

PROCEEDINGS OF
ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH SESSION
OF THE
**Connecticut
Council of Deliberation**



GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

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Gail N. Smith, 33°	First Lieut. Commander Emeritus
Russell W. Griswold, MSA, 33°	Second Lieutenant Commander
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Anthony S. Angelica, 32°	Secretary
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°	Secretary Emeritus
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Richard E. Frazier, MSA, 33°	Hospitaler
Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33°	Seneschal
Earl S. Evans, MSA, 33°	Standard Bearer
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C. A. Duke, 33°	Historian

The next Council of Deliberation Annual Session will be hosted by the
VALLEY OF NORWICH in SEPTEMBER, 2020

UPCOMING HOST VALLEY and YEAR

2021 – NEW HAVEN	2022 – WATERBURY	2023 – BRIDGEPORT
2024 – HARTFORD	2025 – NORWICH	2026 – NEW HAVEN

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PROCEEDINGS

of the One Hundred Fortieth 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.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ILL.: BRUCE T. WORK, 33°

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Commander-in-Chief**

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Active for Connecticut

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**Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus
Secretary Emeritus**

ILL.: A. NORMAN JOHNSON, 33°

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Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

ILL.: JAMES R. SPENCER, Jr. MSA, 33°

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Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

ILL.: GAIL N. SMITH, 33°

1 Dover Lane, Columbia, CT 06237

Active Emeritus

ILL.: DAVID L. SHARKIS, 33°

26 Reid Street, Waterbury, CT 06704-2938

Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

ILL.: RICHARD R. JONES, JR., 33°

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Treasurer

ILL.: CHARLES F. WARFIELD, 33°

150 Cook Hill Road, APT 5207, Cheshire, CT 06410-3785

Assistant Treasurer

Date of Death: 6/1/2019

ANTHONY S. ANGELICA, 32°

123 West Street, APT 414, Cromwell, CT 06416-2465

Secretary

ILL.: VERNON K. CLEAVES, 33°

31 Stillwood Road, Wallingford, CT 06492-4730

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.

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

Dear Bro. (NAME),

The Valley of Hartford is pleased to announce and invite you to:

Event: 140th Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, with a Ladies Program

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Place: The Gallery Restaurant - 141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Time: Meeting: Registration 8:45am. Meeting Starts promptly at 9:00am.

Ladies Program: Registration 8:45am. Bus leaves promptly at 9:00am.

Social: 12:00pm (hors d'oeuvres, 2 hours open bar.)

M.S.A. Awards: 2:15pm

Lunch: 1:00pm (choice of Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken, or Baked Scallops)

The Ladies program will consist of a 1 hour private tour of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, followed by mimosas and snacks in their newly renovated Bistro. You'll then have free access to the museum, until boarding the bus at 12:15pm for the return trip, joining us for lunch and the MSA Awards. The Ladies Program is limited to 45 participants; I recommend sending your RSVP via email!

This event and associated costs are being hosted by the Valley of Hartford.

Dress for this event will be business suit for the men and appropriate attire for our ladies. Jewels but no caps may be worn.

All Active Members of the Connecticut Scottish Rite, NMJ, are invited and encouraged to participate, but only permanent members of the Council of Deliberation may vote during the meeting (when a vote is called for.)

This invitation also serves as notice that we will be voting on changes to the by-laws.

Mail To: Tony Angelica, CT Council of Deliberation, P.O. Box 310198, Newington
06131-0198 or E-mail to: office@valleyofhartford.com Telephone: (203)-623-9576

Please reserve the following meal choice: ___ Prime Rib ___ Stuffed Chicken ___ Baked Scallops

For me (name): _____ Phone _____

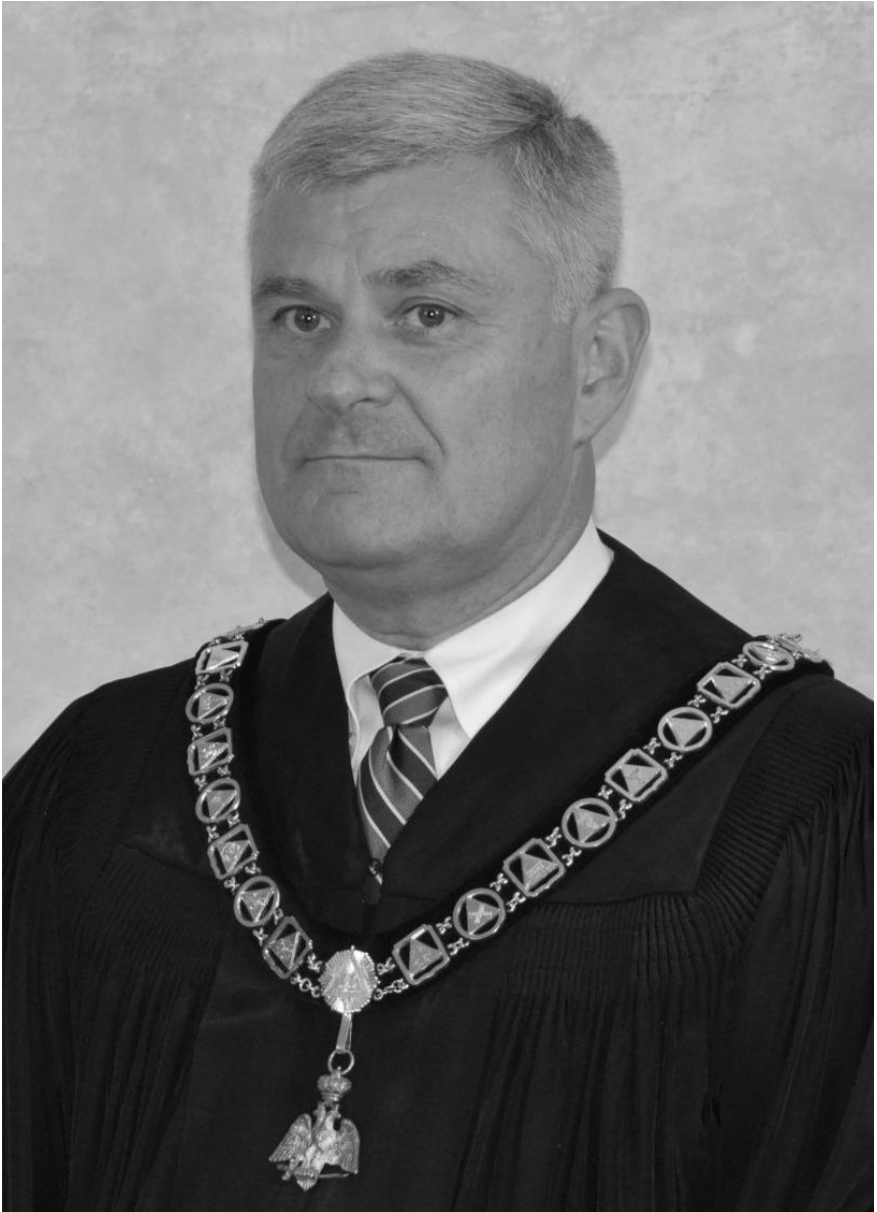
and: _____, who will be attending the ladies Program.



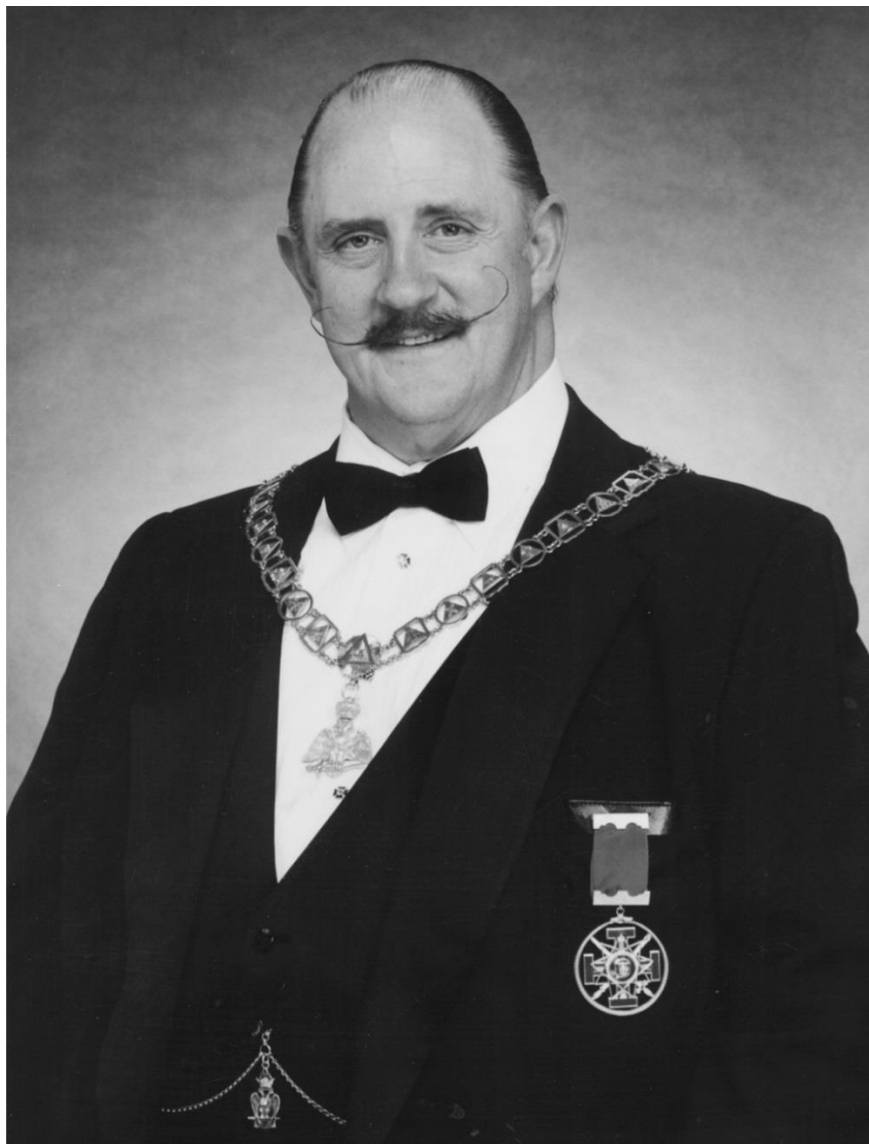
**ILL.: DAVID A. GLATTLY, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander**



