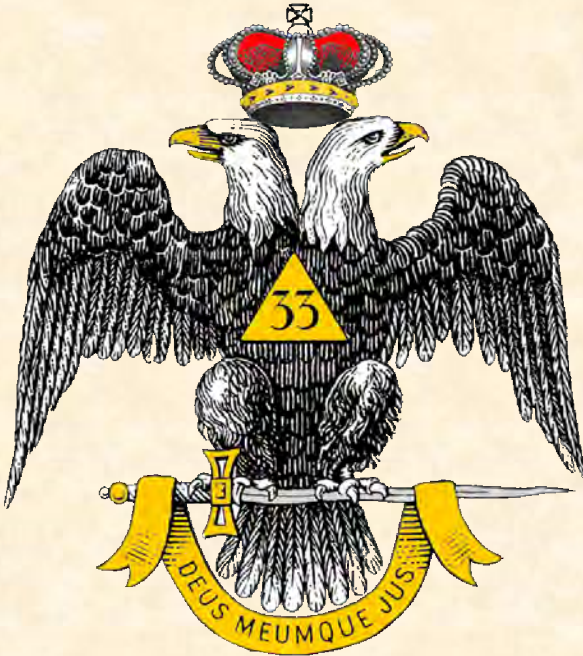


NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



ANCIENT ACCEPTED
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Charlestown, New Hampshire

2017

SUPREME COUNCIL
OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

94th CONVOCATION HELD AT
Charlestown, NH, JUNE 10, 2017

Dedicated to Illustrious Philip L. Hall, 33°



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Past Deputy and
Grand Treasurer General



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Past Deputy and Holder of
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III.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.
Valley of Nashua

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Dedication

These proceedings are dedicated to M.: W.: and Illustrious Philip L. Hall, 33°

Ill.: Philip Lawrence Hall, 33°, was born in Nashua NH, the son of J. Lawrence and Elizabeth G. (Alexander) Hall, on July 3, 1929. He was educated in the Nashua public Schools and the University of New Hampshire, graduating in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He served his country in the United States Air Force and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

In 1954 he associated with the J. Lawrence Hall Company as a registered professional engineer with specialties in HVAC and mechanical engineering. He was a life member of three professional engineering and business societies: NSPE, ASHRAE, and RSES.



Brother Hall was chairman of the advisory committee of the New Hampshire Vocational Technical College in Nashua, a governor of the New Hampshire Technical College system, belonged to the Nashua Rotary Club, was a director of Nashua Federal Savings bank, BayBank, and BankBoston. He was an active member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and sang with its chancel choir. He served as director of the United Methodist Foundation of New England. He was a life member of the Military Officers Association of America and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and served as New Hampshire Department ROA president and national committeeman.

On June 13, 1953 he was united in marriage to Betty Jane Baldrige, who survived him together with their children, Susanne (Hall) Grigel, Elliott Hall, and Charles A. Hall, and seven grandchildren.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in Rising Sun Lodge No. 39 of Nashua, New Hampshire on February 10, 1954. He was Worshipful Master from 1967-69.

GRAND LODGE: He received the Major General John Sullivan Distinguished Service Medal in 1979, and in 1987, he was presented with the Jeremy L. Cross Medal, the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. He was installed Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, 1988 and 1989, serving until May 1990.

CAPITULAR: Exalted in Meridian Sun Chapter No. 9, R.A.M. in Nashua, NH.

CRIPTIC: Greeted in Israel Hunt Council No. 8, R. & S.M., Nashua, NH.

CHIVALRIC: Knighted in St. George Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, Nashua New Hampshire, in March 1974. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple Award from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire.

SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Nashua on April 25, 1955. He was Thrice Potent Master of Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection, 1968-70, and Most Wise Master of St. George Chapter of Rose Croix, 1973-75.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 29, 1976, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Milwaukee, WI. He was elected an Active Member for the Supreme Council on September 30, 1982, at St. Louis, MO. Brother Hall was Deputy for the State of New Hampshire from 1987-99. He was chosen as Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council in 1990, and served in that capacity until 2004. In 2004 he was awarded the Supreme Council's Medal of Honor. He became an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council in 2004 at Milwaukee, WI.

He was a member of Bektash Shriners of New Hampshire, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Concord. He was also an active member of DeMolay Legion of Honor and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He was a member of Profile York Rite College No. 100 and of Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in New Hampshire.

Masonic services were held at the Nashua United Methodist Church on November 12, 2016, followed by a funeral service officiated by Rev. Richard Cullen. Interment was held at Englewood Cemetery in Nashua.

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III.: Floyd Turner Smith, 33°	Concord	Sept. 24, 1980
III.: Robert Warren Heald, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Sept. 29, 1982
III.: John Calvin Marden, 33°	Nashua	Sept. 26, 1984
III.: David James Bailey, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Sept. 25, 1985
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III.: Philip Henry White, 33°	Keene	Sept. 25, 1990
III.: Haven Hayward Hayes, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 24, 1991
III.: George Edward McAvoy, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Sept. 24, 1991
III.: Richard Frank Doble, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Sept. 29, 1992
III.: Lennox Bursley Henderson, II, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 31, 1993
III.: Thomas James Desalvo, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Sept. 27, 1994
III.: Clement Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Sept. 27, 1994
III.: Eric Eneberg Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Sept. 27, 1994
III.: Dennis Allan Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.	Lancaster-Littleton	Oct. 03, 1995
III.: Douglas Lockhart Robertson, Sr., 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Oct. 03, 1995
III.: Robert DeYoung Steel, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Sept. 29, 1998
III.: Richard Edson Melvin, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Sept. 28, 1999
III.: Roger Joseph Pellerin, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Sept. 28, 1999
III.: Aldine Jack Tillotson, 33°, M.S.A.	Lancaster-Littleton	Sept. 26, 2000
III.: Dwight Vincent Meader, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 25, 2001
III.: Jeremy Jason Sawyer, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 25, 2001
III.: Stephen Allen Whitney, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Sept. 25, 2001
III.: Roland Frederic Young, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Sept. 25, 2001
III.: Roger Melvin Clark, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 03, 2002
III.: Herbert James Howard, 33°	Keene	Sept. 03, 2002
III.: Sumner Goldman, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Sept. 23, 2003
III.: David John Lamprey, Sr., 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 21, 2004
III.: George Kendall Bemis, Jr., 33°	Keene	Sept. 21, 2004
III.: Brian James Smith, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2005
III.: Robert Glenn Bianchi, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 29, 2006
III.: Robert Campbell Lethbridge, 33°, MSA	Concord	Aug. 29, 2006
III.: Walter William (Joe) Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 29, 2006
III.: Brent William Washburn, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2007
III.: Ronald Jeffrey Brown, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 28, 2007
III.: Ronald Edgar Metcalf, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 28, 2007
III.: Edward Norval Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 26, 2008
III.: Panos Alexander Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Aug. 26, 2008
III.: Robert Wayne Lawrie, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 25, 2009
III.: Thomas Stewart Lowe, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 25, 2009
III.: Mark Adrian Weir, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 25, 2009
III.: Robert Daniel Coppo, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Stephen Karl Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Roger Frederick Retzke, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Kenneth Ansel Clay, Jr., 33°	Concord	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Stewart Lee Aronson, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Karl Hudson Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Paul Michael Leary, 33°	Concord	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Gary Edward Roy, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Treffley Ernie Sage, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Ronald Nelson Crane, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Aug. 28, 2012

III.: Robert Graham Hatfield, 33°	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
III.: Alan Douglas Lugg, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Nicholas Corey Martel, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Joseph Jacques Hubert Beaumont, 33°	Keene	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Roger Alfred Becker, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: William Edward Larson, 33°	Concord	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: John Everett Lobdell, 33°	Keene	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: Robert Macdonald Porter, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: Jeffrey Lloyd Brown, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: Wayne Irvin Elliot, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Larry David Gullett, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Dennis Webster, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Wendell Lear Woodward, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 25, 2015
	Lancaster-Littleton	Aug. 25, 2015

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III.: Roger M. Clark, 33°	III.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.
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III.: Andrew F. Hirst, 33°, S.M.J.	Bro. Paul T. Sullivan, 32°
Bro. Brian R. Sanderson, 32°	Bro. Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°
III.: Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.	

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III.: Herbert J. Howard, 33°	III.: William E. Larson, 33°
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Bro. David P. Galluccio, 32°, Senior Warden	Keene

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Vacant, Deputy Master	
Vacant, Senior Warden	

Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection, Nashua

Bro. Pascal H. Corbinand, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Nashua
Bro. Roland N. Petersen, 32°, Deputy Master	Nashua
Bro. Adam J. Freiband, 32°, Senior Warden	Nashua

Alpha Lodge of Perfection, Concord

Bro. Troy A. Patoine, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Concord
Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A., Deputy Master	Concord
Bro. Paul S. Gross, 32°, Senior Warden	Bradford

North Star Lodge of Perfection, Lancaster

Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Gorham
Bro. Timothy D. LaPointe, 32°, Deputy Master	Berlin
Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°, Senior Warden	Bethlehem

Keene Lodge of Perfection, Keene

Bro. Thomas L. Rittenhouse, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Jaffrey
Bro. Fred W. Yates, 32°, Deputy Master	Westminster, VT
Bro. David P. Galluccio, 32°, Senior Warden	Keene

The NINETY-FOURTH CONVOCATION of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Fort at No. 4, Charlestown, New Hampshire, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017
at 9:00 o'clock, am

for the transaction of business concerning the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the State of New Hampshire. Illustrious Mark C. Roth, 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire, and Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, presided.

The Council was called to order and opened in ample form by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, with the following divine blessing invoked by the Acting Prior, Ill.:. Brother Brian J. Smith, 33°.

Invocation

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast bound us together in fellowship and service, bless us we beseech Thee, this Council of Deliberation.

"We give Thee thanks for the noble traditions of our worldwide Fraternity, for the continuing inspirations of its ideals and for its service to mankind. Grant us insight, courage and sound judgment. Save us from the tyranny of the nonessential, from undue concern with what is trivial, and from the deadening pressure of routine.

"Keep us loyal to the principles and ideals of the Scottish Rite, and grant that with patience we may labor for peace in the world, and for brotherhood among all men.

"Amen."

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The Commander-in-Chief said, "To order, Brethren, on the sign of Fidelity.

"To the glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe; in the name and under the auspices 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, and by virtue of the authority upon me conferred, I declare the works of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation open.

"Brethren, please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Following the Pledge, the Commander-in-Chief invited all to be seated.

The Commander-in-Chief asked, "Before we begin, are there any reports of sickness or distress?"

The names of the following brethren were announced as unable to attend for health reasons: Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A., Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°; Roland F. Young, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.; and Jerome J. Weinrieb, 32°, M.S.A.

It was also announced that John M. "Jack" Bys, 32°, M.S.A. was not present as he was looking after his wife, Gail Bys. Cards were made out for each, and signed by the brethren present.

The Commander-in-Chief asked the First Lieutenant Commander to introduce the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Illustrious and Most Worshipful John E. Lobdell, and Past Grand Masters John F. Gordon and C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

Regrets

The Deputy read one letter of regret he had received.

Dear Illustrious Deputy:

Thank you so much for the invitation to the 94th Annual Convocation of The New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. I had been looking forward to once again connecting with an event at Fort No. 4.

Back in the 1950's my fifth period U.S. History Class at Lebanon High School held a collection and we donated one log for the stockade being reconstructed for the Fort. Years later (1977) I participated with the "Stark Expedition to Bennington" re-enactment which started out from Fort No. 4. Then more recently our Sojourner Chapter 386 of Portsmouth held an encampment at the Fort in which representatives from the Northern New England States including R. I. which re-enstated its own Chapter of Sojourners. So, you can see how I regret being unable to be in attendance on Saturday.

It has been just over a month since I received the "Whipple Surgery" for Pancreatic cancer. The good news is that I am now "cancer free". The bad news is that my body needs a little more time to heal.

However, I want to wish you and The Council "God Speed" and a great meeting at old "Fort No. 4"!

"Hip Hip Huzzah"

Sincerely and fraternally,
Jeremy J. Sawyer, Chancellor

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary reported that the following were eligible to attend the meeting:

MEMBERSHIP - JUNE 10, 2017

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree	71
Past Commanders-in-Chief (not previously counted)	0
Past Most Wise Masters of Rose Croix, Past Sovereign Princes of Jerusalem, Past Thrice Potent Masters of Perfection (not previously counted)	60
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted)	16
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted)	17
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted)	2
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted)	0
Committee Chairman (not previously counted)	1
Total Membership	167

The Commander-in-Chief then said, "My Brethren, today I must inform you of the resignation of Ill.: Edward N. Lewis, 33°, as Secretary of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. As most of you know, Illustrious Brother Lewis underwent by-pass surgery in March and has incurred some set-backs in his recovery. Because of his health conditions and his realization that the position of Secretary of NH Council of Deliberation requires ongoing attention and dedication that he is not currently able to provide, he has submitted his resignation.

"I therefore call for the Report of the Nomination Committee. Brother Donald Mendzela will present the report today."

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Brother Roth,

Due to circumstances unplanned, I find that I now have to tender my resignation as COD Secretary as of June 10, 2017. It has been an enjoyable term of office, and I think that as I leave the position that the processes and procedures have moved forward in a more efficient manner and we now have some tracking of historical information. I will, in the month of June, provide the new Secretary a copy of the 2017 proceeding and my computer files. I have some physical stuff stored here in the office, and that may take a little longer for me to sort out and deliver to the new Secretary, but I will do that as soon as I can gather the stuff and make the trip to his office.

I have enjoyed working for the Council and each of the Deputies that I had the pleasure to serve under.

