Mason American men at large:

- 81% of the respondents had heard of Freemasonry, yet did not know our fundamental tenets, this suggests our messaging must be overt and clearly articulate our Masonic values.
- The lack of understanding of what Freemasonry is about and what it offers was underscored in the survey.
- The clear alignment of what Freemasonry stands for and what American men are seeking is a surprising reminder of how truly relevant we can be in society today.

The Scottish Rite member feedback was clear in many areas:

- The three primary areas we would like to see are:
 - More interaction with leadership
 - More engagement with one another
 - More education to dive deeper into the craft

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- We would also like to see more modern communication tools, but, not at the expense of the traditional communication methods. We serve several generations of men and need to keep that in mind as we evolve.
- Several other requests by the membership were made known and many of those items have been addressed by the programs put in place for our use by Supreme Council. They are highlighted below. All these programs enhance our Scottish Rite experience.

To name a few the Supreme Council has:

- Created a strategic marketing and outreach initiative called The Path Forward.
- As part of this initiative a Video Production was created by the name of “Even Better” which articulates The Path Forward goals:
 - to regain pride in the membership
 - Tell the true story of who we are
 - Make Freemasonry appealing to the new member and a new generation
- Created a campaign labeled “Not just a man. A Mason”. This program premiered 9 adds that express the nobility of Freemasonry and the power of Brotherhood in a modern, accessible way.
- This “NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON” campaign was made available to Grand Lodges nationally and internationally.
 - It shines a fresh light on Freemasonry, raises our profile in society and helps blue lodge Masonry grow.
 - The Reaction of the Fraternity to this campaign has been overwhelmingly positive and the information is sought after by other masonic organizations.
 - The Campaign is presently being used in 29 states from Grand Lodges to local lodge levels

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- The Campaign is being used in every Canadian province. And it is being implemented in Australia and New Zealand.
- Not just a man.org – WEBSITE has been created to help facilitate these programs going forward.
 - It has customized campaign materials that are available to Grand Lodges, Valleys, and local lodges.
- A New Website has been developed for the membership to enhance our experience as a Scottish Rite Mason:
 - This website is filled with services and information for us.
 - We can pay dues online and update our personal information
 - It also includes a NEW DISCUSSION FORUM for members only.
- We now have a new online application to join the Scottish Rite which makes it easier for new prospective members.
- We as members of Scottish Rite collectively, have said we wanted more education.
 - Hauts Grades Academy was developed as a premiere educational offering consisting of 3 challenging levels. Over 770 brothers are currently enrolled.
 - And a series of educational livestream broadcasts have been aired, with more to come. The two that have aired so far are: How Fraternalism Transforms Character and Generation to Generation: Exploring the Ageless Bonds of Freemasonry
- We said we wanted Interaction with Leadership
 - SGC Glattly hosted Meet the New Guy, an interactive live stream discussion.
 - Every state in the NMJ has been visited by a Path Forward team member.
- Our magazine “The Northern Light”

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- Has been redesigned with fresh content added to complement the Path Forward initiative.
- Square and Compass Media Studio has been built.
 - It is a new recording studio that has been opened at Supreme Council called “Square and Compasses Media”. Its purpose is to provide ongoing video content and web broadcasts.
 - The use of this studio has been offered to any Grand Lodge in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction for their own productions as well.
- New Online Store called the “Masonic Marketplace” is available to all jurisdictions.
 - Provides personalized/customized masonic items for the convenience of the Fraternity.

In addition to all the programs and initiatives mentioned above, I would like to mention one more nugget of information the research unexpectedly found. It is the answer to the question of: Who will most likely be the next Freemason?

To get the whole story on the answer to this question please READ THE BOOK. “Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry”

It will be the Baby Boomer.

- Boomers – as young men may have once turned their backs on Freemasonry.
- Societal influences and their life stage are calling them back to our tenets and values.
- The Boomer Generation is the largest group of healthy, almost retired or retired men society has ever seen. And its values are tied to its collective commitment to faith, friends, family, and the country.
- On the cusp of retirement, Boomers are looking to the future with great optimism. To them retirement is not a time to slow down, but a time to use their time and money in meaningful ways.

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- Demographically – Boomers as a volunteer army, are projected to contribute more than 58 Billion hours of their time to helping others.
- Almost 60% of Boomers believe that they will have a meaningful impact on society in retirement.
- Boomers are realizing the responsibility they have to give back to the community, and feel compelled by the desire to help neighbors and those in need.
- For many responding to the call of service to others will become their life passion, and will become a key marker of their personal identity and social status.
- Boomers life stage aligns with Freemasonry.
- Through the research conducted, it is clear that Baby Boomer men, ages 52-70 years, are the prime target to become the next wave of Freemasons.

Recommendations to our Valleys:

- READ THE BOOK - “Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry”
- Enlighten the membership of Scottish Rite of the research, programs and initiatives that have been undertaken.
- Train the Ambassadors to the Blue Lodges to be able to talk about all that has been developed to enhance our Masonic experience.
- As leaders of the Scottish Rite engage more with the membership as they have requested.
- Get registered on the website and join the discussion forums. Valuable information is being discussed there that will help us to make the Scottish Rite more accommodating to members and prospective members.

In Conclusion

As you can see by this report our Supreme Council, through it's research, strategic planning and program development has put in our hands the information and tools to move the Fraternity forward. It is now up to us, not only within the Scottish Rite but within our Blue Lodges to use these tools to enhance our Masonic

experience throughout the craft, to help retain those members who may be looking to leave and to recruit new members.

We should all be proud and impressed with the magnitude of work that our Supreme Council has done on our behalf. It is now time for us to go to work using the tools they have placed in our hands.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les B. King, MSA, 32°

For the Committee on Strategic Planning.

REMARKS FROM ILL. Paul L. Chello, 33°

Ill. Paul L. Chello, 33°, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery – Knights Templar of Connecticut, addressed the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018 with kind heartfelt remarks.

ALLOCUTION OF THE ILLUSTIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the 139th Connecticut Council of Deliberation now in session in Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

Sublime Princes;

I am pleased to submit my Annual Report as Deputy for the State of Connecticut, for the year ended June 30, 2018.

NECROLOGY -

Our Connecticut Council of Deliberation has lost several Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe this year and they are: Brother Carl L. Edgerton, M.S.A. Passed away January 23, 2018, a member of the Valley of Hartford

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Brother Nicola Iannone, M.S.A. Passed away March 17, 2018, a member of the Valley of New Haven

Brother I. William Clark, Past M.W. Master, Passed away March 18, 2018, a member of the Valley of Norwich

Brother Russell Bjorklund, Past M.W. Master, Passed away April 9, 2018, a member of the Valley of Hartford

In addition, the State of Connecticut has lost one of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters:

Most Worshipful Brother Richard A. Hodgson who passed away on March 25, 2018.

Most Worshipful Hodgson served out Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1991, and was a member of the Valley of Norwich.

Freemasonry, and Scottish Rite, is richer for the service of these Brothers. Each has served with distinction and their counsel and friendship will be missed by all.

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION -

The 138th session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation was held on Friday, September 22nd, 2017 in Torrington, Connecticut, with the Valley of Waterbury acting as hosts. Of the 242 members of this Council, there were 76 Brothers present including the Officers, Distinguished Brothers, and Permanent Members, along with 5 Invited guests from appendant bodies and our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ill. Brother Theodore J. Nelson, 33°. After the required reports, nominations and ballots were concluded, Ill. Brother Kevin J. Hecht, 33° performed the Meritorious Service Award ceremony for four Brothers nominated by their peers. After this ceremony, we retired to the dining room, where we enjoyed fellowship and a complete prime rib dinner. Our thanks to the Valley of Waterbury for a well-planned and enjoyable day.

CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER -

My Brothers, you have heard the reports of our Center Director as well as our Chairman of the Board of Governors. Our Board of

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Governors Chairman, John A. Amarilios, M.S.A., 32° along with our center Director, Mrs. Cheryl Sharkis, continue to manage our financial responsibilities as well as our day to day operations, in a professional and dignified manner. We are indebted to Valley fundraising along with the Supreme Council contribution, which continue to assist this center with meeting its financial obligations and providing support to our student enrollment.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the special financial support from the Valley of Bridgeport, which helps keep our maintenance budget alive and well. In addition, our Active Emeritus, Ill. Brother David L. Sharkis, 33°, spends untold hours behind the scenes keeping the center clean, maintained, and up to the standards, developed by our local board as well as the Supreme Council. You also have heard the report of our two new satellite expansion centers which is being headed up by Ill. Brother Sharkis with financial support from the Valley of Hartford and the Valley of Bridgeport. We are indebted to Ill. Sharkis for his service.

In conjunction with these two satellite expansion centers, I re-aligned the present Board of Governors using a more streamlined approach and allowing for a smaller quorum necessary at each meeting. After several dedicated years of service, Ill. Brother Charles McCollum, 33° resigned as Treasurer and Mrs. Barbara Yohe has agreed to step in and take on the duties of Treasurer. We appreciate Ill. Brother Chuck's service and look forward to working with Mrs. Yohe. Brother John Amarilios agreed to be Chairman of the Board and together we set-up three sub-committees within our Board structure. The three, Fundraising, Investment/Finance, and Buildings & Operations will allow for each to have separate areas of responsibility and not try to handle all items at all times. Please support these members if asked to do so and look forward to our Grand Opening ceremonies.

STATE OF THE RITE –
Degree Work -

Together with the Active and Emeriti members I have visited all of the Valleys throughout the year and witnessed several fine degree portrayals. There were several joint degrees, where cast members from different Valleys joined together to make a larger cast and allowed for more participation by newer Brothers. This type of "thinking outside the box" will go far in keeping our candidates interested, along with having convenient and enjoyable degree celebrations. Judging from the almost 200 Brothers present, the joint portrayal of the 17th degree in New Haven, by the Valleys of Bridgeport and New Haven was a "huge" success. All, of the required degrees have been presented, either in live presentation, or when necessary, using DVD's. Several additional degrees were performed by the Valley's, allowing for Brothers to complete their passports.

We would be remiss if we didn't recognize and thank the several Brothers who work tirelessly behind the scenes in wardrobe, props, lighting, sound and hospitality, making these degree presentations an enjoyable experience for our candidates and members.

Degree presentations are continuing to be disrupted by cellular telephones ringing not only in the audience, but with some cast members. I cannot stress enough that we need to remind our Brothers as we open our degrees, to turn off or place on vibrate our cell phones. It is the Director's responsibility to remind the cast members of this cell phone requirement, as well.

Heads of Bodies - Opening and Closing -

Brothers, we have a tremendous amount of ritual talent throughout our State who can, and do, perform several different ritual parts in several different degrees. However, we have several Heads of Bodies among these ritual talents, who have not learned the official opening and closing declaration of their body. We in the Scottish Rite do not declare we are open on any particular degree, rather we open or close by "declaring the works of ____

body open or closed", as the case may be. Please take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

ANNUAL MEETING -

The 2018 Annual Executive Session was held in Lexington, MA, on August 25th and 26th. We were pleased to have Brother Sterling N. Viets, 32°, elected to receive the Thirty Third Degree at our next Annual meeting in Milwaukee, WI in 2019. Brother Viets will join Brother Dennis Cyr and Brother Dave Urban who were elected at last year's Annual session in Rochester, NY. These Brothers have toiled long and hard in the quarries of Freemasonry, and we are proud to reward their service and participation. As you move into a new role, that of leader and mentor, ever remember, we are all Master Masons and are all Brothers, first and foremost.

A summary of this Annual session appears elsewhere in these proceedings.

GRAND LODGE -

Fraternalism within our Grand Lodge continues strong throughout Connecticut, with all of the Grand Lodge officers, continuing to work for, and within the Scottish Rite. I, along with all of our Active and Emeriti members, represented Connecticut Scottish Rite at this year's Annual session. The five Valleys of Connecticut Scottish Rite hosted the Grand Lodge hospitality room again this year, and my heartfelt thanks go out to Illustrious Brother Jack Farkas, M.S.A., 33°, for coordinating this effort. Illustrious Brother Farkas and his team were gracious hosts, and in addition, they provided several informational posters, brochures and FAQ's for non-members to take advantage of. Well done Brothers!

Loyalty -

Our Supreme Council reaffirms its unswerving loyalty to the fundamental purpose of Freemasonry, which purpose from time immemorial has been to improve and strengthen the character of

the individual man. This Council of Deliberation through its allegiance to our Supreme Council also reaffirms our unswerving loyalty. To that end I would remind you that the rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge as well as the laws of the State of Connecticut apply to all of our Scottish Rite Valleys, including but not limited to the consumption and distribution of alcohol. Please be aware of these regulations at all of our events and if you have questions, please ask any of the Active or Emeriti members.

AWARDS -

One of the highlights of this Masonic year in Connecticut was when I was able to present Ill. Brother Robert C. Stalhammer, M.S.A., 33rd with his 70 year certificate of membership in the Scottish Rite. Ill. Brother Stalhammer is a "young" 95 year old and still lives with his wife in their condominium in Southington, CT.

This year Connecticut received \$ 11,800.00 in Abbott Scholarship monies, which will allow for 11 - \$ 1,000.00 scholarships and 1 - \$ 800.00 scholarship which will be increased by the awarding Valley for a net \$ 1,000.00 scholarship. Ill. Brother Jack J.S. Farkas, M.S.A., 33°, Scholarship Committee Chairman, works tirelessly on this project to recognize our youth in their continued educational careers. This year, the Five Valleys in Connecticut have given their own Valley Scholarships. The Valley of Bridgeport has given 12 Valley scholarships, plus 5 additional Valley scholarships of \$1,500.00 each to the Abbott Scholarship recipients in Lafayette Consistory for a total of 17 Scholarships. The Valley of Hartford had 30 applications and presented 25 Valley scholarships along with 5 Abbott Scholarships. The Valley of New Haven has given 9 Valley scholarships along with one Abbott Scholarship, the Valley of Norwich has given 6 Valley scholarships along with 2 Abbott Scholarships. The Valley of Waterbury presented 2 Valley Scholarships this year along with one Abbott Scholarship. Collectively, our five Valleys have awarded a total of fifty-six (56) scholarships along with the twelve Abbott Scholarships this year for a grand total of 68 Scholarships.

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This year through the generosity of the Supreme Council, Connecticut presented 5 different students with JROTC awards, as well as ROTC awards at Yale University, University of Connecticut, and Central Connecticut State University. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the efforts of the Hartford Chapter #56 of the National Sojourners Association for their participation and presentation of all of the State JROTC and ROTC awards throughout the year. I sincerely appreciate your time away from your daily activities to make these presentations, as my job in Lexington precluded me from attending most of these ceremonies in our State.

Our Connecticut Valley Officers have again nominated 4 well deserving Brothers to receive the Frederick H. Lorensen, 33°, Meritorious Service Award at our Council of Deliberation at this annual session. This report will appear elsewhere in these proceedings. My Brothers, your continued service to our Fraternity is appreciated and recognized, and I would remind you this award is presented by your peers and is not meant to be a graduation, but a baptism for continued service to the Rite.

