

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



ANCIENT ACCEPTED  
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Concord, New Hampshire

2018



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

95<sup>th</sup> CONVOCATION HELD AT  
Concord, NH, JUNE 2, 2018



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# Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

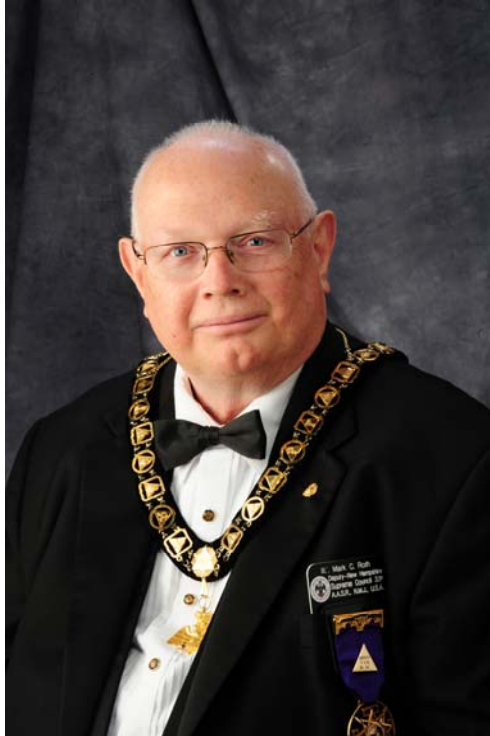
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Ill.: David A. Glattly, 33°  
Elected August 26, 2017  
Sovereign Grand Commander

# Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Ill.: Mark C. Roth, 33°  
Deputy for New Hampshire

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Ill.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°  
Active Member  
Past Deputy and  
Grand Treasurer General



Ill.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°  
Active Emeritus Member  
Past Deputy and Holder of  
Supreme Council Medal of Honor

## New Hampshire Deputy's Representatives



III.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°  
Valley of Concord



III.: William E. Larson, 33°  
Valley of Keene



III.: Ronald N Crane, 33°  
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton



III.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.  
Valley of Nashua

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**SUPREME COUNCIL**  
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NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
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NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
**OFFICERS 2016 – 2019**

- III.: Mark C. Roth, 33° ..... Commander-in-Chief (Ex-Officio)  
III.: Philip L. Hall, 33° ..... Commander-in-Chief, Emeritus  
III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33° ..... Commander-in-Chief, Emeritus  
III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33° ..... First Lieutenant Commander  
III.: Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A. .... Second Lieutenant Commander  
III.: Robert W. Heald, 33°, M.S.A. .... Minister of State  
III.: Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33° ..... Chancellor  
III.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33° ..... Prior  
Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A. .... Treasurer  
III.: Robert M. Porter, 33° ..... Secretary  
III.: Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A. .... Secretary, Emeritus  
III.: John F. Gordon, 33° ..... Master of Ceremonies  
Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A. .... Hospitaler  
III.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A. .... Seneschal  
III.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A. .... Standard Bearer  
III.: Robert G. Bianchi, 33° ..... Captain of the Guard  
III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33° ..... Sentinel  
III.: Robert D. Coppo, 33°, M.S.A. .... Organist

**ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

**State of New Hampshire**

- |   | <i>Valley of</i>   | <i>Received 33°</i> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| III.: Mark Clayton Roth, 33°<br>(Active Member: August 30, 2005; Deputy: August 20, 2013)   | Concord            | Sept. 29, 1998      |
| III.: Richard Wayne Elliot, 33°<br>(Active Member: September 21, 2003 and August 20, 2013; Deputy: August 30, 2005; Grand Treasurer General: August 30, 2011 - Current; Grand Marshal General: August 25, 2009 – August 30, 2011) | Portsmouth - Dover | Sept. 26, 2000      |
| III.: Robert Edward Hansen, 33°<br>(Active Member: September 1, 1993; Deputy: September 28, 1999; Active Emeritus Member: August 30, 2005)  | Concord            | Sept. 28, 1983      |

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## HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°

	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
III.: Davis Peabody Thurber, 33°	Nashua	Sept. 27, 1972
III.: Roger Warren Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Sept. 26, 1973
III.: George Dixon Van Dyke, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Sept. 28, 1977
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
III.: John Fitz Gordon, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 30, 1987
III.: Louis Leroy Dow, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 25, 1990
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.: 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, Jr., 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°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Alan Douglas Lugg, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Nicholas Corey Martel, 33°	Keene	Aug. 28, 2012

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III.: Joseph Jacques Hubert Beaumont, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Roger Alfred Becker, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: William Edward Larson, 33°	Keene	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: John Everett Lobdell, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: Robert Macdonald Porter, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 20, 2013
III.: Jeffrey Lloyd Brown, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Wayne Irvin Elliot, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Larry David Gullett, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Dennis Webster, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Wendell Lear Woodward, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Aug. 25, 2015
III.: Russell Sheldon Bell, 33°	Concord	Aug. 29, 2017
III.: David Scott Collins, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Aug. 29, 2017
III.: Donald Leopold Mendzela, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 29, 2017

### HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33° In New Hampshire from other states in the Northern Jurisdiction

	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
III.: Allan M. Zecchini, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2005

### HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°

	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
III.: Andrew F. Hirst, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Oct. 5, 2007

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### Past Officers in New Hampshire

#### PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSISTORY

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| III.: George D. Van Dyke, 33°, M.S.A. | III.: John F. Gordon, 33°              |
| III.: John C. Marden, 33°             | III.: G. Kendall Bemis, Jr., 33°       |
| III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°           | III.: Robert G. Bianchi, 33°           |
| III.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A.   | III.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Eric E. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.   | III.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°        |
| III.: Lennox B. Henderson, II, 33°    | III.: Brian J. Smith, 33°              |
| III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°          |  |

#### PAST MOST WISE MASTERS OF ST. GEORGE CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF NASHUA

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| III.: Davis P. Thurber, 33°              | Bro. Donald L. Mendzela, 32°          |
| III.: George D. Van Dyke, 33°, M.S.A.    | III.: Stephen K. Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Eric E. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.      | III.: Brian J. Smith, 33°             |
| III.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A. | III.: Robert G. Bianchi, 33°          |
| III.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.   | Bro. Jerome T. Becker, 32°, M.S.A.    |
| III.: Thomas S. Lowe, 33°                |                                       |

#### PAST MOST WISE MASTERS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF PORTSMOUTH-DOVER

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| III.: Ronald E. Metcalf, 33°, M.S.A.     | Bro. Richard W. Ingram, 32°   |
| III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°             | Bro. Peter N. Vatisias, 32°   |
| III.: John F. Gordon, 33°                | III.: Roger F. Retzke, 33°    |
| III.: Roger M. Clark, 33°                | III.: Ronald J. Brown, 33°    |
| III.: David J. Lamprey, Sr., 33°, M.S.A. | III.: Stewart L. Aronson, 33° |
| III.: Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°              | III.: John E. Lobdell, 33°    |
| Bro. James E. Ryan, 32°, M.S.A.          | Bro. Jonathan A. Austin, 32°  |

#### PAST MOST WISE MASTERS OF ACACIA CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF CONCORD

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|---|---|
| III.: Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A. | Bro. Robert S. Hansen, 32°              |
| III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°             | III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.          |
| III.: Floyd T. Smith, 33°               | III.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°                 |
| III.: Thomas J. Desalvo, 33°, M.S.A.    | Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.      |
| Bro. Russell S. Bell, 33°, M.S.A.       | Bro. Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., 32°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Mark C. Roth, 33°                 | Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 32°            |
| Bro. Gerald C. McHugh, Sr., 32°         | Bro. Allen S. Wright, 32°               |
| III.: Brent W. Washburn, 33°            |   |

#### PAST MOST WISE MASTERS OF LITTLETON CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| III.: George E. McAvoy, 33°           | Bro. Dale R. Cormier, 32°          |
| III.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A. | III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°         |
| III.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°         | Bro. David S. Collins, 32°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Robert D. Steel, 33°            | Bro. John A. Loven, 32°            |

PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCES OF  
JOHN CHRISTIE COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM OF PORTSMOUTH-DOVER

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|--|---|
| III.: John F. Gordon, 33°                | III.: Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.     |
| III.: David J. Lamprey, Sr., 33°, M.S.A. | Bro. Richard H. Dewing, 32°             |
| Bro. Paul G. Brown, 32°                  | Bro. Paul S. Cuetara, 32°               |
| Bro. Richard W. Ingram, 32°              | Bro. Ralph R. Currier, Jr., 32°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Ronald J. Brown, 33°               | Bro. Paul M. Kelley, 32°                |
| Bro. William H. Thomas, II, 32°          | Bro. Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°              |
| III.: Roger M. Clark, 33°                |   |

PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCES OF  
ORIENTAL COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM OF NASHUA

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| III.: Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A.      | III.: Larry D. Gullett, 33°           |
| Bro. Herbert H. Hutchinson, 32°          | Bro. Guy R. Martineau, 32°            |
| III.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A. | III.: Robert M. Porter, 33°           |
| Bro. Donald L. Mendzela, 32°             | Bro. William W. Arvidson, 32°, M.S.A. |
| Bro. Thomas E. Brison, 32°               | III.: Dennis Webster, 33°, M.S.A.     |
| III.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.   | Bro. David W. Smith, 32°              |
| III.: Stephen K. Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.    |                                       |

PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCES OF  
ARIAL COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM OF CONCORD

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| III.: Floyd T. Smith, 33°            | Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.      |
| III.: Thomas J. Desalvo, 33°, M.S.A. | III.: Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Robert W. Lawrie, 33°, M.S.A.  | III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.          |
| III.: Sumner Goldman, 33°, M.S.A.    | Bro. Michael F. Ripberger, 32°, M.S.A.  |
| Bro. Arnold B. Dunn, Jr., 32°        | Bro. Karl R. Olson, 32°                 |
| Bro. Allen S. Wright, 32°            |   |

PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCES OF  
WASHINGTON COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| III.: George E. McAvoy, 33°           | III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°       |
| III.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°         | Bro. David E. Lewis, 32°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A. | Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°       |
| III.: Robert D. Steel, 33°            | Bro. Timothy D. LaPointe, 32°    |

PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCES OF  
KEENE COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM OF KEENE

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|---|----------------------------------|
| III.: David J. Bailey, Jr., 33°, M.S.A. | III.: Nicholas C. Martel, 33°    |
| III.: Robert W. Heald, 33°, M.S.A.      | III.: G. Kendall Bemis, Jr., 33° |
| III.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A.     | Bro. David Kinson, 32°           |
| III.: Herbert J. Howard, 33°            | III.: William E. Larson, 33°     |
| III.: Eric E. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.     | Bro. Thomas L. Rittenhouse, 32°  |
| Bro. Mark F. Busch, 32°                 | Bro. Roger E. Martin, 32°        |
| Bro. John M. Bys, 32°, M.S.A.           |                                  |

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## PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS INEFFABLE LODGE OF PERFECTION OF PORTSMOUTH-DONVER

III.: John F. Gordon, 33°	Bro. Donald R. Willoughby, 32°, M.S.A.
Bro. John H. Sanders, Jr., 32°	Bro. Mark A. Patschke, 32°
III.: Lennox B. Henderson, II, 33°	Bro. Joseph L. Kenick, Jr., 32°
III.: Roger M. Clark, 33°	III.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.
Bro. A. Richard Marple, 32°	Bro. Paul G. Brown, 32°
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.	

## PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS AARON P. HUGHES LODGE OF PERFECTION OF NASHUA

Bro. Willard R. Lemaire, 32°	III.: Robert G. Bianchi, 33°
Bro. Frederick Duncan, 32°	Bro. Robert S. Bean, III, 32°
III.: Stephen K. Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: Joseph J.H. Beaumont, 33°
III.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. John W. Jackson, 32°
Bro. Gerald L. Valcourt, Jr., 32°	Bro. Richard J. Thompson, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Brian J. Smith, 33°	Bro. Pascal H. Corbinand, 32°

## PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS ALPHA LODGE OF PERFECTION OF CONCORD

III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°	III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.
III.: Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°
III.: Mark C. Roth, 33°	Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Brent W. Washburn, 33°	Bro. Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Thomas J. Desalvo, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 32°
Bro. Russell S. Bell, 32°, M.S.A.	Bro. Allen S. Wright, 32°
Bro. Robert S. Hansen, 32°	

## PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS NORTH STAR LODGE OF PERFECTION OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

Bro. Donald F. Dimick, 32°	III.: Robert D. Steel, 33°
III.: Aldine J. Tillotson, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. David E. Lewis, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°
III.: George E. McAvoy, 33°	Bro. David S. Collins, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°	Bro. David A. Rich, 32°

## PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS KEENE LODGE OF PERFECTION OF KEENE

III.: Robert W. Heald, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. Jeffrey M. Lessels, 32°
III.: David J. Bailey, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. John F. Bemis, 32°
III.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: William E. Larson, 33°
III.: Herbert J. Howard, 33°	III.: Nicholas C. Martel, 33°
III.: Eric E. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. John M. Bys, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Philip H. White, 33°	
III.: Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.	
III.: G. Kendall Bemis, Jr., 33°	

## PRESIDING OFFICERS

### New Hampshire Consistory, S.:P.:R.:S.: 32°, Nashua

Ill.: William E. Larson, 33°, Commander-in-Chief	Swanzey
Ill.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A., First Lieutenant Commander	Hooksett
Ill.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A., Second Lieutenant Commander	Boscawen

### St. George Chapter of Rose Croix, Nashua

Ill.: Robert M. Porter, 33°, Most Wise Master	Nashua
Bro. Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, Senior Warden	Pelham
Bro. David W. Smith, 32°, Junior Warden	Weare

### New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix, Portsmouth-Dover

Bro. Jonathan A. Austin, 32°, Most Wise Master	Berwick, ME
Bro. Peter Zavas, 32°, Senior Warden	Ossipee
Vacant, Junior Warden	

### Acacia Chapter of Rose Croix, Concord

Bro. Donald W. Milbrand Jr., 32°, Most Wise Master	Bristol
Bro. Paul M. Little, 32°, Senior Warden	Bradford
Bro. Larry A. Sprague, 32°, Junior Warden	Woodstock, VT

### Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix, Littleton

Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°, Most Wise Master	Bethlehem
Bro. Timothy D. LaPointe, 32°, Senior Warden	Berlin
Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, Junior Warden	Gorham

### John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Portsmouth-Dover

Ill.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A., Sovereign Prince	Hooksett
Bro. John Bartoszak, High Priest	Rochester
Vacant, Senior Warden	

### Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Nashua

Bro. Jerome T. Becker, 32°, M.S.A., Sovereign Prince	Candia
Bro. Paul G. Bielawski, 32°, High Priest	Hudson
Bro. Michael J. Tebbetts, 32°, Senior Warden	Nashua

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### Ariel Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Concord

Ill.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°, Sovereign Prince	Epsom
Bro. George A. Robertson, 32°, High Priest	New London
Vacant, Senior Warden	

### Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Littleton

Bro. David A. Rich, 32°, Sovereign Prince	Berlin
Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, High Priest	Gorham
Bro. David S. Collins, 32°, Senior Warden	Concord

### Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Keene

Bro. Fred W. Yates, 32°, Sovereign Prince	Westminster, VT
Bro. David P Galluccio, 32°, High Priest	Keene
Bro. Michael D. Huse, 32°, Senior Warden	Claremont

### Ineffable Lodge of Perfection, Portsmouth

Bro. Kaleb R. Brown, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Seabrook
Vacant, Deputy Master	
Vacant, Senior Warden	

### Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection, Nashua

Bro. Roland N. Petersen, 32°, M.S.A., Thrice Potent Master	Nashua
Bro. Adam J. Freiband, 32°, Deputy Master	Nashua
Bro. William S. Horn, 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. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°, Deputy Master	Bethlehem
Bro. Timothy D. LaPointe, 32°, Senior Warden	Berlin

### 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-FIFTH CONVOCATION of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Rd, Concord, New Hampshire, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018  
at 9:30 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 Prior, Ill.: Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 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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Following the Opening, the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

after which the Commander-in-Chief asked for any reports of sickness or distress. The following brethren were brought to the attention of those present:

Ill.: Bro. Joseph J.H. Beaumont, 33°, was at a Westford, MA nursing home after his last hospital visit. This follows nearly six months of hospitalization and rehab.

Bro. William W. Arvidson, 32°, M.S.A. had complications from knee surgery.

Bro. Charles Jarvis Lewis, Jr., 32°, M.S.A. has been hospitalized and is in serious condition.

Ill.: Bro. Robert D. Coppo, 33°, M.S.A. is in Florida as his wife, Marilyn, is going through treatment there.

Bro. Richard B. Chevalier, M.S.A., is now in a nursing home, possibly permanently.

Bro. Shawn A. Cooney has recently received a serious health diagnosis.

### MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDEES

The Deputy then called upon the Secretary for his report of the membership.

The Secretary reported that the following was the current breakdown of members eligible to vote at the Convocation:

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP - JUNE 2, 2018

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree .....	70
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) .....	56
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted) .....	15
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	16
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	2
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	0
Committee Chairman (not previously counted) .....	1
Total Membership .....	160

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The Deputy then asked the Credentials Committee for their report. The Committee reported that a quorum was present to conduct business. There were present:

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief:*

“Your Committee on Credentials presents the following report:

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree .....	37
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) .....	12
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted) .....	3
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	6
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	0
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	0
Committee Chairman (not previously counted) .....	1
Total Membership Present .....	59

## BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

### 2018 Attendance

Verne S Anderson Jr., 32°, MSA  
Jonathan A Austin, 32°  
Jerome T Becker, 32°, MSA  
Roger A Becker, 33°, MSA  
Russell S Bell, 33°, MSA  
Karl H Bickford III, 33°, MSA  
Mark H Blodgett, 32°  
Scott R Borthwick, 32°  
Jeffrey L Brown, 33°, MSA  
Jeffrey M Brown, 32°  
Kaleb R Brown, 32°  
Ronald J Brown, 33°  
David Scott Collins, 33°, MSA  
Ronald N Crane, 33°  
Peter D Crouch, 32°  
Martin W Curtis, 32°, MSA  
Richard F Doble, 33°, MSA  
Louis L Dow Sr., 33°, MSA  
Wendell C Durling, 32°  
Richard W Elliot, 33°  
Wayne I Elliot, 33°, MSA  
Larry Gaskell, 32°  
Roger W Gaskill, 33°, MSA  
Sumner Goldman, 33°, MSA  
John F Gordon, 33°  
Larry D Gullett, 33°  
Robert E Hansen, 33°  
Robert W Heald, 33°, MSA  
Herbert J Howard, 33°  
William E Larson, 33°  
Robert C Lethbridge, 33°, MSA  
Edward N Lewis, 33°, MSA  
C Wayne Libby Jr., 33°, MSA  
Paul M Little, 32°  
Alan D Lugg, 33°

A Richard Marple, 32°  
Nicholas C Martel, 33°  
Richard E Melvin, 33°, MSA  
Donald L Mendzela, 33°  
Ronald E Metcalf, 33°, MSA  
James S O'Donnell, 32°  
Troy A Patoine, 32°  
Roland N Petersen, 32°, MSA  
Panos A Pitsas, 33°, MSA  
Robert M Porter, 33°  
Roger F Retzke, 33°  
David A Rich, 32°  
Michael F Ripberger, 32°, MSA  
Thomas L Rittenhouse, 32°  
George A Robertson, 32°  
Mark C Roth, 33°  
Gary E Roy, 33°, MSA  
Treffley E Sage, 33°, MSA  
Jeremy J Sawyer, 33°  
Brian J Smith, 33°  
David W Smith, 32°  
Larry A Sprague, 32°  
Michael J Tebbetts, 32°  
Richard J Thompson, 32°, MSA  
James M Triacca, 32°, MSA  
Dennis Webster, 33°, MSA

### DIGNITARIES (in Scottish Rite)

Kenneth A Clay Jr., 33°  
*Grand Lodge, F&AM*  
Patrick J O'Sullivan, 32°, SMJ  
*Grand Chapter, RAM*  
*Grand Council, R&SM*  
H Stephen Wood, 32°  
*Grand Commandery, KT*

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### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

#### **DIGNITARIES** (not members of NH Scottish Rite)

Barbara E Gaskell	NH Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
Amanda J White	NH Grand Assembly, IORG
Joan L Smith	International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, NH

#### **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Lennon E Dobben-Annis	(with 2 guests)
Zachery M Elliot	(with 2 guests)
Madeline H Going	(with 1 guest)
Laura E Heussler	
Corinne E Pierce	(with 2 guests)
Devany A Pitsas	(with 1 guest)
Dina M Pitsas	(with 3 guests)
Mother of Hannah L Vincent	
Father of Shane T Wyman	(with 1 guest)

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.

