

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



ANCIENT ACCEPTED  
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

2019



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

96<sup>th</sup> CONVOCATION HELD AT  
Portsmouth, NH, JUNE 1, 2019



Ill.: Mark C. Roth, 33°  
*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief*  
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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 Minister of State



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

## New Hampshire Deputy's Representatives



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



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



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



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

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NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
OFFICERS 2016 – 2019

- III.: Mark C. Roth, 33° ..... Commander-in-Chief (Ex-Officio)
- 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;<br>Grand Marshal General: August 25, 2009—August 30, 2011; Grand Treasurer General:<br>August 30, 2011—August 24, 2018; Grand Minister of State: August 24, 2018—Present) | Portsmouth—Dover | Sept. 26, 2000      |
| III.: Robert Edward Hansen, 33°<br>(Active Member: September 1, 1993; Deputy: September 28, 1999; Active Emeritus<br>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.: George Kendall Bemis, Jr., 33°	Keene	Sept. 21, 2004
III.: Brian James Smith, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2005
III.: Robert Glenn Bianchi, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 29, 2006
III.: Robert Campbell Lethbridge, 33°, MSA	Concord	Aug. 29, 2006
III.: Walter William (Joe) Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 29, 2006
III.: Brent William Washburn, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2007
III.: Ronald Jeffrey Brown, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 28, 2007
III.: Ronald Edgar Metcalf, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 28, 2007
III.: Edward Norval Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 26, 2008
III.: Panos Alexander Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Aug. 26, 2008
III.: Robert Wayne Lawrie, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 25, 2009
III.: Thomas Stewart Lowe, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 25, 2009
III.: Mark Adrian Weir, 33°, M.S.A.	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 25, 2009
III.: Robert Daniel Coppo, 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Stephen Karl Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Roger Frederick Retzke, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 31, 2010
III.: Kenneth Ansel Clay, Jr., 33°	Concord	Aug. 31, 2010

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	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
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
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°          | III.: William E. Larson, 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°                | III.: Robert M. Porter, 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. Peter N. Vatistas, 32°   |
| III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°         | III.: Roger F. Retzke, 33°    |
| III.: John F. Gordon, 33°            | III.: Ronald J. Brown, 33°    |
| III.: Roger M. Clark, 33°            | 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°  |
| Bro. Richard W. Ingram, 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, 32°, 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°            | Bro. Donald w. Milbrand Jr., 32°        |

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

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

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

III.: John F. Gordon, 33°	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°	III.: Bro., Jeffrey L. Brown, 33° M.S.A.
III.: Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.	

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

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

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°	III.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°

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

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

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

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

Ill.: John F. Gordon, 33°	.Bro. Mark A. Patschke, 32°
Bro. John H. Sanders, Jr., 32°	Bro. Joseph L. Kenick, Jr., 32°
Ill.: Lennox B. Henderson, II, 33°	Ill.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33° , M.S.A.
Ill.: Roger M. Clark, 33°	Bro. Paul G. Brown, 32°
Bro. A. Richard Marple, 32°	Bro. Paul T. Sullivan, 32°
Ill.: Andrew F. Hirst, 33°, <i>S.M.J.</i>	Bro. Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°
Bro. Brian R. Sanderson, 32°	Ill.: , Jeffrey L. Brown, 33° , M.S.A.
Ill.: Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. Kaleb R. Brown, ,32°
Bro. Donald R. Willoughby, 32°, M.S.A	

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

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

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

Ill.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°	Ill.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.
Ill.: Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A.	Ill.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°
Ill.: Mark C. Roth, 33°	Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.
Ill.: Brent W. Washburn, 33°	Bro. Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., 32°, M.S.A.
Ill.: 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°	Bro. Troy A. Patoine, 32°

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

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

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

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

## PRESIDING OFFICERS

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

III.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A., Commander-in-Chief	Hooksett
III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A., First Lieutenant Commander	Boscawen
III.: Donald Mendzela, 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander	Manchester

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

Bro. Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, Most Wise Master	Pelham
Bro. David W. Smith, 32°, Senior Warden	Weare
Bro. Roland Petersen, 32° M.S.A., Junior Warden	Nashua

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

Bro. Kaleb R. Brown, 32°, Most Wise Master	Seabrook
Vacant, Senior Warden	
Vacant, Junior Warden	

### Acacia Chapter of Rose Croix, Concord

Bro. Larry A. Sprague, 32°, Most Wise Master	Woodstock, VT
Bro. Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°, Senior Warden	Boscawen
Bro. Gary A. Ward, Junior Warden	Plainfield

### Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix, Littleton

Bro. David A. Rich, 32°, Most Wise Master	Berlin
Bro. Lance E. Miller, 32°, Senior Warden	Brunswick VT
Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, Junior Warden	Gorham

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

Bro. John Bartoszak, Sovereign Prince	Rochester
Vacant, High Priest	
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

Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 32°, Sovereign Prince	Canaan
Bro. Larry A. Sprague, 32°, High Priest	Woodstock VT
Bro. Michael Cramer, 32° Senior Warden	George Mills

### Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Littleton

Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, Sovereign Prince	Gorham
Ill.: David S. Collins 33°, M.S.A., High Priest	Concord
Bro. Lance E. Miller, 32°, Senior Warden	Brunswick, VT

### 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. Jonathan A. Austin, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Berwick, ME
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	Chelmsford, MA
Bro. Jerome T. Becker, 32°, Senior Warden	Candia

### Alpha Lodge of Perfection, Concord

Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A., Thrice Potent Master	Concord
Bro. Dennis A. Tuttle, Jr., 32°, Deputy Master	Northwood
Bro. Troy A. Patoine, 32°, Senior Warden	Concord

### North Star Lodge of Perfection, Lancaster

Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°, , Thrice Potent Master	Bethlehem
Bro. Lance E. Miller, 32°, Deputy Master	Brunswick, VT
Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, Senior Warden	Gorham

### 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

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation  
Winter Workshop  
Concord, NH  
Saturday, February 9, 2019

The New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Winter Workshop was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Rd, Concord, New Hampshire, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019  
at 9:00 o'clock, am

for the purpose of training and development of the officers and members 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.

There were 50 people in attendance; 44 members of NH Council of Deliberation, Bro. H. Stephen Wood, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of NH, Joan L Smith, Supreme Deputy for Rainbow in NH, Barbara Gaskell, Worthy Grand Matron, NH Order of the Eastern Star, Paul C. Smith, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of NH, and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of NH, and Officer Nathan Linstad, Manchester Police Department.

#### Introductions

Mark Roth, Deputy for NH, introduced the M.:W.: and Ill.: John E. Lobdell, Grand Master of the State of New Hampshire.

#### MSA Nominations

The Deputy called on Rich Elliot, Active for NH, who announced that the MSA nomination packets are available. He then distributed them to the Valleys and the Commander-in-Chief. Nominations are due no later than April 15.

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### Sickness and Distress

The Deputy asked for news of Brethren who were sick or in distress. Cards were made available for those present to sign and be mailed.

### NH COD Annual Meeting

The Deputy reminded all that the Annual meeting of NH Council of Deliberation this year will be on Saturday, June 1 at the Masonic Temple in Portsmouth.

### Scholarships

Karl Bickford announced that Supreme Council had set aside \$8,800 for Abbott Scholarships this year.

### Guest Speakers

III.: Bro. Roth called on Bro. James S O'Donnell to speak on the topic "One Thing Only".

Bro. O'Donnell is President of Jaguar Management Consulting, which provides development strategies for businesses and municipalities in marketing, finance, and manufacturing processes. Prior to establishing his consulting practice, Mr. O'Donnell was President of a publicly traded computer company that marketed software products and services for managing municipalities. He holds an MBA from Babson College, a Bachelor of Business Management from Merrimack College and an Associate of Mechanical Engineering from Franklin Institute of Boston.

Bro. O'Donnell's presentation addressed the need to engage every member in a way that creates value in his being a member, without having him feel obliged to do more than he is willing. The presentation is included in the report of the Membership Committee, and may be found on pages 83—87 of these proceedings.

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After his presentation, there was a brief recess. Ill.: Bro. Roth then called on Officer Nathan Linstad of the Manchester Police Department to speak about security.

Officer Linstad has been with the Manchester Police Department since 2001. He began his career in the Patrol Division, and was assigned to the Community Policing Division in 2007. He was designated as the Crime Prevention Officer in 2015. In this role he focuses on educating the public regarding all aspects of safety from school programs for students to women's safety clinics, bank robbery seminars, and active shooter training. Additionally, Officer Linstad has been a member of the Manchester SWAT Team since 2009. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, conferred by the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Officer Linstad's presentation was most informative, and addressed a number of present-day situations involving safety and security, including shootings at schools, malls, and other "soft targets".

Following the presentations, Ill.: Bro. Roth thanked both speakers for taking time to share information with the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

### Closing Remarks

Ill.: Bro. Roth then called for remarks from the Visiting Dignitaries, Joan L Smith, Supreme Deputy for Rainbow in NH, Barbara Gaskell, Worthy Grand Matron, NH Order of the Eastern Star, Paul C. Smith, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of NH, and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of NH, and Bro. H. Stephen Wood, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of NH. He then called on Ill.: Brothers Robert E. Hansen and Richard W. Elliot for their remarks. He concluded with calling upon M.:W.: and Ill.: Bro. John E. Lobdell, Grand Master of Masons in NH for his closing remarks. There being no other business, a closing prayer and grace was given by the the Prior, Ill.: Bro. Kenneth A. Clay, Jr.

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The workshop was then closed at 12:21 p.m. Following the workshop, a roast pork dinner was served by the Nashua Square and Compass Club.

BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

Verne S Anderson Jr.	Edward N Lewis
Robert S Bean III	C Wayne Libby Jr.
Jerome T Becker	John E Lobdell
Russell S Bell	Walter W Lovell
Karl H Bickford III	John A Loven
Jeffrey L Brown	Thomas S Lowe
Kaleb R Brown	Alan D Lugg
Ronald J Brown	Nicholas C Martel
Kenneth A Clay Jr.	Richard E Melvin
David Scott Collins	Donald L Mendzela
Peter D Crouch	James S O'Donnell
Ralph R Currier Jr.	Troy A Patoine
Richard F Doble	Panos A Pitsas
Richard W Elliot	Robert M Porter
Roger W Gaskill	Roger F Retzke
John F Gordon	David A Rich
Larry D Gullett	Mark C Roth
John M Hall	Gary E Roy
Robert E Hansen	Dennis A Sheridan
William E Larson	Brian J Smith
Paul M Leary	Larry A Sprague
Robert C Lethbridge	James M Triacca

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation

96th Annual Convocation

Portsmouth, NH

Saturday, June 1, 2019

The NINETY-SIXTH CONVOCATION of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Masonic Temple, 351 Middle St, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019  
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. Roger A. Becker, 33°, MSA has not been well, and is not able to travel as he had.

Ill.: Bro. Roger J. Pellerin, 33°, MSA has been looking after his wife, Linda, who has had a series of health issues that have not improved.

Ill.: Bro. Robert E. Hansen, 33° is not present because he is in the process of moving.

