

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIFTH SESSION
OF THE

Connecticut Council of Deliberation



BERLIN, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

**KEVIN J. HECHT, 33°, Deputy for Connecticut
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief**

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°
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 Krusienski, 33°
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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°
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VALLEY OF NORWICH in SEPTEMBER 2025

UPCOMING HOST VALLEY and YEAR

2026 – NEW HAVEN	2027 – WATERBURY	2028 – BRIDGEPORT
2029 – HARTFORD	2030 – NORWICH	2031 – NEW HAVEN
2032 – WATERBURY	2033 – BRIDGEPORT	2034 – HARTFORD

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PROCEEDINGS of the One Hundred Forty Fifth 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°

45 Phelpscredit Road, Simsbury, CT 06070-2025

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 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.

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

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Good Evening

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce the One Hundred Forty Fifth Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation!
This year's Connecticut Council of Deliberation Session is being hosted by the Valley of Hartford.

All 32° Scottish Rite Masons may attend, only permanent members of the Council of Deliberation may vote. Permanent members are all past and present Body Heads, all MSA's, all 33°'s, and all Actives/Active Emeriti.

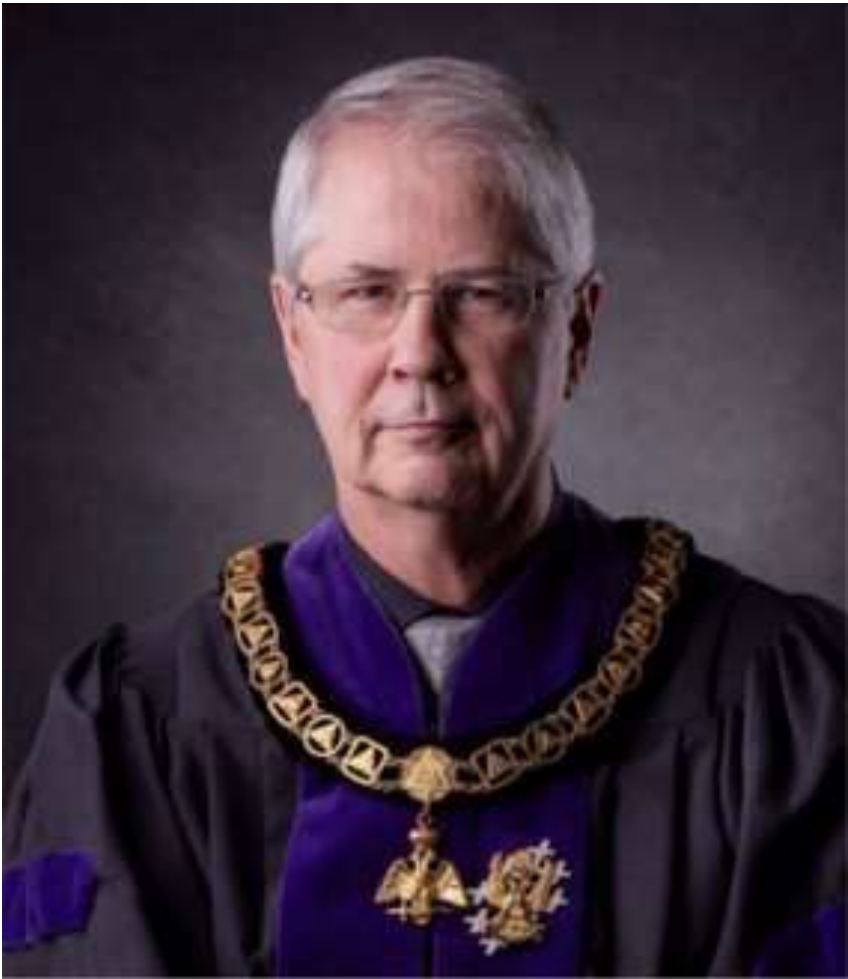
Here are the details to help you update your calendars and plan accordingly: The COD Session will take place on Friday, September 27, 2024, at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Berlin, CT (2421 Berlin Tpke, Berlin, CT 06037). There will be a Banquet (plated, sit down dinner) in the evening, with awards afterwards.

The Session begins at 2:00PM. All attendees are asked to arrive promptly at 1:00PM for registration. The Banquet begins with a cocktail hour starting at 4:00PM. Dinner will follow at 5:30PM

Registration for the Session, and Banquet is now open, just click the button below to register. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
You must be Registered to attend; just click the button above.
Seating for the Banquet is limited - please Register now!
Dress for the Session - Business Suit
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,
Andrew C. Work
Assistant Secretary
CT COD
860.324.1550



**ILL.: Ill. Walter F. Wheeler, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander**



**ILL.: KEVIN J. HECHT, 33°
Deputy for Connecticut
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief**



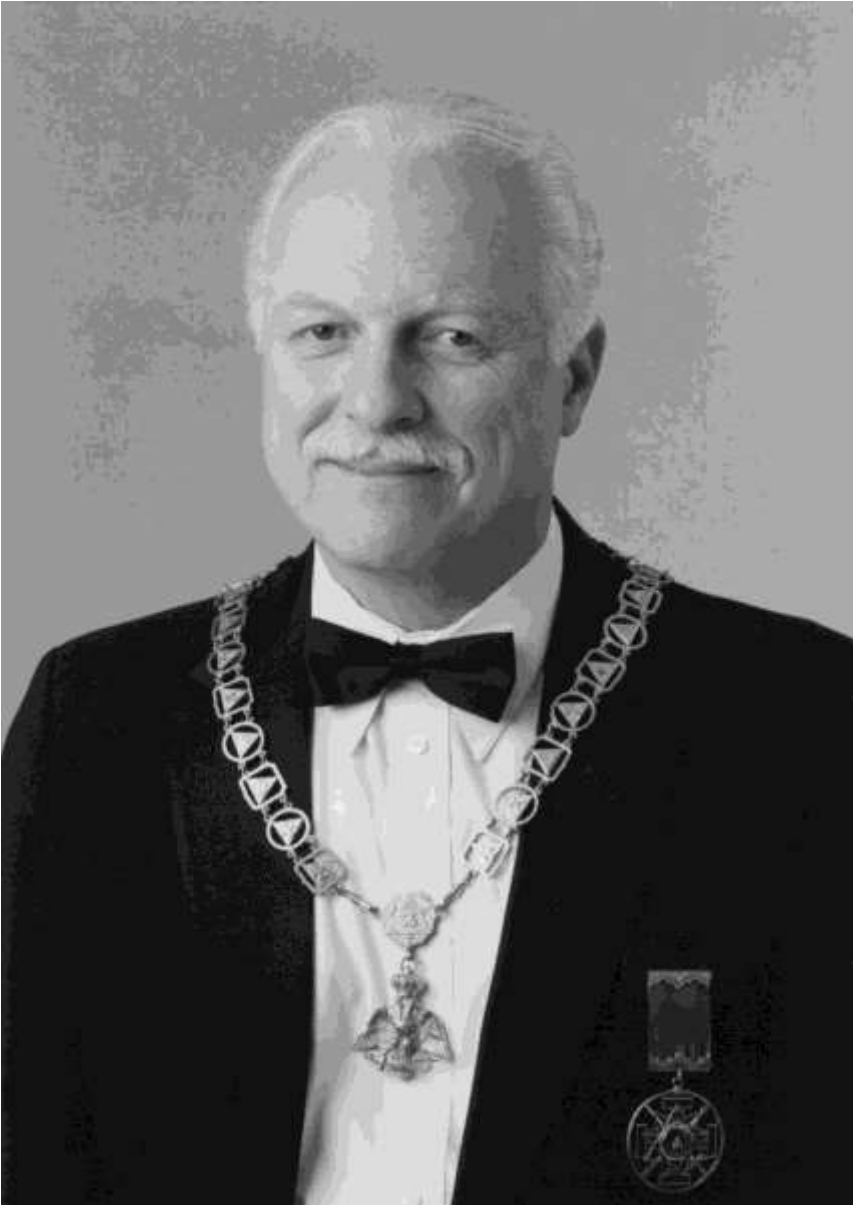
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Active for Connecticut
Illustrious First Lieutenant Commander