## RECEPTION OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Commander-in-Chief asked the Master of Ceremonies to make one circumambulation of the Lodge Room to escort the Deputy Grand Master, as well as all Past Grand Masters of New Hampshire outside the Lodge Room for them to be received. He then called upon the First Lieutenant Commander to assist in the reception.

Accordingly, the Commander-in-Chief received the Grand Master's representative, Right Worshipful and Illustrious Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Mason of the State of New Hampshire, accompanied by:

M.:W.: and Ill.: Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°, PGM (2000, 2001)

M.:W.: and Ill.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, PGM (2009, 2010)

M.:W.: and Ill.: John F. Gordon, 33°, PGM (2015, 2016)

Commander-in-Chief Roth invited the Deputy Grand Master to speak, after which R.:W.: and Ill.: Brother Clay thanked the Commander-in-Chief saying he would hold his remarks until the end of the Convocation.

## 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 previously distributed or presented at 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.

## 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, 2018 census our projected Per Capita Income will drop by approximately \$1,014.00 this year, versus last year's actual. Even with this lower projection, the Treasurer showed a positive cash flow of over \$490.00, leaving us with a Cash on Hand position of \$19.9K. This, too, is in addition to the asset held at Edward Jones Financial Services which has a current value of \$17,305.47

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.

The following budget is proposed for the June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
For 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  
2018-2019 Budget

INCOME

Testimonial Income	\$ 4,000.00
Per Capita Income	<u>9,600.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$13,600.00</u>

EXPENSES

Testimonial Expense (meals and flowers)	\$ 4,000.00
Annual Convocation Meal	700.00
Workshop Meal	700.00
Donations, Fraternal	1,000.00
Children's Dyslexia Centers	1,000.00
Meritorious Service Awards	500.00
Printing, Postage and Supplies	1,000.00
Program & Training Expenses-COD & Workshop	4,200.00
Secretary Stipend	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,600.00</u>

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FY 2017-2018

FOR THE PERIOD June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Cash on hand June 1, 2017

TD Bank, Checking Account \$19,476.20

		Budgeted	Actual
INCOME	Testimonial	\$3,500.00	\$3,605.00
	Valley Dues	\$11,300.00	\$10,614.00
	Sale of Rep Jewel	\$0.00	\$37.00
	Interest Earned	\$400.00	\$0.00
	Sale of Stamps	\$0.00	\$392.00
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$15,200.00</u>	<u>\$14,648.00</u>

Sub-Total \$34,124.20

EXPENSES	Testimonial	\$5,100.00	\$3,603.55
	Annual Meal	\$700.00	\$761.54
	Workshop Meal	\$700.00	\$416.00
	Donations Youth	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00
	Children's Dyslexia Centers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	MSA	\$500.00	\$612.00
	Printing and Postage	\$1,000.00	\$684.29
	Program Expenses	\$4,700.00	\$0.00
	Secretary Stipend	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Edward Jones Acct.	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
	<u>Donations other than Youth</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$15,200.00</u>	<u>\$14,157.38</u>

Cash on hand on May 31, 2018

TB Bank Checking Account \$19,966.82

James M. Triacca, 32°, MSA, Treasurer

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

The Finance Committee

REPORT OF EDWARD JONES  
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

JUNE 1, 2017 through MAY 20, 2018

Account Balance June 1, 2017	\$11,348.72
Addition to Account	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Account Balance May 20, 2017	\$17,305.47
Account Growth	\$956.75

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Triacca, 32°, MSA,  
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALER

May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018

Account Balance May 1, 2017	\$5,213.92
Interest for the year	<u>\$2.61</u>
Total on Hand	<u><u>\$5,216.53</u></u>

Disbursements: None	
Balance May 1, 2018	<u><u>\$5,216.53</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Triacca, 32°, MSA,  
Hospitaler

## DONATIONS TO MASONIC YOUTH

### Commander-in-Chief's Motions

The Commander-in-Chief brought forward the following motions which were duly seconded. When voted upon, both motions were unanimously approved by the Brethren.

### New Hampshire Rainbow to Supreme Assembly in Virginia

Whereas 10 New Hampshire Rainbow Girls will be traveling to Hampton, VA for the Supreme Assembly 2018 and will compete in the Team Ritual Competition, *and*

Whereas costs for one girl will include registration, hotel accommodations, banquets, food, and transportation, *and*

Whereas the girls have been rehearsing ritual parts, saving funds, and sponsoring fundraisers, and

Whereas Joan L. Smith, Supreme Inspector in New Hampshire requested assistance from fraternal bodies in New Hampshire to make their dream come true...

Therefore, I move that New Hampshire Council of Deliberation contribute \$500 to New Hampshire Grand Assembly to support girls for the Supreme Assembly 2018, July 29 through August 1 in Hampton, VA, funding to come from the Council Budget line for Program and Training Expenses.

## DeMolay Centennial Brick

Whereas DeMolay International is engaged in Charity enShrined – A Centennial Courtyard at the Henry E. Hank Stickney, DeMolay International Service and Leadership Center in Kansas City, Missouri to commemorate 100 years of DeMolay in 2019, *and*

Whereas the courtyard will incorporate symbols of DeMolay, Fountain, Statues, emblems, and seven preceptor lights with three flag poles demonstrating the 7th cardinal Virtue, *and*

Whereas the courtyard is enriched with red bricks, etched with the names of organizations supporting and contributing to this endeavor throughout, *and*

Whereas, Ill David A. Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and a DeMolay Boy from New Jersey, urged every part of Scottish Rite across our jurisdiction to consider this endeavor, *and*

Whereas, our Masonic Fraternity and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is composed of Senior DeMolay or honorary DeMolay, we recognize the positive influence of the DeMolay in the lives of young men,

Therefore, I move that New Hampshire Council of Deliberation contribute \$400 to DeMolay International to support *Charity enShrined* with the purchase of 2 bricks – one engraved with “New Hampshire Council of Deliberation” and one engraved with “The Scottish Rite Valleys of New Hampshire”, funding to come from the Council Budget line for Program and Training Expenses.

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### INTRODUCTION OF VISITING DIGNITARIES

The Commander-in-Chief welcomed the following dignitaries from other Masonic organizations in New Hampshire:

Joan L. Smith, Supreme Inspector in NH, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and

Amanda J. White, Grand Worthy Advisor, New Hampshire Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Barbara E. Gaskell, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star for Peggy S. Scott, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star.

Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Right Excellent Grand King, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, and Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire for Paul C. Smith, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NH, and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire.

H. Stephen Wood, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of New Hampshire.

Right Worshipful and Illustrious Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for Most Worshipful John E. Lobdell, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire.

### REMARKS OF THE SUPREME INSPECTOR

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

*"Illustrious Brother Roth, distinguished guests, gentlemen, Good Morning:*

*"It is indeed a great pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of*

NH Rainbow. I am delighted to report that NH Rainbow has been experiencing a terrific increase in membership over the past two years—and the work the girls have done in the realm of retention of members has truly made for a strong foundation which should carry us forward. Furthermore, our involvement of our parents, grandparents, and younger siblings within the organization has helped us to build a strong family.

Giving our girls the opportunities to advance in opportunities of leadership in their schools and communities, plus providing them the ability to pursue further degrees through educational scholarships, continues to be our two main focuses as we get our girls ready for life. Every experience in their time in Rainbow Girls helps them to have that confidence—to “be ready” for anything.

I would like to personally thank you all today not only for your support over the year, but your most recent generous gift of funds as we prepare to send our Team of Ritualists to Supreme Assembly 2018 in Virginia. Your support has allowed them to be able to focus on the proficiency of the word and precision of the articulation, rather than worry about the financial aspects that go along with a trip such as this. And more importantly I have watched a beautiful team blossom as they work together toward this goal—and all to make you all proud!

Gentlemen, as always I thank you for all the wonderful mentoring you have do for NH Rainbow Girls in the past, the supportive assistance and appreciation that you have shown the Girls in the present, and I look forward to your continued guidance and any help that you may be able to render in the future.

### REMARKS OF THE GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR

Amanda J. White, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of New Hampshire, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

The Grand Worthy Advisor thanked the Commander-in-Chief for his invitation and echoed the comments of Joan Smith.

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### REMARKS OF THE ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara E. Gaskell, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings from The Order of the Eastern Star in New Hampshire. Worthy Grand Matron Peggy Scott had to be at a memorial service this morning and extends her apologies for not being able to be here in person. As Peggy's deputy, it is my pleasure to come in her place.

The members of the Eastern Star are related by the dearest ties to our Masonic brothers. We raise money for worthwhile causes, support our members, learn the lessons of our heroines and "by cheerful companionship and social enjoyments, lighten the burdens of active duty." By strengthening our ties, both of our beautiful fraternities can grow stronger. The Unity committee is planning a picnic for September 16 to which all the members of all the Masonic affiliated bodies are invited and through this social time, we hope to learn more about each other, and thus strengthen our fraternal ties.

I also extend to each and every one of you an invitation to the Installation of Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star in New Hampshire on August 18 in Nashua. It is an impressive ceremony and a chance for non-members to see and hear a little of what we do.

I wish you a successful Council and look forward to working with all of you in the future.

### REMARKS OF THE RIGHT EXCELLENT GRAND KING AND RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Grand King, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire; Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of NH

R.:E.: and R.:I.: Brother Patrick J. O'Sullivan brought the warm

Capitular and Cryptic greetings of the Most Excellent High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Paul C. Smith, thanked the Commander-in-Chief for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the two York Rite Bodies.

### REMARKS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

H. Stephen Wood, 32°, R.:E.: Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T. of the State of New Hampshire

R.:E.: Brother H. Stephen Wood brought the warm fraternal greetings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Hampshire, as well as his own, thanking the Commander-in-Chief for inviting him to speak.

The remarks were followed by a brief recess.

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### 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 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."

The Commander-in-Chief then asked the Master of Ceremonies to please return the Deputy's Representatives to their seats.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

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

The Council of Deliberation Meritorious Service Award Committee is pleased to report that the Presiding Officers in a number of Valleys chose to recommend a member of their respective Valley for nomination for the Meritorious Service Award. These officers are of the understanding that recognizing and rewarding our members for their contributions and accomplishments plays a significant role as we work to create and sustain a quality culture. Customarily, the committee carefully reviews and earnestly deliberates upon each submission, first by comparing that proposal to all submissions during a given year, and secondly by insuring that those considered for recommendation by this Council of Deliberation are held to the high standards of the award. The significance of the award to those who are elected to receive it, can be as unassuming as knowing that one's contributions are valued, whether it be within the fraternity, the community, the church or the family. These, alongside one's charitable endeavors, are foremost considerations for this committee when assessing candidates for recommendation for the Meritorious Service Award.

