

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIRST SESSION
OF THE
**Connecticut
Council of Deliberation**



**ZOOM WEBINAR (VIRTUAL), CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

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David L. Sharkis, 33°	Commander-In-Chief Emeritus
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Melvin E. Johnson, 33°	Seneschal
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C. A. Duke, 33°	Historian

The next Council of Deliberation Annual Session will be hosted by the
VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN in SEPTEMBER, 2021

UPCOMING HOST VALLEY and YEAR

2022 – WATERBURY	2023 – BRIDGEPORT	2024 – HARTFORD
2025 – NORWICH	2026 – NEW HAVEN	2027 – WATERBURY

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PROCEEDINGS

of the One Hundred Forty First 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

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Deputy for Connecticut

Commander-in-Chief

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Active for Connecticut

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Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

Secretary Emeritus

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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°

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Secretary

ILL.: VERNON K. CLEAVES, 33°

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Secretary Emeritus

Date of Death: 2/5/2020

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session on September 25, 2020:

It is with pleasure that your committee on the next place of meeting submits that the meeting place for the 2021 Council of Deliberation will be hosted by the Valley of New Haven. Details on the venue and program will follow in the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank J. Saviano, 32° Chair

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

Date: Friday, September 25th, 2020

Place: Zoom Webinar (virtual meeting)

Time: 6:15pm Zoom Tutorials & Meeting Protocols; 7:00pm Meeting Opening.

Dear (Ill.) Bro. (First),

The Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich is pleased to announce the preparations for the One-Hundred-Forty-First Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for 2020. This event will take place virtually, using Zoom Webinar. Zoom tutorials and meeting protocols will be provided to you starting at 6:15pm, so make sure you log in early. As a voting member of our Connecticut Council of Deliberation you are hereby requested to attend.

On the agenda are reports from our Committee on Finance, Committee on M.S.A., the Nominating Committee, our new Audit Committee, the Communications Committee, the Deputy's Report, and an update of the 2020 Annual Supreme Council session. Also on the agenda is a proposed change to our by-laws regarding meeting notices.

If you choose to attend this meeting, we will need your current email address to send you a link that will allow you to REGISTER to attend this event! You can log into the "Member Center" at Supreme Council's website (www.scottishritenmj.org) and update your email address yourself, or you can email your Valley Secretary. If you do not have an email address, you can create a free one at Yahoo.com, Outlook.com, Gmail.com, or any of the other free email providers. Once created, follow the above instructions to get your email address updated.

You must REGISTER by Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, or you may not be able to join us. I recommend registering now, to secure your seat as a voting member. In order to REGISTER, you will need your Member Number (the 9-digit number located on your dues card.) Once you REGISTER, and your Member Number has been verified, you will receive an email with a link to connect to the meeting. Please save this email; this is the only link that will allow you to join the meeting. Once the Webinar has started, we will be unable to resend your link to you.

Dress for this will be business casual (collared shirt, slacks, with tie/sport coat optional.) Scottish Rite jewels as appropriate, but NO CAPS.

We hope you are able to join us!

Sent on Behalf of: Bruce T. Work, 33°
Commander-in-Chief/Deputy for CT

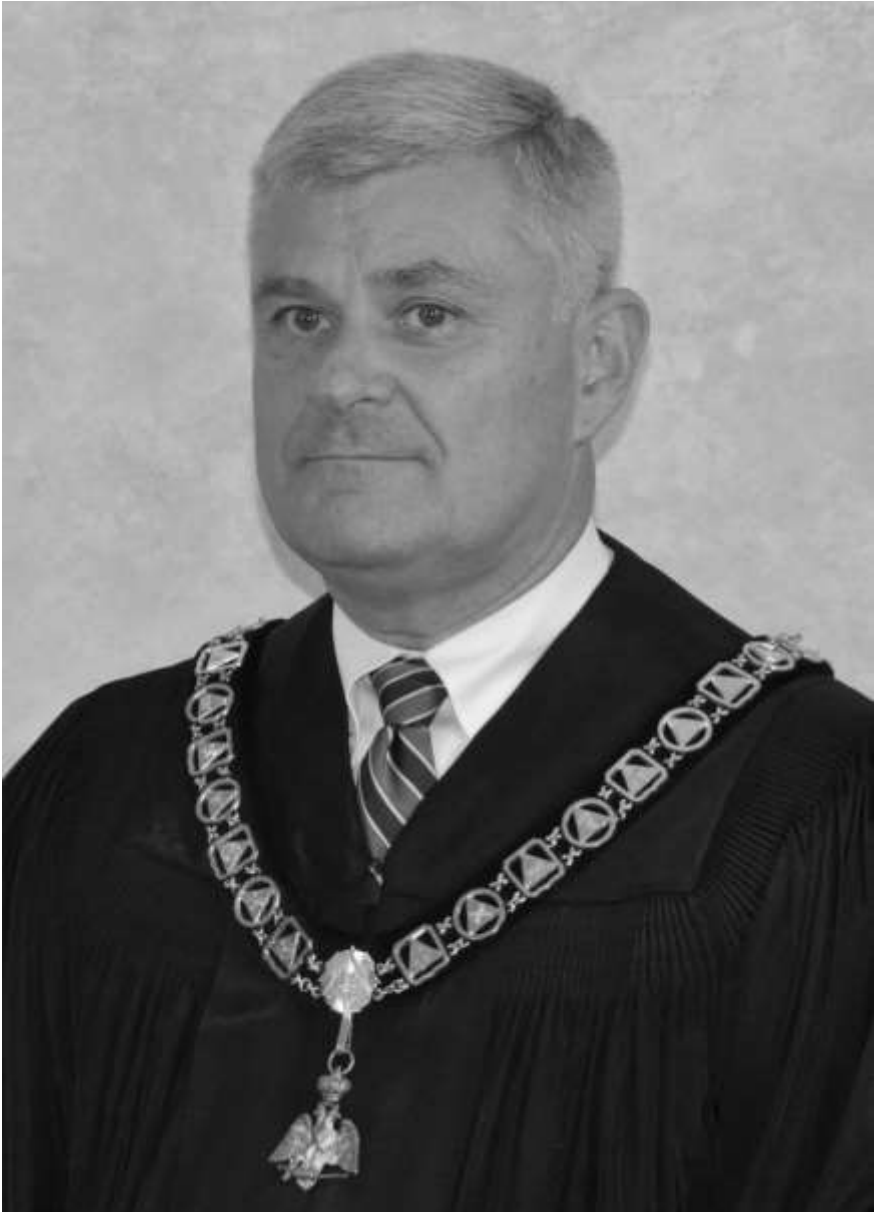
Attest: Tony Angelica, 32°
Secretary, CT C.O.D



**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
Illustrious First Lieutenant Commander



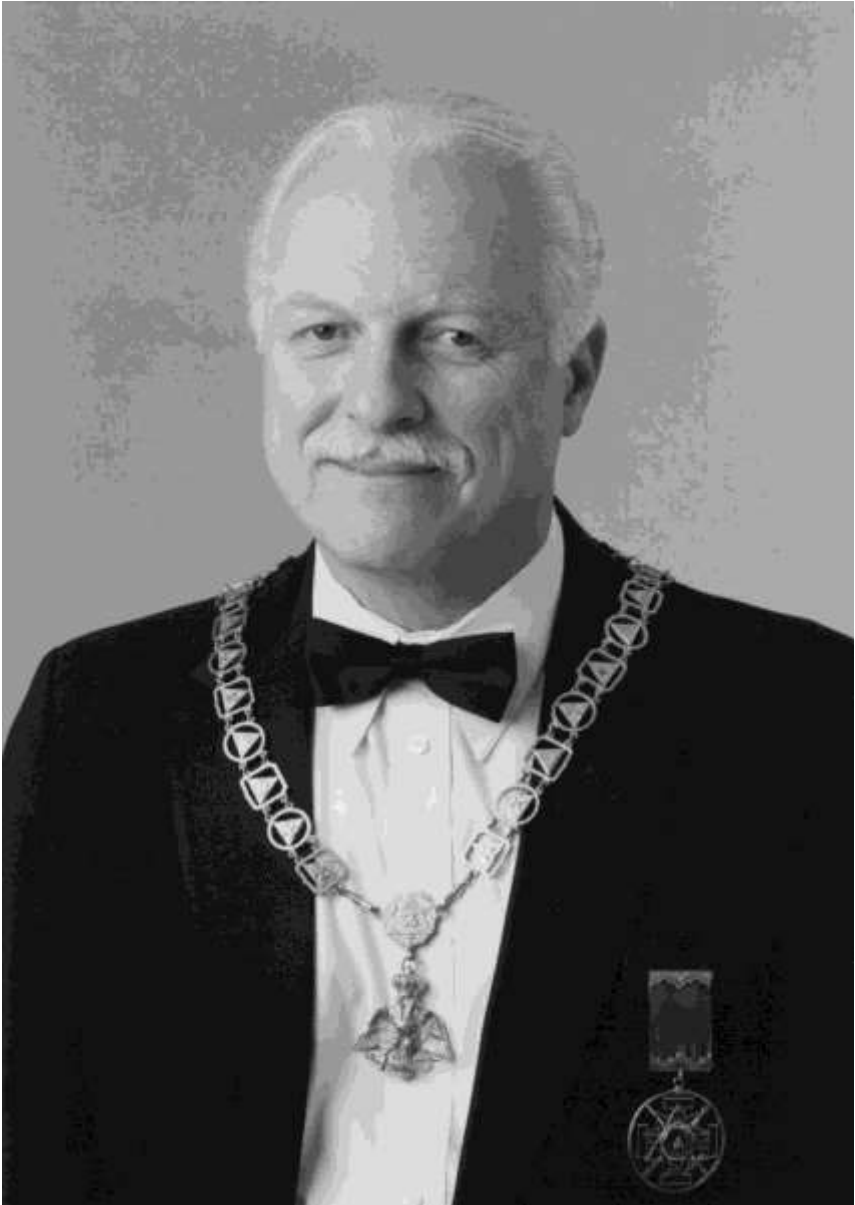
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Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus
Secretary Emeritus