APPENDANT BODIES AND FRATERNAL RELATIONS –

Connecticut enjoys positive relationships with our York Rite appendant bodies as well as our Prince Hall Brothers, as evidenced by their attendance here today. All York Rite Grand sessions within our state were attended by myself and when possible, our Active and Emeriti members. In addition, the Prince Hall Council of Deliberation was attended by both our Active and myself, with reciprocal visits to our Council of Deliberation enjoyed by all. Due to scheduling conflicts, we unfortunately were unable to attend DeMolay and Rainbow conclaves this year.

APPRECIATION -

I am indebted to our Active and Emeritus members, for their depth of knowledge and understanding of Scottish Rite Masonry. I have benefitted greatly from their wise council and willingness to step forward when requested. Without their cooperation I'm sure

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Connecticut Scottish Rite would be facing many more challenges than we are today. I can assure you, these Brothers all work hard, not for recognition, but for the good of Scottish Rite and Connecticut Masonry.

To all of our Valley's throughout the State, I appreciate your hospitality and courtesies extended to me, my wife Ann, our Active and Emeriti, when we have visited your several functions. We consider all of you our friends and family.

It's been my sincere pleasure serving you Brothers as Deputy for Connecticut, this year.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Bruce T. Work, 33°
Deputy for Connecticut

REMARKS FROM THE DEPUTY FOR THE ORIENT OF CT, A.A.S.R., PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

Ill. Edward E. Cherry, 33°, Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A, addressed the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018 with kind heartfelt remarks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

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The Committee for the Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, 33°, Meritorious Service Award, recommends the following worthy Sublime Princes to receive this distinction at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Deliberation.

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| Valley of Bridgeport | William F. Henning, II |
| | Erik Meyer |
| Valley of Hartford | Edward Schilke |
| Valley of Norwich | William H. Morse. Jr. |
| Valley of New Haven | No nominee |
| Valley of Waterbury | No nominee |

Each of these Sublime Princes has been nominated by the presiding officers of their respective Valleys for their outstanding service to the Valley, Masonry, and the Scottish Rite

Respectfully submitted,

The Thrice Potent Masters
The Sovereign Princes
The Most Wise Masters
and the Commanders-in-Chief of the Valleys,
Eric W. Manner, 33°, Chairman

The committee moves that this report be accepted and the recommendations be adopted.

SPECIAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

To the Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018.

Pursuant to Article 905, Section D of the Supreme Council Constitutions as pertains to Meritorious Service Awards, which reads:

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The Awards presented in any State in any one year shall not exceed a maximum of two recipients from each Valley, but not cumulative, provided that an additional special allocation for any Valley may be made by the Deputy for the State.

It is my pleasure to award the Meritorious Service Award to:

Most Worshipful Brother William L. Greene, 32°, Valley of Hartford

for outstanding service to Masonry and the Scottish Rite in Connecticut. In addition to serving our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge as Grand Master, 2007-2008, Most Worshipful Brother Greene has coordinated the JROTC/ROTC presentations through his membership in Hartford #56 Sojourners Association for several years, making several of these presentations personally, across the State, on behalf of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Unfortunately, Most Worshipful Brother Greene was travelling out of State during our Council of Deliberation meeting this year, so the Award presentation will be done at a later date and mutually convenient time.

From this day forward, Most Worshipful Brother William L. Greene shall be received, recognized and welcomed as Most Worshipful Brother William L. Greene, M.S.A., 32°. All interested Brothers will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Faternally,

Ill. Bruce T. Work, 33°
Deputy for Connecticut

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY

This ceremony and presentation was performed by Illustrious Brother Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, during the Luncheon, immediately following this Council of Deliberation Session, with wives/significant others/partners present.

Brother William L. Greene, MSA, 32°, Brother Edward Schilke, MSA, 32°, and Brother William H. Morse, Jr., MSA, 32° not being present, will be presented the award at a future date at their respective Valleys.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018.

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following slate of Officers to serve this Council of Deliberation for the year 2018 – 2019 as follows:

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| Commander-In-Chief | Bruce T. Work, 33° |
| Commander-In-Chief Emeritus | A. Norman Johnson, 33° |
| Commander-In-Chief Emeritus | Richard V. Travis, 33° |
| Commander-In-Chief Emeritus | James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33° |
| Commander-In-Chief Emeritus | David L. Sharkis, 33° |
| First Lieutenant Commander | Kevin J. Hecht, 33° |
| First Lieut. Commander Emeritus | Gail N. Smith, 33° |
| Second Lieutenant Commander | Robert A. Simon, MSA, 33° |
| Minister of State | Joseph B. Cyr, MSA, 33° |
| Chancellor | Ernest A. Dubois, MSA, 33° |
| Treasurer | Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33° |
| Treasurer Emeritus | Charles F. Warfield, 33° |
| Secretary | Anthony S. Angelica, 32° |
| Secretary Emeritus | Vernon K. Cleaves, 33° |

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| Secretary Emeritus | Richard V. Travis, 33° |
| Prior | Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski, 33° |
| Master of Ceremonies | Richard E. Frazier, MSA, 33° |
| Hospitaler | Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33° |
| Seneschal | Earl S. Evans, MSA, 33° |
| Standard Bearer | Melvin E. Johnson, 33° |
| Captain of the Guard | Raymond Dolyak, MSA, 33° |
| Sentinel | Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33° |
| Historian | C. A. Duke, MSA, 33° |

Fraternally,
THEODORE J. NELSON, III, 33°, Chairman

Report was received by unanimous ballot and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Shelton, Connecticut on September 15th, 2018:

It is with pleasure that your Committee on the Next Place of Meeting reports that the meeting place for the 2019 Council of Deliberation will be hosted by the Valley of Hartford. More details on the venue and program will follow in the future.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted on this 15th day of September, 2018,

John F. Kessler, 33rd Degree, Chairman
Richard R. Jones Jr., 33rd Degree, Member
Valley Secretaries, Members

REMARKS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF CONNECTICUT

Most Worshipful Grand Master **MARSHAL K. ROBINSON, 32°** addressed the room, giving warm heartfelt remarks to the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren, of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, and shared his thoughts on being a fraternity, working together for the benefit of each other and growth to the fraternity.

CLOSING REMARKS AND BENEDICTION

The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief gave closing remarks, who then extended an invitation to the banquet for food and fellowship. The final Benediction and Grace was given by Ill. Bruce R. Bellmore, 33°. This event was well received and enjoyed by all.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 2018 SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIPS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, meeting on September 15, 2018, the 139th COD session, meeting at the Courtyard Marriott in Shelton, CT:

This year, The Supreme Council, located in Lexington, Massachusetts has awarded \$11,800.00 to Connecticut for Abbott Scholarships. The State Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation has recommended 12 applicants to become 2018 Abbott Scholarship recipients. Following tradition, these recommendations were made to Illustrious Bruce T. Work, 33°, Deputy of Connecticut and to the Supreme Council.

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Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Eligibility: Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2018 Abbott Scholarship program:

A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction or a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is: A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school, who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. A high school senior, or undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university. A member of DeMolay, Rainbow or Jobs Daughters in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, or a student from the Dyslexia Learning Center who is a high school senior or currently enrolled at an accredited college or university, who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

The State Scholarship Committee received a total of 60 applications for the Abbott Scholarships from the five Valleys in Connecticut. This submission is approximately a 100% increase from last year's total applications due to the change in the eligibility requirements made by the Supreme Council. The 12 recipients of this year's Abbott and all recipients of the Valley Scholarships demonstrated excellent scholarship and genuine financial need. Impressive letters of recommendations from teachers, professors and academic counselors supported all applications. Recipients also exhibited extensive volunteer community service, broad extracurricular activities, leadership

and honors/awards in sports, music and drama. Some are holding part-time jobs during the school calendar year and full-time summer employment to help pay for college costs.

