

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



ANCIENT ACCEPTED  
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Nashua, New Hampshire

2021



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

98<sup>th</sup> CONVOCATION HELD AT  
Nashua, NH, JUNE 12, 2021



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



**III.: 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.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°  
Active Member



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

## New Hampshire Deputy's Representatives



Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°, MSA  
Valley of Concord



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



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



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

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NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
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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
- III.: James M. Triacca, 33°, 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
- III.: James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A. .... Hospitaller
- 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.: 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.: David James Bailey, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Keene	Sept. 25, 1985
III.: John Fitz Gordon, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 30, 1987
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.: 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.: Jeremy Jason Sawyer, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Sept. 25, 2001
III.: Stephen Allen Whitney, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Sept. 25, 2001
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.: Stewart Lee Aronson, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Karl Hudson Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Paul Michael Leary, 33°	Concord	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Gary Edward Roy, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Treffley Ernie Sage, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 30, 2011
III.: Ronald Nelson Crane, 33°	Lancaster-Littleton	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Robert Graham Hatfield, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Alan Douglas Lugg, 33°	Concord	Aug. 28, 2012
III.: Nicholas Corey Martel, 33°	Keene	Aug. 28, 2012

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	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
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
III.: Jerome Thomas Becker, 33°, M.S.A.	Nashua	Aug. 27, 2019
III.: Jeffrey Maxie Brown, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 27, 2019
III.: Troy Anthony Patoine, 33°	Concord	Aug. 27, 2019
III.: James Martin Triacca, 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 27, 2019

### 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.: 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°           |
| III.: John F. Gordon, 33°             | III.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.    |

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

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| 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°           |
| Bro. Donald L. Mendzela, 32°             | Bro. Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, M.S.A. |

### 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. | III.: Roger F. Retzke, 33°    |
| III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°         | III.: Ronald J. Brown, 33°    |
| III.: John F. Gordon, 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°          |                               |
| Bro. Peter N. Vativas, 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. | III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.          |
| III.: Robert E. Hansen, 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°        |
| Bro. Robert S. Hansen, 32°              |   |

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

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

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

III.: John F. Gordon, 33°	Bro. Paul M. Kelley, 32°
Bro. Paul G. Brown, 32°	Bro. Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°
Bro. Richard W. Ingram, 32°	III.: Bro., Jeffrey L. Brown, 33° M.S.A.
III.: Ronald J. Brown, 33°	
III.: Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.	
Bro. Paul S. Cuetara, 32°	
Bro. Ralph R. Currier, Jr., 32°, M.S.A.	

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

III.: Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A.	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.	III.: Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A.
III.: Larry D. Gullett, 33°	

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

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°
Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.	

## 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.: 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.	
III.: Nicholas C. Martel, 33°	

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

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

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

Bro. Willard R. Lemaire, 32°	Bro. Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Stephen K. Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. John W. Jackson, 32°
III.: 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°
III.: Brian J. Smith, 33°	Bro. Roland N. Petersen, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Robert G. Bianchi, 33°	

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

III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°	III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.
III.: Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°
III.: Mark C. Roth, 33°	Bro. James M. Triacca, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Brent W. Washburn, 33°	Bro. Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Thomas J. Desalvo, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 32°
Bro. Russell S. Bell, 32°, M.S.A.	Bro. Allen S. Wright, 32°
Bro. Robert S. Hansen, 32°	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.
III.: Aldine J. Tillotson, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°
III.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. David S. Collins, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: George E. McAvoy, 33°	Bro. David A. Rich, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°	Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Robert D. Steel, 33°	Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°

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

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

## PRESIDING OFFICERS

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

Ill.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A., Commander-in-Chief	Boscawen
Ill.: Donald Mendzela, 33°, First Lieutenant Commander	Center Harbor
Ill.: Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A., Second Lieutenant Commander	Candia

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

Bro. David W. Smith, 32°, M.S.A. Most Wise Master	Weare
Bro. Roland N. Petersen, 32°, M.S.A., Senior Warden	Nashua
Bro. Edward C. Wigfield, 32°, 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°, M.S.A., Senior Warden	Boscawen
Bro. Gary A. Ward, 32°, Junior Warden	Plainfield

### Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix, Lancaster-Littleton

Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, M.S.A., Most Wise Master	Gorham
Bro. Robert J. Paradis, 32°, Senior Warden	Groveton
Bro. Lance E. Miller, 32°, Junior Warden	Brunswick, VT

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

Bro. Roderick M. MacDonald, 32°, Sovereign Prince	New Castle
Bro. John Bartoszak, 32°, High Priest	Rochester
Vacant, Senior Warden	

### Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Nashua

Bro. Paul G. Bielawski, 32°, Sovereign Prince	Hudson
Bro. Michael J. Tebbetts, 32°, High Priest	Nashua
Bro. Richard J. Thompson, 32°, M.S.A., 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, Lancaster-Littleton

Ill.: David S. Collins 33°, M.S.A., Sovereign Prince	Concord
Bro. Robert J. Paradis, 32°, High Priest	Groveton
Bro. Lance E. Miller, 32°, Senior Warden	Brunswick, VT

### Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Keene

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

### Ineffable Lodge of Perfection, Portsmouth-Dover

Bro. Jonathan A. Austin, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Berwick, ME
Vacant, Deputy Master	
Vacant, Senior Warden	

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

Bro. Adam J. Freiband, 32°, Thrice Potent Master	Chelmsford, MA
Ill.: Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A., Deputy Master	Candia
Bro. David W. Smith, 32°, M.S.A., Senior Warden	Weare

### 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-Littleton

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
Vacant, Senior Warden	

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation  
Winter Workshop  
VIA Zoom Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2021

The New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Winter Workshop was convened, according to notice duly issued, virtually, via Zoom Meeting, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021  
at 9:30 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 53 members of NH Council of Deliberation in attendance. The workshop began with an invocation by the Prior, Ill.: and M.:W.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ill.: and M.:W.: John E. Lobdell, PGM.

#### Introductions

Mark Roth, Deputy for NH, announced that both the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: David A. Glattly and the Grand Master of the State of New Hampshire, M.:W.: and Ill.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., were online for the Zoom meeting.

#### 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.

#### Blue Envelope Appeal

Ill.: Bro. Roth gave an update on the Blue Envelope Appeal, congratulating the Brethren of New Hampshire on their generosity. New Hampshire had the highest percentage of its members make donations. This was in large part because four of New Hampshire's

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five Valleys were among the top ten throughout the Jurisdiction for the highest percentage of donating members.

### 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 Concord.

### Scholarships

III.: Karl H. Bickford, III announced that Supreme Council had set aside \$15,000 for Abbott Scholarships this year. Applications must be submitted to Valley Secretaries by April 1.

### Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

III.: Richard W. Elliot spoke about the renovation project for the library in Lexington. He spoke about its history, with the library opening in 1975 when Supreme Council moved its headquarters from Boston to Lexington. While there have been a number of improvements made over the years, a nearly 50-year old building requires significant work done to keep it updated. In addition, renovations are needed to preserve the library's collections. He mentioned some work planned for further updates to the library, and that the current exhibits would be redone to create a Masonic Hall of Fame.

### CDC

The Deputy spoke about the work of our Children's Dyslexia Centers, and how they've continued to tutor students, despite the restrictions imposed due to Covid 19. Center Directors and dedicated staff have gone to remote tutoring, using Zoom meetings. This was implemented by headquarters leadership for Centers throughout the jurisdiction.

### Grand Almoner's Fund/White Flower Society

The Deputy reminded brethren that the Grand Almoner's Fund uses donations from our members to assist brethren who are facing financial

troubles. All it takes is a call to the Deputy explaining the need. He contacts the Grand Almoner, who with the approval of the Sovereign Grand Commander, will issue a check to the brother.