Fraternally,

Edward N. Lewis

Edward N. Lewis

REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Ill.: Commander and Chief and members of this Council of Deliberation:

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Illustrious Brother Edward N. Lewis has decided to retire as Secretary of NH Council of Deliberation due to health conditions. As you know, Brother Lewis was elected and installed as Secretary at the 2016 Annual Convocation of the Council for a three year term. The nominating committee would like to propose a replacement to fulfil Ed's duties for the remainder of the term.

Illustrious Brother Robert M. Porter, Secretary of the Valley of Nashua has been approached and has indicated that he would be willing to accept this position.

The nominating committee therefore, presents the name of Ill.: Brother Porter to be elected and installed as secretary for this Council of Deliberation for the next two years.

Respectively Submitted,
Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman
Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°
Ralph D. Currier, Jr., 32°, M.S.A.
David E. Lewis, 32°, M.S.A.
Donald L. Mendzela, 32°

On a motion duly made and seconded, Robert Porter was elected Secretary of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. The Commander-in-Chief then said, "Congratulations Illustrious Brother Porter. We recognize that you have many duties and that this position represents additional responsibilities. I know that Ill.: Brother Lewis will help you in the transition to the best of his capabilities."

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVES

The Commander-in-Chief Stated, "The Constitutions of the Supreme Council, Article 122, section 10 states, 'The Deputy may appoint a Deputy's Representative in each Valley of the State to serve for a term of one year and to be reappointed at the discretion of the Deputy.'

"Appointed Deputy Representatives for next year are:"

Valley of Concord:	Ill.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°
Valley of Keene:	Ill.: William E. Larson, 33°
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton:	Ill.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°
Valley of Nashua:	Ill.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

After having the Appointed Deputy's Representatives and the Secretary-Elect brought to the Altar, the Deputy continued, "Members on the sidelines, please rise and give attention and be witness to the engagements these elected and appointed officers are about to assume. Each officer will place his right hand over his heart, say I, with your name, and repeat after me.

"I _____ do hereby affirm my pledge of fealty to the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and do solemnly promise that I will support the Rules and Regulations of this Council of Deliberation. I will endeavor to be just and impartial in my relations with my brethren, and will faithfully perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability. God being my helper. Amen.

"The Brethren on the sidelines may be seated.

"My Brethren, it is not necessary for me to recite your specific duties of your respective office. You are Freemasons, experienced in official protocol and familiar with traditions and procedures of the Scottish Rite.

"It is important that you realize that each of you, in his own place, is a symbol of power and authority of the Supreme Council. The Deputy for the State of New Hampshire looks to you with confidence for counsel and cooperation. You will now assume the duties of your office.

"Please return to your seats.

"Illustrious Brother Porter, you are now officially the Secretary of this Council duly authorized to perform your duties. Your first duty is carefully to observe the proceedings of this Council of Deliberation, and keep a fair and faithful record of the same."

PROCLAMATION

The Deputy then read the following proclamation making June 10, 2017 Illustrious Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A. Day.

A Proclamation

Whereas he has served the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation in the Office of Secretary since June 6, 1998, for a total of nineteen years, and

Whereas he has served under Four Commanders-in-Chief of NH Council of Deliberation since 1998, namely:

Ill.: Philip L. Hall, 33rd, Commander-in-Chief, 1987 to 1999

Ill.: Robert E. Hansen, 33rd, Commander-in-Chief, 1999 to 2005

Ill.: Richard W. Elliot, 33rd, Commander-in-Chief, 2005 to 2013

Ill.: Mark C. Roth, 33rd, Commander-in-Chief, 2013 to present

and,

Whereas he performed the duties of Secretary of NH Council of Deliberation with distinction, and,

Whereas he retires today as Secretary of NH Council of Deliberation due to health concerns,

I hereby proclaim today, June 10, 2017 to be

ILL.: EDWARD N. LEWIS, 33rd, M.S.A.

Day

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

The Secretary was called upon for the reading of the records of the last communication. The Secretary then said, "I move that we dispense with the reading of the minutes as they have been published and distributed to the members of this Council of Deliberation; and that the minutes, as well as all reports presented to this Council of Deliberation, be included in the proceedings for this meeting without need of individual motions."

The Commander-in-Chief called for a vote, and declared it as affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief:

"Your Committee on Credentials presents the following report:

"We presently have ninety-two (92) members and guests in attendance. There are fifty (50) members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation present. Eleven of the fifteen Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies in New Hampshire are represented by at least one accredited representative.

"Accredited representatives of a majority of the Scottish Rite Bodies in New Hampshire being present, a quorum is present for the transaction of such business as may properly be brought before this Council of Deliberation.

"We have nine (9) distinguished guests, two (2) being members of this Council of Deliberation, and two (2) being Scottish Rite Masons.

"The balance present are five (5) additional Scottish Rite Masons, one (1) guest speaker, and twenty-eight (28) here for the scholarship presentations. This includes 8 scholarship recipients and the parents of one other."

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BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

2017 Attendance

Jonathan A Austin, 32°
Robert S Bean III, 32°
Joseph J Beaumont, 33°
Jerome T Becker, 32°, MSA
Roger A Becker, 33°, MSA
Russell S Bell, 32°, MSA
Karl H Bickford III, 33°, MSA
Jeffrey L Brown, 33°, MSA
Jeffrey M Brown, 32°
Mark D Ciarametaro, 32°
Ronald N Crane, 33°
Ralph R Currier Jr., 32°, MSA
Wendell C Durling, 32°
Richard W Elliot, 33°
Adam J Freiband, 32°
Roger W Gaskill, 33°, MSA
John F Gordon, 33°
Paul S Gross, 32°
Larry D Gullett, 33°
Robert E Hansen, 33°
Herbert J Howard, 33°
David E Kinson, 32°
William E Larson, 33°
C Wayne Libby Jr., 33°, MSA
Paul M Little, 32°
Thomas S Lowe, 33°
Alan D Lugg, 33°
A Richard Marple, 32°
Nicholas C Martel, 33°
Timothy J Martel, 32°
Roger E Martin, 32°

Richard E Melvin, 33°, MSA
Donald L Mendzela, 32°
Donald W Milbrand Jr., 32°
Wilmer J Nemchick, 32°
Troy A Patoine, 32°
Roland N Petersen, 32°
Panos A Pitsas, 33°, MSA
Robert M Porter, 33°
Paul L Putnam, 32°
Roger F Retzke, 33°
Michael F Ripberger, 32°, MSA
Thomas L Rittenhouse, 32°
George A Robertson, 32°
Mark C Roth, 33°
Brian J Smith, 33°
David W Smith, 32°
Larry A Sprague, 32°
Arthur W Stauff, 32°
Richard J Thompson, 32°
James M Triacca, 32°, MSA
Dennis A Tuttle Jr., 32°
Dennis Webster, 33°, MSA
Allen S Wright, 32°

DIGNITARIES (in Scottish Rite)

Scott M Ayen, 32°
Grand Council, R&SM
George L Baldwin, 32°
NH DeMolay
John E Lobdell, 33°
Grand Lodge, F&AM
H Stephen Wood, 32°
Grand Commandery, KT

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

DIGNITARIES (not members of NH Scottish Rite)

Gretta J Smith	Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
Brian F Godfrey	Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
Andy M Lord	Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Kimberly N Maier	Grand Assembly, IORG
Joan L Smith	NHIORG, Rainbow International

GUEST SPEAKER

Scott G Thornbury	The Fort at No. 4 (Volunteer) Spicket Lodge No. 85, Salem, NH (W.M.)
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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jocelynn C Grabowski	(with 1 guest)
John M Lemay Jr	(with 5 guests)
Lauren E Peyser	(with 1 guest)
Corinne E Pierce	(with 1 guest)
Adelle M Pitsas	and
Devaney A Pitsas	(with 5 guests)
Rachel A Putnam	(with 3 guests)
Amanda L Thomson	(with 2 guests)
Parents of Shane T Wyman	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman

C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.

Robert M. Porter, 33°

James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.

FINANCIALS

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

"The books of the Treasurer have been audited and we have found them to be correct and have so indicated in his records.

"Based on the April 30, 2017 census our projected Per Capita Income will drop by approximately \$350.00 this year, versus last year's actual. Even with this lower projection, the Treasurer showed a positive cash flow of over \$3,800.00, leaving us with a Cash on Hand position of \$19,500. This, too, is in addition to the asset held at Edward Jones Financial Services which has a current value of \$11,348.00.

"It is considered that this funding level should be adequate for the foreseeable future, to enable the COD to expand the level and amount of training and programs for the Officers and membership.

"Also, while modest, we are able to increase our donations, and seek more exciting and interesting programs, and would recommend that \$5,000-\$7,000 be added to the Wealth Management account at Edward Jones.

"The following budget is proposed for the June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 fiscal year."

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J.H. Beaumont, 33°, Chairman

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

Keith A. Mansfield, 32°

Walter W. Lovell, 33° , M.S.A.

Robert A. LaBelle, 32°

James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
2017-2018 Budget

INCOME

Testimonial Income	\$3,500.00
Per Capita Income	\$11,300.00
Savings, Checking and WM Accounts Interest	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$15,200.00</u>

EXPENSES

Testimonial Expenses (meals and flowers)	\$5,100.00
Annual Convocation Meal	\$700.00
Workshop Meal	\$700.00
Donations, Fraternal	\$1,000.00
32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children	\$1,000.00
Meritorious Service Awards	\$500.00
Printing, Postage and Supplies	\$1,000.00
Programs & Training Expenses-COD & Workshop	\$4,700.00
Secretary Stipend	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$15,200.00</u>

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FY 2017

FOR THE PERIOD June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017

Cash on hand June 1, 2016

TD Bank Checking Account \$15,660.18

James M. Triacca, 32°, MSA

I have audited this report and the Treasurer's books and found them to be correct.

Joseph J. Beaumont, 33°, Chairman, Finance Committee

	Total	\$15,660.18
	Budgeted	Actual
INCOME		
Testimonial	\$4,500.00	\$2,325.00
Valley Dues	\$13,000.00	\$11,666.00
Sale of Deputy Rep Jewel	\$0.00	\$74.00
Relief of a Brother	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Total	\$17,900.00	\$16,315.00
Total		\$31,975.18
EXPENSES		
Testimonial	\$5,100.00	\$2,536.37
Annual Meal	\$700.00	\$861.00
Workshop Meal	\$700.00	\$455.00
Donations Youth	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Children's Dyslexia Centers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
MSA	\$500.00	\$672.00
Print, Postage, Checks, Envelopes	\$1,500.00	\$637.04
Program Expenses	\$6,900.00	\$1,457.75
Secretary Stipend	\$500.00	\$500.00
Relief of a Brother	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Deputy Rep Jewels	\$0.00	\$1,029.82
Total	\$17,900.00	\$12,498.98
Cash on hand on May 31, 2017		
TB Bank Checking Account		\$19,476.20
Treasurer		

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALER

May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017

Balance on hand May 31, 2017	\$7,460.63
Interest for the year	<u>\$3.29</u>
Total on Hand	\$7,463.92
Disbursements, Two (2) Requests	<u>\$2,250.00</u>
Balance, May 31, 2017	\$5,213.92

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.
Hospitaler

REPORT ON EDWARD JONES INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

JUNE 1, 2016 through MAY 31, 2017

Account Balance June 1, 2016	\$10,147.15
Account Balance May 31, 2017	<u>\$11,348.72</u>
Account Growth	\$1,201.57

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

The Supreme Council provided \$10,250.00 to the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation this year to be awarded as Abbott

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Scottish Rite Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee has reviewed the applications submitted to us and wish to recommend the following applicants to receive the ABBOTT SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIP for the 2017-2018 school year:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Amanda L. Thomson Derry, NH	\$3,000.00	Sophomore	University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
2. Corrine E. Pierce Rindge, NH	\$3,000.00	Junior	Franklin Pierce University Rindge, NH
3. Shane T. Wyman Moultonborough, NH	\$2,250.00	Junior	Johnson State College Johnson VT
4. Jocelynn C. Grabowski Raymond, NH	\$2,000.00	Sophomore	Keene State College Keene, NH

The New Hampshire Consistory created the WILLIAM E. BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP in memory of our late Brother Illustrious William E. Bryant 33° who had long served the Consistory in many capacities . The Consistory voted to have the Council of Deliberation Scholarship Committee administer this scholarship program, and provided \$16,000.00 to be awarded this year. We have reviewed the applications an recommend the following applicants to receive the WILLIAM E. BRYANT scholarships:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Devaney A. Pitsas Milford, NH	\$4,000.00	Freshman	St. Anselm College Manchester, NH
2. John M. Lemay, Jr Center Ossipee, NH	\$3,500.00	Junior	Norwich University Northfield, VT
3. Adelle M. Pitsas Milford, NH	\$3,000.00	Junior	Hampshire College Amherst, MA
4. Rachel A. Putnam Walpole, NH	\$2,000.00	Sophomore	Lyndon State College Lyndonville, VT
5. Cynthia P. Sprince Salem, NH	\$2,000.00	Junior	Gordon College Quincy, MA
6. Lauren E. Peyser Portsmouth, NH	\$1,500.00	Sophomore	Keene State College Keene, NH

The Committee would like you to know that we have done our very best to select the most qualified students for each of the two scholarship programs.

There were about the same number of applications that there were last year. We would always welcome more applicants. We suggest that it would be a good idea to advertise the programs in all of the Valley newsletters at least in the fall and winter. It would also be good to remind the members about the programs at each Valley and Consistory reunion.

Last year the Deputy requested that we invite the recipients to the Council of Deliberation meeting in order that we might present them with their scholarships in person. This worked out very well so we have decided to do it again this year.