### 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 1, 2019

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree .....	68
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) .....	13
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	14
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	2
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	0
Committee Chairmen (not previously counted) .....	1
Committee Members (not previously counted) .....	1
Total Membership .....	155

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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 .....	30
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) .....	9
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted) .....	3
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	3
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 .....	49

BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

2019 Attendance

Verne S. Anderson Jr., 32°, MSA  
Stewart L. Aronson, 33°  
Jonathan A. Austin, 32°  
Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, MSA  
Jerome T. Becker, 32°, MSA  
Russell S. Bell, 33°, MSA  
Karl H. Bickford III, 33°, MSA  
Scott R. Borthwick, 32°  
Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, MSA  
Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°  
Kaleb R. Brown, 32°  
Ronald J. Brown, 33°  
Ronald N. Crane, 33°  
Martin W. Curtis, 32°, MSA  
Richard F. Doble, 33°, MSA  
Louis L. Dow Sr., 33°, MSA  
Richard W. Elliot, 33°  
Wayne I. Elliot, 33°, MSA  
Larry. Gaskell, 32°  
Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, MSA  
John F. Gordon, 33°  
Larry D. Gullett, 33°  
William E. Larson, 33°  
C. Wayne Libby Jr., 33°, MSA  
John E. Lobdell, 33°  
**Walter W. "Joe" Lovell, 33°, MSA**  
Alan D. Lugg, 33°  
Roderick M. MacDonald, 32°  
A Richard. Marple, 32°  
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°  
Joseph J. Rella, 32°  
Roger F. Retzke, 33°  
Mark C. Roth, 33°  
Gary E. Roy, 33°, MSA  
Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°  
Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, MSA  
Brian J. Smith, 33°  
David W. Smith, 32°  
Larry A. Sprague, 32°  
Richard J. Thompson, 32°, MSA  
Gary A. Ward, 32°  
Dennis Webster, 33°, MSA

DIGNITARIES (in Scottish Rite)

Kenneth A. Clay Jr., 33°  
*Grand Lodge, F&AM*  
David S. Collins, 33°, MSA  
*Grand Commandery, KT*

## RECEPTION OF 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 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 Illustrious Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, 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.: Stewart L. Aronson, 33°, PGM (2013, 2014)

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

M.:W.: and Ill.: John E. Lobdell, 33°, PGM (2017, 2018)

Commander-in-Chief Roth invited the Grand Master to speak, after which M.: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

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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 not been audited. However, the Secretary and Treasurer's books do match. A detail audit will be completed in the near future.

Based on the April 30, 2019 census our projected Per Capita Income will drop by approximately \$1,048.00 this year versus last year's actual. Even with this lower projection, the Treasurer showed a positive cash flow of \$4,210.24, leaving us with a Cash on Hand position of \$24,177.06. This increase in cash flow was due in part to the decrease of the testimonial, printing, programs and training expenses. This, too, is in addition to the asset held at Edward Jones Financial Services which has a current value of \$17,946.87

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, 2019 to May 31, 2020 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  
2019-2020 Budget

INCOME

Testimonial Income	\$ 4,000.00
Per Capita Income	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$13,000.00</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	600.00
Program & Training Expenses-COD & Workshop	4,000.00
Secretary Stipend	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FY 2018-2019

FOR THE PERIOD June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019

Cash on hand June 1, 2018

TD Bank, Checking Account \$19,966.62

		Budgeted	Actual
INCOME	Testimonial	\$4,000.00	\$2,472.15
	Valley Dues	\$9,600.00	\$10,098.00
	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>\$13,600.00</u>	<u>\$12,570.15</u>

Sub-Total \$32,536.97

EXPENSES	Testimonial	\$4,000.00	\$2,683.73
	Annual Meal	\$700.00	\$648.00
	Workshop Meal	\$700.00	\$571.18
	Donations Youth	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00
	Children's Dyslexia Centers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	MSA	\$500.00	\$786.00
	Printing and Postage	\$1,000.00	\$41.08
	Program Expenses	\$4,200.00	\$1,129.92
	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>
	Total Expenses	\$13,600.00	8,359.91

Cash on hand on May 31, 2019

TB Bank Checking Account \$24,177.06

James M. Triacca, 32°, MSA, Treasurer

REPORT OF EDWARD JONES  
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

JUNE 1, 2018 through MAY 14, 2019

Account Balance June 1, 2018	\$17,301.47
Addition to Account	<u>\$0.00</u>
Account Balance May 14, 2019	\$17,946.87
Account Growth	\$641.40

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

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALER

May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

Account Balance May 1, 2018	\$5,216.53
Interest for the year	<u>\$2.61</u>
Total on Hand	<u>\$5,219.14</u>

Disbursements: None	
Balance May 1, 2019	<u>\$5,219.14</u>

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

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### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

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

Since 1939, presiding officers across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction have had the opportunity to recognize one of their brothers by nominating them for the Meritorious Service Award or MSA. The award is for distinguished service of a Masonic character, men who their lives in a manner which truly sets them apart from their equals. These are men who sacrifice their own self-interest for the advancement of humanity and the promotion of good will among men. While it may seem that the merits and qualities for consideration of this recognition are greatly centered at the heart of the fraternity, and rightly so, it is these same morals and virtues which are displayed by men of greatness in all that they do in life.

As a presiding officer, the opportunity to select and nominate a brother for consideration for the Meritorious Service Award should be treated as an honorable duty. If you truly believe that a brother is worthy of this recognition, you owe it to him to see that the very best representation of his life is offered in the nomination submission. Anything less is an injustice to the nominee, and an affront to the privilege you have to make that nomination. It is this simple act - the nomination of a brother who has no knowledge of the actions which his peers are taking in his behalf, which makes this a truly esteemed award.

This process in itself is a great challenge - gathering personal information about an individual without obtaining it directly from them. It requires a great deal of effort and a certain extent of resourcefulness. Information provided about the nominee for consideration should go beyond a simple list of accomplishments. Demonstration of good citizenship, involvement which has enriched the lives of others, respect of peers, leadership roles, and service outside of Masonry are all valuable components for consideration.

This honor can be surpassed by none - a process which consists of nomination by one's peers and colleagues, recommendation by a committee with great understanding of the importance of their task and election by a group fully conversant of the commitment, dedication and respect

worthy of the recognition.

After our 2018 Council of Deliberation meeting, it was noted that since nominations for the MSA are submitted from around the state, many of the members attending the meeting were not necessarily familiar with all of those who were being recommended by the committee for election to receive the award. In the same fashion, in order to be fair with all of those recommended for the award, the committee makes every effort to evaluate the submissions for consideration in an objective manner rather than a subjective manner. This simply means that in order to create equal opportunity, recommendations by this committee are based largely upon the information provided in the nomination forms. This is why it is so important for presiding officers to be steadfast in providing the best recommendation possible. As a result of the suggestion from last year, this year we are going to share a bit of the information which was provided to the committee for each member being recommended for election here today. As such, we are proud to offer the recommendation of the two following brothers for your consideration.

The first recommendation is that of a brother from the Valley of Nashua. He was raised on March 30th, 1972 and is a member of Spicket Lodge # 85 in Salem, N.H. He has been a member of Scottish Rite since 1997 and a member of York Rite since 2013. He has served as a Worshipful Master in 2002-2003 and again in 2014- 2016. He has also served his Lodge as Chaplain for a great number of years, in addition to serving as Assistant Chaplain and Assistant Treasurer. He holds plural membership in both Benevolent Lodge #7 in Milford, N.H. and Anniversary Lodge of Research #175. In Grand Lodge, he has served as a Grand Representative, a District Education Officer, a District Deputy Grand Lecturer and a District Deputy Grand Master. He is a member of King Solomon Chapter #17, Royal Arch Masons in Milford, N.H., and is a life member of the National Sojourners. In 2005, he received the Major General John Sullivan Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze, presented by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

In Scottish Rite, he has served as Sovereign Prince for Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem and currently serves as Junior Warden of both St. George Chapter of Rose Croix and Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection. He has served as

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a cast member in all four bodies of Scottish Rite and is actively engaged on the Valley Executive Committee. He has also served as a Scottish Rite Ambassador to his Lodge.

He is a member of the Executive Board of New Hampshire MasoniCare, and serves the same as Publicity Committee Chairman.

We are pleased to recommend **Brother David William Smith of the Valley of Nashua** for your consideration to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

The second brother is a member of the Valley of Concord. He was raised a Master Mason on March 7th, 1985 at Horace Chase Lodge #72 in Penacook, N.H., and is affiliated with Harris Lodge #91. He has served his Lodge in various capacities including Marshal and Worshipful Master. He served in the U.S. Army from 1983 to 1991 as a German interpreter. He has served on several Grand Lodge Committees including the Web and Social Media Committee, Masonic Education Committee, Masonic Awareness and Public Relations Committee, and the William Pitt Tavern. He currently serves as a Grand Historian.

In Scottish Rite he has served his Valley as Sovereign Prince of Ariel Council Princes of Jerusalem. He has served both his Valley and New Hampshire Consistory in various capacities of audio/visual presentations for degree work. In the Valley, he has co-chaired media classes, organized to familiarize members with social media. He has both participated in and directed degrees. He has served on both the Valley Executive Committee and the Valley Finance Committee.

A Senior DeMolay, he served DeMolay as Master Councilor and as State Master Councilor. He received the Degree of Chevalier in 1984, the State Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award and the Fred Grant Ward State medal for outstanding service to New Hampshire DeMolay.

Outside of the fraternity, he serves as Vice President of the National Society of Covered Bridges and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Abbott-Downing Historical Society.

We are pleased to recommend **Brother Karl Richard Olson of the Valley of Concord** for your consideration to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

We are again reminded that 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. They choose and exhibit a way of life which they have obligated to since the very first time they knelt at the altar of Freemasonry.

We are proud to recommend these Brothers for election to receive the Meritorious Service Award in 2019 and recognize that if elected by this Council of Deliberation, these members will receive the highest honor and acknowledgement this Council is authorized by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Supreme Council to **confer** the Meritorious Service Award. The Committee congratulates those who are being recommended to this Council of Deliberation today.

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 1st day of June, 2019,

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

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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 3, 2019 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.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, and Members of NH COD*

Your Nominating committee submits the following nominations for the years 2019-2022

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

Respectfully Submitted

Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman

Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°, M.S.A.

Ralph R. Currier, Jr., 32°, M.S.A.

David E. Lewis, 32°, M.S.A.

Donald L. Mendzela, 33°, M.S.A.

On a motion duly seconded to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers nominated, the Deputy called for a vote of the membership. Being in the affirmative, the Secretary cast the ballot and all were duly elected.

## 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 elected officers and 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.

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"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 officers and Deputy's Representatives to their seats.

SUPREME COUNCIL  
of the  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY  
for the  
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

OFFICERS 2019 – 2022

III.: Mark C. Roth, 33° .....	Commander-in-Chief (Ex-Officio)
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. ....	Hospitaller
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## 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  
Portsmouth, NH – June 1, 2019  
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 96th Annual Convocation of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

We are very honored that Most Worshipful and Ill.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire is with us this morning.

Thank you to the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover for hosting this Annual Convocation of our Council of Deliberation. A big thank you to Brother Chef Phil for preparing our dinner today. In addition, thank you to all who are participating and who prepared for this meeting.

I hope you have had an opportunity to read the reports distributed by our Secretary. These included several 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.

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### 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.

Ill.: James F. Niehoff , 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for New York  
Died on Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Ill.: Jeffrey W Coy, 33°

Active Member of Supreme Council for Pennsylvania  
Died on Monday, June 4, 2018

Ill.: Robert O. Ralson, 33°

Active Member of Supreme Council—At Large  
Sovereign Grand Commander, 1993—2003  
Died on Monday, September 3, 2018

Ill.: Norman R. Buecker, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for Illinois  
Deputy for Illinois 1992-2000  
Grand Treasurer General 1985—1995  
Recipient of the Supreme Council Medal of Honor  
Died on Monday, October 1, 2018

Ill.: George Denman Kramer , 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for Wisconsin  
Died on Sunday, February 14, 2019

Ill.: Robert L. Miller, Sr., 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for Indiana  
Recipient of the Supreme Council Medal of Honor  
Died on Saturday, April 27, 2019

In addition:

Ill.: Robert S. Finley, 33°

Grand Marshal of the Camp  
Death reported on January 12, 2019

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

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 Richard B. Chevalier, 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 7, 2003

Born: November 22, 1927

Died: July 10, 2018

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Brother Charles Jarvis Lewis Jr., 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 1, 2013

Born: November 21, 1923

Died: August 6, 2018

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Brother John G. Senter, 32°, M.S.A.