He added that the Commander's wife, Monica Glattly, has started the White Flower Society. It recognizes members making a donation of \$5,000 to the Grand Almoner's Fund.

#### Historical Visitor

Ill.: Robert G. Bianchi did a portrayal of John Stavers and gave some history of the William Pitt Tavern. He talked of how John Stavers initially decided to take the name of his old tavern and name his new tavern the Earl of Halifax.

With the English trying to keep the colonist under tight reigns, an outspoke William Pitt sought to keep the freedoms the colonist had attained from the creation of the colony. Just prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution, John Stavers renamed his Earl of Halifax Tavern, to the William Pitt Tavern. The third floor was added in 1790 specifically for the use of Lodge meetings. General Lafayette and General Washington are reportedly to have been hosted on the first floor.

#### Guest Speakers

Ill.: Bro. Roth announced that we had two guests from Supreme Council with presentations for the Council of Deliberation, and introduced Ill.: Bro. James O. Dill, Jr., Director of Support Services, and Bro. Brennan J. Parken, Director of Membership.

Ill.: Bro. Dill talked on Thursday Night at the Rite" and how the videos which Supreme Council generates are of Cinematic quality. "Thursday Night at the Rite" has also been a huge success and a conduit for members to stay active and engaged in the degrees.

Bro. Parken spoke about the new Virtual Reunions and how successful they've been. He shared the goals Supreme Council has set for the

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Reunions, and the importance of Valleys to provide the personal connection with members that is missing from this format. He emphasized keeping candidates engaged through all communication channels, including email and social media, postcards, a phone call campaign, and open houses. He noted Valley promotional tools available from Supreme Council, including social images and a custom "Invite" template. He then shared best practices that Valleys have been doing, including watch parties, drive-thru passport stamping, degree discussions, "radio style" degrees, guest speakers, and Brother check-in Zoom Calls. He finished by providing the dates for "Join the Rite Nights" and sharing that candidate registration opens February 18.

## First Responder Program

Illustrious Brother David S. Collins talked about Supreme Council's new recognition program for first responders, and the importance of thanking those individuals on the front lines.

## Youth Advisor of the Year

Illustrious Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. spoke on the new Youth Advisor of the Year award, explaining that each state will select a recipient for their contributions to youth programs in the state. One of these individuals will be recognized by at the Annual Session in Cleveland this August as the Supreme Council NMJ's Advisor of the Year.

## Consistory

The Deputy called on Ill.: Brothers Jeffrey L. Brown, C-in-C and Gary E. Roy, 1st Lt Commander of NH Consistory to speak on any updates for a Consistory Reunion. There will not be a Spring Reunion, but Consistory intends to present the Thirty-second Degree at the Joint Valley Reunion in the fall of 2021.

## Supreme Council Website

The Deputy reviewed a number of resources available in the Member Center of the Supreme Council's website, [scottishrittenmj.org](http://scottishrittenmj.org), and

encouraged everyone to be registered on it. These included a “new member checklist”, a video Library, our core values, and our mission and vision statements.

### Annual Convocation

The Deputy reminded members that the Annual Convocation will be held in Nashua this year on Saturday, June 12.

### Closing Remarks

Ill.: Bro. Roth then called on Ill.: Brothers Robert E. Hansen and Richard W. Elliot for their remarks, before calling upon our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: David A. Glattly to speak. The Commander expressed his pleasure on being able to be part of today’s workshop, commended the work of the brethren and the Deputy, and the great things coming out of New Hampshire. He then shared some of the things planned for the spring and summer leading up to the Annual Session in Cleveland August 28-31.

The Deputy concluded by calling upon M.:W.: and Ill.: Bro. Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in NH for his closing remarks.

There being no other business, a closing prayer and grace was given by the Prior, M.:W.: and Ill.: Bro. Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. The workshop was then closed at 12:05 p.m.

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**THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE**

Episode 4... February 18, 2021  
27\* (Knight of Jerusalem) Live from Cincinnati  
*On-Demand viewing of first four episodes for 1 week only!*

Episode 5... March 4, 2021  
13\* (Master of the 9<sup>th</sup> Arch) Radio (SC Players)

Episode 6... March 18, 2021  
22\* (Prince of Libanus) Boston Stage Performance

April 1, 2021... "Be A Freemason.org"  
Round-table from Shriners HQ from Tampa Florida

Episode 7... March 15, 2021  
30\* (Grand Inspector) New Hampshire Stage Performance

Episode 8... March 29, 2021  
19\* (Brother of the Trail) Video Library

**Join the Rite Nights**

- 4\* shown at 7:30pm ET (TNR at 8pm ET):
  - March 4
  - March 18
  - April 15
  - April 29
- Use TNR/VR to become eligible for 32\*
- Candidate Registration at [TNR.SRNMJ.org](http://TNR.SRNMJ.org)
  - NO member registration
  - Candidate Registration opens: February 18

Participants (49):

- BP Bob Porter (Me) Unmute More
- MR Mark Roth (Host)
- Brennan Parken
- TS Trefl Sage
- DW Dennis Webster
- R rcbrown33@metrocaster.net
- A Alan
- A andrea
- Bob Bean
- Bob Bianchi
- BJ Brian J Smith
- DH Dan Hotchkiss-SGW NH
- DG Dave Glattly
- DR Dave Rich

Zoom Meeting

Participants: Dan Hotchkiss, Ken Clay, Jim Di..., Bob Bean, Richard Rapp...

Zoom Meeting

Participants: Dave Glattly

11:57 AM 2/19/2021

## BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

John Bartoszak	John E Lobdell
Robert S Bean III	Walter W Lovell
Jerome T Becker	John A Loven
Robert G Bianchi	Thomas S Lowe
Karl H Bickford III	Alan D Lugg
Paul G Bielawski	Guy R Martineau
Mark H Blodgett	Richard E Melvin
Scott R Borthwick	Donald L Mendzela
Jeffrey L Brown	James S O'Donnell
Jeffrey M Brown	Brennan Parken
Ronald J Brown	Troy A Patoine
Kenneth A Clay Jr.	Roland N Petersen
David Scott Collins	Panos A Pitsas
Robert D Coppo	Robert M Porter
Martin W Curtis	David A Rich
Kenneth E Davis Jr.	Mark C Roth
James O Dill Jr.	Gary E Roy
Richard W Elliot	Treffley E Sage
Adam J Freiband	Dennis A Sheridan
David A Glattly	Brian J Smith
John F Gordon	Michael J Tebbetts
Larry D Gullett	Richard J Thompson
Robert E Hansen	James M Triacca
Daniel R Hotchkiss	Dennis A Tuttle Jr.
William E Larson	Gary A Ward
Edward N Lewis	Dennis Webster
C Wayne Libby Jr.	

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**New Hampshire Council of Deliberation**

**98th Annual Convocation**

**Nashua, New Hampshire**

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

The NINETY-EIGHTH CONVOCATION of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Masonic Temple, 196 Main St, Nashua, NH, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

at 9:00 o'clock, am

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

The Council was called to order and opened in ample form by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, with the following divine blessing invoked by the Acting Prior, Brother Scott R. Borthwick, 32°, M.S.A.

### 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.”

Following the Opening, the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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

III.: Brother Ronald E Metcalf's wife, Eileen, passed away on May 28, 2021.

III.: Brother Ronald J Brown's sister-in-law (wife Carol's sister) and aunt to

III.: Brother Jeffrey L Brown, passed away June 9, 2021

Brother George L Baldwin has been dealing with serious health problems.

III.: Brother Edward N Lewis continues to recover from a serious illness.

It was asked that they all be remembered in the thoughts and prayers of the members, and that they would each be sent a card.