ILL.: BRUCE T. WORK, 33rd
Deputy for Connecticut
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief



ILL.: KEVIN J. HECHT, 33°
Active for Connecticut
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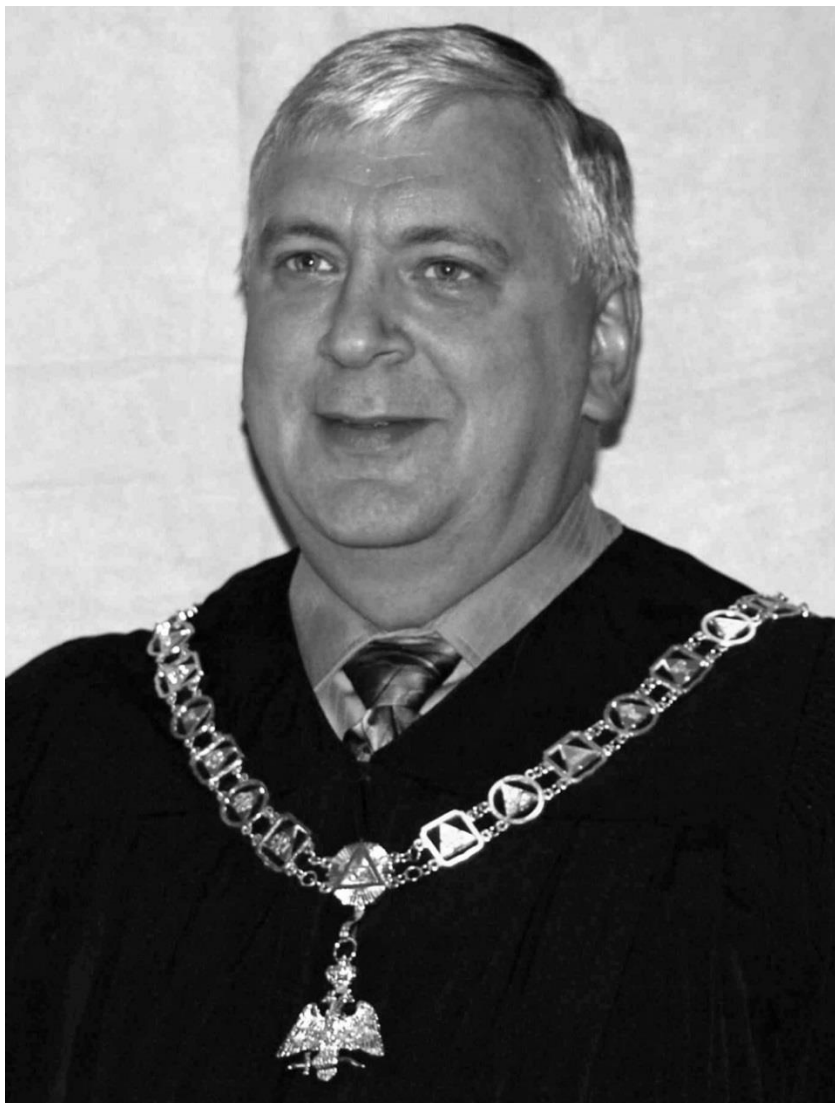
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**ILL.: GAIL N. SMITH, 33°
Active Emeritus
Illustrious First Lieutenant Commander Emeritus**



ILL.: DAVID L. SHARKIS, 33°
Active Emeritus
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
 THE SUPREME COUNCIL
 OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL
 OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE
 OF THE ACIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
 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 Fortieth
 Convocation of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation assembled at
 Glastonbury, Connecticut at 9:00am on September 14, 2019.

The following officers were present:

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°
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Chancellor	Ernest A. Dubois, MSA, 33°
Treasurer	Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Anthony S. Angelica, 32°
Secretary Emeritus	Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°
Secretary Emeritus	Richard V. Travis, 33°
Prior	Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski, 33°
Seneschal	Earl S. Evans, MSA, 33°
Standard Bearer	Melvin E. Johnson, 33°
Sentinel	Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33°

SESSION OPENING

The session was declared open at 9:00am 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 Ill. Brother Melvin E. Johnson, 33°.

Brother and Companion **James C. Kleinkauf, 32°, M.S.A.**

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, M.S.A., 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 **Michael E. Seamon, 32°**

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery - Knights Templar of Connecticut

Escorted by Ill. Brother and Sir Knight Bruce Bellmore, M.S.A., 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 T. Travis, 33°**

Grand Almoner of the United Grand Imperial Council

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 and Ill. Brother **Melvin E. Johnson, 33°**

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

III. Bruce T. Work, 33° led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag.

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.

PRELININARY and FINAL COUNT OF CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

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 92. The Final count of registered members present is 95.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Angelica
Secretary
Connecticut Council of Deliberation

REPORT OF THE CDC DIRECTOR

Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut A Scottish Rite Charity

*To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers, and Brethren of
the Council of Deliberations, in Annual Session, at Glastonbury,
Connecticut*

On September 14th, 2019:

Good morning and greetings from all of us at the Children's Dyslexia Centers 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 17 plus years.

We are proud to report to you that the Children's Dyslexia Centers of CT continue to develop and progress forward. In Nov. 2018, the Bridgeport Tutoring Satellite opened its doors with Connie Vogt as the Director and in May 2019, the Hartford Area Tutoring Satellite opened its doors with Dawn Valentini as the Director. We have celebrated the achievements of 151 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 12 youngsters completing their work at the Center. At present, we have experienced 16 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 earned a Graduate Degree, 2 Porter and Chester grads, 1 college grad in Banking Finance, 1 studying at NVCC, 1 studying at SCSU, 1 accepted into Rutgers 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 11 Initial Level Tutors, 4 Advanced Level

Tutors, and 1 Supervisor. In total, the Center's Scholar training program has certified 43 Tutors. Our next Scholar training cycle is scheduled to begin September 27th and there are 5-8 scholars scheduled to begin their training.

By the end of September, it is projected that the Centers will be providing tutorial sessions for 35 to 38 youngsters (22 in Waterbury, 8-10 in Bridgeport, and 5-6 in Hartford). 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 30 youngsters remaining on the waitlist. If you know of a child that may benefit from participating in the Children's Dyslexia Centers 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 Stonington Fair, the annual RUN, Dyslexia Awareness WALK (Oct. 6th), the Turkey Trot (Nov. 28th), Christmas Party/Silent Auction (Dec. 8th) and all the continued support from the supporting Masonic bodies perpetuates the rewards. We are all enthusiastic and excited by the development of the Bridgeport and Hartford Area Tutoring Satellites. This outreach has the potential for the Children's Dyslexia Centers 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 Panic! At the Disco's "High

Hopes” lyrics invoke; To paraphrase.... ‘Didn’t know how but I always had a feeling I was gonna be that one in a million, Always had high, high hopes.’

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session in Glastonbury Connecticut on September 14, 2019.

Brothers, good afternoon 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.

My Brothers, I am delighted to report that the promised expansion of the Children’s Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut have become a reality. In January of this year we successfully opened the Bridgeport Satellite. The outpouring of interest from local community and state leaders who attended the opening was remarkable. The center is now fully operational and is helping to reduce the waiting list for children seeking the benefits of its services. Additionally, good news will occur tomorrow, on Sunday September 15th, when the formal Grand Opening of the Hartford Satellite will be commemorated at 1:30 pm. The Center is located at 2 High Street in Farmington, just minutes off Route 84 at Exit

39, north via Route 4 (or Farmington Avenue.) I hope many of you can stop by and take a tour of the new facility tomorrow afternoon.