The due dates for next years applications is April 1, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A. Chairman

Ill.: Sumner Goldman, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Walter W. Lovell 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Douglas L. Robertson, Sr. , 33°

REPORT OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Members, and
Guests of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:*

Each year the Presiding Officers of each Valley are provided the opportunity to recognize a member of the Valley who may be worthy of reward or praise. If we are to research the origin of the word meritorious, we find that one of the words it has derived from would be the Latin word merére, which is to earn. Thus, it is

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the duty of the Presiding Officers to search out those who have acted in a manner that is praiseworthy, those who have displayed righteousness and goodness in their everyday activities and those whose contributions have been exemplary. These are the attributes which can earn a brother the opportunity for consideration for the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award. Additionally, only those who have attained the 32° qualify for consideration.

The policy in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction declares that each year "the awards in any State in any one year shall not exceed the number of Bodies in the State, and nominations shall be so limited that no Valley shall have more than one holder of such award per seventy-five members in its Lodge of Perfection; provided, however, that if in any one year a Valley would be prevented by such limitation from having a member eligible to receive the award, the Presiding Officers of such Valley may present one nomination to the Council of Deliberation which may confer the award on the member so nominated, even though it exceeds the above limitation. Such number of awards may be reduced by the Council of Deliberation, but may not be increased." It has been the policy of this Council of Deliberation over recent years to limit the total number awards each year to three.

In addition to one's involvement in Masonry other factors such as community involvement, charitable endeavors and leadership roles all carry influence in the deliberation process for the members of the MSA Committee. Those responsible for submitting the nomination in their respective Valley any given year should be reminded that the quality of the application submitted plays a great part in the consideration by MSA committee members. Included information or lack thereof are often substantial in the mind of the Committee member as he reviews the nomination form. Great care should be taken in completing these applications in order to give every nomination the best chance possible

for recommendation.

We take this opportunity to once again remind the Presiding Officers that they should be taking steps each year to give serious consideration to the Meritorious Service Award nomination opportunity. The Committee congratulates those Presiding Officers committed to making such consideration, regardless of whether or not they choose to submit a nomination.

This year we are pleased to recommend three Brothers for election to receive the Meritorious Service Award in 2017. If elected by this Council of Deliberation, these members will receive the highest honor and recognition the Council is authorized by Supreme Council to confer, the Meritorious Service Award. We are honored to recommend the following for your consideration today -

Brother Mark David Ciarametaro, 32°
Valley of Concord

Brother Richard John Thompson, 32°
Valley of Nashua

Brother Roland Norman Petersen, 32°
New Hampshire Consistory

Commander-in-Chief, the members of this Committee thank you for the opportunity to serve this Council of Deliberation, and for the privilege to make these considerations on behalf of Scottish Rite in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of June, 2017,

Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Chairman

Stewart L. Aronson, 33°

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

Ernest W. Fauteaux, 32°, M.S.A.

Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A.

Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.

Dennis Webster, 33°, M.S.A.

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Following the report, the Commander-in-Chief said, "Brethren, you have heard the report of the Meritorious Service Award Committee and the recommendations they have made. Do I hear a motion to accept this report and its recommendations?" On a motion duly made and seconded, the report was unanimously approved.

The Commander-in-Chief continued by saying, "Congratulations to our new Meritorious Service Award recipients. You are now entitled to all the rights and privileges that accompany this recognition, having been elected today. We plan to recognize you with the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and presentation of your MSA Jewel at the Testimonial on November 5, 2017 at the Bektash Shrine Center. You are encouraged to invite family and friends to share this important occasion in your life. Congratulations."

He then continued, "I am very grateful for the serious and important work of the MSA Committee and the difficult task that the members of the Committee face. I encourage all Valleys to take this award very seriously and submit the names of your Brethren who should be recognized for their service to the fraternity and society."

Invitation for the 2018 NH Council of Deliberation Annual Convocation

The Commander-in-Chief thanked the Valley of Keene for hosting the Annual Convocation at the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, commenting on how fascinating he found the Fort, and how attendees said they were enjoying the unique setting. He then asked, "Is there a Valley that would like to extend an invitation for the 2018 Annual Convocation to be held on June 2, 2018?"

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Brother Troy A. Patoine, Thrice Potent Master of Alpha Lodge of Perfection of the Valley of Concord extended an invitation to host the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation's Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation on that date. The Commander-in-Chief explained that, normally, the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton would be next to host the Council of Deliberation. However, as scholarships are now presented to recipients following the meeting, he felt the location would not be convenient for everyone.

The Commander-in-Chief asked that a vote to validate the invitation by the Valley of Concord be taken by the Council of Deliberation.

Following a unanimous vote in the affirmative to do so, the Commander-in-Chief accepted the invitation from the Valley of Concord.

Allocution of the Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-in-Chief then asked Illustrious Brother Richard W. Elliot, First Lieutenant Commander, to preside over this Council as he gave the Allocution.

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
Charlestown, NH – June 10, 2017
Allocution of the Commander-in-Chief

Members of this Council of Deliberation and Scottish Rite Brethren:

It is indeed a pleasure to have this time with you this morning at the 94th Annual Convocation of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

We are very pleased that Most Worshipful and Ill.: John E. Lobdell, 33°, is with us this morning. We will hear from him before we conclude here this morning.

Thank you to the Valley of Keene for hosting this Annual Convocation of our Council of Deliberation. I recognize the effort expended by Illustrious Nicholas C. Martel, 33°, and Brother John "Jack" Bys, 32°, MSA as well as other members of the Valley of Keene to bring the Council to this historic site. In addition, thank you to all who are participating here and who prepared so diligently for this meeting.

I hope you have had an opportunity to read the reports distributed by our Secretary through email. These included the Deputy Representatives reports and a number of the reports of the standing committees of this Council of Deliberation. There are a few printed copies of those reports available on the Secretary's desk.

NECROLOGY

In the past year, six members of our Supreme Council passed to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Ill.: Robert Lloyd Steadman, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Died on Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Ill.: David Rodney Bedwell Sr, 33°

Active Member of Supreme Council for the state of Michigan

Died on Sunday, July 17, 2016

Ill.: Philip Lawrence Hall, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of New Hampshire

Died on Monday, November 7, 2016

Ill.: Bruce William Widger, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of New York

Died on Monday, March 6, 2017

Ill.: Richard Franklin Maier, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of Ohio

Died on Wednesday May 17, 2017

Ill.: Alfred Eugene Rice, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of Ohio

Died on Monday, June 5, 2017

In addition to these Active and Active Emeritus Members of Supreme Council,

Ill.: Karl D. Schimpf, 33°

Grand Prior of Supreme Council

Died on Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Please give your attention to Ill.: Robert M. Porter, 33° for the report of the Committee on Necrology.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF NECROLOGY

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation

IN MEMORIAM

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Illustrious David G. Thompson, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 29, 1992

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 4, 1988

Born: March 29, 1934

Died: August 6, 2016

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Illustrious Philip L. Hall, 33°

Date of 33° - September 29, 1976

Past Most Wise Master of St. George Chapter of Rose Croix of Nashua

Past Deputy for the State of New Hampshire and Emeritus Member

Past Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, 1988-1989

Received the Supreme Council's Medal of Honor in 2004

Born: July 3, 1929

Died: November 7, 2016

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Illustrious Edgar W. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 25, 1974

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 6, 1970

Past Thrice Potent Master of

Ineffable Lodge of Perfection of Portsmouth-Dover

Past Sovereign Prince of John Christie Council,

Princes of Jerusalem of Portsmouth-Dover

Past Most Wise Master of

New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix of Portsmouth-Dover

Past Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory of Nashua

Born: May 24, 1929

Died: April 25, 2017

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman

Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.

Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

Allocution of the Commander-in-Chief (continued)

The Commander-in-Chief proceeded by stating, "Let us rise and be reverently attentive to our Prior."

Prayer given by Acting Prior, Brian J. Smith

"Supreme Grand Master, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, the children of your creation meet here today, and there are those who cannot answer the rollcall, as they have passed into the Celestial Lodge above to reside in eternity with You.

"We cherish their memory, and the many good times we have had as brethren. Bless them with a well-deserved peace and rest. Give us strength to support their loved ones. Allow us the time and diligence to help out our late brothers' families to better their lives. Guide us in our everyday work.

"All this we ask in thy Holy and precious name."

"Amen."

Supreme Council Annual Session

The Supreme Council Annual Session in 2016 was held at headquarters in Lexington, MA with the Active and Emeriti members present. It being the even year, there was no general session and no conferral of the thirty-third degree. However, that is not to say that there was no significant business transacted.

Perhaps the most significant item was the nomination of a new Sovereign Grand Commander to succeed Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°. Ill.: David Alan Glattly, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council from New Jersey was nominated. Ill.: Brother Glattly became an Active Member of Supreme Council in 2002, served as Deputy for New Jersey for the maximum number of years allowed by the Constitutions, and has been preparing for his new duties since the Annual Session in Lexington. He will assume his new duties in Rochester, New York. We thank Sovereign Grand Commander McNaughton for his service to the fraternity over these last 10 years. We look with eager anticipation to a new administration and commit ourselves greater service. As we say in the Installation of Officer, together Brethren we will carry our Scottish Rite Banner to greater heights of achievement.

The Supreme Council Annual Session in 2017 will be held in Rochester, NY. I am looking forward to greeting our Illustrious

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Brethren and their Ladies in Rochester. am very pleased that our Grand Master will be joining us there as well. There will be great excitement in Rochester. First, as I mentioned earlier, will be the election and installation of a new Sovereign Grand Commander. Second will be the crowning of new thirty-third degree Masons including New Hampshire's David S. Collins, MSA, Donald L. Mendzela, and Russell S. Bell, MSA. Brother Collins is with family today and cannot be with us. Brothers Mendzela and Bell, please rise and receive recognition from those assembled here today. A testimonial in their honor is scheduled for November 5, 2017 at the Bektash Shrine Center.

Degrees

November 12, 2016, Scottish Rite Day was a great day for the fraternity across the country, in both the Southern and Northern Masonic jurisdictions. Our celebration here in New Hampshire was scheduled to accommodate the funeral services of Ill.: Philip Lawrence Hall, 33°. Even with this last-minute change in schedule, NH conferred the thirty-second degree on thirty-six Scottish Rite Masons. The class included five fathers with their sons, with three being grandfather, father, and son.

One week earlier, on November 5, 2016 in Portsmouth, all Valleys joined together to hold another degree day. The schedule included the 4th degree, 10th degree, 18th degree, 19th degree, and the 16th degree at dinner. This day in November has been so successful it will be repeater again on November 4, 2017 with the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover hosting and conferring the 14th Degree, the Valley of Nashua conferring the 15th Degree and the Valley of Concord conferring the 18th degree.

The degree presentation across the State and the special events such as the Feast of Tishri in the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton and the Feast of the Paschal Lamb in the Valleys of Nashua and Lancaster-Littleton demonstrate the great joy in participation in degree work. Kudos to all involved.

The COD Workshop

The Workshop in February's theme was the **Valley of Excellence** presented by Ill.: Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for Michigan. Based on the Five Pillars of Leadership, Operational Efficiency, Membership, Financial Sustainability, and Growth and Innovation, Wheeler asked us

to remember—*There are two choices in life: Accept things as they are, or Accept responsibility for changing them.*

DeMolay Legion of Honor

The Valley of Northern New Jersey created and produced a play titled, "*Knight Templar Inquisition and Complete Absolution: The Proceedings of the Chinon Parchment*". It is a short play based on a direct translation of sealed and notarized proceedings documented within the "Chinon Parchment". The document was accidentally discovered in September 2001 by an Italian paleographer at the Vatican Secret Archives.

NH Scottish Rite partnered with NH DeMolay Legion of Honor to present the play prior to the ceremonies of the 2017 Legion of Honor. This special presentation was held at Bektash Shrine Temple, Pembroke Road, Concord, NH on Sunday March 19, 2017. A special thank you to those who took part and to Dad and Brother George Baldwin and Ed Lewis for the tremendous enthusiasm, effort, and support to produce this play.

State of the Rite in New Hampshire

Brethren, I hope you take the opportunity to read the reports of the Deputy Representatives. New Hampshire has been served by excellent Deputy Representatives who have taken their jobs seriously and who, along with diligent Brothers in every Valley, have labored with the goal of improving their Valleys.

The Valleys have had very enjoyable events and reunions, and inspirational degree conferrals. This next year will again be another successful year.

Membership numbers continue to decline. Some would have you think that we can turn around the decline by returning to "the way we used to do it". With only 64 Master Masons raised in 2016 and a net loss of 279 Masons in NH in 2016, we do not do ourselves justice to measure our success by numbers of members. With the aging of the fraternity, we can expect more losses. We can measure our success by the quality of our degree work. We can measure our success by the holding to the truths we know to be true.

I recently saw a HBO program. It was produced by Carl Reiner, the Alan Brady of the old Dick Van Dyke Show. In it, Jerry Seinfeld said there are three things he holds to (I paraphrase):

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1. Work very, very hard at what you do. Do it well. Work hard.
2. Pay attention to what is going on around you. Notice things. Be attentive. Listen.
3. Fall in Love. Love what you have, your experiences, and those you share it with.

So I ask myself, do I really work hard at what I do?

Do I pay attention to what is going on around me? Do I listen to the noise or do I listen to what matters? Do I pay attention?

Do I fall in love? I must tell you that I really don't care about my parking space as Seinfeld might, but are there things around me that I love? Do I pay attention to them?

How does this match up with the Masonic fraternity? What about those Core Values of the Scottish Rite?

If I follow the Jerry Seinfeld philosophy of what matters in life, do we make a difference in lives of our members and society?