## 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:

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP - JUNE 12, 2021

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree .....	63
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) .....	48
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted) .....	8
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	14
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	2
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	1
Committee Chairmen (not previously counted) .....	1
Committee Members (not previously counted) .....	1
Total Membership .....	138

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The Deputy then asked the Credentials Committee for their report. The Committee reported that a majority of the bodies were represented, meeting the requirements 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) .....10

Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award  
(not previously counted) ..... 0

Representatives of Subordinate Bodies  
(not previously counted) ..... 4

Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies  
(not previously counted) ..... 0

Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies  
(not previously counted) ..... 1

Committee Chairman  
(not previously counted) ..... 0

Members  
(not previously counted) ..... 0

Total Membership Present ..... 45

Thirteen of the fifteen Scottish Rite bodies in the state are represented.

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

Jeffrey M. Brown, 33°

C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.

Robert M. Porter, 33°

James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A.

## BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

### 2021 COD Attendance

Robert S Bean III, 32°, MSA  
Jerome T Becker, 33°, MSA  
Robert G Bianchi, 33°  
Karl H Bickford III, 33°, MSA  
Paul G Bielawski, 32°  
Mark H Blodgett, 32°  
Scott R Borthwick, 32°  
Jeffrey L Brown, 33°, MSA  
Jeffrey M Brown, 33°  
Ronald J Brown, 33°  
Robert D Coppo, 33°, MSA  
Ronald N Crane, 33°  
Kenneth E Davis Jr., 32°, MSA  
Richard W Elliot, 33°  
Adam J Freiband, 32°  
John F Gordon, 33°  
Larry D Gullett, 33°  
John W Jackson, 32°  
William E Larson, 33°  
Robert W Lawrie, 33°, MSA  
C Wayne Libby Jr., 33°, MSA  
John E Lobdell, 33°  
Walter W Lovell, 33°, MSA  
John A Loven, 32°  
Thomas S Lowe, 33°  
Nicholas C Martel, 33°  
Guy R Martineau, 32°, MSA  
Donald L Mendzela, 33°  
Karl R Olson, 32°, MSA  
Troy A Patoine, 33°  
Panos A Pitsas, 33°, MSA  
Robert M Porter, 33°  
Roger F Retzke, 33°  
David A Rich, 32°, MSA  
Mark C Roth, 33°  
Gary E Roy, 33°, MSA  
Treffley E Sage, 33°, MSA

Dennis A Sheridan, 33°, MSA  
Brian J Smith, 33°  
Richard J Thompson, 32°, MSA  
James M Triacca, 33°, MSA  
Dennis A Tuttle Jr., 32°  
Edward M Waible, 32°  
Edward C Wigfield, 32°

### DIGNITARIES (in NH COD)

David S Collins, 33°, MSA  
M.:W.: Grand Master  
*Grand Lodge, F&AM*

### Other Scottish Rite Attendees

Earl W. Cole, Jr., 32°  
Carlton R Csiki, 32°  
Shane J Csiki, 32°  
David A. Glattly, 33°  
Daniel R Hotchkiss, 32°  
William S Jones IV, 32°  
Darien A Koons, 32°  
Evan M McIntosh, 32°  
David R. Walters, 32°

### DIGNITARIES

(who are Scottish Rite Members)

Earl W. Cole, Jr., 32°  
V.:E.: Dep. Gr. Commander  
*Grand Commandery, KT*  
David R. Walters, 32°  
Worthy Grand Patron  
*Grand Chapter of NH, OES*

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### DIGNITARIES (in Scottish Rite)

David S Collins, 33°, MSA

M.:W.: Grand Master, *Grand Lodge of NH, F&AM*

David A Glattly, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander, *Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, USA*

Earl W. Cole, Jr., 32°

V.:E.: Deputy Grand Commander, *Grand Commandery of NH, KT*

David S Collins, 33°, MSA, R.:E.: Grand King and R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master  
*for Thomas X. Tsirimokos, M.:E.: Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of NH,  
RAM and M.:I.: Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of NH*

David S Collins, 33°, MSA

*for Arthur W. Stauff, Executive Officer, NH DeMolay*

David R. Walters, 32°

Worthy Grand Patron, *Grand Chapter of NH, OES*

### OTHER DIGNITARIES

Joan L. Smith

Worthy Grand Matron, *Grand Chapter of NH, OES*

Supreme Inspector, *NH Rainbow, IORG*

Stacy M. Desrosiers

State Grand Deputy, *NH Rainbow, IORG*

Nykola Isaia

Grand Worthy Advisor, *NH Rainbow, IORG*

J.A. Corwin Stauff

State Senior Councilor, *NH DeMolay*

## RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER AND PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Commander-in-Chief asked the Master of Ceremonies to virtually escort the Grand Master, as well as all Past Grand Masters of New Hampshire outside the meeting 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 Most Worshipful and Illustrious David S. Collins, 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.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, PGM (2009, 2010)

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, following which, M.:W.: and Ill.: Brother Collins thanked the Commander-in-Chief saying he would hold his remarks until the end of the Convocation.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

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

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The books of the Treasurer and Secretary were audited on May 10th, 2021, and am pleased to report they have been found in complete order. In attendance for the audit was James M. Triacca 33°, M.S.A, Walter W. Lovell 33°, M.S.A and myself.

In February of 2020, the decision was made to move \$22,000 from our checking account to Edward Jones Financial Services. While initially we saw a decrease in our investments due to the pandemic, we are pleased to report the investments have rebounded and our investments are up over \$10,000.

Based on the April 30, 2021 census our projected Per Capita Income will drop by approximately \$438.00 this year versus last year's actual. With a surplus in last year's budget, this negligible decrease will not have an adverse effect on the projected budget.

It is considered that this funding level should be adequate for the foreseeable future, and with the pandemic easing up, this will 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, 2021 to May 31, 2022 fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry D. Gullett, 33°, Chairman

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

Keith A. Mansfield, 32°

Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.

Robert A. LaBelle, 32°

James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A.

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation  
 June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 Budget

INCOME

Testimonial Income	\$ 5,000.00
Per Capita Income	<u>8,326.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$13,326.00</u>

EXPENSES

Testimonial Expense (meals and flowers)	\$ 5,000.00
Annual Convocation Meal	800.00
Workshop Meal	600.00
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	3,326.00
Secretary Stipend	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,326.00</u>
Budgeted Net Loss	<u>-\$ 5,000.00</u>

Due to Pandemic, the expenses from 2020 were significantly lower than budgeted. Therefore, we have sufficient funds to donate to the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library. If approved at COD, this fiscal year we will have a negative budget.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FY 2020-2021

FOR THE PERIOD June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Cash on hand June 1, 2020

TD Bank, Checking Account \$ 5,889.12

		Budgeted	Actual
INCOME	Testimonial	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
	Valley Dues	\$8,720.00	\$8,754.00
	Sale of Rep Jewel	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sale of MSA Ladies Pins	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<hr/> Total Income	\$12,020.00	\$8,754.00

Sub-Total \$8,754.00

EXPENSES	Testimonial	\$4,000.00	\$250
	Annual Meal	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Workshop lunch/breakfast	\$700.00	\$0.00
	Donations Youth	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Children's Dyslexia Centers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	MSA	\$500.00	\$351.00
	Printing and Postage	\$600.00	\$0.00
	Program Expenses	\$3,720.00	\$0.00
	Secretary Stipend	\$500.00	\$500.00
	<hr/> Total Expenses	\$12,020.00	\$3,101.00

Cash on hand on May 31, 2020

TB Bank Checking Account \$11,542.12

James M. Triacca, 33<sup>rd</sup>, MSA, Treasurer

REPORT OF EDWARD JONES  
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

MAY 2, 2020 through MAY 9, 2021

Account Balance May 2, 2020	\$37,790.11
Addition to Account	<u>\$0.00</u>
Account Balance May 2, 2020	\$48,557.30
Account Decline	\$10,767.19