While appreciation may be considered a fundamental human need, recipients of the Meritorious Service Award are recognized not because they labored specifically for this recognition, but rather because their efforts and unselfish contributions are a part of their everyday customs. More simply put, they choose and exhibit a way of life which they obligated to from the very first time they knelt at the altar of Freemasonry.

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The Committee congratulates those who are being recommended to this Council of Deliberation today. You have represented in a manner that is exemplary, and demonstrated the morality and goodness which is a guiding light to all.

We are pleased to recommend three Brothers for election to receive the Meritorious Service Award in 2018. 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 David Alan Rich, 32°  
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

Brother Robert Stanley Bean, III, 32°  
Valley of Nashua

Brother Jeffrey Chaplain Grant, 32°  
Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

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°

Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A.

Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.

Dennis Webster, 33°, M.S.A.

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 congratulated the new Meritorious Service Award recipients, and that each would be recognized with the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony, including the MSA Jewel presentation at the Testimonial on November 7, 2018 at the Bektash Shrine Center.

He concluded by thanking the Committee for the serious and important work they do in facing the difficult task of making these recommendations.

### Invitation for the 2019 NH Council of Deliberation Annual Convocation

The Commander-in-Chief thanked the Valley of Concord for hosting the Annual Convocation this year. He then asked, "Is there a Valley that would like to extend an invitation for the 2019 Annual Convocation to be held on June 1, 2019?"

Brother Jeffrey M. Brown, extended an invitation on behalf of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover to host the Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation on that date in Portsmouth, NH.

The Commander-in-Chief asked the Council of Deliberation to vote to validate the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover's invitation. Following a unanimous vote in the affirmative validating the offer, the Commander-in-Chief accepted the invitation from the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover.

## Allocation 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 Allocation.

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation  
Concord, NH – June 2, 2018  
Allocation 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 95th Annual Convocation of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

We are very pleased that Right Worshipful and Ill.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, is with us this morning. He is representing Most Worshipful and Illustrious John E. Lobdell, 33°, Grand Master, who is traveling this week.

Thank you to the Valley of Concord for hosting this Annual Convocation of our Council of Deliberation. A big thank you to Brother James M. Triacca, 32°, MSA for preparing our dinner today. If it is anything like the annual family turkey dinner preceding Thanksgiving that Jim and his family prepare for our enjoyment, well, we are all in for a treat today. 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

It is my sad duty to report that in the past year, six members of our Supreme Council passed to the Celestial Lodge Above.

- III.: Phillip Charles Kenney, 33°  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of Illinois  
Died on Monday, June 26, 2017
- III.: Donald Juell Soberg, 33°  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of Wisconsin  
Died on Friday, July 21, 2017
- III.: John Thomas Phillips, 33°  
Active Member of Supreme Council for the state of Illinois  
Deputy for Illinois and Grand Lieutenant Commander at the time of his death  
Died on Saturday, January 6, 2018
- III.: Dale Ormal Babbitt, 33°  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of Wisconsin  
Died on Friday, February 9, 2018
- III.: Donald Davis Thomas, 33°  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of Delaware  
Died on Tuesday, May 22, 2018
- III.: Gardner C. (Cy) Sconyers, Jr , 33°  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the state of Rhode Island  
Died on Thursday, May 31, 2018

Please give your attention to III.: 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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Brother Leonard D. Lavoie, 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 5, 2004

Born: June 27, 1924

Died: July 31, 2017

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Illustrious Roland F. Young, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 25, 2001

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 5, 1999

Past Thrice Potent Master of Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection of Nashua

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

Born: February 23, 1933

Died: August 8, 2017

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Brother Ernest W. Fauteux, 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 2, 2012

Past Thrice Potent Master of Keene Lodge of Perfection of Keene

Past Sovereign Prince of Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Keene

Born: August 1, 1949

Died: October 2, 2017

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Illustrious Haven H. Hayes, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 24, 1991

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 7, 1986

Born: November 25, 1934

Died: October 15, 2017

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Brother Nelson K. Ward, 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 6, 1992

Born: March 6, 1920

Died: November 16, 2017

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Brother Jerome J. Weinrieb, 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 4, 2011

Past Sovereign Prince of Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Keene

Born: November 4, 1924

Died: December 9, 2017

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Illustrious William H. Prentiss, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 27, 1988

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 1, 1985

Past Thrice Potent Master of Keene Lodge of Perfection of Keene

Past Sovereign Prince of Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Keene

Born: July 2, 1929

Died: May 12, 2018

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Brother Harold E. Fernald, 32°

Past Sovereign Prince of

John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Portsmouth-Dover

Born: May 18, 1931

Died: May 21, 2018

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman

Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°

Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

PRAYER

The Commander-in-Chief proceeded by stating, "Let us rise and be reverently attentive to our Prior." The Prior, Ill.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33° gave the following prayer.

"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."

Allocution of the Commander-in-Chief

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**A Review of Scottish Rite in New Hampshire**

As we left The Fort at Number Four in Charlestown last June, we re-entered our everyday lives and routines. The year we began was like many before it, but for many of us, it was its own unique time. Here are some of the highlights for me and I hope for many of you.

Twenty-five 33° Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies welcomed three new 33° Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies in Rochester, NY last August. Our group of nearly 60 people were warmly greeted by excellent host Valley and State. We were treated to a beautiful theater, the Kodak Hall at Eastman Center, for our General Session, Vespers, and thirty-third Degree. Of course, the highlight is always the degree and in 2017, Ill.: Russell

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S. Bell, 33°, MSA, Ill.: David S. Collins, 33°, MSA, Ill.: Donald L. Mendzela, 33°, were coroneted. It was their good fortune to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree at the same session where our new Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: David Alan Glattly, 33°, was installed as the fifteenth Sovereign Grand Commander since the Union of 1867.

The newly coroneted Honorary Members expressed their gratitude and awe at the welcoming they received at Supreme Council, by others who acknowledged their candidacy but most especially by the warmest of inclusion by the New Hampshire representation.

The celebration continued in November when each was feted at the NH Council of Deliberation Testimonial Dinner held at Bektash Temple in Concord. In addition, at the Executive Session of Supreme Council, Brother Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°, Past Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, was elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Milwaukee in 2019. Congratulations to all these Brethren and thank you for what you have done and continue to do for Freemasonry and The Scottish Rite.

The Workshop in February featured Brother George T. Taylor IV, a new addition to the staff at Supreme Council, as Associate Director of Membership & Valley Relations. Brother Taylor spoke of the three R's of membership at the importance of each: Recruit, Retain, and Rejuvenate. Your NH Statewide Membership Committee will be working closely with George in these three areas. The appointment of a Valley coordinator is just a first step in developing a comprehensive Ambassador program to enrich membership.

Today, at this Annual Convocation of NH Council of Deliberation, we continue in a traditional manner of conducting business, electing new recipients of the Meritorious Service Award, receiving and hearing greetings from our fraternal Brothers and Sisters in NH, as well as greet familiar friends of Grand Lodge. All this is traditional, and Masonry loves tradition. I grew up in the 50s and 60s. At a time when tradition was viewed as failing and change was in the wind. While some looked for independence, others

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looked for connections. While some looked to be grounded, others looked to be free. So many choices. But only the most astute thinkers could image today's society and the thousands of choices we are forced to make every day. So today we look for guidance and structure. Today we look for help. Today we look for fraternity.

Out of that searching we find Freemasonry. Your Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA is facing the issues presented in our society today. No, not by creating more institutions but by creating a fraternity that truly strives to make men better. NOT JUST A MAN – A MASON. What are men looking for? They are looking for Freemasonry. Not by name at first, but by virtue. To become the best person a man can be! Go to the web site [Scotthisrittenmj.org](http://Scotthisrittenmj.org). Play the video Even Better – Not Just a Man – A Mason. Play it. Play it over and over. Here what it says. Play it until you incorporate into yourself those principles that we hold true. That is The Path Forward.

Your Scottish Rite is alive with The Path Forward. You must see it to believe the transformation that has taken place in Lexington over the last year with this program. The Path Forward Team is alive, excited, enthusiastic, energetic and getting it done! In the Installation Ceremony, the charges to the presiding officers are to “arouse the indolent, encourage the despondent, and inspire the unreflecting” – in other words, give life to the fraternity. It is happening! and NH can be a part of it! Your Supreme Council is making tools and expertise available to Grand Lodges throughout the country. Other countries are interested in joining the effort as well. All for the good of Masonry. No charge, no credit stamped on the materials – for the good of Masonry only. I am sure you have heard the cliché that a rising tide lifts all boats. For the good of Freemasonry will be for the good of all.

So that challenge for all of us in New Hampshire is not to become indolent, despondent, or unreflecting but rather to wake up, hope in the future and carry on in a manner that inspires those around us. Let's talk for a moment about our degree work. We have concluded on many occasions that the recorded degrees are not preferable. We want live degrees. I concur. So

how can we make our live degrees such that they arouse those who are lethargic about Masonry? How do we demonstrate our hope for our Rite? How do we inspire those who have come to expect nothing more than a dull and boring few hours? That is our challenge!

Here are a few ideas that come from ideas that you have put forth...not my ideas but your ideas.

1. Schedule your degrees well in advance. Presiding Officers, Executive Committees, Secretaries, work together to schedule your reunions, the degrees to be conferred, and other related events. There is no reason not to know what degrees are to be done for the next year so that when a Presiding Officer is installed, he announces the degrees for the year.
  - a. A corollary to scheduling the degrees is to assign the Director of the Degree
  - b. Schedule rehearsals now – don't wait. And related to that, if you have been scheduling 3, schedule 4; if you have been scheduling 4, schedule 5. It has been my observation that degrees often need one more rehearsal. Do it. The interesting thing about this is, if you schedule well in advance, you will be the first on a member's calendar, not the conflict that too often occurs.
2. If you do a live degree or ceremony, commit to memorizing it not reading. Also, do away with prompters. First prompting is very difficult to do and do well (ask anyone who has done it) and secondly it provides an excuse. The entire thirty-third degree is conferred without prompting. I know of at least one prominent member of Supreme Council who stood in the center of the stage for a long, long, long time until he remembered his lines. He did remember his lines and we continued with the degree. There is no prompting.
  - a. Don't read the degree. If you can not confer the degree without reading, you will have to tell my

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why reading a degree and sometimes stumbling over the words is better than a recorded degree.