Let me tell you a little about how we, as Scottish Rite Masons, make a difference in the lives of others.

The degree work and the Core Values they dramatize inspire our members. The relationships developed in rehearsals and reunions are not only enjoyable but build that relationship upon which our Vision Statement depends.

In the past year, you have helped tens of Bothers across our jurisdiction through the Almoner's Fund. Perhaps, more importantly, you helped several here in NH. Moreover, I am convinced that by the emphasis on this form of Brotherly Love, Scottish Rite has inspired other Masonic bodies to live out the Masonic obligation to care for its members.

New Hampshire is fortunate to have two Children's Learning Centers, in Nashua and in the Seacoast located in Rochester, NH, that give new life to children with Dyslexia.

Under the long-time direction of Aileen Cormier, the Nashua Center regularly graduates children who have completed the course work and test out as readers, capable of excelling in school and later, college. In like manner, the Seacoast Center, located in Rochester, under the Direction of Brenda Peters is making phenomenal strides to develop its program. The partnership with the Rochester School District has been highly successful and promises to continue and possibly expand. Fund raising for both

centers continues with the untiring contributions of both center directors, staff, Board of Governor members and parents. The centers both acknowledge the sponsorship of Scottish Rite Valleys, particularly NH Consistory and the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover. While both centers have now reached the levels of funding to insure their survival, The Boards of Governors and Directors scrupulously manage the budgets. This year, Board of Governor Chairmen in Nashua and the Seacoast Centers have changed. Brother Richard J. Thompson has handed over the Chair of the Nashua Board of Governors to Brother Richard Welch and Brother Cuetara handed the Chair of the Seacoast Board of Governors to Jeff Grant. Both retired center directors made substantial unselfish contributions to our centers for which we are very grateful.

The skills taught at the Nashua Center and the Seacoast Center are life changing. Certainly, the impact on the development of children is amazing. As we learned from professionals in the field, society benefits from the well-educated and contributing citizens of our graduates.

We cannot afford to rest on our laurels. Constant attention is required to maintain the high level of excellence. Both centers have experienced highs and lows in a typical cyclical fashion. We must strive to level out the highs and lows so that the highs and not the lows are maintained. Financially we are grateful to those who made the successes possible. Now, our challenge is to provide the resources for Board of Governors, specifically Board of Governor members who are willing to commit time to work diligently for the cause.

Conclusion

In conclusion, saying "Thank You!" cannot express the gratitude that I feel for each of you, your dedication, your sacrifice, and your good counsel and labor. To all who serve on committees, hold office, present ROTC awards, present programs in Lodges, and work diligently to further the work of the Scottish Rite, I say "Thank You".

To all the Officers of Valleys and Council of Deliberation,

To Directors, degree casts, back stage properties, costumers, makeup artists, lighting, sound, electronic specialists, projectionist, cooks, dishwashers, servers – in short, all who contribute to making our reunions successful.

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To those who represent Scottish Rite Masons at awards ceremonies for JROTC and ROTC awards ceremonies:

Award	Institution	2017 Presenter	2017 Recipient
JROTC	Pinkerton Academy	Leonard L. Perkins	Brendan Morrison
MCJROTC	Winnacunnet HS	Wayne I. Elliot	Lauren Brophy
AFJROTC	Alvirne HS		
JROTC	Fall Mountain Regional HS	Nicholas C. Martel	Nicholas Roentsch
JROTC	Dover	Mark A. Weir	Michael Moniello
ROTC	UNH	Andrew F. Hirst	Riley P. Keenan
AFJROTC	Nashua	Joseph J. Beaumont	Desiree Waterman
AFROTC	UNH	Richard H. Dewing	Shelby E. White
JROTC	Salem HS	Robert M. Porter	Ryley O'Brien
NJROTC	Manchester High School West	Karl H. Bickford III	Brianna Emery
JROTC	White Mountains Regional HS	David E. Lewis	Brandon Patterson

To those who make the Brother to Brother calls, now expanding to Valleys other than Nashua, NH Consistory,

To the Valley Secretaries and office workers and assistants,

Deputy Representatives: Karl Bickford III, Ronald N. Crane, Alan D. Lugg, William E. Larson

To the ladies who are special in our lives. They know how im-

portant this fraternity is to us and they make it important to them also. For all the hours they give to this fraternity by seeing to it that we continue to strive to make the world a better place for all who follow, we thank them and we love them.

Illustrious Robert E. Hansen, Active Emeritus member of Supreme Council, Past Deputy for NH. Thank you for sharing the driving but most importantly thank you for your companionship.

Illustrious Richard W. Elliot, Active Member of Supreme Council, Grand Treasurer General. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your leadership, especially your willingness to take on the challenges within NH and Supreme Council.

A special thank you and remembrance to Ill.: Philip L. Hall, 33°, Active Emeritus member of Supreme Council, who was the epitome of a gentleman, a Mason of the highest quality, and whose influence will long serve this Council of Deliberation. As an historical and permanent record of his impact on this Council, the Proceedings for 2017 will be dedicated to his memory.

My Brethren, thank you for all the kindness you demonstrate throughout the year. Thank you for all the courtesies extended whenever we visit you. Thank you for your attention.

Mark C. Roth
Commander-in-Chief
New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
Deputy for New Hampshire

The Commander-in-Chief followed up by saying, "I move the acceptance of this report." Ill.: Richard W. Elliot, First Lieutenant Commander, asked, "Is there a second?"

Following numerous seconds, the members unanimously accepted the report, following it with a standing ovation for the Commander-in-Chief.

The First Lieutenant Commander then returned the gavel to the Commander-in-Chief.

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Program

The Commander-in-Chief introduced Brother Scott G. Thornbury, W.M. of Spicket Lodge #85, F.&.A.M. in Salem, NH, and a volunteer at the Fort at No. 4.

The Fort at No. 4

Bro. Thornbury gave an interesting presentation about the fort. The area was settled in 1740, just 23 years after the first Grand Lodge was formed in London. Its name came from its location. It being the northernmost of four plantations, deep in the wilderness, it was called plantation No. 4, and the fort that was built was the Fort at No. 4. At that time, the region was part of Massachusetts.

The four corners of the fort originally had homes that were used as temporary quarters for settlers during times of unrest. The person who likely spent the most time at the fort was the owner of the store, who sold provisions.

The fort supplied Robert Rogers and his Rangers in the French and Indian War, With the signing of the treaty to end the war, the fort was no longer needed and was abandoned.

During the Revolutionary War, Gen. John Stark, who would become the first Grand Master of New Hampshire, mustered his troops here in 1777 for the Battle of Bennington and later for the Battle of Saratoga.

After the war, the land was claimed by both New Hampshire and New York. It then became part of Vermont, when the state was created.

The fort we see today is a recreation of the original fort. In 1947, plans began for rebuilding the fort. The location is near, but not on the original site. It wasn't until 1960 that construction began, and in 1980 the last home was built.

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The fort saw financial hardship, and he was please to say that the Masons were there to assist in funding the fort. With its history as being a part of Vermont, the Grand Lodge of Vermont has been a major supporter of the fort.

He said he'd set out pamphlets with maps and a list of events happening at the fort. He invited all to explore the fort after the meeting, and that there were blacksmiths working at the fort today.

He explained that the fort served as a temporary shelter from attacks, with the exception of Stevens' store. Of the four wilderness forts, it was the only one to hold off the French and Indians. The fort repelled attackers for three days, before they moved on and killed those to the south.

The location of the fort was originally part of Massachusetts. Grants were given to New Hampshire and New York, and there was a border dispute of the surrounding land and the river. When Vermont was created, it was included as part of Vermont, until the boundary dispute was settled, and was officially part of New Hampshire.

Larry Sprague shared that the Lodge in Charlestown was originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1781, and met in Springfield, VT.

The fort is open from late May through November, and ends its year with an annual Harvest Dinner.

Brother Thornbury shared that at the fort's bookstore, people may buy a square foot of roofing for their roof fund. Each roof is made of wooden shakes, and they need to be replaced. The building next door just had the roof redone, and there are more to be done.

Following the program, Illustrious Brother Mark C. Roth called on Illustrious Nicholas C. Martel to help him present a check to Brother Thornbury made out to the Fort at No. 4, thanking him for his informative talk, and for the fort being made available for this meeting.

REPORTS

The following pages contain the Committee reports of the Council of Deliberation's and those of the Deputy's Representatives. These reports were previously submitted, received, and distributed to the members for review prior to the Annual Convocation.

On a motion, which was duly made and seconded, and is previously recorded in these proceedings, all of the reports were voted on and approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports are for the Committees on:

- Activities and Testimonials
- Supreme Council Charities
- Constitutions and Laws
- Education and Leadership Development
- Media and Publicity
- Membership Development

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES AND TESTIMONIALS

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

As has become tradition, Supreme Council now meeting on odd years only, the even years allows us to hold an event solely to honor the Meritorious Service Award recipients. On Sunday, November 6, 2016, 95 Brethren, ladies and other guests gathered at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord in a mid-day celebration honoring our MSA recipients.

Those honored were elected on June 4, 2016 at the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting in Nashua:

Brother Michael F. Ripberger, 32°, Valley of Concord
Brother Jerome T. Becker, 32°, Valley of Nashua
Bro. Allan E. Mayranen, 32°, Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

A social period began at 1:00 P.M., followed by a delicious buffet dinner of Roast Pork Loin and Baked Chicken Breast, catered by Contigiani's Catering Service. Following the meal, Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, preformed the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and presented Certificates and pins to the new recipients. Following comments from each honoree, Ill.: Brother Jeremy L. Sawyer, 33°, introduced Ill.: Brother Wendell L. Woodward, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, who having been coroneted in Indianapolis in 2015 and had a better offer than the Testimonial event of November, 2015. Ill.: Brother Ronald N. Crane, 33°, presented Brother Woodward with his 33rd Degree Jewel for the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton.

Honored guests in attendance at the November event: Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New Hampshire; Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Grand Treasurer General, and Past Deputy for New Hampshire and Mrs. Kathy Elliot; Ill.:

Brother Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council and Past Deputy for New Hampshire and Mrs. Jean Hansen; Ill.: Brother John F. Gordon, 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Connie Gordon; and Ill.: Brother Brian J. Smith, 33°, Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory.

As a first-year chairman of the Committee and event, I gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33° and Ill.: Brother Edwin N. Lewis, 33°, and, especially, the help of my wife, Kristin.

The 2017 Testimonial will again be held at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord, NH on November 5th, 2017.

For the Committee,

Thomas S. Lowe, 33°, Chairman

William E. Larson, 33°

Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°

Brian J. Smith, 33°

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

The Blue Envelope Appeal

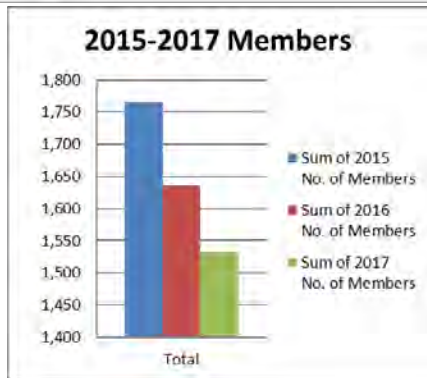
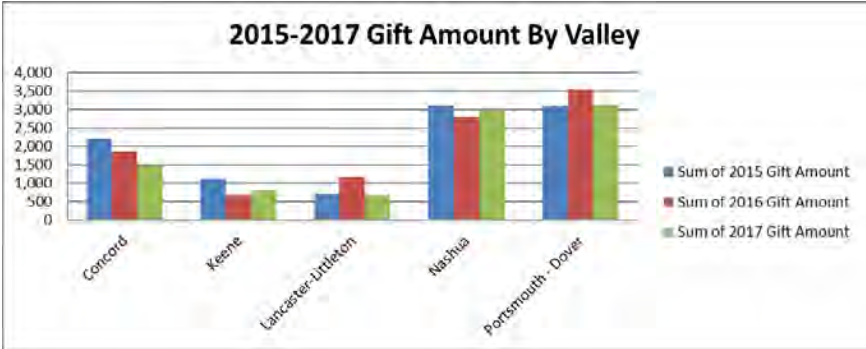
The Committee on Supreme Council Charities presents its report for 2017. This year we again report statistics illustrating the importance of the Blue Envelope Appeal.

The Supreme Council Blue Envelope Appeal is one of the essential tools used to support Supreme Council Charities. The annual mail appeal is the main solicitation for Supreme Council "Blue Envelope Appeal". Below is a summary of contributions made to the Blue Envelope by New Hampshire Scottish Rite Masons.

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The 2017 contributions reported by Supreme Council were as follows:

Valley	Gift Amount in \$	No. of Donors	No. of Members	% of Donors vs. Members
Portsmouth- Dover	3,120	62	495	12.53
Nashua	2,975	53	397	13.35
Concord	1,470	35	364	9.62
Lancaster-Littleton	655	18	141	12.77
Keene	797	15	136	11.03
Totals	9,017	183	1533	11.94



Note that the amount of Abbott Scholarship money awarded

from Supreme Council is based on the number of contributors and the amount contributed. More importantly when one contributes to the Blue Envelope Appeal the donor can specify how the contribution is to be used, whether it applies to the Almoner's Fund, Membership Campaign, Children's Dyslexia Center, or to the Abbott Scholarship Fund.

The promotion of this fund and the resulting care provided to your Brothers has been a testament to the tenet of "Brotherly Love". If you have not contributed in the past please consider a donation this year. Every dollar counts! For those who have been contributing thank you!!