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Triacca, 33°, MSA,  
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALER

May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

Account Balance May 1, 2020	\$5,221.75
Interest for the year	<u>\$2.61</u>
Total on Hand	<u>\$5,224.36</u>

Disbursements: None	
Balance May 1, 2019	<u>\$5,224.36</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Triacca, 33°, MSA,  
Hospitaler

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

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

The New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Meritorious Service Award Committee met on May 20th and again on May 24th of this year. The primary purpose of those meetings was to review and assess the nomination forms of those Scottish Rite brothers who had been recommended by their Valley Presiding Officers for such consideration. As a result of these deliberations, we are happy to make recommendations today to this Council of Deliberation for your consideration to elect these brothers to receive this special honor. In addition to the review of these submissions, the committee held discussions concerning how it may better serve this Council, including education and training specifically for the Presiding Officers, which would guide them with the consideration and submission process. Assistance will be provided to advise how they can best gather, format and present the information required on the nomination form. This process has continued to be inconsistent over the years, often resulting in a timely rejection of a submission for consideration by the MSA Committee, simply due to the lack of information and quality of contents included on the form. Leaders of this Council of Deliberation should be continually reminded that the proper recognition of one's contributions and accomplishments is key in many ways to the success of an organization and the related value of the members. This committee urges the presiding officers to take serious consideration of this responsibility each year.

This year the Meritorious Service Award Committee is pleased to recommend two Brothers for your consideration.

The first brother we would recommend for your consideration was born on February 9, 1957. He was raised a Master Mason some 21 years later, on September 19, 1978.

Some may remember that years ago New Hampshire Scottish Rite Spring Reunions were celebrated on the weekend of Fast Day, which was last celebrated on the 4th Monday in April each year. As the sole state left celebrating the holiday, in 1991 the New Hampshire legislature abolished Fast Day in favor of creating a new holiday, Civil Rights Day. Our brother under consideration here today joined Scottish Rite on the Saturday of Fast Day weekend in 1981, and became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason on the following Monday, Fast Day, April 27, 1981.

For the decades that followed this brother worked indiscriminately, volunteering to contribute wherever and whenever the fraternity provided the opportunity to do so, never seeking recognition for his work. He has set up work parties to mow and rake lawns for older brethren and their widows. He has helped clear out houses for those moving into assisted living. He has given much of his time to help with repair and upkeep of his local lodge. While serving as Master of his lodge, he set a personal goal to visit every brother, traveling as far as Florida and Arizona in an effort to accomplish this objective.

Over the years, he has participated in degrees in the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Consistory. He has served the Lodge of Perfection as Orator and Master of Ceremonies.

He joined York Rite in March of 2020 and serves as an officer in his Royal Arch Chapter. He is a member of Pilgrim Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He has served as Master of his lodge on separate occasions, from 2012-2015 and again from 2019-2020. He was honored by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in January of 2014, receiving the Major General John Sullivan Award in Bronze. We are pleased to recommend to you today a Past Master of Ancient York Lodge #89, and a member of the Valley of Nashua, Brother Michael Scott Henry, for your consideration to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

The second brother was born on March 19, 1958. He was raised a Master Mason in April of 2008, joined Scottish Rite in September of 2008, and became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in April of 2009. He has served his valley as Thrice Potent Master and Most Wise Master. Currently he is serving as the Sovereign Prince. He has been involved in the various aspects of degree work in his valley including the Feast of Tishri and the Feast of the Pascal Lamb.

He is a member of the York Rite and currently serves as an officer in both the Royal Arch Chapter and the Royal and Select Masters. He is a member of the SRICF, the Royal Order of Scotland and the Anniversary Lodge of Research.

In the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, he has served as the District Deputy Grand Education Officer and currently serves his district as the District Deputy Grand Lecturer. In 2020 he received the Major General John

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Sullivan Award in Bronze.

In the community, he has been an active member of the local Kiwanis Club, having served as Director and currently serving as President. Today, we are pleased to recommend from the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton, the current Master of Gorham-Sabatis Lodge #73, Brother John Alan Loven for consideration by this body to be elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the members of this committee once again thank you for the opportunity to serve this Council of Deliberation. We also thank those presiding officers who made the commitment to submit the information on behalf of their brethren.

On behalf of the Meritorious Service Award Committee, I move the approval of this report and for inclusion of the same in today's proceedings, and by such approval the election of Brother Michael Scott Henry and Brother John Alan Loven to receive the Meritorious Service Award from the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Chairman

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.

Dennis Webster, 33°, M.S.A.

Marcus A. Weir, 33°, M.S.A.

A motion to accept the report and its recommendations was duly made and seconded, which was unanimously approved.

The Commander-in-Chief congratulated the new Meritorious Service Award recipients, and that each would be recognized with the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony, including the MSA Jewel presentation at the Testimonial on November 7, 2021 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.

## APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The Commander-in-Chief stated, "Upon the death of Ill.: Robert W. Heald, 33°, MSA, I hereby appoint Ill.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, MSA, as Minister of State. Because of the vacancy in the office of Seneschal created by the appointment of Ill.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, MSA, as Minister of State, I hereby appoint Ill.: John F. Gordon, 33°, as Seneschal. Because of the vacancy in the office of Master of Ceremonies created by the appointment of Ill.: John F. Gordon, 33°, as Seneschal, I hereby appoint Ill.: John E. Lobdell, 33°, as Master of Ceremonies.

"These officers will be installed today and serve until the next elections in 2022 or other appointments made."

## 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 as Deputy Representatives for next year are:

Valley of Concord:	Bro. Mark Ciarametaro 32°, MSA
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton:	Bro. John A. Loven, 32°
Valley of Nashua:	Ill.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, MSA

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Commander-in-Chief continued, "Brethren, give your attention and be witnesses to the engagements your Officers are about to assume. Each officer will say "I", pronounce his name in full, and remain silent until I bid you speak.

"I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear true allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, of which the Illustrious David A. Glattly, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Commander, and will support its Constitutions, Statutes, Orders, and Decrees.

"I will seek diligently to acquire due knowledge of the rituals, usages and administrative procedures of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in this Jurisdiction, and to perform the duties of my office.

"I will strive earnestly to promote the welfare of my Brethren and of our Rite, and to maintain peace and harmony in a spirit of courtesy and fraternal cooperation.

"The Officers will repeat after me.

"And may God aid me to keep and perform this my solemn vow of office. Amen."

The Commander-in-Chief then said, "The Officers and members of this Council of Deliberation should realize that the Officers are charged with many duties and responsibilities. They look to the members of this Council for loyal cooperation and will welcome your constructive suggestions. The primary duty is to assist in maintaining the

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honor, dignity, and efficiency of the Rite.

“You have not advanced to your present rank in the Rite without full knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of your office. The honor, reputation, and usefulness of Scottish Rite Masonry will chiefly depend upon the mode and manner in which you discharge your duties.

“You will now assume your office.”

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

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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  
Nashua, NH – June 12, 2021  
Allocation of the Commander-in-Chief

Members of this Council of Deliberation and Scottish Rite Brethren:

I am so pleased to see you in person this morning at the 98th Annual Convocation of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

We are very happy that our Sovereign Grand Commander is here with us this morning. We hope you enjoy your time in New Hampshire and you have an opportunity to meet our members.

We are very honored that Most Worshipful and Ill. : David S. Collins, 33<sup>o</sup>, MSA, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire is with us this morning. While this is not the first event on your official calendar, it is among the first and I am sure it will be an enjoyable day for you.

