

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Connecticut Council of Deliberation



SHELTON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

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David B. Urban, MSA, 33°	Captain of the Guard
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C.A. Duke, 33°	Historian

The next Council of Deliberation Annual Session will be hosted by the

VALLEY OF HARTFORD on OCTOBER 05, 2024

UPCOMING HOST VALLEY and YEAR

2025 – NORWICH	2026 – NEW HAVEN	2027 – WATERBURY
2028 – BRIDGEPORT	2029 – HARTFORD	2030 – NORWICH
2031 – NEW HAVEN	2032 – WATERBURY	2033 – BRIDGEPORT

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PROCEEDINGS of the
One Hundred Forty Fourth Session of the
CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ILL.: KEVIN J. HECHT, 33°

PO Box 995, Old Lyme, CT 06371-0999

Deputy for Connecticut; Commander-in-Chief

ILL.: BRUCE T. WORK, 33°

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Active for Connecticut

ILL.: RICHARD V. TRAVIS, 33°

41 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, CT 06492-3071

Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

Secretary Emeritus

ILL.: JAMES R. SPENCER, Jr. MSA, 33°
1 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, CT 06492
Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

ILL.: GAIL N. SMITH, 33°
1 Dover Lane, Columbia, CT 06237
Active Emeritus

ILL.: DAVID L. SHARKIS, 33°
24 Kelsey Point Road, Clinton, CT 06413
Active Emeritus; Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

ILL.: RICHARD R. JONES, JR., 33°
7 Shore Grove Rd, Clinton, CT 06413
Treasurer

ILL.: ANTHONY S. ANGELICA, 33°
123 West Street, APT 414, Cromwell, CT 06416
Secretary

MEMBERS

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

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

PROXIES

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

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Connecticut Council of Deliberation
PO BOX 310198
Newington CT, 06131-0198

July 12, 2023

Dear Brothers of Connecticut Scottish Rite,

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce the One Hundred Forty Fourth Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation!

This year's Connecticut Council of Deliberation Session is being hosted by the Valley of Bridgeport. Here are the details to help you update your calendars and plan accordingly:

The COD Session will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Courtyard Marriott in Shelton, CT (780 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, CT 06484). There will be a Ladies Program on Saturday, while we are in our Session: High Tea will be offered to all our Ladies (taking place at the Courtyard Marriott.) There will be a Banquet (buffet style) in the evening, with awards, music and dancing afterwards. The Session and Ladies Program both begin at 1:00PM. The Banquet begins with a cocktail hour starting at 6:30PM. Open Bar at designated areas throughout the hotel lobby starting at 3:30PM and ending at 6:30PM. Cigar rolling station (first cigar is free) in the hotel lobby starting at 3:30PM and ending at 6:30PM. Special hotel room rates are available for those wishing to spend the night at the hotel. Click this link to take advantage of this discounted rate: [SPECIAL HOTEL ROOM RATE](#)

Dress for the Session - Business Suit

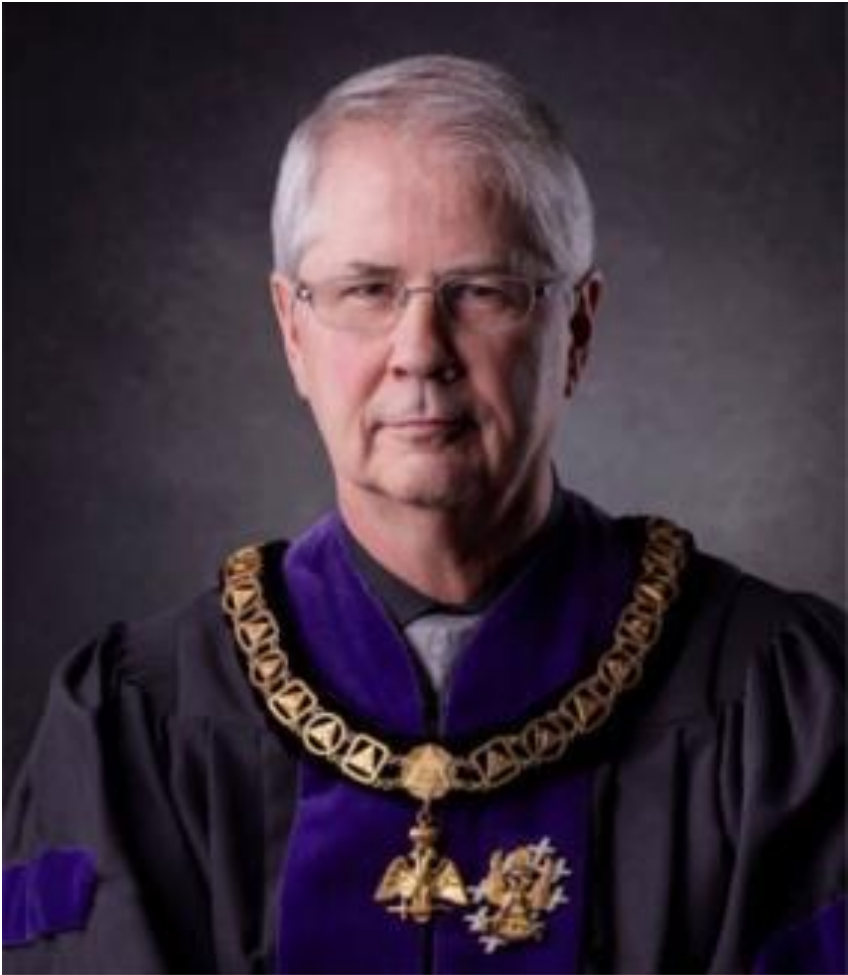
Dress for the Ladies Program - Comfortable

Dress for the Banquet - Business suit/Dress or appropriate

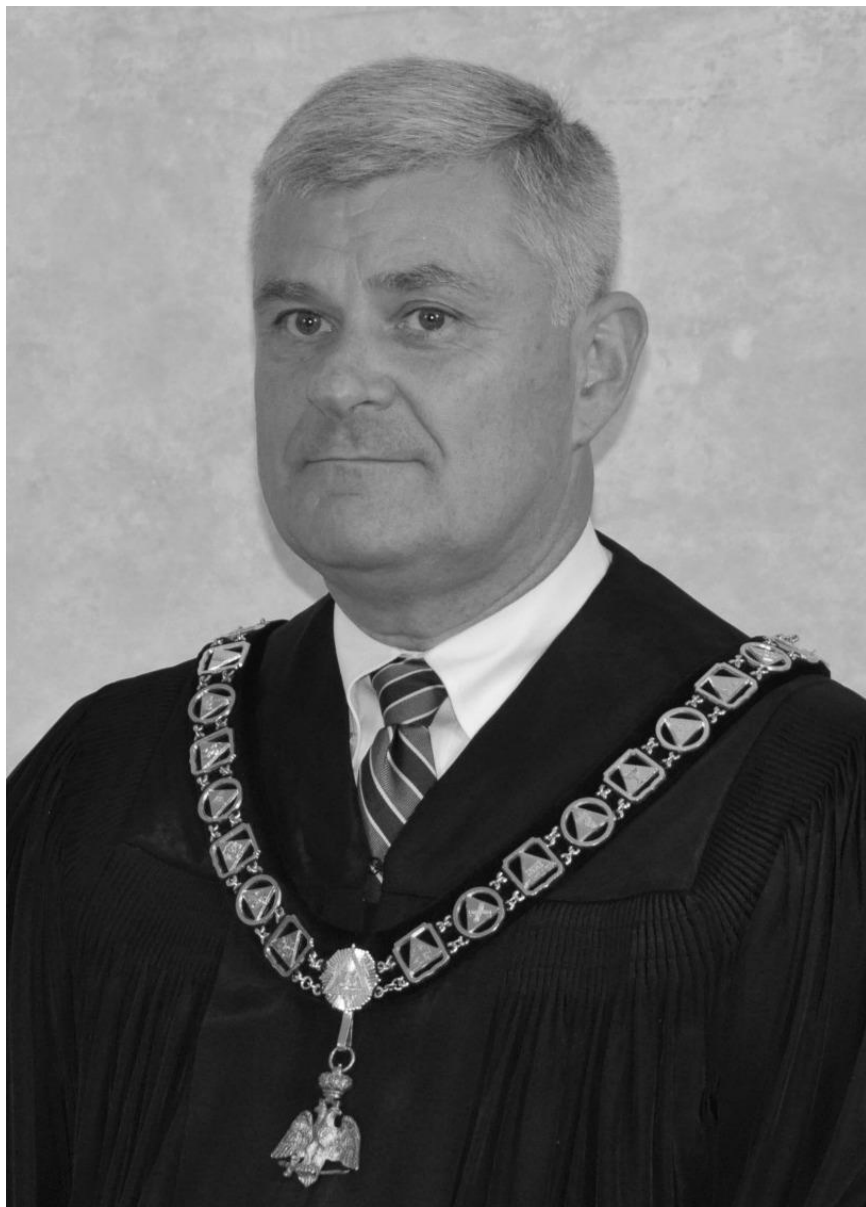
Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

We hope you are able to join us!

Fraternally,
Tony Angelica
Secretary
CT COD
203.623.9576



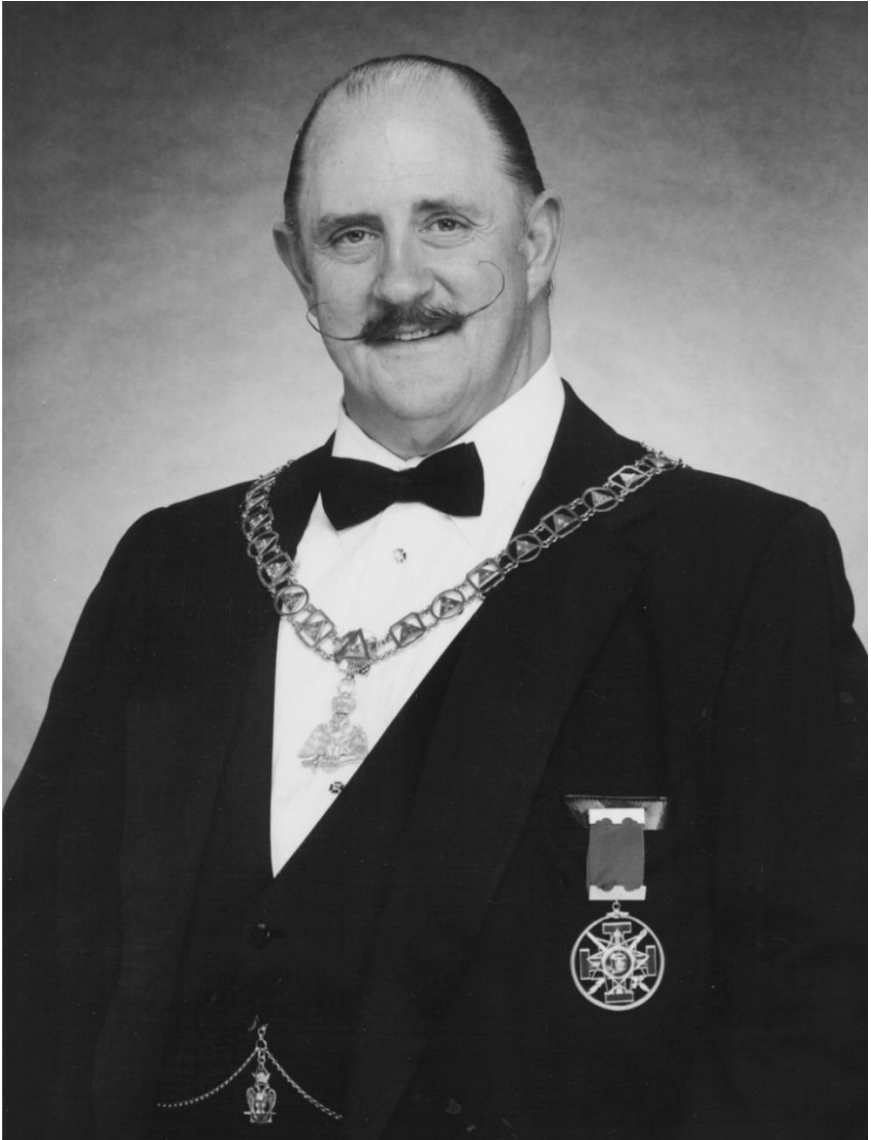
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Sovereign Grand Commander**



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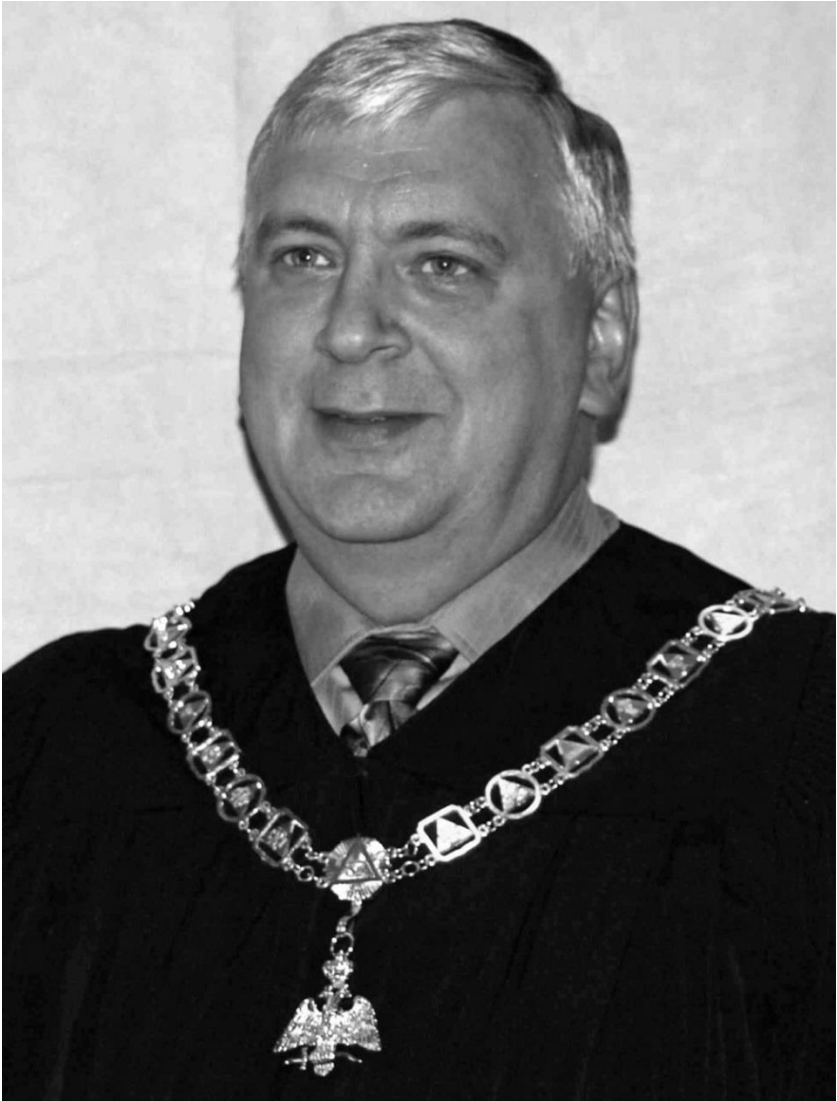
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ILL.: DAVID L. SHARKIS, 33rd
Active Emeritus
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THE SUPREME COUNCIL
OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE
OF THE ACIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
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 Fourth Convocation of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation assembled in the Shelton Marriott, Shelton, CT on September. 23rd, 2023 at 1:00 PM

The following officers were present:

Kevin J. Hecht, 33°	Commander-In-Chief
James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33°	Commander-In-Chief Emeritus
David L. Sharkis, 33°	Commander-In-Chief Emeritus
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SESSION OPENING

The session was declared open at 1:00 pm by Ill. Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Commander-in-Chief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ill. Kevin J. Hecht, 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, except the Strategic Planning Report, have been collected and will be included in the printed proceedings for distribution to all COD members.