- b. The exception is an emergency that arises over which you have no control.
3. Consider sharing the load with another Valley, even a Valley outside New Hampshire as the Valley of Nashua is planning with Valleys in MA.
4. Consider working with other Valleys in NH to become proficient in a single degree and commit to travelling to other Valleys to confer that Degree in exchange for another Valley doing the same for you.
5. Plan now, decide now what degrees can be done in Portsmouth in November as Valleys come together. Don't wait, arrange it now. This has been a very successful, enjoyable day. Work at it and keep it a special event.
6. Provide opportunities for candidates to qualify for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree by observing the schedules in your Valley or another Valley to be sure the Bookend Concept of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and three other degrees with Core Values are obtained.
7. See me if you feel these ideas and suggestions are just out of reach for you and your Valley. I will work with you to see what can be done.

I will quote again from the Installation Ceremony, **“together we shall carry our Scottish Rite banner to greater heights of achievement.”**

### Learning Centers

New Hampshire is blessed to have two Learning Centers, fully funded, staffed with well qualified Directors, Tutors, Supervisors, and Trainers. Each Learning Center is well known for its remediation of Dyslexia. The importance of their mission you have heard on several occasions.

The Seacoast Center in Rochester is embarking on a new venture. For a few years, it has been the vision of the Board of Directors to expand the Center beyond its present site on the first floor of the Rochester Masonic Temple. Last year, space next to the Center, also in the Rochester Masonic Temple became available. Work is presently under way to fit the space to accommodate an expanded Seacoast Center. We are very grateful to the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover for revising its financial support of the Center and to New Hampshire Consistory for, once again supporting the mission of the Seacoast Center with a significant contribution. The expansion allows for tutoring 45 students in the academic year at the Center.

The good news continues for the Seacoast Center. The Rochester School District continues to contract with the Center to train teachers in the system. In the new year, this partnership will impact the lives of 22 school students.

The Seacoast Center is indebted to its benefactors but also to a dedicated and active Board of Governors. In addition, parents of the students are highly motivated to "give back" and work diligently raising funds for the Seacoast Center. Thank you to all who are working to make this charitable effort a success.

The Nashua Center continues to serve the Southern NH and Northern MA communities. Director Aileen Cormier continues to provide leadership for the Nashua Center and the entire program through the writing of books and teaching aids. Grants, special educational presentations by Elaine Holden and Aileen, the sale of educational materials and individual donations provide funding for the Center. While some interest has been initiated by public schools in partnering with Nashua in a similar contractual arrangement as in the Seacoast Center, there has been no solid progress in this area. The Nashua Center, however, needs additional human resources to serve on the Board of Governors. More engagement from the community and those who are directly involved are critical to the future success of the Center. Work continues in this effort. More effort in this area is forthcoming.

## Appreciation

Thank you to all of you, your Valley members, officers, degree teams, behind the scenes workers for all your love for the Scottish Rite. To all who went out of their way to present the Scottish Rite Americanism Award at High School Ceremonies or at the University, thank you. To all the COD committees and particularly the COD Committee Chairman, thank you for your hard work for the Council. Thank you to Commander-in-Chief Larson for thinking out of the box – just not for Star Wars. to Illustrious Brothers Libby and Porter who lend every assistance in a timely manner and with accuracy, to your Deputy whenever asked. To Illustrious Brother Hansen for all our travels together and listening with an understanding ear to your Deputy. To Illustrious Brother Elliot for your assistance and good counsel, I look forward to continuing to work together in what ever capacity we may enjoy...Thank you.

## Announcement

In the coming months we will be doing many things on many fronts. We will celebrate with testimonials, degrees, and other functions were we can meet as Brothers in a worldwide Brotherhood of Man.

Today I am very pleased to announce that one of those events will be Consistory on April 27, 2019. While all the details are still to be arranged, New Hampshire will welcome Ill.: David A. Glattly, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Commander. Mark you calendar now, reserve the whole day. As soon as possible, the schedule of the day will be published.

Thank you for your attention.

The Commander-in-Chief followed up by saying, "Illustrious Brother Elliot, I move the adoption 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.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

The Supreme Council provided \$8,800.00 to the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation this year to be awarded as Abbott 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 2018-2019 school year:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Shane T. Wyman Moultonborough, NH	\$3,000.00	Senior	Northern Vermont University Johnson, VT
2. Dina M. Pitsas Keene, NH	\$3,000.00	Graduate	Springfield College Springfield, MA
3. Corrine E. Pierce Rindge, NH	\$1,400.00	Senior	Franklin Pierce University Rindge, NH
4. Lennon E. Dobben-Annis Greenland, NH	\$1,400.00	Senior	Hawaii Pacific University Honolulu, HI

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 and recommend the following applicants to receive the WILLIAM E. BRYANT scholarships:

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STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Devany A. Pitsas Milford, NH	\$4,000.00	Freshman	Suffolk University Boston, MA
2. Hannah L. Vincent Durham, NH	\$4,000.00	Freshman	Gordon College Wenham, MA
3. Adelle M. Pitsas Milford, NH	\$3,000.00	Junior	Hampshire College Amherst, MA
4. Laura E. Heussler Merrimack, NH	\$2,000.00	Freshman	Mt Vernon Nazarene Univ Mechanicsburg, PA
5. Rachel A. Putnam Walpole, NH	\$1,000.00	Senior	Lyndon State College Lyndonville, VT
6. Madeline H. Going Nashua, NH	\$1,000.00	Sophomore	Mount Ida College Newton, MA
7. Zachery A. Elliot Manchester, NH	\$1,000.00	Sophomore	St. Anselm College Manchester, 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.

This year there was a significant change in the qualifications for the Abbott Scholarships. The Supreme Council decided to allow the following to apply:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ)
  - A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the NMJ or a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the NMJ who is :
    - A high school senior currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

- A high school senior, or undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled an accredited college or university.
- Applications should be submitted to the Valley of the sponsoring Scottish Rite Mason.

Last year one of our recipients decided not to go to college so the committee voted to divide the scholarships among the other recipients.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

III.: Sumner Goldman, 33°, M.S.A.

III.: Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.

III.: Walter W. Lovell 33°, M.S.A.

III.: Douglas L. Robertson, Sr. , 33°

On a motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Scholarship Committee was voted on and unanimously approved.

## PRESENTATIONS

The Commander-in-Chief put the Council at rest and invited the scholarship recipients, with their families and friends, to enter for the check presentations. He asked III.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A., Scholarship Committee Chairman to come forward to make the presentations, and for III.: William E. Larson, 33°, New Hampshire Consistory Commander-in-Chief, to assist in presenting the Bryant Scholarships.

William E. Bryant Scholarships were presented to:

Devany A. Pitsas

Hannah L. Vincent (received by her mother)

Adelle M. Pitsas (received by her sister)

Laura E. Heusler

Madeline H. Going

Zachery A. Elliot

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Leon M. Abbott Scholarships were presented to:

Shane T. Wyman (received by his father)

Dina M. Pitsas

Corinne E. Pierce

Lennon E. Dobben-Annis

Following applause for all the recipients, they and their guests were invited to remain for the closing remarks.

### CLOSING REMARKS

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, Illustrious Brother Roth called upon the Active Emeritus for his comments.

### 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, thanked the Commander-in-Chief for calling upon him, expressed how pleased he was with the meeting and then he congratulated both the MSA recipients and those awarded scholarships. He congratulated the Commander-in-Chief for his Allocution, and thanked him for the traveling he was able to do with Illustrious Brother Roth.

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 thanked the Commander-in-Chief for the opportunity to speak, and echoed the sentiments of Illustrious Brother Hansen on the fine meeting this morning. He thanked all present for coming and participating in the day's events.

The Active also commended the Commander-in-Chief on his Allocution, then congratulated both the Meritorious Service Award recipients and the scholarship recipients. He concluded by thanking Illustrious Brother Roth for his commitment to Scottish Rite, and his representation on our Supreme Council.

Following his remarks, the Commander-in-Chief called on the First Lieutenant Commander to escort the Deputy Grand Master to the East, and said, "Brethren, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of NH, Illustrious Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. who is representing Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother John E. Lobdell, 33°, our Grand Master.

### DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Right Worshipful and Ill.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire thanked the Commander-in-Chief, saying wonderful it was to be here. He stated it had been a terrific Annual meeting, and that Ill.: Brother Roth had given a wonderful Allocution.

He addressed the scholarship recipients, telling them that they had no idea how much it meant to the Council that they took time today to come and to receive their scholarships. By doing so, they encouraged all of us to continue to help young people.

Right Worshipful and Ill.: Brother Clay concluded his remarks by stating that life is an educational process, and congratulated all the recipients.

### CLOSING

The Commander-in-Chief then called upon Illustrious Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, 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"

Following the benediction, Illustrious Brother Clay gave the blessing.

There being no further business, the Council was closed by proclamation.

A true record,

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert M. Porter, 33°

Secretary

## 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
- Youth

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES AND TESTIMONIALS

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

On Sunday, November 5, 2017, 136 Brethren, ladies and other guests gathered at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord in a mid-day celebration honoring our MSA recipients and our newly coroneted 33° recipients.

Those honored were elected on June 10, 2017 at the 94<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting in Charlestown:

Brother Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°, MSA, Valley of Concord  
Brother Richard J. Thompson, 32°, MSA, Valley of Nashua  
Brother Roland N. Petersen, 32°, MSA, Valley of Nashua  
(NH Consistory nominee)

Those 33° honored on August 29, 2017 in Rochester, NY:

Brother Russell S. Bell, 33°, MSA, Valley of Concord  
Brother David S. Collins, 33°, MSA, Valley of Lancaster-Littleton  
Brother Donald L. Mendzela, 33°, Valley of Nashua

A social period began at 1 P.M., followed by a delicious buffet dinner of Ham, Roast Beef and Turkey with all the fixings, catered by Harts Turkey Farm. Prior to the meal, Ill.:. Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, and Ill.:. Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, performed the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and presented Certificates and pins to the new recipients with brief comments from each honoree.

Following the meal, Ill.:. Brother Alan D. Lugg, 33°, introduced Ill.:. Brother Russell S. Bell, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, while Ill.:. Brother Edward N. Lewis, 33°, presented Brother Bell with his 33rd Degree Jewel for the Valley of Concord. Ill.:. Brother Karl H. Bickford III, 33°, then introduced Ill.:. Brother Donald L. Mendzela, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, and Brother Jerome T. Becker, 32°, presented Brother Mendzela with

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his 33rd Degree Jewel for the Valley of Nashua. Lastly, Ill.:. Brother Paul M. Leary, 33°, introduced Ill.:. Brother David S. Collins, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, and Ill.:. Brother Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, presented Brother Collins 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 and Mrs. Karla Roth; 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 E. Lobdell, 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Cindy Lobdell; and Ill.:. Brother William E. Larson, 33°, Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory.