Thank you all for coming to Nashua this morning. I am grateful that NH Council of Deliberation is flexible and willing to meet on the second Saturday of June this year. One of my responsibilities as member of the Supreme Council Ritualistic Matters Committee is to be present at its meeting. This year our meeting was held in Asheville, NC where we labored diligently in the quarries to provide degrees which bear the message of our Core Values in an everchanging world.

I hope you have had an opportunity to read the reports distributed by our Secretary. Thank you to all the Committee Chairmen and our Secretary for making these available. If there are any outstanding, we will get those added as soon as possible.

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### NECROLOGY

It is my sad duty to report to you those of the Supreme Council who have passed to the Celestial Lodge:

Ill.: Royce G. Wheeler, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of Maine

Died on Saturday, October 10, 2020 .

Ill.: Warren F. Schueler, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of Delaware.

Died Friday, December 4, 2020

Ill.: Richard G. Hawk, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of Pennsylvania.

Died Thursday, December 24, 2020.

Ill.: Bill C. Anthis, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of Indiana.

Died Friday, December 4, 2020

Ill.: A. Norman Johnson, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of Connecticut.

Died Monday, April 5, 2021.

Ill.: Charles C. Wicks, 33°

Active Member of Supreme Council for the State of Indiana.

Died Sunday, May 16, 2021.

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

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY**

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

IN MEMORIAM

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Illustrious Roger M. Clark, 33°

Date of 33° - September 3, 2002

Past Thrice Potent Master, Ineffable Lodge of Perfection of Portsmouth-Dover

Past Sovereign Prince of John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Past Most Wise Master of New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix

Born: December 15, 1936

Died: August 23, 2020

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Brother John F. Bemis, 32°

Past Thrice Potent Master of Keene Lodge of Perfection of Keene

Born: March 16, 1944

Died: August 25, 2020

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Brother Robert Smith Gowitzke, 32°, M.S.A.

Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 5, 1976

Born: May 2, 1929

Died: August 28, 2020

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Brother Herbert H. Hutchinson, 32°

Past Sovereign Prince of Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Nashua

Born: May 21, 1937

Died: September 3, 2020

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Brother John E. Bigelow, 32°, M.S.A.

Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 7, 1969

Born: April 5, 1935

Died: September 27, 2020

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Illustrious Davis P. Thurber, 33°

Date of 33° - September 27, 1972

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

Born: May 20, 1925

Died: February 14, 2021

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Illustrious Louis L. Dow, Sr., 33°, M.S.A.

Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

Date of 33° - September 25, 1990

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 2, 1984

Born: December 3, 1936

Died: April 5, 2021

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Brother Richard H. Dewing, 32°

Past Sovereign Prince of John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Born: August 7, 1928

Died: April 15, 2021

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman

Jeffrey M. Brown, 33°

Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

Let us be reverently attentive to our Prior.

**Prayer by the Prior**

We are grateful for the dedication and love of fraternity that these Brothers demonstrated, each in his own way. No matter your spiritual affirmations, we cannot deny that, by their actions, they leave with us a lasting impression. We remember them and honor them by living our lives in a manner that continues in the tradition of devotion and service.

**A Review of the Scottish Rite Year in New Hampshire Since our last Annual Convocation on June 6, 2020**

The year 2020 will long be remembered as a year dominated by Coronavirus-19, or, as we all came to know as "COVID19" or simply "COVID". On March 16, 2020, in concert with the guidance and edict issued by Grand Master Clay and the Grand Lodge of NH, I issued a directive to suspend all in-person Scottish Rite meetings in New Hampshire. I notified the Sovereign Grand Commander of this action. As more information became available in the way COVID-19 could be avoided, along with the guidance of the Grand Master, NH Scottish Rite followed the lead of Grand Lodge. We wore masks, found new ways to greet each other with fist bumps, elbow bumps, or a simple "Hi

Brother". We used hand sanitizer, washed our hands thoroughly with hot water while we sang "happy birthday" -- twice. We practiced "social distancing" by staying 6 feet apart, then 3 feet part. We were interrogated, had temperatures taken, asked to fill out contact tracing lists. We were vaccinated. Now we are concerned over the long-term effect of wearing masks, social distancing, and even of the vaccinations.

With 2021 nearly half completed, we are still in the COVID-19 mode. The good news is that every day there is more and more hope that COVID19 will not dominate the entire year of 2021. We have hope that we are able to resume the exercise of our Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The impact of electronic media cannot be overstated. During the time when in-person meetings were suspended, Zoom became the space where we could meet and enjoy Brotherhood. We met in Zoom rooms for check-in sessions, educational programs, and discussion groups. We shared PowerPoint presentations, spreadsheets, bank statements. Most of all we shared ourselves with our brothers and kept the flame alive.

No report of the 2020-2021 pandemic and Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction would be complete without Thursday Night at the Rite. The vision of Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°, in consideration of all the requirements to confer degrees, authorized the recording of degrees so that all Valleys would have the capability of seeing the degrees of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Now, under the guidance of Sovereign Grand Commander Glattly, the creative work of the Supreme Council staff produced a series of video streaming of the recorded degrees on a regular schedule over two seasons, fall and spring, to provide inspiration and enjoyment to our members. In the convenience of their own home or in watch parties, up to 3,000 viewers registered and signed on to participate for each Thursday Night at the Rite. One needed only to watch the "chat" scrolling to realize the value of the Thursday Night at the Rite. Here in New Hampshire, we had 37 candidates view the 32nd degree on May 22 or May 27. The video streaming through Thursday Night at the Rite or the 32nd Degree Celebration inspired our membership and produced new members, all with a convenient and enjoyable member experience.

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We needed those numbers. By way of comparison, allow me to share some numbers with you.

In 2005, when I became an Active Member of Supreme Council, our Scottish Rite membership in New Hampshire was 2,665. As of May 28, 2021, it was 1,094. In 16 years, we are down 1571 members. That is 41% of the membership we had 16 years ago. I concede the number of Masons in NH is proportionately lower than it was then too. Many of our members are older. More than 77% of our members in NH are 60 years of age or older. More than 57% are 70 years of age or older. To me the next number is shocking, there are 93 of our members who are 90 years of age or older. Brethren we need the numbers. We need **members!** We need younger members who will grow into the leaders our fraternity needs. You will often hear that quality is better than quantity. I agree. But you cannot get quality without quantity. Remember a Master Mason in good standing is qualified for membership. The Path Forward is through you. Seek out those who would be good members and ask them to join. Tell them of the inspiration you find as a member of the Scottish Rite.

I have no doubt that New Hampshire will continue to do great things. I have no doubt that our degree work will continue to excel. The evidence is in the Thirtieth Degree, Grand Inspector, performed on stage at the Maxwell Auditorium for the purpose of recording the degree for streaming at an episode of Thursday Night at the Rite. The resulting presentation of the degree was outstanding. The NH Consistory cast received great praise for their efforts. Oscars for all. In turn, the performance of this degree generated great excitement and enthusiasm. Our Brothers are ready and willing for the next degree.

The Valleys in New Hampshire are planning for a Fall Reunion. It has become a tradition in recent years for our Valleys to confer a degree per Valley at a joint reunion in Portsmouth. Because we have not conferred live degrees for more than a year, we are planning a full day of degrees on November 6, 2021. The details of the exact schedule and location are to be determined, the degrees planned are:

Fourth Degree: Builder by the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

Seventh Degree: Provost and Judge by the Valley of Concord

Eighteenth Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix of Heredom by the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

Twenty-first Degree: Patriarch Noachite by the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover.

Thirty-Second Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret by New Hampshire Consistory

The following day, Sunday, November 7, 2021, will be the Testimonial at which time the new 33rd Scottish Rite Masons, coroneted in Cleveland, will be honored and presented with their 33rd jewels. In addition, recipients of the Meritorious Service Award for 2020 and 2021 will be honored with the appropriate ceremony. Friends and relatives will all enjoy a buffet dinner at the Shrine Center in Concord. Once again, the pandemic prevented us from celebrating in 2020, but 2021 promises to hold a great celebration for those who have achieved such honors.