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 2, 2001

Born: August 1, 1949

Died: October 2, 2017

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Illustrious David J. Lamprey Sr., 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 21, 2004

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 15, 1996

Past Sovereign Prince of John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Portsmouth-Dover

Past Most Wise Master of New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix of Portsmouth-Dover

Born: February 22, 1938

Died: December 27, 2018

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Illustrious Joseph J.H. Beaumont, 33°

Date of 33° - August 28, 2012

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

Assistant Treasurer of the Valley of Nashua & Chairman of our Council of Deliberations  
Finance Committee

Born: March 29, 1940

Died: January 28, 2018

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Brother Frederick Duncan, 32°

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

Born: October 14, 1928

Died: February 19, 2019

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Brother George A. Robertson, 32°

High Priest of Ariel Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Concord

Posthumously elected Past Sovereign Prince

Born: October 25, 1940

Died: May 1, 2019

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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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Supreme Council

I am pleased to report to you that the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is moving forward. Led by our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: David A. Glattly, 33° and a staff of motivated, dedicated and highly professional staff, we all play a major role in meeting the challenges of fraternal organizations today. Focusing on what men are searching for and why a man decides to become part of something larger than himself and his own self-interests is the guiding force of your fraternity. What speaks to the man of today, who is often torn in a complex world of competing and sometimes divisive forces. Research indicates a strong desire to be part of an organization of men that share a common principle, a bond of brotherhood that sets them apart from the everyday world. Freemasonry is that fraternity where a man becomes a part of like-minded men who want to be better than they are and who want to make a difference along with others, no matter their spiritual beliefs, political affiliation or ethnicity. A place where a man is not just a man. Not just a man, a mason.

But there is much work to be done. Under the leadership of our Sovereign Grand Commander, you will notice a great deal more communication. The use of a new media center at Supreme Council promotes live streaming which is becoming a very popular means of communication and education in response to member requests. Online sessions with Commander Glattly in an open question and answer forum provides access to Commander Glattly for the member but also allows the Commander and his team to hear directly from members. In addition, the travel schedule of Commander Glattly throughout the Jurisdiction and beyond to connect with members of the Scottish Rite is inspiring. We witnessed that personally here in New Hampshire just a few weeks ago when he joined us for our Consistory Reunion. The staff at Supreme Council is working diligently to promote the importance of membership and the

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value it brings to our members. You may have noticed new member binders distributed to this year's class. Filled with welcoming information and important items such as the Passport, the packet is intended to help in welcoming and engaging new members.

Committees of your Supreme Council, under the leadership of Active Members are fully engaged in this effort. The Fraternal Development, Fraternal Services, Benevolence and Leadership Committees are now reaching out to the general membership, including Jurisdiction wide members to be involved with the Supreme Council Committees, Staff, and States where they reside. All this to improve the member experience.

I will give you just one example of change that I think will improve the member experience. The Passport. I believe that we all acknowledge the role that the Passport has come to play in our fraternity. It marks the progress through the degrees. The stamp for a degree witnessed is an important symbol of a member's experience and achievement. Some have traveled many miles to fill their Passport. And some have filled it more than once. For those who have received the Gold Passport and filled it, a new award awaits you. Don't stop travelling. Continue your journey.

But beyond that, the Passport is undergoing a revision. For each degree the passport with provided a description of the degree, the philosophy of the degree, the symbol of the degree and, perhaps most importantly, the Core Value(s) of the degree. Along with this revision, the listing of our 29 degrees is being updated to reflect the Core Value associated with the degree. You will be happy to note that all twenty-nine degrees of the Scottish Rite, NMJ now have a Core Value associated with it.

You may have noticed rebranding. Communications now feature an Eagle that is usable in all media, printed or electronic. Letterhead, cards, brochures are all featuring like branding. Even the Learning Centers are featuring a new symbol, one leaf, one

life. The well-know Teddy Bear, long a source of pride as well as a question of appropriateness becomes a mascot of the Learning Centers.

As the electronic age becomes even more acceptable for most, online registrations, personal updates, and even Masonic Marketplace purchases are available for members on the go. To highlight just one convenience, I call your attention to the donation page on the <https://scottishritenmj.org/donate>. Here you can contribute any amount you want and to any charity you want. For example, to make a one-time \$100 donation to one of our Learning Centers, go to the web page, click in the one-time, then select Dyslexia Centers for Children in the drop-down box, then select Nashua or Seacoast. You can even designate a memorial or honorarium, credit card or electronic check. It is easy.

Or update your personal information. One of the greatest challenges facing your fraternity is keeping updated records of our membership. Losing touch with our members is a major problem. We are all charged with the Brother to Brother Calling Program, but we need to work at maintaining the contact information. Contacting our Brothers may be just as important or, in some cases, more important that putting on a degree. We must let them know that they are part of our fraternity, not separate from us. Calling to say hello, asking how they are doing while never mentioning money is so very important to our membership, especially those who can no longer join us at a reunion.

If you put on the uniform of our Country, fill in the Military Service section with the Branch or Service, Discharge Type, and Service Start Date and Discharge Date. This will help us recognize you with the Sammy Lee Davis Peace and Freedom Recognition designed to recognize our Brothers who bravely and faithfully upheld their duty to our nation. Plans are underway to be sure we recognize our Veterans in November.

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If you have any questions on how to get online or how to access these web pages, ask your Grandson or Granddaughter or contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> grader nearest you.

So Supreme Council has been active. You know that from the issues of The Northern Light, which has undergone some changes itself and will undergo even more changes to make it relevant to today's member.

The Path Forward is not only the name of the most significant initiative in my Masonic career but impacts nearly all Grand Lodges in the Country and outside our great land. Raising the tide of Freemasonry will lift the ships of all our appendant bodies. Tune in to the Membership Celebration Livestream on June 5 and learn just how this is happening.

The Supreme Council Annual Meeting in Milwaukee is coming up in August. There we will have four New Hampshire members crowned as Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Masons: Jeffrey M. Brown, Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, Jerome T. Becker, Valley of Nashua, Troy A. Patoine and James M. Triacca, Valley of Concord. Our New Hampshire Consistory Commander-in-Chief, III.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, along with his wife Gail, will host the New Hampshire group of Honorary Members of Supreme Council and their Ladies. I find Milwaukee to be a very enjoyable city. In the best tradition of its heritage, you will find many establishments to enjoy beer and brats.

### State of the Rite in New Hampshire

Once again, I report that Scottish Rite in New Hampshire is well, but we dare not think that we can relax. We must continue to work at making it better. I am very excited about the work that Valleys do when they come together as we have done in here in this building over the last few years in November. The All Valley Joint Reunions have been very successful. I believe that is true for several reasons. With Lodges and Grand Lodge being so active in the Fall season, it makes sense to relieve the Valleys of

reunions with multiple degrees. As an alternative, the one Valley, one Degree model seems to work well. Even when all Valleys take a small portion of one degree, it works well to partner with another Valley to produce the degree. Over time, the familiar degrees have given way to those that are seen less frequently and thereby adding to the attraction. Publication of the schedule of degrees has allowed visitors from other States as well as other Jurisdictions to come to New Hampshire and enjoy our Brotherhood. Given the number of Brothers, how good and how pleasant it is to see one of our largest Lodge Rooms filled to overflow with Scottish Rite Masons who can get to know Brothers outside our own small world. Great job by all involved and I look forward to no less than another great day of Degrees and Brotherhood on November 2 this year.

The quality of degree work within individual Valleys can vary, but, no matter the sense that a poor final rehearsal makes for a good degree, we can push that beyond the limits. In other words, **degree work can only be perfected by practice...** rehearsals, when even the seemingly insignificant roles play a **major part in preparing for a good degree.** Don't cut down on the number of rehearsals, even if everyone is busy. Many times, one more rehearsal would have made a big difference in the degree presentation. Besides, it is another opportunity to get together, have fun, rehearse a degree and get even more out of it. Personal contact and perhaps even replacing a cast member are keys to a good rehearsal and good degree. At the same time, we realize that there is a difference between the communities and resources from one Valley to the next, we dare not allow that to become an excuse. We must do whatever we can to enhance the quality of our degrees. Some of this can be done by sharing the load, inviting other Valleys to join in a degree in the manner of the efforts between Nashua and Valleys in MA, Lowell and The Merrimack. Some can be accomplished by recruiting cast members from other Valleys and returning the favor when needed. We must realize that we are not alone in our struggles and not alone in striving to improve. In a recent

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conversation with Brothers from some of the largest Valleys in our Jurisdiction, Harrisburg and Cincinnati, I learned that even these Valleys are finding it difficult to provide the music and choral accompaniment that enriched their degree for so many years.

Supreme Council is working very hard to enrich the membership experience and engage new members by making tools available to Valleys. Our Brother James O'Donnell challenges us with food for thought and constructive ideas about engaging our members. Every Valley, every Officer and every member must hear the message. Remember the workshop on Active Shooter that Manchester Police Officer Linstad presented. What did he say about driving down the road, seeing a situation or person in distress? Did he say that everyone jumps in and acts? Or did he say most will not act but will say they assumed someone else had already acted. That applies to us directly, though it may be a different circumstance. We do not dare to think that someone else will step up. You and I are the first on the scene and we are the ones that must act.

We must respect our traditions and history, but we must change. As Brother Thompson says, "We must do the same thing but do it differently."

We have some new models, successful models, to follow. Like our Brothers of the York Rite, Royal Arch, we find that big events are productive and meaningful to our members. 137 Brothers turned out last November to share Brotherhood and our degrees right here in Portsmouth. In March, along with 44 other Masons, I joined York Rite. I don't believe that it was the promise of big numbers that made the day in either case. It was rather the fact that, throughout the State, Masons were going to an important event. One of size yes, but more importantly one that promised great Brotherhood and the opportunity to witness great degrees, possible only through the great effort and sacrifice of the very best of conferrals.

We have the very special degrees of Consistory. Degrees not conferred over and over again because they are easy, and

everyone knows their parts. But degrees of interest perhaps because they are not the usual degrees. A nice social time with our Ladies. Well publicized. The result is a day when most were tired at the end of the but satisfied that it was a day well spent. It had value and meaning.

Another example, the trip to the Scottish Rite Museum and Library in Lexington on June 22 is sold out. Why? You tell me. What makes this event different from other trips that were planned but no one signed up? Is it the buses? Is it the luncheon? Is it Ill\Larry D. Gullett, 33° public play? Again, a special, well publicized, promoted event that is not the same old thing! Well, maybe it is the same but different! Thanks, Rick for that little phrase that makes all the difference.

So, your marching orders are this. Don't think about doing the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree as Stars Wars. But think about doing the same thing – differently.

And don't be afraid to talk about your Masonic involvement. If you don't know what to say about it, then say this, "I can't explain it, but I get a really good feeling being with a group of really good men."

I won't take too much more time, but I do want to talk just a bit about the Scottish Rite Charities. You should be proud of the Museum and Library. It is a rich source of Masonic knowledge and artifacts.

In a little bit we will hear of the Abbott Scholarships. Please be aware that the amount of Scholarships awarded in NH have been directly related to the amount and number of contributions to the Blue Envelope Appeal. 2019 is no different. We had \$8,800 to award.

You hear a great deal about the next two charities, the Grand Almoner's Fund and the Children's Dyslexia Centers. Whether you think charity starts at home or charity spent in the community demonstrates that, as Masons, we are part of the larger world and we should act as such, there is a charity for you.

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Just read the stories of some the tragedies that befall our Brothers. Read about their reactions when the Scottish Rite steps in to relieve their distress. Then feel good that these Brothers thank you.