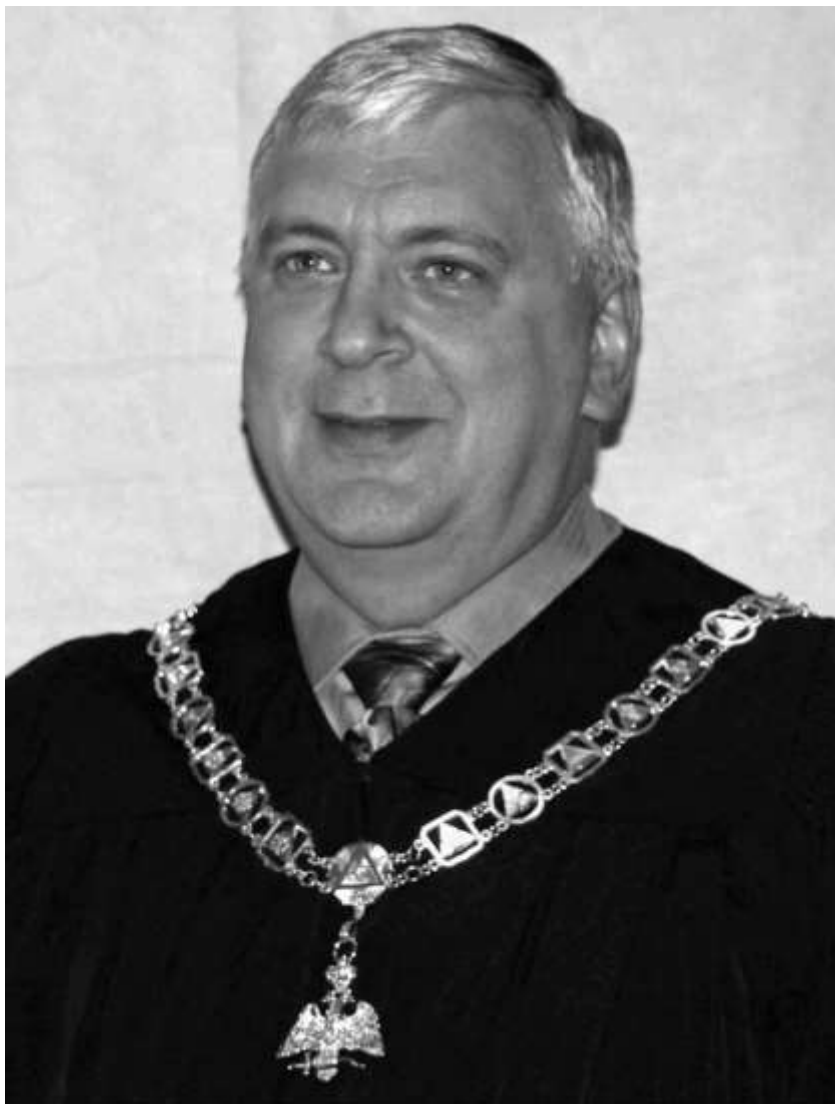
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CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
THE SUPREME COUNCIL
OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE
OF THE ACIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
OF THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

In accordance with the preceding notice issued by order of the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the One Hundred and Forty First Convocation of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation assembled through Zoom Webinar (Virtual), at 7:00pm on September 25, 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°
First Lieutenant Commander	Kevin J. Hecht, 33°
Minister of State	Ernest A. Dubois, MSA, 33°
Treasurer	Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Anthony S. Angelica, 32°
Secretary Emeritus	Richard V. Travis, 33°
Prior	Very Rev. Joseph Krusienksi, 33°

SESSION OPENING

The session was declared open at 7:00 pm by Ill. Bruce T. Work, 33°, Commander-in-Chief.

OPENING PRAYER

Ill. Bruce T. Work, 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 that only reports requiring a vote will be presented at this session, however all Committee Reports have been collected and will be included in the printed proceedings for distribution to all COD members.

PRELIMINARY & FINAL COUNT OF CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session through ZOOM WEBINAR (Virtual) on September 25, 2020:

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 in attendance is 62. The Final count of registered members in attendance is 68.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Angelica
Secretary
Connecticut Council of Deliberation

Supreme Council Highlights - 2020 Session Lexington, Massachusetts

Executive Session -

Membership Report of the Grand Secretary General:

June 16, 2019	102,336
June 15, 2020	<u>99,273</u>
Net Loss	3,063

Broken down as follows:

Initiations	1,833
Restorations	1,166
Deceased	4,500
Suspensions	1,193
Demits	369

Ritual:

There were no submissions of scripts from outside sources for review by the Ritual Committee.

Internally, the Committee is looking at creating a degree focusing on the twentieth century Masonic hero, President Harry S Truman, delving into the core values he employed in the ultimate firing of General MacArthur.

A second internal review is the Masonic perspective at one of the most celebrated battles on American soil in the war against Tyranny...The Alamo. The inside view will explore the core Masonic values that cause men to lay down their lives for independence.

Annual Meetings:

2021 - August 26 - 31, Cleveland, OH

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

2023 - August 26 - 29, Louisville, KY

Legislation Changes to the Constitutions of the Supreme Council:

- Article 332 is changed to allow a Valley Secretary to become an Active Member.
- Article 902 is added to allow for a new award: “Illustrious Harry S. Truman Award for Outstanding Citizenship”. This award may be presented to a female or any non-Mason. This will be launched at our 2021 Cleveland Session.
- Article 111-2 is changed to lower the required number to nominate an Honorary Member from 50 to 35 candidates initiated.
- Article 702 changes the per capita charge of \$27 to \$30, effective June 16, 2021, with the next census.
- Article 704 changes the fee for 33rd candidates from \$900 to \$1,000, effective immediately.
- A proposal by the Sovereign Grand Commander that a fee of fifty dollars shall be payable by the Lodge of Perfection to the Supreme Council for each candidate upon whom membership is conferred, effective June 16, 2021, did not pass by the required number of votes and will hold over to Cleveland session for further review.

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 Amarillios for more information.

Nominations:

This year, Connecticut nominated four Brothers to receive the 33rd Degree, and with the unanimous favorable ballot, Brother Robert J. Furce, M.S.A. from the Valley of Bridgeport, Brother Geoffrey L. Ice from the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport, Brother Martin J. Macary from the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport, and Brother Giuseppe Pisani from the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport will receive their 33rd Degree in Cleveland, OH, in 2021. Please congratulate these Brothers when you have a moment, today.

Thirty Third Degree:

A total of 296 Brothers will receive their thirty third degree on Tuesday afternoon, August 31, 2021, in full ceremonial form in Cleveland Ohio. In addition to the four Brothers elected this year, we have three Brothers elected from last year, making the Connecticut class for 2021 a total of 7 Brothers.

Report of the Committee on Communications

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session, virtually, through Zoom Webinar, this 25th day of September 2020:

The Committee on Communications is striving to create and make available, to each Connecticut Valley, the means, tools, and knowledge to help communications flow freely to all our members and potential Candidates. Our goal is to support membership retention and growth here in Connecticut.

After overcoming a few obstacles, we are happy to inform you the new websites for each CT Valley are live. The theme and message of each page is consistent with that of Supreme Council's website, giving everyone visiting a sense of continuity throughout our organization.