Last year I had indicated to you here that the need for such services is very pressing, and cited the pressure on municipal budgets as one of the fundamental reasons why this condition is wholly ignored in most all school districts. Society wise however, It is however a matter of being a penny wise and a pound foolish. By way of an example, the National Center for Biotechnology Information has conducted studies indicating that approximately 80% of prison inmates in Texas are reported to be functionally illiterate. They hypothesized that poor single word decoding (the chief feature of dyslexia) accounts for a significant percentage of that rate. They found that 47.8% of the inmates were deficient in word attack skills. Word attack skills were detected in each group defined by gender and ethnicity. Nearly two thirds of the incarcerated subjects scored poorly in reading comprehension. This is but a single source of information. The studies on the topic are legion and a simple Google search will lead you to pages of information which corroborate these findings. Unfortunately economic expediency continues to force a neglect of this situation and there is to date a political unwillingness to address it. It is much cheaper for society to tackle this problem when people are of school age, rather than have these kids grow up illiterate and devoid of economic opportunity. We then have a cohort which imposes on society the costs of crime to households and businesses, including but not limited to insurance claims, police enforcement, hospital expenses, legal and judiciary procedures, incarceration and probation expenses. In the balance, the financial cost of addressing the problem up front is by far the better deal. This calculus ignores the priceless cost of ruined lives, and the suffering that criminality imposes on the perpetrator and the victim, as well as those within the penumbra of their association. I would ask that you look into this further on your

own, and if satisfied with my explanation here today, to contact your elected officials to express your concerns.

Your Board of Governors acknowledges the outstanding financial support that comes directly from the Constituent Valleys in Connecticut. We also acknowledge the outstanding and selfless job that many Brothers in the Constituent Valleys have done to raise money for the Center. Annual events such as the 5K Run/Walk in Newington, the Clam Fritter booth at the North Stonington Fair, the Annual Walk for Dyslexia Awareness in Waterbury, the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Stratford, and this year, for the first time, a silent auction at the Valley of Bridgeport's Annual December Holiday Party in Branford.

I must acknowledge the staggering efforts of Illustrious Brother David Sharkis, 33°, who now splits his time between Lexington and Connecticut in seeing through the expansion and coordination of the two Satellites. 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 6, 2019, which kicks off at the Waterbury Masonic Temple at noon. Our committed Brother, Illustrious Russ Griswold, MSA, 33°, and the members of your Board of Governors will be on hand to organize, set up and help with the management of the event.

In conclusion, I want to, again, express my gratitude to each of you for your ongoing support for our Center and the new Satellites. With three physical locations up and running, your support and the ongoing support of the Blue Lodge brethren is critical. Please remind your Blue lodge Brothers, as well as all

Scottish Rite Brothers that the Center should also be considered when making plans for memorial gifts.

Fraternally Yours,

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

REPORT OF THE LEARNING CENTER EXPANSIONS

III. Bro. David L. Sharkis, 33° addressed the room, providing updates on his new position as Director, the Bridgeport Satellite and the Hartford Area Satellite. He also spoke about the finances supporting these endeavors, and how much under budget they have been consistently. He concluded with warm heartfelt thanks to all Scottish Rite Members for each doing their part in making this expansion a reality.

Supreme Council Highlights - 2019 Session Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Executive Session -

- Membership Report of the Grand Secretary General

June 15, 2018	108,337
June 15, 2019	<u>102,336</u>
Net Loss	6,001

Broken down as follows:

Initiations	2,324
Restorations	1,057
Deceased	4,758
Suspensions	4,139
Demits	485

- Ritual

The "New" 4th Degree was unanimously accepted to replace the existing "Master

Traveler" 4th degree. This new Degree is Titled "The Builder".

Since this new Degree will not be available by the fall class, either the existing 4th Degree or the new 4th Degree will be acceptable for both the fall 2019 and Spring 2020 classes.

The 29th Degree will no longer use the "opening" found on pages 6 and 7 of the ritual. The 30th Degree will no longer use the "opening" found on page 8 of the ritual. The 32nd Degree will be impacted by the use of the "Builder" 4th Degree. Any references or dialogue between Hiram and the Guide as found on pages 2,3 7,8,& 9 in the ritual, will be deleted. The "Old" 4th Degree, Master Traveler will be re-worked to be used as a public/marketing video piece The 17th Degree video, Knight of the East and West is in final production edit and will be released late fall of this year

- Annual Meetings

2020 - August 27 - 30, Executive Session Only - Portland, ME

2021 - August 26 - 31, Cleveland, OH

2022 - August 25 - 28, Executive Session Only - Lexington, Mass.

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 is open to any member of the Valley's in our State who wish to serve. Please contact either myself or John Amarilios for more

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

- Grand Almoner's Fund

A total of \$ 752,916.87 in checks and \$ 12,500.00 in Debit Cards were dispersed for the benevolence of 109 members of our Fraternity, for a total of \$ 765,416.87. While these requests are channeled through the Active members to the Grand Almoner, we still are able, in most cases to disperse funds in less than 24 hours. We will be working with the Southern Jurisdiction and their Grand Lodges to monitor the effects from Hurricane Dorian and its damage in the coming months.

- Nominations

This year, Connecticut nominated three Brothers to receive the 33rd Degree, and with the unanimous favorable ballot, Brother Les B. King, M.S.A. from the Valley of Norwich, Brother Anthony S. Angelica from the Valley of Hartford and Brother David S. LaFargue M.S.A., from the Valley of Hartford will receive their 33rd Degree in Cleveland, OH, in 2021. Please congratulate these Brothers when you have a moment, today.

- Recognitions

November has been designated as Veterans Celebration month and a special jewel for all candidates is available from the Supreme Council. Any candidate who is an active military or veteran will have a veteran pin on the class medal, and any candidate who is not active military or a veteran will have the square and compasses on their class medal. Perhaps recognition of our Veteran members now living in our Masonic Home by each of our Valley's might be in order as well as any who are confined to home, a nursing home, or rehab facility.

- **Thirty Third Degree**

A total of 208 Brothers received their thirty third degree on Tuesday afternoon in full ceremonial form. One of the largest classes in recent years. Ill. Brother Sterling Viets, Ill. Brother David Urban and Ill. Brother Dennis Cyr were members of this class, from Connecticut.

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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut, this 14th day of September, 2019:

The proceedings of the 139th session of this Council of Deliberation have been printed and distributed to all of our members. The proceedings of today's 140th 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 269 Members within this Council of Deliberation, and experienced an overall loss of 21 members throughout the year. Membership within this Council of Deliberation now stands at 248.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Membership within the Connecticut Valley's now stands at 2,209 for the Lodges of Perfection, Councils, Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapters, Rose Croix and 2,196 for the Consistories, S.P.R.S.

Although this means there are 13 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 76, Affiliated 5, Restored 10, Suspended 16, Discharged 19, and Demitted 14 members this past year. We have also reported a total of 80 Deaths. Together, this represents an overall loss of 38 members from the previous year. Although this overall loss is down from last year's 58 members lost, it is still an overall loss.
- Separately, the Valley of New Haven finished the year with a gain of 8, well done! The Valley of Bridgeport finished the year with a gain of 2. Congratulations to both Valleys for finishing with a gain in membership!

The Valley of Waterbury finished the year with a loss of 2.

The Valley of Norwich finished the year with a loss of 21.

And the Valley of Hartford finished the year with a loss of 25.

The per capita tax of \$8,823.00 has been sent out, and I am happy to say all 5 CT Valleys have sent in their assessments. These monies were given to our Treasurer for deposit.