This year, the Five Valleys in Connecticut have given their own Valley Scholarships. The Valley of Bridgeport has given 12 Valley scholarships, plus 5 additional Valley scholarships of \$1,500.00 each to the Abbott Scholarship recipients in Lafayette Consistory for a total of 17 Scholarships. The Valley of Hartford had 30 applications and presented 25 Valley scholarships along with 5 Abbott Scholarships. The Valley of New Haven has given 9 Valley scholarships along with one Abbott Scholarship, the Valley of Norwich has given 6 Valley scholarships along with 2 Abbott Scholarships. The Valley of Waterbury presented 2 Valley Scholarships this year along with one Abbott Scholarship. Collectively, our five Valleys have awarded a total of fifty-six (56) scholarships along with the twelve Abbott Scholarships this year for a grand total of 68 Scholarships. The twelve recipients of the 2018 Abbott Scholarships are as follows:

- Dajanah L. Bird, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT \$1000
- Seymour Mammadov, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (\$800, plus \$200)
- Grace L. Fleishman, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT \$1000
- Abigail M. Forsyth, University of Connecticut, Storrs \$1000
- Samantha R. LaFargue, University of New England, Biddeford, ME \$1000
- Cara F. Lizotte, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY \$1000
- Jennifer E. Newton, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT \$1000
- Jillian G. Nieter, North Carolina State University, North Carolina \$1000
- Dustin A. Lee, Norwich University, Northfield, VT \$1000
- Sara K. Poppa, Central CT State University, New Britain, CT \$1000
- Cathryn M. Wilson, Eastern CT State, University, Willimantic, CT \$1000

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- Ian S. Sharpe, Cortiva Massage Therapy School, Groton, CT
\$1000

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank our Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the Council of Deliberation and our Scottish Rite Brethren for the privilege of serving in this capacity. We earnestly applaud our Valleys for providing their own scholarship programs. Assisting our youth in achieving their life goals by pursuing higher education is commendable and for this, as Scottish Rite Masons, we should all be very proud.

Respectively submitted,

Les B. King, MSA, 32°

David R. Blythe Sr., 33°

Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33°

Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

To the illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018,

The committee submits the following report:

There was no business that came before the committee in the preceding year and therefore, the committee has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin P. Clark, 33°

Theodore J. Nelson, 33°

Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

That so much of the allocation of the Deputy as refers to the loss by death of Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, recipients of the Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, (formerly titled the Ill. Arthur M. Brown) 33 Meritorious Service Award, members of the Council of Deliberation by reason of their offices in Scottish Rite Bodies, and Sublime Princes of the State of Connecticut be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That so much as refers to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

That so much as refers to Membership, Degree Work, Service to the Craft, Work in the Valleys including, but not limited to, such activities as Masonic Community Service Outreach Programs and Scottish Rite-DeMolay Activities be referred to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

That so much as refers to Appropriations be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as refers to the Children's Learning Centers be referred to the Committee on Children's Learning Centers.

Respectfully submitted,

Newton Buckner III, 33°

Jeffrey A. Flynn, 33°

John F. Martin, Jr., MSA, 33°, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren on the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Sessions at New Haven, Connecticut on September 15, 2018:

The Chairman of the State Membership and Retention Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 2017-2018.

The State Membership and Retention Committee would like to begin this report by commending the Supreme Council on its recent efforts regarding membership. The Supreme Council began 2018 by rolling out the new Path Forward program, which was built upon the efforts of past Sovereign Grand Commander McNaughton's book, Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry and additional market research.

This program focuses on the demands of our membership and recognizes the following.

1. Members want to be able to dive deeper into the craft. They want to use technology to study and examine the degrees when they want, and where they want.
2. You want to leverage technology to bridge the gap between membership and leadership. Technology is seen as a way to keep the connection between Brothers alive between in-person meetings.
3. You want Freemasonry to be open and vocal about who we are, our values, and the good we do for so many.

The Supreme Council has developed many initiatives to support membership. This committee highly recommends that each Valley in Connecticut utilize these initiatives to strengthen its membership experience. These initiatives include:

- The New Supreme Council Website
- "Not just a man, a mason" promotional material
- Hauts Grades Academy Educational Program

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- Additional Leadership Materials
- “You’re Invited” Brochure
- Online Petition, process, and payment
- 4th Degree “Induction Ceremony” with Welcome package
- Scottish Rite Month
- A redesigned Northern Light magazine

Details regarding these programs can be found in the Northern Light magazine, the Supreme Council website (scottishrittenmj.org), or can be presented by the chairman of this committee. We highly recommend that all valleys investigate and promote these programs within its membership.

Ongoing Recommendations

The State Membership and Retention Committee continues to recognize that there are two primary concerns facing our committee that require our strict attention and focus; recruitment and retention. Successful recruitment and retention both necessitate that our Rite develop an environment that is simultaneously inspirational, convenient and enjoyable for both potential members and existing members.

As this committee has little power to compel individual valleys to adopt a uniform program for membership and retention, our committee has focused on collecting information regarding the best practices currently being adopted within the state, developing consistent resources and materials to assist valleys in adopting these best practices, and communicating this information to the respective valleys for adoption.

Our committee respectfully submits the following recommendations to ensure positive results in the areas of recruitment and retention. We advise each valley to accept the recommendations that will work best for them and to adapt this material to meet their specific needs.

Inspirational Fellowship

The majority of Master Masons who join the Scottish Rite are seeking further light in Freemasonry. Light in Freemasonry is only transferred from brother to brother. For the rite to succeed in this goal, it requires inspirational fellowship, where brothers mutual labor together to expand their horizons and seek enlightenment. In accordance with this, we recommend the following programs to support inspirational fellowship.

- Form a valley welcome team. A small group of brothers should focus on ensuring that all members of the Rite attending a reunion feel welcomed and informed. These brothers should focus on meeting, greeting, and introducing brothers to other brothers who have similar interests. As a new member sitting by yourself, while other brothers form smaller cliques, is very unfriendly and will ensure lack of attendance in the future. A welcome team can help penetrate these cliques and make a new or returning member feel very comfortable.

- Form a valley retention team. A small group of brothers should focus on reaching out and contacting brethren who have not recently participated in our labors. By calling a brother or stopping by his house, he'll feel welcomed by the Rite and will be more likely to engage in our labors. In addition, this team should reach out and contact brethren who are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues. Reducing our number of NPD brethren should be made a top priority.

- Start a book club and/or study group. The Scottish Rite has long been considered the University of Freemasonry. By holding frequent discussions about our philosophy, history and ritual, we have the opportunity to live up to this name and fulfill an element of our brethren's search for enlightenment.

- Hold open discussions after degrees. Our rituals are filled with deeper meaning, expandable topics, and complex history that can not always be explained in the short time during the degree. Many valleys have adopted discussion groups held after the degree in a more informal setting. This allows new brothers to ask questions about what they experienced and for

more veteran brothers to give more instruction relative to the deeper meanings of our degrees.

- Build a structured leadership training program. The traditional means of training the leaders of our Rite has become difficult to maintain over the past few years. Learning solely mouth to ear is difficult given our competing priorities and reduced membership. This committee recommend creating a structured leadership training program to help build the leaders of tomorrow. This program could (and should) be conducted in coordination with several valleys and should focus on the five leadership competencies outlined by our Active Members of the Supreme Council; integrity, initiative, accountability, compassion, and altruism.