The Learning Centers, Seacoast and Nashua, are doing tremendous work. You are aware of the expansion at the Seacoast Center. The Grand Opening last September was the beginning of a new era in Rochester. More than 250 children have enrolled since the program began at the Seacoast with more than 125 adults completing the initial course work. In Nashua, 34 students completed the year on May 23. You can read their letters of thank you to "the Masons". Our Center Directors, Brenda Peters at the Seacoast Center and Aileen Cormier at the Children's' Dyslexia Center of Nashua are excellent Directors and deserve our support. I cannot say thank you enough to the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover and New Hampshire Consistory for their steadfast and very generous support.

You should be aware that, since its inception in 1994, the Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc has supported its Centers throughout the jurisdiction by paying the costs of insurance, investments, audits, professional memberships, and corporate human resource expenses. This overhead can no longer be sustained by corporate investments alone. The overhead represents 22% of center payroll costs across the board. The development office, under the direction of Michael Russell has committed to raising 2% of that overhead cost. The recent mailing for the Dyslexia Centers is aimed at covering that 2%. But, the Board of Directors, beginning with fiscal year 2020, will charge 20% of a centers' payroll directly to the center to cover center overhead costs. This is a significant addition to a Center's budget. Both Centers in New Hampshire are extremely well served by the Commanders-in-Chief, Finance Committees, and members of New Hampshire Consistory who have a long history of support for the Centers. Today is no different. The Board of Governors for both the Seacoast Center and the Children's Dyslexia Center of Nashua humbly and gratefully acknowledge the commitment made to pick up the continuing costs of the overhead charged back to the centers. In addition, the support of NH Consistory to both centers is evident by assistance provided, along with the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, for the

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expansion of the Seacoast Center and completing the pledge to the Nashua Center. We salute NH Consistory. Please join me in applause.

The time has come to express my gratitude to all of you and the many who are engaged in this fraternity. Whether it be on the Board of Governors of one of our Learning Centers, presenting ROTC/JROTC medals, certificates, and ribbons at ceremonies at the University of NH or high schools across the State, "thank you". Whether you are an officer, a cook, an actor, a lighting specialist, an organist, a wardrobe specialist, or a digital compositor, "thank you". Whether you are a Deputy Representative, Secretary or Treasurer, "thank you. Whether you are loyal sideliners or the loyal opposition, thank you". Remember the words of the Installation of Officers. "Together we will carry the Scottish Rite Banner to great heights of achievement."

Lastly, a very special thank you to Ill.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus for his continued support and Ill.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Grand Minister of State for his positive support.

Finally, I thank each, and every one of you for your personal love and care. Your cards and well wishes for Karla as she went through surgery and then more surgery, means a great deal to both us, and, when you saw a physical change in me over the last several months, your concern that I might be ill and relief in your eyes when you realized that is not the case, was truly what this fraternity is all about.

Thank you, my Brothers.

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.

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES AND TESTIMONIALS

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

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, 91 Brethren, ladies and other guests gathered at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord in a mid-day celebration honoring our MSA recipients.

Those honored were elected on June 9, 2018 at the 95<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting in Concord:

Brother Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, MSA, Valley of Nashua

Brother Jeffrey C. Grant, 32°, MSA, Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

Brother David A. Rich, 32°, MSA, Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

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.

Following 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.

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 Minister of State, 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.

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The 2019 MSA Award Ceremony will again be held at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord, NH on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

For the Committee,

Thomas S. Lowe, 33°, Chairman

William E. Larson, 33°

Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°

Jeffrey L. Brown, 33° M.S.A.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES

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

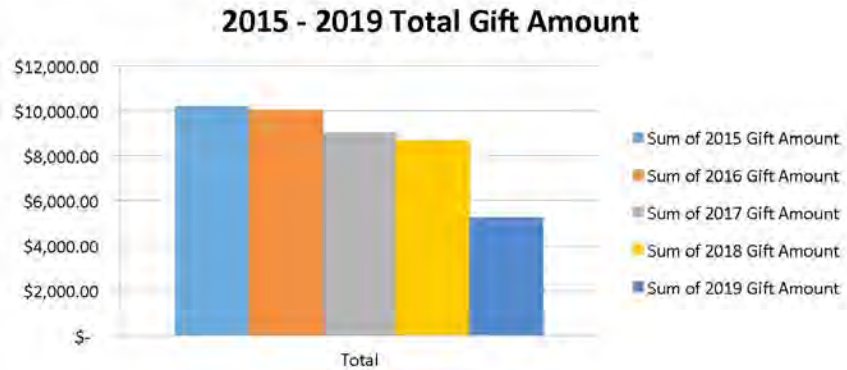
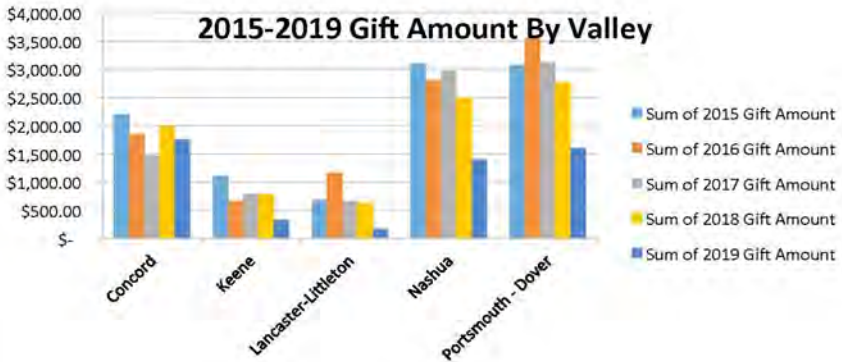
#### The Blue Envelope Appeal

The Committee on Supreme Council Charities presents its report for 2019. 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.

Valley	Gift Amount in \$	No. of Donors	No. of Members	% of Donors vs. Members
Portsmouth- Dover	\$ 1,596.00	29	431	6.7%
Nashua	\$ 1,396.00	29	353	8.2%
Concord	\$ 1,761.00	26	304	8.6%
Lancaster-Littleton	\$ 163.00	6	122	4.9%
Keene	\$ 785.00	10	110	9.1%
Totals	\$ 5,177.00	100	1320	7.6%

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The 2018-2019 contributions reported by Supreme Council were as follows:

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.

Do not wait for the Blue Envelope to arrive in the mail! Contributions can be made to the Valley Secretary by mail, at any Scottish Rite event, or by using the Supreme Council website, <https://scottishritenmj.org/donate>. Let us all get motivated by reversing the trend in the above graphs.

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 YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

We have looked at the children and we stand impressed. With a constant barrage of negative press, reports on Social Media, and copious amounts of hearsay notwithstanding, the world is not going the wrong way. Our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and those youth who we interact with in our Masonic Youth groups show us that the talking heads of media are wrong and that we will be in the good hands of these "young'uns" as they transition their lives into adulthood.

This sounds like a bold boast, maybe too over-the-top, but armed with examples, I think we can all see what the future holds. The future holds the discoveries of a Doctor of Microbiology, who worked through her Rainbow years participating with us in Scottish Rite flag presentations, Grand Lodge Rainbow Drills, and leadership positions in her local Assembly and New Hampshire Grand Assembly. A young lady who received scholarship from Scottish Rite Council of Deliberations to pursue Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctoral degrees and now putting her skills to work in society.

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It shows in the work of a Senior DeMolay, researching new material science in conjunction with research universities, discovering principles which we will reap the benefits in the near and far future.

It shows in the family lives of men and women who are true to the principles they learned under our mentorship and have now gone on to raise families of their own. Families who we don't hear about on the news because good news doesn't sell.

It also shows in the works of current Rainbow and DeMolay who give back to their communities with help, aid, and good-will. The hard work that our Masonic Youth Groups engage in, from their early teens to their early twenties, in the foundation of their future lives, living the principles which we could hope al the world would live.

Rainbow is slowly growing in New Hampshire. This is a continuing, positive state. DeMolay is holding its own and reorganizing to better support the young men in our state. What we tend to forget is that Youth is NOT forever. The young men and women in our Youth organizations are only there for ten years. For them to survive, they must constantly be refilling their ranks.

What do they need from us? I make this statement in every Youth Report I have ever helped on. They need us. They need our guidance. They need our participation. They need our physical support. For some of us, myself included as a Grandfather of a 10 year-old, they need us to introduce more Masonic related and non-Masonic related youth to their programs. We help whenever we issue a kind word. Whenever we attend one of their meetings. Whenever we encourage them in the ritual and performance. We help when we are there physically, showing them that we really do believe that, with them the would will truly be a better place for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Smith, 33°, Chairman

Jerome T. Becker M.S.A.

Jeffrey L. Brown 33° M.S.A.

C. Wayne Libby, Jr. 33° M.S.A.

Karl R. Olson

David A. Rich, M.S.A.

## RECEPTION OF VISITING DIGNITARIES

The Commander-in-Chief welcomed the visiting dignitaries, and then called upon Joan L. Smith, Supreme Inspector in NH, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for her remarks.

### REMARKS OF THE SUPREME INSPECTOR

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

It is a great pleasure to bring fraternal greetings to you from Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and all the young ladies of the Grand Assembly of NH. As my Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Madeline Going, is presently at Maine Grand Assembly bringing fraternal greetings there this morning; I bring her greetings as well.

Our Organization continues to flourish worldwide and within our jurisdiction. Our girls have had an increasing resurgence in membership in our 8 assemblies as they grow and understand the true value of sisterhood and kinship, love and service, faithfulness and citizenship, and develop those essential leadership skills, all benefits redeemed through a life in NH Rainbow. We continue to encourage our Girls to "Be There" and participate, for only by active membership can they truly reap the values and understand the virtues taught. Each one of them have such a wonderful light to shine..... and as advisors we encourage them to ignite that light and show their passions.

As always, we need those adult advisors in our Youth Organizations to take on the roles of mentors to help guide and direct them through the challenges as they work toward adult life. am reminded that "It takes a Village" to bring a

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child up through the trials and tribulations of life through teenage to young adult..... and we are eternally grateful for the support system that all of the Scottish RiteMasons in NH have to offer.

Regarding Leadership education..... I would like to announce that on January 25 -26, 2020 there will be a Youth Leadership Conference at the Concord Courtyard Marriott, for which our Youth- both Rainbow and DeMolay, and hopefully our Adults also, will get together and learn from each other, be inspired by other acts of servant leadership, and learn leadership skills to help them throughout life. Information will be coming out soon. Please keep this in mind as an event to attend, or possibly one to 'sponsor a Youth' as the time gets closer so that they may be able to attend.

I would like to personally thank the membership of Scottish Rite for all the financial support over the past few years as this has helped us to support many of our programs and events for our Rainbow Girls. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and for which we are indebted!

I invite you all to attend our 79th annual NH Grand Assembly session this July 5th-7th at the Nashua Courtyard Marriott, and any and all our girl's assembly events throughout the year. They will bring life... to your life!

Thank you again for the privilege to speak to you today.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joan L. Smith, Supreme Inspector in NH, Supreme Confidential Observer - Supreme Assembly

REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Barbara E Gaskell, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of NH, Order of the Eastern Star

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of The Order of the Eastern Star in New Hampshire.

Some of you here are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, some of you are related to members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and some of you have no idea what we are all about. If you are not a member, I encourage you to join us. Our order is very similar to yours. We support each other on our journey through life, we learn lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and truth, we raise money for worthwhile causes, and "by cheerful companionship and social enjoyments, we lighten the burden of active duty."

By strengthening our ties, both of our beautiful fraternities can grow stronger. I look forward to sharing time together at the Unity Picnic in September. I hope that the same person that was in charge of the weather last year is in charge again this year. It was spectacular!

I hope you have a productive Council of Deliberation and a great year.

REMARKS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST and GRAND MASTER

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 NH

*MWGM, Illustrious Brethren and Brethren All, good morning*

I'd like to bring the fraternal greetings of all the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, as well as my own.

Nine Days from now the Grand Chapter will celebrate its bicentennial celebration in Concord, and I'd first like to invite any Royal Arch Mason present to attend it'll be a great evening.