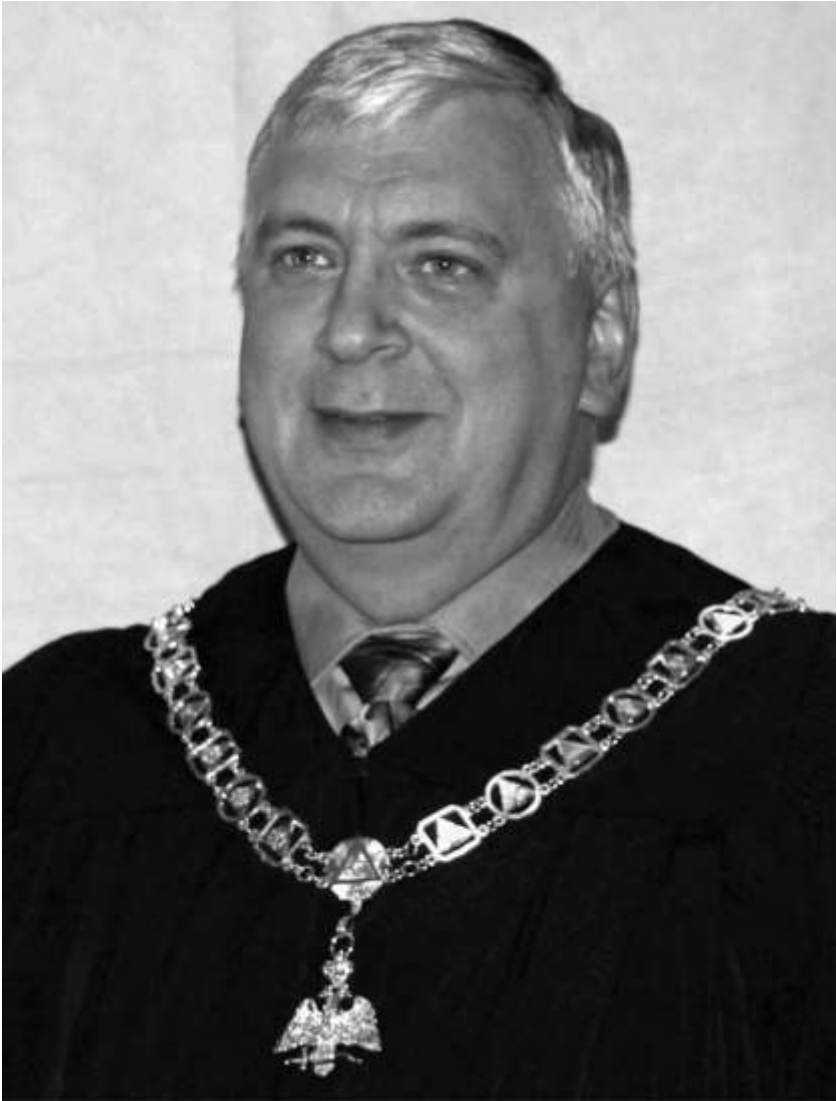
ILL.: RICHARD V. TRAVIS, 33^o
Active Emeritus
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus
Secretary Emeritus



**ILL.: JAMES R. SPENCER, Jr., M.S.A., 33°
Active Emeritus
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus**



**ILL.: GAIL N. SMITH, 33°
Active Emeritus
Illustrious First Lieutenant Commander Emeritus**



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

Commander-in-Chief	Kevin J Hecht, 33°
Commander-in-Chief Emeritus	James R Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33°
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SESSION OPENING

The session was declared open at 2:00 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 have been collected and will be included in the printed proceedings for distribution to all COD members.

OPENING PRAYER

III. Brother Jeffery A Flynn, 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 Illustrious Brother Ronald A. Thomas, SGIG for Connecticut, the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, PHA, NJ, USA; Brother and Sir Knight Michael D. Sabia, Jr, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Brother and Reverend William E. Weisert II, Most Puissant Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut; Brother and Sir Knight Harold A. Elwell, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar 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 61.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Turner, 33°
Jack J S Farkas, 33°
Tony S Angelica, 33°
Presented by Andrew C Work, 32°

SICKNESS AND HEALTH REPORT

Please keep the following Brothers in your prayers for a speedy recovery; Feel free to reach out by card or phone to each of them if your heart so moves you:

- lii. Bro. Jack Farkas. 33°
 - III. Bro. and Very Reverend Joseph Krusienki, 33°
 - III. Bro. Vincent A. Cowie, 33°
 - III. Bro. Richard V. Travis, 33° - Active Emeritus, Supreme Council, NMJ
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation at the Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Berlin CT on September 27, 2024 .

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

Will the members of the Board of Governors who are present please rise and make their presence known 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!

Tutoring services are back in regular operation and are on a steady course to provide teaching services on par with the last academic year. The three centers here in Connecticut have served 40 students for the scholastic year 2023-2024. This past scholastic year we had twelve students tutored in the Bridgeport satellite, eight students in the Hartford satellite and twenty at the main center in Waterbury. Enrollments for the Fall semester are running on par with last year for the most part.

Our statewide staff head count is 11 people, consisting of: 4 people in Bridgeport, Including Co- Director Connie and Tutors Kim, Breda and John, with two scholars namely Samantha and Kelley.

4 people in Farmington, including Co- Director Paula and Tutors, Robin, Elizabeth and Ashley;

8 people in Waterbury, including Director Cheryl, Office Manager Dan, and 5 tutors, namely Joanne, Brianna, Deb, Joan and Claudia along with Scholar Maria.

I will defer in enumerating the progress in matters of certification, of our Scholars in the past year to the Director, Cheryl Sharkis, who I am sure will be covering these matters in greater detail in her report.

I would like to remind the Brothers that additional opportunities for Scholars 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 closely matched the projected revenue budgets, and expenditures have normalized Post-Covid 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 their respective fundraising efforts.

I remind everyone here that our next fundraising event is the Annual Dyslexia Walk and which will occur on Sunday October 6 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, continues to manage and market this fundraising activity as he has for the past very many years. His health has improved and recovered and he almost is as spry as he was in 2019!

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 and fund raising auction in Branford has continued to be a holiday bright light and has been a great success three years running.

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 and Paula, as well as all of the Tutors and Tutor Scholars who selflessly deliver the services that will enable our students to overcome their reading difficulties and lay open to them the promise of fully involved academic and career paths with which they can help themselves, and our society. By being effective participants through competent

reading skills, many challenges which would have otherwise stymied their progress in life can be and have been overcome. This yields a better society for all of us as they now are on a position to fully participate and contribute to the Nation. Again, I urge everyone here to please support and participate in our next upcoming fund raiser – specifically the Dyslexia Walk, on Sunday, October 6 2024, which begins at the Waterbury Masonic Temple at noon that day.

In conclusion, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for helping our Dyslexia Centers so that we may help the next generation to do better and to accomplish more than otherwise possible. 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

Remarks from the Deputy of the Orient of CT, A.A.S.R., Prince Hall Affiliation – SGIG

III. Brother Ronald Thomas, 33°, Deputy, addressed us, giving heartfelt remarks and stated how he looked working with us this year. He then received a standing ovation.

REPORT ON SUPREME COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

2024 Executive Session – Lexington, Massachusetts

1. Membership Report of the Grand Secretary General

June 15, 2023:	83,966
June 15, 2024:	79,294
Net Loss:	4,672
2. Ritualistic Matters:
Upon the Recommendation of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters the following changes were approved by the Supreme Council:

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Adoption of a revised 24th Degree, to be known as “Brother of Tolerance” and listed as such in the Constitutions in Articles 135-1 and 347-2. Note: Ritual Scripts should be available in October 2024 and Degree video in Spring 2025. Adoption of revised Prologues for all Degrees except the 9th, 17th, 20th, 24th, 25th, 31st and 32nd Degrees.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:

Degree Summaries: The summaries for each Degree have been reviewed and re-written to ensure that they are in conformity with the Prologues of each Degree.

New Degree Videos: The production of the videos of the Allegory of the 32nd Degree and the “new” 24th Degree are priorities of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters.

Retired Degrees: “Retired” Degrees are not to be publicly performed or given credit for the Passport Program.

Thursday Night at the Rite: There will be a “Season 6” and it will include an educational component.

Degree Padlocks: Degree Padlocks are not to be returned to Supreme Council. They may be retained by the Valley and used as a safe way to collect and store current Degree videos from Journey 365.

Playbills:

Supreme Council is preparing a Playbill for each Degree, to include a cast list, Degree summary, statement of historical and/or biblical context, and a series of “reflection questions”, which can be used as a “debrief” for each Degree.

3. Legislative Changes to Constitutions of the Supreme Council:

Article 134-1 of the Constitutions was amended to add a Committee on Audit as a Standing Committee as Article 134-1(16)

Articles 135-1.24 and 347.4.24 of the Constitutions were amended to change the title of the 24th Degree from “The

Brother of Tolerance” to the “Brother of the Forest”, to accommodate the adoption of the revised 24th Degree.