### **Supreme Council Update**

With long distance travel and large assemblies not considered safe due to Covid 19, the Supreme Council found new ways to meet its constitutional requirements. The Executive Session was held in the Maxwell Auditorium, observing social distancing, on Tuesday August 25 and Wednesday August 26, 2020. For those who could not be present, a secured live stream was established. As a result, the official meeting could proceed. The following Illustrious Brothers were elected as Active Members of the Supreme Council:

Stephen Gardner, Pennsylvania  
Anthony Raymond Cracco, Illinois  
Timothy Shaun Marshbanks, Michigan  
John Brian McNaughton, Indiana  
Eric Scott Pittman, Indiana

The Crowning Ceremony was held in Lexington, in April.

Communications from Supreme Council Headquarters have never been better. The Northern Light in its new format provides something of interest for all our members. Additional advancements include the Scottish Rite Insight, monthly updates for Secretaries and Active, quarterly webinars for Presiding Officers, the ability for members to access their own membership record and update

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items, as necessary. In addition, special events, such as the Be a Freemason panel discussion including the Southern Jurisdiction, Shrine, and the Masonic Renewal Committee provide a wealth of information for our members.

### **Charities**

The Supreme Council Charities include the Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library, The Leon M. Abbott Scholarships, and the Grand Almoners Fund along with the White Flower Society as well as the Membership Education Fund.

Every year Scottish Rite in our Northern Masonic Jurisdiction appeals to its members in an overall all-encompassing fundraiser called The Blue Envelope Appeal. This appeal is very important to our Supreme Council Charities, but it is also important to New Hampshire. The amount of money NH has available for Leon M. Abbott scholarships is determined through a formula including the number of contributions and the dollar amount contributed.

I am so enormously proud of New Hampshire. According to the statistics provided to me by Ill. Walter Wheeler, 33°, Director of Charities, a larger Percentage of New Hampshire Scottish Rite Masons contributed to the Blue Envelope Appeal than any other State. In addition, the Valleys of Concord and Lancaster-Littleton ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively in Valley participation. Well done, New Hampshire!

Because of the success of the Blue Envelope Appeal, NH was awarded \$15,000 to distribute through the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships. In addition, NH Consistory provides \$16,000 in scholarships through the William E. Bryant Scholarship. Recipients of the Abbott and Bryant Scholarships are presented on the video screens in the Lodge room.

Both Children's Dyslexia Centers in New Hampshire are doing well. Fundraising continues, we are very appreciative of the donations made to each of these Centers. I especially thank NH Consistory for its continued support of both the Seacoast and Nashua. I thank those of you who contributed personally. I know of some who contributed a portion, or all the stimulus money received. Thank you so much! Look for the "A Kid Like Me" on Facebook, Run to Read on June 26 in Rochester and Over the Edge August 17 in Manchester.

You should know that both our Center Directors and dedicated staff have had successful years despite the restrictions imposed due to Covid 19. Remote tutoring was the norm throughout the jurisdiction with rare exceptions for testing. Across the NMJ, our Dyslexia Centers conducted 62,459 Zoom Sessions. In May both Centers held graduation ceremonies for students and tutors who reached milestones. If you want to feel good about what you are doing with your charitable dollars, attend a Children's Dyslexia Center graduation. You will know why we support this charity.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library is under the executive direction of NH's own Ill.:. Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Grand Minister of State. Now nearly 50 years has passed since it was built. Consequently, the Library is undergoing renovation to make it more efficient and a better workplace. In addition, work on the Masonic Hall of Fame is underway and we are looking forward for its Grand Opening Gala in the Fall.

The Grand Almoner continues to work for our members and their families. The White Flower Society cares for our Masonic Widows. You may not know the brother who receives this help, but it is a life saver. Please, talk with our members, check in on those who may be in need. Help them whenever possible. And remember you Hospitaler Funds and the Grand Almoner Fund. Remember too that request for funds need to be made through the Deputy who provides the Grand Almoner and Sovereign Grand Commander with the justification. It can be a life changer and sometimes a life saver. Thank you.

### **Valley of Excellence**

The Supreme Council Valley of Excellence program is designed to recognize Valleys that go above and beyond in their endeavors in the four key areas of membership, service/philanthropy, leadership development, and operations. Each area requires that Valleys work hard to meet quantifiable objectives. Each area is scaled to the Valley and scored accordingly. But it is attainable for every Valley. No Valley can rest on its laurels. It must continually work to achieve excellence. While our NH Valleys are close, none have reached the 90% score needed to be recognized as a Valley of Excellence. We will strive to meet this goal.

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### Supreme Council Session in Cleveland

The Supreme Council will meet in Session in Cleveland in August 2021 with the Executive Session held on August 26 and 27. General membership will arrive in Cleveland for Vespers on Sunday, August 29. The General Session will be held on Monday morning August 30 with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame open to registered Scottish Rite Masons on Monday evening.

The Thirty-third Degree will be conferred Tuesday August 31 on 6 New Hampshire Scottish Rite Masons as part of the class of 289 candidates. The New Hampshire candidates include:

- Brother Scott R. Borthwick, Valley of Concord
- Brother Kenneth A. Davis, Valley of Concord
- Brother Daniel R. Hotchkiss, Valley of Concord
- Brother Roland N. Peterson, Valley of Nashua
- Brother David A. Rich, Valley of Lancaster-Littleton
- Brother Roderick M. MacDonald, Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

Commander-in-Chief III.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, will host the New Hampshire group in Cleveland which at this time numbers 55. This year brings new excitement as we will welcome Vermont to share our hospitality.

### Gratitude

There is much to be grateful for. Many of you have supported to programs of the Scottish Rite. You have also been supportive of me as the Deputy for New Hampshire. You have accorded all the Actives and Emeriti with the greatest of courtesies whenever we were present. For all of that **I am grateful**. For those of you who have served as Deputy Representative or Valley Secretary, **thank you**. To those who directed or worked on Degrees, **thank you**. To all who participated in so many ways in degree work, dinners, watch parties, giving our hot chocolate on a cold winter night or any other Scottish Rite activity, **thank you**.

Thank you to my mentors and peers: III.: Brother Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus Member and recipient of the Supreme Council Medal of Honor. I have treasured your friendship and advice, not only in recent years but from the time I first joined Scottish Rite nearly 40 years ago.

III.: Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master. You led us through some uncharted waters over the last 15 months but thanks to your leadership, Freemasonry in NH survives and is stronger for it.

III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Minister of State. I have relied on your advice so many times over the last 16 years and especially the last 8 years as Deputy. I can think of no more dedicated student of leadership or advocate for the Rite than you. Thank you.

Finally, our Sovereign Grand Commander, III.: David A. Glattly, 33°, thank you for allowing me to serve our Supreme Council as Deputy for eight years. Your support and willingness to hear my concerns has been most appreciated.

In August, in Cleveland, I will retire as Deputy for New Hampshire, having served the maximum years allowed by our Constitutions. I will, however, continue as an Active member until I will reach the mandatory retirement age of 75 – another two years, then join Illustrious Brother Hansen as an Emeritus.

As I complete my tenure as Deputy for New Hampshire, I am confident that your next Deputy will bring his own style and dedication to the office. He will represent the Supreme Council in New Hampshire with dignity and devotion. He will bring new spirit, energy, and insight. I ask that you welcome him and make him as proud to be your Deputy as you have made me.

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At the conclusion of his Allocution, the Commander-in-Chief said, "Illustrious Brother Elliot, I move the acceptance of this report."