- Develop an active lodge ambassador program. Brothers who are active both in the Rite and in their local lodges should be selected to serve as lodge ambassadors. These brothers should receive regular instruction from the valley leadership regarding the information to communicate to their local lodges. This knowledge will help bridge the gap between our valleys and our lodges. These brothers should regularly invite both masons and non-masons to valley events and to encourage them to learn more about the Rite.

Convenient Communication

Unless our brethren, both new and experienced, are aware of our valleys programs and opportunities, it is impossible for them to engage in our labors. Unfortunately, the communication landscape is now much broader than in years past. Some brothers communicate primarily through electronic means now, while others still strictly use traditional means. Although it may be tempting to only focus on the latest innovative technologies in communication, we must adopt a multi-faceted approach that meets the needs of all our members. We can not allow the prospects of the future come at the expense of the past. In accordance with this, we recommend the following programs to support convenient communication.

- Continue high-quality traditional postal bulletins. Having a physical copy that lists the most important details of our valleys, its programs and calendar is immensely valuable. Many of our valleys produce high quality publications that supply all our brethren with information, while at the same time can be used as a recruitment tool highlighting the benefits of the valley. We recommend that the distribution of these publications be opened beyond the members of our valleys and include all Grand Lodge and local lodge leadership.

- Circulate colorful and informative event fliers. Social events can be supported by the circulation of colorful and informative event fliers. These fliers can be mailed to all members, as well as given to members during reunions. This gives our members a physical handout that can be later given to potential members or returning members. In addition, degrees should be accompanied by degree programs and identify all members of the class and valley officers. This will give our new members material that can help them connect member faces with their names, and make them feel more comfortable.

- Conduct a consistent and frequent email notification program. Email is now used by the majority of our members and should be universally adopted as a means to communicate to our brethren on a frequent timely basis. The use of email services such as "Constant Contact" makes managing and deriving value from email-based communication easy and at a low cost. Several valleys have already adopted using email as a way to consistently keep their membership up to date through announcements, notifications, and the sharing of documentary resources.

- Adopt a strong social media presence. The rapid growth of social media makes it an undeniable resource for Scottish Rite membership recruitment and retention. By adopting a strong social media presence, valleys can reach out to a wide range of potential new members, as well as communicate on a consistent basis with existing members. Although there are many options within the social media landscape, this committee only

recommends the use of Facebook pages (not profiles) for valley communication. Many of the other options in the social media landscape are not as widely used or do not have the value needed for a strong social media presence within and without the Masonic fraternity.

Enjoyable Events

The heart and soul of Freemasonry is fraternalism. It depends on brethren gathering together and sharing one another's company. This is the most important aspect of our fraternity, the Scottish Rite, and our membership. The value proposition of our fraternity should be focused on the enjoyable events that we hold together from adult-oriented social events to family life events to our degree work. In accordance with this, we recommend the following programs to support enjoyable events.

- Create a program of diverse social events. Several valleys have shown that their membership growth and retention is intimately tied to the diversity and quality of their social events. By giving our brethren a wide range of options regarding meeting and interacting with their fellow members we ensure a strong, close-knit fellowship. Valleys should not be afraid to hold events that are focused on adult activities that do not include the entire family. Diversity in event scheduling is about balance and ensuring that there are events that will appeal to a wide range of members. Here are some examples of outstanding events that have been held during the past year that was enjoyed by our brothers, their spouses, and their friends:

- Chartered boat fishing trip
- Scotch and cigar nights, Winery bus tours
- Museum and special location Trips
- Trips Outside of the State to see other degrees
- Sporting events (i.e. Baseball games)
- Athletic events (i.e. Road Races, Charity Walks)
- Picnics and family outings, Clambakes

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- Vary the location, time or venue of degree work.

Holding reunions in the same place, at the same time and in the same format for long periods of time can make members feel bored and drive them away. This committee recommends that valley make use of unique locations and places to help "spice" up the experience of our reunions. In addition, the standard day and time may be difficult for some brethren to attend, so holding degrees on different days or time may encourage some unseen brothers to return to our labors.

- Hold more large-scale degree conferrals. By conferring degrees with a large cast in the presence of hundreds of Scottish Rite Masons, it inspires awe in our new brethren and energized our existing membership. More degrees, especially the 32nd degree, should be conferred in conjunction with multiple valleys, if not the entire state.

Conclusion

In closing, the Scottish Rite in Connecticut has done a tremendous job in making its programs and reunions be more inspirational, convenient and enjoyable. We would like to commend the efforts of our brethren across the state, who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to make the Scottish Rite experience be a fantastic journey towards further light in Masonry.

The Supreme Council has made membership its primary focus. It has developed a wide range of programs, services, and initiatives to help support all Valleys. These programs should be used to enrich the Scottish Rite experience and encourage Blue Lodge masons to join the rite. We look forward to further initiatives presented by the Council and how the Valleys will utilize them.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles H. Tirrell, MSA 33°, Chairman

State Membership and Retention Committee

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and brethren of the Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, CT on Sept. 15th.

Four brothers received the thirty third degree in Rochester New York. Four brothers received the Ill Fredrick H. Lorensen, Meritorious Service Award in Torrington CT. Two brothers were nominated to receive the thirty third degree in Milwaukee Wis. in 2019. Various valleys through the state presented degree work which I am sure was as inspiration to all candidates.

Respectively Submitted,
C. A, Duke, MSA, 33°

2018-2019 C.O.D. COMMITTEES

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | John F. Martin, Jr., M.S.A., 33° |
| MEMBER | Newton Buckner, III, 33° |
| MEMBER | Jeffrey A. Flynn, 33° |

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | Anthony S. Angelica, 32° |
| MEMBER | Jack J.S. Farkas, M.S.A., 33° |
| MEMBER | Howard D. Turner, M.S.A., 33° |

DISPENSATIONS CHARTERS COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33° |
| MEMBER | Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33° |
| MEMBER | Austin P. Clark, 33° |

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | Anthony F. Keegan, 33° |
| MEMBER | Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33° |
| MEMBER | Edward R. Ham, 33° |
| MEMBERS | All Honorary Members |

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Newton Buckner, III, 33°
MEMBER William E. Bohman, 33°

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Melvin E. Johnson, 33°
MEMBER Arthur M. Pugh, 33°
MEMBER Gordon C. Willoughby, 33°

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Eric W. Manner, 33°
MEMBER All Presiding Officers of All Valley's

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING COMMITTEE

MEMBER John F. Kessler, 33°
MEMBER Howard D. Turner, M.S.A., 33°
MEMBER Charles H. Tirrell, MSA, 33°

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33°
MEMBER All Honorary Members

RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Bradley K. Cooney, 33°
MEMBER Earl S. Evans, M.S.A., 33°
MEMBER Gary G. Arseneau, 33°

STATE OF THE RITE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN 3 - Commanders-in-Chief (Norwich Presents)
MEMBER Executive Committee Chairman – All Valleys

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN C.A. Duke, M.S.A., 33°

MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Charles H. Tirrell, M.S.A., 33°
MEMBER Whitney P. McNulty, M.S.A., 33°
MEMBER Joseph B. Cyr, M.S.A., 33°
MEMBER Arnold Grot, M.S.A., 32°

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | Jack J.S. Farkas, M.S.A., 33° |
| MEMBER | All Valley Secretary's |