Article 702-1 of the Constitutions was amended was amended to raise the annual assessment on Lodges of Perfection from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per member, effective June 16, 2026.

Article 111 of the Constitutions was amended to, inter alia, provide for each state to earn a nomination of an Honorary Member for each thirty-three (33) candidates initiated into the Fourth Degree and to allocate to each state one At Large Honorary Member to be nominated from each state per annum.

4. Nominees to receive the 33rd Degree: This year, six (6) Brothers from Connecticut were nominated and elected to receive the 33rd Degree in Indianapolis, Indiana in August of 2025. The Brothers are as follows:

Brother Eric P. Meyer, 32°, MSA, Valley of Bridgeport;
Brother Frank Dlugoleski, 32°, MSA, Valley of Hartford;
Brother Steven M. Allinson, 32°, MSA, Valley of New Haven;
Brother Jason A. Fletcher, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich,
Brother Frank J. Saviano, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich; and
Brother Harold A. Elwell, 32°, MSA, Valley of Waterbury.

These distinguished Brothers will join Brothers 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; and John E. Stogden, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich, who were elected to receive the 33° at our Annual Session in Louisville, Kentucky in August 2023.

5. Future Annual Meetings:

2023 - August 24 - 29, Louisville, KY

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

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

2029 August 19 - 21, Milwaukee, WI

2030 August 18 – 20, Executive Session only,
Lexington, MA

6. No new Active Members were elected to the Supreme Council.

FRATERNALLY,

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER KEVIN J HECHT, 33°, DEPUTY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Berlin, September 27, 2024. The following is the Report of the Treasurer for the 2023-2024 year end:

Statement of Activities Cash Basis	8/1/23 - 7/31/24	8/1/22 - 7/31/23
Revenue		
Supreme Council Income	0	0
Valley Per Capita	26,409	20,007
Prepaid Dinners	9,878	0
Misc. Receipts	0	0
Total Revenue	36,287	20,007
Expenses		
Honorariums	1,800	2,800
Printing, Postage & Supplies	0	0
Website	126	128
Professional Fees	825	1,250
MSA Awards & Jewels	2,770	0
Supreme or COD Sessions	13,697	6,672
33rd Dinner Expense	3,720	0
Misc. Expenses	367	0
Donations	0	1,151

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Total	23,698	12,001
Net Operating Income (Loss)	12,589	8,006
Investment Income		
Interest & Dividend income	6,483	6,317
Gain (loss) on investments sold	(2,174)	(1,462)
Change in unrealized gain/(loss)	33,476	13,947
Investment Fees	(1,068)	(1,070)
Total Investment Income/(Loss)	36,717	17,732
Net Income (Loss) of COD	49,306	25,738
Changes in Net Fund Balances		
Net Fund Balances - Start of Year	324,231	298,493
Net Income (Loss) of COD	49,306	27,738
Net Fund Balances - End of Year	373,538	324,231
Statement of Financial Position - Cash Basis		
Assets		
COD Bank Accounts	81,091	62,019
BNY Investment Account @ FMV	292,447	262,212
Total Assets	373,538	324,231
Liabilities		
Credit Cards	0	0
Net Fund Balances	373,538	324,231

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 2024-25

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Berlin, September 27, 2024.

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After reviewing the Treasurer and Audit Committee reports and discussing the needs of the organization with the Deputy and Active, your Finance Committee proposes the following budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

BUDGET FOR 2024-25 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

2023-24	2023-24 Actuals	2024-25 Budget
Bank Interest	\$124 \$138	\$160
Lodges of Perfection	\$6,482 \$6,713	\$6,885
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	\$6,482 \$6,713	\$6,885
Chapters, Rose Croix	\$6,482 \$6,713	\$5,754
Consistories	\$6,520 \$6,713	\$6,885
Withdraw from Trust Account	\$5,000 \$5,000	\$1,453
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$31,090</u> <u>\$31,990</u>	<u>\$28,022</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Active Allowance	\$500 \$500	\$500
Active Emeritus (4 emeriti at \$250 each)	\$1,000 \$1,000	\$500
Deputy Allowance	\$0 \$1,000	- \$1,000
Secretary Allowance	\$1,000 \$1,000	\$1,000
Treasurer Allowance	\$800 \$800	\$800

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Audit	\$1,300 \$1,300	\$825
33rd Degree and MSA Awards	\$2,800 \$2,800	\$2,770
Postage	\$160 \$160	\$0
Printing	\$400 \$300	\$393
Miscellaneous	\$0 \$0	\$367
33rd Testimonial Dinners	\$4,000 \$4,000	\$3,720
Supreme Council Session/COD Meeting	\$14,000 \$14,000	\$13,697
Website Maintenance	\$130 \$130	\$126
Charitable Donations	\$5,000 \$5,000	\$0
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$31,090</u> <u>\$31,990</u>	<u>\$23,698</u>

This budget is based on a Valley per capita tax of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per each member on its roll of membership in each of its bodies as of June 15, 2024. The same as last year. To balance the budget without increasing the Valley per capita, the Deputy has again elected to not take his Allowance. This is reflected in the budget.

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 Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024:

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

The committee has been charged with review of the COD overall finances.

Observations and recommendations:

- **Financial reporting:**

I received and reviewed the QuickBooks report of the Treasurer and the annual investment account statement from BNY for the year ended July 31, 2024. The QuickBooks report did not include the BNY investment balance and activity for the year. I have provided entries needed to record the activity. I included in my financial review the activity for the years ended July 31, 2024 through July 31, 2021 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 BNY investment account, in the amount of \$1,453 and \$895 respectively, was not deposited until the following month of 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. For the year ended July 31, 2024, the BNY July distribution was timely received and deposited.

- **Trust investments:**

The holdings are a selection of mutual funds. It is the practice of the COD to transfer the dividend and interest income quarterly to the COD bank accounts. There were no other transfers of funds from the BNY account to the COD bank accounts. During the year five holdings were liquidated and the proceeds invested in new and existing holdings. The value of the account holdings as of July 31, 2024, was \$292,447 as compared to the July 31, 2023, account value of \$262,212. Dividend and interest income from the investments were \$6,324. The portfolio realized a net gain of \$31,303 which consisted of reinvested capital gain distributions from mutual funds of \$779; realized losses from the sale of holdings in the amount of \$2,951, and net unrealized gains within the holdings in the amount of \$33,476. The unrealized gain represents the change in unrealized gains at the beginning of the year of \$15,349 and unrealized gains at the end of the year of \$48,825. Investment advisory fees of \$1,068 were charged against the account for the fiscal year.

- **Governmental compliance:**

On September 4, 2024, I reviewed the IRS filing information for the COD reported on the IRS Tax-Exempt Organization search page; IRS Tax Exempt Organization Business Master File database postings as of August 8, 2024, and GuideStar. The COD electronically files Form 990-EZ and the most recent return filed was for the year-ended July 31, 2023. The return for the year-ended July 31, 2024, is not due until December 15, 2024, and the information to prepare the return has been provided to Comer & Company, CPA.

- **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, 2024, and 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.
Respectfully submitted,
Newton Buckner III, 33°

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Commander-in-Chief, Active, Officers and Brothers assembled in Berlin, Connecticut for our One Hundred Forty Fifth session of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation on this, the twenty-seventh day of September, 2024:

The proceedings of the 144th 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 145th 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 238 Permanent Members.

Total membership within the Connecticut Valley's now stands at 1853 (a loss of 66). Taking a detailed look at the 1853 members we started this year with, we find:

- 41.6%, or 748 members, are 70 years old or older.
- 32%, or 592 members, are 59 years old or younger.

The breakdown of the State-wide membership is as follows: Collectively, we Initiated 62, Affiliated 4, Restored 12, Suspended 21, Discharged 41, and Demitted 9 members this past year. We have also reported a total of 73 Deaths. Together, this represents an overall loss of 66 members from the previous year.

The Valley of Bridgeport finished the year with a loss of 47. The Valley of New Haven finished the year with a gain of 1. The Valley of Waterbury finished the year with a loss of 5.

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The Valley of Norwich finished the year with a loss of 10.
The Valley of Hartford finished the year with a loss of 5.