We understand that the current Covid-19 environment has limited the events going on around the state, but some Valleys are becoming creative and offering safe, virtual events. Now, if we can get you to list these on your Valley website, we'd be elated. This is what they are for, a tool for you to use; to help your Valley attract candidates. You are encouraged to list all Events; Family Life, Fundraising, CDC, Degrees, and even pre-Degree dinners. Put the websites to work for you and your Valley!

The website addresses have not been changed. It is our hope that everyone knows each of our Valleys website addresses and have been sending members and possible candidates there to learn more about us. If you don't know the website addresses, it's easy to remember: [www. Valley of \(name\) . org](http://www.Valley of (name) . org). The COD website address is CT Scottish Rite . org.

Next on our agenda:

During these trying times, there has been an adverse impact on communications for us all, in most aspects of our lives.

Conducting our simplest daily tasks have turned into such challenges. How does one be social in a time that there is no more social? How do we stay connected Masonically? How do I continue to receive more light through the Scottish Rite? How do I continue to build relationships and fellowship with my Valley Brothers? Supreme Council's answered this by creating Thursday night at the Rite. Supreme Council continues this by offering 3 one-day classes this fall.

What about us, here in CT? What can we do to help keep each of our Scottish Rite Brothers engaged? We are looking into being able to offer our CT members Livestream events as Supreme Council has. This means you'll be able to Livestream your event, degree or not, and offer to your immobile, infirmed, and out of State members the means to watch it live. This brings back the value of being a member to all those members who can no longer attend Reunions or other events.

Regarding Social Media, some Valleys have Facebook pages to help keep our Brethren informed and engaged. Some pages are updated more often than others, and some not so much. What about Twitter, or any of the other Social media tools? This brings us to the obvious. Whether I like Facebook or not, know how to use Twitter or not, aware of any other Social Media tools or not, it is our members preferred mode of communication that we need to learn, embrace and utilize for their benefit, which turns out to be our own. This is also true for the potential candidate! This is how we as the Scottish Rite in CT can embrace technology as a means to grow our membership.

This being said, I call out to each of you; we are looking for 1-2 people per Valley to become our Statewide Social Media specialists. If you are already maintaining your Valley's Facebook page or other Social Media, perfect. You'll be an asset to our cause. Although the pay might be a little less than nothing, as most Masonic jobs go, but here the rewards are plenty. Being a key member on the team who helps develop a means to grow Scottish Rite Membership here in CT. Who wouldn't want that on their Masonic resume? Please reach out to Myself, Bro. Dave LaFargue or Bro. Tony Angelica to get started and join our team.

Conclusion:

TEAM. Together, Everyone Achieves More. The more we use the websites, the more ideas to alter them for our benefit will come. The more modes of communication we embrace, the more we

can effectively communicate to our members and potential members. The more immobile, infirmed or out of State members are able to take part in our events, the more members will remain Active. Working together in our efforts, we can utilize and adapt our current tools and even create new tools to grow Scottish Rite membership here in Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les B. King, MSA, 32°

David S. LaFargue, MSA, 32°

Tony Angelica, 32°

Communications Committee Co-Chairman

Report of the Committee on Rules & Regulations

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session, virtually, through Zoom Webinar, this 25th day of September 2020:

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 proposes the following revision.

1. PROPOSED REVISION

Existing Text, Article II, Meetings, Notices, Quorum, Section 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.

**Proposed Revision, Article II, Meetings, Notices, Quorum,
Section 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, **or by electronic media** to each member at least ten (10) days before said meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose thereof.

Reason for Proposed Revision:

The use of electronic media is now sufficiently well-established among the members of this Council, and the Brethren at large, to warrant this change. If there is any Brother who is unable to receive notices by email, or other specified electronic media, he can notify the Secretary of such, and personal or “snail” mail notice will be provided. The goal of the revision is to communicate with the Brethren by their preferred means of communication, while also increasing the efficiency and reducing the cost of operations.

2. PROCEDURE (AS TO THE PROPOSED REVISION):

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 preceding annual meeting, and due notice therefore shall have been given to the members...” Accordingly, the vote on the proposed revision will take place at the next scheduled Council of Deliberation annual meeting in 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Bradley K. Cooney

Earl S. Evans

Gary W. Arseneau

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Connecticut 2020:

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

General Fund

August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020

Balance as of August 1, 2019		\$249,726.44
RECEIPTS		
Bank Interest	\$45.15	
AASR Investment Trust Withdrawals	\$5,204.38	
Pre-Paid Dinners	\$7,860.00	
Valley Contributions:		
Lodges of Perfection	\$588.00	
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	\$588.00	
Chapters, Rose Croix	\$588.00	
Consistories	\$491.00	
Valley Contributions (Reported Last year, deposited this year)	\$7,474.04	
Market Value of Investments net of fees & withdrawals	\$7,265.38	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,103.95	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$279,830.39

EXPENSES		
Deputy Honorarium	\$1,000.00	
Active Honorarium	\$500.00	
Active Emeriti Honorarium	\$750.00	
Secretary Honorarium	\$1,000.00	
Treasurer Honorarium	\$800.00	
Audit Fees	\$750.00	
MSA and 33 rd Awards and Jewels	\$0.00	
Office Expense: Printing, Postage & Supplies	\$1,789.33	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00	
Dyslexia Walk T-shirts	\$960.50	
33rd Dinner Expense	\$3,302.00	

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Supreme Council Session (Aug. 2019)	\$9,167.17	
Web Site Maintenance & License	\$2,189.40	
Donations:		
Sottish Rite Almoner's Fund	\$0.00	
Grand Lodge of CT Almoner's Fund	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$22,208.40	
BALANCE AVAILABLE JULY 31, 2020		\$257,621.99

ASSETS – General Fund

Liberty Bank Checking	\$3,964.39
Liberty Bank Savings	\$18,863.62
BNY Mellon Investment Account (Market Value)	\$234,793.98
JULY 31, 2020 BALANCE	\$257,621.99

TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND JULY 31, 2020	\$257,621.99
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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 of the Committee on Finance

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Connecticut for 2020:

The following is the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 year:

BUDGET FOR 2020-21

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	\$36.00
Lodges of Perfection	\$4,382.00
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	\$4,382.00
Chapters, Rose Croix	\$4,382.00
Consistories	\$4,354.00
AASR Investment Fund	\$5,000.00

<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$22,536.00</u>
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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
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	\$4,000.00
Supreme Council Session/COD Meeting	\$4,500.00
Website Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Supreme Council Almoner's Fund Donation	\$2,000.00
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$22,536.00</u>

This budget is based on each Body of the Rite remitting 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 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,

Edward R. Ham, 33°

Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°

Anthony F. Keegan, 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session via Zoom, Connecticut on September 25, 2020:

The committee was established following the Connecticut Council of Deliberation session on September 15, 2018.

The committee has been charged with review of the information provided to the COD concerning its overall finances. We reviewed the report of the Treasurer for the years ended July 31, 2016 through July 31, 2020.

The financial reports follow a traditional reporting model focused on receipts and disbursements by function and includes the beginning and ending balances of each activity for the reporting period. Other than the opening balances, no comparative prior year financial information is provided. This is a model used by many lodges and had been used by Grand Lodge until 2015. Although the report(s) tell the reader the activity, in our opinion, the reports are not conducive to forming a complete understanding of the financial activity and health of the organization.

Observations and recommendations:

• **Reclassifications of prior reports:**

To complete our analysis, we recast the receipts and disbursement reports presented in the proceedings using a traditional balance sheet (Statement of Financial Position – cash basis) and income statement (Statement of Activities – cash basis). During this process we made several reclassifications while consolidating the separate activities and eliminating inter-account transactions.

• **Financial reporting:**

As discussed in our opening comments concerning the financial reporting model, we recommend changing the reports prepared by the Treasurer for the annual COD session to the format used in the attached statement. The report would include the most recent fiscal year and the immediately preceding fiscal year. This model expands the financial information presented by providing comparative results. The user benefit of having comparative results is to bring to focus current and prior period revenue and expense items and to readily identify variances. The report also identifies the annual net operating income or loss before investment income which is currently not evident. The importance of knowing operating income or loss is to assist leadership when considering whether short-term or long-term changes need to be made to revenue and expenses in order to minimize operational losses.

• **Trust investments:**

We have attached a summary of the investment account holdings as of July 31, 2020. We note BNY charged an investment advisory fee of \$1,546 for the fiscal year. The holdings are a selection of mutual funds. The fee, although not significant when compared to the portfolio value under management, it does represent approximately 7 percent of total receipts of the COD for the fiscal year. We are not investment advisors but recommend the COD consider alternative no fee investment firms such as Vanguard or Schwab utilizing low cost mutual funds in a diversified portfolio.