OPENING PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. Kevin J. Hecht, 33° led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS

III. Kevin J. Hecht introduced and recognized all visiting guests, where each was asked to stand, and were then escorted to the podium and properly introduced. Afterwards, they were given enthusiastic applause from everyone present.

Reception of guests included Brother Michael E Seamon, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Brother Darrin D. Silhavy, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut; Illustrious Potentate, Eric J. Pogg, Sphinx Shriners; Brother and Sir Knight Edward C. Page, R.:E.: Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut (also representing the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut).

PRELIMINARY COUNT OF CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Guests and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, CT on this 23rd day of September, 2023:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully reports that of all the Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives who are entitled to seats in this Council of Deliberation, the preliminary count of registered members present is 75.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Turner, 33°
Jack JS Farkas, 33°
Tony S Angelica, 33°

Presented by Andrew C Work, 32°

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation at the Courtyard Marriott in Shelton CT on September 23, 2023 .

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!

As the tumultuous era of the Pandemic Shutdowns slowly recedes from our memories, the resumption of mostly in person tutoring services have resumed in earnest and have gained positive momentum. The three centers here in Connecticut have served 45 students for the scholastic year 2022-2023 up from 31 last year, or a 45 percent increase year over year. This past scholastic year we had 8 students being tutored in the Bridgeport satellite, six students in the

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Hartford satellite and 21 at the main center in Waterbury. This Fall (starting September 2023) we have 12 students enrolled in Bridgeport (including 6 new students) , 10 (including 6 new students) in Hartford and 20 (with Four new students) in Waterbury.

Our statewide staff head count is 11 people, consisting of: 2 people in Bridgeport, Including Co- Director Connie and one Tutor Kim,

2 people in Hartford, including Co- Director Paula and one Tutor, Dawn

7 people in Waterbury, including Director Cheryl, Office manager Dan, and 5 tutors, namely Joanne, Brianna, Deb, Joan and Claudia.

In terms of training endeavors this past year, three scholars are in the process of having completed Practitioner 1 training. Two additional scholars have been certified, three are working on their Practitioner 2 training and two others have completed and certified as Practitioner 2's.

For this coming Academic Year, 2023-2024 there are eight scholars working alongside staff and helping the students, they being distributed with Three in Bridgeport, Three in Hartford and Two in Waterbury. The opportunities for new scholars this year have been filled, however additional opportunities are to be expected in the next year. Any interested parties should express their interest directly to Director Cheryl Sharkis so that they can be contacted as opportunities arise.

Fundraising efforts have met or exceeded the projected revenue budgets, and expenditures have been well controlled so as to be consistent with the expected amounts budgeted for this past year. In summary the finances are in order, in no small part due to the ongoing generosity of the sponsoring Valleys, and the success of fundraising efforts.

I remind everyone here that our next fundraising event is the Annual Dyslexia Walk and which will occur on Sunday October 1st in Waterbury at the usual venue at Noon. This is a key fundraiser for your Centers and I ask that as many of you as possible come out to support this outdoor event. Russ Griswold, along with Hal Elwell and Shane Dufresne, who stepped in after the untimely transition of Illustrious Brother Martin Macary are promoting and organizing the event and are proving to be formidable organizers. Russ continues to monitor events, and we hope that he can relinquish the event into the hands of these very competent brothers when he is ready to pull the trigger!

Your Board of Governors acknowledges the outstanding financial support that comes reliably 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 and contribute donations for your Centers all year long.

Our traditional fundraising is back in full gear with the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot and the Hartford 5K events becoming active and effective fundraising venues for us again. In addition, the Valley of Bridgeport's Annual December Holiday Party in Branford has continued to be a holiday bright light and has been a great success three years running. Illustrious Brother Jack Farkas continues to throw some of the best parties in the Masonic Universe :}

I must acknowledge the continuing and ever creative efforts of Illustrious Brother David Sharkis, 33°, who is finding new havens and involvements for the CDC nationally. I must also, as always, extend kudos to our State Management, Center Director Cheryl Sharkis, and Co- Directors Connie Voight and Dawn Valentini, as well as all of the Tutors and Tutor Scholars who diligently and effectively deliver the services that will enable our charges to overcome their individual challenges and enable them to help become fully

involved citizens who can rely on themselves to achieve a better life.

I urge everyone here to please support and participate in our next upcoming fund raiser – specifically the Dyslexia Walk, on Sunday, October 1st 2023, which kicks off at the Waterbury Masonic Temple at noon that day.

In conclusion, I want to thank each and every one of you for helping our Dyslexia Centers so that we may help kids emerge from a morass of frustration to an active and fully participating existence in our society. The ability to read greatly enhances the chances that our charges will eventually not only savor the ability to read, but that they will become fully independent and successful in their life's endeavors. May the G.A.O.T. U. bless you all!

Fiat Lux,
John A. Amarillos, 33°, MSA,
Chairman, Board of Governors
Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Centers

REPORT ON SUPREME COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

2023 Executive Session – Louisville, Kentucky

1. Election of Supreme Council Officers:

Sovereign Grand Commander – Ill. Brother Walter F. Wheeler, 33° (Michigan)
Grand Lieutenant Commander – Ill. Brother Steven E. Smith, 33° (Rhode Island)
Grand Minister of State - Laurel "Arby" Humphrey, 33° (Wisconsin)
Grand Treasurer General – G. Michael Morris, 33° (New York)

Grand Secretary General – Douglas R. Policastro, 33° (New Jersey)

2. Membership Report of the Grand Secretary General:

Additions:	2,741
June 15, 2022:	89,247
June 15, 2023:	83,964
Net Loss:	5,282

3. Ritualistic Matters: Upon the Recommendation of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters the following changes were approved by the Supreme Council:

(a) In the 11th Degree, the Core Value of “Justice” was added to the approved ritual.

(b) In the 17th Degree, the text of the video prologue was adopted as the approved prologue for the Degree.

(c) In the 17th Degree, the Core Value of “Service to Humanity” was replaced with “Tolerance”.

(d) The showing of the video version of the 24th Degree is immediately prohibited. The live portrayal is permitted as before, with courtesy and respect.

(e) The tentative ritual of 2014 for the 31st Degree was adopted as the permanent ritual for this Degree.

(f) The tentative ritual of 2019 for the 4th Degree was adopted as the permanent ritual for this Degree.

N.B. The Scottish Rite Declaration of Principles has been completed in video format and is available for use by the Valleys.

4. Future Annual Meetings:

2024 – August 19 – 21, Executive Session only, Lexington, MA

2025 – August 21 – 26 Indianapolis, IN

2026 – August 24 – 26, Executive Session only, Lexington, MA

2027 – August 21 - 23, Boston, MA

2028 – August 21- 23, Executive Session only, Lexington, MA

5. Legislative Changes to Constitutions of the Supreme Council:

The only changes to the Constitutions at the 2023 Annual Session were to amend Article 134 -1 (14) which provides the process on how candidates for the elected offices of the Supreme Council or any corporation under its auspices nominated and elected to serve.

6. Nominations: This year, four (4) distinguished Brothers from Connecticut were nominated and elected to receive the 33rd Degree in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 27, 2025. The Brothers are as follows:

- Robert F. Polito, Jr. 32° – Valley of Bridgeport
- Gary D. Shepard, 32°, MSA– Valley of Bridgeport
- Scott B. Bumps, 32° MSA – Valley of New Haven
- John, E. Stogden, 32° MSA – Valley of Norwich

7. New Active Members of Supreme Council: There were four (4) new Active Members elected at our Supreme Council Session in Louisville, Kentucky. They are as follows:

- Mark A. Haines, 33° - Pennsylvania
 - Harry A. Haisch, 33° - Illinois
 - Roger S. VanGorden, 33° - Indiana
 - Richard D. Tonda, 33° - Michigan
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Shelton, September 23, 2023. The following is the Report of the Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year end:

	8/1/22 - 7/31/23	8/1/21 - 7/31/22
Statement of Activities - Cash Basis		
Revenue		
Supreme Council Income	0	0
Valley Per Capita	20,007	24,504
Prepaid Dinners	0	6,534
Misc. Receipts	0	0
Total	20,007	31,038
Expenses		
Honorariums	2,800	3,800
Printing, Postage & Supplies	0	272
Website	128	4,726
Professional Fees	1,250	775
MSA Awards & Jewels	0	1,000
Supreme or COD Sessions	6,672	11,937
33rd Dinner Expense	0	3,761
Misc. Expenses	0	0
Donations	1,151	0
Total	12,001	26,271
Net Operating Income (Loss)	8,006	4,767
Investment Income		
Interest & Dividend income	6,317	5,334
Gain (loss) on investments sold	(1,462)	31,658
Change in unrealized gain/(loss)	13,947	(61,402)
Investment Fees	(1,070)	(1,834)
Total Investment Income/(Loss)	17,732	(26,244)
Net Income (Loss) of COD	25,738	(21,477)

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Changes in Net Fund Balances			
Net Fund Balances - Beginning of Year		298,493	319,970
Net Income (Loss) of COD		27,738	(21,477)
Net Fund Balances - End of Year		324,231	298,493

Statement of Financial Position - Cash Basis			
Assets	324,231		298,493
COD Bank Accounts	62,019		47,696
BNY Investment Account @ FMV	262,212		250,797
Liabilities			
Credit Cards	0		0
Net Fund Balances	324,231		298,493

Of note, the prior year financials do not match last year's report in the Proceedings due to certain reclassifications made to the prior year based on the suggestions of the Audit Committee.

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

BUDGET FOR 2023-24

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Shelton, September 23, 2023.

The following is the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 year:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Actuals	2022-23 Budget
Bank Interest	\$138	\$121	\$100
Lodges of Perfection	\$6,713	\$4,719	\$5,850
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	\$6,713	\$4,719	\$5,850
Chapters, Rose Croix	\$6,713	\$4,719	\$5,850

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Consistories	\$6,713	\$5,850	\$5,850
Withdraw from Trust Account	\$5,000	\$7,091	\$5,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$31,990	\$27,219	\$28,500

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Active Allowance	\$500	\$500	\$500
Active Emeritus (4 emeriti at \$250 each)	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000
Deputy Allowance	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Secretary Allowance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Treasurer Allowance	\$800	\$800	\$800
Audit	\$1,300	\$1,250	\$800
33rd Degree and MSA Awards	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,000
Postage	\$160	\$0	\$160
Printing	\$300	\$0	\$340
33rd Testimonial Dinners	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Supreme Council Session/COD Meeting	\$14,000	\$6,672	\$14,000
Website Maintenance	\$130	\$128	\$200
Charitable Donations	\$5,000	\$1,151	\$2,700
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$31,990	\$12,001	\$28,500

This budget is based on a Valley per capita tax of three dollars (\$3.50) per each member on its roll of membership in each of its bodies as of June 15, 2023. An increase of \$.50 over last year.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°, Chairman
 Maroun G. Zoghbi, 32°, M.S.A.
 Zak Haque, 32°

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023:

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.

Observations and recommendations:

- Financial reporting:

I received and reviewed the QuickBooks report of the Treasurer for the year ended July 31, 2023, and have included in our financial review the activity for the years ended July 31, 2020 through July 31, 2022 for comparative purposes. This reporting format provides a snapshot of financial trends and is a useful tool for leadership when considering whether short-term or long-term changes need to be made to revenue and expenses to minimize operational losses. The method of accounting for the Council is "cash basis." Thus, revenue is recognized when received. Expenses and assets acquired are recognized when payment is made. With regards to the July 31, 2023 and 2022 financial information, the transfer of the July quarterly distribution from the investment account, in the amount of \$1,453 and \$895 respectively, was not deposited until August. In both years I increased the checking account balance to reflect un-deposited funds to match the July disbursement in the BNY investment account. I have recommended the treasurer contact BNY and change the distribution payments from paper checks to an electronic funds transfer which will eliminate the timing issue. These minor adjustments were reviewed with the treasurer as part of my review process.