As chairman of the Committee and event, I would gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Ill.:. Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°; Ill.:. Brother Robert Porter, 33°, and Ill.:. Brother William E. Larson, 33° for filling in as Emcee in my absence. I most especially, gratefully thank my wife, Kristin, for the success of this event.

The 2018 MSA Award Ceremony will again be held at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord, NH on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

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:*

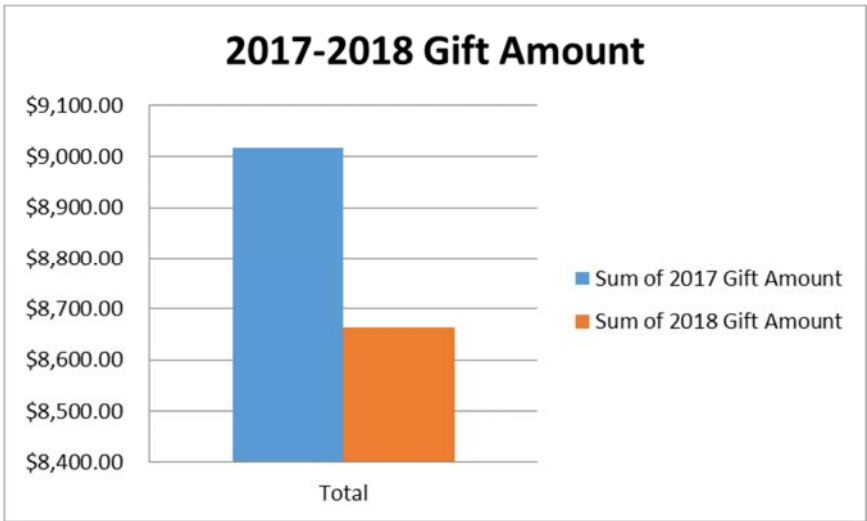
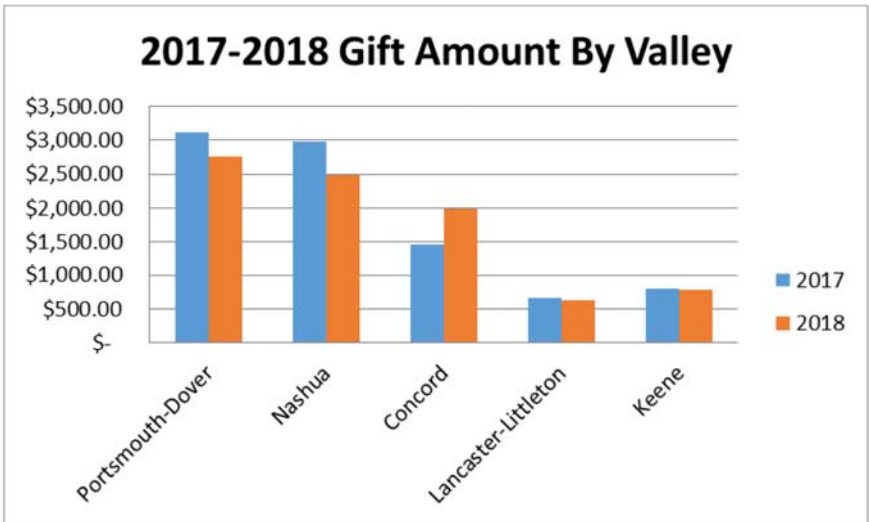
**The Blue Envelope Appeal**

The Committee on Supreme Council Charities presents its report for 2018. 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.

The 2017-2018 contributions reported by Supreme Council were as follows:

<b>Valley</b>	<b>Gift Amount in \$</b>	<b>No. of Donors</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>% of Donors vs. Members</b>
Portsmouth- Dover	\$ 2,767.00	59	455	13.0%
Nashua	\$ 2,490.00	50	369	13.6%
Concord	\$ 1,992.00	44	318	13.8%
Lancaster-Littleton	\$ 630.00	17	126	13.5%
Keene	\$ 785.00	13	126	10.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 8,664.00</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>13.1%</b>



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.

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Consideration should be given to using a PayPal button on every Valley web page. The button when pressed would lead to a "Blue Envelope" donation page in which members or non-members can make a one time or reoccurring donation. This button could raise the annual gift amounts.

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°

Roland N. Petersen, 32°, M.S.A.

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 well attended, and under the leadership of our Deputy, we had a very interesting and informative / interactive meeting. Brother George Taylor, 32°, Associate Director of Membership and Valley Relations, spoke on retention and methods for energizing enthusiasm within the membership. His experiences as the Associate Director of Alumni Involvement at Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity, where he oversaw the growth of alumni involvement and engagement as well as developed programming for the organization's more than 200,000 alumni, brought a fresh approach to some of the problems which have long faced us.

Illustrious Brother Roth shared a welcoming video from Illustrious David A. Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander to the members of New Hampshire Scottish Rite. We also saw the new slogan of "not just a man – a mason". Illustrious Brother Roth spoke excitedly about some of the new programs and innovations which Lexington has initiated. Among those are a new forum for registered members to share stories, ask questions, and connect across the jurisdiction. Additionally, this forum will provide a place to talk about degrees, programming, membership, education, leadership, etc. He sampled some of the questions available within the member-center of the Northern Jurisdiction website to the members present. He discussed the new educational program: The Hauts Grades Academy (HGA) which opened with its first class of registrants in the early spring, and explained the program is made up of three exciting levels:

Level One – The candidate will delve into the ritual of all twenty-nine Scottish Rite, NMJ degrees

Level Two – The essay portion of the curriculum will allow for self-reflection and review of Scottish Rite degrees selected personally by the candidate.

Level Three – A written research paper on a topic of the candidate's choice, which will be pre-approved and reviewed by the HGA committee. Research topics can vary between history, ritual, and the philosophy of the Scottish Rite.

At full completion, the graduate will earn the honor of becoming a Scottish Rite Hauts Grades Academic, and will be entitled to include the letters HGA after his name. A certificate and HGA jewel will also be awarded upon completion, but an enriching educational experience is the overall goal.

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 new and energetic efforts put forward by our Sovereign Grand Commander to re-invigorate the craft and provide some outlets to discuss the ritual and history of our degrees, which many of our younger members have been looking for, that these improvements should hopefully make good 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°, MSA

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. The committee commends Bro. Peter Crouch for posting two-thirds of all content to keep the members of the Valley of Concord informed.

**New website for NH Scottish Rite**

We are happy to report that the state has a new website, [nhscottishrite.org](http://nhscottishrite.org), which is now up and running. This is the first major change since the state's first website was created ten years ago. That website address will be kept, but it will automatically forward people to the new website.

It is very important that each Valley keep its webpage current with information. Each Valley has a WordPress account for posting news and information, and a Google calendar for listing Valley events. New posts and calendar dates are automatically added to the Valley's webpage. The five Valleys collectively added 21 posts for the entire year. We urge each Valley to regularly use the online calendar and blog so the website is of value to our members.

**Website visits are down; downloads are up**

During the last year, the old website averaged about half the unique visits and hits compared to the year before (32 unique visits and 350 hits per day). September had the highest daily average of visits (40). April had the lowest at 24.

While visitors to the site dropped in half, the site has had as many downloads in the first four months of 2018 as in all of 2017. The combined Abbott and Bryant Scholarship applications were downloaded more than anything else. The current Valley of Nashua newsletter was second, while the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover's newsletter was the seventh most popular download. Archived newsletters from the Valley of Nashua took third to sixth place, as well as 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place for most popular downloads. Petitions for the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover filled out the list of top ten downloads.

### **Who's visiting the website**

About 80% of both visits and bandwidth use to the old site was from servers in the United States. The next four countries accessing our site the most are the Ukraine, the Russian Federation, China, and Romania. 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.

Nearly three-quarters of visitors to the website typed the address directly, used a browser bookmark, or a link provided in an email. About 13% used an internet search (usually Google) to find the site, and about 13% got to the site from another site's link. These include links from Facebook and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire (which account for about 0.3% of the visits) plus 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. NH, 2. Rite, 3. Scottish, 4. ScottishRiteInNewHampshire, and tied for 10<sup>th</sup> – New, Hampshire, Nashua, Lodge, Masonic, and Dyslexia.

The top five search phrases, in order of frequency, are: ScottishRiteInNewHampshire, NH Scottish Rite, nh32degreemason.org, Valley of Concord, and New Hampshire Scottish Rite.

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

### **Other online social media**

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 sugges-

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tions 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.

### REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

#### THE STATISTICS

Over the past year Scottish Rite in New Hampshire added 14 new 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Membership Start of FY	Membership End of FY	Percent Lost from Prior Year
2011	2142	2002	-6.54
2012	2002	1858	-7.19
2013	1858	1777	-4.36
2014	1777	1662	-6.47
2015	1662	1593	-4.15
2016	1593	1497	-6.03
2017	1497	1362	-9.02

It should come as no surprise to anyone active in one or more Masonic bodies that membership in our Fraternity is declining. This is, of course, true for the Scottish Rite, not only in New Hampshire but across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>Initiates</b>	<b>Affiliated or Reinstated</b>	<b>Total Gains</b>
2011	56	8	64
2012	44	15	59
2013	47	7	54
2014	32	34	66
2015	52	30	82
2016	42	15	57
2017	14	24	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>420</b>

<b>FY Ending June 30</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Suspended, Discharged, or Expelled</b>	<b>Demits</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>Total Net Loss</b>
2011	117	55	32	204	-140
2012	81	91	31	203	-144
2013	77	39	19	135	-81
2014	72	81	28	181	-115
2015	79	52	20	151	-69
2016	80	50	23	153	-96
2017	71	53	49	173	-135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>-780</b>

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The tables on the previous pages show membership trends for the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire for the seven years between 2011 and 2017.

During those seven years, the Scottish Rite of New Hampshire lost a total of 780 members. This is a loss of 36.42 percent of the total membership between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2017.

It is said that an organization is only one generation away from extinction. Losing about one-third of our members across a seven year span indicates we are inside that one generation away from extinction.

### **A NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

Recognizing this declining membership is impacting the Scottish Rite across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council is launching an aggressive membership program. The program is being implemented in New Hampshire as well as the 14 other states that make up the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

This program consists of four pieces:

#### *Recruit*

Develop programs to assist valleys in recruiting new members. It involves re-establishing the Lodge Ambassador Program and assisting individual Scottish Rite Members with their recruitment efforts.