- **Membership:**

Combined Valley membership as of June 15, 2015 totaled 2,517 and currently stands at 2,191 as of June 15, 2020. The loss of members places additional financial burden on the COD due to a reliance on per capita assessments. Absent a net change in membership of zero or better, the solutions are increasing per capita, spending down the investment account, reducing operating expenses or some combination. See our comments concerning “Revenue enhancements and cost mitigation efforts.” Last October, during the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, MWGM Melvin Johnson discussed the current challenges facing our lodges and indirectly our appendant bodies. In a collaborative effort, the NMJ, SMJ, Shrine and Grand Lodges are working to stem the losses. We encourage the Valleys to help in this effort by focusing recruitment efforts to increase the membership in Masonry which as a byproduct creates a greater pool of candidates for our appendant bodies.

- **Governmental compliance:**

We reviewed the IRS filings for the COD, and the five Valleys. All returns reported by the IRS were current. All returns are filed on a July 31st fiscal year basis and reporting on a cash basis method of accounting. We noted all but two Valleys have separate filings for their respective bodies. Upon further research, through the IRS database, we found Valleys in the U.S. filing one return encompassing the activities of all bodies and other Valleys filing separate returns for each body. We are unable to determine the compliance basis for the two divergent methods. If a Valley is contemplating changes to current filing practices, we recommend the Valley discuss the proposal with the Treasurer of the NMJ and obtain guidance on how to accomplish to prevent IRS compliance challenges at a later date.

- **Revenue enhancement and cost mitigation efforts:**

Revenue comes from three sources, per capita assessments, dinner receipts and investment income. We recommend the COD consider increasing the annual per capita and setting per capita on a level basis. Although this will create surpluses in the years

there is no Supreme Council Session, the surpluses will offset the excess expenses in the years there is a Supreme Council Session. This approach also has the benefit of predictability for the Valleys. On the expense side, the largest expenses of the COD are the Supreme Council and COD Session(s) and the 33rd Degree Dinner. These expenses are partially offset by attendee payments for the events. The COD could reduce the shortfall by increasing the cost of the event for other attendees. Honorariums have been relatively consistent each year as has the printing and mailing cost of Proceedings. We do not recommend changes to the honorariums. The COD may be able to reduce the cost of the Proceedings by reducing the number of printed copies and offering members electronic copies. Grand Lodge eliminated mass printing of the Proceedings several years ago and alternatively offers a limited number of printed copies (50 is the minimum by the printer). Members may purchase printed copies or obtain a free searchable PDF version. Grand Lodge realized a considerable savings as requests for printed copies dropped to 25 from prior runs of approximately 600 copies.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Bohman, 33°
Newton Buckner III, 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation Held Virtually via Zoom, Connecticut on September 25 2020:

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

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.

Valley of Bridgeport	Michael L. Todd
Valley of Hartford	David E. Soderberg
Valley of Norwich	D. John Watkins
Valley of New Haven	Scott Bumps

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

Respectfully submitted,
The Thrice Potent Masters
The Sovereign Princes
The Most Wise Masters
and the Commanders-in-Chief of the Valleys,
Kirk C Trofatter JR 32^o, Chairman

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

ALLOCUTION OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the 141st Connecticut Council of Deliberation now in session in Hartford, Connecticut on Sept. 25, 2020, via "Zoom Meeting":

Necrology -

Our Connecticut Council of Deliberation has lost several Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe since my last report, and they are:

III. Brother Charles F. Warfield, 33°; Passed away August 1, 2019, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport

III. Brother, Alfred C. Adinolfi, 33°; Passed away December 19, 2019, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport

III. Brother Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°; Passed away on February 5, 2020, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport and Secretary Emeritus

III. and M.W. Brother William F. Carpenter, 33°, Past Grand Master; Passed away on March 28, 2020, a member of the Valley of Hartford

III. and M.W. Brother Leonard F. D'Amico, 33°, Past Grand Master; Passed away April 30, 2020, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport and Hartford

III. and M.W. Arthur H. Carlstrom, 33°, M.S.A., Past Grand Master; Passed away May 8, 2020, a member of the Valley of Bridgeport

And **Brother Kenneth E. Duncan**, a 73 year member of the Valleys of Hartford and Bridgeport, passed away August 19, 2019 at the age of 98.

In addition to these Brothers, we lost the following M.S.A. recipients:

Brother Edward I Childs, 32°, M.S.A. passed away November 27, 2019. A member of the Valley of Norwich.

Brother Frederick W. Schmalz, 32°, M.S.A., passed away June 14, 2020, a member of the Valley of Hartford.

Four additional past officers as members of this Council of Deliberation passed to the Celestial Lodge above during the 2019-2020 year.

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.

Degree Work -

Together with the Active and Emeriti members I have visited all of the Valleys throughout the State and witnessed several fine degree portrayals during their fall reunions. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine restrictions, spring degree work celebrations have not occurred in live format. The Thursday night "Watch Party's" of video degrees has proven very helpful in members expanding their passport certifications.. These additional degrees allowed for the presentation of many Gold Passports throughout our State this past fall season. 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.

Celebrations -

At the 207th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council held in Milwaukee, WI, last August 2019, Connecticut was honored to have three Brothers elected to receive the Thirty Third Degree, honorary members of our Supreme Council. Brothers David LaFargue, M.S.A. and Brother Tony Angelica of the Valley of Hartford, and Brother Les King, M.S.A. of the Valley of Norwich will receive their degree in Cleveland in 2021. We congratulate these Brothers and thank them for their contributions to Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Charities -

Connecticut Scottish Rite takes our responsibility to the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut seriously, and therefore provides support as our major charitable activity. This past year, the Valley of Hartford provided financial support for the opening of a satellite Dyslexia Center in Farmington, CT. We thank the Valleys of Waterbury, Bridgeport, and Hartford for their continued support and participation in this worthy endeavor. In addition, the Valleys of Norwich and New Haven continue their fund raising efforts to contribute to the student education at these centers. Without the dedication of Ill. Brother David Sharkis and lady

Cheryl, these three centers would still be in the planning stages.
Thank You!!

Our Valley Hospitaler's were busy this year helping distressed Brothers who are experiencing financial hardships, or were in need of other means of assistance. This COVID-19 pandemic saw many Brothers out of work and needing assistance. Many of our Brothers who have received support in previous years are now paying this forward, both financially as well as through "gifts in kind."

ROTC/JROTC -

This year due to the quarantine of all State schools and Universities, Connecticut could not present our JROTC awards, as well as ROTC awards. These presentations were mailed to the various schools for presentation at a later date.

Appendant Bodies and Fraternal Relations -

All 2019 York Rite Grand sessions within our state were attended by myself and when possible, our Active and Emeriti members. Connecticut continues to maintain a strong reciprocal relationship with our York Rite family, with many Brothers serving as Officers in both bodies. 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.

Council of Deliberation -

The 140th session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation was hosted by the Valley of Hartford this year with the meeting being held at the Gallery Restaurant in Glastonbury, CT. 95 members of the Council were present and entitled to seats in our meeting and election of officers. Five well deserving Brothers received the Frederick H. Lorensen, 33° Meritorious Service Award. The full ceremony was performed by Ill. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, with caps and jewels presented by the previous year's recipients. As Deputy, I presented one additional Meritorious Service Award, to Brother Frederick W. Schmalz, as allowed by Article 905 Section D of the Supreme Council Constitutions. Brother Schmalz has led many

"behind the scenes" Masonic activities, both in Blue Lodge Masonry as well as Scottish Rite Masonry. After an enjoyable social hour the prime rib banquet was served at 5:30pm. My thanks to all of the Brothers for their organization and implementation of the day's activities.

Scholarships -

Upon receipt of over 60 applications for the Leon Abbott scholarships, Connecticut has awarded 10 Abbott Scholarship of \$ 1,000.00 each, providing recognition of our youth and Scottish Rite this year. In addition, several Valley scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts to deserving students. Our Scholarship Committee headed up by Illustrious Brother Jack Farkas, 330 does a tremendous job with their task, and I thank them sincerely.

Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut -

Due to the increase in "waiting list" students, The Children's Dyslexia of Connecticut has undertaken the task of creating two new "satellite centers", one in the Bridgeport area and one in the Hartford area. These centers operate under the existing Board of Governor's structure with Associate Directors. Mrs. Cheryl Sharkis oversees the entire three centers activities and tutoring staff. My sincere thanks to Ill. Brother David Sharkis who is working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep these expansions possible. We are proud to say that our Board of Directors provide untold hours of their time to assist in fund raising activities, management of budgets and several other activities, and continue to provide the leadership necessary for a successful learning center experience for our youth.