- Trust investments:

Attached is a summary of the investment account holdings as of July 31, 2023, through July 31, 2021. The holdings are a selection of mutual funds. During the year four holdings were liquidated and the proceeds invested in six new and existing holdings. The value of the account holdings as of July 31, 2023, was \$262,212 as compared to the July 31, 2022 account value of \$250,796. Dividend and interest income from the investments were \$6,317. The portfolio realized a net gain of \$12,485 which consisted of reinvested capital gain distributions from mutual funds of \$1,612; realized losses from the sale of holdings in the amount of \$3,074, and net unrealized gains within the holdings in the amount of \$13,947. The unrealized gain represents the change in unrealized gains at the beginning of the year of \$1,402

and unrealized gains at the end of the year of \$15,349.

Investment advisory fees of \$1,070 were charged against the account for the fiscal year. It is the practice of the COD to transfer the dividend and interest income quarterly to the COD bank accounts.

- Governmental compliance:

On September 10, 2023, I reviewed the IRS filing information for the COD, and the five Valleys reported on the IRS Tax-Exempt Organization search page; IRS Tax Exempt Organization Business Master File database postings as of August 15, 2023, and Guide Star. Of the most recent returns listed, all but the Valley of Waterbury file Form 990 returns. The Valley of Waterbury files a Form 990-N and I am assuming the officers annually determine if they are not otherwise required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. The IRS Tax-Exempt Organization Master File database is current and lists the last return processed by the IRS. The last Form 990(s) processed for the Valley of Bridgeport, Valley of Hartford, Valley of New Haven and Valley of Norwich were for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2022 and using Guide Star I was able to view the returns. The most recent Form 990-N, filed by the Valley of Waterbury, available online was for the year ended July 31, 2022.

I observed the Valley of Waterbury continues to use a home address when filing their Form 990-N. In my experience, this is a risky practice because the address on the return is the IRS address of record. Notices, including failure to file and loss of exempt status, are sent to the address of record. It is recommended the use the Valley building physical street address or a business P.O. Box, accessible by the secretary and treasurer for the return address.

- Revenue enhancement and cost mitigation efforts:

Revenue comes from three sources: per capita assessments, dinner receipts and investment income. The COD has been proactive in forecasting expenses and adjusting the per capita assessments, accordingly. The benefit of this forward-looking approach of matching needed revenue to expected expenses creates financial stability for the council as seen for fiscal years ended July 31, 2023, and 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted,
Newton Buckner III, CPA, 33°

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brothers assembled in Shelton, Connecticut for our One Hundred Forty Fourth session of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation on this, the twenty-third day of September, 2023:

The proceedings of the 143rd session of this Council of Deliberation has been printed and posted to our websites for all our members to view, download or be referenced. The proceedings of today's 144th session of this Council of Deliberation will be created, printed and posted to our website for all our members to view, download or be referenced within the next few weeks.

All Actives, 33°'s, MSA's, current and past Heads of Bodies make up the permanent members of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation. This Connecticut Council of Deliberation currently has 240 Permanent Members.

Total membership within the Connecticut Valley's now stands at 1918 (a loss of 37). Taking a detailed look at the 1918 members we started this year with, we find:

- 51%, or 978 members, are 70 years old or older.
- 31%, or 594 members, are 60 years old or younger.

The breakdown of the State-wide membership is as follows: Collectively, we Initiated 76, Affiliated 1, Restored 10, Suspended 25, Discharged 5, and Demitted 5 members this past year. We have also reported a total of 89 Deaths. Together, this represents an overall loss of 37 members from the previous year.

The Valley of Bridgeport finished the year with a gain of 3.
The Valley of New Haven finished the year with a gain of 2.
The Valley of Waterbury finished the year with a loss of 8.
And the Valley of Norwich finished the year with a loss of 14.
The Valley of Hartford finished the year with a loss of 20.

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The per capita tax of \$23,016.00 has been sent out; all Valleys have submitted their payments.

All underlying data used to create this report comes directly from Supreme Council's J365 Database (a graph of which will be provided in the CT COD Session Book).

Respectfully Submitted,
 Tony S. Angelica, 33° Secretary
 Presented by Bro. Andrew Work, 32°
 Connecticut Council of Deliberation

Body	Members	Initiated	Affiliated	Restored	Deaths	Suspended	Discharged	Demitted	Senior Status	Members 6/15/2023	Assessed Members 6/15/2023	Gain/Loss	Per Capita Tax Received
Lodges of Perfection													
B DuWitt Clinton	511	34	1	3	12	19	3	1	16	514	514	3	\$1,542.00
N King Solomon	240	8	0	2	22	1	0	1	4	226	226	(14)	\$678.00
H Charter Oak	596	8	0	3	29	0	0	2	34	576	576	(20)	\$1,728.00
NH E. G. Storer	377	20	0	1	19	0	0	0	5	379	379	2	\$1,137.00
W Doric	231	6	0	1	7	5	2	1	7	223	223	(8)	\$669.00
TOTALS	1,955	76	1	10	89	25	5	5	66	1,918	1,918	-37	\$5,754.00
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem													
B Washington	511	34	1	3	12	19	3	1	16	514	514	3	\$1,542.00
N Van Rensselaer	240	8	0	2	22	1	0	1	4	226	226	(14)	\$678.00
H Hartford	596	8	0	3	29	0	0	2	34	576	576	(20)	\$1,728.00
NH Elm City	377	20	0	1	19	0	0	0	5	379	379	2	\$1,137.00
W Doric	231	6	0	1	7	5	2	1	7	223	223	(8)	\$669.00
TOTALS	1,955	76	1	10	89	25	5	5	66	1,918	1,918	-37	\$5,754.00
Chapters, Rose Croix													
B Pequonnock	511	34	1	3	12	19	3	1	16	514	514	3	\$1,542.00
N Norwich	240	8	0	2	22	1	0	1	4	226	226	(14)	\$678.00
H Cyrus Goodell	596	8	0	3	29	0	0	2	34	576	576	(20)	\$1,728.00
NH New Haven	377	20	0	1	19	0	0	0	5	379	379	2	\$1,137.00
W Cornisham	231	6	0	1	7	5	2	1	7	223	223	(8)	\$669.00
TOTALS	1,955	76	1	10	89	25	5	5	66	1,918	1,918	-37	\$5,754.00
Constitutors, S.P.R.S.													
B Lafayette	1,120	60	1	5	38	24	5	2	28	1,117	1,117	(3)	\$3,351.00
N Connecticut	346	8	0	2	39	1	0	1	15	315	315	(31)	\$945.00
H Nathan Hale	489	8	0	3	12	0	0	2	23	486	486	(3)	\$1,458.00
TOTALS	1,955	76	1	10	89	25	5	5	66	1,918	1,918	-37	\$5,754.00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023.

In the last year all Valleys have returned to holding both large in person degrees and social events. Valleys continue to hold a wide variety of events to satisfy the interest of every person such as community events like 5k runs, charity walks and marching in parades, to wine and beer tastings, fishing trips, trips to see plays and concerts, summer picnics, holiday parties, cigar rolls and axe throwing. These events help keep members interested and engaged in the Valleys.

With all three Connecticut Valleys attaining the esteemed title from the Supreme Council as a Valley of Excellence, valleys should put an emphasis on Membership, Service and Philanthropy, Leadership Development and Operations. Delegating responsibilities to other members of the valley such as a family life chairman helps build each member's participation and with a multitude of options for all types of service, provides opportunities for fellowship and building bonds.

This committee highly recommends that each Valley in Connecticut utilize initiatives to strengthen its membership experience. These initiatives include: · Seven 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 CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION 51 · 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 · PATHFINDER “Extend the journey to further light in Masonry ” Through participating in various activities and exploring the resources of the Scottish Rite, to help each member become the best version of the man that they can be. . Details regarding these programs can be found in the Northern Light magazine, the Supreme Council website (scottishritenmj.org), or can be presented by the chairman of this

committee. We highly recommend that all valleys continue to 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.

Although there is no uniform program for membership and retention across our state, we need to remember many masons who join the Scottish Rite are seeking further light in Freemasonry. Light in Freemasonry is only transferred from brother to brother. It is important that all the members work to make everyone welcome at reunions. Going the extra step to introduce yourself to a new or visiting brother will increase that brother's likelihood to return in the future. Verbally invite new members to family life events. Ask new brothers what they are looking for in the Scottish Rite and help direct them towards that masonic light they seek in the Scottish Rite.

Perhaps a welcoming team would be a good idea. This would consist of a small group of brothers who would focus on ensuring that all members of the Rite attending a reunion feel welcomed and informed. By introducing new brothers to other brothers who have similar interests a welcome team can help make a new or returning member feel very comfortable.

One Valley has made the effort to form a new membership committee for the 2023-2024 year. The committee is focused on the Lodge ambassador program and is going to train the ambassadors and have them look for opportunities to get the Rite into the lodges. Focus will grow into establishing more Rite on the Road opportunities. The valley is looking to promote their degree teams to help the lodges with the BLUE wave. The committee is looking to create and sponsor more Mason/Non-Mason/ Scottish Rite Nights like Scotch and Cigar Nights.

Brothers of different ages communicate differently. For example, some brothers communicate primarily through electronic means, while others still strictly use traditional means. Although it may be

tempting to only focus on the latest innovative technologies in communication, we must adopt a multi-faceted approach that meets the needs of all our members. Our communication needs to be in the form of several approaches to ensure that we reach all our members.

We need to continue to produce and distribute 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 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. The extra cost of printing in the Connecticut Freemasons as a supplement is well worth it and demonstrates our support for our Blue Lodges.

We need to step up our marketing of social events, the use of colorful and informative event fliers that are physical as well as electronic will help encourage all the craft and increase participation. The valleys need to continue with consistent and frequent email notification programs. Some Valleys send out several a week and are having good open communications with the craft and increasing the participation at reunions and family life events. Some Valleys have a strong social media presence, but some do not. These valleys are having very successful family life events such as: Chartered boat fishing trips, Scotch and cigar nights, Winery bus tours, Museum and special location trips like the Supreme Council Museum, Trips Outside of the State to places like Gettysburg and Arlington, VA; Sporting, Picnics and family outings, and Clambakes.

The Valleys have and should continue to work together to hold reunions, and this appears to be welcoming to the craft. All the Valleys should be working hand in hand and work together to have reunions. This effort will help share the workload and encourage brotherhood across the valleys. By conferring degrees with a large cast in the presence of hundreds of Scottish Rite Masons we inspire awe in our new brethren and energize our existing membership. Valleys should work together and avoid negative comments about not wanting to do something another

valley is doing. In order to grow and survive as a state we all need to work together for the benefit of the COD and the Rite as a whole.

The committee would like to commend the efforts of our brethren across the state, who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to make the Scottish Rite experience 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.

Respectively submitted,
Chairman State Membership and Retention Committee
Ill. Robert J. Furce, MSA, 33°
Arnold Grot, 32°, M.S.A. (*presented by*)
Ill. Whitney P. McNulty, M.S.A., 33°
Frederick A Marotti, 32°

Connecticut Council of Deliberation Historian Report

Martin Ede, Chairman
Arnie Grot

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation meeting in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 23rd, 2023.

As chairman of the historian committee, a number of thoughts of what to put into writing occurred to me. Recently though, due to questions asked a couple of those thoughts firmed up. They highlighted the two parts of the duty of a historian. First a question of records and their location came up. Secondly, the joy and fascination of research came up in the paper submitted by fellow committee member Bro. Arnie Grot, attached to this report, on a Scottish Rite/Templar watch fob acquired by a Brother an ocean away.

The first part deals with a very simple question: Where is the charter of the Valley of New Haven? We all assume that important documents such as this are safely tucked away. So

safely, that no one was sure where. In conversations with older members, it might have been in a safety deposit box at one time. It was not in the office, but maybe in the safe shared with New Haven Commandery at the Masonic Temple. Luckily, as Recorder for the Commandery, I had access to the safe, but had no keys for the cabinet or closets on the SR side. No sets of keys had been found by our current secretary so we might have been left with the task of breaking in or getting a locksmith. Fortunately, for another project I had acquired a number of sets of keys from my lodge that a previous secretary had collected, so I could try and gain access to lodge safes. It was unknown what many of these keys were for. It was with some relief that I found keys from these sets that opened the closets and cabinets (why this old secretary had collected all of these keys, I cannot say). In these cabinets I found the charter and other documents along with our minute books.

Though this may have seemed a straightforward problem relatively easy to solve, the absence of keys and a certain current knowledge of where things are stored potentially could have made it serious. Do you know where all your records from charters to minutes to memorabilia are? Do have the keys, more than one set and if you do who has them? When was the last time you checked to see if they are safely tucked away and in what condition are they? As historians, we should have the answer to these questions to hand, also, does your Valley have a historian? From the above example, I can safely say that this was the first time I had seen the charter in the 23 years I have been a member. Along with these thoughts, how many of you have read *A History of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Connecticut* by James Royal Case (published in 1967)? When was the last time you had a presentation on the history of your Valley? This book is filled with fascinating information from the earliest arrival of the Ineffable Degrees in Norwich in 1796, to the various attempts to get the Scottish Rite in Connecticut started and chartered.

One interesting quote contained in Case's book in the chapter on the history of the Council of Deliberation was by Fred H. Waldron 33° on the seal of the COD: "*The Circle is a symbol of the Universe and Eternity, the Triangle a symbol of Deity, and also a representation of the Tetragrammatron. The 15 stars represent the 15 states in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the figure 1867 the date of the first meeting of the Council of Deliberation. The*

Compass surrounding the Blazing Sun, and covering the numerals 3, 5, 7, and 9, the Mystic Numbers of a Grand Elect Mason. The Skull and Cup are symbols of Mortality and the Misfortunes that assail us in the voyage of Life. “ (p.94).

There is much to be found and shared with your brothers that may be so safely tucked away that they may be lost in a short time if you are not careful. In your Valleys, make the effort to see what you have, if any repairs/conservation are needed, and to appoint a historian if your secretary needs help. You may be surprised by what you find.