Coincidentally, tomorrow marks the bicentennial of the opening of the State House in Concord, and having spent most

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of my adult life in the fraternity and at the state house, I've been reflecting a lot on what both of these bicentennials mean to me. First, New Hampshire, and our form of government are unlike any place else. We have the largest House of Representatives in the country, and at one Representative for every 3400 people, is easily the most democratic legislation in the world. Our State House is open there aren't metal detectors, hundreds of armed guards, or barriers to meeting your elected officials. It is the people's house and welcomes all. Second, I find that Masonry in the Granite State is much the same as our government. Open and accessible. Our Grand Master doesn't rule from on high, he's given me his cellphone number after all, he came from the Brethren and is elected by us, not by papal conclave and even through he Grand Master's elections seems certain by having been appointed to the Grand line, the opportunity exists for any brother from the ranks to be appointed to said line regardless of their station in life. This very notion is what unites the discussion between our state government and fraternity. Where can a 22 year old college student be elected to serve and can make impacting a state and within a decade and a half lead a branch of our fraternity in the same way? New Hampshire is so unique for a myriad of reasons, the fact that our State House and fraternity are open for the benefit of mankind is part of what makes both so special to me. And so I happily invite you to come to Concord every day beginning tomorrow to help celebrate the State House bicentennial and if you're so able, next Monday the tenth, join us as we celebrate 200 years of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. Illustrious Brother Roth, I look forward to working with you in the year ahead for the good of Masonry, and to see you take your next set of degrees in York Rite. Brethren all, thank you for the courtesies extended to me this day and I look forward to seeing you as we travel across this beautiful state of ours. God Bless you and God bless New Hampshire and God bless Freemasonry.

Thank you

## REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

III.: David S. Collins, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of NH

The Right Eminent Grand Commander spoke of his love for both the Rites in New Hampshire, his enthusiasm for the development of their members, and the continued strengthening of all of Freemasonry.

### Invitation for the 2020 NH Council of Deliberation Annual Convocation

The Commander-in-Chief thanked the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover for hosting the Annual Convocation this year. He then asked, "Is there a Valley that would like to extend an invitation for the 2020 Annual Convocation to be held on June 6, 2020?"

Brother Roland N. Petersen, MSA, extended an invitation on behalf of the Valley of Nashua to host the Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation on that date in Nashua, NH.

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

## 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 2019-2020 school year:

The New Hampshire Consistory created the WILLIAM E. BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP in memory of our late Brother Illustrious William E.

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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:

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 two of our long serving members have asked to be replaced on the Scholarship Committee. Douglas L. Robertson, Sr. 33° who has served on the committee since 2002 (17 years); and Sumner Goldman, 33°, M.S.A. who has served on the committee since 1994 (25 years). We sincerely thank them for their many years of dedicated commitment.

The due date for next years applications is April 1, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Ill.: Sumner Goldman, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Walter W. Lovell 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Douglas L. Robertson, Sr. , 33°

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 Ill.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A., Scholarship Committee Chairman to come forward to make the presentations, and for Ill.: William E. Larson, 33°, New Hampshire Consistory Commander-in-Chief, to assist in presenting the Bryant Scholarships.

William E. Bryant Scholarships were presented to:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Devany A. Pitsas Keene, NH	\$3,400.00	Sophomore	Suffolk University Boston, MA
2. Laura E. Heussler Merrimack, NH	\$3,400.00	Sophomore	Mt Vernon Nazarene Univ Mechanicsburg, PA
3. Adelle M. Pitsas Keene, NH	\$3,000.00	Senior	Hampshire College Amerst, MA

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships were presented to:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Sarah A. Putnam Walpole, NH	\$3,000.00	Freshman	U Mass—Lowell Lowell, MA
2. Madeline H. Going Nashua, NH	\$2,500.00	Junior	U Mass Amherst—Mt Ida Campus Newton, MA
3. Blane E. Manning Tilton, NH	\$2,500.00	Freshman	University of St Andrews St Andrews, Fife, Scotland
4. Jocelynn C. Grabowski Raymond, NH	\$2,000.00	Senior	Keene State College Keene, NH
5. Zachery A. Elliot Manchester, NH	\$2,000.00	Junior	St. Anselm College Manchester, NH
6. Hannah L. Vincent Durham, NH	\$1,500.00	Sophomore	Gordon College Wenham, MA
7. Jacqueline M. Desrosiers Nashua, NH	\$1,500.00	Freshman	University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
8. Isabelle C. Laflamme Concord, NH	\$1,000.00	Freshman	Southern NH University Manchester, NH

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

The Deputy took time to recognize the two members of the NH Council of Deliberation's Scholarship Committee who are retiring from their positions this year.

They are Ill.: Sumner Goldman, 33°, MSA of the Valley of Concord and Ill.: Douglas Lockhart Robertson, Sr., 33°, Valley of Lancaster-Littleton. He wished acknowledge both for their years of devoted service to the Rite.

### 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 Grand Master **to the East, and said**, "Brethren, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of NH, Illustrious Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. 33°, our Grand Master.

### GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Worshipful and Ill.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, 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 how 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.

Most 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 prayer 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. Thank you for the young men and women receiving these scholarships today, grant them success. Thank you for Mark Roth, Richard Elliot, for their leadership of this COD., and all those who contribute to our success”.

“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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert M. Porter, 33°  
Secretary

## REPORTS

The following pages contain the remainder of the Committee reports of the Council of Deliberation 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.

The following reports are on the succeeding pages:

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports for the Committees on:

- Constitutions and Laws
- Education and Leadership Development
- Media and Publicity
- Membership Development

## DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Reports for the Valleys of:

- Concord
- Keene
- Lancaster-Littleton
- Nashua

## 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 again this year. Our Deputy had an excellent program planned for all the participants, and the day went very well.

Illustrious Mark C. Roth invited a tactical security specialist to give a talk on methods to be aware of potential attacks against soft targets such as public and private meetings where security has not been a priority in the past. It definitely shown some light on our current practices and a lack of even rudimentary precautions. This program explained that our openness and faith in the good of society can make us open to the possibility of attack. The officer gave excellent advice on the psychology and the options of what to do in critical situations. Excellent program, I would highly recommend to any Valley or Lodge to put on.

Illustrious Karl Bickford gave a brief history on the origins of the Scottish Rite scholarships, as well as how much we have given to help support those engaging in furthering their education.

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Brother Jim O'Donnell gave a thought provoking talk on new Scottish Rite masons, retention, and bounce rates. He has been active in the Valley of Portsmouth Dover with a program of Tradition vs Innovation. While participation yield is not a new problem for our fraternity, it certainly was a bit different of a view through the prism of perspective. Some of the discussion included do we make it too easy to become a 32 degree mason? The philosophy of if something is too easy, it may be perceived as having little value, that in effect, people only place a high value on something they have "worked" for and participate in.

Illustrious Robert Hansen in his comments talked on Protocol. He reemphasized the need to practice and be knowledgeable in the proper procedures for reception of the Deputy. It was a good reminder to all present.

Supreme Council's Hauts Grades Academy (HGA) has been successful in promoting and engaging SR masons. HGA is a program designed to promote the education, knowledge, and engagement of members in the Scottish Rite, NMJ. I encourage all those wanting to delve deeper into the Rite to visit the NMJ website and check it out.

On behalf of the Education Committee, I would like to commend and thank Illustrious Brothers Roth and Elliot for their commitment and Leadership to our state and its members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary E. Roy, 33°, MSA, Chairman

Larry D. Gullett, 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:*

With the exception of Valley newsletters, communication and publicity for Scottish Rite statewide is almost exclusively through electronic media.

This committee thanks those who've provided content and ideas over the past year. Our greatest need is content from our members for the New Hampshire Scottish Rite website, the Valley newsletters, Facebook pages, and blogs.

### Social media

All five Valleys have a Facebook page and a WordPress page for posting announcements. These can be linked together, 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.

### Not Just A Man, A Mason

Supreme Council unveiled a marketing campaign for Grand Lodges and local Masonic Lodges to use at no charge, including customizing it with their name and seal. The material is available at the website, [www.notjustaman.org](http://www.notjustaman.org), and has been used by Valleys and individual members on Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, and on websites.

### Scottish Rite brand identity

Supreme Council has created a set of brand standards for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. These include standardized double-headed eagles, a Scottish Rite logo, Scottish Rite letterhead and business cards, formats for PowerPoint presentations, and color schemes to use for print and online material.

### Email campaigns

New Hampshire Consistory invested in software for keeping in contact with its members. It can create a series of emails, called campaigns, to send to members. The campaign sends an email to members informing them of an event, letting them reply with the click of a button about attending, and if a member takes no action, it can send a follow-up reminder. Although there have been some challenges in implementing these campaigns, responses have improved over the year.

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### Website

The state website, nhscottishrite.org, has been in use for a little over a year. The format is cleaner and less cluttered-looking than the former site. The website saw "Unique Visits" increase 20% from last year. That's an increase of 2,354 unique visits to 14,206, or almost 1,200/month. The current website had only been active for about three months last year, replacing the old website for the state.

Much of this increase is due to using the website in our email announcements to members. This includes each member who uses the one button click to RSVP his regrets for a meeting. His reply is recorded, and he's brought to a "Thank You" page on the website. Other new pages that have seen traffic to the website include the Consistory Reunion, the June trip to the Scottish Rite Museum, and the Council of Deliberation Proceedings.

### Web pages visited

By changing our website, we have lost access to the analytics we'd been using. Recent site activity shows the 15 most visited pages are:

1. Home page
2. Thank you page
3. Contact page
4. Consistory Reunion information
5. Listing of Valleys
6. Valley of Concord
7. Valley of Portsmouth-Dover
8. About Scottish Rite
9. Valley of Nashua
10. Museum trip
11. New Hampshire Consistory
12. Masonic links
13. Scholarships
14. Proceedings
15. Lancaster-Littleton newsletter

In conclusion, we continue to ask all Committees, Valley Officers, and Valley Membership Committee members to assist us in providing press releases for distribution to newspapers and other media outlets. We invite all to share observations and

suggestions for bettering all 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.

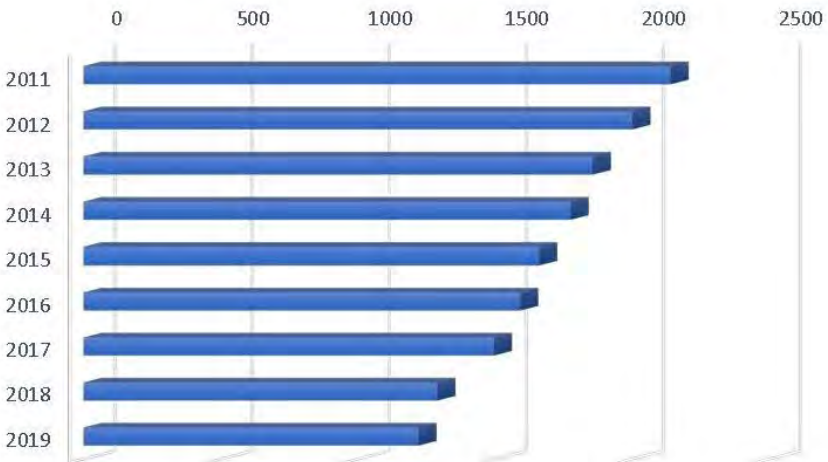
**REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire is losing members. This decline in membership across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction started in the 1980s and continues to this time.

Since 2011, the membership in the Scottish Rite of New Hampshire has dropped by 920. The following table and chart show the decline:

Fiscal Yr	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Members	2142	2002	1858	1777	1662	1593	1497	1291	1222



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The following Action Plan outlines the Membership Development Committee's plan to slow and eventually reverse this membership trend.