My sincere thanks go out to Ill. Brother Russell Griswold, M.S.A., 33°, Chairman of the Waterbury Dyslexia Walk, Ill. Brother David Urban, M.S.A., 33°, Chairman of the Bridgeport Turkey Trot Road Race, and Brother Anthony Angelica, Chairman of the Hartford 5K Road Race, for their fund raising activities on behalf of our Children's Dyslexia Centers in Connecticut.

State of the Rite -

Communication continues to be a major concentration of mine this year, as without it, Brothers will not attend meetings they are unaware of, and assistance to Brothers in need cannot occur if we are unaware. The State webpage and Valley calendars have been revamped this year, as updated and current dates were lacking. Valley newsletters continue to need review, with an eye on more regular editions or at least a schedule of expected publications.

The "Brother to Brother" calling program has continued, whereby, the Sovereign Prince and his officer line were given a list of all members in their respective Valley's, along with a brief script, list of phone numbers we had available and asked to contact these Brothers. The purpose of our call is not to ask for money, but to follow-up on their well being and to offer any assistance these Brothers might need. This was sincerely effective during the period of quarantine for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Membership -

This year our five Valley's have worked tirelessly to grow and maintain membership in the Scottish Rite in Connecticut. Our membership has grown 119%, with a total of 76 new Brothers joining our ranks this year.

Dispensation -

This year during the early stages of a Statewide quarantine for the COVID19 pandemic, and in conjunction with our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, I issued a dispensation for all Annual meetings and Election of officers to be held at a time when restrictions on meeting attendee numbers would permit these gatherings, or if it better served our members, these meetings could be held in electronic medium such as WebEx or Zoom or other format, with proper notice being given to all members prior, per the terms of the Valley By-Laws. This dispensation was dated April 16, 2020.

Conclusion -

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

The capable service of the Active and Active Emeriti, is most sincerely appreciated, as they have responded to every call of duty with willing assistance, and made my year as Deputy, a genuine pleasure. Without their wise council and cooperation I'm sure Connecticut Scottish Rite would be facing many more challenges than we are today.

I am honored to serve as Deputy for Connecticut Scottish Rite, and on behalf of the Actives, and Emeriti, I want to express my gratitude to all of our members, for their cooperation and assistance during this past year of quarantines and "virtual meetings".

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

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Hartford, Connecticut on September 25, 2020.

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following slate of Officers to serve this Council of Deliberation for the year 2020 – 2021 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 Lieutenant Commander Emeritus	Gail N. Smith, 33°
Second Lieutenant	Ernest A. Dubois, MSA, 33°

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Commander	
Minister of State	Richard E. Frazier, MSA, 33°
Chancellor	Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33°
Treasurer	Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Anthony S. Angelica, 32°
Secretary Emeritus	Richard V. Travis, 33°
Prior	Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski, 33°
Master of Ceremonies	Earl S. Evans, MSA, 33°
Hospitaler	Melvin E. Johnson, 33°
Seneschal	Raymond J. Dolyak, MSA, 33°
Standard Bearer	Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33°
Captain of the Guard	David B. Urban, MSA, 33°
Sentinel	Dennis O. Cyr, MSA, 33°
Historian	C.A. Duke, 33°

Fraternally,
Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33°, Chairman

CLOSING REMARKS AND BENEDICTION

The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief gave closing remarks and thanked everyone in attendance for their participation before declaring these proceedings closed. This event was well received and enjoyed by all.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, in annual session via ZOOM WEBINAR, this 25th day of September, 2020:

The proceedings of the 140th session of this Council of Deliberation have been printed and distributed to all of our members. The proceedings of today's 141st session of this Council of Deliberation will be created and distributed to all of our members either electronically or by US Mail within the next few weeks.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

We started the past year with 248 Members within this Council of Deliberation, and experienced an overall gain of 16 members throughout the year. Membership within this Council of Deliberation now stands at 264.

Membership within the Connecticut Valley's now stands at 2,191 (loss of 18) for the Lodges of Perfection, Councils, Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapters, Rose Croix and 2,177 (loss of 19) for the Consistories, S.P.R.S.

The breakdown of the State-wide membership is as follows: Collectively, we Initiated 62, Affiliated 1, Restored 4, Suspended 6, Discharged 3, and Demitted 6 members this past year. We have also reported a total of 70 Deaths. Together, this represents an overall loss of 18 members from the previous year. Although this overall loss is down from last year's 38 members lost, it is still an overall loss.

The Valley of Bridgeport finished the year with a gain of 8. Well done! Congratulations for finishing with a gain in membership! The Valley of Waterbury finished the year with a loss of 4. The Valley of New Haven finished the year with a gain of 15. The Valley of Norwich finished the year with a loss of 4. And the Valley of Hartford finished the year with a loss of 3.

The per capita tax of \$17,500.00 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 6/16/2019	Initiated	Affiliated FOJ	Restored	Deaths	Suspended	Discharged	Demitted	Senior Status	Members 6/15/2020	Assessed Members	Gain/Loss	Per Capita Tax Received
Lodges Of Perfection													
B DeWitt Clinton	494	28	0	0	11	6	0	3	8	502	502	8	1004
N King Solomon	342	9	0	0	11	0	1	1	10	338	338	-4	676
H Charter Oak	714	15	1	3	20	0	0	2	59	711	711	-3	1422
NH E. G. Storer	413	4	0	0	19	0	0	0	12	398	398	-15	796
W Doric	246	6	0	1	9	0	2	0	14	242	242	-4	484
TOTALS	2209	62	1	4	70	6	3	6	103	2191	2191	-18	4382
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem													
B Washington	494	28	0	0	11	6	0	3	8	502	502	8	1004
N Van Rensselaer	342	9	0	0	11	0	1	1	10	338	338	-4	676
H Hartford	714	15	1	3	20	0	0	2	59	711	711	-3	1422
NH Elm City	413	4	0	0	19	0	0	0	12	398	398	-15	796
W Ionic	246	6	0	1	9	0	2	0	14	242	242	-4	484
TOTALS	2209	62	1	4	70	6	3	6	103	2191	2191	-18	4382
Chapters, Rose Croix													
B Pequonnock	494	28	0	0	11	6	0	3	8	502	502	8	1004
N Norwich	342	9	0	0	11	0	1	1	10	338	338	-4	676
H Cyrus Goodell	714	15	1	3	20	0	0	2	59	711	711	-3	1422
NH New Haven	413	4	0	0	19	0	0	0	12	398	398	-15	796
W Corinthian	246	6	0	1	9	0	2	0	14	242	242	-4	484
TOTALS	2209	62	1	4	70	6	3	6	103	2191	2191	-18	4382
Conistones, S.P.R.S.													
B Lafayette	1142	38	0	1	39	6	2	3	33	1131	1131	-11	2262
N Connecticut	491	9	0	0	18	1	1	1	40	479	479	-12	958
H Nathan Hale	563	15	1	3	13	0	0	2	28	567	567	4	1134
TOTALS	2196	62	1	4	70	7	3	6	101	2177	2177	-19	4354

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

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Virtual Session on September 25, 2020.

Brothers, good afternoon and greetings from your Board of Governors.

Will the members of the Board of Governors who are present please virtually signify their presence in order to 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.

Last year's successes with the satellite expansions were an unmitigated success, and prior to the Pandemic emergency all three locations were either at full capacity or getting nearer to it. The emergence of the pandemic in March necessitated the employment of online meeting technology in order to meet the mandates of the lockdown orders, and to protect the health and wellbeing of our staff and our clients.

The Connecticut Dyslexia Centers have pressed on regardless, and have conducted over 780 Zoom meetings since the middle of April through the summer. These meetings include tutorial sessions with our young clients, as well as staff and training sessions. Your Board of Governors has agreed to continue on line delivery of services to our clients through the end of December given the uncertainty of the course of the pandemic. As of the time of writing the incidence of new cases has now climbed to over 1% for a continuous one week period per the Governor's offices. The

issue of reopening live instruction will be revisited later in the year when the infection trends heading into the Holidays are better delineated.

The Pandemic has stymied a couple of our standard summer fund raising efforts. I am glad to report that the October Dyslexia Walk is a “go” but with numerous provisos and limitations. (I am attaching a memorandum on the conditions which the walk will be held, and which should be incorporated into this report).

Clearly, there has never been a more pressing need for your support. With the cancellation of certain standard fund raising efforts, and the previously unanticipated necessitation for Covid-19 related supplies such as PPE, Material for Sneeze guard fabrication, disinfectant, masks and so on, the need for additional funding is palpable. Lastly, we continue having to honor our obligations to our landlords despite the fact that the facilities are in stasis at this time.