Our memorabilia that is sometimes lost is sometimes found again, and sometimes by a Brother as Brother Arnie relates in the following short paper:

Historian Research Report

by *Arnie Grot*, 32°, M.S.A., Valley of Hartford

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

This is a story of a 33° of the Valley of Hartford that reinforces that we are joined as brothers even half a world away and a century apart.

A singular Circumstance via eBay

At precisely 10:30 AM on May 14, 2022, in Spring Grove Cemetery in the north end of Hartford a ceremony began with “*We gather this morning at the grave of the Illustrious dead, guided by a singular circumstance. No, not a sprig of acacia but a pendant left by our Illustrious brother 97 years ago and bought by another brother, a half world away, on eBay. As a token of respect on the day he is knighted, for this newfound brother, we lay flowers on Sir Knight Silas Chapman, Jr.’s, 33° degree, grave.*”

Let’s step back to the beginning of this tale. On February 15, I received an email from Br. Wibbo Schepel, Lodge “Het Schietlood” No 215, The Hague, The Netherlands: “*I recently purchased a gold KT Pedant via eBay, and only after receiving it discovered the engraving on the sides: Silas Chapman, Jr., Hartford Conn, Washington Comdy No 1 (see Pedant photo). Would it be possible for you to give me any additional information? I am currently scheduled to join the KT myself at Olivier de la Marche*

Commandery Nr. 1 in Leiden (The Netherlands) on the 14th of May."

Through research, I and Brother Schepel, with help of our Brothers, discovered much about Silas Chapman, Jr., and his Masonic journey. Silas Chapman, Jr. (see Silas Chapman, Jr 33rd photo.jpg) was born on September 2, 1845, in Hartford, CT. In business he was reticent, clear-headed, and penetrating to the last detail, and by the time he died, he was known as a dean of insurance agents in Connecticut.

Br. Silas began his Masonic journey in St. John's Lodge No. 4 in Hartford where he was initiated on April 15, passed on April 22 and raised on May 6 in 1885. Also in 1885, he became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, received and greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Wolcott Council No. 1 and created a Sir Knight in Washington Commandery No. 1. He served as Sovereign Master of Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem from 1888-94 and was crowned an Honorary Thirty-third degree Mason by the Supreme Council on September 21, 1897. He served as Treasurer of Washington Commandery No. 1, KT in 1888 and 1889.

Brother Chapman was a very modest and unassuming man of a retiring disposition. That generous and charitable impulses were in his nature is attested by the fact that almost his entire estate, amounting to over \$1,000,000, was bequeathed for use of Masonic, charitable, and semi-religious institutions.

In reading the various biographies we found about Silas Chapman, Jr., I reflected on the Masonic leaders I have met on the level in my Masonic Journey. Most are like Chapman, are comfortable and lead by example, are modest and unassuming but most of all I consider each one of the most companionable of men. We respect them in their roles and what they have achieved. Each, in one way or another remind us that we when we gather are Brothers equal in our Fraternity yet unique in our abilities. This is our legacy.

On the day he was created a Knight Templar, Silas, as all Sir Knights declared: *"I will wield my sword—in defense of innocent maidens, —destitute widows, —helpless orphans, —and the Christian Religion."* Bequeathing his estate, he not only continued this declaration but left a sprig of acacia, his pedant, and in this singular circumstance reinforced that we are joined as Brothers even half a world away and a century apart.

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On the morning of May 1, 2023, Br. Wibo Schepel and I met in Hartford, laid a bouquet of tulips in a mason jar on Silas Chapman, Jr.'s grave and then with his wife, daughter and son toured Bushell Park and the Connecticut Capital. The tale continues.

PHOTOS:

Pedant.jpg - Washington Commandry Pedant commissioned by Silas with KT Logo on front and the 33rd degree double headed eagle on the reverse.

Silas Chapman, Jr 33rd photo.jpg – Photo appears on the wall of the Valley of Hartford Office

WiboSchepel0514221.jpg – Wibo Schepel wearing the Pedant on a gold chain on May 14, 2022.

Silas Chapman 2c.jpg – Grot and Schepel at Chapman, Jr. Grave on May 1, 2023.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023:

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

Valley of Hartford	Arthur R Tinsz	2023
Valley of Norwich	Michael E Gibeault	2023
Valley of New Haven	Salvatore R Ferrigno Jr.	2023
Valley of Bridgeport	David V Papp	2023
Valley of Bridgeport	Colin C Souney	2023

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Thrice Potent Masters,

The Sovereign Princes,
The Most Wise Masters,
The Commanders-in-Chiefs,
Kirk C Trofatter Jr., MSA, Chairman

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren
of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at
Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023.

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. However, the committee plans to meet in the next
month by Zoom to discuss areas of potential concern to the
Connecticut Council of Deliberation where the individual
Valleys may not be paying specific attention.

Concern over liquor being served to our Brothers at an
adjacent Masonic facility that has no liquor license after our
degrees. The Committee has not looked into this issue to
date, so it is not implying any violation by any Valley.

Valley sponsored parades including serving food at the
facility to non-Scottish Rite, and non-Masons.

Is there a need for a separate D&O policy for officers,
trustees and executive board members.

Concerns for Valleys that share their facility with other
Masonic organizations. Are there potential unknown liability
where the facility is rented to third parties?

These and other insurance issues will be examined in the
following year.

Respectively submitted,
Jerry J. Gruenbaum, 32^o

Zak Haque, 32°

Ill. Melvin E. Johnson, 33°

ALLOCUTION OF THE ILL. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brothers assembled in Shelton, Connecticut for our One Hundred Forty-Fourth session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation on September 23, 2023:

Necrology:

Unfortunately, the Connecticut Council of Deliberation lost ten (10) Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe during this past year:

Ill.: Brother, David R. Blythe, Sr., 33°, a 43-year member of the Valleys of Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport, passed away on June 7, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on August 27, 2007, in Washington, DC.

Brother, Irving Lieff, 32°, M.S.A., a 63-year member of the Valley of Bridgeport, passed away on May 11, 2023. He received his M.S.A. on June 12, 1992.

Ill.: Brother, Robert E. Strom, 33°, a 42-year member of the Valley of Hartford, passed away April 3, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on September 29, 1992, in Chicago, IL.

Ill.: Brother, Edward R. Ham, 33°, a 42-year member of the Valley of Bridgeport, passed away on April 1, 2023. He was coroneted on September 27, 1994, in Cleveland, OH.

Ill.: Brother, Jack H. Stevens, 33°, M.S.A., a 40-year member of the Valleys of Norwich, New Haven and Bridgeport, passed away on March 20, 2023. He received his M.S.A. on June 10, 2005. He was coroneted on August 29, 2006, in Chicago, IL.

Ill.: Brother, Robert D. Sherrick, 33°, M.S.A., a 43-year member of the Valleys of Norwich, New Haven and Bridgeport, passed away on March 3, 2023. He received his

M.S.A. on June 11, 1993. He was coroneted a 33° on September 27, 1994, in Cleveland, OH.

III.: Brother, Arthur M. Pugh, Sr., 33°, a 32-year member of the Valleys of New Haven and Bridgeport, passed away on February 27, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on September 28, 1999, in Atlantic City, NJ.

III.: Brother, Martin J. Macary, 33°, a 13-year member of the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport, passed away on January 25, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on August 31, 2021, in Cleveland, OH.

Brother, Donald S. Sabo, 32°, M.S.A., a 35 -year member of the Valley of Bridgeport, passed away on November 4, 2022. He received has M.S.A. on June 15, 1996.

III.: Brother, William L. Breed, 33°, M.S.A., a 66-year member of the Valley of Norwich, passed away on September 19, 2022. He received his M.S.A. on June 19, 2009. He was coroneted a 33° on August 28, 2012, in Cleveland, OH.

We also lost an additional seventy-nine (79) Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe, for a total loss of eighty-nine (89) Scottish Rite Brothers during the past year. These Brothers served their Valley(s) and this Council of Deliberation with distinction. May the Grand Architect of the Universe keep them in his Holy keeping.

The Connecticut Council of Deliberation

The Valley of Waterbury hosted the One Hundred Forty-Third Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Waterbury, Connecticut on September 23, 2022. Fifty-three members of our Council were present and entitled to vote on matters coming before the Council and on the election of officers for the ensuing year. We were pleased to have in attendance many distinguished guests from the appendant and concordant bodies of Masonry in Connecticut, including Most Worshipful Brother Bruce R. Bellmore, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

Our Session was preceded by a banquet at the Pontelandolfo Community Club, Waterbury Connecticut, where our Ladies were able to enjoy the evening with us. While the Brothers were in Session, the Ladies enjoyed a tour of the Mattatuck Museum, also located in Waterbury, CT.

After the Session and the Museum tour, all in attendance enjoyed a luncheon at the Museum at which time, those Brothers who were in attendance who were elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award, were presented with the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and their Jewels and Caps.

The One Hundred Forty-Fourth Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation will be hosted by the Valley of Bridgeport on September 23, 2023, in Shelton, Connecticut.

State of the Rite/Membership

The state of the Rite in Connecticut is excellent! Overall, the economic strength of our Valleys is exceptional, allowing each of the Valleys to be self-sustaining and having the ability to subsidize their Family Life Programs, contribute to the relief of Brothers in distress and our Scottish Rite Charities and youth groups, such as DeMolay and Rainbow for Girls. I am pleased with the spirit of cooperation and collaboration that the elected and appointed Officers in our Valleys have shown this year, which has resulted in well portrayed and well attended Reunions and Family Life Programs, many times with the member of several Valleys, and sometimes the members of all of the Valleys, participating.

As it is across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, attracting and retaining members has been a challenge. This, coupled with losses to the Grand Architect of the Universe has resulted in our losses exceeding our gains during this past year. We must do better in attracting new members and retaining “the old”. This can only be accomplished by ensuring that our Reunions and Family Life Programs are

events that are inspirational, convenient and enjoyable. This, as well as being Brothers that truly fulfill our Masonic obligation to care for our members is the path to our future success. I believe that the Scottish Rite Brothers in Connecticut are striving to accomplish these goals and I am hopeful that soon we will be successful in “stemming the tide” and I look forward to a time when our gains in membership will exceed our losses.

Charities

The Valleys in Connecticut and Scottish Rite Brothers in Connecticut continue to support the Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut. We currently support a Learning Center and two satellite locations. The Valleys and the Scottish Rite Brothers in Connecticut commit in excess of \$250,000.00 annually to the operation of our Learning Centers. I thank the members of all our Valleys for their outstanding support of this extremely worthwhile charity.

Our Valley Hospitalers and Almoners continue to assist distressed Brothers who are experiencing financial and personal hardships. These efforts are in furtherance of our vision statement, “We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills its obligations to care for our members.” These efforts are undertaken in conjunction with the Grand Almoner of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut Lodge and the Supreme Council's Grand Almoner, particularly when Valley resources are insufficient to meet the needs of the Brother in distress.

In addition, our Valleys provide support to our Supreme Council Scottish Rite Charities and community-based charities, such as food banks, fuel banks, homeless shelters, women's shelters, volunteer fire departments and the like, all of which bring recognition and honor to Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and Freemasonry as a whole.

Children's Dyslexia Centers

The Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut just completed its 21st year of operations. Thanks to a very

dedicated staff led by Center Directors Cheryl Sharkis, Connie Vogt and Paula Richardson, the Waterbury, Bridgeport, and Hartford Learning Centers have now changed the lives of over two hundred and eighty (280) children. They have also trained fifty-six (56) tutors, many who have gone on to provide tutoring to numerous children outside our network. None of this would be possible without the unprecedented cooperation and support the Centers receive from all our Connecticut Valleys. This past year we tutored twenty-eight (28) children but just as important, we will certify five (5) new tutors, three (3) of whom plan on continuing as employees at our Bridgeport and Hartford locations. This will provide an opportunity to increase our enrollment in 2024.

The successful operation of these Learning Center locations would not be possible without our dedicated staff and tutors, the Board of Governors, and the extraordinary efforts of Cheryl, Connie and Paula.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to make Connecticut's Dyslexia Centers so successful.

Scholarships

Upon receipt of twenty-five (25) applications for the Leon Abbott scholarships, Connecticut awarded eleven (11) Abbott Scholarship of \$1,000.00 each, providing recognition of the academic achievement of our youth. Additionally, forty-one (41) Valley scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts to deserving students in recognition of their academic achievements. Once again, Ill.: Brother Jack Farkas, 33rd chaired our Scholarship Committee. I would like to thank Ill.: Brother Jack and the entire Scholarship Committee for their work this year.

Youth Groups

The Connecticut Council of Deliberation, Our Valleys and Members actively support our youth groups, DeMolay and

Rainbow for Girls financially and with our time and talent and by participating in their events.

Deputy's Representatives

Although our Active and Emeriti Members attend nearly every Reunion and many Valley meetings and Family Life Programs, our Deputy's Representatives provide additional information and support to our Valleys and provide valuable information and insight to the Active and Emeriti Members. For this, we extend a heartfelt thank you to them.

Valleys

The Valleys of Connecticut continue to portray the Degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry in an exemplary manner, effectively demonstrating our core values to our candidates. I am pleased to report that one or more of the Active or Emeritus members of our Supreme Council attended every portrayal of the Scottish Rite Degrees in our Valleys.

Awards

New 33° Scottish Rite Masons

Six (6) distinguished 32° Scottish Rite Brothers received their 33° Degree at our Annual Session in Louisville, Kentucky on August, 29, 2023. These distinguished Brothers are as follows:

Brother Walter Grube, 32°, MSA, Valley of Hartford; Brother Guy O. Whelchel, 32°, MSA, Valley of Bridgeport; Brother John A. Amarilios, 32°, MSA, Valley of Bridgeport; Brother William L. Greene, 32°, MSA, Valley of Hartford; Brother Frederick J. Taft, 32°, MSA, Valley of Hartford; Brother William H. Morse, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich.