#### *Retain*

Develop member retention programs to encourage new Scottish Rite members to become active in their valleys. This encouragement would ideally start at a time immediately following the conferral of the 4th Degree.

#### *Rejuvenate*

Develop programs to encourage inactive Scottish Rite members to become active members again. Every Master Mason who joins the Scottish Rite does so for a reason. Our task is to deter-

mine the reasons members join and do what we can to support as many of those reasons as possible. Our task is also to develop programs which will attract inactive members to our reunions.

*Blue Lodge Support*

Determine how the Scottish Rite can assist the Blue Lodges in New Hampshire. This could involve offering after-meeting programs to lodges, compiling a list of Scottish Rite members who are able to serve as last-minute fill-ins for Blue Lodge degrees or similar programs.

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS AND LODGE AMBASSADORS**

*Membership Coordinators*

Each valley will have a Membership Coordinator with the following duties:

1. Serves as Valley Membership Chairman
2. Assists in the recruitment and training of the valley's Lodge Ambassadors
3. Oversees the efforts of the valley's Lodge Ambassadors
4. Helps implement programs from the COD Membership Development Committee
5. Aids in the implementation of statewide Masonic service projects
6. Develops Masonic Service projects for the lodges in the Valley's area
7. Organizes Enlightenment-type programs for the Valley
8. Assists the valley secretary with reunion plans

Membership Coordinators will be appointed by the Deputy upon the recommendations of the valley representatives to the Membership Development Committee.

Because of the way the Membership Coordinator interacts with the Valley's presiding officers and the Valley Secretary, he should be included in the membership of the valley's Executive Committee.

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### *Lodge Ambassadors*

The Lodge Ambassador program has foundered during the last few years. It will have to be revitalized as it is a pivotal to both recruitment and Masonic Service.

The duties for the Ambassadors are:

1. Serve on the valley Membership Committee
2. Represent Scottish Rite to lodge(s) assigned
3. Brings the Scottish Rite message to Master Masons
4. Seeks ways to assist lodge(s) assigned
5. Develops Masonic service projects for lodge(s) assigned

It would be ideal if there could be one Ambassador for each lodge. But with 63 lodges in New Hampshire, this may be an impossible to reach goal. Some Ambassadors may have to double up or even triple up to be sure every lodge is covered.

One Ambassador for each lodge is ideal because each Ambassadors should regularly visit the lodge(s) assigned. It is imperative that the Ambassadors build a rapport with the Master of the Lodge to ensure the Ambassador can effectively represent the Scottish Rite and determine ways the Scottish Rite can assist that Lodge. Also, Ambassadors will receive talking points each month from the membership staff in Lexington, so the Ambassador will have a fresh message each month.

### **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

The Supreme Council Headquarters in Lexington has launched an online application. This application will allow Master Masons to fill out and file an application online and once filed, it will be routed to the appropriate Valley Secretary for processing. Master Masons interested in joining the Scottish Rite will not have to wait for someone to give them an application.

### **INTERSTATE JOINT VALLEY DEGREES**

The Valley of Nashua has entered a joint-valley degree pro-

gram with the Valley of Lowell, Mass. and the Valley of the Merrimack (Haverhill, Mass.). (The Valley of Salem, Mass. has expressed an interest in joining the effort and may be added to the group.)

The three valleys will be presenting a combined-cast 4th Degree in the Fall. The Valley of Nashua will be presenting the Consistory vignettes, as Nashua is the only four-body Valley in the group. The performance dates are Oct. 5 in Lowell, Oct. 11 in Haverhill and Oct. 22 in Nashua. In addition to the 4th Degree, the host valleys will be presenting additional degrees at their reunions. The intent is to build the camaraderie among the members of the three valleys and attract members to the valleys' reunions.

### **THANK YOU, GOODBYE AND WELCOME**

In April, Roger Retzke stepped down from the Membership Development Committee. Other things he is doing is making it difficult if not impossible to give the attention needed for the Scottish Rite membership effort. We will miss his advice, counsel and efforts. We thank him for all he has done for the committee and assure him we will value any thoughts he has on membership.

We welcome James O'Donnell to the Committee, representing the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover. We are anxious to hear what he adds to our efforts to reverse this downward Membership trend.

Respectfully and fraternally,

Richard J. Thompson, 32°, MSA, Chairman

Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, MSA

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

William E. Larson, 33°

Alan D. Lugg, 33°

James S. O'Donnell, 32°

Roger F. Retzke, 33°

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

History repeats itself and as Ill Bro Roth once taught, there is a linkage between generations which is being played out before us in news of activism, interest in developing a passion for "What is Right", and a unique (or is it) stirring for becoming active in the communities by the younger members of our society.

This year, the Masonic Youth organizations, Rainbow and DeMolay, have grown, returned to former communities, and strived to make a difference in the lives of their communities. Rainbow has a statewide five year relationship with "Girls at Work", which teaches young girls how to build with their hands, using power tools! This is exciting to me as I remember building tables and other assorted "Things" with my oldest daughter, and a new "Power Tool" was always an appropriate Christmas present. This year in Rainbow, working with "Girls at Work", picnic tables were formed out of pine boards and the resulting tables were given to the community, Camp Wanakee, for the use of all. The look on the girl's faces when they were completed was incredible, as they beamed with pride at their finished product.

DeMolay has been busy in developing the lives of young men in New Hampshire, going so far as to starting a new Chapter, Union, in Manchester. In their communities they are helping at Haunted Houses, Easter Egg hunts, other events to make themselves known in their communities. They joined with Rainbow in a "Talent Show" fund raiser and while "Americas Got Talent" need not fear from either organization, the teamwork and spirit of these youth organizations is to be commended. Additionally, the Rainbow Charity Ball was well attended by DeMolay which brings back old ties and establishes new ones.

Both organizations held training sessions, which these days is quite topical, and Rainbow Majority members (Renee Taylor) have been having "Collage Application and Scholarship" semi-

nars to help the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay boys be better prepared to enter and afford, collage.

Activism, the start of this report, was active in my youth. It is rearing its head again. The Masonic Youth are involved. That involvement causes them to be seen as a positive influence in their communities which all too often only hear sorrowful news. It may be time to act, but as these Masonic Youth act, I feel that we are on a positive path which will yield amazing results in the coming years and far into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Smith, 33°, Chairman

Jerome T. Becker

Jeffrey L. Brown

C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

Karl R. Olson

David A. Rich

## 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:

I would like to start this report with all the positive things that have happened in the Valley this year. The Valley had a great response to our second Family day at the New Hampshire Fisher Cats game. Although the game was rained out we had sold many tickets to the Brethren. We are planning the event again this year for June 9 with the game starting at 6:30 pm

The Valley also held our first Family Picnic at the Concord Lodge and had a very good turnout from the brethren. All who attended had a great time and we are planning the event again this year on June 10 starting at 12:00 noon.

The Valley performed several degrees this past year with great success. First in October we performed the 4<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> degrees. We had several Brothers come from Connecticut and Massachusetts to witness the 17<sup>th</sup> degree and their comments were very good. At the joint reunion held in Portsmouth the valley did the 18<sup>th</sup> degree and did an outstanding job. In March we performed the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> degrees and the 16<sup>th</sup> degree was done in the Table Lodge setting and was a great success. On Palm Sunday the Rose Croix Chapter performed the Feast of the Pascal Lamb with a lamb dinner following and it was very well attended. We closed the degree year with the 14<sup>th</sup> degree in April which was well done.

We also held our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner the Saturday before Thanksgiving with 77 Brothers and Family members attending in which everyone had a wonderful time. On Novem-

ber 24 the Valley again served Hot Chocolate and Cider at the Concord Christmas Tree Lighting in front of the State House. This year we served more than 500 people more than 15 gallons of Hot Chocolate and 5 gallons of Cider. Our presence was well received and we answered several questions about Masonry.

In April thanks to our Executive Committee Chairman George Baldwin the Valley had a Worker Appreciation dinner in which 40 plus Valley members and their wives attended for a great afternoon of Fellowship. This event was so well received the Valley will make this part of our family events. Also at the dinner Brother John Bianchi was presented with his 60 year certificate for his dedicated service to Scottish Rite Masonry.

I would also like to congratulate two Brothers who have received the Deputy Representative Award over the last two years. The 2017 Award went to Brother Scott Nichols who stepped up and told the Valley about some things we were doing wrong and help us correct the problems. I didn't mention him last year as he had not yet been presented with the award. The 2018 award went to Brother Larry Sprague who since joining the Valley has brought in two new members. He has also become an officer in the Rose Croix Line and has become the new Executive Committee Chairman. Brother Sprague has also been in every degree the Valley as performed since becoming a member. Congratulations to both brothers.

After not having any new candidates over the last two years this past year we have had three new candidates and a Brother who had demitted return as well as another brother who had not finished the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree completed it. One of these new Brothers has volunteered to become the Ambassador for his lodge and all four have traveled out of state as well as other Valleys within the state to see degrees performed.

Last year I reported the Valley of Concord was faced with many problems although we have not corrected all of them we have made progress in several areas. In one area I stated that we need the younger members to step up and start running the Valley with new ideas. We now have younger members in our Lines and on the Executive Committee and they are doing a good job. As for declining membership we still see the numbers falling but we did get new members this year and our family events have met with wonderful success. The brethren seem to

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have more enthusiasm and we have had no demits this year.

In closing the Valley Executive Committee is changing and the old guard is in the process of turning the running of the Valley over to the younger members who have many new ideas and bring a fresh enthusiasm to the members of the Valley. I know we still have a long way to go but things are looking better this year than last.

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

The Valley of Keene is very fortunate to have such dedicated members and leaders. As is the usual custom, our Valley is strong in participation. We count on the presiding officers both past and present not only in our degree presentations and rehearsals but also at the executive board meetings.

We have been fairly successful in our executive board meeting regularly and our turn out is generally six members and above. Our Thrice Potent Master, Thomas Rittenhouse 32° and Sovereign Prince Roger Martin 32° both dove in and took their jobs very seriously. They both did a commendable job this year in leading the Valley and looking to generate activities beyond degree presentations.

It seems each year the Valley is struck with the loss of members whom we rely upon. This year we lost Ernie Fauteux 32° ,MSA, a very gifted and talented ritualist. Brother Fauteux took many of the big parts as well as Brother Jerome Weinrieb 32°, MSA. Both of these brothers portrayed their characters with believability, which added a tremendous value to the degree presentation. Outside of the degrees, both were ever present in the leadership of the Valley, distinguishing themselves worthy of the title M.S.A..