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Crouch, 32°, Chairman

John M. Bys, 32°

Timothy D. LaPointe, 32°

Guy R. Martineau, 32°

Mark A. Weir, 33°, M.S.A.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

As there have been no questions or issues referred to this Committee up to this time, the members of the committee on Constitution and Laws have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman

Eric E. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.

Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°

John A. Loven, 32°

Michael F. Ripberger, 32° , M.S.A.

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

Our COD Workshop was held February 11, 2017, was well attended, and under the leadership of our Deputy, had a very interesting and informative interactive meeting. The distinguished Ill.: Walter Wheeler, 33°, Deputy for Michigan, presented a program designed to make members think how to position the Rite for the 21st (and 22nd) Century. Questions were asked of attendees, and members participated with their input. Ill.: Brother Wheeler's PowerPoint slides touched on many of the issues which we are facing in our fraternity. He spoke on the "5 Pillars": Leadership, Operational Efficiency, Membership, Financial Sustainability, Growth and Innovation. The workshop attendees were divided into 5 groups, each tasked with how to plan for one of the 5 Pillars. Each group was then asked to present the results of their discussions to everyone.

Many of the Valleys participated in the Education Programs offered by Lexington at the Leadership/Membership Conference. They have also held valley lead educational and officer training programs.

With the inspirations of this past COD workshop, and with the leadership of the Valley officers, I am confident we can make strides for our fraternity in the areas of Growth and Innovation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary E. Roy, 33°, MSA, Chairman

Larry D. Gullet, 33°

William E. Larson, 33°

James S. O'Donnell, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°

REPORT OF THE MEDIA & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

This committee thanks those who've provided content and ideas for New Hampshire Scottish Rite's website, www.nh32degreemason.org. We regret that little progress has been made during the last year in the areas of social media and online information.

The five Valleys have collectively added 24 posts to their Valley "blogs" for the entire year. The committee commends the Valley of Concord, which posted most of them to keep their members informed. These Valley posts are instantly added to the Valley's webpage, updating them so they can be current and of value to our members. Each Valley webpage also has links to its calendar and Valley newsletter. An archive page has been added to provide access to prior newsletters, too. We urge each Valley to regularly use the online calendar and blog so the website is worthwhile to our members.

The committee intends to have a newly designed version of the website, including a mobile friendly version, up and running by September of this year. Besides the current web address, it will be able to be accessed by using: nhscottishrite.com, nhscottishrite.org, or nhscottishrite.net. Committee member Jeffrey L. Brown and new Valley of Concord member Robert B. Yonaitis have volunteered to help with the transition.

During the last year, the website has averaged 78 unique visits and 876 hits per day, consistent with the previous year. March had the highest daily average of visits (88), which was caused by searches and downloads of scholarship applications. July had the lowest at 62.

The total downloads in March were 3.3 GB. This was only exceeded during January when scholarship applications and petitions totaled 4.3 GB in downloads.

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Only about 10% of visits were for more than 30 seconds on any page. The average time spent on any page this year is 87 seconds. 80% of both visits and bandwidth use is from servers in the United States. The next four countries accessing our site the most are the Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Romania, and China. While we don't maintain any confidential information on the website, this suggests we should take precautions to secure our site from hacking to prevent viruses being passed on to visitors.

About 76% of the visits to the website are entered directly by the visitor into his browser, through a browser bookmark, or a link provided in an email. About 11% come from an internet search (usually Google). Links from Facebook and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire account for about 0.3% of the visits, with the remainder of about 12% of visits coming from links from foreign sites or unknown sources. The top 10 key words used to search for the website (besides "www" and "of") are, in order of frequency:

1. ScottishRiteInNewHampshire
2. Scottish
3. Rite
4. NH
5. Valley
6. Nashua
7. dyslexia
8. New
9. Masonic, and tied at
10. Hampshire and Portsmouth

The top five phrases, by frequency, used in searches are:

1. ScottishRiteInNewHampshire
2. NH Scottish Rite
3. BETAC
4. nh32degreemason.org
5. Scottish Rite in NH

After the main Home Page, the five most visited webpages are the *Valley of Concord*, the *Contact* page, the *Children's Dyslexia Centers*, the *Valley of Nashua*, and the *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)* page, respectively.

The five most frequently downloaded item from the website were different issues of the Valley of Nashua's newsletter. The next five, in order of times downloaded, were: the combined Abbott and Bryant Scholarship Application, an issue of the Valley of Concord's newsletter, the NH COD Constitution, another issue of the Valley of Nashua's newsletter, and an issue of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover's newsletter.

All five Valleys do have a Facebook page. These can be linked to the Valley WordPress blog, so that one post goes to both places. There continue to be two Scottish Rite Twitter accounts, NH32nd Mason and Valley of Nashua. Valleys can also post to these.

In conclusion, we continue to ask all Committees, Valley Officers, and Valley Membership Committee members to assist us in providing press releases for distribution to newspapers and other media outlets. We invite all to share observations and suggestions for bettering not only our website, but our communication with members and with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman

Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.

Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

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REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

Over the past year Scottish Rite in New Hampshire added 14 new 4th Degree members statewide. The Valleys worked hard to recruit new members. Although this effects Scottish Rite, I do not believe this problem is just Scottish Rite. Grand Lodge statistics show a net loss over the same period of 279 members. We should not be discouraged by this but instead use this to inspire members, not only to bring in new members but also to encourage current members to be more active.

This will be my last report as your Membership Chairman. My duties in the Grand Line must come first and take a lot of time. I also have a business to run. I am not present at today's meeting because I am taking a class for my business. It has been my honor to serve as your chairman these past few years and I hope I have contributed to the betterment of the Rite. It is my understanding that Richard Thompson from the Valley of Nashua will be replacing me. He has done a good job as Membership Chairman in his Valley and I hope that he will receive the support that I have received over these past few years.

Fraternally,

Scott Borthwick, 32°, Chairman

Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, MSA

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

William E. Larson, 33°

Alan D. Lugg, 33°

Roger F. Retzke, 33°

DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

A copy of all Deputy Representative Reports with reference to the activities and condition of the Rite in the respective Valleys is available in the published proceeding of this COD. This was done without the reading of the reports the day of the Annual meeting. They were distributed via Email prior to the meeting so Brothers could ask questions at the meeting.

DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF CONCORD

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

The Valley of Concord 2016-2017 year has been very active and we have had both some successes and some serious problems have come up. We are trying some new events to bring new interest to the members and get the word out about what the Scottish Rite is all about. Also, we are changing the way we do business to improve the leadership of the Valley.

The first problem we addressed was to improve the understanding of what Scottish Rite is all about to new petitioners. We have set up a program in which new petitioners must come to a meeting before the 4th Degree where they learn what the Scottish Rite is and what the Valley expects of them when they become members. If they still want to be part of the Valley we will accept their petition. They will be told that they will be expected to spend time in all the jobs needed to put on degrees so they will understand what it takes to perform a degree. After their internships, they may pick what they would like to do in the Valley.

Next, we addressed the problem of Brethren being stuck with the same job and not being able to experience other positions and getting discussed and leaving the Valley. We are now trying to make all positions in the Valley two deep at least and to make sure we listen to and talk with those brethren in positions in the

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Valley to make sure we give them the help they need and to move on to any new position they would like to try.

The next thing we did was to look at Valley leadership. It was discussed that not all Line Officers are good leaders and we should be looking for brethren who have the makings of good leadership to run the Valley. It was decided that if one or more of the body heads was not a good leader but was good at ritual we would let him do the ritual parts and have a brother who was good at leadership and maybe not good at ritual be co-body head.

The executive committee then took a look at the makeup of the committee and decided that it was time to make some changes and get new and fresh ideas into the Valley. We looked at all the Brethren and took in to consideration their age and leadership ability and decided to put newer and younger brethren on the committee to help lead us into the future with new fresh ideas.

The executive committee then after listening to the membership decided that we needed to have more family orientated events in the Valley and decided to put on a family picnic for our members and family, also their friends and any Mason who would like attend. Hoping that not only would this be fun for the membership but might also bring in some new members. We are also going to have a Valley Day at a New Hampshire Fisher Cats game in August this year for family and friends.

The Valley has also had many good things happen this year. We now have three strong body head for the Chapter, Council, and Lodge lines and very good officers in the three lines to move up in the future.

The valley also performed the 10th and 19th degrees in Portsmouth for the joint valley day and did an excellent job. We had a very good 18th degree this year in the valley and will be putting on the 18th degree at the joint valley day in Portsmouth this year.

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Because of some very bad luck with the weather this year the Valley had to cancel the 4th and 14th and 17th degrees this year. There was either a snow storm or some other bad weather for all but one of the rehearsals for the 4th and 14th degrees and there was 10 inches of heavy wet snow on the day of the 17th degree forcing us to cancel the 17th degree for safety reasons. We are trying to reschedule the 4th and 17th degrees in the fall. Hopefully we will have better luck with the weather this coming year.

The Valley is still struggling with declining membership and lack of new members coming into the Scottish Rite and we are hopeful that some of the changes we are making in the Valley will help us from losing membership and by opening our family events to everyone we hope it will have a positive effect and encourage others to join the Scottish Rite. We hope that the strong new leadership we have put in place along with the other changes we are making will help to strengthen the Valley and increase our membership.

The Valley leadership has learned that we must listen to what the all members are saying and asking for and make sure that we honor their ideas if feasible. I believe that the Valley leadership is now seeking out and listening to the membership and asking for their help to improve what we offer the members.

The Valley of Concord has been faced with many problems this past year and it has forced us to take a long look at ourselves and to bring about much needed change in how we do business if we are to serve and become a strong Valley in the future. We have taken the first steps in remaking our Valley and know that we will have to do even more to bring about the strong Valley we all want.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Concord

DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF KEENE

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation

It has been an eventful and successful year in the Valley of Keene. We are very fortunate to have so many members who pour loads of effort and energy into the Valley.

In his closing remarks, our retiring Thrice Potent Master, John M. Bys 32°, MSA, reflected some disappointment on the level of participation particularly at our Executive Board meetings. However, as a small Valley, the numbers reflect five percent participation of the membership at those meetings and about twenty percent at our reunions. Although we would love to see more members joining and participating, the numbers show a fair level of participation.

As the Valley Reunion date is always in conflict with Grand Lodge open house, we have observed over the years that many of our actors and leaders are also the leaders in their lodges and have responsibilities outside of the Valley Reunion. To alleviate some pressure, the Valley moved the time to evening with a dinner before the degree. The 12th Degree was portrayed by video. Illustrious Brother William E. Larson 33°, led the discussion with a historical introduction and background of the characters. A review and discussion of the Blue Lodge lessons concerning the Tenets, Spiritual and Cardinal Virtues as well as the lesson of the Fellow Craft Degree were presented interactively. Pads and pens were distributed and the audience asked to view the degree seeking to find those blue lodge lessons described within the Twelfth Degree, while examining the application of these lessons to our own lives. A lively discussion was held at the conclusion with most participating. Some of our most seasoned veterans appreciated an active teaching, discussion and life application

of Scottish Rite lessons to our everyday lives. I honestly didn't see that coming. For something new on an already busy day, the attendance was near that of an average reunion. A successful event.

The Valley traveled to Portsmouth, performing the 4th Degree live at the Joint Valley Degree Day. A good time of travel and fellowship was enjoyed by those who attended.

The Valley is beginning to see the fruits of actions taken in previous years. The Valley previously instituted a substantial dues and petition fee increases. The rate of delinquency is at its average. Although petitions are down from the previous year, The Valley of Keene does not appear in a unique position.

This will be the first year with the bylaws change allowing for suspension at one year. It is hoped that this effort will place retention at the forefront each year and that a retention committee will be truly formed with a mission of pre-emptive actions and contact long before the last-ditch effort to save members from suspension. It is further hoped that a better financial footing will be achieved and better communication will be established among the Valley members.

This year is the first year the Valley will see a ladder progression of the Lodge and Council lines go into effect. Sovereign Prince, Thomas Rittenhouse 32°, has been installed Thrice Potent Master and Roger Martin 32°, has been installed Sovereign Prince. Each will serve one year as head of each body with the lines progressing in alternate form.

In the Spring, the Valley utilized the 4th Degree video and held a discussion asking our Brethren to relate what they enjoy about Masonry, Scottish Rite and why they remain active. The Valley portrayed the 15th Degree in exemplary form with new actors playing characters and doing an outstanding job in their first time out. The actors remained in costume after the degree concluded and joined the discussion sharing who their characters were,

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the message of their characters and a general discussion to make application of the 15th degree to our everyday lives. It went o.k., we'll do it again.

The Valley Executive Board has a strong desire to improve the financial footing of the Valley, leadership and participation. The board would like to develop get togethers outside of meetings and reunions for our members to simply get together and find out who our members and their families actually are.

Brother Fred Yates, 32° has been putting together fundraising ideas to provide a perpetual fund to enhance the financial viability of the Valley, we look forward to his committee continuing to present their ideas and future implementation.

In all, the Valley of Keene enjoyed a successful year. Programs and discussions beyond the degree presentations have been received well. The actions taken to ensure finances and creating a retention culture that discourages procrastination all seem to be positive.

We look forward to another successful year in the Valley Keene. We thank the presiding officers and their officer lines, the executive board, the actors, make up, wardrobe and especially; Ill.: Brother Eric Anderson, 33°, MSA, Brother John Bemis, 32° and Brother David Kinson, 32° who provide the food and the clean-up. Thank you all.

Thank you to our Illustrious Deputy, Mark C. Roth 33° for your continued confidence in me as your representative and for all the assistance and counsel you provide.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill.: William E. Larson, 33°

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Keene

DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
VALLEY OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the NH Council of Deliberation:

I would first like to thank Ill.: Mark C. Roth 33°, Deputy of the State of NH, for the honor and privilege of serving him as his Deputy Representative to the Valley of Lancaster – Littleton.