*Recruit — Retain — Reinvigorate — Masonic Relations*

### Membership Action Plan for 2019-2020

#### Introduction

This Action Plan is intended as a guide for New Hampshire Scottish Rite valleys regarding member relations and member recruitment. The Membership Development Committee recommends this plan in the hope valleys will use it as a starting point for their member relations programs.

Member relations is made up of four distinct elements: recruit, retain, reinvigorate and Masonic relations, the Membership Development Committee mantra for the foreseeable future.

- **Recruit** — develop programs to entice Master Masons into joining the Scottish Rite.
- **Retain** — find ways to keep new members active and add them to the valley's active life.
- **Reinvigorate** — develop plans to get inactive members back into the active ranks.
- **Masonic Relations** — maintain close relationships with the Blue Lodges in a valley's "area," forming partnerships with the lodges for the mutual benefit of both the Scottish Rite and the Blue Lodges of New Hampshire.

#### Goals

The primary goal for the Membership Action Plan for 2019-2020 is to recruit sufficient numbers of new members and cut suspensions to offset losses due to deaths and demits. We will deem the 2019-2020 action plan a success if the decline in membership slows for this first year.

As an additional goal, the Membership Development Committee recommends the Council of Deliberation set a

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retention goal of at least 50 percent of new members. This will require the establishment of programs designed to draw new members into the active life of the valley.

Increasing attendance at stated meetings and reunions should be a priority for the Council of Deliberation. Increasing attendance can also aid in recruitment and retention efforts. A vibrant, well-attended meeting impresses both new and returning members. If we show members the vibrance of our meetings and events, they are more likely to return for another dose.

Finally, a goal for all Scottish Rite members is to assist the Blue Lodges in New Hampshire. The health and welfare of our valleys is directly tied to the health and welfare of New Hampshire's Blue Lodges.

### What Do We Offer Master Masons?

One thing we should look at when we are discussing the Scottish Rite with potential members is what they can get from joining. In broad terms, we can divide the benefits into four areas.

The first is camaraderie. We offer Master Masons ways to expand their circle of friends to those who live in areas well beyond the limits of their Blue Lodge.

The second involves Masonic lessons. The Scottish Rite represents the lessons of the Masonic Fraternity in ways far different than the Blue Lodges. The degrees of the Scottish Rite, presented in a dramatic form, reinforce the lessons of the Fraternity. At times, it is the dramatic form that has the greatest influence on a candidate.

The third is a greater involvement in Masonic charity, specially **the Scottish Rite's signature charity, the Children's Dyslexia Centers (CDC)**. The CDCs impact the lives of children and their families everyday.

The fourth involves the opportunity to participate in the Scottish Rite degrees. Participating in the degrees can build confidence and can help lodge officers improve their ritual presentation.

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Participating in the degrees can also encourage a sideline member to volunteer to start the journey that leads to Worshipful Master.

### A Problem

The membership of any organization like the Scottish Rite (and the entire Masonic Fraternity for that matter) can be divided into three groups, which we label A, B and C:

- **Group C** — Members in this group WILL NOT be active in the life and work of the organization, no matter what you do FOR them.
- **Group A** — Members in this group WILL be involved in the life and the work of the organization, no matter what you do TO them.
- **Group B** — This group can go either way. This is the target group for retention and reinvigoration efforts.

The best people we have in efforts to increase membership are Scottish Rite Masons themselves. They can give eyewitness accounts of what happens at meetings and reunions and what the Scottish Rite has done for them. They also generally have a personal relationship with the proposed member.

Since our best Scottish Rite salesmen are the active members of the organization, we have a problem. Membership is declining as well as attendance at stated meetings and reunions. And declining membership and declining attendance can cause problems beyond making it difficult to attract new members.

Sparsely attended meetings present a negative view for candidates. A room with more vacant seats than filled seats can make candidates question their commitment to the Scottish Rite and their thoughts of getting involved. Low attendance also means there are fewer people to encourage candidates to get involved.

Our schedule may be part of the problem. Unlike other Masonic groups, we do not meet on a set schedule. The lack of a set schedule means members do not get to develop the habit of attending meetings.

Stated meetings, the business meetings for the valleys, are held quarterly. Attendance is limited to mostly officers of the valley organizations and few of them attend.

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The reunions are all over the calendar. Some are on Saturdays while others are held on weeknights. Some reunions are held in the home valley while others are not. This makes it difficult for members, especially those who are busy in their fraternal and/or personal lives, to plan on attending Scottish Rite functions.

A final piece of the problem is communication. Much of a valley's communication with its members is via mailed notices. Unfortunately, this is not an effective way to inform members about what is happening. Studies for organizations such as ours show that of all the notices we mail, only about 10 percent are opened. Of those that are opened, only a small fraction are actually read. We have to find new ways to communicate with our members.

### Membership Development Committee

The Membership Development Committee has two main responsibilities: (1) to assist the valleys with their efforts to reverse the current negative membership trend and (2) develop New Hampshire state-wide membership programs.

To accomplish this, the Membership Development Committee will develop membership programs the individual valleys can use in their efforts to increase membership and, at the same time, develop and oversee state-wide membership programs.

The Membership Development Committee will not directly run membership programs. But the committee can and will devise programs and assemble the leadership needed to turn these ideas into reality.

### Membership Coordinators

There will be five Membership Coordinators, one for each valley. These coordinators will be the de facto membership chairmen for their valleys. As such, they will oversee all valley membership programs and initiate membership programs of their own. As such, they should be invited to attend valley executive committee meetings.

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The coordinators will also assist in the implementation of programs from the Membership Development Committee and oversee the efforts of the Lodge Ambassadors. In this early effort, the coordinators will also assist the valley representative to recruit and appoint the valley's lodge ambassadors.

The Membership Development Committee is planning a Membership Coordinator training program for early September.

### Ambassadors

The ambassadors will represent the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire to the Blue Lodges in each valley's "area." Ambassadors will work with lodges and the Grand Lodge and will perform their duties in accordance with Grand Lodge regulations and parameters established by the lodges and the Grand Lodge.

The ambassadors will inform the lodges of the activities of the various valleys open to them and open to their families. They will also be available to answer questions about the Scottish Rite and assist those seeking to join the Scottish Rite.

The Ambassadors will be the de facto Membership Committee for the valleys, working with the Membership Coordinators. With the Membership Coordinator, the Ambassadors will plan membership programs for their valleys.

### Initiatives

The initiatives are Membership Development Committee programs recommended to the valleys. They are presented in outline form. These are dynamic programs; they will be changed and refined as we use them.

### Degrees

The degrees are for more than moving a candidate from the 4th to the 32nd Degree. We also present the degrees for our members and for the members of other valleys. Changing the degrees in any way makes them more interesting for members

who have seen them many times.

A. Do not perform the degrees "as we have always done them"

1. Restage the degrees to give them different looks
2. Director does more than hold the book
  - a) Stages the degree based on the room and audience placement
  - b) Find ways to play to the house, not just the candidates
3. Find different ways to present the degrees<sup>1</sup>
  - a) Be inventive
  - b) Update the degree

B. Have a director and an assistant director for each production

1. Assistant director holds the book
2. Director focuses on the degree and how it is presented

C. Bring "acting coaches" into the mix

1. Ask our best ritualists to be acting coaches
2. Help players act rather than speak
3. Work with actors to help them learn their lines

D. Create formal or informal casting committees

1. Help directors cast the degrees
2. Bring new members into the "acting companies"

E. Move actors around

1. No one should be entrenched in a role
2. Different actors bring different interpretations into a role
3. Allows actors to move into meatier parts
4. Changes in cast make the degrees more interesting

F. First Rehearsal a read through.

Keep In Touch is a program to help valleys communicate with candidates and new members. Communicating with candidates quickly and continuously will help in any retention program.

A. Most petitioners are excited to be joining the Rite and anxious for things to begin

<sup>1</sup>Radical changes to a degree require approval by the Deputy.  
Keep In Touch (KIT) Program

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1. Based on the date, the time between submitting an application and the start of degrees could be as long as six months
  - a) An applicant who submits an application in April could be waiting until October for the 4th Degree
  - b) During the wait time contact with the applicant is limited at best
- B. KIT is planned contact with an applicant
  1. First contact is within 72 hours after the valley receives an application
  2. Contact includes electronic and written messages and visits from Scottish Rite members
- C. It is recommended that valleys use text messages over email
  1. Studies indicate 75 percent of all email messages sent are never opened
  2. Those same studies say 98 percent of all text messages sent are read, 90 percent within the first three minutes after the message is sent
- D. Letters sent should be on valley stationary using a valley envelope
  1. Few letters from unknown senders are ever opened
  2. Studies show the opening rate for those letters is one-half or one percent
- E. The recommended contact schedule is as follows:
  1. The valley secretary sends a text message to the applicant acknowledging receipt of the application
  2. A few days later the Thrice Potent Master sends a text message to the applicant welcoming him and explaining he will be sending a letter to him in a few days
  3. A few days later, the Thrice Potent Master sends a letter to the applicant
    - a) Explain the application procedure
    - b) Inform the applicant of the date for the 4th Degree
    - c) Inform the applicant who he has assigned him as a "Big Brother"

- (1) The Big Brother is the key to member retention
  - (a) Visits with the applicant and his family soon after he is appointed
  - (b) Maintains continuous contact with the applicant up to the date of the 4th Degree
- (2) Brings the candidate to the 4th Degree
  - (a) Makes sure the candidate meets everyone
  - (b) Sits near enough to the candidate during the degrees to assist him if needed
- (3) Serves as the Big Brother for up to a year
  - (a) Informs the new brother of valley events
  - (b) Brings him to kick-off activities, reunions and stated meetings
  - (c) Gets him involved in the valley

### *One Thing Only (OTO)*

One Thing Only (OTO) is a membership retention program, designed to get a new member into the work of the valley without overwhelming him.

- A. The OTO Program is about:
  1. Onboarding a new Scottish Rite Mason
  2. Membership retention
  3. More effective utilization of members
  4. Membership – but indirectly
- B. Four major challenges affecting growth and operational efficiency:
  1. Limited people resources
  2. Perceived value of degrees
  3. Differentiation
  4. Commitment
- C. Conceptually — What is the One Thing Only Program/Attitude?