Candidates for the 33°

At the annual session in Louisville, Kentucky, four (4) distinguished 32° Scottish Rite Brothers were elected to receive the 33° Degree at our Annual Session in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 27, 2025. These distinguished Brothers are as follows:

Brother Robert F. Polito, Jr., 32°, Valley of Bridgeport;
Brother Scott B. Bumps, 32°, MSA, Valley of New Haven;
Brother Gary D. Shepard, 32°, MSA, Valley of Bridgeport;
Brother John E. Stogden, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich.

Meritorious Service Awards

Five (5) well-deserving Brothers were elected to receive the Frederick H. Lorensen, 33° Meritorious Service Award. Please refer to this year's M.S.A. Report for their names and Valleys.

Hauts Grades Academy

Brother Henry M. Peacock, Jr., 32°, HGA, graduated from the Hauts Grades Academy and will be presented with his Jewel and Diploma on a future date.

Passport/Pathfinder Programs

Thirty (30) Brothers completed their Passports and received their Gold Passports, and six (6) Brothers completed their Gold Passports. Additionally, six (6) Brothers completed the Pathfinder Program and another eighteen (18) Brothers are in the process of completing theirs.

All of these Brothers are to be congratulated for their receipt of these recognitions and awards, and on seeking more light in Masonry through achieving these milestones in their Masonic journey.

ROTC/JROTC

Once again, Ill. Brother William L. Greene, 33°, was able attend the award ceremonies and present these Americanism ROTC/JROTC Awards to outstanding and deserving cadets for their leadership, academic achievement and patriotism. These awards were presented at the University of Connecticut and various high schools throughout the state of Connecticut. I would like to thank Ill. Brother Bill for his presentation of these awards over the last several years.

Fraternal Relations

I am pleased to report that the Valleys in Connecticut and the Connecticut Council of Deliberation continue to enjoy warm fraternal relations with all of our appendant and concordant bodies of Masonry in Connecticut, particularly with our Brothers of PHA of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut A.F.&A.M, Worshipful Brother Joseph J. Porco, 32°, and the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Active for Connecticut, Ill: Brother Bruce T. Work, 33°, and the Active Emeriti for their support and guidance during this past year. Their knowledge, wisdom and insight continue to be invaluable to me. Scottish Rite Masonry in Connecticut is far better off because of their efforts over their many years of service. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Deputy for Connecticut, and I look forward to my continued service to the Connecticut Council of Deliberation.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Kevin J. Hecht, 33°
Commander-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023.

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following slate of Officers to serve this Council of Deliberation for the year 2023 – 2024 as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	Kevin J Hecht, 33°
Commander-in-Chief Emeritus	Richard V Travis, 33°
Commander-in-Chief Emeritus	James R Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33°

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Commander-in-Chief Emeritus	David L Sharkis, 33°
Commander-in-Chief Emeritus	Bruce T Work, 33°
First Lieutenant Commander	Bruce T. Work, 33°
First Lieut. Commander Emeritus	Gail N. Smith, 33°
Second Lieutenant Commander	Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33°
Minister of State	Very Rev. Joseph Krusienksi, 33°
Chancellor	Earl S. Evans, MSA, 33°
Treasurer	Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Anthony S. Angelica, 33°
Secretary Emeritus	Richard V. Travis, 33°
Prior	Melvin E. Johnson, 33°
Master of Ceremonies	Raymond J. Dolyak, MSA, 33°
Hospitaler	Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33°
Seneschal	David B. Urban, MSA, 33°
Standard Bearer	David S LaFargue, MSA, 33°
Captain of the Guard	Robert J Furce, MSA, 33°
Sentinel	Frederick J Taft, MSA, 33°
Historian	C.A. Duke, 33°

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

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 Session at
Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023.*

Supreme Council

The Supreme Council Session was held in Louisville in August of this year. At the Session John A. Amarilios and Guy O. Whelchel, III, from the Valley of Bridgeport; William L. Greene, Frederick J. Taft, and Walter Grube, from the Valley of Hartford; and William H. Morse, Jr., from the Valley of Norwich; were coronated Sovereign Grand Inspectors

General, 33rd Degree, Honorary Members of the Supreme Council. Also at the 2023 Session, Gary Shepard and Robert Polito, from the Valley of Bridgeport, Scott Bumps, from the Valley of New Haven, and John E. Stogden, from the Valley of Norwich were nominated to receive the 33rd Degree, in August 2025 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Membership

Our membership continues to have ups and downs. We have seen a membership surge of new members joining the Connecticut Scottish Rite in some Valleys. We have had some success with the Ambassador Programs across the State. Don't hesitate to speak to newer Masons about expanding their Masonic knowledge by becoming involved with the Scottish Rite. The Valley of Hartford and the Valley of Bridgeport have a teams that are willing to travel to different Lodges or Blue Lodge Councils to give a brief education of the Scottish Rite and show some of the videos available online from Supreme. It offers the Master a program for the evening and has been very well received. It is essential that we find new ways of reaching out to prospective members through electronic means. Here in the present and into the future we find the young and the old constantly on their phones and connected to the internet in some way. We strive to keep our members informed by using tools like Constant Contact, websites, various social media outlets, multi-page pullouts in the CT Freemasons publication and Brother to Brother calling programs. Most often we hear that our members are content with the way things are. That's unfortunate. We need active members to carry out our work. What can we do to inspire them?

It's not all doom and gloom. Unfortunately, we have no control over the losses we sustain as our Brothers pass to the Celestial Lodge Above. But this past year we have brought in about the same number of new members as those we lost to demits, suspensions and discharges. Our biggest challenge seems to be retention. We need to

continue to find a way to bring value to our membership. In addition, we once again have the full support of our Grand Lodge. This harmonious relationship will make both organizations stronger.

Valley Activities

With all COVID pandemic restrictions a thing of the past, Valleys have returned to holding both large in person degrees and social events.

Valleys continue to hold a wide variety of events to satisfy the interest of every person. From support community events like 5k runs, charity walks and marching in parades to wine and beer tastings, fishing trips, boat cruises, baseball and soccer games, trips to see plays, concerts and museums, summer picnics, holiday parties, cigar rolls and axe throwing. These events help keep members interested and engaged in the Valleys.

Last year three Valleys in Connecticut attained the esteemed title from the Supreme Council as a Valley of Excellence. This program provides a good template for our Valleys to use to improve on the items we are not doing so well. It consists of several areas where Valleys should put an emphasis, including Membership, Service and Philanthropy, Leadership Development and Operations. Some Valleys have restructured their committees to align with these areas to better suit their needs. By having some officers focus on areas like Membership engagement through Family Life, Service and Brotherhood events; Widows programs and Fundraising efforts; Leadership mentoring and development it strengthens the Valley in the process.

Children's Dyslexia Center

The Valleys all continue to support the three Connecticut Children's Dyslexia Centers with a multitude of events. The support and hard work are vital to the success of the center as is the continued support of individuals and corporations. It is one of the most rewarding investments one could make.

Conclusion

In conclusion, all of the Valleys in the Connecticut Council of Deliberation continue to work hard. Always striving to make things better, to include our families, to participate in and reach out to our communities, and to embrace the brotherhood we are all a part of. All of the Valleys are back to work in our temples, meeting in person and presenting live degrees as well as those on DVD. We are back together in gatherings and other family/brotherly events. We have the support of our Deputy, our Actives, our Active Emeriti, the Supreme Council and the Grand Lodge. We also have the skills, talent and dedication of our hard- working Brothers to accomplish it. Let us enjoy our successes, but never fail to live up to the challenges of our failures.

Respectively submitted,
III. Robert J. Furce, MSA, 33°
III. Walter Grube, MSA, 33°
Frank J. Saviano, 32°, MSA

Report of the Committee on Business

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023.

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 III. Frederick H. Lorensen (formerly titled the III. 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, Work in the Valleys including, but not limited to, such activities as Masonic Community 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.

The Committee on Business recommends that the Council of Deliberation be authorized to continue to place up to two (2) inserts in the *Connecticut Freemason* during the forthcoming Council of Deliberation year for the purpose of informing the Craft of the programs and activities of the Scottish Rite Valleys, the work of the Council, and/or Scottish Rite Freemasonry in general and encouraging qualified Master Masons to pursue Scottish Rite membership. And that a sum not to exceed a total of \$10,000.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Martin, Jr., MSA, 33° *Chairman*
Newton Buckner III, 33°
Jeffrey A. Flynn, 33°

Report of the Committee on Communications

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Actives & Active Emeriti, Officers and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, and all Scottish Rite and Special invited Guests, in annual session at Shelton, CT, this 23rd day of September 2023:

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.

This past year, due to some health concerns, I found myself on the other side of information; I was no longer supplying it, I was receiving it. As a result, I made a few observations during that time.

1. Information was coming in just fine, but members didn't know what to do with it. So what did they do? Nothing; they waited for further instructions. Sometimes they received it and sometimes not. I received a call from a newer member, informing me he was asked to register to attend today's event. I looked him up as he told me his email address. He opened the invitation up multiple times on multiple days. That would be 36 times in 9 days.
2. New Heads of Body's don't always know proper procedures. While I was away tending to health issues, I was informed that my Valley was trying to appropriate funds to have a mailbox installed, not knowing all official Valley USPO Mail go to our PO Box.
3. Not all Heads of Body's know how to effectively communicate with their Officers. Some don't communicate at all. Just last week I was asked (by a Body Head) to look up contact information on an officer in his Line.
4. Some communication is consistently excessive. I found myself wanting to "opt out" due to the constant barrage of emails. 20 emails for this event, 25 for that event, 30 for another.
5. Desired information was hard to come by. Where were the nuts & bolts, the how to and next steps. Still waiting.

I love the premise of Masonry; to learn and develop new tools and practices that will better myself for the betterment of myself, my family, my Lodge, my community, and my Brothers in Masonry. This is a great answer to the issues I've identified here today. Let's provide marketing skills to those involved in marketing and correspondence. Let's develop communication skills to our Heads of Body's. Let's invest in our Officers to become able to effectively attract, process and maintain new members as we all know we need to do.

I propose we develop a statewide Officer Training and Leadership Development program to help us officers reach our potential and grow membership in our CT Scottish Rite. Perhaps we'll discover this new program will be highly sought after by many Masons in CT.

Respectfully Submitted,

** Ill. Les B. King, MSA, 33°*

Ill. David S. LaFargue, MSA, 33°

Ill. Tony Angelica, 33°

Communications Committee Co-Chairman

** Denotes Deceased.*

FINAL COUNT OF CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Guests and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, CT on this 23rd day of September, 2023:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully reports that of all the Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives who are entitled to seats in this Council of Deliberation, the preliminary count of registered members present is 77.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Turner, 33°

Jack JS Farkas, 33°

Tony S Angelica, 33°

Presented by Andrew C Work, 32°

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 in Shelton, Connecticut on September 23rd, 2023:

Good morning and greetings from all of us at the Children's Dyslexia Centers of Connecticut. I am Cheryl Sharkis, the Director, Trainer, and Tutor at the Waterbury Center.

We are proud to report to you that the Children's Dyslexia Center continues to develop and progress forward. We have celebrated the achievements of more than 128 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 June 5th, with 8 youngsters completing their work at the Centers: 2 from Hartford Area, 2 from Bridgeport, and 4 from Waterbury. At present, we have experienced 20 Celebration of Achievement Ceremonies. Alumni continue to periodically stop by to share their achievements and upcoming plans. We are thrilled and moved that they are willing to take time out of their busy schedules and remember their Tutors. There is no feeling better than knowing that you have made a positive difference in a person's life!

The Centers' Staff currently includes 4 Practitioners, 1 Tutor, 4 Practitioner 2 Tutors, 1 Supervisor, 1 Co-Director completing her Practitioner 1 Instructor studies and 3 Tutors studying for Practitioner 2 certification. In total, the Center's Scholar Training program has certified more than 45 (+3 soon) Tutors. Our next Scholar training cycle is scheduled to begin September 22nd with Scholars, 2 in Bridgeport, 3 in Hartford, and 1 in Waterbury.

The Centers are currently providing tutorial sessions to 4 youngsters in the Hartford Area (+6 in Oct.), 7 in Bridgeport (+4 in Oct.), and 16 in Waterbury (+2 in Oct.).

Once again, we have finalized each youngster's annual progress assessment and we are thrilled to report that everyone is progressing and developing, with the gap between their grade levels and performance levels reducing significantly. There are approximately 28 youngsters remaining on the waitlist. If you know of a child who may benefit from participating in the Children's Dyslexia Center Program, please encourage their families to contact the Center.

Our Office Business Manager, Mr. Dan, has been very successful in corresponding with families, prospective trainees, and headquarters electronically. He has mastered completing and submitting payroll and credit card allocation forms. Mr. Dan was extremely helpful in getting ADT to change out all of our smoke detectors and Shred It to finally pick up their bins. We are grateful for his growing contributions.

I'd like to take a moment to mention that on September 2nd we said a final goodbye to Jim Vander Eyk as he laid down his working tools. Jim was a participant in the Center's 1st training class and was a part of the Center Family from 05/03/2002 until his retirement on 06/08/2015. He will surely be missed.

We are all very proud to be participating in such a positive and empowering youth program. Enabling these youngsters to better achieve their academic potential is magnificently rewarding and uplifting for all involved. Individual generosity, the annual RUN, Dyslexia Awareness WALK, the Holiday Celebration, the Turkey Trot, Stonington Fair and all the continued support from the supporting Masonic bodies perpetuates the rewards.

Thanks to the Scottish Rite philanthropic endeavors, you are enabling these youngsters to live as Iam Tongi “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” lyrics invoke, May the dreams that you dare to dream really come true!.... Dare to dream....