The year of 2016-2017 has been a year of change and adjustment for the Valley.

Several members of Golden Dawn Lodge, unfortunately, chose to demit from the Valley as a result of the decision not to relocate to Littleton. As you know, the Charter of Golden Dawn Lodge was taken by the Grand Master and RW Bro. David C. Rich, DDGM of the 8th Masonic District was appointed as the Worshipful Master. The members of the Valley are supporting RW Bro. Rich in his attempts to re-energize and create a working & functional Lodge once again. Hopefully the remaining and returning brothers will consider rejoining the Valley.

The Valley performed the Feast of Tishri on Saturday, October 8, 2016 which was catered by Olive Branch Chapter #1, OES. The event was well attended and all enjoyed a wonderful dinner and a good presentation.

On November 5, 2016, several members of the Valley and the four candidates from Parker Lodge attended the Joint Valley Reunion and all were impressed by the degrees that were presented. Two of the four candidates from Parker Lodge attended the Scottish Rite Day on Saturday, November 12, 2016 and became 32nd Degree Masons.

The Valley performed the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on April 1, 2017 for the members. There were no candidates for degrees. The meal was catered by Olive Branch Chapter #1, OES which

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was then followed by a very meaningful & inspiring performance of the Feast by the members complete with a roasted shank bone.

The Annual Meeting of the Valley was held on May 3, 21017 with a complimentary dinner once again being served by Brother David Collins and his wife Coleen. After the meal, the Annual Election of Officers was held with the following brothers elected as Presiding Officers:

Brother John Loven, 32°, Thrice Potent Master

Brother Mark H. Blodgett, 32°, Most Wise Master

Brother Timothy LaPointe, 32°, Sovereign Prince

The elected and appointed officers of the Valley were then installed by Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council, Deputy for the State of New Hampshire, Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Ill.: Brother Robert E. Hanson, 33°, Active Emeritus of the Supreme Council AASR. The officers of the Valley would like to extend to these brothers their thanks and appreciation for the support and encouragement extended to us throughout the year.

Under the direction of its new presiding officers the Valley is looking forward with renewed vigor to the 2017-2018 year and making further progress in membership & degree work. We remain "The Little Valley that Could"

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill.: Ronald N. Crane 33°

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF NASHUA

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

This is my report of the Valley of Nashua for the N.H. Council of Deliberation.

It has again been my honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative this past year. The Valley has been active this year. The Fall season started with a Kick Off dinner on September 28, 2016 in preparation for the presentation of the 11° and 18°. The 11° along with video of the 4° were presented on October 21st. It was the Valley's responsibility to perform the 18° as part of the Joint Valley program in Portsmouth on November 5th. I would like to express my continuing gratitude for the directors, casts and all those who took part in these most successful events.

On November 6th, it was my pleasure to assist as Brother Jerome T. Becker, 32° was presented with his M.S.A. award at the annual Council of Deliberation Luncheon in Concord. We are very proud of Brother Becker who is our Present Most Wise Master.

The Spring season began with our usual Kick Off dinner on January 31, 2017. The members of the Valley worked diligently in the following weeks to prepare for the presentation of the 9° and the "Feast of the Paschal Lamb". We found out later that the Valley would be responsible for presenting a Consistory Degree at the April Reunion. We eventually decided to put on the 26° for that event.

On March 22nd, the Valley of Nashua held an information night at the Masonic Temple in Nashua. Master Masons, non-Masons, friends and families were invited to attend. The Masonic play "December's Rose" under the Direction of Ill.: Brother Larry Gullett 33° was presented in the Lodge room. This was a most

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successful event and I would commend Brother Richard Thompson and the members of the Membership Committee for all their help in pulling this event together. On March 30th, we presented a video version of the 4^o and the 6^o along with our live rendition of the 9^o by Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection.

On Palm Sunday April 9th, St. George Chapter of Rose Croix presented the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. The program was preceded by a Lamb dinner with all the fixings. This event was very impressive and it was well attended. On April 22nd, I was pleased to direct the 26^o "Friend and Brother Eternal" as our part of the New Hampshire Consistory Reunion. I would like to express my extreme pride and gratitude the members who took part in this Degree. They worked together on short notice to provide a wonderful performance.

This year I attended several meetings of the Board of Governors of the Nashua Dyslexia Center. I continue to be impressed with the hard work and dedication of all the people who are directly involved with this program.

On May 19th, I was pleased to present the N.J.R.O.T.C. Medal to Cadet Brianna Emery at the Memorial Day Assembly at Manchester High School West.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend two of our Brothers who continue to make birthday phone calls to our members on a regular basis. They are Brother Roland N. Petersen and Brother Jack Brenner. They have been doing this service for several years and, as a recipient of their calls, I know that it gives a Brother a good feeling to be remembered.

One of my goals last year was to get a more organized Membership Committee together. I want to thank Brother Richard J. Thompson and his new Committee for the work that they have been doing this year. They have recruited several Lodge Ambassadors and were successful with the Information Night in March. Brother Thompson has a few more ideas for improving and main-

taining membership which we will be working on the coming months.

One of the things that I think that we need to see more of in our Valley are more events in which our Brothers and their families can participate. We had outings at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord and a night at the Holman Stadium to watch the Silver Knights baseball team. I think that more of these events would go a long way to involve our members and encourage them to participate and remain members of our Rite.

This year the Valley decided to increase the dues by \$3.00 in the Lodge of Perfection and \$7.00 in the Chapter of Rose Croix in order to keep up with increasing expenses.

The Valley membership as of this writing is: 14° and 16° is 370, and 18° is 490.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Nashua

REMARKS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

REMARKS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dad George L. Baldwin, 32°, Executive Officer, NH DeMolay

"Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious Lieutenant Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, brethren and guests, Good Morning:

"I bring you the warm fraternal greetings of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International, along with those of our State Master Councilor, Brother Timothy Sprague, who had a work commitment today.

"Illustrious Roth, I want to thank you, on behalf of DeMolay, for the joint venture with the *Chinon Parchment* play. It was a great day, I think, for both Scottish Rite Masonry and for DeMolay. Two days after the event, I got a telephone call from Grand Master Sardone of Supreme Council of DeMolay, who was with us that day. He was speaking a few days after that at the Livingston Library in New York on Jacques DeMolay, and he asked for some of the information that I had, because he had not heard of it before, and wanted to enhance his presentation. Also, we had an inquiry from a DeMolay Supreme Council member from Rhode Island, and as you know we directed him to the proper way to go about it. But it was a great day for the fraternity and a great day for DeMolay.

"I also want to thank the Council of Deliberation and the various Valleys for the continued support of our young men; not only with your dollars. But they are important, because this year we expect to send between eight and ten young men to our Regional Leadership Training Conference which is a week-long event held at Lion's Camp Pride here in New Hampshire. This year is the biennial Advisors' Weekend Conference in September. We will be able to make funds available to underwrite the costs

for some of our advisors, also. So it is much appreciated.

"I thank you for that, and for strengthening the ties of our two great organizations.

"Thank you."

Following the remarks, the Commander-in-Chief presented Dad Baldwin a check to New Hampshire DeMolay and a check to NH DeMolay Foundation from the Council of Deliberation.

REMARKS OF THE SUPREME INSPECTOR

Mom Joan L. Smith, Supreme Inspector for New Hampshire, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

"Illustrious Brother Roth, distinguished guests, and most of all friends, Good Morning:

"It is with great pleasure that I bring greetings to you from Supreme Assembly and NH Grand Assembly today. What a fantastic and busy year we have had! I am pleased to tell you that our Rainbow has been growing, perhaps a lesson we learned from this years theme - the Lorax. Our girls care deeply for our Order, and for each other, and through nurturing of each others talents, learning to lead when needed and sharing our friendships with our Sisters along our Rainbow journey, we are growing stronger than ever. In a few moments you will hear from our Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Kimberly N Maier, who has lead this Grand Jurisdiction with great dignity, honor, and pride. But before you do, I wish to say a huge thank you for your wonderful support of our Youth Organizations this past year. Our young ladies and gentlemen are fortunate to have you in their lives, and they learn so much from the fraternal connection that we have with each other. Every word of encouragement, every acknowledgement of abilities, goes a very long way in the lives of our youth, so Thank you- from the bottom of my heart!

"In Love and Service always."

REMARKS OF THE GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR

Kimberly N. Maier, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of New Hampshire, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

*Illustrious Brother Roth, distinguished guests, and friends,
Good Morning:*

"I bring greetings from New Hampshire Rainbow. This year, we have been trying to make a difference and raise awareness for environmental issues with our theme: "Speak for the Trees". Not only are we trying to recycle and help the environment, but we've been busy with efforts to let Rainbow grow as well.

"In order to do our part in saving the environment, this year we have teamed up with Echosmith recycling. Echosmith Recyclers is a locally owned textile recycling business. As a state, we have been collecting textiles to donate to this organization. So, if there's anything in your closet that you would like to get rid of, please send it our way! Not only will this help us to recycle, but the money we receive in return will be donated to our state charity- Girls at Work Incorporated.

"Girls at Work,. Inc. helps women and girls from all situations to discover their self-worth, as well as the benefits of teamwork. These females may face many things in life, such as neglect or abuse. Girls at Work,. Inc. helps them to use power tools to build not only bookshelves, sheds, and tables, but also their self-confidence as well. To raise money for this organization aside from the recycling fund raiser, we held a Lip Sync Battle back in April. There were many acts-groups, soloists, you name it! It was an absolute blast, and we learned just how talented our masonic family is when it comes to acting.

"Also, this year, we held our bi-annual Mr. New Hampshire Rainbow pageant! Several men competed in this competition in order to raise money for the Hope for the Future Scholarship

Foundation. Many of our girls attend college, and your support means the world to them, so I thank you all! Congratulations to Mr. Troy Patoine, our newest Mr. NH Rainbow! And remember, if you're sad that you weren't able to participate this year, the title will be up for grabs in two years.

"We have also been working hard on membership! As a state, we held a membership event at Launch Trampoline park in Nashua NH. Girls were able to bring prospects and show them how fun Rainbow can be. There were trampolines, games, and even a foam pit. It was a blast, and I know that several petitions went out that day. We have two initiations coming up before Grand Assembly. On June 22nd, at 6pm, we will be having an initiation at the Nashua Masonic Temple. Nashua and Exeter combined will be bringing in 3 girls on that day! On June 25th, we will be having an initiation in Holderness for Plymouth Assembly. They will be bringing in FIVE girls! I know that the girls would appreciate your support, and I extend to you an invitation to be present at these events!

"Lastly, I invite you all to attend our 77th annual Speak for the Trees with NH Rainbow Grand Assembly sessions, June 30th-July 2nd, held at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua NH. It'll be a great time with our fraternal family, and I hope to see you all there!

"I'd like to leave you with this quote from the Lorax: "I know it may seem small and insignificant, but it's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."

"Thank you. "

Following her remarks, the Commander-in-Chief called on Bro. Troy A. Patoine to assist him in presenting the Grand Worthy Advisor a check to New Hampshire Grand Assembly and a check to NH Rainbow Foundation from the Council of Deliberation.

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REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Gretta J. Smith, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, MW Grand Master, distinguished East, and honored guests, Good Morning!

“On behalf of Brother Brian and myself, it is our pleasure to bring the warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star, as well as our own personal greetings.

“We would like to say thank you this morning for all that you do to support children, families, and the communities throughout this jurisdiction. Your efforts, we know, are tireless, but the differences that you make are long lasting.

“Congratulations to all of the members who have been recognized today for their efforts. We wish you continued success in all or your efforts to make every day count for everyone.

“We look forward to seeing you at our “There's No Place Like Home” Grand Chapter Session on August 18 and 19 in Nashua. And as we leave this place, and go to continue our important work, may God hold each of you in the palm of His hands.

“Thank you.”

REMARKS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Andy M. Lord, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire

Illustrious Roth, thank you for the invitation.

“It's a pleasure to be here with you and all the members of Scottish Rite, and representatives of all the various Masonic bodies here today. And when I got the invitation, one of the most exciting things was that it's here, we're actually doing a big state-

wide on the western side of the state! That never happens. I was overjoyed.

"Ladies and gentlemen, brethren all, I do have just a few thoughts I'd like to share with you today. And bear with me. It's not as straight forward as you might think. I'm going to present a couple of ideas for you, and I'm going to try to tie it back and make a Masonic application, if you don't mind.

"First, a couple comments about the fort. One thing I noticed a little earlier while I was sitting here, is the effect of light. It's broad daylight out, and it's a bit "atmospheric" in here, one might say. But, what's interesting to note is the effect of the small windows and those rays of light that come in, and the candle-light. It really struck me that it's no wonder that our ancient founders used light as the primary symbol in Masonry, for what we try to teach, and the way we try to live our lives. You can get that effect, just from this space that we're in today.

"Since we're in a fort, it raises some interesting symbolism, or some interesting ideas I think we should spend a few minutes talking about. First, forts are usually in an area called the frontier. A frontier can be defined as "the extreme limit of understanding or achievement"; or as "the outer limit in a field of endeavor, especially one in which the opportunity for research and development may not have been exploited." Remember those two definitions. We'll get back to those in a minute.

"The next idea I'd like to share with you is a Latin phrase, 'Vox clamantis in deserto.' Has anyone ever heard that before? Any Dartmouth grads here? That happens to be the motto for Dartmouth College, which is just up the road, and they're actually having their graduation today. It translates as, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness".

"The next idea I'd like to present (and then we'll wrap this up), is the idea of the wilderness, which is "uncultivated, uninhabited, inhospitable, region". Or, it is also a "neglected or

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abandoned area". So how do we apply this to Masonry?