Your Board of Governors acknowledges the outstanding financial support that comes reliably and 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. We hope that circumstances will allow us to match last year’s successes with the upcoming Annual Walk for Dyslexia Awareness in Waterbury, the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Stratford, and 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 is resident in Lexington and who has been doing a herculean job in streamlining and organizing the entire CDC operation in the entire Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. I must also, as always, extend kudos to Center Director Cheryl Sharkis, and Co- Directors Connie Voight and Dawn Valentini, the Tutors and Tutor Scholars who have managed to shift from in

person to online training sessions and adopting new and more time consuming preparation regimens. Their selfless efforts continue to be the real basis by which we are able to afford our young clients the regimen which will enable them to overcome their Dyslexic conditions.

Lastly, I ask that everyone here please support and participate in our next upcoming fund raiser – specifically the Dyslexia Walk, on Sunday, October 4, 2020, 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. Please note the participatory limitations and conditions on the attached flyer.

In conclusion, I want to, again, express my gratitude to each of you for your ongoing support for our Mission. Your support and the ongoing support of the Blue Lodge brethren is critical, especially given the exigencies created by the current pandemic situation. 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. Amarillos, 32°, MSA,
Chairman, Board of Governors
Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Centers

REPORT OF THE 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, Via Zoom, On September 25th, 2020:

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Good evening 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 18 plus years.

In March 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic forced lockdowns and closures around the globe, causing the Children's Dyslexia Centers of CT to cease face to face tutoring operations. The Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. was able to move forward with virtual tutoring, offering one-on-one lessons utilizing Zoom. We continued with this format for our summer term and will continue Zooming until the end of the year. We will reevaluate returning to face to face tutorial sessions after the first of the New Year. Although the best practice and most effective environment for tutoring is face to face, we are all very thankful to have the ability to be proactive in these uncertain times.

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 156 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 August via Zoom, with 5 youngsters completing their work at the Center. At present, we have experienced 17 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 49 Tutors. We are in the process of modifying the Tutor Training under the current conditions. There are a few individuals interested in training. We are considering beginning lectures and observations utilizing Zoom for the autumn.

By the end of September, it is projected that the Centers will be providing tutorial sessions for 36 youngsters (4 have opted out of distance learning). End of year testing this year consisted of Scope and Sequence Level testing as opposed to Standardized Testing because....since March there hasn't been anything standard about 2020. 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. 4th), the Turkey Trot (Nov. 26th), Christmas Party/Silent Auction 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 a more fulfilling life.

I will close with a few lines from this year's musical theme for our virtual Celebration of Achievement taken from Bob Marley and the Wailers "Three Little Birds"....

Don't worry about a thing

Cuz every little thing gonna be alright.

Singing "Don't worry about a thing.

Cuz every little thing gonna be alright."

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Sharkis, Director/Trainer/Tutor

Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session via Electronic Communication, September 25, 2020:

In this unique year, as this Council and its constituent Valleys continue the work of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, your Committee on Business submits the following report.

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

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

To the Illustrious Commander-in- Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Council of Deliberation:

The 141st annual session of Connecticut Council of Deliberation was held via Zoom. All distinguish were received and welcomed. All reports were received and put on file. The Brothers who were nominated to receive 33rd degree to be held in Cleveland Ohio in 2021 were announced. Ritual work in the fall 2019 was normal, however the spring of 2020 was not due to the outbreak of the corona virus in March. The next annual meeting will be hosted by the valley New Haven in September 2021.

On October 19 2019, in Glastonbury, a formal testimonial honoring Brothers Dennis O. Cyr, David B. Urban and Sterling Viets who received the 33rd degree in Milwaukee Wis. The function was very well attended.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Duke, 33rd.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren on the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Sessions at New Haven, Connecticut on September 25, 2020:

The Chairman of the State Membership and Retention Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 2019-2020.

The past year has proven itself to be perhaps the most challenging period for active Masonic participation in recent history. The challenges presented by the Covid-19 Pandemic have been unprecedented in Masonic history. However difficult this period has been, it is the opinion of this committee that our membership and leadership can weather this storm and continue to serve our brethren. "Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived."

In response to this crisis, the Supreme Council has continued to show its forward-thinking nature and has adapted. The Supreme Council has released the following Virtual Reunion plan:

"The Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is pleased to announce that this fall we will be hosting three Virtual Reunions. These reunions will be available as an option to all valleys as we continue to work through the various challenges posed by COVID-19.

The dates for our Fall Virtual Reunions are:
October 3rd, October 24th, and November 14th

These events are open to all members and accepted candidates of the Scottish Rite, NMJ. We encourage all brethren to join us as we come together to engage with the teachings of our craft, reflect on our values, and welcome new men to the brotherhood."

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We highly recommend that all valleys take advantage of this plan, as well as continue to follow all fraternal, state, and federal guidelines regarding gatherings and social distancing.

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

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:

- Six virtual Masonic Exhibits
- Valley of Excellence Program
- 32nd Degree Member Kits
- The New Member Experience support materials
- "Not just a man, a mason" promotional materials

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- Hauts Grades Academy Educational Program
- Additional Leadership Materials
- “You’re Invited” Brochure
- Online Petition, process, and payment
- 4th Degree “Induction Ceremony” with Welcome package
- 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 cannot 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 the 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.

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

Conclusion:

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

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

Fraternally submitted,
Charles H. Tirrell, MSA 33°, Chairman
State Membership and Retention Committee

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2020 SCOTTISH RITE ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIPS AND VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONNECTICUT

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, meeting on September 25, 2020, the 141st COD session, zoom meeting, CT:

This year, The Supreme Council, located in Lexington, Massachusetts has awarded \$11,000.00 to Connecticut for Abbott Scholarships. The State of Connecticut awarded eleven One Thousand Dollar Abbott Scholarships to worthy students for 2020. The State Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation has recommended eleven applicants to become the 2020 Abbott Scholarship recipients. Following tradition, these recommendations were made to Illustrious Bruce T. Work, 33rd, 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 2020 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 youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is:

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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 fifty-four applications for the Abbott Scholarships from the five Valleys in Connecticut. This submission is a decrease of twenty-two 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 twenty Valley Scholarships, three Abbott Scholarships, plus six additional Valley Scholarships of \$1,500.00 each to the Abbott Scholarship recipients in Lafayette Consistory, for a total of twenty-nine scholarships. The Valley of Hartford had thirty-one applications and presented twenty-seven Valley scholarships along with four Abbott Scholarships all \$1,000.00 each. The Valley of New Haven had eight Valley scholarships along with two Abbott Scholarships for a total of ten Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each; the Valley of

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Norwich gave two Valley Scholarships along with one Abbott Scholarship of \$1,000.00 each. The Valley of Waterbury had six applications and presented two Valley Scholarships or \$500.00 each this year along with one Abbott Scholarship for \$1,000.00. Collectively, our five Valleys have awarded a total of seventy-six scholarships along with the eleven Abbott Scholarships this year, for a grand total of eighty-seven scholarships awarded in 2020.

The eleven recipients of the 2020 Abbott Scholarships, each receiving \$1,000, are as follows:

Dajannah L. Bird, Bridgeport, CT, University of Bridgeport
Casey L. Moran, Oxford, CT, University of Bridgeport
Kate E. Linn, Milford, CT, University of Vermont
Adele J. Rossingnol, Simsbury, CT, Weaton College
Amy E. Mason, Lebanon, CT, George Washington University
Jenna G. Dickens, Middletown, CT, St. John's University
Amanda L. Santoro, Berlin, CT, Florida Southern College
Sydney A. Sherrik, Orange, CT, Undecided
Hailey R. Koval, Wallingford, CT, Salem State University
Jamison Y. White, Peoria, AZ, Grand Canyon University
Tyler R. Suarez, Naugatuck, CT, University of Bridgeport

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, 32°
Tony Angelica, Tony Angelica, 32°
Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33°
Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33°, Chairman

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE RITE

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in annual session on the 25th day of September, 2020.

THE VALLEYS AND THE ADVENT OF COVID-19

Representing the Committee of the State of the Rite in Connecticut, I'm pleased to present the following report. Because of the significant changes that have taken place in our Valleys, our State, our Country and our World over the last year we've decided this report should contain the State of the Rite as it was at the beginning of the year, during current times and in the near future.

The Scottish Rite in Connecticut started off the past year with a great level of optimism that nothing stood in our way. Our Valleys held scheduled and unscheduled meetings, performed rehearsals, portrayed degrees and held family programs and social events without fear. The video degrees produced by and provided from the Supreme Council became a great tool for our Valleys to offer our candidates and members additional degrees without over taxing the members who already do so much. At the beginning of the year our ability to gather together was unbridled, abundant and strongly encouraged. The information/direction provided by the Supreme Council regarding the "Path Forward" study and "Not Just a Man, A Mason" campaign was in its early stages of implementation by the Valleys. Little did we know how good we actually had it.