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

SPECIAL AWARD

Illustrious Brother James R Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33° was awarded his 50 year award. Illustrious Kevin J Hecht, 33° presented Ill. Bro. Jim with a certificate and copper plate. Dorothy Barnhart was by his side during the presentation and for the abundance of applause afterwards.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

MWB Clifford F Stamm II, 32°, PGM, along with MW and Ill. Bro. Bruce R Bellmore, MSA, 33°, PGM made a special presentation to commensurate the George Washington Monument Re-Dedication that took place this past year. Both Ill. Bro. Jack JS Farkas, MSA, 33° and Ill. Bro. Walter Grube, MSA, 33° were each given a photo of the event as a thank you for their support in raising the funds to hold the event. This was followed by a large round of applause.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

Illustrious Brother Howard D Turner, MSA, 33° has been appointed Coordinator of all Degrees, Reunions, Family Life Events, and other Valley Events for All Valleys in CT. This is to promote communications and planning between all Valleys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for someone to help with the Pathfinder Advisory Board.

We are looking for someone from each Valley to help create, design and implement our new statewide Leadership Development program. If interested in either of these, please reach out to Ill. Bro. Kevin Hecht, 33°.

REMARKS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF CONNECTICUT

Most Worshipful Brother Joseph J Porco, 32°, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut, was not able to attend this event due to illness. Grand Deputy Master and Brother Edward C Page, 32° was present and addressed the room, giving warm heartfelt remarks to the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Brethren, of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation, and shared his thoughts on being a fraternity, working together for the benefit of each other and growth to the fraternity.

CLOSING REMARKS AND BENEDICTION

The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief gave closing remarks and thanked everyone in attendance for their participation before declaring these proceedings closed. The final Benediction and Grace was given by Ill. Brother and Reverend Bruce R Bellmore, MSA, 33°. This event was well received and enjoyed by all.

A cocktail hour and banquet, followed by the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony, ended the event.

The following reports were not presented at our session, but are contained in these proceedings:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023.

The committee submits the following report:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Austin P. Clark, 33°
Theodore J. Nelson, 33°
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES & REGULATIONS

To the Illustrious Deputy, Dignitaries, and Brothers of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation:

The Committee on Rules & Regulations did not receive any matters for our review or consideration for the period of time 2022-2023. Accordingly, we have nothing to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ill. Bro. Earl Evans, MSA, 33°
Ill. Bro. Gary Arseneau, 33°
Ill. Bro. Brad Cooney, 33° Chairman

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, meeting on September 23, 2023, the 144th COD Session, meeting in Shelton, 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. The State Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation has recommended eleven applicants to become the 2023 Abbott Scholarship recipients. Following tradition, these recommendations were made to Illustrious Kevin Hecht, 33^o, 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 \$4 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 2023 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:
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 Forty Five applications for the Abbott Scholarships from Four Valleys in Connecticut. There were no Applications from Norwich this year but 3 were reported coming in late. The Norwich elected to award 3 Valley Scholarships to the 3 Applications they received on their own. The 11 recipients of this year's Abbott Scholarships, and all recipients of the Valley Scholarships demonstrated excellence and genuine financial need. Impressive letters of recommendations from teachers, professors and academic counselors supported all applications. Recipients also exhibited extensive volunteer community service, broad extracurricular activities, leadership and honors/awards in sports, music and drama. 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, of the Five Valleys in Connecticut, awarded 11 Abbott Scholarships and 34 Valley Scholarships for a total of 45 Scholarships. There were 45 Scholarships received this year:

- Waterbury 3
- Hartford 13
- New Haven 8
- Bridgeport 18
- Norwich 3

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Total of 45 scholarships were submitted to the Valley Secretaries this year. We had 11 - \$1000.00 Abbott Scholarships allotted to Connecticut this year. They were:

- Waterbury Dylan C. Albanese
- Hartford Lisa J. Flynn
- Hartford Kate M. Hurlbert
- New Haven Cassandra J. Post
- New Haven Matthew I Sprouse (DeMolay)
- New Haven Emma E. Hall
- New Haven Melanie C. Sherrik
- Bridgeport Jeffrey D. Holton
- Bridgeport Kaitlyn E. Curwen
- Bridgeport Aidan T. Papp
- Bridgeport Calleigh J. Cottes

The Scholarship Committee thanks 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,

Frank Saviano, 32°

**Les B. King, MSA, 33°*

Tony Angelica, 33

Andy Work 32°

Charles D. O'Neill, MSA, 33°

Thomas Beck MSA, 32°

Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33°, Chairman

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

To the Illustrious Commander-in-chief, officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023. The Committee continues to address issues of membership retention, the continuing cooperation between the Valleys, and the family life events offered.

Membership:

We continue to remind our membership that each of us 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 Connecticut Freemasons publication, brother to brother calling programs, and the Valley newsletters which may be put to use. As always, these information highways need to be consistent and content updated frequently, lest we lose the interest of those we are trying to keep and attract.

The Valley of Norwich, with the return to performing live degrees, continues to attract and retain members through multiple reunions. These reunions are great opportunities for Valley membership involvement, and fellowship. Another opportunity for Valley involvement is the North Stonington fair, clam fritter and chowder Booth . This event continues to bring members of the valley together to help raise money for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Connecticut and shows the public the good work the fraternity does for the community.

The Valley Of Hartford has done a better job of scheduling activities for all 12 months of the year. The heads of the bodies are responsible for specific months. In addition to scheduling their degrees, they also plan other events in those months, including their summer months. The events can be family trips, movies, making phone calls to brothers, blood drives, game nights, etc. These events promote engagement among the brothers. A family life coordinator was appointed. It is still the responsibility of the heads of the bodies to come up with the family life ideas. The family life coordinator is the point person to keep track of everything and report to the executive Council.

The valley of Bridgeport held 11 reunions over the last year with at least one live degree for every live meeting with numerous video options. In addition, the valley of Waterbury held five reunions and presented 7 degrees. The valley of New Haven also presented three reunions and 4 degrees. The Valley Of Norwich looks to hold more family life events to help assist in membership retention. The Valley is grateful to the Valley Of Hartford for involving the Valley Of Norwich and their many family life events. The Valley of Bridgeport held, 13 family life events, Valley of New Haven held 2 family life events, and the Valley of Waterbury held 4 family life events. Some of these events included cornhole tournament, family game night, St. Patrick's Day dinner, St. Patrick's Day parade, summer, picnics, Oktoberfest, scotch and cigar nights, fishing trips, trip to Lexington and a Boston Red Sox game, dinner, and show at the Goodspeed opera house, Bridgeport, youth, symphony, installation dinner, and Christmas party. The Valley of New Haven held last year's council of the liberation and the Valley of Waterbury holding this year's session.

Valley Of Hartford's membership has dropped from 1400 to 600 over the past eight years. The valley has a very high percentage of senior brothers (>80 years old) compared to

other valleys. The Valley has been doing a great job of retaining brothers, but need to step up recruitment. The valley of Bridgeport saw a gain of six members with a total of 517 members with 24 additions, three restorations, 44 deaths and no NPD's. The heads of the bodies need to do more to engage with new members and get them involved. Degree directors should ask new members to take part of the degrees. Once these members become involved, they will talk to their lodge brothers about Scottish Rite. We will also have trained brothers visit lodges and make presentations. The Valley of Norwich, assisted in holding a joint consistory day in the spring with the other consistories in the state. This continues to strengthen relations and cooperation within the state. The Valley of Bridgeport assisted with a Consistory Day and looks forward to participating again next year. There should be more engagement among the Valleys. Degree teams can visit other Valleys to portray a degree, or joint degrees can be arranged. Also, when a Valley plans in activity, other Valley's should be invited to participate.

In April 2023, the Valley of Hartford worked with Valley of Bridgeport and Valley of Norwich to portray both the 24th and 32nd°.

Children's dyslexia center:

The Valley's continue to support the Children's Dyslexia Center. However, the pandemic continued to impact the events. In Waterbury, the walk, saw lower participation. The Hartford 5K returned this year as well as the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Stratford, but with smaller numbers. The Valley of Norwich was able to hold the clam chowder and fritter booth at the North Stonington fair again this year, enabling the Valley to continue with support of the Dyslexia Center. Valley Of Bridgeport for the second year a virtual walk on Valentine's Day that was successful, but not as successful as the previous year. The valley of Bridgeport also held its annual turkey trot and the Valley of Waterbury,

also held their annual walk as well. The continued support of individuals and cooperation is vital to the success of the Waterbury campus and our satellite operations.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, all the Valleys that form the Council of the Deliberation should continue to focus Scottish Rite in Connecticut as a whole. They should continue to be more engagement among the Valleys. We should continue to push degree teams to visit other valleys to portray a degree or encourage joint degrees. We encourage Valleys to invite the other Valleys to family life activities. Our brethren desire and need communication, not only from their own Valley, but from all the Valleys to support them. Enhanced communication across the Valleys continue to strengthen Scottish Rite in Connecticut, and offer more opportunities to our members.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ill. Jeffery Flynn, 33
 Harold Elwell, MSA, 32
 Jason Fletcher, MSA 32

2023-2024 C.O.D. COMMITTEES

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	John F. Martin, Jr., M.S.A., 33°
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MEMBER	Jeffrey A. Flynn, 33°

CREDENTIALS & NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

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

DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Kenneth B. Hawkins, 33°
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CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Richard R Jones, Jr., 33°
MEMBER	Maroun G Zoghbi, 32°, M.S.A.
MEMBER	Zak Haque, 32°
MEMBERS	All Honorary Members

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Jerry J Gruenbaum, 32°
MEMBER	Zak Haque, 32°
MEMBER	Melvin E Johnson, 33°

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Kirk C Trofatter, 32°, M.S.A.
MEMBER	All Presiding Officers of All Valley's

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Frank J Saviano III, 32°, M.S.A.
MEMBER	Jerry J Gruenbaum, 32°
MEMBER	Daniel D Sharkis, 32°

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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

RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Bradley K Cooney, 33°
MEMBER	William J Bundy III, 32°
MEMBER	Gary G Arseneau, 33°

STATE OF THE RITE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	3 - Commanders-in-Chief
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HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Martin Ede, M.S.A., 33°
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CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

MEMBER	Arnold Grot, 32°, M.S.A.
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MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Robert J Furce, M.S.A, 33°
MEMBER	Frederick A Marotti, 32°
MEMBER	Alexander J DeFranzo, 32°
MEMBER	Jason A Fletcher, M.S.A., 32°
MEMBER	Arnold Grot, 32°, M.S.A.,

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	3 - First Lieutenant Commanders
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRMAN	David S LaFargue, M.S.A., 33°
CO-CHAIRMAN	Anthony S Angelica, 33°
MEMBER	All Valley Secretary's

ALTERNATE YEAR COD PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Scott Bumps, 32°, M.S.A.
MEMBERS	Valley Secretary's

AUDIT COMMITTEE – INVESTMENTS

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

James R Spencer Jr. 33° MSA	09/28/1983
Austin P Clark 33°	09/26/1984
Gail N Smith 33°	09/25/1985
Richard V Travis 33°	09/24/1986
George A Nousiainen 33°	09/30/1987

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Thomas M Maxwell II 33° MSA	09/27/1988
Carleton V Erickson 33°	09/27/1988
Bruce T Work 33°	09/25/1990
Matthew F Griffin 33°	08/31/1993
Richard A Incorvati 33°	08/31/1993
Clyde W Kayser II 33° MSA	08/27/1996
Raymond G Schuster 33°	08/27/1996
Russell F Haugh Jr. 33° MSA	09/23/1997
Fred B Candee Jr. 33°	09/29/1998
Kevin J Hecht 33°	09/29/1998
Walter E Kaechele 33°	09/28/1999
Charles B Fowler Jr. 33°	09/28/1999
Barry M Spero 33°	09/26/2000
Randy S Stevens 33°	09/26/2000
William E Bohman 33°	09/26/2000
Howard Wm Orr 33°	09/26/2000
Bradley K Cooney 33°	09/25/2001
John F Martin Jr. 33° MSA	09/25/2001
Bruce R Bellmore 33° MSA	09/03/2002
David L Sharkis 33°	09/03/2002
Theodore J Nelson 33°	09/03/2002
Kenneth B Hawkins Sr. 33°	09/23/2003
Donald L Smith 33° MSA	09/23/2003
Gerald F Thompson 33° MSA	09/21/2004
Herbert W Mower 33° MSA	09/21/2004
Charles A Buck Jr. 33°	08/30/2005
Jack J S Farkas 33° MSA	08/30/2005
John F Kessler 33°	08/30/2005
Gustaf R Bodin 33°	08/29/2006

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Joseph B Cyr 33° MSA	08/29/2006
Howard D Turner 33° MSA	08/29/2006
Richard R Jones Jr. 33°	08/27/2007
Steven P Schreck 33° MSA	08/27/2007
Paul L Chello 33°	08/26/2008
Sidney W Isenberg 33°	08/26/2008
Francis G Way 33° MSA	08/26/2008
Ralph W Rose 33° MSA	08/25/2009
Charles W Yohe 33°	08/25/2009
Martin Ede 33° MSA	08/31/2010
Russell W Griswold 33° MSA	08/31/2010
Whitney P McNulty 33° MSA	08/31/2010
Carl J Mossberg 33° MSA	08/31/2010
Newton Buckner III 33°	08/31/2010
Kenneth A Barrett 33°	08/30/2011
Jeffery A Flynn 33°	08/30/2011
Carl Anderson 33°	08/28/2012
Ernest A Dubois 33° MSA	08/28/2012
Richard E Frazier 33° MSA	08/28/2012
Carl Anderson 33°	08/28/2012
Robert A Simon 33° MSA	08/28/2012
Gary W Arseneau 33°	08/20/2013
Roger W Read 33° MSA	08/20/2013
Earl S Evans 33° MSA	08/20/2013
Charles H Tirrell 33° MSA	08/20/2013
Vincent A Cowie 33°	09/01/2015
Charles A McCollum 33° MSA	09/01/2015
George G Talisse 33°	09/01/2015
Melvin E Johnson 33°	09/01/2015