"If we think about our Lodges, our Valleys, our Chapters, our Commanderies, they are a bit like a fort. They are the last bastion, in many cases, of civilization. At the heart of our bodies are some central ideas. Last year, we talked here about the idea of virtue. The word virtue comes to us from the Romans; their idea of 'virtus', the idea of 'the art of living well.' It has to do with how we interact with one another, how we act with the world at large, and those values that we hold important.

"I think anyone who's watched the news lately can understand that the world we live in is a bit of a wilderness. The word 'wilderness' comes from Old English, and it means 'wild deer', meaning a place where wild animals live. Society seems to have lost the 'art of living well', or how to interact with each other. I think, especially now, the Masonic bodies have an important role to play. But for us to have that impact, we have to get back and learn, and teach about those essential principles, those virtues that were introduced to us as Masons in our very first degree.

"This is hard work. And I think its been a debate in Masonry from its very foundation. What is most important to us? What are the things we should be teaching?

"Fundraisers, pancake breakfasts are important. We use those proceeds to do good work. But they're not the reason for our existence. They're the proof of our reason for existence; the extension of those virtues we should be holding so dear.

"If we look around the room, the men, and women, and young ladies that are here, are prime examples of those virtues we extoll. I think it behooves us, as we look out at the wilderness of the world we live in, that we not be holed up in our forts of brotherly love and virtue, but go forth from them; spread those virtues; and make a true impact on our world.

"Earlier today, you recognized some of your members with the Meritorious Service Award. I have no doubt those brothers

exemplify and do that, not only in the Masonic realm, but in the wilder world that they occupy. I commend those brothers, and all of the organizations that do that; and I would challenge all of us to step up our efforts.

"I think Masonic education, getting back to those principles that we hold most dear, talking about them, debating them, and trying to find the best way to apply them, is what will ensure our existence in the future.

"Illustrious, you remarked earlier that it's not a numbers game any more. Our numbers are declining. So as Marcus Aurelius said, we have to give back to our first principles; and those are the virtues we hold so dear.

"I thank you all. It's been a wonderful afternoon, and it's been a pleasure to be with you."

REMARKS OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

Scott M. Ayen, 32°, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New Hampshire

"Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, MW Grand Master, Esteemed Colleagues, Brethren and friends, Good Morning!

"On behalf of all of the Cryptic Masons in the state of New Hampshire I bring you their warm and fraternal greetings. What a great and historic venue for this event!

"I wish I had some words of wisdom for you today, but as I sat down to write this I felt it was important to tell you about my appreciation for you. Bear with me for a minute or two.

"I became a Mason on November 15, 1995 in New York (that was for Brother Lord's benefit – I had to get NY into my speech somehow). I was active in my Lodge until I moved to VT in May of 1999. I was building a career and Masonry faded from list of priorities. I moved to New Hampshire in October of 2004, and still Masonry was not a priority for me, yet. About 2004, my first Masonic

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hero, my grandfather Clifford Edward Ayen, Sr. became VERY ill with colon cancer. He fought a very valiant and noble fight but ultimately he was recalled by the Supreme Architect. In his last days we talked a lot about Masonry and he gave me his ring (this ring). He gently urged me to find a lodge and get back into masonry. A little over a year after his death I decided that it was time to find that which was lost to me. To regain that fervor my Grandfather always had for this beloved craft. I started to visit the lodge in Newport and ten years ago today I affiliated with Mt Vernon Lodge #15.

"Why do I tell you all of this? Well, I am at another major life milestone/turning point. I will be moving to Johnson City, TN in late July to be near my youngest daughter as she finishes High School. A new chapter is about to begin. The chapter of NH Masonry has been a fabulous journey. I have made many friends along the way. My oldest daughter still lives in NH so I will be back from time to time.

"I joined the Scottish Rite a little over 20 years ago and NH was the place that allowed me to finish going from the 14th degree to the 32nd after a 10 year break. Many have guided me on this journey and while I haven't been very active in the Scottish Rite for quite some time, I do wish to thank those who helped me along the way grow and develop as a Brother, as a man and as a Mason. I'm surprised not to see Illustrious Brother Doble here today, and I hope he is all right. If he were, I'd tell him that he guided me early on by helping me learn the ritual of New Hampshire, trying very hard to break me of that NY ritual I had so engrained. I thank him for guiding me in my early days of NH masonry.

"Illustrious Brother Elliot your leadership and speaking abilities have always been something I have tried to emulate. When I came to you several years ago with a very difficult decision for me to make, you provided much needed guidance and understanding. I thank you for always being in my corner! There are

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many more friends and brothers in the Scottish Rite who have guided me on my masonic journey, too numerous to mention here but thank you all from the bottom of my heart and soul.

"I will lastly leave you with a quote from a guy named William Shakespeare from his play Romeo and Juliet, "Parting is such sweet sorrow..." My decision to leave New Hampshire was incredibly difficult for me to accept but incredibly easy for me to make. How can this be you ask? Very simply, my daughter is the light of my life and as such I would move to ends of the earth for her. But, leaving here, leaving my friends and brothers I have gotten to know over these last 10 years is very difficult. I will miss you all. I do wish you all the best of fortune in the future and if you are ever in Tennessee, please look me up!

"Thank you for all of the courtesies extended to me and the other guests, it is very appreciated! Have a great rest of your day!"

REMARKS OF THE VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GR. COMMANDER

H. Stephen Wood, 32°, V.:E.: Deputy Grand Commander, representing Paul C. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T. of the State of New Hampshire

"Illustrious, Most Worshipful, distinguished head table, and all of the distinguished guests and ladies who are with us here today, I bring the warm fraternal greetings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Hampshire, and the greetings of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Paul C. Smith, as well as my own.

"It's wonderful to be able to come out here to western New Hampshire—almost into Vermont. It was a good ride this morning. My wife and I certainly enjoyed the ride.

"I, too, would like to thank the ladies for all the support you give us , so we can participate in all the activities we do. You

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help us to do those things, and to do them correctly. I especially thank my wife who has been supportive of me.

I look out and see the faces of so many friends and people I know. It's amazing how we've come from areas, all over New Hampshire and elsewhere, to be here today. Why do we do it? It's not for ourselves or for our aggrandizement. It's because of the Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights that we work with to make men better. That's what we're here for. How do we do that? What makes a good Mason? A good Brother? A good Knight? It is virtue. A virtuous man is good. We do this because we want to make good men better.

How do we do that? We do that through our Rites with our degrees and orders. They give us an opportunity to show these virtues that are brought to life through these degrees.

I thank you for the opportunity to come up on behalf of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, and I look forward to seeing you all at our next events.

CLOSING REMARKS

Following these remarks, the Commander-in-Chief made one quick remark. "New Hampshire in the Revolutionary War", was written by Bruce Heald, PhD. Bruce was a member, I believe, in Laconia. He was a member of the Valley of Concord. And in this book, there is a small paragraph about the fort. I don't know where it was bought, but it's available, and was written by a now deceased Brother."

The Commander-in-Chief asked, "Do I hear a motion to accept reports as submitted and print them in the proceedings of this Council of Deliberation?" The motion was made, duly seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

The Commander-in-Chief then said, "Brethren, I am about to ask for closing remarks by our Active Emeritus Member and Active Member of Supreme Council. Before I do, is there any other business to come before this Council? There being none, the Commander-in-Chief called upon our Active Emeritus to offer any comments he had.

REMARKS OF THE ACTIVE EMERITUS

Illustrious Robert E. Hansen, 33° Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council and recipient of the Supreme Council Medal of Honor

"Illustrious Deputy, It's a pleasure to be here today, and what a great idea to come here to the fort. I look forward to spending a little time here. What a great idea. It was a good meeting this morning. I look forward to the presentations of scholarships to the young people. It is always a great thing for us to do.

"Also, congratulations to those who have received the MSA, being recognized for the work that they do. Thank you."

Following his remarks, the Commander-in-Chief called upon the Active for any comments he might have.

REMARKS OF THE ACTIVE

Illustrious Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Treasurer General of Supreme Council

"Commander-in-Chief, I thank you for the opportunity. It's been indeed a splendid morning here, and I thank you all for coming, joining, and sharing with the activities that have gone on here today, especially for those that are about to happen shortly.

"I thank each and every one of the presiding officers, and those that are here representing each of the Valleys throughout the State of New Hampshire. We appreciate all the hard work that you are doing. We want to thank the appendant bodies for coming and sharing their greetings here with us today, and we look forward to continuing to work with each of those appendant bodies.

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“Most of all, Commander-in-Chief, I’d like to thank you for your commitment to our organization; your representation on our Supreme Council; what you bring to Scottish Rite; and the things that you share. For not only your commitment and dedication, but also for that of your partner-in-life, Karla, we thank you for what you do for Scottish Rite here in New Hampshire, and across the fifteen-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is greatly appreciated.

“And finally, I’d share one quick thought with all of you here today. Those of you that sit on the sidelines right now may, or may not, be familiar with what Masonry is all about. It simply boils down to this. We are a group of men that are searching for our ideal self. We search for perfection. We search to live our lives without flaw. That makes us no different than you, as youths here today, those of you who are receiving scholarships; those who represent our youth organizations. It makes us no different than you, because each and every day as we go through life, we search for that same thing. I’m sure that you do that as you continue your education, continue your mentoring process, continue improving yourself, your leadership skills. You, as well, are searching for your ideal self.

“In Masonry, we have found a way that works for us to do that, and in life, for each of you here today as youth and young people, you will find different means and methods to do that very same thing. We commend you on all of your achievements; those that are going to be recognized here in a very short period of time. We congratulate you and wish you the very best as you move toward those goals and work toward perfection in your lives.

“Commander-in-Chief, thank you for this opportunity.”

Following his remarks, the Commander-in-Chief called on the First Lieutenant Commander to escort the Grand Master to the East, and said, “Brethren, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of NH, Illustrious Brother John E. Lobdell, 33°.”

GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Worshipful and Illustrious John E Lobdell, 33°, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire

Now a lot of you, when you first came into the room, probably automatically assumed that this book at the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief's station was his agenda. No, this book is my speech. I am kidding, of course.

Illustrious, thank you very much for the opportunity to speak here today. Brethren, friends, family, it is my honor to be here today, and to bring you the warm fraternal greetings of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge—OUR Most Worshipful Grand Lodge—and of course my own personal greetings, as well of the greetings of my lovely bride.

Now there are a couple of things I want to talk about today, without going on too long. One of my first trips as Grand Master, I was able to go to the Grand Lodge of Quebec in Montreal, and I was asked to respond for the dignitaries. It's quite an honor for your very first time, and from what I understand, it's more of a challenge to see how well you are going to perform. Think about that. Quebec. Montreal. I don't speak French.

But I was able to, through our fraternity, because a lot of what they do is in both languages, The subject I brought up is part of our ritual for Installations, the Charge to the Brethren. It says, "some must of necessity rule and teach", while "others must learn to submit and obey."

We talked earlier, Illustrious, about smaller numbers. The brethren in this room, you are the rulers. You are the ones that need to teach. And, we are the ones that need to work harder, each and every day, just because of those smaller numbers. But that does not mean our beloved fraternity is going to suffer. "Humility in both is an essential duty." That means we cannot be afraid, every day, to also learn. To learn from our friends, from our families, our co-workers, the people we come in touch with. It is a powerful statement. This was part of my response in Quebec.

The other is that when I started my Masonic career (the other night I was received in my Home Lodge for the first time as Grand Master). It was a unique and special moment. Not because of

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who I was. But because of what happened. It was very powerful.

Back when I first started my Masonic career, we had a young boy in the Wolfeboro area who was being treated for cancer—leukemia. It was incredible. So we raised money. We raised money to help the family to pay deductibles. We got assistance from our Grand Lodge to help do that.

Well, this young man was at the Lodge the other night, at 21 years old. And it was so powerful, because the Lodge had so affected his life, and of his family, to the point that he wanted to give back. And he did. He gave the Lodge a personal check for \$6,800. Now how powerful is that? That's what we do. If that does not pull at your heartstrings, and make you realize the power that we—and I do mean we—have on people's lives. Each and every one of our appendant and concordant bodies, all the way down to the youth, the Rainbow girls and DeMolay boys. There's nothing more gratifying than that. My heart was so touched by that. I was very, very impressed that he felt he just had to do that. He was financially able to do it, and he wanted to do it.

We make differences in people's lives that we don't even know we've touched. That's why we need to continue, and reinvigorate ourselves in everything we do. Part of the success of our fraternity, and part of the success of your life, will be doing whatever you do with a smile on your face, and bringing energy into the room.

We heard about the light coming through the windows. Light represents energy. If we don't go forth with a positive and powerful energy, we cannot influence anyone else to live their life, and be excited about the path they're taking. Whatever that path may be, be excited. Do it with a smile on your face, greet everyone with a smile, and the rewards are amazing.

I used in my opening statement, "friends and family". I consider each and every one of you, even those I haven't yet met, part of my family. For being here today, to be a part of these great organizations, even as a recipient, we hope we have touched you enough through what we do, that you will pay it forward someday.

My last comment I would like to make here today is from our

Grand Lodge mentor program. The program is a bit outdated, but there's a statement in that program that I have adopted and promise to live by each day. That comment is "what you are tomorrow, depends on what Masonry is today."

CLOSING

The Commander-in-Chief then called upon Illustrious Brother Brian J. Smith, 33°, Acting Prior, to give a closing pray and a blessing for the luncheon.