The per capita tax of \$22,257.00 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,
III. Tony S. Angelica, 33° Secretary
Bro. Andrew Work, 32° Assistant Secretary
Connecticut Council of Deliberation

Body	Member	Initiated	Affiliate	Transfer	Death	Outstanding	Rechar	Discontinued	Senior Status	Members of 4/1/2014	Assess	Surplus	Per Capita Tax
											Member	Loss	Received
Valley of Perfection													
B. Decker	534	14	1	3	13	10	25	1	34	467	467	467	\$1,401.00
N. Ford	226	7	0	2	5	8	3	3	4	276	276	130	\$1,401.00
H. Chaper	534	13	1	4	25	0	0	4	37	571	571	131	\$1,711.00
N.E. S. S.	375	13	1	3	12	0	3	1	4	380	380	1	\$1,940.00
W. Davis	223	9	1	0	12	3	0	0	8	278	278	131	\$1,401.00
TOTAL	1318	62	4	10	73	21	41	9	67	1,652	1,652	-456	\$5,556.00
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem													
B. Ward	534	14	1	3	13	10	25	1	34	467	467	467	\$1,401.00
N. Ward	226	7	0	2	5	8	3	3	4	276	276	130	\$1,401.00
H. Ward	534	13	1	4	25	0	0	4	37	571	571	131	\$1,711.00
N.E. S. S.	375	13	1	3	12	0	3	1	4	380	380	1	\$1,940.00
W. Ward	223	9	1	0	12	3	0	0	8	278	278	131	\$1,401.00
TOTAL	1318	62	4	10	73	21	41	9	67	1,652	1,652	-456	\$5,556.00
Chapters, Rose Croix													
B. Piquet	534	14	1	3	13	10	25	1	34	467	467	467	\$1,401.00
N. Piquet	226	7	0	2	5	8	3	3	4	276	276	130	\$1,401.00
H. Piquet	534	13	1	4	25	0	0	4	37	571	571	131	\$1,711.00
N.E. S. S.	375	13	1	3	12	0	3	1	4	380	380	1	\$1,940.00
W. Piquet	223	9	1	0	12	3	0	0	8	278	278	131	\$1,401.00
TOTAL	1318	62	4	10	73	21	41	9	67	1,652	1,652	-456	\$5,556.00
Constitutes, S.P.R.S.													
B. Lefevre	1107	36	3	6	43	10	38	2	46	1,066	1,066	571	\$1,711.00
N. Lefevre	276	7	0	2	5	8	3	3	4	276	276	130	\$1,401.00
H. Lefevre	466	13	1	4	25	0	0	4	37	466	466	131	\$1,711.00
TOTAL	1318	62	4	10	73	21	41	9	67	1,652	1,652	-555	\$5,506.00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren
of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at
Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024

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

With all five Connecticut Valleys attaining the esteemed title from the Supreme Council as Valleys of Excellence. Valleys should continue their 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 continues to recommend 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 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.

The committee would like to remind the brothers that light in Freemasonry is only transferred from brother to brother. It is important that all the members work to make everyone welcome at reunions. Upmost, it is imperative that you attend as many reunions as you can. 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.

The valleys of Connecticut have stepped up their efforts to present Rite on the Road opportunities, as well as the valleys of Hartford and Bridgeport continue to promote their degree teams to help the lodges with the BLUE wave. The committee feels that the increase of Mason/Non-Mason/ Scottish Rite Nights like Scotch and Cigar Nights and other events have been effective in building Blue Lodge Membership and will in return increase the Scottish Rite Membership as well.

We must continue to adopt a multi-faceted approach that meets the needs of all our members as our communications needs to be in the form of several approaches to ensure that

we reach all our members. We must remember that the younger generations communicate differently, and they are our future.

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 has demonstrated our support for our Blue Lodges.

The valleys need to continue with consistent, timely, 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.

The committee also encourages a social media presence for all valleys. These communication channels are having a large impact on the Blue Wave and are also successful in promoting our family life events.

The Valleys have done a better job working together to hold reunions, this has enhanced bounds between the valleys, and this appears to be welcoming to the craft. This effort has helped share the workload and increased brotherhood across the valleys. Conferring degrees with a large cast has inspired our new brethren and has appeared to energize our existing membership. As we continue to work together we hope to grow as a state. Continued efforts to work together will be a benefit to 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 continue to 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°
Frederick A Marotti, 32°
Alexander J DeFranzo, 32°
Jason A Fletcher, M.S.A., 32°
Arnold Grot, 32°, M.S.A.

Remarks of the Most Excellent High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of CT

Brother and Sir Knight Michael D. Sabia, Jr. addressed us, giving heartfelt remarks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at the Hawthorne inn; in Berlin Connecticut on September 27, 2024:

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

Valley of Bridgeport	Michael Abrahamson
Valley of Hartford	Mark T Keenan
Valley of New Haven	David Cole
Valley of Norwich	John A. Moulson

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

**Remarks of the Most Puissant Grand Master,
Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of CT**
Brother and Reverend William E. Weisert II, addressed us, giving heartfelt remarks.

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in Session at Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024. 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 few months to discuss areas of potential concern to the Connecticut Council of Deliberation where the individual Valleys may not be paying specific attention.

- 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. Is 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°

Zak Haque, 32°

Ill. Melvin E. Johnson, 33°

REMARKS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CONNECTICUT

Brother and Sir Knight Harold A. Elwell addressed us, giving heartfelt remarks.

ALLOCUTION OF THE ILL. COMMANDER-IN- CHIEF

To the Emeritus Commanders-in-Chief, Officers and Brothers assembled in BERLIN, Connecticut for our One Hundred Forty-Fifth Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation on September 27, 2024:

Necrology

Unfortunately, the Connecticut Council of Deliberation lost five (5) Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe during this past year:

- **Ill.: Brother, Richard C. Memmott, 33°**, a 48-year member of the Valleys of New Haven and Bridgeport, passed away on July 3, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on August 26, 2008, in Providence, RI.
- **Ill.: Brother, Les B. King, 33°, M.S.A.**, a 12-year member of the Valley of Norwich, passed away on July 22, 2023. He received his M.S.A. on September 17, 2016. He was coroneted a 33° on August 31, 2021, in Cleveland, OH.
- **Ill.: Brother, Anthony F. Keegan, 33°**, a 43-year member of the Valleys of Hartford and Norwich, passed away on August 18, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on September 23, 2003, in Saint Louis, MO.
- **Ill.: Brother, James L. Vander Eyk, 33°**, a 34-year member of the Valleys of Waterbury and Bridgeport,

passed away on September 2, 2023. He was coroneted a 33° on August 30, 2011, in Chicago, IL.

- **Brother, Kenneth E. Fears, 32°, M.S.A.**, a 42-year member of the Valley of Bridgeport, passed away on April 14, 2024. He received his M.S.A. on June 14, 1991.

We also lost an additional ninety-seven (97) Brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe, for a total loss of one hundred and two (102) 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 Bridgeport hosted the One Hundred Forty-Fourth Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation at the Courtyard Marriott in Shelton, Connecticut on September 23, 2023. Seventy-five (75) 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 Brother Edward C. Page, 32°, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

While the Council was in Session, the Ladies in attendance were treated to High Tea and Entertainment. After the Session, and the High Tea was enjoyed by the Ladies, all enjoyed a Banquet, which included food, beverages and dancing. Preceding the Banquet, the Brothers and their Ladies enjoyed social hour and cigar rolling. After dinner, the Brothers in attendance who were elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award, were presented with the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and their Jewels and Caps.

During the Session, it was my pleasure to be able to recognize Illustrious Brother James R. Spencer, Jr. as a fifty

(50) year member of Scottish Rite and present him with his Scottish Rite "Fifty Year Plate"

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 to 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 members 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 is challenging. This challenge can only be met by ensuring that our Reunions and Family Life Programs are events that are enjoyable to our members. 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". I look forward to a time when our gains in membership will exceed our losses. This year, as a result of the Grand Lodge's "Blue Wave Program", instituted by Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph J. Porco, we made headway in "stemming the tide" in that for the first time in six (6) decades we had positive growth in Masonic membership in Connecticut. This bodes well for Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry in Connecticut. As a Scottish Rite Mason, I am proud to say that the success of the "Blue Wave Program" was accomplished with the use of "assets" developed by the Supreme Council, NMJ's Marketing and Communications Department.

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 continue to 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 always 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 22nd 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-five (285) children, of which one hundred thirty-three (133) have experienced the joy of "celebrating their achievement". They have also trained sixty-two (62) tutors, many who have gone on to provide tutoring services to hundreds of children within

and without of our network. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support the Centers receive from our members and all of our Connecticut Valleys.