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1. It is a mind shift
  2. It is an attitude
  3. It is a belief
  4. It is a mantra
  5. It is a tune to march to
  6. It is a way of providing higher value to Scottish Rite membership.
  7. It instills a sense of pride for Scottish Rite members
  8. It instills a sense of accomplishment for current members
  9. It is a more compelling reason for more Master Masons to join Scottish Rite
  10. It helps create better relations with Blue Lodges:
    - a) **We are not monopolizing a lodge member's time**
    - b) We are not trying to steal Masons away from the lodge
    - c) Lodges, in fact, may want to adopt part of this same philosophy
- D. The five fundamental underlying principles of OTO
1. More light equals more engagement
  2. When something is easy, it has little value
  3. Key differentiations establish value
  4. Guilt is replaced with a task
  5. Set expectations to gain commitment
- E. Step 1, Change membership philosophy
1. Shift the paradigm
    - a) Scottish Rite membership is a privilege, not a right
    - b) It is an honor to be a Scottish Rite member:
      - (1) We don't take everybody
      - (2) We are not interested in "warm bodies" and "numbers"
  2. We want quality, serious contributing members
  3. And, we DON'T have to accept every Master Mason (candidate needs to appreciate being accepted)
  4. The One Thing Only philosophy has requirements:
  5. Depending upon Your Valley, requirements may include:
    - a) The new member participates in one degree

presentation in some small way — non-speaking part, stage crew, serving food, greeter, work at front desk and the like

b) The new member attends at least one other degree, other than the core degrees, somewhere

c) The new member attends at least two valley stated meetings

d) The new member is "paired" with one senior Scottish Rite Mason who calls or visits him once per quarter

e) The new member attends two social events

f) The new member attends the annual meeting

g) The new member writes a report, critiques a lesson, offers an impression

h) Any other task/contribution that makes sense and which adds value to the new member, other members or the valley

6. Recruiting Process: The new member knows the commitment before joining

a) New member signs an obligation form and after the 4th Degree commits

to an activity that solidifies the One Thing Only obligation

b) If they want "easy," go somewhere else

c) It is a moral obligation, a commitment to the valley and himself

d) New member has a form that he is fully responsible for recording his activities

F. Step 2, Increase the value of the degrees

1. Make the degrees (the "stamp") a little harder to get

2. Create value by having the new member actually "earn" them (at some level)

a) Perhaps — have a test, written summary, fill-in-the-blanks sheet, a one-on-one dialogue or a follow-up discussion to ensure understanding of the lesson

b) Other — requires more discussion/consensus

G. Step 3, Differentiation: Q: What adds value and uniqueness?

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1. What is it that differentiates Scottish Rite Masonry from all the other things? (TV, Internet, computer games, sports, the bar/pub scene, speed dating, Second Life, Farmville, FortNite and the like)
2. Little to no perceived differentiation between Scottish Rite (or Masonry in general) and other civic/fraternal organizations
3. Masonic Values. If Masonic Values are the key differentiator? Then:
  - a) How are the guiding principles of Scottish Rite Masonry being used?
  - b) How are they being imparted?
  - c) How much of what is being offered in Scottish Rite today actually "Makes Good Men Better?"
  - d) Are we doing a good enough job differentiating our Masonic Values from all of the other potential distractions?
4. Impart Scottish Rite Masonic principles, values and philosophy
  - a) Are Masonic Values being imparted strongly enough?.
  - b) Is there enough understanding of the principles, values and philosophy of Masonry?
  - c) Do Candidates truly understand the differentiators?
  - d) Do we emphasize them enough?
    - (1) Higher value alternative to TV
    - (2) Higher value alternative to isolation of laptop, mobile phone, tablets, online games and the like
    - (3) Higher value alternative to work stresses
    - (4) Vital life lessons as portrayed in the degrees
    - (5) Guiding principles for living
    - (6) Benefits of a fraternity of people with similar values
  - e) Personal and professional development opportunity
5. The value of the degree lessons (not always so obvious — how do they connect to the overall Masonic philosophy?)

6. Is there a strong commitment to take care of fellow Masons? (Suggested OTO requirement to "pair-up" candidate with an older Scottish Rite Mason)

H. Step 4. Commitment

1. Is it far too easy to become a Scottish Rite Mason (too easy equals little value)?
2. Master Masons join Scottish Rite with the objective of gaining more light, but they don't have to commit to anything
3. Nor, are they required to commit to anything
4. No expectations have been established

a) This is an important concept

(1) Doing nothing — means no participation

(a) When you know you should be doing something and you're not equals guilty feelings equals feeling uncomfortable equals staying away so as not to be reminded yourself you are doing nothing

(b) Guilt is a heavy load for a Mason to carry (to relieve the guilt and the burden, guilty people will hide and withdraw)

(2) Doing something — means participation:

(a) Being involved at some level equals no guilt equals no reason to stay away (one responsibility, one task keeps a person committed)

(b) Replace guilt by assigning a task

(c) Set the "right" expectations to gain commitment

*Recruitment Programs*

Recruitment of new members is the lifeblood of a valley. But for this year, our major focus should be on retaining the new members we have and the new members we get and reinvigorating our valleys and increasing attendance at valley activities and meetings.

A. Enlightenment/Information programs

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1. Individual valleys
  2. All of New Hampshire
  3. Membership Committee
    - a) Collect public programs
    - b) Provide advice and assistance
    - c) Put together entire programs valleys can use
- B. One-Day Class
- C. Dedicated Classes
1. Honor a prominent Mason in the area
  2. Strike a special medal or provide a framed certificate

### *Reinvigoration*

It may be safe to assume that of the 1222 members now a part of the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire, only 10-12 percent are active in valley activities. Before we can fully develop programs to attract members back to active lives in their valleys, we have to discover just what is keeping them away. This section outlines a survey system we can adopt to discover why they are staying away.

- A. Why does someone join the Scottish Rite and then miss meetings and reunions?
1. What were they looking for?
  2. How did we fail them?
  3. What level of activity makes a member active?
- B. How can we answer those questions?
1. Survey the membership
    - a) Develop a carefully worded survey
    - b) Contact 10 percent of the membership
      - (1) True random survey
      - (2) Sufficient survey takers, possibly one for every 10 members in the survey population
  2. Add results to action plan

### *Suspensions<sup>2</sup>*

<sup>2</sup> This following is based on the Suspension Program used by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts AF&AM

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Suspensions are a big part of the membership problem in New Hampshire and probably in other states in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Of the 920 members we lost in the past nine years, we lost 475 or 51.6 percent to suspension. This program, we hope, tied with the retention program, may help drop this number of members suspended to no more than a few each year.

A. Number suspended far exceeds number joining

B. What can we do to reverse this trend?

1. Establish a suspension-prevention program

a) In October the valley secretary prepares a list of members who will be at least one year in arrears as of the next Jan. 1

(1) List given to Thrice Potent Master

(2) List divided into two pieces

(a) Members who live in-state

(b) Members who live out-of-state

b) Thrice Potent Master:

(1) Sends a personal letter to those in arrears who live out-of-state

(2) Appoints a committee to contact those who live in-state

(a) Committee size based on number of in-state members

(b) Recommend committee members visit brothers on in-state list

(c) Committee reports findings to Thrice Potent Master

(d) Thrice Potent Master reports results of calls/ letters to the executive committee

c) Letters/Member Visits

(1) Do not mention dues owed

(2) Strictly a wellness check

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- d) Those determined to be able to pay
    - (1) Inactive member receives a certified letter
      - (a) Suggesting a payment plan
      - (b) Suggesting a demit after payment
    - (2) Active member receives a certified letter
      - (a) Suggesting a payment plan
      - (b) May include partial payments and remittance of remainder
  - e) Those determined unable to pay
    - (1) Inactive members we suggest remit and demit
    - (2) Active members remit
2. We do not suspend long-time/senior members unless all other approaches fail.

### *Masonic Service*

The Masonic Service programs are designed to show Blue Lodges that it is not the intent of the Scottish Rite to take members from their lodges. We are all Blue Lodge Masons and it is our intent to strengthen both the Scottish Rite and the Blue Lodges.

- A. Social events and activities open to all Masons and open to Masons and Non-Masons
  - 1. Ladies' Nights
  - 2. New Year's Eve Parties
  - 3. Super Bowl Parties
- B. The "Rite" Stuff
  - 1. Social events for Scottish and York Rite members
  - 2. Conferences on how we can support each other
- C. Programs for Masonic bodies
  - 1. Speakers Bureau
    - a) Available to all Masonic groups
    - b) Provide after-meeting programs
      - (1) Individual speakers
      - (2) Plays at appropriate levels
  - (a) For Masons only

- (b) Open to all Masonic groups and mixed audiences
- 2. Four-Hour Men
  - a) Scottish Rite members who can fill-in for Blue Lodge officers on short notice
  - b) Database of members and their requirements
    - (1) Contact information
    - (2) Degrees and parts they can do
    - (3) Distances they will travel
    - (4) Times of year they are not available
- 3. Master Mason Degree Team

*Programs for Scottish Rite Members*

An important part of any reinvigoration program is the programs we devise for our own members. The following is just a short listing of possible programs for Scottish Rite members:

A. Participation Passport

- 1. Similar to the current Passport Program
- 2. A way for a member to record things he has done

B. Valley Honor Nights

- 1. **Deputy's Representative Award presented**
  - a) Should be awarded more often
  - b) Create an accompanying certificate
- 2. A time to recognize the valley members who worked for the valley in the past year
- 3. Recognize a special member with a special tribute (roast)

Special Program

The Membership Development Committee has a most ambitious plan for a program to build some excitement among the members — an All New England Scottish Rite Weekend. For one weekend, the 29 New England valleys would gather for social programs, workshops and all 29 degrees. It would be a time for members and their guests, as well as candidates and their guests.

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This project requires three things. First, the six deputies have to buy in to the idea. Second, it would have to be self-supporting. Third, the 29 valleys (or at least a large percentage of the 29 valleys) would have to agree to participate.

If it is successful, we hope it will become an annual or at least a biennial event. For the first weekend, we would use an area central to all New England, which happens to be Manchester, N.H. (The actual geographic center of New England is Dunbarton, N.H., a 13 mile drive from Manchester.)

This is not only ambitious, but highly complex. As such, the committee plans to engage the services of an event planner to take charge of all arrangements.

Closing

The Membership Development Committee's primary responsibility is to develop plans the valleys can use to aid them in their membership efforts. We do not expect every valley to use every plan outlined here. If we can imagine a valley's membership efforts are like an archery match, then the committee's responsibility is to fill the valley's quiver.

The committee is always available to help the valleys make their programs as successful as is possible. And we are most open to hearing a valley's innovations or improvements.

As said earlier, this plan is dynamic. Each year we will review the efforts of the previous year and write a new, improved plan for New Hampshire Scottish Rite.

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°

## DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF CONCORD

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

The Valley had a good year and solved some of our problems but we still have a long way to go. Our biggest problem is dealing with shrinking membership although we received some new members this year the numbers didn't offset demits and deaths of some members. One of our biggest problems is finding someone willing to become our Membership Chairman. We reached out to many Brothers to take on the position but were unsuccessful in finding anyone.

Our Executive Committee has decided that we can no longer fill all the positions in the Valley and we are looking at what positions are essential and those that would not affect the function of the Valley if not filled and we are now working towards that end. We were able to get an Assistant Secretary which is a position we have needed for some time.

The Valley is now looking to change the way we do rehearsals for the degrees. Instead of having 4 or 5 rehearsals for a degree where only 50 percent of the cast shows up for rehearsals because they have other commitments we are trying to limit the rehearsals to 1 or 2 where the cast comes in on a Saturday morning or some night and runs through the degree 2 or 3 times. If the degree is the next day the cast works with the stage crew in setting up first than they are able to do a real dress rehearsal and also to help take down the stage after the degree. This way the cast learns how to do a setup and we reduce the number of stage crew needed. We did this for our 18 Degree and it worked very well and everyone liked the idea. Instead of being out 4 or 5 nights it is reduced to 1 or 2 and everyone wins. We also had a light meal after the rehearsal which went over well.

We also held our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving with 80 Brothers and Family members attending in which everyone had a wonderful time. On November 23 the Valley again served Hot Chocolate and Cider at the

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Concord Christmas Tree Lighting in front of the State House. This year we served more than 300 people more than 10 gallons of Hot Chocolate and 3 gallons of Cider. With the temperature being cold this year the numbers were down from the past year. Our presence was well received and we answered several questions about Masonry.

We will be holding our third Annual Family Picnic on June 9 at the Concord Lodge this event is open to all. We will again going to the NH Fisher Cats Baseball Game on July 27 this event is open to all. We are also looking into doing an escape room evening as a family event.

We did several degrees this year's starting with the Joint Valley degrees in Portsmouth on November 3. We performed the 12 degree Master of Mercy and provided Hiram and the Traveler for the 4 degree. On March 2 we performed the 14 degree and on April 8 the 18 degree. We did the 27 degree with the Valley of Portsmouth Dover on April 27.

I stated last year that we were adding younger members to our lines and Executive Committee that has continued and the results are starting to show up with new and fresh ideas and a sense that what they bring to the table is being listened to and acted upon. We still have a long way to go but I think that we are finally turning the corner and heading in the right direction. We have learned we can't do it all at once but with small steps we will get there.

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 ardent supporters who turn out for reunions, take parts in degrees, direct degrees and perform very well-done degree work.