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | 3 - First Lieut. Commanders (Norwich Presents) |
| MEMBER | Executive Committee Vice-Chairmen - All Valley's |

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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| CO-CHAIRMAN | David L. Sharkis, 33° |
| MEMBER | Frank G. Way, M.S.A., 33°, Webmaster |
| MEMBER | All Valley Secretary's |

Alternate Year COD Planning COMMITTEE

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| CHAIRMAN | John F. Kessler, 33° |
| MEMBER | Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33° |
| MEMBER | All Valley Secretary's |

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Robert C Stalhammer | 9/28/1977 |
| William F Carpenter | 9/24/1980 |
| Arthur J McKinney | 9/30/1981 |
| Leo H Lohrman* | 9/29/1982 |
| Austin P Clark | 9/26/1984 |
| Leonard F D'Amico | 8/31/1987 |
| George A Nousiainen | 8/31/1987 |
| Carleton V Erickson | 9/27/1988 |
| Thomas M Maxwell II | 9/27/1988 |
| Vernon K Cleaves | 8/29/1989 |
| Robert E Strom | 9/29/1992 |
| Matthew F Griffin | 8/31/1993 |
| Richard A Incorvati Sr. | 8/31/1993 |

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| Charles F Warfield | 8/31/1993 |
| Edward R Ham | 9/27/1994 |
| Robert D Sherrick | 9/27/1994 |
| Clyde W Kayser II | 8/27/1996 |
| Raymond G Schuster | 8/27/1996 |
| Russell F Haugh Jr. | 9/23/1997 |
| Fred B Candee Jr. | 9/29/1998 |
| Burton F Turner | 9/29/1998 |
| Charles B Fowler Jr. | 9/28/1999 |
| Walter E Kaechele | 9/28/1999 |
| Charles C Maxson | 9/28/1999 |
| Arthur M Pugh Sr. | 9/28/1999 |
| William E Bohman | 9/26/2000 |
| Howard Wm Orr | 9/26/2000 |
| Barry M Spero | 9/26/2000 |
| Randy S Stevens | 9/26/2000 |
| John M Van Kirk | 9/26/2000 |
| Bradley K Cooney | 9/25/2001 |
| John F Martin Jr. | 9/25/2001 |
| Bruce R Bellmore | 9/3/2002 |
| Theodore J Nelson III | 9/3/2002 |
| Kenneth B Hawkins Sr. | 9/23/2003 |
| Anthony F Keegan | 9/23/2003 |
| Donald L Smith | 9/23/2003 |
| Alfred C Adinolfi | 9/21/2004 |
| Dr. Herbert W Mower | 9/21/2004 |
| Gerald F Thompson | 9/21/2004 |
| Charles A Buck Jr. | 8/30/2005 |

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| Jack J S Farkas | 8/30/2005 |
| John F Kessler | 8/30/2005 |
| Gustaf R Bodin | 8/29/2006 |
| Joseph B Cyr | 8/29/2006 |
| Jack H Stevens | 8/29/2006 |
| Howard D Turner | 8/29/2006 |
| David R Blythe Sr. | 8/27/2007 |
| Arthur H Carlstrom | 8/27/2007 |
| Richard R Jones Jr. | 8/27/2007 |
| Steven P Schreck | 8/27/2007 |
| Paul L Chello | 8/26/2008 |
| Sidney W Isenberg | 8/26/2008 |
| Richard C Memmott Sr. | 8/26/2008 |
| Francis G Way | 8/26/2008 |
| Eric W Manner | 8/25/2009 |
| Ralph W Rose | 8/25/2009 |
| Charles W Yohe | 8/25/2009 |
| Newton Buckner III | 8/31/2010 |
| Martin Ede | 8/31/2010 |
| Russell W Griswold | 8/31/2010 |
| Whitney P McNulty | 8/31/2010 |
| Carl J Mossberg | 8/31/2010 |
| Kenneth A Barrett | 8/30/2011 |
| Jeffery A Flynn | 8/30/2011 |
| James L. Vander Eyk | 8/30/2011 |
| Carl Anderson | 8/28/2012 |
| William L Breed | 8/28/2012 |
| Ernest A Dubois | 8/28/2012 |

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| Richard E Frazier | 8/28/2012 |
| Craig T McClellan | 8/28/2012 |
| Robert A Simon | 8/28/2012 |
| Gary W Arseneau | 8/20/2013 |
| Earl S Evans | 8/20/2013 |
| Roger W Read | 8/20/2013 |
| Charles H Tirrell | 8/20/2013 |
| Vincent A Cowie | 9/1/2015 |
| Melvin E Johnson | 9/1/2015 |
| Charles A McCollum | 9/1/2015 |
| George G Talisse | 9/1/2015 |
| Gordon C Willoughby Jr. | 9/1/2015 |
| Raymond J Dolyak | 8/29/2017 |
| Charles A Duke | 8/29/2017 |
| Very Rev. Joseph R Krusienski | 8/29/2017 |
| Charles D O'Neill | 8/29/2017 |

RECIPIENTS OF THE ILL. ARTHUR M. BROWN, 33°, MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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|-----------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Robert C. Stalhammer | 1971 | Morton N. Katz | 1988 |
| Arthur J. McKinney | 1980 | William L. Milton | 1988 |
| James R. Spencer, Jr. | 1980 | Allen N. Morander | 1989 |
| Richard E. Frazier | 1983 | Donald E. Robinson | 1989 |
| Troy S. Adcox | 1985 | George E. Long | 1990 |
| Thomas M. Maxwell, II | 1985 | Kenneth E. Fears | 1991 |
| Paul D. Lodola | 1986 | Herbert W. Mower | 1991 |
| Irving Lieff | 1992 | Gerald F. Thompson | 2003 |

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| Charles H. Reeve | 1992 | Whitney P. McNulty | 2004 |
| Russell F. Haugh, Jr | 1993 | Daniel George | 2004 |
| Robert D. Sherrick | 1993 | Ralph W. Rose | 2005 |
| John W. Taylor, Jr. | 1993 | Jack H. Stevens | 2005 |
| Willis E. Copeland, Jr. | 1994 | David B. Urban | 2005 |
| John F. Martin, Jr. | 1994 | Franklin J. Davis | 2005 |
| Donald L. Smith | 1994 | Raymond Dolyak | 2006 |
| Bruce R. Bellmore | 1995 | Martin Ede | 2006 |
| Clyde W. Kayser, II | 1995 | Harry E. Needham, III | 2006 |
| Bradford H. Ross | 1996 | Francis G. Way | 2006 |
| Donald S. Sabo | 1996 | Richard A. Wingate | 2006 |
| Steven P. Schreck | 1996 | Russell W. Griswold | 2007 |
| Richard A. Eppler | 1997 | Carl J. Mossberg | 2007 |
| Thomas R. Sulier | 1997 | Gary D. Shepard | 2007 |
| Alfred J. Chapman | 1998 | Charles H. Tirrell | 2007 |
| Rudolph A. Gaydos, Jr. | 1998 | Charles D. Weiss | 2007 |
| Peter M. Gray | 1999 | Danny A. Camp | 2008 |
| Samuel A. Frink | 2000 | William F. Manger | 2008 |
| Grey D. Zane, Sr. | 2000 | Allen G. Meyerjack | 2008 |
| Joseph B. Cyr | 2001 | Robert A. Simon | 2008 |
| Bruce M. Hanson | 2001 | Charles B. Clark | 2008 |
| Roger W. Read | 2001 | William L. Breed | 2009 |
| Adam J. Karovsky, Jr. | 2002 | Earl S. Evans | 2009 |
| Frank H. Lesco | 2002 | Charles A. McCollum | 2009 |
| Howard D. Turner | 2002 | David M. Costner | 2010 |
| Jack J. S. Farkas | 2003 | Rev. Craig T. McClellan | 2010 |
| Arthur H. Carlstrom | 2004 | Elliott J. Wilcox | 2010 |
| Ernest A. Dubois | 2004 | Lewis O. House, IV | 2011 |