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Gordon C Willoughby Jr. 33°	09/01/2015
Raymond J Dolyak 33° MSA	08/29/2017
Joseph Robert Krusienski 33°	08/29/2017
Charles D O'Neill 33° MSA	08/29/2017
C A Duke 33°	08/29/2017
Dennis O Cyr 33° MSA	08/27/2019
David B Urban 33° MSA	08/27/2019
Robert J Furce 33° MSA	08/31/2021
Geoffrey L Ice 33°	08/31/2021
Giuseppe Pisani 33°	08/31/2021
David S LaFargue 33° MSA	08/31/2021
Tony Angelica 33°	08/31/2021
John A. Amarilios, 33° MSA	8/29/2023
William L. Greene, 33° MSA	8/29/2023
Walter Grube, 33° MSA	8/29/2023
William H. Morse, Jr., 33° MSA	8/29/2023
Frederick J. Taft, 33° MSA	8/29/2023
Guy O. Whelchel III, 33° MSA	8/29/2023

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

James R Spencer Jr. 33° MSA	06/13/1980
Richard E Frazier 33° MSA	06/10/1983
Thomas M Maxwell II 33° MSA	05/31/1985
Troy S Adcox MSA	05/31/1985
Thomas Ernest Csengery MSA	06/13/1986
Paul D Lodola MSA	06/13/1986
William L Milton MSA	06/10/1988
Morton N Katz MSA	06/10/1988
Allen H Morander MSA	06/09/1989

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Herbert W Mower 33° MSA	06/14/1991
Kenneth E Fears MSA	06/14/1991
Russell F Haugh Jr. 33° MSA	06/11/1993
John F Martin Jr. 33° MSA	06/10/1994
Donald L Smith 33° MSA	06/10/1994
Willis E Copeland Jr. MSA	06/10/1994
Clyde W Kayser II 33° MSA	06/22/1995
Bruce R Bellmore 33° MSA	06/22/1995
Steven P Schreck 33° MSA	06/15/1996
Bradford H Ross MSA	06/15/1996
Richard A Eppler MSA	06/13/1997
Thomas R Sulier MSA	06/13/1997
Alfred J Chapman MSA	06/12/1998
Rudolph A Gaydos MSA	06/12/1998
Samuel A Frink MSA	06/09/2000
Joseph B Cyr 33° MSA	06/08/2001
Roger W Read 33° MSA	06/08/2001
Bruce M Hanson MSA	06/08/2001
Howard D Turner 33° MSA	06/14/2002
Adam J Karvosky Jr. MSA	06/14/2002
Frank H Lesco MSA	06/14/2002
Jack J S Farkas 33° MSA	06/09/2003
Gerald F Thompson 33° MSA	06/13/2003
Whitney P McNulty 33° MSA	06/11/2004
Ernest A Dubois 33° MSA	06/11/2004
Ralph W Rose 33° MSA	06/10/2005
David B Urban 33° MSA	06/10/2005
Franklin J Davis MSA	07/21/2005
Francis G Way 33° MSA	06/09/2006
Martin Ede 33° MSA	06/09/2006
Raymond J Dolyak 33° MSA	06/09/2006
Harry E Needham III MSA	06/09/2006
Richard A Wingate MSA	06/09/2006
Russell W Griswold 33° MSA	06/15/2007

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Carl J Mossberg 33° MSA	06/15/2007
Charles H Tirrell 33° MSA	06/15/2007
Gary D Shepard MSA	06/15/2007
Charles D Weiss MSA	06/15/2007
Robert A Simon 33° MSA	06/13/2008
Danny A Camp MSA	06/13/2008
William F Manger MSA	06/13/2008
Allen G Meyerjack MSA	06/13/2008
Charles B Clark MSA	06/14/2008
Earl S Evans 33° MSA	06/19/2009
Charles A McCollum 33° MSA	06/19/2009
David M Costner MSA	06/11/2010
Charles D O'Neill 33° MSA	06/17/2011
Louis O House IV MSA	06/17/2011
Dennis O Cyr 33° MSA	06/15/2012
Robert J Cascone MSA	06/15/2012
Jon M Fischer MSA	06/15/2012
John Sasser III MSA	06/15/2012
Frank Dlugoleski MSA	06/15/2012

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

Harvey James Hartin MSA	06/21/2013
David M Robinson MSA	06/21/2013
Jeffry L Stober MSA	06/21/2013
Dale T Cunningham MSA	06/21/2013
Steven M Allinson MSA	06/27/2014
Daniel Galloza MSA	06/27/2014
Paul B Iltchenko MSA	06/27/2014
Walter Grube 33° MSA	06/27/2014
Robert J Furce 33° MSA	09/18/2015
John A Amarilios 33° MSA	09/18/2015
James C Kleinkauf MSA	09/18/2015

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Orville Campbell Jr. MSA	09/18/2015
Arnold S Grot MSA	09/18/2015
Thom Beck MSA	09/17/2016
Michael C Jachimczyk MSA	09/17/2016
Kirk C Trofatter Jr. MSA	09/17/2016
Frederick J Taft 33° MSA	09/17/2016
David S LaFargue 33° MSA	06/02/2017
Guy O Whelchel III 33° MSA	06/02/2017
John E. Stogden MSA	06/02/2017
Todd M Gianetti MSA	06/02/2017
William F Henning II MSA	09/15/2018
Erik P Meyer MSA	09/15/2018
William H Morse Jr. 33° MSA	09/15/2018
William L Greene 33° MSA	09/15/2018
Harold Alan Elwell MSA	09/14/2019
Joseph S Lengyel MSA	09/14/2019
John F Plante MSA	09/14/2019
T Donovan Scroggs MSA	09/14/2019
John J Badeen MSA	07/15/2020
Scott B Bumps MSA	09/25/2020
Michael L Todd MSA	09/25/2020
D John Watkins MSA	09/25/2020
David E Soderberg MSA	09/25/2020
Jonathan G DeBaun MSA	10/01/2021
Jason A. Fletcher MSA	10/01/2021
Brian E Beals MSA	10/01/2021
John R Boyce MSA	10/01/2021
Jack J Baril Jr. MSA	09/23/2022
Albert R R Johnson MSA	09/23/2022
Andrew P Kolaski Jr. MSA	09/23/2022
Frank J Saviano III MSA	09/23/2022
David C Lockard MSA	09/23/2022
Maroun G Zoghbi MSA	09/23/2022
Arthur R Tinsz, MSA	09/23/2023

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Michael E. Gibeault, MSA	09/23/2023
Salvatore R Ferrigno Jr., MSA	09/23/2023
David V Papp, MSA	09/23/2023
Colin C Souney, MSA	09/23/2023

DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL for CONNECTICUT

<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	April 04, 2021
*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	
Kevin Joseph Hecht	Aug 31, 2021	

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

<i>(* Denotes Deceased)</i>	Honorary	Active	Died
*George Whitefield Bentley	Jan. 28, 1863	Oct. 20, 1864	June 05, 1901
*William Riley Higby	Apr. 26, 1858	Oct. 20, 1864	Sept. 04, 1902
*Charles William Carter	May 18, 1865	May 19, 1865	June 13, 1903
*Henry Odgen Canfield	Sept. 17, 1901	Sept. 16, 1903	July 25, 1910
*Charles Learned Hubbard	Sept. 18, 1894	Sept. 16, 1903	Nov. 12, 1918
*Albert Seymour Comstock	Sept. 15, 1903	Sept. 18, 1919	Aug. 25, 1936
* Charles Melville Gerdenier	Sept. 20, 1904	Sept. 22, 1910	Dec. 03, 1940
*Carlton Hickox Stevens	Sept. 19, 1922	Sept. 25, 1941	Sept. 28, 1943
*Arthur Morton Brown	Sept. 17, 1918	Jan. 07, 1937	June 12, 1949
*Chauncey Houston Clements	Sept. 29, 1943	Sept. 28, 1944	Sept. 28, 1944

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* 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	April 04, 2021
*Frederick Howard Lorensen	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	

2023-2024 MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

*ALHABETICALLY ARRANGED (Grade is 32° unless otherwise noted; *=Deceased)*

Adcox, Troy S. MSA	242 Bear Hill Rd; Bethany CT 06524
Albanese, Joseph M.	70 Loretta Rd; Torrington CT 06790
Aldi, Steven C.	9655 Hawk Nest Ln; North Port FL 34287
Allinson, Steven M. MSA	126 High Hill Rd; Wallingford CT 06492
Amarillos, John A. MSA, 33°	1222 Oenoke Rdg; New Canaan CT 06840
Anderson, Carl H. 33°	94 Castle Hill Rd; Newtown CT 06470
Anderson, Kenneth E.	60 Nancy Ln; Meriden CT 06450
Angelica, Anthony S. 33°	123 West St Apt 414; Cromwell CT 06416
Arseneau, Gary W. 33°	546 S Farms Ter; Southington CT 06489
Badeen, John J. MSA	403 Circle Rd; Millsboro DE 19966
Baker, Fred L.	9 Lena Ln; East Hampton CT 06424
Bardunias, James J.	62 Kinsman Hill Rd; Lisbon CT 06351
Baril Jr., Jack J. MSA	111 Celentano Dr; Naugatuck CT 06770
Barrett, Kenneth A. 33°	30 Sarah Ln; Simsbury CT 06070
Baumann Jr., Philipp H.	622 Pendleton Hill Rd; N Stonington CT 06359
Beatty, Jonathan R.	9 Bellaire Mnr; Cromwell CT 06416
Beck, Thomas E. MSA	93 Cannon St; Hamden CT 06518
Beebe, Seth H.	255 Michelle Ln Apt 302; Groton CT 06340
Bellmore, Bruce R. MSA 33°	41 Michael Dr; West Haven CT 06516
Bird, Tyreke M.	107 Court D; Bridgeport CT 06610
Bither, Lewis P.	65B Masonic Ave Apt 342; Wallingford CT 06492
Blackaby, Mark E.	PO Box 442; Suffield CT 06078
Blackstone, Gary B.	188 Eastland Ave; York PA 17406
Bodin, Gustaf R. 33°	3203 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Bohman, William E. 33°	1 Woodland Dr; Canton CT 06019

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Brickman, Seth B.	137 Duncaster Rd; Bloomfield CT 06002
Briones, Max	25 Mayflower Ave; Stamford CT 06906
Buck Jr., Charles A. 33°	11 Mallard Dr; Milford CT 06460
Buckley, Craig A.	197 Cedar Ridge Dr; Glastonbury CT 06033
Buckner III, Newton 33°	16032 Lomond Hills Trl; Delray Beach FL 33446
Bumps, Scott B. MSA	16 Teresa Dr; Milford CT 06461
Bundy III, William J.	194 Exeter Rd; Lebanon CT 06249
Camp, Danny A. MSA	6964 NW Hartney Way; Port Saint Lucie FL 34983
Campbell Jr., Orville MSA	28 Pine Forest Dr; Bluffton SC 29910
Candee Jr., Fred B. 33°	456 Morehouse Rd; Easton CT 06612
Canfield Jr., Boyd E.	6101 Horton Rd; Oriental NC 28571
Cascone, Robert J. MSA	51 Connors Ln; Stratford CT 06614
Catanzaro, Paul D.	250 Hillhurst Ave; New Britain CT 06053
Chapman, Alfred J. MSA	22 Masonic Ave # 311; Wallingford CT 06492
Charland, Michael R.	34 Sartori Rd; Stafford Springs CT 06076
Chello, Paul L. 33°	90 Fair St; Guilford CT 06437
Clark, Austin P. 33°	3 Niles Rd; Mystic CT 06355
Clark, Charles B. MSA	137 Starr Hill Rd; Groton CT 06340
Cooney, Bradley K. 33°	44 Ingham Hill Rd; Old Saybrook CT 06475
Cooper, David H.	281 Pepper Ridge Rd; Stamford CT 06905
Copeland Jr., Willis E. MSA	33 Woodruff St Apt 115; Hamden CT 06518
Cosgrove Jr., Richard D.	PO Box 548; Litchfield CT 06759
Costner, David M. MSA	7 Cider Mill Rd; Preston CT 06365
Cowie, Vincent A. 33°	1 Inverness Sq; Middletown CT 06457
Cross, Paul D.	PO Box 130; Scotland CT 06264
Csengery, Thomas E, MSA	31 Hillside Ave, Danbury 06811
Cunningham, Dale T. MSA	3 South Rd; Ellington CT 06029
Cyr, Dennis O. MSA 33°	119 Pinecrest Dr; Waterbury CT 06708
Cyr, Joseph B. MSA 33°	145 Lorann Dr; Naugatuck CT 06770
Daley, Renard S.	25 Englewood Ave; Waterbury CT 06705
Dart, Trad S.	34 New London Rd; Mystic CT 06355
Davis, Franklin J. MSA	1233 E Corktree Cir; Port Charlotte FL 33952
Dawson III, William L.	38 Church Hill Rd; Ledyard CT 06339
DeBaun, Jonathan G. MSA	55 Bear Hill Rd; New Milford CT 06776
Delgrego, Anthony J.	84 Greenes Ridge Rd; Hamden CT 06514
DeSouza, Wallace	10 Crestview Dr; Gales Ferry CT 06335
Dlugoleski, Frank MSA	738 East St; New Britain CT 06051
Dolyak, Raymond J. MSA 33°	85 Oak Ridge Rd; Stratford CT 06614
Dorsett, Kristopher J.	1538 Route 12 Apt 15; Gales Ferry CT 06335
Driscoll III, Fred R.	323 Vauxhall St; New London CT 06320
Dubois, Ernest A. MSA 33°	116 Cornfield Rd; Milford CT 06461
Duclos, Thomas A.	14 Alexander Ln; Suffield CT 06078
Dufresne, Shane	PO Box 282; Southington CT 06489
Duke, Charles A. 33°	210 Bundy Hill Rd; Lisbon CT 06351
Dynak, Robert V.	503 Canyon Ridge Dr; Broad Brook CT 06016