The Valley leadership has been working on organizing events beyond our Spring and Fall reunions but have fallen short in execution, particularly for lack of participation in event planning meetings.

As it appears that all Valley's are experiencing trouble with leaders and officers attending meetings, so too does the Valley of Keene struggle. Regularly scheduled meetings on rolling fourth Mondays of odd months have not been as effective as we would like to have seen. We will employ more notification practices through trestle-boards, e-mail, and snail mail to better inform the officers and leaders of meeting times and dates. I believe, as our Deputy has stated many times, that a phone call reminder is very effective, that we should train and encourage our presiding officers to place those reminder phone calls, as was previously done in days gone by.

I don't remember a reunion when there were no candidates in the Valley of Keene. As each valley is dependent on Blue Lodge membership for its recruiting grounds, the 78 men who joined Freemasonry in New Hampshire this year with an average penetration rate of 20% leaves 14 men available for Scottish Rite membership statewide. Eleven candidates received their 32° this Spring. With the numbers of younger men joining local lodges, but leaving the area for their career paths, this trend will continue to affect our ability to attract new members. There is no real solution for this problem presently, other than living the life of a Scottish Rite Freemason that becomes so inviting to other men that they want to be a Scottish Rite Mason too and ask they about the process to get what you've got.

The Valley does enjoy getting together to rehearse for degrees. We have some newer faces who are taking parts and being welcomed to our group. The Valley does a great job of presenting the degrees.

This fall we used the new 9 x 12 screen and rear screen projector for the video presentation of the 4th degree and also as a backdrop for the 14th degree, which seemed to make the presentation a little more interesting for the brethren and candidates. The image projected was that of the Lodge of Perfection. The discussion following the 14th degree was a time of exploration of the symbols in the Lodge and their significance as one en-

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tered and passed toward the East. Some historical context of the exemplification of the degrees in the Lodge was also discussed.

In the Spring, the Valley presented the 4th degree by video so more would be able to see the Prologue given by Sovereign Grand Commander Glattly, 33°. The degree discussion that ensued was lively, as we discussed what we hoped to get out of our Scottish Rite experience. As our Active, Emeritus and Deputy were all in attendance, the idea to bring Consistory degrees to the Valley's was suggested and received well by our Active members of Supreme Council.

The Valley presented the 16th Degree in exemplary form, with several new cast members. The discussion following explored the application of the lures of wine, woman, and power as it applies to our everyday life and we tied this degree to the Cardinal Virtues found in the Entered Apprentice degree.

The falling membership numbers are concerning. The lack of participation is concerning. The too few people doing too many things is concerning, but through it all is great group of Scottish Rite Masons who support their valley, give of their time and treasure to plan, promote and perform in the degrees and have the desire to search for more beyond the rehearsals and presentation of the degrees.

We look forward to the challenges in the coming year and implementing better communication, setting expectations and developing a functioning and involved leadership team planning not only our usual events but social events beyond.

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:

It has once again been my privilege this year to serve the Valley of Lancaster/Littleton as the Deputy's Representative for Ill. Mark C. Roth, 33rd for the State of New Hampshire.

On November 3, 2018 the Valley attended the Joint Valley Degree Day at the Masonic Temple in Portsmouth. We were pleased to have six members take part in two sections of the 4th Degree. The Valley also had two candidates in attendance who were very impressed with the degree work which was performed by each Valley.

The following day, November 4, 2018 several members of the Valley attended the MSA Testimonial at Bektash Shrine Temple in Concord. We were elated to witness as Brother David A. Rich, 32nd received the honor of the Meritorious Service Award. We are all very proud of Bro. Rich and the work he has done for the Valley.

On Saturday, March 17, 2019 the Valley performed the Feast of the Paschal Lamb including all of the ceremonial components of the feast and Relighting of the Light. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by several members of Olive Branch Chapter #1, Order of the Eastern Star. Our two newest members Richard Dean and Robert Paradis were able to attend and were very impressed.

Both candidates were also able to attend the New Hampshire Consistory Spring Reunion held at Merrimac Valley High School in Penacook on April 11, 2018. There they viewed the 27th Degree in which several L-L Valley members took part and also the 32nd Degree Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. We could only imagine the depth of their emotions not only to be knighted as 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons but to do so in the presence of the Supreme Grand Commander Ill. David A. Glatty 33rd.

Another high note for the Valley of L-L this year was having been the #1 Valley in the entire Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

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for percentage of membership participation in the Supreme Council's Blue Envelope Appeal. Congratulations to all Brothers on this honor!

The Annual Meeting of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton was held on Friday May 24, 2109 with the following brothers elected as Presiding Officers:

Brother Mark H. Blodgett, 32°—Thrice Potent Master

Brother David A. Rich, 32°—Sovereign Prince

Brother John A. Loven, 32°—Most Wise Master

The Valley calendar for 2019-2020 was presented and approved, including a Valley Picnic in July to which members of all fraternal bodies will be invited. The elected and appointed officers of the Valley were then duly installed by Ill. Mark C. Roth, 33° and Ill. Ronald N. Crane, 33°.

On behalf of the entire Valley of Lancaster-Littleton I would like to once again extend heartfelt thanks for the support and guidance given to us this year by Ill. Brother Mark C. Roth, 33rd Active Member of the Supreme Council, Deputy for the State of New Hampshire, Ill. Brother Richard W. Elliot 33rd , Grand Minister of State and Ill. Brother Robert E. Hanson, 33rd Active Emeritus of the Supreme Council AASR. The officers of the Valley are very grateful that in spite of their extremely busy schedules these dear Brothers make the long journey north to join us on so many occasions during the year.

As always, the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton continues 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 to the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation for the year 2018-2019. It has again been my honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative for this past year.

This season began on August 25, 2018 with a trip to Lexington for a Deputy's Representatives workshop. New information was presented on the new membership packages that will be presented to candidates on receiving there 32°; the new Illustrious Sammy Lee Davis 33 ° veterans award was unveiled; and the new logo for the Scottish Rite was presented.

The Valley's Kick Off dinner was held on August 27th in preparation for the fall season programs which included a joint 4° with the Valleys of Nashua, Lowell, and the Valley of the Merrimack and the 7° to be performed by Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection.

The joint reunions with the three Valleys were a great success the 4° with a combined cast was performed in the Valley of Lowell on October 4th, the Valley of The Merrimack on October 5th, and the Valley of Nashua on October 22nd. Attendance at the reunions was good and the experience of the Brothers who took part began what has become the start of a tradition which we hope will continue.

On October 22, 2018 the Valley held its Fall reunion. As previously mentioned, the 4° presented by the three Valleys was performed under the direction of Br. Richard J. Thompson, M.S.A. with Br. Adam J. Freiband assistant director. The 7° was also presented under the direction of Br. Adam J. Freiband.

November 3rd found us at the Joint Valley Reunion in Portsmouth. It was a wonderful day with the Valley of Nashua performing the 7° by Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection under the direction of Br. Adam J. Freiband, as its contribution to the day's activities.

On November 4th i was at the Council of Deliberation's M.S.A. Awards dinner at the Shrine Center in Concord where one of our members Br. Robert S. Bean, III received his well-deserved M.S.A.

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On January 26, 2019 I was in Concord for a special membership committee meeting in which we learned about the "One Thing Only" program.

January 28, 2019 was our Kick Off dinner for the Spring season. A very busy program was announced with plans to perform the 16°, The Feast of the Paschal Lamb, and another joint Valley collaboration with the Valley of Lowell to present the 17°.

February 9th, I attended the C.O.D workshop in Concord.

On March 25th Valley presented the 4° and the 6° on screen, as well as the 15° by Oriental Council under the co-direction of Br. Jerome T. Becker, M.S.A. and Ill. Br. Larry D. Gullett, 33°.

Palm Sunday April 1st St. George Chapter performed "The Feast of the Paschal Lamb" under the direction of Ill. Br. Karl H. Bickford, Ill, 33°, M.S.A., P.M.W.M.

Monday April 1st was our first of two performances with the Valley of Lowell of the 17° under the direction of Ill. Br. Karl H. Bickford, Ill, 33° M.S.A. P.M.W.M. of the Valley of Nashua with Ill. Br. John Torrisi, M.W.M. of the Valley of Lowell as assistant director. Our second performance was on Friday April 5th in Lowell. Both performances went very well. Brotherhood prevailed. The brethren had a wonderful time working together and getting to know each other better. This has been a great experience, which, as I previously wrote, is becoming a tradition.

April 27th was the New Hampshire Consistory Spring Reunion. I had the pleasure of participating in several of the activities of the day.

It has been a very eventful year as you can see. I attended all of the Valley's Executive Board and Stated Meetings, as well as, countless rehearsals and all of the Deputy Reps and Secretary's with the exception of one WebEx meeting.

The Valley continues to be active and committed to doing their best work. The main problem continues to be attracting new candidates.

I am grateful for the hard work that has been done over the past year by our casts and crew, as well as, all those in the office who have put in countless hours to make everything happen in the Valley.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Nashua

Scottish Rite in New Hampshire

*INITIATES IN LODGES OF PERFECTION*

	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>
Concord	8	6	3	1
Keene	6	1	0	1
Lancaster-Littleton	5	0	2	2
Nashua	13	3	3	5
Portsmouth-Dover	10	4	2	5
Totals	42	14	10	14

*MEMBERSHIP IN LODGES OF PERFECTION*

	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>
Concord	364	318	304	279
Keene	136	126	110	102
Lancaster-Littleton	141	126	122	118
Nashua	397	369	353	315
Portsmouth-Dover	495	455	431	411
Totals	1,533	1,394	1,320	1,225

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### *MEMBERSHIP IN COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM*

	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>
Concord	364	318	304	279
Keene	136	126	110	102
Lancaster-Littleton	141	126	122	118
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Totals	1,533	1,394	1,320	1,225

### *MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX*

	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>
Concord	367	321	308	280
Lancaster-Littleton	141	126	122	118
Nashua	528	490	457	413
Portsmouth-Dover	495	455	431	411
Totals	1,533	1,392	1,318	1,222

### *MEMBERSHIP IN CONSISTORY*

	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>
Nashua	1,497	1,362	1,291	1,201

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
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
Robert Wayne Lawrie, 33°, Concord	June 1, 2002
Ronald Edgar Metcalf, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 1, 2002
Walter William Lovell, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 5, 2004
Dennis Allan Sheridan, 33°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 5, 2004
Treffley Ernie Sage, 33°, Nashua	June 4, 2005
Robert Campbell Lethbridge, 33°, Concord	June 4, 2005
Wayne Irvin Elliot, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 3, 2006
David Edward Lewis, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 3, 2006
Panos Alexander Pitsas, 33°, Keene	June 3, 2006
Roger Joseph Pellerin, 33°, Nashua	June 2, 2007
Mark Adrian Weir, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2007

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<i>Name and Valley</i>	<i>Date award voted</i>
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
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
Allan Edward Mayranen, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 4, 2016
Michael Francis Ripberger, 32°, Concord	June 4, 2016
Mark David Ciarametaro, 32°, Concord	June 10, 2017
Roland Norman Petersen, 32°, Nashua	June 10, 2017
Richard John Thompson, 32°, Nashua	June 10, 2017
Robert Stanley Bean, III, 32°, Nashua	June 2, 2018
Jeffrey Chaplin Grant, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2018
David Alan Rich, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 2, 2018

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## NH COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION COMMITTEES

Committee assignments were made by Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, Deputy for the State of New Hampshire after consulting with the Deputy Representative in each Valley.

### 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: Gary E. Roy

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: C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

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

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### 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

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- 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: Larry D. Gullett

Member: Ronald N. Crane

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

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### 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: James S. O'Donnell

### 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: 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: Mark H Blodgett

Member: Walter W. Lovell

Member: Troy A. Patoine

Member: Panos A. Pitsas

### 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