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

Secretary, Connecticut Council of Deliberation

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Body	Members 6/16/2018	Initiated	Affiliated	Restored	Deaths	Suspended	Discharged	Demitted	Senior Status	Members 6/15/2019	Assessed Members 6/15/2019	Gain/Loss	Per Capita Tax Received
Lodges Of Perfection													
B Dewitt Clinton	492	24	3	4	23	3	0	3	6	494	494	2	\$494.00
N King Solomon	363	8	1	1	15	0	13	3	10	342	342	(21)	\$342.00
H Charter Oak	739	19		1	23	10	6	6	61	714	714	(25)	\$714.00
NH E. G. Storer	405	19	0	3	11	2	0	1	13	413	413	8	\$413.00
W Doric	248	6	1	1	8	1	0	1	14	246	246	(2)	\$246.00
TOTALS	2,247	76	5	10	80	16	19	14	104	2,209	2,209	-38	\$2,209.00
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem													
B Washington	492	24	3	4	23	3	0	3	6	494	494	2	\$494.00
N Van Rensselaer	363	8	1	1	15	0	13	3	10	342	342	(21)	\$342.00
H Hartford	739	19	0	1	23	10	6	6	61	714	714	(25)	\$714.00
NH Elm City	405	19	0	3	11	2	0	1	13	413	413	8	\$413.00
W Ionic	248	6	1	1	8	1	0	1	14	246	246	(2)	\$246.00
TOTALS	2,247	76	5	10	80	16	19	14	104	2,209	2,209	-38	\$2,209.00
Chapters, Rose Croix													
B Pegunonock	492	24	3	4	23	3	0	3	6	494	494	2	\$494.00
N Norwich	363	8	1	1	15	0	13	3	10	342	342	(21)	\$342.00
H Cyrus Goodell	739	19	0	1	23	10	6	6	61	714	714	(25)	\$714.00
NH New Haven	405	19	0	3	11	2	0	1	13	413	413	8	\$413.00
W Corinthian	248	6	1	1	8	1	0	1	14	246	246	(2)	\$246.00
TOTALS	2,247	76	5	10	80	16	19	14	104	2,209	2,209	-38	\$2,209.00
Consistories, S.P.R.S.													
B Lafayette	1,131	49	4	10	42	5	0	5	27	1,142	1,142	11	\$1,142.00
N Connecticut	526	8	1	1	24	0	16	5	36	491	491	(35)	\$491.00
H Nathan Hale	574	19	2	1	13	10	3	7	31	563	563	(11)	\$563.00
TOTALS	2,231	76	7	12	79	15	19	17	94	2,196	2,196	-35	\$2,196.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the
Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Glastonbury,
Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

Connecticut Council of Deliberation**General Fund**

August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019

Balance as of August 1, 2018		\$247,748.63
RECEIPTS		
Bank Interest	\$14.13	
AASR Investment Trust Interest	\$4,301.12	
Pre-Paid Dinners	\$2,822.00	
Valley Contributions:		
Lodges of Perfection	\$2,893.00	
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	\$2,893.00	
Chapters, Rose Croix	\$2,893.00	
Consistories	\$2,741.00	
Valley Contributions (other)	\$67.00	
Market Value of Investments Gain/(Loss)	\$2,259.55	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$20,883.80	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$268,632.43
EXPENSES		
Undeposited Funds (Valley Contributions)	\$7,474.04	
Deputy Honorarium	\$1,000.00	
Active Honorarium	\$500.00	
Active Emeriti Honorarium	\$750.00	
Secretary Honorarium	\$1,000.00	
Treasurer Honorarium	\$500.00	
Audit Fees	\$750.00	
MSA and 33 rd Awards and Jewels	\$1,140.00	
Office Expense: Printing, Postage & Supplies	\$2,127.95	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00	
Dyslexia Walk T-shirts	\$922.00	
33rd Dinner Expense	\$2,742.00	

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Web Site Maintenance & License	\$0.00	
Donations:		
Sottish Rite Almoner's Fund	\$0.00	
Grand Lodge of CT Almoner's Fund	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,905.99	
BALANCE AVAILABLE JULY 31, 2017		\$249,726.44

ASSETS – General Fund

Simsbury Bank Checking	\$879.37
Simsbury Bank Savings	\$12,801.95
Wells Fargo Savings	\$8,516.52
BNY Mellon Investment Account (Market Value)	\$227,528.60
JULY 31, 2017 BALANCE	\$249,726.44

TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND JULY 31, 2018	\$249,726.44
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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 C. KLEINKAUF, 32°, M.S.A.

Bro. James C. Kleinkauf, 32°, M.S.A., 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

To determine a proposed budget for the 2019-2020 year, we first recommend that each Body of the Rite remit a per capita tax of two dollars (\$2.00) per each member on its roll of membership as of June 15, 2020.

We further recommend that each Valley remit thirty dollars (\$30.00) per each 33rd degree member on its roll of membership as of June 15, 2020, to contribute to the cost of the Supreme Council Session.

Based on acceptance of these recommendations, here is the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 year:

BUDGET FOR 2019-20

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Lodges of Perfection	\$4,418.00
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	\$4,418.00
Chapters, Rose Croix	\$4,418.00
Consistories	\$4,392.00
AASR Investment Fund	\$5,000.00
Consistory Contributions to Supreme Council Session	\$2,490.00
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$25,136.00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Active Allowance	\$500.00
Active Emeritus (5 emeriti)	\$1,250.00
Deputy Allowance	\$1,000.00
Secretary Allowance	\$1,000.00
Treasurer Allowance	\$800.00

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Audit	\$800.00
33rd Degree and MSA Awards	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$386.00
Printing	\$2,000.00
T-shirts for Dyslexia Walk	\$1,300.00
33rd Testimonial Dinners	\$1,000.00
Supreme Council Session/COD Meeting	\$10,100.00
Website Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Supreme Council Almoner's Fund Donation	\$2,000.00
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$25,136.00</u>

Lastly, 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.

I move that this report be accepted, with the recommendations and budget adopted as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jones, 33°

Edward Ham, 33°

Anthony Keegan, 33°, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Communications

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session at Glastonbury, Connecticut, this 14th day of September, 2019:

The Committee on Communications is striving to make available to each of the Valleys in Connecticut, the means, tools, and knowledge to help communications flow freely to all our members and potential Candidates. Thereby supporting membership and retention in the Scottish Rite of Connecticut.

The area of concentration will be **Email, Calendar, Websites, and Social Media.**

Email:

The CT COD, and each of the CT Valleys, use an email service called Constant Contact for Email Distribution. This service must maintain compliance to and follow the “Opt-Out” rules and regulations currently in place. What does this mean for you? Simply put, if a Brother Opts-Out from an email sent by ABC Company, and ABC Company uses Constant Contact, then this Brother will not be able to receive any emails from us when sent from Constant Contact.

If you find you have “Opted-out” and want to change that to start receiving our emails, you can always “Opt-back-in” by contacting your Valley Secretary. Your Secretary will explain what you’ll need to do before we can change your status.

Email Types: The Valley of Hartford and the CT COD have been experimenting with sending out different types of emails.

1. Death announcements: Once there is an obituary to link to in the email, which should prevent any premature emails being sent. This also provides us all with the calling hours and service arrangements.
2. Sickness & Distress announcements: Once we have permission from the infirmed party or family member. The idea here is simple: spreading awareness. How would I know to offer help, or pray for, a fellow Brother if I do not know he’s in need of my help, or prayer?
3. Holiday Messages: These can be created and scheduled to be emailed automatically at any day/time of your choosing.
4. Birthday Messages: These can be sent automatically to every member on, or before, their actual Birthdays. Just create the email, make it active, and you’re done.

The results and feedback we’ve received have been very positive and well received. The small amount of effort put into this has

touched many Brother's and their families in very positive and meaningful ways. I urge all Valleys to give this a try.

Calendars:

Currently, each of the Valley Secretaries maintain their respective calendars and will continue to do so. These Valley Calendars are all linked together and posted on our current websites and our new soon to be rolled out websites. We now have the capability to link these posted events to sign-up/registration pages, allowing you to register directly from the Calendar. Also, did you know you can sync your phone calendar to our Valley Calendar and receive all postings from all Valleys right on your phone? These are just bits and pieces of what we will be sharing with each of you as well as new members.

Websites:

Each Valley website has been redesigned to have a clear theme and message, consistent with Supreme Council's website. Although the new websites concentration is on membership, they are also designed to be used as a tool for information, up-to-date and correct information for our current members.

These changes made will give anyone going to any of our websites the sense that we are all on the same page with each other and Supreme Council. This concept was actually discussed by Supreme Council, favorably. We've taken the initiative and created it now.

Each Valley website will have an Events Page where all events will be posted and linked to your already existing sign-up, pre-pay, flyer, or registration process. All events, like Family Life, Fundraising, CDC, Degrees, and pre-Degree dinners, should be listed and posted here.

Each Valley website will also have an Officers Page where all Valley Officers will be posted. Photos of the Heads of Bodies can be added (as Hartford has done) as well as an email address.

The website addresses will remain the same as they are today:

www.valleyofbridgeport.org; www.valleyofhartford.org;
www.valleyofnewhaven.org; www.valleyofnorwich.org;
www.valleyofwaterbury.org; and www.ctscottishrite.org.

There will be three administrators for all the Scottish Rite websites in Connecticut. Right now there are just 2 of us: Brother Tony Angelica and myself. We are looking for a third to join our committee and help streamline our processes while providing full support to the CT Valleys. Please come see me after this meeting if you are interested.

Brother Tony will be presenting the roll-out plan with details for going live with the new websites in just a few minutes, please hold all questions until after he's done.