This past year we tutored thirty- four (34) children but just as important, we are training six (6) new tutors, four (4) of whom plan on continuing as employees at our Bridgeport and Hartford locations. This will provide an opportunity to continue to increase our enrollment in 2024 and in future years.

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 fifty (50) applications for the Leon Abbott scholarships, Connecticut will award twelve (12) Abbott Scholarships, providing recognition of the academic achievement of our youth. Additionally, approximately seventy-five (75) Valley scholarships will also be awarded in varying amounts, to deserving students in recognition of their academic achievements. I would like to thank Ill.: Brother Jack J.S. Farkas, 33°, MSA, Chairman and Brother Darrin Silhavy, 32°, Assistant Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and the remainder of the members of the 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

As our Active and Emeriti Members attend every Reunion and many Valley meetings and Family Life Programs, we do not presently have any appointed Deputy's Representatives. In lieu of having appointed Deputy's Representatives, we have a cadre of active 33° Brothers who fill the role of Deputy's Representatives by providing mentorship to the leaders of the Valleys and information to the Active and Emeriti Members.

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 every Valley in Connecticut achieved Valley of Excellence this year. This can be attributed to the engagement and leadership in each of our Valleys. To sustain this level of engagement and leadership, I have appointed Ill. Brother Howard D. Turner, 33°, as the statewide coordinator for Degrees/Reunions. The intention of this appointment was to alleviate duplications of the portrayal of Degrees in close proximity to one another, to foster collaboration amongst the Valleys so as to portray the Degrees in the best manner possible, to enhance the member experience and permit a member to witness the portrayal of all twenty-nine (29) Degrees within a two-year period. This appointment was then "unofficially" extended to Family Life Programs for the purpose of sharing programs, increasing attendance at those programs and fostering comradery amongst the Scottish Rite Brothers in Connecticut, both in the portrayal of Degrees and Family Life Programs.

Awards

Candidates for the 33°

At our Annual Session in Lexington, Massachusetts, six (6) 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 Eric P. Meyer, 32°, MSA, Valley of Bridgeport;
Brother Frank Dlugoleski, 32°, MSA, Valley of Hartford;
Brother Steven M. Allinson, 32°, MSA, Valley of New Haven;
Brother Jason A. Fletcher, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich;
Brother Frank J. Saviano, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich; and
Brother Harold A. Elwell, 32°, MSA, Valley of Waterbury.

These distinguished Brothers will join Brothers 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; and John E. Stogden, 32°, MSA, Valley of Norwich, who were elected to receive the 33° at our Annual Session in Louisville, Kentucky in August 2023.

Meritorious Service Awards

Four (4) well-deserving Brothers were elected to receive the Frederick H. Lorensen, 33° Meritorious Service Award. They are as follows:

Brother Michael Abrahamson, 32°, Valley of Bridgeport;
Brother Mark T. Keenan, 32°, Valley of Hartford; Brother David Cole, 32°, Valley of New Haven; Brother John A. Moulson, 32°. Valley of Norwich.

Hauts Grades Academy

Brother Henry M. Peacock, Jr., 32°, HGA, was presented with his Jewel and Diploma at a Reunion at the Valley of Hartford on April 20, 2024. In addition, five (5) Connecticut Scottish Rite Brothers are currently enrolled in the Hauts Grades Academy.

Passport/Pathfinder Programs

Twenty-one (21) Brothers completed their Passports and received their Gold Passports, and eight (8) Brothers completed their Gold Passports. Additionally, seven (7) Brothers completed the Pathfinder Program and another thirty-one (31) Brothers are currently enrolled in the Pathfinder Program.

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, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, William L. Greene, 33°, MSA, was able attend the award ceremonies and present these Americanism ROTC/JROTC Awards to six (6) outstanding and deserving cadets for their leadership, academic achievement, and patriotism. These awards were presented at various high schools throughout the state of Connecticut. I would like to thank Illustrious and Most Worshipful 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 Edward C. Page, 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 Supreme Council, NMJ.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Kevin J. Hecht, 33°

Deputy for Connecticut, Supreme Council, NMJ

Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut Council of Deliberation

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024.

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following slate of Officers to serve this Council of Deliberation for the year 2024 – 2025 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°
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	Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski, 33°
Minister of State	Earl S. Evans, MSA, 33°
Chancellor	Melvin E. Johnson, 33°
Treasurer	Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Anthony S. Angelica, 33°
Secretary Emeritus	Richard V. Travis, 33°
Prior	Raymond J. Dolyak, MSA, 33°
Master of Ceremonies	Charles A. McCollum, MSA, 33°
Hospitaler	David B. Urban, MSA, 33°
Seneschal	David S LaFargue, MSA, 33°
Standard Bearer	Robert J Furce, MSA, 33°
Captain of the Guard	Frederick J Taft, MSA, 33°
Sentinel	C.A. Duke, 33°
Historian	Martin Ede, 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 Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024.

Supreme Council

At the Supreme Council Annual Session held in Lexington, Massachusetts, Brothers Steven M Allinson, Valley of New Haven, Frank Dlugoleski, of the Valley of Hartford, Harold A Elwell, of the Valley of Waterbury, Jason A. Fletcher, and Frank J. Saviano of the Valley of Norwich, Erik P Meyer of the Valley of Bridgeport, were elected to join Brothers 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 to become Honorary Members of the Supreme Council. They all will 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, New Haven and the Valley of Bridgeport have 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?

We have no control over the losses we sustain as our brothers pass to the Celestial Lodge Above, however we are optimistic for the future. But this past year we have starting to see an increase of membership due the success of the Connecticut Blue Lodge's Project Blue Wave. This program was enacted to increase membership in Connecticut's Blue Lodges and has brought the added opportunity to introducing more masons to the Scottish Rite.

The Valley of Hartford had an excellent year, adding 20 new members. At every reunion, brothers were encouraged to reach out to lodge brothers and others. New members also reached out to their friends, and the numbers continued to grow.

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

The Valleys of Connecticut have adopted a coordinated, revolving schedule of degrees. This program is designed to reduce the redundancy of degree portrayal in the state, coordinate casting resources for filling parts, and provide a more fulfilling experience for members to enjoy all the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

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, and cigar rolls. These events help keep members interested and engaged in the Valleys.

This past year all five Valleys in Connecticut attained the esteemed title from the Supreme Council as a Valley of Excellence. This program continues to provide 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 Valley of Hartford's 5K Road Race raised over \$20,000 for the CDC. The Valley of Bridgeport raised \$10,000 from the annual Turkey Trot and over \$13,000 from the Annual Christmas Party. 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 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

Coordination of Valleys Presentation

III. Brother Howard D Turner gave a presentation on the state wide coordination of Reunions/Degrees and Family Life Events. It was very informative. It will now be easier for members to fill their passports rather quickly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

To the Illustrious Commander-in-chief, officers, and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024. 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, which held 6 reunions and performed 12 live degrees, along with assisting other Valleys 5 times. Continuing 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 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 held a food drive in December. Along with the Outreach Program meal packing event, along with 2 ice cream socials. Also 4 family life events with other Valleys 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 corn hole 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

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 Berlin, CT, this 27th day of September 2024:

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.

Communication at the Valleys seem to be working just fine. I reached out to all secretaries for input of any issues or concerns regarding communications, and was informed by those who replied that there were not any issues or concerns.

The websites have been updated with Officer Information (for all current Officers) and general content. I recommend our Treasurer obtain a debit card to be used to pay for the renewals of the six (6) Domains and Server costs. The reason is the fact most companies are making it difficult to pay the bills by any other means. Vouchers will continue to be created and sent to the Treasurer with the electronic bills.

We have our own private server; meaning we do not share any traffic with any other business or individual. This gives us the security needed to broadcast Degrees to our infirmed and immobile members through the internet using a platform like Zoom Webinar, which is what Supreme Council uses.

Respectfully Submitted,
III. David S. LaFargue, MSA, 33° - Co-Chairman
III. Tony Angelica, 33° - Co-Chairman
All Valleys Secretaries – Members

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, meeting on September 27, 2024, the 145th COD session, meeting, Shelton, CT:

This year, The Supreme Council, located in Lexington, Massachusetts has awarded \$13,200.00 to Connecticut for Abbott Scholarships. Connecticut C.O.D. awarded 13 \$1,000 and 1 \$200 awards with Valley of Bridgeport adding \$800 for a total of fourteen Abbott Scholarships. This represents an increase of two more Abbott Scholarships for Connecticut. The State Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation has recommended 14 applicants to become the 2024 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 2024 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.