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| Nicola M. Iannone | 2011 | John Sasser, III | 2012 |
| Charles D. O'Neil | 2011 | Robert J. Cascone | 2012 |
| Frank Dlugoleski | 2012 | Dennis O. Cyr | 2012 |
| Jon M. Fischer | 2012 | | |

RECIPIENTS OF THE ILL. FREDERICK H. LORENSON, 33°, MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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| Dale T. Cunningham | 2013 | Thomas E. Beck | 2016 |
| Harvey Hartin | 2013 | Michael C. Jachimczyk | 2016 |
| David M. Robinson | 2013 | Les B. King | 2016 |
| Jeff L. Stober | 2013 | Frederick J. Taft | 2016 |
| Daniel Galozza | 2014 | Kirk C. Trofatter, Jr | 2016 |
| Walter Grube | 2014 | Todd M Gianetti | 2017 |
| Paul B. Iltchenko | 2014 | David S LaFargue | 2017 |
| Steven H. Allinson | 2014 | John E. Stogden | 2017 |
| Edward I. Childs | 2014 | Guy O Whelchel III | 2017 |
| John Amarilios | 2015 | William L. Greene | 2018 |
| Orville Campbell, Jr. | 2015 | William F. Henning, II | 2018 |
| Robert J. Furce | 2015 | Erik Meyer | 2018 |
| Arnold Grot | 2015 | Edward Schilke | 2018 |
| James Kleinkauf | 2015 | William H. Morse. Jr. | 2018 |

DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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| <i>(* Denotes Deceased)</i> | Elected Deputy | Died |
| *Charles William Carter | May 19, 1865 | June 13, 1903 |
| *Charles Learned Hubbard | Sept. 16, 1903 | Nov. 12, 1918 |
| *Charles Melville Gerdenier | Feb. 07, 1918 | Dec. 03, 1940 |

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DEPUTIES Cont.

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| *Arthur Morton Brown | Dec. 03, 1940 | June 12, 1949 |
| *Chauncey Houston Clements | June 13, 1949 | Mar. 26, 1958 |
| *Irving Emerson Partridge | Mar. 27, 1958 | May 11, 1981 |
| *Leon Alvah Bradbury | Sept. 25, 1975 | Dec. 06, 1984 |
| *William Campbell | Sept. 28, 1978 | June 26, 1981 |
| Arthur Norman Johnson | July 01, 1981 | |
| *Frederick Howard Lorenson | Sept. 28, 1994 | Aug. 26, 2010 |
| Richard Vernon Travis | Sept. 23, 1997 | |
| James Ralph Spencer, Jr. | Aug. 29, 2006 | |
| David Louis Sharkis | Aug. 30, 2011 | |
| Bruce Tyler Work | Aug. 23, 2014 | |

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

| <i>(* Denotes Deceased)</i> | Honorary | Active | Died |
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| *George Whitefield Bentley | Jan. 28, 1863 | Oct. 20, 1864 | June 05, 1901 |
| *William Riley Higby | Apr. 26, 1858 | Oct. 20, 1864 | Sept. 04, 1902 |
| *Charles William Carter | May 18, 1865 | May 19, 1865 | June 13, 1903 |
| *Henry Odgen Canfield | Sept. 17, 1901 | Sept. 16, 1903 | July 25, 1910 |
| *Charles Learned Hubbard | Sept. 18, 1894 | Sept. 16, 1903 | Nov. 12, 1918 |
| *Albert Seymour Comstock | Sept. 15, 1903 | Sept. 18, 1919 | Aug. 25, 1936 |
| *Charles Melville Gerdenier | Sept. 20, 1904 | Sept. 22, 1910 | Dec. 03, 1940 |
| *Carlton Hickox Stevens | Sept. 19, 1922 | Sept. 25, 1941 | Sept. 28, 1943 |
| *Arthur Morton Brown | Sept. 17, 1918 | Jan. 07, 1937 | June 12, 1949 |
| *Chauncey Houston Clements | Sept. 29, 1943 | Sept. 28, 1944 | Sept. 28, 1944 |
| *Irving Emerson Partridge | Sept. 26, 1945 | Sept. 29, 1949 | May 11, 1981 |
| *Frederick William Hummel | Sept. 24, 1941 | Sept. 24, 1958 | Feb. 28, 1982 |
| *Leon Alvah Bradbury | Sept. 25, 1968 | Sept. 27, 1971 | Dec. 06, 1984 |
| *William Campbell | Sept. 27, 1967 | Sept. 28, 1978 | June 26, 1981 |
| Arthur Norman Johnson | Sept. 30, 1970 | Sept. 27, 1979 | |
| *Frederick Howard Lorenson | Sept. 24, 1975 | Oct. 01, 1981 | Aug. 26, 2010 |
| Richard Vernon Travis | Sept. 24, 1986 | Aug. 27, 1996 | |
| Gail Nelson Smith | Sept. 25, 1985 | Sept. 26, 2000 | |
| James Ralph Spencer, Jr. | Sept. 28, 1983 | Sept. 03, 2002 | |
| David Louis Sharkis | Sept. 03, 2002 | Sept. 26, 2008 | |
| Bruce Tyler Work | Aug. 25, 1990 | Aug. 29, 2011 | |
| Kevin Joseph Hecht | Sept. 29, 1998 | Aug. 23, 2014 | |

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

ARTICLE I

Title and Allegiance

Sec. 1 This Council shall be known as “Connecticut Council of Deliberation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.”

Sec. 2 It is formed under and hereby acknowledges and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, having its Grand East in the city of Lexington, Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II

Meetings, Notices, Quorum

Sec. 1 The Connecticut Council of Deliberation shall meet annually. The time and place of each Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Council, provided, however, that such time and place of meeting may be changed by the Deputy for any reason deemed by him to require such action.

Sec. 2 A special meeting of the Council may be called by the Deputy for such time and place within this state as he shall determine, or by this council at any annual meeting.

Sec. 3 Written or printed notice of each annual or special meeting of this Council shall be given by the Secretary, to be served either personally or by mail, to each member at least ten (10) days before said meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose thereof.

Sec. 4 Accredited representatives of a majority of the Scottish Rite Bodies in this state shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III

Members, Officers

Sec. 1 The members of this Council of Deliberation shall be such as are prescribed by the Supreme Council.

Sec. 2a The Council shall elect the following officers at each annual meeting to hold office for one year or until their successors shall be elected and installed:

First Lieutenant Commander
Second Lieutenant Commander
Minister of State
Chancellor
Prior

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Treasurer
Secretary
Hospitaler
Master of Ceremonies
Seneschal
Standard bearer
Guard
Sentinel

Sec. 2b The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a member of this Council of Deliberation as Grand historian who shall keep a record of all events of historical significance and report thereon to this Council annually.

Sec. 3 In case of vacancy in any office, by death, removal from the jurisdiction or otherwise, or failure to elect officers in this Council, the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief may make appointments to be in force until the next annual meeting.

Sec. 4 Each officer of this Council shall perform the duties customarily incident to his office in accordance with Masonic usage and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by resolution of this Council or by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 5 The officers shall be installed at the annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Sec. 6 Scottish Rite Bodies in this State may elect members of the Rite in good standing in the Northern jurisdiction as Honorary Members under such rules and regulations as their By-Laws may prescribe; provided, however, that no member of a Valley may be elected an Honorary member of the Valley in which he is a member.