Social Media:

How many of you are on Facebook? Twitter? LinkedIn? Everyone who raised your hand – we need your help! This committee would like to see a social media network started between each of the Valleys, allowing all members to be connected to each other regardless of their home Valley. Any recommendations or help would be appreciated.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Communication processes and tools available to the CT COD and Valleys are being evolved to provide an atmosphere where communication flows correct and freely for the current members as well as tomorrow's members. We hope to make it easy for current members to become involved or participate, while growing membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

David S. LaFargue, MSA, 32°
Communications Committee Chairman

Websites Roll-out Plan

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session at Glastonbury, Connecticut, this 14th day of September, 2019:

The Committee on Communications officially announces the creation of new CT COD and Valley websites, designed to be a tool that attracts new membership and retains current membership by providing communications and allowing information to flow freely to all our members and potential Candidates.

This project was discussed with Supreme Council, where we found they had similar conversations regarding this for all Valleys in the NMJ. I'm happy to say we took the initiative, created it, and are now ready to roll-out and implement.

The website:

You will find all 6 websites, the CT COD and the 5 Valleys, all have the same look and feel with one another and Supreme Council's webpage.

The Home Page or Landing Page is geared to Membership. The About Page is Valley specific, providing information on the specific Valley, their Bodies, Degrees offered, and their relationship within this COD and Supreme Council, NMJ.

The Join Page is just that, information on next steps to join if either a Mason or not.

The Charities Page not only lists all charities supported by the Scottish Rite, but offers links for members or visitors to make donations to them.

The Calendar Page is automatically updated each time any Valley Secretary creates, deletes, or edits any posting, and as Bro. Dave just informed you, you can sync it to your phone.

The Awards Page informs on the MSA and 33° awards, and links to an awardee listing of each.

And the Contact Page is also Valley Specific in information.

All of these pages mentioned so far are static pages, which can only be change by the Committee on Communication. There are 2 pages that are not static and will require each Valley to maintain.

Each Valley website offers an Officers Page, where all current officers are listed. This page will be managed and maintained by each respective Valley.

Each Valley website also offers an Events Page, where all events are listed and linked to sign-on/registration pages, just as the calendar. This page will also be managed and maintained by each respective Valley.

This Roll-Out Plan requires each Valley Secretary to find a Brother within the Valley to work with the Committee on Communication for the purposes of maintaining these two Valley Website pages for his respective website. This Brother will have to have all Event information offered by the Valley, including any registration or pre-pay page information.

I realize this sounds like only someone with Website experience would be capable to do this, but I'm here to say Bro. Dave and I are part of this Roll-Out Plan package. We will provide you with all necessary training, in person or through WebEx, continually as needed. Quite frankly, if your Valley offers 12 Family Life events each year, that's just 12 edits of the Events page each year.

And don't forget, the pages are already built. All that's needed is to edit the content, like date, time, event title, and registration link.

Time Frame:

Once you identify a Volunteer and Bro. Dave or I begin working with him, we should be able to make your Valleys' page live within 1 week, provided he'll have all event information on all events offered by the Valley.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this Roll-Out Plan will only work if your Home Valleys identify someone who wants to be a frontrunner on this new communications initiative and join us in our efforts to make a difference and contribute to new membership here in CT. I hope we have your full support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Angelica, 32°
Communications Committee Chairman

I will now answer any questions and make note of any concerns.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session at Glastonbury, Connecticut, this 14th day of September, 2019:

The Committee on Rules and Regulations present the following:

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

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations

Date: September 14, 2019

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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 and Regulations Committee proposed and presented the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations, Article V, Finances, Section 1; and Article VIII, Amendments, Section 2 to this Connecticut Council of Deliberation at the 139th Session.

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 09/14/2019***) 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 today, at this 140th Council of Deliberation Session.

Before calling for a vote, I will now read an Addendum to the CT COD Rules and Regulations Committee Report, prepared by Ill. Bro. Bradley K. Cooney, 33°, chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee:

***ADDENDUM TO CT COD RULES & REGULATIONS
COMMITTEE REPORT***

As a result of the discussion following the proposed Amendment to the Rules and Regulations (attached hereto), the Rules & Regulations Committee submits the following proviso concerning the intended operation and/or application of the proposed Amendment:

It is agreed and understood that the current practice under which the proposed Amendment is to be applied is that each Valley within the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in the State of Connecticut is assessed only for its primary or home members. No assessment is charged to any Valley for its affiliate members. Should this practice change in the future, a new amendment would need to be proposed and approved regarding the payment of assessments for Valley members.

Respectfully submitted:

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Bradley K. Cooney

Gary Arseneau

Earl Evans

(After reading Addendum)

I now call for a motion to vote on both proposed revisions as presented.

Ill Bro. Bruce T. Work, 33°, Deputy for Connecticut, then addressed the members, asking if there were any discussion to be offered, at which point Ill. Bro. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Active for Connecticut, offered the following as discussion: "I just wanted to add the following in the efforts of being clear; we are not voting on the addendum. The addendum is for the sake of history only. We are only voting on the 2 proposed revisions as presented."

At this point, Ill. Bro. Bruce reminded the members present that these 2 proposed revisions were presented at the last CT COD Session, and in accordance with our by-laws, we are now able to vote on the proposed changes.

A motion was made to accept the 2 proposed revisions as presented. This motion was seconded, and a vote was conducted. All voting members, minus 1, cast a positive vote to accept the proposed revisions as presented. There was 1 vote cast against accepting the proposed provisions as presented.

Vote Results: Passed

Respectfully submitted:

Bradley K. Cooney

Earl Evans

Gary Arseneau

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE RITE

To the Illustrious Deputy, Active, Commander-in-Chiefs, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation:

As a Member of the Committee I'm pleased to present the following:

DEGREE WORK AND MEMBERSHIP

Our Valley's continue to offer our Candidates many opportunities to view quality, live degrees. High quality DVD degrees, supplied by our Supreme Council, have enhanced the passport and golden passport programs and are good ways to present a second degree on the same night as a live degree. DVD's can eliminate the chaos that sometimes occurs when trying to portray two live degrees on the same night. In recent years our Valleys have done a good job of coordinating their degrees to minimize the duplication of degrees in a season, along with scheduling that allows our Brothers to travel to other Valleys.

Most of our Valleys aren't seeing an increase in membership. Obviously it's important to attract new candidates, but keeping our existing members from losing interest and dropping their membership is just as important and remains a paramount objective. Getting our Members active as soon as possible is a key to their longevity. Each Valley is finding their own ways to offer their Members interesting, educational or fun social events to attend. Every Member deserves to be able to answer the questions, "What benefit do I receive from being a Scottish Rite Member?" and "What makes me the most proud of being a Scottish Rite Member?" If those questions cannot be answered we need to do more for our Members.

"THE PATH FORWARD" STUDY AND "NOT JUST A MAN A MASON" CAMPAIGN

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The Supreme Council's worked very hard and invested significant time and money to provide us with "The Path Forward" study and the "Not Just a Man a Mason" advertising campaign. "The Path Forward" provides us with important statistical information and direction on how and where to concentrate our efforts to increase our membership. This information has been made available to all Masonic organizations and is a very valuable tool. The "Not Just a Man a Mason" campaign provides us with a highly recognizable way to advertise our great Fraternity. These two tools will help us find and attract our next generation of Freemasons and Scottish Rite Freemasons.

CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS (CDC)

Waterbury is about to complete its 18th year of operation. There have been over 150 students who have celebrated the completion of their two year program. Thanks to the vision and hard work of the CDC's Board of Directors, Management and several Brothers from our Consistories, we have recently opened a satellite center in Bridgeport and tomorrow will be the Grand Opening for our second satellite center in Farmington. We should all be very proud that we'll soon have three centers up and running in Connecticut, leading the way in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. We'll be able to provide tutoring to many more children affected by the disorder. Our sincere thanks go out to the Tutors and Directors of these centers and those involved in the various fundraisers. A very special THANK YOU goes out to the Valleys of Bridgeport and Hartford who committed to fund the new satellite centers in Bridgeport and Farmington entirely.

IN CONCLUSION

We ask that this report be accepted as read and so recorded. We wish you all good health, success and happiness and we look forward to a great fall and spring for our Scottish Rite.

Respectfully Submitted on this 14th Day of September, 2019 in
Glastonbury CT,

John F. Kessler, 33rd Degree, Member
for

Joseph B. Cyr, 33rd Degree, Chairman
and

John A. Moulson, 32nd Degree, Member

REMARKS OF ACTIVE & INTENDENT GENERAL AND ACTIVE EMERITI

Ill. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Ill. Richard V. Travis, 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019.

Last year's Committee reported on the Study and results of the Supreme Council and the book "Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry". Our Valleys need to continue or start using the tools that were created through this work by our Supreme Council.

Membership

While we instituted Ambassador Programs across the State a while back it is essential that each of us remember that we are all ambassadors for the Scottish Rite. We need to keep our Lodges informed of our activities by mentioning them at our meetings.

Don't hesitate to speak to newer Masons about expanding their Masonic knowledge by becoming involved with the Scottish Rite. Inform them about The Path Forward and direct them to the “Not just a Man. A Mason” website to view the videos.