The First Lieutenant Commander then asked, "Is there a second?", which received numerous affirmative responses.

The motion being unanimously approved, the report was accepted.

Following a standing ovation for the Commander-in-Chief, The First Lieutenant Commander 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:*

The Committee made plans to hold in a mid-day celebration honoring our MSA recipients on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord. It was to be catered by Hart's Turkey Farm.

Those to have been honored were elected on June 6, 2020 at the 97th New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting, which was held virtually due to the pandemic restrictions. They were:

Brother Guy R. Martineau, 32°, MSA, Valley of Nashua

Brother Donald W. Milbrand, Jr., 32°, MSA, Valley of Concord

Due to continuing restrictions on gatherings, the celebration had to be cancelled, and the Deputy, Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, would arrange to present the candidates their jewels certificates and pins at a later date, either publicly or privately.

The Committee is planning for the 2021 Thirty-third Testimonial and MSA Award Ceremony to again be held at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord, NH on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

For the Committee,

John E. Lobdell, 33°, Co-Chairman

Thomas S. Lowe, 33°, Co-Chairman

Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.

Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.

Robert C. Lethbridge, 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**

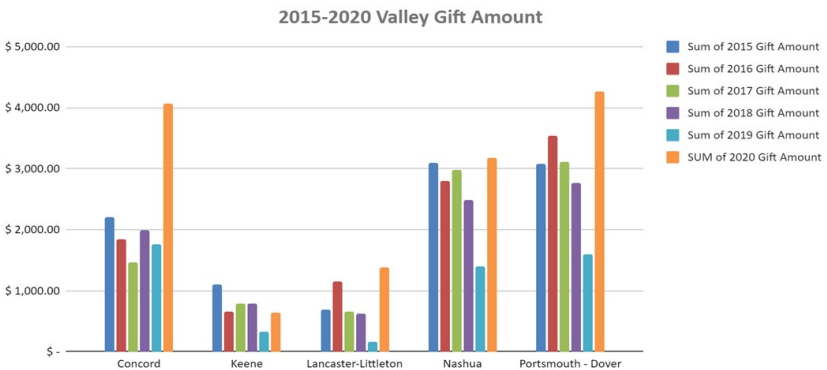
The Committee on Supreme Council Charities presents its report for 2021. This year we again report statistics illustrating the importance of the Blue Envelope Appeal.

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

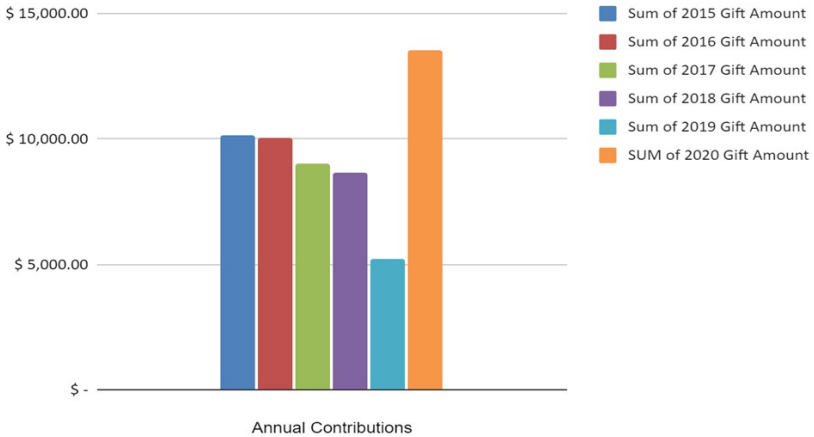
The 2020-2021 contributions reported by Supreme Council were as follows:

Valley	2020 Gift Amount	2020 No. of Donors	2020 Number of Members	% of Donors vs. Members
Portsmouth - Dover	\$4,265.00	68	385	17.7%
Nashua	\$3,181.00	51	299	17.1%
Concord	\$4,063.47	66	263	25.1%
Lancaster-Littleton	\$1,388.00	27	108	22.2%
Keene	\$ 644.00	12	95	12.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,541.47</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>19.2%</b>

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



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Last year the Scottish Rite Members of New Hampshire rose to the top percentage of contributors within the NMJ! We may be the 4th smallest State within the NMJ, but nearly 1 out of 5 members donated to this appeal. Again 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 website, <https://scottishritenmj.org/donate>. Better yet contribute on Given Tuesday which is held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

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:*

Just as all our organizations have shifted gears over the past year due to the pandemic, so has our Youth Organizations. The members of NH Rainbow and NH DeMolay shifted to a virtual format for most of the past year. Through this medium they were able to chat and play games, Kahoots! was a crowd favorite. This also gave them the opportunity to have some form of social interaction when many were isolated at home.

Last summer and fall, many took the opportunity of warmer weather to get outside for social distant get together. NH Rainbow was able to hold a few social distant in person events on a local and state level. One such event was their annual Leadership Camp held on the back field at the Concord Masonic Lodge. These young ladies took the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills as well as talk about life's challenges and their mental health.

Fast forward a few months, of more virtual get together, to spring of 2021. NH Rainbow has started to slowly meet in person. The assemblies have been starting to work on various projects and slowly get back to business meetings. The young ladies have had the opportunity to get together for an outdoor movie night and celebrate the Homecoming of the Grand Worthy Advisor, Nykola. The assemblies are getting excited for that main event of Grand Assembly on 4th of July weekend.

Our young men of NH DeMolay have been virtual for some time as well. When they are safely able to gather, the young men have met for game nights to foster some comradery. Some of the chapter's have gone out into nature to enjoy several rail trails walks. They have also taken the opportunity to enjoy pizza and ice cream outside.

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The young men are looking forward to getting back in the swing of things. Upper Valley Chapter has an excited 12-year-old waiting to join as soon as it can be safely done. The young men are looking forward to welcoming in this young man and many more. The State Master Councilor, Alex, is looking forward to attending International DeMolay in Texas.

Just as our Youth are looking to the future, we too need to look at the future. In order to do that, we must first look at ourselves. Take a look in the mirror, take a look at yourself and what you can do to help ensure there is a future for our Youth and our organizations.

There are many ways to give back to our Youth. Time is the greatest gift you can give to our Youth; show them you care. The state events held throughout the year are a great opportunity to attend and start to get to know the young ladies and young men. These events can range from some fun event for comradery to formal events to showcase their leadership skills.

Do you know a Brother on an assembly or chapter board? Ask them if you can attend a local event with them. It can be a fun event like bring your own ice cream or going on a walk. It can be a more formal setting and attend a business meeting. Our Youth appreciate when you show up, say hello, and show you care.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome T. Becker M.S.A., Chairman

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 Nykola Isaia, is here this morning, I am pleased to have her bring you additional greetings.

Our organizations have certainly learned a lot this past few months about perseverance under adversity and acceptance of change. The world has become a different place with the advent of the COVID 19 pandemic. Our 7 assemblies have had to change to Virtual Meetings, and the girls have had to adjust to no Grand Assembly 2020 celebration this July. These past few months our girls have shown such resilience and acceptance to the new pattern of thinking. I am so proud of our girls and their innovative abilities to keep their membership connected and motivated during this time of separation and social isolation. Our Garden of Friendship Supreme Assembly 2020 sessions in Nevada have just been cancelled for this July as well. Sadly we will miss seeing all our young ladies perform on the Grand and Supreme floors, but I know they would have made New Hampshire very proud indeed!

I would like to personally thank the membership of Scottish Rite for all the financial support over the years as this has helped us to support many of our programs and events for our Rainbow Girls. Much of your contributions are directly geared to our Leadership Education. Every

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time you see one of our young ladies turning into a true leader in her assembly or on the Grand level, you can take pride in knowing that YOU made that happen!