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- 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 68 applications for the Abbott and Valley Scholarships from five Valleys in Connecticut. The 14 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.

The following is this year's results of the Abbott Scholarship awards for Connecticut.

From the Supreme Council Blue envelope appeal, Connecticut received back from the Supreme Council a total of \$13,200.00 for Abbott Scholarships. We end this year better than the past few years with 13 \$1000.00 Scholarships and one \$200 Abbott Scholarships for a total of 14 Scholarships. That is an increase of two awards for 2024. The total of Abbott Scholarships and Valley Scholarships received this year was 68 for the state. We got a number from the DeMolay, Rainbow, and one was from the Learning Centers.

Waterbury Abbott Scholarships Awarded 2

Dylan Albanese

Nicholas Bates

No Valley Scholarships Awarded

Norwich Abbott Scholarships Awarded 2

Lillian Turner

Audrey-Jane Turner

And 3 Valley Scholarships Awarded

Hartford Abbott Scholarships Awarded 3

William Perry

Lisa Flynn

Vivienne Grube

And 13 Valley Scholarships Awarded

New Haven Abbott Scholarships Awarded 3

Taylor Batterton

Adam Glassman

Alexandra Brenton

And 15 Valley Scholarships Awarded

Bridgeport Abbott Scholarships Awarded 4

Justin Bridges

Aidan Papp

Sebastian Pesquera

The above 13 all received a \$1000.00 Abbott Award

Jeffrey Holton received the \$200.00 award and Bridgeport added \$800.00 more to make another Abbott Award. And 23 Valley Scholarships Awarded. That makes for 14 Abbott Scholarships being awarded for the State of Connecticut.

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°
Bruce Bellmore, MSA, 33°
Tony Angelica, 33°
Andy Work, 32°
Daniel Sharkis, 32°
Jerry Gruenbaum, 32°
Darrin Silhavy, 32°
Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33°, Chairman
September 27, 2024

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024.

Your Committee on Business submits the following report.

That so much of the allocution of the Deputy as refers to the loss by death of Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, recipients of the Ill. Frederick H. Lorensen (formerly titled the Ill. Arthur M. Brown) 33° Meritorious Service Award, members of the Council of Deliberation by reason of their offices in Scottish Rite Bodies, and Sublime Princes of the State of Connecticut be referred to the Committee on Necrology. That so much as refers to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations. That so much as refers to Membership, Degree Work, 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 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 Berlin, Connecticut
On September 27th, 2024:*

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 133 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 7th, with five youngsters completing their work at the Centers: 1 from Bridgeport and four from

Waterbury. At present, we have experienced 21 Celebration of Achievement Ceremonies. Alumni continue to stop by periodically 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 includes 1 Director and 2 Co-Directors, 10 Practitioners, and 5 Tutors studying for practitioner 2 certification. The Center's Scholar Training program has certified more than 50 Tutors. Our current Scholar training cycle began September 21st with 5 Scholars, 2 in Bridgeport, 2 in Hartford, and 1 in Waterbury. The Centers are currently providing tutorial sessions to 8 youngsters in the Hartford Area (+4 in Oct.), 9 in Bridgeport (+4 in Oct.), and 17 in Waterbury (+2 in Oct.).

Once again, we have finalized each youngster's annual progress assessment. We are thrilled to report that everyone is progressing and developing, with the gap between their grade 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 dealing with Eversource and ADT. We are grateful for his growing contributions.

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, the Stonington Fair, and all the continued support from the supporting Masonic bodies perpetuate the rewards.

Thanks to the Scottish Rite philanthropic endeavors, you are enabling these youngsters to live as Shakira's "Try Everything" lyrics invoke, I won't give up, no, I won't give in....Till I reach the end and I will start again....

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

FINAL COUNT OF CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Guests and Brethren of this Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Berlin, CT on this 27th day of September, 2024:

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 67.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the illustrious commander-in-chief, distinguished guest, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation session in Berlin, Connecticut on Sept. 27, 2024:

It is with pleasure that your committee on the next place of meeting submits this report that the 2025 Council of Deliberation will be hosted by the Valley of Norwich. The meeting will take place on or about the third Saturday in September 2025 in Mystic, Connecticut. Details on the meeting venue and program will follow in the future.

Respectfully Submitted
Frank J. Saviano, 32°, MSA

Remarks by Deputy, Active and Emeritus Members of Supreme Council

Ill. Bro. David Sharkis, 33°, Ill. Bro. James Spencer, 33° and Ill. Bro. Bruce T Work, 33° all gave heartfelt remarks to everyone present.

REMARKS OF MATTHEW F GRIFFIN, 33° REPRESENTING GRAND LODGE OF CT

Most Worshipful Brother Matthew F Griffin, 33°, Representing the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut, 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 William E. Weisert II. 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 Berlin, Connecticut on September 27, 2024.

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 2023-2024. 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 COMMITTEE OF HISTORIAN

To the Illustrious Commander in Chief, Officers and Brethren

of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Berlin Connecticut on September 27, 2024:

Lessons from the Past: The Historians Report

As I reflect on the last year, it becomes increasingly relevant that we study and preserve our history. At a time when some view history as flexible to serve the whims of a few, we need to make sure we do not forget where we come from and to do this we must make the effort to research and study the lineage from whence we came.

In Scottish Rite, we have a rich and varied history including the lineage of our degrees. Although our degrees have changed over time and have been in a process of evaluation and change to move with the times to reflect our core values, we should not disregard the style and symbols of the older degrees. They can often add to our current degrees and where a degree has been replaced, the former degree can still shed light on our studies in this University of Freemasonry.

In our rituals, there is published at the beginning of the book a history of the degree. This can be a valuable guide to the history of the degrees, their influences, and how they have changed over time. An example of this is the 20th degree we now know as the George Washington degree.

Previously, the main character of the degree was Frederick King of Prussia. In the years following World War I, it was decided that having a Prussian as the hero of the degree was not ideal, as such they changed the setting of the degree to an American degree where George Washington is the hero, as it were, and teaches the same type of message.

As degrees have been focused on the core values, some of the introductions have been removed. But these still have value for their esoteric and philosophical value. For example, in the 1992 edition of the 8th degree, Intendant of

the Building, are found these interesting lessons: “Illustrious King David, I have made the five steps of exactitude; I have penetrated to the innermost parts of the Temple, and have seen the great light, in which is the mysterious character Yod, Yod, Yod” (The apron being “triangular in shape, white, lined with crimson, and bordered with green. On the area is depicted a five pointed star, with a Hebrew Yod thrice repeated in the center, and over that a balance; on the flap a triangle with one of the following letters (in Hebrew) in each angle, the initials of the words Ben Khurim, Achar, and Jackinah.

It is noted that an Intendant of the Building “be skilled as an architect, and learned in the knowledge of the East and Egypt. But it is equally necessary that you should be benevolent and charitable... Recognizing all men as your brethren. ”In the 15th degree, Knight of the East, or Sword, one of the older obligations says “I further obligate myself to adore the Lord God of Hosts; to assist the distressed; to be kind to worthy strangers; to shun the vicious; to observe the laws of my country; to aid in burying the dead, and to protect the innocent”. The jewel of the degree is also interesting “[it] shall consist of three triangles, one within the other, diminishing in size, and enclosing two naked swords, cross hilted, pointed up, resting on the base of the inner triangle. This symbolizes the triumph of Freemasonry over Bigotry, Ignorance and Intolerance.

For degrees that are no longer part of our canon, they can still be of great interest and value, and can be studied as allowed by the Supreme Council. One example is the old 12th degree of Grand Master Architect (1976 edition). The degree involves a school of architecture where the lesson of the degree, the search for Wisdom and Knowledge are discussed. I found it fascinating with its discussion of various architectural and drafting tools and their symbolism. This became interesting with an exhibit at the Yale Center for British Art “Compass & Rule; Architecture as Mathematical

Practice in England 1500-1750". In the exhibit book (2009), the photo accompanying the Part I title is a folding rule inscribed: "1655 Robert Trollap of Yorke free Mason". The exhibit dovetailed nicely into the 12th degree as both look at the working tools of an architect. In the degree, the Master of Ceremonies presents the candidate with the tools of a Grand Master Architect, compasses, parallel ruler, protractor, plain scale, the sector, and slide rule. Part of the lecture on the slide rule says: "It is one of the greatest inventions of the mind of man, comparable to the discovery of the wheel and lever, all alike invaluable to the architect and builder, and without which the greatest structures of all time, from the pyramids standing upon the shifting sands of the desert to the newest and most modern structures, would never have been built. Just as the slide ruler so; ves the complex problems of mathematics, let us strive to grasp and solve the complex problems presented by the Universe in which we live and which are involved in our very existence, to know and understand the sublime truths contained in our Masonic Philosophy; and to communicate freely of our knowledge to others, that they may share with us the blessings of Wisdom." How many of us remember slide rules, or even still have one (needless to say, I collected a few!)? But the lessons in this degree, for example, are definitely worth an education night at your Valley.