Our biggest challenge seems to be retention. It is the responsibility of our Valley Officers and leaders to reach out to our current members on a regular basis through many different media by using tools like Constant Contact, websites, various social media outlets, multi-page pullouts in the CT Freemasons publication, Brother to Brother calling programs, and Valley newsletters. These information highways need to be consistent and the content updated more frequently, if not we will lose the interest of those we are trying to keep and attract.

Valley Activities

All of the Valleys continue to work together by assisting each other, not just when there is a need to fill a role that cannot be filled locally. Our members enjoy traveling throughout the state and taking part in degrees and other activities and seek out those opportunities themselves. We should encourage this and expand it to include a master plan of the degrees portrayed throughout the state, so that there will be opportunities for our Brothers to witness more degrees during the year instead of the same degrees several times in the same year.

The Supreme Council continues to modify our degrees and bring them into the more modern age. My Brethren I know we don't like change, but let's face it, the old Biblical degrees are difficult to understand and to perform. They are our history, but even history constantly changes. Our Valleys need to move into the current age and portray the newer degrees. Some of the updated degrees attract interest and provide more opportunity for all. If nothing else they give older members something new to see. The Supreme Council also offers more degrees on DVD, and their productions have become very professional. Using the DVD versions will again give us the opportunity to show more degrees

in the year without wearing out our actors and backstage members.

All of the Valleys offer extensive family life events. Some have become traditions. Examples are scotch and cigar nights, sporting events, bus trips, clambakes, and fishing trips to name a few. Putting on plays to show our families what good actors we think we are. Dinner dances, wine tastings and concerts are still more. Some Valleys host family events to announce and recognize Abbott and Valley scholarship recipients. As these are great ideas, we should do more to promote them to the whole Connecticut Masonic family. Make the invitations to all Scottish Rite Members if not the public. Let's Make ourselves more visible.

Children's Dyslexia Center

The Valleys all continue to support the Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Center with events like the Annual Dyslexia Awareness Walk in Waterbury, the Clam Chowder and Fritter booth at the North Stonington Fair, the Annual 5k Walk/Run in Newington, a wine and beer event in New Haven, and the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Stratford. This support and the continued support of individuals and corporations is vital to the success of the Waterbury Campus and our satellite operations.

This year the Board of Governors has asked that each Valley create their own Fundraising Committee to come up with ideas that will create further fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help fill in during the lean contribution months. The Chairman of each Valley committee is also a member of a committee with the same name on the Board of Governors. This is to promote and ensure that all fundraising events are supported by all Valleys of this Council. It is time for the Valleys to assign these committees and for them to get to work. We all should be proud of our support of this wonderful program.

Conclusion

In conclusion, all the Valleys in Connecticut are united to form the Council of Deliberation. As such, we need to create more unity among our Valleys. The time has come for us to shift our focus from the individual Valleys to Scottish Rite in Connecticut as a whole. We need more communication between the leaders of our Valleys so as to increase our visibility and complete our works without duplicating our efforts.

All of the Valleys continue to work hard, always striving to make things better, to include our families, to participate in and reach out to our communities, and to embrace the brotherhood we are all a part of. We have accomplished much but more is needed if we are to continue to grow and succeed. We have the support of our Deputy, our Actives, our Active Emeriti and the Supreme Council. We also have the skills, talent and dedication of our hard-working Brothers to do the work. It is now time for us to unite together to lead our Connecticut Scottish Rite into a strong future.

Respectively submitted,

Les B. King, MSA, 32°

Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°

Paul L. Chello, 33°, Chairman

REMARKS FROM BRO. MICHAEL E. SEAMON, 32°

Bro. Michael E. Seamon, 32°, 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019 with kind heartfelt remarks.

ALLOCUTION OF THE ILLUSTIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the 140th Connecticut Council of Deliberation now in session in Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

Sublime Princes;

I am pleased to submit my Annual Report as Deputy for the State of Connecticut, for the year ended June 30, 2019.

NECROLOGY -

Our Connecticut Council of Deliberation has lost several Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe this year and they are:

III. Leo H. Lohrman, II, 33°. Passed away on September 2, 2018, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport.

III. Brother and Reverend Craig T. McClellan, M.S.A., 33°. Passed away September 11, 2018, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport.

Brother Elliot J. Wilcox, M.S.A. Passed away on October 11, 2018, a member of the Valleys of New Haven and Bridgeport.

Brother Grey D. Zane, M.S.A. Passed away on November 2, 2018, a member of the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport.

Brother Donald E. Robinson, M.S.A. Passed away November 3, 2018, a member of the Valleys of New Haven and Bridgeport.

III. Brother Eric W. Manner, 33°. Passed away on November 13, 2018, a member of the Valley of Hartford.

Brother Peter M. Gray, M.S.A. Passed away on January 29, 2019, a member of the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport.

III. Brother Charles C. Maxson, 33°. Passed away on February 1, 2019, a member of the Valley of Hartford.

Brother Aaron R. Sussman, Past Thrice Potent Master. Passed away on March 14, 2019, a member of the Valley of Hartford.

III. Brother Charles F. Warfield, 33°. Passed away on June 1, 2019, a member of the Valleys of New Haven and Bridgeport.

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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.

Let us have a moment of silence in memory of our departed Brothers. ***

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION -

The 139th session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation was held on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 in Shelton, Connecticut, with the Valley of Bridgeport acting as hosts. Of the 242 members of this Council, there were 100 Brothers present including the Officers, Distinguished Brothers, and Permanent Members, along with 5 Invited guests from appendant bodies and our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Marshall K. Robinson, 32⁰. After the required reports, nominations and ballots were concluded, Ill. Brother Kevin J. Hecht, 33⁰ performed the Meritorious Service Award ceremony for four Brothers nominated by their peers. In addition, I awarded an additional Meritorious Service Award to Most Worshipful Brother William L. Greene, pursuant to article 905 section D of the Supreme Council Constitutions. After this ceremony, we retired to the dining room, where we enjoyed fellowship and a complete prime rib dinner. A farewell breakfast was held on Sunday morning prior to us all returning to our homes. Our thanks to the Valley of Bridgeport for a well planned and enjoyable weekend.

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 Governors Chairman, John A. Amarillos, M.S.A., 32⁰ 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, 33⁰, Director of Operations for the Children's Dyslexia Center Corporation, 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.

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. 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. In addition, several Brothers have completed their Gold Passports and are working towards a third completion.

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 -

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. 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., 33⁰, 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!

In addition to this hospitality room, Ill. David L. Sharkis, 33⁰ and the Children's Dyslexia Center Board of Governors hosted a booth with informational posters and brochures of their program and successes to date throughout our State. Many thanks for this endeavor on behalf of our students.

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 Brother John R. "Jack" Boyce with the Commander's Medal for Masonic Service on June 14th, on behalf of Sovereign Grand Commander David A. Glattly. Brother Boyce exemplifies the tenets of our fraternity not only in his daily life, but also within his interactions with the community. We thank you for your continued Masonic service and 62 years of membership.

This year Connecticut received \$ 10,100.00 in Abbott Scholarship monies, which will allow for 10 - \$ 1,000.00 scholarships and 1 - \$ 100.00 scholarship which will be increased by the Valley of Bridgeport for a net \$ 1,000.00 scholarship. Ill. Brother Jack J.S. Farkas, M.S.A., 33⁰, Scholarship Committee Chairman, works tirelessly on this project to recognize our youth in their continued educational careers. However, Brother Secretary's, please pay attention to the submittals. Many of the applications that were sent in were all over the place and sent in pieces, not signed by the applicant or you as Secretary and not complete. This took too much time for Ill. Brother Jack to check over each application trying to locate missing parts coming in from schools and letters of recommendations, not to mention reading checking and verifying each application.

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 5 well deserving Brothers to receive the Frederick H. Lorensen, 33⁰, 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 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.

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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 honor and pleasure serving you Brothers as Deputy for Connecticut, this year.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Bruce T. Work, 33⁰
Deputy for Connecticut

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

Ill. Edward E. Cherry, 33^o, 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019 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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

The Committee for the Ill. Frederick H. Lorensen, 33^o, 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	Joseph Lengyel, 32°
Valley of Bridgeport	Benito Vazquez, 32°
Valley of Hartford	T. Donovan Scroggs, 32°
Valley of Norwich	John Plante, 32°
Valley of Waterbury	Harold Elwell, 32°

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.

I would also like to report that Pursuant to Article 905, Section D, of the Supreme Council Constitutions as pertains to Meritorious Service Awards, which reads:

‘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 announce that the Deputy for the State of Connecticut, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, has award the Meritorious Service Award to:

Brother Frederick W. Schmalz, 32° of the Valley of Hartford for outstanding service to 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,
Kirk C Trofatter JR 32°, Chairman

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

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 John Plante, 32°, M.S.A., not being present, will be presented the award at a future date at his respective Valley.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019.