Sec. 7 Semi-public installation of the officers of Scottish Rite Bodies in this State is permitted.

Sec. 8 A personal contact shall be made with each resident Connecticut member of the Scottish Rite before he can be suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues and assessments. The Trice Potent Master of each Valley shall be responsible for the personal contact in his Valley. The Secretary shall retain the report for future reference and the records.

Sec. 9a This Council of Deliberation authorizes the holding of dual memberships for members of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Sec. 9b A member of the Rite holding membership in a Valley outside of this State may apply for dual membership in a Valley in this State provided dual membership is permitted in the State of his membership, or a waiver of jurisdiction is obtained.

Sec. 9c A dual member shall be required to pay the customary dues of the Bodies which he joins, but no fee becoming a dual member shall be charged.

ARTICLE IV

Standing Committees

Sec. 1 At the close of each annual meeting, the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, or in his absence the presiding officer, shall appoint the following Standing Committees to continue in office until a new committee be appointed:

Committee on Business
Committee on Credentials
Committee on Dispensations and Charters
Committee on Finance
Committee on Meritorious Service Award
Committee on Necrology
Committee on Next Place of Meeting
Committee on Nominations
Committee on Rules and Regulations
Committee on State of the Rite
Committee on Insurance

Sec. 2 The Committee on Business shall review the address of the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and shall make recommendations regarding the appointment and disposition of the several parts of the address.

Sec. 3 The Committee on Credentials shall pass on the qualifications of every person presenting himself for attendance at each annual or special meeting of this Council and to report thereon at such meeting.

Sec. 4 The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall investigate every application for a dispensation or charter and make a written recommendation thereon to this Council.

Sec. 5 The Committee on Finance shall audit the books and accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Hospitaler and make a written report thereon at the annual meeting of this Council. It shall prepare and present a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year.

Sec. 6 The Committee on Meritorious Service Award shall consist of the Presiding Officers of the Bodies of the Rite in the State, who shall present recommendations in writing through the Chairman of the Committee, to the Commander-in-Chief prior to each Council of Deliberation annual meeting.

Sec. 7 The Committee on Necrology shall report at each meeting of this Council the names, degrees, titles, and date of death, of all members of the Supreme Council in this State dying during the preceding year, together with similar data on such other outstanding Masonic leaders as it may deem proper.

Sec. 8 The Committee on Next Place of Meeting shall recommend at each annual meeting of this Council a place for subsequent annual meeting or meetings of this Council.

Sec. 9 The Committee on Nominations shall consist of the members of the Supreme Council accredited to this State. It shall be the duty of such

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Committee to nominate candidates for election to the offices of this Council at each meeting place.

Sec. 10 The Committee on Rules and Regulations shall consider all matters pertaining to the laws, rules, regulations, and jurisprudence referred to it by the Deputy or by this Council and shall make recommendations thereon.

Sec. 11 The Committee on State of the Rite shall consider throughout the year all matters pertaining to the State of the Rite in this State, make recommendations to the Deputy from time to time, and it shall make a written report to this Council at each annual meeting.

Sec. 12 The Committee on Insurance shall consist of three members who shall administer all insurance and related matters pertaining to the Scottish Rite Bodies in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE V

Finances

Sec. 1 The Secretary of each Body of the Rite in this State shall, annually, at least 7 days prior to the annual meeting forward to the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation a detailed statement of the proceeding year's work and a remittance of the per capita tax of one dollar (\$1.00) (as amended 8/15/2007) per each member on its roll of membership as of May 31.

Sec. 2 This Council at any annual or special meeting may vote assessments on the Bodies of the Rite in this State as this Council shall deem proper, provided, however, that every such additional assessment shall be designated for some particular purpose and shall be used only for that purpose.

Sec. 3 The fiscal year of this Council shall begin on the first day of August in each year and shall end on the 31st day of July in the next succeeding year.

Sec. 4 No money shall be drawn on the Treasurer except upon a warrant signed by the Secretary, countersigned by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, and issued in payment of an appropriation or in accordance with an order previously made by this Council.

Sec. 5 The Secretary, Treasurer, and Hospitaler of this Council of Deliberation shall be bonded in such manner and in such amount as shall be determined by resolution of the Council, or in default of such determination then determined by the Deputy, the premium on such bonds to be paid by this Council.

ARTICLE VI

Jurisdiction of Valleys

Sec. 1 Each Valley in this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction within the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE VII

Meritorious Service Award

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Sec. 1a An award be known as the “Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Award” is hereby renamed for the State of Connecticut to be known as the “Frederick H. Lorenson, 33°, Meritorious Service Award”. It shall be conferred upon Scottish Rite Masons who, by reason of meritorious services of a masonic character, are worthy and should be so cited.

Sec. 1b The award shall consist of a jewel in memory of the late Deputy for this State, Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, 33°.

Sec. 1c The recipients must have received the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Sec. 1d The Awards presented in any State in any one year shall not exceed a maximum of two recipients from each Valley, but not cumulative, provided that an additional special allocation for any Valley may be made by the Deputy for the State. [ART. 905(d) 2013]

Sec. 2a The following procedure shall be followed by this Council relative to selecting those who are to receive such awards and in presenting the awards to those selected.

Sec. 2b The presiding officers of the Bodies of the Rite in the State shall present recommendations in writing to the Council of Deliberation, nominating the member or members of their Bodies whom they feel should receive the award. No presiding officer is eligible to receive this award while he is involved in the nominating process.

Sec. 2c Such nominations shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Meritorious Service Award at least one month prior to the annual meeting of this Council, except that by unanimous consent of this Council nominations may be referred to the Committee at the annual meeting for consideration at that annual meeting.

Sec. 2d The Committee on Meritorious Service Award shall consider the nominations referred to it from the various Valleys and shall make recommendations to the Deputy, at each annual meeting thereof, of members of the Rite in this State to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

Sec. 3 The presentation of the award and insignia shall be made by the Deputy, or someone selected by him. Such presentation shall be made either in the Valley in which the recipient is a member or at the meeting of the Council of Deliberation, as the Deputy may determine.

Sec. 4 The jewel shall consist of an ornamented gold bar, one and a half inches long, with the words “Connecticut Council of Deliberation” in gold letters set in red enamel. A second gold bar, one and a quarter inches long, is suspended from the first bar by 5 gold links. On this bar shall be the words “Frederick H. Lorenson, 33°, Meritorious Service Award” in gold letters set in red enamel. A double headed eagle, emblem of the Thirty-Second Degree, is suspended from this second bar by three gold links. The figures “32” are of gold set in a triangle of black enamel. The height of the jewel shall be two and three-quarters inches.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Sec. 1 By Amendment of the Supreme Council Constitutions, etc. Upon amendment of the constitutions and regulations of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, or upon the promulgation or any decree of said Supreme Council, inconsistent with any provision of these Rules and Regulations, then in every such event, and without any further act or deed whatsoever, these Rules and Regulations shall be deemed to be and shall be automatically amended in conformity therewith.

Sec. 2 By Council of Deliberation, these Rules and Regulations may be amended at any annual meeting of this Council by a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment or amendments have been presented at the proceeding annual meeting, and due notice thereof shall have been given to the members and provided, further, that an amendment or amendments may be adopted at the annual meeting at which it is presented, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment or amendments having been given to the members.

Sec. 3 All By-Laws, Rules and Regulations previously adopted by this Council are hereby rescinded.

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