Our ranks have been affected by illness and loss of a spouse. Our Sovereign Prince stepped down earlier than planned to take

care of his wife. We thank him for his continued support. We hope the best for the Martin family and hope that our brother will not hesitate to call on his brethren for help.

This year, in the fall, we offered the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree by live portrayal with discussion following. Our discussion centered on the value and future hopes, dreams and desires of Scottish Rite members in the Valley of Keene. We closed the day with a delicious meal shared among friends. We are thankful for all those who help cook, set up and clean up.

In the Spring we presented the new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree by video. The morning demonstrated how Masons come together to make a great day. A brief power outage disabled the projector. After a number of reset attempts a t.v. was brought up from downstairs. A cozier setting was set for all to continue watching the degrees. The discussion held after each of the degrees was very lively and engaging. Candidates and long time members alike discussed the moral application of the lessons of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree as they apply to our every day lives. We will look forward to more discussions like this one. Thank you to all for participating.

Our Valley Executive Board met pretty regularly. We set the time of a week following the Dep Rep, Secretaries and Actives meetings to pass the most recent information from the Deputy to the Valley. This year our topic has centered more on activity outside of the degree work. The Valley is looking to take advantage of programs set up by New Hampshire Consistory to help the Valley's foster an environment where we get to know one another.

Upcoming events in the planning stage are Dinner and a movie on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The event is to be a family friendly movie, with movie snacks and maybe sleeping bags and pillows in the great room downstairs.

We are also in the beginning stages of planning an Escape Room. These have become popular over the last few years. Keying off the Masonic Trivia night that Illustrious Brother Richard Double 33°, MSA has been conducting in the blue lodges for years, this event will hopefully send the Valley into study of the rituals, not only to plan the event, but to have fun discovering some clues about Scottish Rite Masonry in a fun and challenging way. We hope to present this event as something to look forward to in

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January, the midpoint between degree presentations in fall and spring.

Although sad for the loss of significant members in our Valley, we are encouraged by those who are stepping up into new roles and letting their voices be heard as we forge new territory.

We are appreciative of those who work in properties, wardrobe, make up, cooking, cleaning, set up and tear down. Many hands make light work. Nothing could be more true in the Valley of Keene.

We look forward to the events outside of the degree work in the coming year.

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 once again having the honor and privilege of serving him as his Deputy Representative to the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton.

The 2017-2018 activities for the Valley began with a Planning & Business Meeting at J's Corner restaurant in Gorham on Thursday, July 20, 2017 with the ladies in attendance.

At this meeting it was decided to present both the 4<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Degrees by video on October 7, 2017. This was done for two candidates- Brother William Jones and Brother Scott Newton. A noon lunch was served and after the videos an informative discussion and Q&A session was held.

On October 21, 2017 the Valley once again held a planned

Celebration of the Feast of Tishri to celebrate the harvest festival. This has become a regular and well-attended Valley event. A meal was catered by Olive Branch Chapter #1 OES. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On November 4, 2017 the Valley attended the Joint Valley Degree Day at Masonic Temple in Portsmouth. We were very happy to have two candidates in attendance. Both were very impressed with the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree Grand Elect Mason exemplified by the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, the 15<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of the Sword by the Valley of Nashua and the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of the Rose Croix H.R.D. by the Valley of Concord.

The Valley also performed the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Saturday, March 31, 2018. This has become a very popular event for the Valley as a social time for the ladies. We enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Olive Branch Chapter #1 OES which was followed by a very moving performance of the Ceremonial for the Feast of the Pascal Lamb including all of the ceremonial components of the feast and Relighting of the Light. Our newest members William Jones and Scott Newton were very impressed with the ceremony and were happy to be able to participate in the performance.

Both candidates also attended the New Hampshire Consistory Spring Reunion held at Merrimac Valley High School in Penacook on April 28, 2018. There they viewed the 28<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of the Sun and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and were then knighted as 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Masons.

The Valley is very proud of and extends its congratulations to Ill. Brother David S. Collins on having received the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree in full ceremony in Rochester, NY at the Annual Meeting of Supreme Council.

The Annual Meeting of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton was held on May 3, 2108. A delicious complimentary dinner was served by Ill. Brother David Collins 33° and his wife Coleen. After the meal the Annual Election of Officers was held with the following brothers elected as Presiding Officers:

Brother John A. Loven, 32°—Thrice Potent Master  
Brother Mark H. Blodgett, 32°—Most Wise Master  
Brother David A. Rich, 32°—Sovereign Prince

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The Valley calendar for 2018-2019 was presented and approved.

The elected and appointed officers of the Valley were then duly installed by Ill. Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°.

Several Lodges in the 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District having raised brothers to the sublime Degree of MM this year it is hoped that several of these Brothers will continue their Masonic Journey and consider joining Scottish Rite. The Valley will be working hard to bring that hope to fruition.

The Valley would also like to extend its heartfelt Thanks for the support and guidance during the year to 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 are very grateful that these Brothers make the long journey north to join us on so many occasions during the year.

Meanwhile the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton will continue to be "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.

I would like to begin by thanking all of the casts , directors, stage crews and office staff who have contributed so much their time and energy for making the events such a success this year.

The season began on September 13, 2017 with a "Kickoff Dinner" in preparation of the 8° and the 15°. Our kick off dinners are so important because they gives us a chance to reacquaint with our Brothers and enjoy again each other's company.

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On October 25, 2017 Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection presented the 4° on video and the 8° live under the direction of Br. Richard J. Thompson 32°.

On November 4, 2017 Oriental Council Princes of Jerusalem represented the Valley of Nashua at the Joint Valley Reunion held in Portsmouth, NH by presenting the 15° under the direction of Brothers Jerome T. Becker, 32°, M.S.A., and Ill.: Br. Larry D. Gullett, 33°.

At the annual Council of Deliberation testimonial banquet held in Concord, NH on November 5, 2017 three Brothers from the Valley of Nashua were honored. Br. Roland N. Petersen, 32° and Br. Richard J. Thompson, 32° were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. I had the pleasure of introducing my old friend Ill.. Donald L. Mendzela who was presented with his 33° jewel on having become the Valley of Nashua's newest Honorary Member of the Supreme Council on August 29, 2017 in Rochester NY.

January 19, 2018 found us again at a "Kick Off" dinner in preparation for the Spring activities. The Valley planed on doing the 4°, 5°, 16°, 18°, and 28°.

It was on March 17, 2018 that Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection and Oriental Council Princes of Jerusalem presented the 4° on video , the 5° under the direction of Br. Richard J. Thompson, 32°, M.S.A. and Adam J. Freiband , 32° . The 16° was presented under the direction of Br. Jerome T. Becker, 32°, M.S.A. and Ill.: Br. Larry D. Gullett, 33°.

On April 17, 2019 St. George Chapter of Rose Croix presented the 18° under the direction of Ill.: Br. Karl H. Bickford, Ill, 33°, M.S.A. and Ill.: Br. Donald L. Mendzela, 33°.

At the Spring Reunion held in Penacook on April 28, 2018 the Valley of Nashua had been asked by the Commander-in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory to present the 28°. It did so under the direction of Jerome T. Becker, 32°, M.S.A, and Ill.: Br. Larry D. Gullett, 33°.

It was my pleasure to represent you, Commander-in-Chief, at two Stated Meetings and two special communications during the past year.

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On April 21, 2018 I had the opportunity to meet along with several officers of the Valley of Nashua with representatives of the Valley of Lowell and the Valley of the Merrimack in order to begin the organization of the possibility of the three Valleys working together to present the 4° live with casts from all three bodies. The idea would be for this combined cast to present this Degree in each of the three Valleys. On each occasion the host Valley would present at least one other Degree. Tentative dates were set on October 5, 2018 in the Valley of Lowell, October 11, 2018 in the Valley of the Merrimack, and October 22, 2018 in the Valley of Nashua .

The enterprise was the brain child of Br. Richard J. Thompson of the Valley of Nashua and Brother David Hicks of the Valley of Lowell.

I look forward to supporting this effort as it promotes the spirit of brotherhood in all of the Valleys concerned.

At our executive Board meetings we have been looking at the possibility of providing more an varied activities that are not necessarily related to degree work in order to bring our members and their families together. Activities such as : family fun nights, fishing trips, baseball or hockey games , picnics were some of the things discussed. We are expecting to firm up with more specifics at our next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy's Representative, Valley of Nashua

Scottish Rite in New Hampshire

*INITIATES IN LODGES OF PERFECTION*

	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
Concord	7	8	6	3
Keene	5	6	1	0
Lancaster-Littleton	0	5	0	2
Nashua	9	13	3	3
Portsmouth-Dover	9	10	4	2
Totals	30	42	14	10

*MEMBERSHIP IN LODGES OF PERFECTION*

	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
Concord	401	364	318	304
Keene	138	136	126	110
Lancaster-Littleton	145	141	126	122
Nashua	401	397	369	353
Portsmouth-Dover	526	495	455	431
Totals	1,611	1,533	1,394	1,320

*MEMBERSHIP IN COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM*

	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
Concord	401	364	318	304
Keene	138	136	126	110
Lancaster-Littleton	145	141	126	122
Nashua	425	397	369	353
Portsmouth-Dover	526	495	455	431
Totals	1,635	1,533	1,394	1,320

*MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX*

	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
Concord	404	367	321	308
Lancaster-Littleton	143	141	126	122
Nashua	558	528	490	457
Portsmouth-Dover	526	495	455	431
Totals	1,631	1,533	1,392	1,318

*MEMBERSHIP IN CONSISTORY*

	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
Nashua	1,593	1,497	1,362	1,291

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
John Monroe Walker, 32°, Concord	June 6, 1987
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
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
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
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

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### LIVING RECIPIENTS OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (Continued)

<i>Name and Valley</i>	<i>Date award voted</i>
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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
Thomas Gardner LaBerge, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2012
James Martin Triacca, 32°, Concord	June 2, 2012
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
Jerome Thomas Becker, 32°, Nashua	June 4, 2016
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Michael Francis Ripberger, 32°, Concord	June 4, 2016
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Roland Norman Petersen, 32°, Nashua	June 10, 2017
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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
  - o Valley Officers
  - o 33rds
  - o MSAs
  - o Officers of NH Council of Deliberation
  - o 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
  - o Almoner's Fund
  - o Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library
  - o 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:
  - o Number of NH Scottish Rite Masons contributing
  - o 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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