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following slate of Officers to serve this Council of Deliberation for the year 2019 – 2020 as follows:

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	Joseph B. Cyr, M.S.A., 33°
Minister of State	Ernest A. Dubois, M.S.A., 33°
Chancellor	Richard E. Frazier, M.S.A., 33°
Treasurer	Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Anthony S. Angelica, 32°
Secretary Emeritus	Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°
Secretary Emeritus	Richard V. Travis, 33°
Prior	Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski, 33°
Master of Ceremonies	Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33°

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Hospitaler	Earl S. Evans, M.S.A., 33°
Seneschal	Melvin E. Johnson, 33°
Standard Bearer	Raymond J. Dolyak, M.S.A., 33°
Captain of the Guard	Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33°
Sentinel	David B. Urban, M.S.A., 33°
Historian	C. A. Duke, M.S.A., 33°

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the illustrious commander-in-chief, distinguished guest, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation session in Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

It is with pleasure that your committee on the next place of meeting submits this report that the meeting place for the 2020 Council of Deliberation will be hosted by the Valley of Norwich. Details on the venue and program will follow in the future.

Respectfully Submitted
Howard D Turner, MSA 33° Chair

REMARKS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF CONNECTICUT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ill. Melvin E. Johnson, 33°, 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 Very Rev. Ill. Joseph R. Krusinski, 33°. This event was well received and enjoyed by all.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2019 SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIPS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, meeting on September 14, 2019, the 140th COD session, meeting at the Galley Restaurant, Glastonbury, CT:

This year, The Supreme Council, located in Lexington, Massachusetts has awarded \$10,100.00 to Connecticut for Abbott Scholarships. The Valley of Bridgeport added \$900.00 to that total so Connecticut could award eleven One Thousand Dollar Abbott Scholarships to worthy students for 2019. The State Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation has recommended eleven applicants to become 2019 Abbott Scholarship recipients. Following tradition, these recommendations were made to Illustrious Bruce T. Work, 33°, Deputy of Connecticut and to the Supreme Council.

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 2019 Abbott Scholarship program:

A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

A student directly related (by bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, or a member of a

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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 is 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 seventy-six applications for the Abbott Scholarships from the five Valleys in Connecticut. This submission is an increase of sixteen applications from last year's application totals. The eleven recipients of this year's Abbott, and all recipients of the Valley Scholarships demonstrated excellence and genuine financial need. One application was found to be ineligible for this year's scholarship. 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. Many are holding part-time jobs during the school calendar year and full-time summer employment to help pay for their college costs.

This year, the five Valleys in Connecticut gave their own Valley Scholarships. The Valley of Bridgeport gave nineteen Valley Scholarships, four Abbott Scholarships, plus seven additional Valley Scholarships of \$1,500.00 each to the Abbott Scholarship recipients in Lafayette Consistory, for a total of thirty scholarships. The Valley of Hartford had thirty-four applications and presented thirty-one Valley scholarships along with three Abbott Scholarships. The Valley of New Haven gave eight Valley scholarships along with two Abbott Scholarships; the Valley of Norwich gave three Valley Scholarships along with one Abbott Scholarship. The Valley of Waterbury presented three Valley Scholarships this year along with one Abbott Scholarship. Collectively, our five Valleys have awarded a total of seventy-four scholarships along with the eleven Abbott Scholarships this year, for a grand total of eighty-two scholarships awarded in 2019.

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The eleven recipients of the 2019 \$1,000.00 Abbott Scholarships are as follows:

Dajanah L. Bird, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT.
Kevin Demaine, Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Albany, NY.
Grace L. Fleishman, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT.
Keith F. Schmidt, Gateway Community College, New Haven, CT.
Alexandra J. Fitzgerald, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.
Nicole Lukens, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
Benjamin Lukens, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
Sarah E. Propp, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
Emma Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
Cassandra J. Post, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.
Therese R. Brady, Lasell College, Newton, MA.

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.

Thank you, my Brothers.
Respectively submitted,
Les B. King, MSA, 32º
Tony Angelica, 32º
Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33º
Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33º, Chairman

September 14, 2019

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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019,

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

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To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

That so much of the allocution of the Deputy as refers to the loss by death of Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, recipients of the Ill. Frederick H. Lorensen, (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 Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 14, 2019:

The Chairman of the State Membership and Retention Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 2018-2019.

The State Membership and Retention Committee would like to begin this report by our continued support of the Supreme Council recent efforts regarding membership.

In the winter of 2019, the chairman of this committee was invited to attend a jurisdiction-wide meeting of state membership committee chairs. During this meeting, we recapped the Fall 2018 membership class, discussed the 2019 membership initiatives and themes, talked about the Valley Membership and Ambassador program, and brought all states up-to-date with the Path Forward as well as other programs that have positive impacts on our members. We heard from all chairman on what we had seen and heard throughout our states in terms of membership development and retention. It was a fantastic meeting with lots of relevant information for all states.

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In 2018, the Supreme Council began rolling out the 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:

- 32nd Degree Member Kits
- The New Member Experience support materials
- "Not just a man, a mason" promotional materials
- Hauts Grades Academy Educational Program
- 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

- 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.

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- 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

2019-2020 C.O.D. COMMITTEES

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MEMBER	Jeffrey A. Flynn, 33°

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MEMBER	Howard D. Turner, M.S.A., 33°

DISPENSATIONS CHARTERS COMMITTEE

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MEMBER	Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33°
MEMBER	Austin P. Clark, 33°

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

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBER	Gordon C. Willoughby, 33°

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

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MEMBER	All Presiding Officers of All Valley's

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CHAIRMAN	Frank J. Saviano, 32 ⁰
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MEMBER	Charles D. O'Neill, M.S.A., 33 ⁰

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CHAIRMAN	Bradley K. Cooney, 33°
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STATE OF THE RITE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	3 - Commanders-in-Chief
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MEMBER	Arnold Grot, M.S.A., 32°

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	3 - First Lieutenant Commanders
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CO-CHAIRMAN	Les B. King, M.S.A.
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CHAIRMAN	Frank J. Saviano, 32°
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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE - INVESTMENTS

CHAIRMAN	Newton Buckner, III, 33°
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HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

III. Robert C Stalhammer, MSA, 33°	09/28/1977
III. A Norman Johnson, 33°	09/27/1979
III. William F Carpenter, 33°	09/24/1980
III. Arthur J McKinney, MSA, 33°	09/30/1981
III. James R Spencer Jr., MSA, 33°	09/28/1983
III. Austin P Clark, 33°	09/26/1984
III. Gail N Smith, 33°	09/25/1985
III. Richard V Travis, 33°	09/24/1986
III. Leonard F D'Amico, 33°	08/31/1987
III. George A Nousiainen, 33°	08/31/1987
III. Carleton V Erickson, 33°	09/27/1988
III. Thomas M Maxwell II, MSA, 33°	09/27/1988
III. Vernon K Cleaves, 33°	08/29/1989
III. Bruce T Work, 33°	09/25/1990
III. Robert E Strom, 33°	09/29/1992
III. Matthew F Griffin, 33°	08/31/1993
III. Richard A Incorvati, 33°	08/31/1993
III. Edward R Ham, 33°	09/27/1994
III. Robert D Sherrick, MSA, 33°	09/27/1994
III. Clyde W Kayser II, MSA, 33°	08/27/1996
III. Raymond G Schuster, 33°	08/27/1996
III. Russell F Haugh Jr., MSA, 33°	09/23/1997
III. Fred B Candee Jr., 33°	09/29/1998
III. Kevin J Hecht, 33°	09/29/1998
III. Burton F Turner, 33°	09/29/1998
III. Charles B Fowler Jr., 33°	09/28/1999

Honorary Members Continued

III. Walter E Kaechele, 33°	09/28/1999
III. Arthur M Pugh Sr., 33°	09/28/1999
III. William E Bohman, 33°	09/26/2000
III. Howard Wm Orr, 33°	09/26/2000
III. Barry M Spero, 33°	09/26/2000
III. Randy S Stevens, 33°	09/26/2000
III. John M Van Kirk, 33°	09/26/2000
III. Bradley K Cooney, 33°	09/25/2001
III. John F Martin Jr., MSA, 33°	09/25/2001
III. Bruce R Bellmore, MSA, 33°	09/03/2002
III. Theodore J Nelson, 33°	09/03/2002
III. David L Sharkis, 33°	09/03/2002
III. Kenneth B Hawkins Sr., 33°	09/23/2003
III. Anthony F Keegan, 33°	09/23/2003
III. Donald L Smith, MSA, 33°	09/23/2003
III. Alfred C Adinolfi, 33°	09/21/2004
III. Dr. Herbert W Mower, MSA, 33°	09/21/2004
III. Gerald F Thompson, MSA, 33°	09/21/2004
III. Charles A Buck Jr., 33°	08/30/2005
III. Jack J S Farkas, MSA, 33°	08/30/2005
III. John F Kessler, 33°	08/30/2005
III. Gustaf R Bodin, 33°	08/29/2006
III. Joseph B Cyr, MSA, 33°	08/29/2006
III. Jack H Stevens, MSA, 33°	08/29/2006
III. Howard D Turner, MSA, 33°	08/29/2006
III. David R Blythe Sr., 33°	08/27/2007
III. Arthur H Carlstrom, MSA, 33°	08/27/2007