So when you clean and sort out your closets, keep an eye out for old rituals, they will make a great addition to your libraries and education nights. You can also check out the books available from our Supreme Council, including "The 1783 Francken Manuscript" (Supreme Council, 2017) and see one of the founding documents of our rituals.

Since we identify ourselves as the University of Freemasonry, we need to preserve and study our history and our rituals in all their forms, so we can truly communicate our Masonic Truth to the world and uphold the ideals of our forebears; and yes you might have to read, study, and digest

and test yourself so you can bring Wisdom to yourself and your brethren.

Fraternally,
 Martin Ede, MSA, 33°, Chairman
 Arnold Grot, MSA 32°

2023-2024 C.O.D. COMMITTEES

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RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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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, 33° M.S.A.
MEMBER	Arnold Grot, 32°, M.S.A.

MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Robert J Furce., 33° M.S.A.
MEMBER	Alexander J DeFranzo, 32°
MEMBER	Jason A Fletcher, 32° M.S.A.
MEMBER	Arnold Grot, 32° M.S.A.
MEMBER	Steven P Schreck 33° M.S.A

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	3 - First Lieutenant Commanders
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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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
Carleton V Erickson 33°	09/27/1988
Thomas M Maxwell 33° MSA	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

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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
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
Joseph B Cyr 33° MSA	08/29/2006
Howard D Turner 33° MSA	08/29/2006
Steven P Schreck 33° MSA	08/27/2007
Richard R Jones Jr. 33°	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

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Richard E Frazier 33° MSA	08/28/2012
Robert A Simon 33° MSA	08/28/2012
Gary W Arseneau 33°	08/20/2013
Charles H Tirrell 33° MSA	08/20/2013
Roger W Read 33° MSA	08/20/2013
Earl S Evans 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
Gordon C Willoughby Jr. 33°	09/01/2015
Raymond J Dolyak 33° MSA	08/29/2017
Joseph Robert Krusiencki 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
Tony Angelica 33°	08/31/2021
David S LaFargue 33° MSA	08/31/2021
John A Amarilios 33° MSA	08/29/2023
John J Badeen 33° MSA	08/29/2023
Guy O Whelchel III 33° MSA	08/29/2023
William H Morse Jr. 33° MSA	08/29/2023
William L Greene 33° MSA	08/29/2023
Walter Grube 33° MSA	08/29/2023

Frederick J Taft 33° MSA

08/29/2023

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
Morton N Katz MSA	06/10/1988
William L Milton MSA	06/10/1988
Allen H Morander MSA	06/09/1989
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
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

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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
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
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

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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
Jeffry L Stober MSA	06/21/2013
Dale T Cunningham MSA	06/21/2013
Walter Grube 33° MSA	06/27/2014
Steven M Allinson MSA	06/27/2014
Daniel Galloza MSA	06/27/2014
Paul B Iltchenko MSA	06/27/2014
Robert J Furce 33° MSA	09/18/2015
John A Amarillos 33° MSA	09/18/2015
James C Kleinkauf MSA	09/18/2015
Orville Campbell Jr. MSA	09/18/2015
Arnold S Grot MSA	09/18/2015
Frederick J Taft 33° MSA	09/17/2016
Thom Beck MSA	09/17/2016
Michael C Jachimczyk MSA	09/17/2016
Kirk C Trofatter Jr. MSA	09/17/2016
David S LaFargue 33° MSA	06/02/2017
Guy O Whelchel III 33° MSA	06/02/2017
John Edward Stogden MSA	06/02/2017

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Todd M Gianetti MSA	06/02/2017
William H Morse Jr. 33° MSA	09/15/2018
William L Greene 33° MSA	09/15/2018
William F Henning II MSA	09/15/2018
Erik P Meyer 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 33° 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
David V Papp MSA	09/23/2023
Colin C Souney MSA	09/23/2023
Arthur R Tinsz MSA	09/23/2023
Michael E. Gibeault MSA	09/23/2023

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Salvatore R Ferrigno Jr. MSA	09/23/2023
Michael Abrahamson MSA	09/23/2024
Mark T Keenan MSA	09/23/2024
David Cole MSA	09/23/2024
John A. Moulson MSA	09/23/2024

DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL for CONNECTICUT

(* Denotes Deceased)	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

(* Denotes Deceased)	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

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*Chauncey Houston Clements	Sept. 29, 1943	Sept. 28, 1944	Sept. 28, 1944
* Irving Emerson Partridge	Sept. 26, 1945	Sept. 29, 1949	May 11, 1981
*Frederick William Hummel	Sept. 24, 1941	Sept. 24, 1958	Feb. 28, 1982
*Leon Alvah Bradbury	Sept. 25, 1968	Sept. 27, 1971	Dec. 06, 1984
*William Campbell	Sept. 27, 1967	Sept. 28, 1978	June 26, 1981
*Arthur Norman Johnson	Sept. 30, 1970	Sept. 27, 1979	April 04, 2021
*Frederick Howard Lorenson	Sept. 24, 1975	Oct. 01, 1981	Aug. 26, 2010
Richard Vernon Travis	Sept. 24, 1986	Aug. 27, 1996	
Gail Nelson Smith	Sept. 25, 1985	Sept. 26, 2000	
James Ralph Spencer, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1983	Sept. 03, 2002	
David Louis Sharkis	Sept. 03, 2002	Sept. 26, 2008	
Bruce Tyler Work	Aug. 25, 1990	Aug. 29, 2011	
Kevin Joseph Hecht	Sept. 29, 1998	Aug. 23, 2014	

2023-2024 MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

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

Abrahamson, Michael S MSA	20 Anita Ave; Trumbull, CT-06611
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, FL34287
Allinson; Steven M MSA	126 High Hill Rd; Wallingford, CT-06492
Amarilios; John A 33° MSA	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 33° MSA	403 Circle Rd; Millsboro, DE19966
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	PO Box 794; 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
Beals; Brian E MSA	175 Mercier Ave; Bristol, CT-06010
Beatty; Jonathan R	9 Bellaire Manor; Cromwell, CT-06416
Beck; Thomas E MSA	794 Totoket Rd; Northford, CT-06472
Bellmore; Bruce R 33° MSA	41 Michael Dr; West Haven, CT-06516
Bither; Lewis P	658 Masonic Ave Apt 342; Wallingford, CT-06492
Blackaby; Mark E	PO Box 442; Suffield, CT-06078
Blackstone; Gary B.	188 Eastland Ave; York, PA17406
Bodin; Gustaf R 33°	3203 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford, CT-06492
Bohman; William E 33°	1 Woodland Dr; Canton, CT-06019
Boyce; John R MSA	11 Woodmont Rd; West Hartford, CT-06117
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