Benediction

"Grant us Thy blessing and Thy benediction, O God our Father, as we close our labors. What we have done amiss, and not pleasant in thy sight, grant us mercy and set our paths true. What we have done in harmony with Thy will and purpose, bless us and prosper us. We are in Thy hands and our hearts are at peace.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it."

"Amen"

Grace

"And as a grace, from the words of Robert Burns,

"Some have meat, what cannot eat,
And some would eat that want it,
But we have meat, and we can eat.
And so the Lord be thanked."

"Amen"

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Following the blessing, the Commander-in-Chief said, "Brother Master of Ceremonies please close the lights."

There being no further business, the Council was closed in due form.

A true record,

Attest: 

Robert M. Porter, 33°
Secretary

Following the Convocation, the Scholarship Committee presented checks to scholarship recipients.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

The Commander-in-Chief asked Illustrious Brother Karl H. Bickford, III to come forward to begin the scholarship presentations, and then asked Illustrious William E. Larson, Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory to assist in presenting the Bryant Scholarships. He also announced that he'd received word that Lauren E. Peyser and her mother had trouble on the road, and would not be able to attend. Also unable to attend was Cynthia P. Sprince. Their presentations will be done later.

William E. Bryant Scholarship presentations were made to:

Devany A. Pitsas*
John M. Lemay, Jr
Adelle M. Pitsas
Rachel A. Putnam

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships were presented to:

Amanda L. Thomson
Corrine E. Pierce
Shane T. Wyman (accepted by his father)
Jocelynn C. Grabowski

Following the scholarship presentations, all partook of a succulent pig roast, put on by the Valley of Keene.

*Devaney A. Pitsas was recognized for receiving a William E. Bryant Scholarship, but as she is entering her Freshman year, no check was presented. It will be issued contingent upon her first semester grade point average.

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ATTENDANCE - JUNE 10, 2017

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree	24
Past Commanders-in-Chief (not previously counted)	0
Past Most Wise Masters of Rose Croix, Past Sovereign Princes of Jerusalem, Past Thrice Potent Masters of Perfection (not previously counted)	15
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted)	0
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted)	11
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted)	0
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted)	0
Committee Chairman (not previously counted)	0
Total in Attendance	50

Per the report of the Credentials Committee

Scottish Rite in New Hampshire

INITIATES IN LODGES OF PERFECTION

	<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
Concord	8	7	8	6
Keene	4	5	6	1
Lancaster-Littleton	3	0	5	0
Nashua	7	9	13	3
Portsmouth-Dover	5	9	10	4
Totals	27	30	42	14

MEMBERSHIP IN LODGES OF PERFECTION

	<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
Concord	420	401	364	318
Keene	161	138	136	126
Lancaster-Littleton	159	145	141	126
Nashua	457	401	397	369
Portsmouth-Dover	569	526	495	455
Totals	1,766	1,611	1,533	1,394

MEMBERSHIP IN COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

	<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
Concord	420	401	364	318
Keene	161	138	136	126
Lancaster-Littleton	158	145	141	126
Nashua	456	425	397	369
Portsmouth-Dover	<u>569</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>455</u>
Totals	1,764	1,635	1,533	1,394

MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX

	<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
Concord	424	404	367	321
Lancaster-Littleton	156	143	141	126
Nashua	600	558	528	490
Portsmouth-Dover	<u>565</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>455</u>
Totals	1,745	1,631	1,533	1,392

MEMBERSHIP IN CONSISTORY

	<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
Nashua	1,662	1,593	1,497	1,362

LIVING RECIPIENTS OF THE
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

<i>Name and Valley</i>	<i>Date award voted</i>
John Everett Bigelow, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 7, 1969
Robert Smith Gowitzke, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 5, 1976
Robert Warren Heald, 33°, Keene	June 3, 1978
David James Bailey, Jr., 33°, Keene	June 6, 1981
Louis Leroy Dow, Sr., 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 1984
William Herbert Prentiss, 33°, Nashua	June 1, 1985
Haven Hayward Hayes, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 7, 1986
John Monroe Walker, 32°, Concord	June 6, 1987
David Greely Thompson, 33°, Nashua	June 4, 1988
Mark Augustus Marden, 32°, Nashua	June 3, 1989
Eric Eneberg Anderson, 33°, Keene	June 3, 1989
Thomas James Desalvo, 33°, Concord	June 2, 1990
Richard Frank Doble, 33°, Keene	June 1, 1991
Nelson Kellogg Ward, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 6, 1992
Clement Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, Nashua	June 5, 1993
John Hayes Sanders, Jr., 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 3, 1995
Robert Daniel Coppo, 33°, Keene	June 1, 1996
David John Lamprey, Sr., 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 1, 1996
Roger Warren Gaskill, 33°, Nashua	June 7, 1997
Edward Norval Lewis, 33°, Concord	June 7, 1997
Aldine Jack Tillotson, 33°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 7, 1997
Richard Edson Melvin, 33°, Concord	June 6, 1998
Sumner Goldman, 33°, Concord	June 5, 1999
Roland Frederic Young, Jr., 33°, Nashua	June 5, 1999
Martin Wendell Curtis, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 3, 2000
George Dixon Van Dyke, 33°, Nashua	June 3, 2000
Russell Sheldon Bell, 32°, Concord	June 2, 2001
Mervyn Charles Frink, 32°, Keene	June 2, 2001
John Garnet Senter, 32°, Nashua	June 2, 2001
Robert Wayne Lawrie, 33°, Concord	June 1, 2002
Ronald Edgar Metcalf, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 1, 2002
Richard Bruce Chevalier, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 7, 2003
Leonard Dominique Lavoie, 32°, Nashua	June 5, 2004

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<i>Name and Valley</i>	<i>Date award voted</i>
Walter William Lovell, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 5, 2004
Dennis Allan Sheridan, 33°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 5, 2004
Treffley Ernie Sage, 33°, Nashua	June 4, 2005
Robert Campbell Lethbridge, 33°, Concord	June 4, 2005
Wayne Irvin Elliot, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 3, 2006
David Edward Lewis, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 3, 2006
Panos Alexander Pitsas, 33°, Keene	June 3, 2006
Roger Joseph Pellerin, 33°, Nashua	June 2, 2007
Mark Adrian Weir, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2007
Stephen Karl Bahsler, 33°, Nashua	June 7, 2008
Ronald Freddy Scovil, 32°, Concord	June 7, 2008
Donald Ralph Willoughby, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 7, 2008
Karl Hudson Bickford, III, 33°, Nashua	June 5, 2010
Gary Edward Roy, 33°, Concord	June 5, 2010
James Edward Ryan, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 5, 2010
Verne Sawyer Anderson, Jr., 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 4, 2011
Roger Alfred Becker, 33°, Concord	June 4, 2011
Dennis Webster, 33°, Nashua	June 4, 2011
Jerome Joseph Weinrieb, 32°, Keene	June 4, 2011
Ernest Wayne Fauteux, 32°, Keene	June 2, 2012
Thomas Gardner LaBerge, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2012
James Martin Triacca, 32°, Concord	June 2, 2012
Matthew Charles Bartlett, 32°, Concord	June 1, 2013
Ralph Raymond Currier Jr., 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 1, 2013
Charles Jarvis Lewis, Jr., 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 1, 2013
Jeffrey Lloyd Brown, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 7, 2014
David Scott Collins, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 7, 2014
Kenneth Edgar Davis, Jr., 32°, Concord	June 7, 2014
James Wendell Greene, 32°, Nashua	June 7, 2014
William Warren Arvidson, 32°, Nashua	June 6, 2015
John Michael Bys, 32°, Keene	June 6, 2015
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Allan Edward Mayranen, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 4, 2016
Michael Francis Ripberger, 32°, Concord	June 4, 2016
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Activities and Testimonials

- Hosts the annual Testimonial for new 33rd Honorary Members of Supreme Council and Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award including the selection of the facility, caterer, social hour; sell tickets and collect money from sales of tickets; flower arrangements and/or center pieces; and provide for a Master of Ceremonies
 - o The event will include a social/cocktail hour before dinner
 - o Dinner
 - o Ceremony to present the MSA to recipients elected by the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation at its Annual Meeting
 - o Introduction of new Thirty-third Honorary Members of Supreme Council
 - o Presentation of 33rd jewels
 - o Brief comments by new 33rds
- Consults with the Deputy about special requests or arrangements
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Thomas S. Lowe

Member: Jeffrey L. Brown

Member: William E. Larson

Member: Robert C. Lethbridge

Constitutions and Laws

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Reviews the Constitution of NH Council of Deliberation to determine the need for any Amendments.
- Introduces amendment(s) as may be required
- Interprets the NH Council of Deliberation Constitution as it applies to AASR in NH
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Roger W. Gaskill

Member: Eric E. Anderson

Member: Jeffrey M. Brown

Member: John A. Loven

Member: Michael F. Ripberger

Credentials

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Registers Council of Deliberation attendees at the annual meeting and workshop
 - Valley Officers
 - 33rds
 - MSAs
 - Officers of NH Council of Deliberation
 - Past Presiding Officers
- Reports the number of attendees at the annual meeting in categories of eligibility
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Jeffrey L. Brown

Member: Jeffrey M. Brown

Member: C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

Member: Robert M. Porter

Member: James M. Triacca

Education and Leadership Development

- Provides educational opportunities for the members of the NH Council of Deliberation
- Provides leadership development opportunities for the members of the NH Council of Deliberation
- Consults with the Commander-in-Chief (Deputy for NH) to develop and promote appropriate opportunities consistent with the programs and objects of Supreme Council
- Participates in the annual Council of Deliberation workshop
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Gary E. Roy

Member: Larry D. Gullett

Member: William E. Larson

Member: James S. O'Donnell

Member: Dennis A. Sheridan

Finance

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Prepares the budget of NH Council of Deliberation
- Examines expenses of the Council of Deliberation of past years
- Anticipates expenses of the upcoming fiscal year
- Consults with the Commander-in-Chief (Deputy for NH) regarding any planned expenses within the next year or 3 to 5 years
- Considers membership trends and impact on New Hampshire Council of Deliberation functions
- Considers economic conditions and impact on NH Council of Deliberation

- Calculates the per member cost to Valleys to support NH Council of Deliberation
- Audits the books of the NH Council of Deliberation Treasurer
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Joseph J. H. Beaumont

Member: Ronald N. Crane

Member: Larry D. Gullett

Member: Robert A. LaBelle

Member: Walter W. Lovell

Member: Keith A. Mansfield

Member: James M. Triacca

Media and Publicity

- Establishes and promotes the efficient use of appropriate electronic media directed to public and fraternal audiences.
 - o Develops standards for content management
 - o Maintains content to insure current and accurate information
- Develops and/or distributes other communications such as press releases as may be required, for example, election of 33rd, MSA, Scholarship recipients.
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Robert M. Porter

Member: Jeffrey M. Brown

Member: Edward N. Lewis

Member: Nicholas C. Martel

Member: Dennis A. Sheridan

Membership Development

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Develops and Promotes membership programs
- Growth
- Retention
- Suggests Membership Education programs
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Richard J. Thompson

Member: Karl H. Bickford, III

Member: Ronald N. Crane

Member: William E. Larson

Member: Alan D. Lugg

Member: Roger F. Retzke

Meritorious Service

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Communicates with Valley Presiding Officers and New Hampshire Consistory Commander-in-Chief to obtain recommendations for the Meritorious Service Award (MSA)
- Describes the MSA itself, its purpose, and qualifications for Presiding Officers and Commander-in-Chief to use in their consideration of Valley members
- States clearly that those members who have received the 33rd degree are not eligible for nomination for the MSA
- Establishes a deadline for recommendation submittal
- Reviews all recommendations
- Nominates not more than three (3) of those recommended to NH Council of Deliberation for election.
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Richard W. Elliot
Member: Stewart L. Aronson
Member: Ronald N. Crane
Member: Ernest W. Fauteux
Member: Roger W. Gaskill
Member: Gary E. Roy
Member: Dennis Webster

Necrology

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Records the deaths of all New Hampshire Council of Deliberation members
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Robert M. Porter
Member: Jeffrey M. Brown
Member: Edward N. Lewis
Member: Nicholas C. Martel
Member: Dennis A. Sheridan

Nomination

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Considers members of the NH Council of Deliberation for office in NH COD
- Consults with the Commander-in-Chief (Deputy for NH) regarding nominations
- Nominates officers of NH Council of Deliberation
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Richard F. Doble
Member: Mark D. Ciarametaro
Member: Ralph R. Currier, Jr.
Member: David E. Lewis
Member: Donald L. Mendzela

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Scholarship

- Promotes the Abbott Scholarships of the Supreme Council
- Promotes the William E. Bryant Scholarship sponsored by New Hampshire Consistory
- Receives scholarship applications and reviews according to established guidelines
- Scores/rates applications and awards scholarship
- Obtains matching scholarship awards from NH Consistory
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Karl H. Bickford, III

Member: Sumner Goldman

Member: Walter W. Lovell

Member: Panos A. Pitsas

Member: Douglas L. Robertson, Sr.

Supreme Council Charities

- Promotes the charities of the Supreme Council
 - Almoner's Fund
 - Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library
 - Abbott Scholarships
- Promotes the "Blue Envelope" Appeal available at every opportunity
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings. The report should include the:
 - Number of NH Scottish Rite Masons contributing
 - Total amount contributed

Chairman: Peter D. Crouch

Member: John M. Bys

Member: Timothy D. LaPointe

Member: Roland N. Petersen

Member: Marcus A. Weir

Youth

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Provide positive support for DeMolay for Boys and Rainbow for Girls
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: Brian J. Smith

Member: Jerome T. Becker

Member: Jeffrey L. Brown

Member: C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

Member: Karl R. Olson

Member: David A. Rich

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