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Earle, Christopher J.	10 Crestview Dr; Rockfall CT 06481
Ede, Martin MSA 33°	9 Simpson Ct; Bethany CT 06524
Elliott, Stephen S.	1071 Pembroke St Apt 3A; Bridgeport CT 06608
Elwell, Harold A. MSA	PO Box 314; Plymouth CT 06782
Embil, Cyril K.	11 Jason Ct; Naugatuck CT 06770
Eppler, Richard A. MSA	400 Cedar Ln; Cheshire CT 06410
Erickson, Carleton V. 33°	108 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Evans, Earl S. MSA 33°	40 Crown Rdg; Newington CT 06111
Farkas, Jack J s MSA 33°	88 Great Hill Rd; Seymour CT 06483
Fears, Kenneth E. MSA	1370 Celebration Blvd Apt 626; Kissimmee FL 34747
Feinson, John E.	5 Lakeview Dr; Yorktown Heights NY 10598
Ferrigno Jr. Salvatore R MSA	91 Bailey Rd; North Haven, CT 06473-2610
Fischer, Jon M. MSA	142 Mixville Rd; Cheshire CT 06410
Fletcher, Jason A. MSA	88 Lake St; Moosup CT 06354
Flynn, Jeffery A. 33°	8 Silver Birch Ln; Clinton CT 06413
Fowler Jr., Charles B. 33°	1223 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Frazier, Richard E. MSA 33°	562 Marion Ave; Plantsville CT 06479
Frink, Samuel A. MSA	38 Timothy St; Newington CT 06111
Furce, Robert J. MSA 33°	554 Busk Ct; Cheshire CT 06410
Galloza, Daniel MSA	320 Lyon Ter; Bridgeport CT 06604
Gaudioso, Lorenzo P.	PO Box 124; Roxbury CT 06783
Gaydos, Rudolph A. MSA	68 Airport Rd Apt 24; Savoy IL 61874
Gianetti, Todd M. MSA	90 Jones Hollow Rd; Marlborough CT 06447
Gibeault, Michael E. MSA	25 Mason Rd; Brooklyn CT 06234
Gladding, Donald F.	50 High St; Moosup CT 06354
Gordineer, Raymond J.	301 Windy Ridge Way; Amherst VA 24521
Greene, William L. MSA, 33°	1726 South St; Coventry CT 06238
Griffin, Matthew F. 33°	83 Brookwood Dr Apt B; Rocky Hill CT 06067
Griswold, Russell W. MSA 33°	61 Tree Hill Rd; Waterbury CT 06708
Grommeck, Herbert E.	55 Cedar Ridge Dr; Glastonbury CT 06033
Grot, Arnold S. MSA	97 Quail Run; Glastonbury CT 06033
Grube, Walter MSA, 33°	149 Overlook Rd; Glastonbury CT 06033
Gruenbaum, Jerry J.	PO Box 3879; New Haven CT 06525
Hanis Jr., Michael G.	53 Lake Winnemaug Rd; Watertown CT 06795
Hanson, Bruce M. MSA	100 Church St; Wethersfield CT 06109
Hartin, Harvey J. MSA	409 High St; Fairfield CT 06824
Hasty, Theodore L.	170 Terryville Ave; Bristol CT 06010
Haugh Jr., Russell F. MSA 33°	35 Majus Dr; Coventry CT 06238
Hawkins Sr., Kenneth B. 33°	2302 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Hecht, Kevin J. 33°	PO Box 995; Old Lyme CT 06371
Henning II, William F. MSA	741 Cr 489 Lot 6; Lake Panasoffkee FL 33538
Herbert, David J.	14 Sandra Ave; Terryville CT 06786
Hibbard, Jonathan	PO Box 38; Center Tuftonboro NH 03816
House IV, Louis O. MSA	Rua Dom Joao 6-8; Funchal 9050-04
Ice, Geoffrey L. 33°	495 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd; Southbury CT 06488

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Ittchenko, Paul B. MSA	810 Donaldson Rd Lot 104C; Greenville SC 29605
Incorvati, Richard A. 33°	14 Randall Cir; Windsor CT 06095
Isenberg, Sidney W. 33°	346 Highland Cir; Lewisburg WV 24901
Jachimczyk, Michael C. MSA	PO Box 2442; Stamford CT 06906
Janik, Christopher	9554 Kezia Trl; Fort Belvoir VA 22060
Jennings, Christopher S J	89 Grace St; Fairfield CT 06825
Jewart, Charles M.	1 Steele Rd; Enfield CT 06082
Johnson, Albert R R MSA	73 Harrison Rd; North Branford CT 06471
Johnson, Melvin E. 33°	369 Hubbard St; Glastonbury CT 06033
Jones Jr., Richard R. 33°	7 Shore Grove Rd; Clinton CT 06413
Judge, John H.	845 Ridge Rd; Stevensville MT 59870
Kaechele, Walter E. 33°	4663 Madison Ave; Trumbull CT 06611
Karvosky Jr., Adam J. MSA	41 Phobos Pl; Garner NC 27529
Katz, Morton N. MSA	112 Ringtail Run; Kennett Square PA 19348
Kayser II, Clyde W. MSA 33°	19 Adelaide Ave; Waterbury CT 06708
Keenan, Mark T.	63 Buckingham St; Newtonington CT 06111
Kenausis, Michael K.	164 Bronson Dr; Middlebury CT 06762
Kessler, John F. 33°	238 Annelise Ave; Southington CT 06489
Kleinkauf, James C. MSA	1635 Long Hill Rd; Guilford CT 06437
Knowles, Robert J.	7315 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Korab, Richard A.	111 Shagbark Dr; Derby CT 06418
Krusienski, Rev. Joseph R. 33°	151 Timothy Rd; Naugatuck CT 06770
LaBarre, Wayne A.	44 Fairview Ave; Griswold CT 06351
LaFargue, David S. MSA 33°	18 Ripley Rd; Glastonbury CT 06033
Lengyel, Joseph S. MSA	134 Summerfield Ave; Bridgeport CT 06610
Lesco, Frank H. MSA	321 Eastern St Apt A806; New Haven CT 06513
Lizotte, Charles A.	133 Brown Crane Ct; Daytona Beach FL 32119
Lockard, David C. MSA	10 Southgate Dr; South Glastonbury CT 06073
Lodola, Paul D. MSA	411 Walnut St PMB 4637; Green Cove Springs FL 32043
Lynch, Bryant E.	12726 SE 253rd Ct; Kent WA 98030
Magliano Jr., Rinaldo F.	50 Mohegan Park Rd; Norwich CT 06360
Malafronte, Eric J.	76 Chestnut St # B; Branford CT 06405
Manger, William F. MSA	9223 Hart Dr; Oriental NC 28571
Manke, Jacob M.	210 Belleview Ave; Southington CT 06489
Mante, Silas	354 Post Rd; Darien CT 06820
Markowski III, John E.	27 Penny Brook Ln; Berlin CT 06037
Marotti, Frederick A.	8 S Dale St; East Haven CT 06513
Martin Jr., John F. MSA 33°	446 Main St Unit 1; Old Saybrook CT 06475
Maxwell II, Thomas M. MSA 33°	20 Brookside Ct; Newtown CT 06470
Mayer, Jeffrey S.	100 Old Kent Rd N; Tolland CT 06084
Maynard, Perne R.	113 Williams Way; Tolland CT 06084
McCollum, Charles A. MSA 33°	71 Eunice Pkwy; Stratford CT 06615
McKay, Robert B.	PO Box 126; Eastford CT 06242
McNulty, Whitney P. MSA 33°	549 Four Seasons Blvd; Summerville SC 29486
Meyer, Erik P. MSA	300 Concord Ln; Bethel CT 06801

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Miller, Richard A.	24 Millwood Dr; Uncasville CT 06382
Milton, William L. MSA	14 West Ave; Norwich CT 06360
Morander, Allen H. MSA	3531 E Rosemonte Dr; Phoenix AZ 85050
Morse Jr., William H. MSA, 33°	19 Webster Rd; East Lyme CT 06333
Mossberg, Carl J. MSA 33°	28458 Capraia Dr; Bonita Springs FL 34135
Moulson, John A.	23 Bunny Rd; Preston CT 06365
Mower, Dr. Herbert W. MSA 33°	88 Masonic Home Rd; Charlton MA 01507
Mudry V, George A.	24 Hillview St; Naugatuck CT 06770
Murray, Wayne T.	267 Branford Rd Apt 107; North Branford CT 06471
Namias, Robert F.	70 Four Story Ln; Torrington CT 06790
Neblett, Andrew V.	31 Ashbee Ln; Ridgefield CT 06877
Needham III, Harry E. MSA	307 Biehl Rd; Hamden CT 06518
Nelson, Theodore J. 33°	PO Box 824; New London CT 06320
Nevins, Stephen J.	1074 May St; Naugatuck CT 06770
Nousiainen, George A. 33°	266 Mountain Rd; Cheshire CT 06410
O'Neill, Charles D. MSA 33°	23 Forty Acre Mountain Rd; Danbury CT 06811
Orr, Howard Wm W. 33°	32 Deep Brook Hbr; Suffield CT 06078
Ostrinsky, Stanley H.	PO Box 641; Manchester CT 06045
Papp, David V. MSA	48 Oakwood Dr; Oxford CT 06478
Pisani, Giuseppe 33°	119 Falcon Crest Rd; Middlebury CT 06762
Plante, John F. MSA	16 Wilford Ct; Pawcatuck CT 06379
Potter, Jeffrey E.	22 Wayne Dr; North Windham CT 06256
Read, Roger W. MSA 33°	298 New London Tpke; Stonington CT 06378
Reeve, Daniel J.	40 Woodruff Cir; Berlin CT 06037
Richards, Kenneth A.	182 Westford Rd; Eastford CT 06242
Roach Jr., Kenneth D.	44 Broadleaf Cir; Windsor CT 06095
Robinson, David M. MSA	87 Prospect Hill Dr; East Windsor CT 06088
Rose, Ralph W. MSA 33°	5900 Lomita Verde Cir; Austin TX 78749
Rosenberg, Max	145 Lordship Rd; Stratford CT 06615
Ross, Bradford H. MSA	4004 W 30th St; Davenport IA 52804
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Sasser III, John MSA	9 Radler Rd; Preston CT 06365
Saviano III, Frank J. MSA	98 Butlertown Rd; Waterford CT 06385
Savoy, Raymond J.	831 Beacon Valley Rd; Naugatuck CT 06770
Schreck, Steven P. MSA 33°	44 Malcolm St; Hamden CT 06514
Schuster, Raymond G. 33°	12 Winterberry Ln; Eastham MA 02642
Scroggs, Theodore D. MSA	205 Kenswick Ln; Windsor CT 06095
Sharkis, David L. 33°	24 Kelsey Rd; Clinton CT 06413
Shepard, Gary D. MSA	36 Wedgewood Dr; Easton CT 06612
Simon, Robert A. MSA 33°	64 Arlington St N; Meriden CT 06450
Slack Sr., Robert F.	34334 Country Breeze Ave; Wesley Chapel FL 33543
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Sorrentino, Louis A.	4027 Allure Ln; North Port FL 34287
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Spencer Jr., James R. MSA 33°	1 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Spencer, John H.	PO Box 222; Scotland CT 06264
Spero, Barry M. 33°	112 Acadia Dr; Poinciana FL 34759
Stack, John B.	721 S Britain Rd; Southbury CT 06488
Staton, Robert W.	449 Glorieta Dr; St Augustine FL 32095
Stevens, Randy S. 33°	12 Briarcliffe Trl; Old Saybrook CT 06475
Stober, Jeffry L. MSA	77 Scott Hill Rd; Lebanon CT 06249
Stockbridge, Brian D.	58 Littlefield Rd; New Milford CT 06776
Stogden, John E. MSA	5 Reuven Dr; Ledyard CT 06339
Stuck, Kevin W.	11 Stardust Dr; Granby CT 06035
Studwell, Glenn E.	18 Knoll Dr; Groton CT 06340
Sulier, Thomas R. MSA	83 Circle Dr; Stratford CT 06614
Taft, Frederick J. MSA, 33°	8 Meadowview Ct; Canton CT 06019
Talisse, George G. 33°	7014 Oakmont Pkwy; Naples FL 34108
Thompson, Gerald F. MSA 33°	154 Davis Rd; East Hartford CT 06118
Tirado, Manuel A.	72 Westridge Dr; Waterbury CT 06708
Tirrell, Charles H. MSA 33°	847 Woodward Ave; New Haven CT 06512
Tirrell, James A.	140 Beacon Ave; New Haven CT 06512
Tinsz, Arthur, MSA	46 Foley St; Manchester, CT 06040-4808
Transue, Thomas A.	36 Woodhaven Dr; Avon CT 06001
Travis, Richard V. 33°	41 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Trofatter Jr., Kirk C. MSA	24 Cedar Lake Rd; North Branford CT 06471
Turner, Howard D. MSA 33°	41 Meech Ave; Groton CT 06340
Urban, David B. MSA 33°	425 N Abram St; Stratford CT 06614
Urban, Samuel J.	14 Blue Spruce Dr; Newtown CT 06470
Vander Eyk, James L. 33°	4308 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford CT 06492
Watkins, D. John MSA	1255 North Rd; Dayville CT 06241
Way, Francis G. MSA 33°	37 Trivet Ln; Wethersfield CT 06109
Weiss, Charles D. MSA	135 Grove St; Bristol CT 06010
Whelchel III, Guy O. MSA, 33°	18 Tanager Cir; Tariffville CT 06081
Wilkins, Timothy C.	18 Rice Rd; Woodbridge CT 06525
Willoughby Jr., Gordon C. 33°	1 Foothills Way; Bloomfield CT 06002
Wilson, Jonathan E.	306 Virgo Dr; Groton CT 06340
Wingate, Richard A. MSA	5 Sand Hill Rd; Voluntown CT 06384
Work, Bruce T. 33°	45 Phelpscredit Rd; Simsbury CT 06070
Wright, Alphonse	70 Greenwood St; New Britain CT 06051
Yohe, Charles W. 33°	7 Collington Ct; Palm Coast FL 32137
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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, by mail, or by electronic media 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.

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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 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.

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

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

ARTICLE IV

Standing Committees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 7 The Committee on Necrology shall report at each meeting of this Council the names, degrees, titles, and date of death, of all members of the Supreme

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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.

Sec. 5 The Secretary, Treasurer, and Hospitaller 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

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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 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

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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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