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Buckner, III; Newton 33°	16032 Lomond Hills Trl; Delray Beach, FL33446
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, FL34983
Campbell, Jr; Orville MSA	28 Pine Forest Dr; Bluffton, SC29910
Candee, Jr; Fred B 33°	456 Morehouse Rd; Easton, CT-06612
Canfield, Jr; B Earl	6101 Horton Rd; Oriental, NC28571
Cascone; Robert J MSA	61 Hunter Pl; Cape Elizabeth, ME-04107
Catanzaro; Paul D.	250 Hillhurst Ave; New Britain, CT-06053
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
Cole, David L MSA	67 Hemingway Ave # 2; East Haven, CT-06512
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	235 Santa Marta St; Port Charlotte, FL33954
Cowie; Vincent A 33°	1 Inverness Sq; Middletown, CT-06457
Cross; Paul D	PO Box 130; Scotland, CT-06264
Csengery; Thomas E MSA	3 Hillside Rd; Danbury, CT-06811
Cunningham; Dale T MSA	3 South Rd; Ellington, CT-06029
Cyr; Dennis O 33° MSA	119 Pinecrest Dr; Waterbury, CT-06708
Cyr; Joseph B 33° MSA	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, FL33952
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 33° MSA	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 33° MSA	116 Cornfield Rd; Milford, CT-06461
Duclos; Thomas A	14 Alexander Ln; Suffield, CT-06078
Dufresne; Shane	PO Box 282; Southington, CT-06489
Duke; C A 33°	210 Bundy Hill Rd; Lisbon, CT-06351
Dynak; Robert V	503 Canyon Ridge Dr; Broad Brook, CT-06016
Earle; Christopher J	380 Main St; Wallingford, CT-06492
Ede; Martin 33° MSA	9 Simpson Ct; Bethany, CT-06524
Elwell; Harold A MSA	PO Box 314; Plymouth, CT-06782
Eppler; Richard A MSA	400 Cedar Ln; Cheshire, CT-06410
Erickson; Carleton V 33°	108 Ashlar Vlg; Wallingford, CT-06492
Evans; Earl S 33° MSA	40 Crown Ridge; Newington, CT-06111
Farkas; Jack J S JS 33° MSA	88 Great Hill Rd; Seymour, CT-06483
Feinson; John E	5 Lakeview Dr; Yorktown Heights, NY10598
Ferrigno, Jr; Salvatore R	91 Bailey Rd; North Haven, CT-06473
Fischer; Jon M MSA	142 Mixville Rd; Cheshire, CT-06410
Fletcher; Jason A. MSA	88 Lake St; Moosup, CT-06354

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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 33° MSA	562 Marion Ave; Plantsville, CT-06479
Frink; Samuel A MSA	38 Timothy St; Newington, CT-06111
Furce; Robert J 33° MSA	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	1706 E Amber Ln; Urbana, IL61802
Gianetti; Todd M MSA	90 Jones Hollow Rd; Marlborough, CT-06447
Gibeault; Michael E.	25 Mason Rd; Brooklyn, CT-06234
Gladding; Donald F	50 High St; Moosup, CT-06354
Gordineer; Raymond J	301 Windy Ridge Way; Amherst, VA24521
Greene; William L 33° MSA	1726 South St; Coventry, CT-06238
Griffin; Matthew F 33°	83 Brookwood Dr Apt B; Rocky Hill, CT-06067
Griswold; Russell W 33° MSA	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 33° MSA	149 Overlook Rd; Glastonbury, CT-06033
Gruenbaum; Jerry J	PO Box 3879; New Haven, CT-06525
Hanis, Jr; Michael G	53 Lake Winnemauug 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 33° MSA	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, FL33538
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
Ice; Geoffrey L 33°	495 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd; Southbury, CT-06488
Iltschenko; Paul B MSA	810 Donaldson Rd Lot 104C; Greenville, SC29605
Incorvati; Richard A 33°	14 Randall Cir; Windsor, CT-06095
Isenberg; Sidney W 33°	346 Highland Cir; Lewisburg, WV24901
Jachimczyk; Michael C MSA	PO Box 2442; Stamford, CT-06906
Janik; Christopher	9554 Kezia Trl; Fort Belvoir, VA22060
Jennings; Christopher S	89 Grace St; Fairfield, CT-06825
Jewart; Charles M	1 Steele Rd; Enfield, CT-06082
Johnson; Albert RR 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, MT59870
Kaechele; Walter E 33°	380 Salem Tpke Apt 102; Bozrah, CT-06334
Karvosky, Jr; Adam J MSA	41 Phobos Pl; Garner, NC27529
Katz; Morton N MSA	229 Avery Hts; Hartford, CT-06106
Kayser, II; Clyde W 33° MSA	19 Adelaide Ave; Waterbury, CT-06708
Keenan; Mark T	63 Buckingham St; Newington, CT-06111
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	153 SHAGBARK DR; Derby, CT-06418

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Krusienski; Joseph R 33°	151 Timothy Rd; Naugatuck, CT-06770
LaBarre; Wayne A	44 Fairview Ave; Griswold, CT-06351
LaFargue; David S 33° MSA	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, FL32119
Lodola; Paul D MSA	411 Walnut St PMB 4637; Green Cove Springs, FL32043
Lynch; Bryant E	12726 SE 253rd Ct; Kent, WA98030
Magliano, Jr; Rinaldo F	50 Mohegan Park Rd; Norwich, CT-06360
Manger; William F MSA	9223 Hart Dr; Oriental, NC28571
Manke; Jacob M.	210 Belleview Ave; Southington, CT-06489
Mante; Silas	400 Main Ave; Norwalk, CT-06851
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 33° MSA	446 Main St Unit 1; Old Saybrook, CT-06475
Maxwell, II; Thomas M 33° MSA	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 33° MSA	71 Eunice Pkwy; Stratford, CT-06615
McKay; Robert B	PO Box 126; Eastford, CT-06242
McNulty; Whitney P 33° MSA	549 Four Seasons Blvd; Summerville, SC29486
Meyer; Erik P MSA	300 Concord Ln; Bethel, CT-06801
Meyerjack; Allen G MSA	128 Byron Rd; Meriden, CT-06451
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, AZ85050
Morse, Jr; William H 33° MSA	19 Webster Rd; East Lyme, CT-06333
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Murray; Wayne T	267 Branford Rd Apt 107; North Branford, CT-06471
Namias; Robert F	70 Four Story Ln; Torrington, CT-06790
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Orr; Howard Wm W 33°	32 Deep Brook Harbor; Suffield, CT-06078
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Reeve; Daniel J	40 Woodruff Cir; Berlin, CT-06037
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Savoy; Raymond J	831 Beacon Valley Rd; Naugatuck, CT-06770
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Schuster; Raymond G 33°	12 Winterberry Ln; Eastham, MA-02642
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Sharkis; David L 33°	24 Kelsey Rd; Clinton, CT-06413
Shepard; Gary D MSA	36 Wedgewood Dr; Easton, CT-06612
Simon; Robert A 33° MSA	64 Arlington St N; Meriden, CT-06450
Slack, Sr.; Robert F	34334 Country Breeze Ave; Wesley Chapel, FL33543
Smith; Donald L 33° MSA	6435 Cabbage Ln; New Port Richey, FL34653
Smith; Gail N 33°	1 Dover Ln; Columbia, CT-06237
Soderberg; David E MSA	2 Redstone Way; Farmington, CT-06032
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Spencer; John H	PO Box 222; Scotland, CT-06264
Spero; Barry M 33°	112 Acadia Dr; Poinciana, FL34759
Stack; John B	721 S Britain Rd; Southbury, CT-06488
Stevens; Randy S 33°	12 Briarcliffe Trl; Old Saybrook, CT-06475
Stober; Jeffry L MSA	77 Scott Hill Rd; Lebanon, CT-06249
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 33° MSA	8 Meadowview Ct; Canton, CT-06019
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Tinsz; Arthur R MSA	46 Foley St; Manchester, CT-06040
Tirado; Manuel A	72 Westridge Dr; Waterbury, CT-06708
Tirrell; Charles H 33° MSA	847 Woodward Ave; New Haven, CT-06512
Tirrell; James A	140 Beacon Ave; New Haven, CT-06512
Todd; Michael L MSA	7 Lincoln St; Trumbull, CT-06611
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 33° MSA	41 Meech Ave; Groton, CT-06340
Urban; David B 33° MSA	425 N Abram St; Stratford, CT-06614
Watkins; D John MSA	1255 North Rd; Dayville, CT-06241
Way; Francis G 33° MSA	37 Trivet Ln; Wethersfield, CT-06109
Weiss; Charles D MSA	135 Grove St; Bristol, CT-06010
Whelchel, III; Guy O 33° MSA	18 Tanager Cir; Tariffville, CT-06081
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; Andrew C	9 Shannon Dr; Enfield, CT-06082
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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

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

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

First Lieutenant Commander
Second Lieutenant Commander
Minister of State
Chancellor
Prior
Treasurer
Secretary
Hospitaler
Master of Ceremonies
Seneschal
Standard bearer
Guard
Sentinel

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 8 A personal contact shall be made with each resident Connecticut member of the Scottish Rite before he can be suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues and assessments. The Trice Potent 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV

Standing Committees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 9 The Committee on Nominations shall consist of the members of the Supreme Council accredited to this State. It shall be the duty of such Committee to nominate candidates for election to the offices of this Council at each meeting place.

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

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

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

ARTICLE V

Finances

Sec. 1 The Secretary of each Body of the Rite in this State shall, annually, at least 7 days prior to the annual meeting, forward to the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation a remittance of the per capita tax of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) (as amended 8/15/2007; and on 9/14/2019) per each member on its roll of membership as of June 15.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

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

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

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

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