We're all too aware that in early 2020 Connecticut was hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. Connecticut Freemasonry and the Connecticut Scottish Rite Valleys were fractured as well. The rules and guidelines put into place by the CDC, Federal, State and Local authorities made it impossible for us to gather together, a great

challenge for a fraternity that has always depended on its ability to meet and have personal interactions with other members and candidates. But with the guidance of the Grand Lodge of CT and the Supreme Council, NMJ we've started to piece things back together by finding ways to gather electronically. It may not be as good as meeting in person but hopefully it will help us get through the nightmare called Covid-19 and back to a time where meeting in person isn't jeopardizing the health and well-being of our members.

Unfortunately we expect the near future to consist of more electronic meetings, presentations of degrees and social gatherings. Seeing each other through a phone or computer screen is the new normal for Freemasonry, at least for the foreseeable future. However there's a glimmer of hope coming soon in the form of "hybrid" meetings. A combination of using on-line technology for those who aren't comfortable attending in person and small numbers of in-person gatherings paying close attention to social distancing, mask wearing, personal hygiene and building sanitization. It isn't what we all want or what we're used to but it's a small step in the right direction. Grand Lodge has set forth extensive guidelines for Lodges to start meeting in-person and some Lodges will start opening again under those strict guidelines. Others will continue to do things entirely electronically. Each Valley will have to come up with what works best for them as long as it meets the guidelines set by the Supreme Council and the Grand Lodge. Hopefully our Valley's help each other by communicating what methods of remote meetings or social events that are working best for them.

Let's all continue to pray that a successful treatment, vaccine or cure is developed for Covid-19. For then and only then will things return to normal for Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite soon.

QUICK UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS (CDC's)

With the recent openings of the Bridgeport and Farmington satellite centers the CDC's started off the year with a high level of optimism for a successful year. That optimism was suddenly and unknowingly slowed by the advent of Covid-19. With the school buildings having to close, the CDC's, like many schools, are now operating remotely. Tutors are teaching their students on-line. The schools will reopen just as soon as it's deemed safe.

IN CONCLUSION

We wish you all good health, success and happiness and we look forward to Freemasonry returning to normal as we continue to develop ways to fight, control and ultimately cure the Covid-19 virus. We ask that this report be accepted as read and so recorded.

Respectfully Submitted

John F. Kessler, 33°

Les B. King, 32°, MSA,

Joseph B. Cyr, 33°

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Connecticut for 2020.

Last year's Committee discussed the issues of membership retention, the continuing cooperation between the valleys, modification of our degrees by Supreme Council, and the family life events offered. This year's report is regrettably a more somber report due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Membership:

Each of us must remember that we are ambassadors for the Scottish Rite. We need to keep our Lodges informed of our activities by mentioning them at meetings. We should speak to newer Masons about expanding their Masonic knowledge by becoming involved with the Scottish Rite. We should inform them about The Path Forward and direct them to the “Not just a Man. A Mason” website.

As always, our biggest challenge is retention. Valley Officers and leaders should reach out to current members on a regular basis. There are many media tools like Constant Contact, websites, social media outlets, virtual meeting programs, the CT Freemasons publication, Brother to Brother calling programs, and Valley newsletters which may be put to use. As always, these information highways need to be consistent and the content updated frequently, lest we lose the interest of those we are trying to keep and attract.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the inability to meet in person to enjoy the camaraderie and friendship which are the hallmarks of our fraternity. This has led to the curtailment of most, if not all, of Valley Activities. No one can say how soon a vaccine, or an effective antiviral agent will be available to combat the disease. No one can predict when or even if the virus will be sufficiently controlled. Until an effective antiviral agent and/or a vaccine are available, we must continue to exercise social distancing, face masks, limited gathering size and other procedures necessary to keep us safe, especially given the age demographics of our fraternity.

In response to this crisis, the Supreme Council has made degrees available Thursday night on Zoom for members to see and to continue to fill-up their passports. In addition, the Scottish Rite, NMJ is hosting three Virtual Reunions on Saturday, October 3, 2020, on Saturday, October 24, 2020 and on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Approved candidates can use the opportunity to be

initiated into the Scottish Rite through these Virtual Reunions. It is hoped that current members will also participate and will use the online event to make new brothers feel welcome. It will also provide an excellent opportunity to interact with our Brothers across the fifteen states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

On a local level, many Valleys have been using virtual technology (such as ZOOM, Google Meet, Skype, etc.), to provide events to keep their membership engaged. Events such as virtual meetings, cigar & scotch nights, movie nights, poker or card games, and many other ideas have been held where our members and prospective members can gather together, separately from their own homes. In these uncertain times, the Valleys should continue to plan more of these types of events. The only limitation is our own imaginations.

Children's Dyslexia Center:

The Valleys continue to support the Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Center. However, the pandemic may result in 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, and the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Stratford being cancelled for safety reasons. However, the continued support of individuals and corporations is vital to the success of the Waterbury Campus and our satellite operations.

Conclusion: In conclusion, all the Valleys in Connecticut form the Council of Deliberation. At this time of national emergency, we should continue to shift our focus from the individual Valleys to Scottish Rite in Connecticut as a whole. Our brethren need communication not only from their own Valley but from all the Valleys to support them during this time of need.

Respectively submitted,

Wallace DeSouza, 32°

Paul L. Chello, 33°

Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

To the illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Glastonbury, Connecticut on September 25, 2020,

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

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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

Honorary Members Cont.

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

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

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
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

Arthur M. Brown MSA Cont.

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
Ill. Whitney P McNulty, MSA, 33°	06/11/2004
Ill. Ernest A Dubois, MSA, 33°	06/11/2004
Ill. Jack H Stevens, MSA, 33°	06/10/2005
Ill. Ralph W Rose, MSA, 33°	06/10/2005
Ill. 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
Ill. Francis G Way, MSA, 33°	06/09/2006
Ill. Martin Ede, MSA, 33°	06/09/2006
Ill. Raymond J Dolyak, MSA, 33°	06/09/2006
Gary D Shepard, MSA	06/15/2007
Charles D Weiss, MSA	06/15/2007

Arthur M. Brown MSA Cont.

Ill. Russell W Griswold, MSA, 33°	06/15/2007
Ill. Carl J Mossberg, MSA, 33°	06/15/2007
Ill. 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
Ill. Robert A Simon, MSA, 33°	06/13/2008
Charles B Clark, MSA	06/14/2008
Ill. William L Breed, MSA, 33°	06/19/2009
Ill. Earl S Evans, MSA, 33°	06/19/2009
Ill. Charles A McCollum, MSA, 33°	06/19/2009
David M Costner, MSA	06/11/2010
Louis O House IV, MSA	06/17/2011
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

Frederick H. Lorenson MSA Cont.

Jeffrey L Stober, MSA	06/21/2013
Steven M Allinson, 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
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
Joseph Lengyel, MSA	09/14/2019
John F. Plante, MSA	09/14/2019
T. Donovan Scroggs, MSA	09/14/2019

Frederick H. Lorenson MSA Cont.

Benito Vazquez, MSA	09/14/2019
Michael L. Todd, MSA	09/25/2020
David E. Soderberg, MSA	09/25/2020
D. John Watkins, MSA	09/25/2020
Scott Bumps, MSA	09/25/2020

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	
*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

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*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	

TABLEAUX OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE In the STATE OF CONNECTICUT 2019-2020

VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT, A.A.S.R.

Stated Convocations 1st Mon. Feb. & Oct.; Annual Convocation 3rd Mon. May

Degree Rendezvous: As determined by Executive Committee

Edward R. Ham, 33°	Treasurer
Jack J. S. Farkas, MSA, 33°	Secretary
Thomas E. Beck, MSA, 32°	Assoc. Secretary
Gary D. Shepard, MSA, 32°	Asst. Secretary
David B. Urban, MSA, 33°	Hospitaler
Harvey J. Hartin, MSA, 32°	Tyler
Raymond J. Dolyak, MSA, 33°	Manger, Stage & Properties
John A. Amarilios, MSA, 32°	Membership Chairman
Gary D. Shepard, MSA, 32°	Family Life Chairman
Willis E. Copeland, Jr., MSA, 32°	Organist

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE OF PERFECTION

Chartered May 11, 1858

David H. Cooper, 32°	Thrice Potent Master
Victor D. Ojeda, 32°	Deputy Master
Raymond J. Savoy, 32°	Senior Warden
Jeff Feinson, 32°	Junior Warden
Tyreke M.T. Bird, 32°	Orator
Stephen S. Elliott, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Guy O. Whelchel, III, 32°, MSA	Captain of the Guard

WASHINGTON COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

Chartered June 1, 1858

Christopher Jennings, 32°	Sovereign Prince
Jack J. Baril Jr., 32°	High Priest
Barry S. Ronner, 32°	Senior Warden
David Rupar, 32°	Junior Warden
Benito Vazquez, 32°	Orator
Rovshan Mammadov, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Jerry Gruenbaum, 32°	Captain of the Guard
Jonathan G. DeBaun, 32°	Master of Entrances

PEQUONNOCK CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.