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III. Richard R Jones Jr., 33°	08/27/2007
III. Steven P Schreck, MSA, 33°	08/27/2007
III. Paul L Chello, 33°	08/26/2008
III. Sidney W Isenberg, 33°	08/26/2008
III. Richard C Memmott, 33°	08/26/2008
III. Francis G Way, MSA, 33°	08/26/2008
III. Ralph W Rose, MSA, 33°	08/25/2009
III. Charles W Yohe, 33°	08/25/2009
III. Newton Buckner III, 33°	08/31/2010
III. Martin Ede, MSA, 33°	08/31/2010
III. Russell W Griswold, MSA, 33°	08/31/2010
III. Whitney P McNulty, MSA, 33°	08/31/2010
III. Carl J Mossberg, MSA, 33°	08/31/2010
III. Kenneth A Barrett, 33°	08/30/2011
III. Jeffery A Flynn, 33°	08/30/2011
III. James L Vander Eyk, 33°	08/30/2011
III. Carl Anderson, 33°	08/28/2012
III. William L Breed, MSA, 33°	08/28/2012
III. Ernest A Dubois, MSA, 33°	08/28/2012
III. Richard E Frazier, MSA, 33°	08/28/2012
III. Robert A Simon, MSA, 33°	08/28/2012
III. Gary W Arseneau, 33°	08/20/2013
III. Earl S Evans, MSA, 33°	08/20/2013
III. Roger W Read, MSA, 33°	08/20/2013
III. Charles H Tirrell, MSA, 33°	08/20/2013
III. Vincent A Cowie, 33°	09/01/2015
III. Melvin E Johnson, 33°	09/01/2015

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Ill. Charles A McCollum, MSA, 33°	09/01/2015
Ill. George G Talisse, 33°	09/01/2015
Ill. Gordon C Willoughby Jr., 33°	09/01/2015
Ill. Raymond J Dolyak, MSA, 33°	08/29/2017
Ill. C A Duke, 33°	08/29/2017
Ill. Very Rev. Joseph R Krusienski, 33°	08/29/2017
Ill. Charles D O'Neill, MSA, 33°	08/29/2017
Ill. Dennis O Cyr, MSA, 33°	8/27/2019
Ill. David B Urban, MSA, 33°	8/27/2019
Ill. Sterling N Viets, 33°	8/27/2019

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Ill. Robert C Stalhammer, MSA, 33°	06/01/1971
Ill. Arthur J McKinney, MSA, 33°	06/13/1980
Ill. James R Spencer Jr., MSA, 33°	06/13/1980
Ill. Richard E Frazier, MSA, 33°	06/10/1983
Troy S Adcox, MSA	05/31/1985
Ill. Thomas M Maxwell II, MSA, 33°	05/31/1985
Paul D Lodola, MSA	06/13/1986
Morton N Katz, MSA	06/10/1988
William L Milton, MSA	06/10/1988
Allen H Morander, MSA	06/09/1989
George E Long, MSA	06/08/1990
Kenneth E Fears, MSA	06/14/1991
Ill. Dr. Herbert W Mower, MSA, 33°	06/14/1991

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Irving Lieff, MSA	06/12/1992
Charles H Reeve, MSA	06/12/1992
John W Taylor Jr., MSA	06/11/1993
Ill. Robert D Sherrick, MSA, 33°	06/11/1993
Ill. Russell F Haugh Jr., MSA, 33°	06/11/1993
Willis E Copeland Jr., MSA	06/10/1994
Ill. John F Martin Jr., MSA, 33°	06/10/1994
Ill. Donald L Smith, MSA, 33°	06/10/1994
Ill. Clyde W Kayser II, MSA, 33°	06/22/1995
Ill. Bruce R Bellmore, MSA, 33°	06/22/1995
Bradford H Ross, MSA	06/15/1996
Donald S Sabo, MSA	06/15/1996
Ill. Steven P Schreck, MSA, 33°	06/15/1996
Richard A Eppler, MSA	06/13/1997
Thomas R Sulier, MSA	06/13/1997
Alfred J Chapman, MSA	06/12/1998
Rudolph A Gaydos, MSA	06/12/1998
Samuel A Frink, MSA	06/09/2000
Bruce M Hanson, MSA	06/08/2001
Ill. Joseph B Cyr, MSA, 33°	06/08/2001
Ill. Roger W Read, MSA, 33°	06/08/2001
Adam J Karvosky Jr., MSA	06/14/2002
Frank H Lesco, MSA	06/14/2002
Ill. Howard D Turner, MSA, 33°	06/14/2002
Ill. Jack J S Farkas, MSA, 33°	06/09/2003
Ill. Gerald F Thompson, MSA, 33°	06/13/2003
Daniel George, MSA	06/11/2004

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III. Arthur H Carlstrom, MSA, 33°	06/11/2004
III. Whitney P McNulty, MSA, 33°	06/11/2004
III. Ernest A Dubois, MSA, 33°	06/11/2004
III. Jack H Stevens, MSA, 33°	06/10/2005
III. Ralph W Rose, MSA, 33°	06/10/2005
III. David B Urban, MSA, 33°	06/10/2005
Franklin J Davis, MSA	07/21/2005
Harry E Needham III, MSA	06/09/2006
Richard A Wingate, MSA	06/09/2006
III. Francis G Way, MSA, 33°	06/09/2006
III. Martin Ede, MSA, 33°	06/09/2006
III. Raymond J Dolyak, MSA, 33°	06/09/2006
Gary D Shepard, MSA	06/15/2007
Charles D Weiss, MSA	06/15/2007
III. Russell W Griswold, MSA, 33°	06/15/2007
III. Carl J Mossberg, MSA, 33°	06/15/2007
III. Charles H Tirrell, MSA, 33°	06/15/2007
Danny A Camp, MSA	06/13/2008
William F Manger, MSA	06/13/2008
Allen G Meyerjack, MSA	06/13/2008
III. Robert A Simon, MSA, 33°	06/13/2008
Charles B Clark, MSA	06/14/2008
III. William L Breed, MSA, 33°	06/19/2009
III. Earl S Evans, MSA, 33°	06/19/2009
III. Charles A McCollum, MSA, 33°	06/19/2009
David M Costner, MSA	06/11/2010
Louis O House IV, MSA	06/17/2011

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Ill. Charles D O'Neill, MSA, 33°	06/17/2011
Robert J Cascone, MSA	06/15/2012
Frank Dlugoleski, MSA	06/15/2012
Jon M Fischer, MSA	06/15/2012
John Sasser III, MSA	06/15/2012
Ill. Dennis O Cyr, MSA, 33°	06/15/2012

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

Dale T Cunningham, MSA	06/21/2013
Harvey James Hartin, MSA	06/21/2013
David M Robinson, MSA	06/21/2013
Jeffrey L Stober, MSA	06/21/2013
Steven M Allinson, MSA	06/27/2014
Edward I Childs, MSA	06/27/2014
Daniel Galloza, MSA	06/27/2014
Walter Grube, MSA	06/27/2014
Paul B Iltchenko, MSA	06/27/2014
John A Amarilios, MSA	09/18/2015
Orville Campbell Jr., MSA	09/18/2015
Robert J Furce, MSA	09/18/2015
Arnold S Grot, MSA	09/18/2015
James C Kleinkauf, MSA	09/18/2015
Thom Beck, MSA	09/17/2016
Michael C Jachimczyk, MSA	09/17/2016
Les B King, MSA	09/17/2016

MSA Continued

Frederick J Taft, MSA	09/17/2016
Kirk C Trofatter Jr., MSA	09/17/2016
Todd M Gianetti, MSA	06/02/2017
David S LaFargue, MSA	06/02/2017
John E. Stogden, MSA	06/02/2017
Guy O Whelchel III, MSA	06/02/2017
William L Greene, MSA	09/15/2018
William F Henning II, MSA	09/15/2018
Erik P Meyer, MSA	09/15/2018
William H Morse Jr., MSA	09/15/2018
Edward Schilke, MSA	09/15/2018
Frederick W Schmalz, MSA	01/21/2019
Joseph Lengyel, MSA	09/14/2019
John F. Plante, MSA	09/14/2019
T. Donovan Scroggs, MSA	09/14/2019
Benito Vazquez, MSA	09/14/2019

DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

<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
*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	

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*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
*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
Treasurer

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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 remittance of the per capita tax of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) (as amended 8/15/2007; and on 9/14/2019) per each member on its roll of membership as of June 15.

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 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.

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

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