Chartered June 1, 1858

John A. Amarillos, 32°, MSA	Most Wise Master
Michael J. Kaczynski, 32°	Senior Warden
Silas Mante, 32°	Junior Warden
David H. Cooper, 32°	Orator
David J. Millington, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Raymond J. Savoy, 32°	Captain of the Guard

LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

Chartered June 1, 1858

Joseph B. Cyr, MSA, 33°	Commander-in-Chief
Paul L. Chello, 33°	1st Lieutenant Commander
Robert J. Furce, 32°, MSA	2nd Lieutenant Commander
Harold A. Elwell, 32°, MSA	Orator
Daniel Galloza, 32°, MSA	Chancellor
Steven P. Schreck, MSA, 33°	Master of Ceremonies
Erik P. Meyer, MSA, 32°	Engineer and Seneschal

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

VALLEY OF NORWICH, A.A.S.R.

Stated/Annual Convocations/Rendezvous: As determined by Executive Council

Frank J. Saviano, 32°	Secretary
Les B. King, 32°, MSA	Asst. Secretary
Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33°	Treasurer
C.A. Duke, MSA, 33°	Hospitaler
Theodore J. Nelson, 33°	Master of Ceremonies
Joshua McDonnold, 32°	Tyler
Jeffry L. Stober, 32°, MSA	Wardrobe/Properties
William H. Morse, Jr., 32°, MSA	Stage Manager

KING SOLOMON LODGE OF PERFECTION

Chartered May 28, 1864

Jason A. Fletcher, 32°	Thrice Potent Master
Ian Sharpe, 32°	Deputy Master
Philipp H. Baumann Jr., 32°	Senior Warden
Michael Gibeault, 32°	Junior Warden
John Moulson, 32°	Orator
L. Tom Rutka, 32°	Captain of the Guard

VAN RENSSELAER COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

Chartered May 28, 1864

Jim Chianese, 32°	Sovereign Prince
Kristopher J. Dorsett, 32°	High Priest
Seth Beebe, 32°	Senior Warden
Gary Blackstone, 32°	Junior Warden
Augusta Estriplet, 32°	Master of Entrances

NORWICH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.

Chartered May 28, 1864

William J. Bundy, III, 32°	Most Wise Master
Christopher Janik, 32°	Senior Warden
Fred R. Driscoll, III, 32°	Junior Warden
Jeffery E. Potter, 32°	Orator
L. Tom Rutka, 32°	Captain of the Guard

CONNECTICUT CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

Chartered May 28, 1864

Less B. King, 32°, MSA	Commander-in-Chief
Wallace DeSouza, 32°	1st Lieutenant Commander
Frank J. Saviano, 32°	2nd Lieutenant Commander

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

John F. Moore, 32°	Orator
John E. Stogden, 32°, MSA	Chancellor
John F. Plante, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Scott Larkham, 32°	Engineer and Seneschal
Greg B. Peck, 32°	Color Bearer
David C. Hirtle, 32°	Standard Bearer
L. Tom Rutka, 32°	Captain of the Guard
Joshua McDonnold, 32°	Sentinel

VALLEY OF HARTFORD, A.A.S.R.

Stated/Annual Convocations/Rendezvous: As determined by Executive Council

III. Anthony F. Keegan, 33°	Treasurer
David C Lockard, 32°	Asst. Treasurer
Tony S. Angelica, 32°	Secretary
III. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°	Hospitaler
Gordon C. Hurlbert, III, 32°	Class Marshal

CHARTER OAK LODGE OF PERFECTION

Chartered May 19, 1866

Mark E. Blackaby, 32°	Thrice Potent Master
Sterling N. Viets, 33°	Deputy Master
III. Earl S. Evans, M.S.A., 33°	Senior Warden
Charles M. Jewart, 32°	Junior Warden
Andrew C. Work, 32°	Orator
Eric J. Pogg, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
David W. Shaw, 32°	Captain of the Guard
Carl A. Stidsen, 32°	Chaplain

HARTFORD COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

Chartered August 16, 1876

Paul D. Catanzaro, 32°	Sovereign Prince
Kevin W. Stuck, 32°	High Priest
Khamphiou Phimvongsa, 32°	Senior Warden
Darryle J. Boyd, Jr. , 32°	Junior Warden
Robert V. Dynak, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
David D. Stapleton, 32°	Master of Entrances
Robert J. Wallace, 32°	Chaplain

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
CYRUS GOODELL CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.

Chartered August 16, 1876

Robert B. McKay, 32°	Most Wise Master
Jonathan Hibbard, 32°	Senior Warden
Deepak Saluru, 32°	Junior Warden
Jeffery S. Mayer, 32°	Orator
Maroun G Zoghbi, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Stephen C.P. Lake, 32°	Captain of the Guard

NATHAN HALE CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

Chartered September 25, 1884

John F. Kessler, 33°	Commander-in-Chief
Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°	1st Lieutenant Commander
<i>Valley of Hartford Cont.</i>	
Walter Grube, 32°	2nd Lieutenant Commander
Charles D. Weiss, M.S.A. , 32°	Orator
Brian J. Berk, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Theodore L. Hasty, 32°	Engineer and Seneschal
Sterling N. Viets, 32°	Color Bearer
Mark T. Keenan, 32°	Standard Bearer
T. Donovan Scroggs, 32°, MSA	Captain of the Guard
Kenneth D. Roach, Jr., 32°	Sentinel

VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN, A.A.S.R.

Stated Convocations 2nd Mon. Jan., Sept., & Nov.

Annual Convocation 2nd Mon. May

Degree Rendezvous: As determined by Executive Committee

Richard C. Memmott, 33°	Treasurer
Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33°	Secretary
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°	Assistant Secretary
Lewis P. Bither, 32°	Hospitaler
Frank H. Lesco, MSA, 32°	Tyler
Willis E. Copeland Jr., MSA, 32°	Organist/Choir Dir

E.G. STORER LODGE OF PERFECTION

Chartered August 19, 1874

Randy Steven, 33°	Thrice Potent Master
Steven P. Schreck, MSA, 33°	Deputy Master
Jerry J. Gruenbaum, 32°	Senior Warden

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ELM CITY COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

Chartered August 18, 1875

Scott Bumps, 32°	Sovereign Prince
Fred Marotti, 32°	High Priest
Albert R.R. Johnson, 32°	Senior Warden
James C. Kleinkauf, MSA, 32°	Junior Warden

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.

Chartered August 19, 1875

Bradley K. Cooney, 33°	Most Wise Master
Paul L. Chello, 33°	Senior Warden
Charles Tirrell, 33°	Junior Warden

VALLEY OF WATERBURY, A.A.S.R.

Stated/Annual Convocations/Rendezvous: As determined by Executive Council

Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33°	Treasurer
Paul B. Iltchenko, MSA, 32°	Assistant Treasurer
Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33°	Secretary
Marty Macary, 32°	Assistant Secretary
David J. Speranzo, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Russell W. Griswold, MSA, 33°	Chaplain
Gerry Matthews, 32°	Tyler
<i>Valley of Waterbury Cont.</i>	
Kenneth A. Buckbee, 32°	Hospitaller

DORIC LODGE OF PERFECTION

Chartered September 23, 1897

Marty Macary, 32°	Thrice Potent Master
Jack J. Baril, Jr, 32°	Deputy Master
Mike Kenausis, 32°	Senior Warden

IONIC COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

Chartered September 23, 1897

Raymond Savoy, 32°	Sovereign Prince
Steve Nevins, 32°	High Priest
Dan Reeve, 32°	Senior Warden

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.

Chartered September 23, 1897

Manuel Tirado, 32°	Most Wise Master
Paul B. Iltchenko, MSA, 32°	Senior Warden
Joe Pisani, 32°	Junior Warden

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

**HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE
CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION**

Lobo, Alfred J., 33°	152 Auger Street, Hamden, CT 06517
McNaughton, John W., 33°	63 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421
Singley, Harvey A.	6025 Torrey Pines Drive, Ocala, FL 34473

**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
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

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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.

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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 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.

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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

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

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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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