I invite you all to watch for our Virtual Grand Assembly Spirit Week for 2020, which will be intermittently played on Facebook and You-tube the week of June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be celebrating our girls' achievements for this past year as we head toward the second year of our Monsters University theme. Do watch next spring for a new invitation to the 79<sup>th</sup> annual NH Grand Assembly session this July 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Nashua Courtyard Marriott. And as always feel free to join in on any activity or event at any one of our 7 Assemblies throughout the coming year.

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

Thank you for calling on the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star today.

**Family.** I have been involved in the New Hampshire fraternal Family for a very long time, and I know so many of you in so many different capacities. It may have been though Rainbow- watching your daughters or granddaughters grow into wonderful young ladies, or perhaps we were Advisors together. Maybe I have served you suppers at many a Masonic function, or perhaps just enjoyed pleasantries of a Unity party or picnic. It could have been the numerous FezTival trees we would help each other at, maybe we served on a masonic committee together, or it could be any one of the Installation of Officers of any of our bodies that would happen. Maybe we would see each other at a Scottish Rite Reunion, or Family outing, or the Feast of the Paschal lamb, or the MSA or 33<sup>rd</sup> events. Could it have been that I would run into you at Legion of Honor, or maybe the Commandery Christmas Observance when we could finally sit and catch up on things. We would check on how family was doing- wives, daughters, sons, grandparents, grandchildren, and even our pets. There were

joyous events, and yes, even times of sorrow that we would share with each other. We would support each other. Because we are family!

Through my 40+ years of Eastern Star membership I have enjoyed the camaraderie with our fraternal family as we share in our dedication to the principles of charity, truth, and loving kindness. We are not so different as groups of dedicated volunteers. Working together in the spirit of teamwork is a characteristic which I always strive to sustain and encourage with my Sisters and Brothers. Our 19 Chapters throughout the state are always willing and able to work with their fraternal family on any event planned. We were especially delighted with the Teamwork effort that evolved in the planning for the first ever Masonic Family Leadership Conference this past January 2020, and I wish to thank Illustrious Brothers Mark Roth and Jeffrey Brown for your help, guidance, and input, and all of Scottish Rite for your support on the huge endeavor. How appropriate it was that the major focus on the event was Communications and thinking innovatively 'outside the box' , and then a mere 6 weeks later much of that education was put to action when COVID 19 made it necessary for us all to think differently on how we communicate and stay connected as fraternal bodies.

As with many of our bodies, NH Grand Chapter and its subordinate chapters have been holding Zoom meetings to stay connected, but has had to postpone their Grand Chapter 2020 sessions until August of 2021. Because we have not been able to finish our visits required since March, our Grand Officers will stay in place as we finish off many of our unfinished duties and events. Our main focus as you can imagine is to keep our membership healthy and safe since many are in the high risk category. We worry about the social isolation that comes with this social distancing, and the effect it will have on our bodies for the future. Because of this I encourage all of you to stay connected, just as a family should, and let us nurture our basic principles that will keep our family strong and vibrant.

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joan L Smith, Worthy Grand Matron, New Hampshire Order of the Eastern Star

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### REMARKS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST and GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: and Ill.: David S. Collins, Right Excellent King and Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master brought the warm and fraternal greetings of Most Excellent and Most Illustrious Thomas X. Tsirimokos and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire as well as the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New Hampshire.

### REMARKS OF THE VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

To the Commander-in-Chief, members of the Council of Deliberation,, Brethren all, Howdy! I bring you the warm and knightly greetings of the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of NH, Sir Knight Patrick J. O'Sullivan, as well as my own.

It brings me immense joy to stand here with you all. It has been a long and challenging road this past year and some months, but we have weathered the storm and are finally able to gather together in brotherhood and friendship. I know there are many more memorable days and events ahead of us, and much more work to do.

I will keep this brief, as I know you all want to get to the business of the day. I want you to know that your brethren continue to stand with you and are willing to help in any way we can. We all face many of the same challenges, which were only made more difficult this past year. We need to understand what worked, what did not, and use that to help us carry the craft and our Rites forward into tomorrow. I could go on, but I said I would keep it brief. I wish you all a successful session and extend my personal congratulations on the completion of another year

Be well, and may the GAOTU watch over you and your work for the forthcoming year..

Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr.

V.:E.: Deputy Grand Commander. Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of NH

### REMARKS OF EXECUTIVE OFFICIER OF DEMOLAY

M.:W.: and Ill.: David S. Collins brought the warm and fraternal greetings of Arthur W. Stauff, Executive Director of New Hampshire DeMolay and expressed his excitement about the efforts to revitalize the organization.

## REMARKS ON BEHALF OF STATE MASTER COUNCILIER

Remarks of Corwyn Stauff, State Senior Councilor

Good Morning! I bring the warm and fraternal greetings of New Hampshire DeMolay, and of State Master Councilor Billy Cook. It has been a difficult time for DeMolay, but that has not stopped us from meeting and having fun as brothers. We have been hosting movie nights on our Discord Server, playing Kahoot and other browser based games over zoom, and spending quality time together on our Minecraft Server. The state council has also been attending as many meetings as we can to show our support on the chapter level. I'd like to thank you for your financial support, during these troubled times especially. Thank you.

## Invitation for the 2022 NH Council of Deliberation Annual Convocation

The Commander-in-Chief thanked everyone for attending this year's Annual Convocation of the Council of Deliberation. He then asked, "Is there a Valley that would like to extend an invitation for the 2022 Annual Convocation to be held on June 4, 2022?"

Brother John A. Loven extended an invitation on behalf of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton to host the Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation on that date in Gorham, NH.

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

## REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

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

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the recipients of the 2020 - 2021 Scholarships were not able to be included in last year's report because the due date for applications was moved to August 1, 2020 which was several weeks after the

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meeting of the Council of Deliberation. So, we will include the names of those recipients in this report.

In 2020 the Supreme Council granted \$8,800.00 in Leon M. Abbott Scholarships to be awarded by New Hampshire Council of Deliberation to deserving students. By the same token New Hampshire Consistory provided \$16,000.00 for the William E. Bryant Scholarship program.

The 2020-2021 recipients of the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships were:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Hannah L. Vincent Durham, NH	\$2,000.00	Junior	Gordon College Wenham, MA
2. Jacqueline M. Desrosiers Nashua, NH	\$2,000.00	Sophomore	University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
3. Zachary A. Elliot Manchester, NH	\$2,000.00	Junior	St. Anselm College Manchester, NH
4. Margaret M. Mitchell Laconia, NH	\$1,400.00	Freshman	Suffolk University Boston, MA
5. Braeden A. Cooney Berlin, NH	\$1,400.00	Freshman	White Mtn Community College Berlin, NH

The 2020-2021 recipients of the William E. Bryant Scholarship recipients were:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Nykola A. Isaia New Boston, NH	\$3,900.00	Senior	Johnson and Wales University Providence, RI
2. Devany A. Pitsas Keene, NH	\$3,700.00	Junior	Suffolk University Boston, MA
3. Laura E Heussler Merrimack, NH	\$3,400.00	junior	Mont Vernon Nazarene University Mont Vernon, OH
4. Kyle A. Heussler Merrimack, N H	\$2,000.00	Freshman	Mont Vernon Nazarene University Mont Vernon, OH
5. Olivia A. Wahl Brentwood, NH	\$2,000.00	Freshman	College of the Holy Cross Worcester, MA
6. Natalie H. Roth Davie, FL	\$1,000.00	Freshman	Florida Southern College Lakeland, FL

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For the 2021-2022 school year the Supreme Council granted \$15,000.00 in Leon M. Abbott Scholarships to the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation and New Hampshire Consistory again awarded \$16,000.00 for William E. Bryant Scholarships.

The 2021-2022 recipients of the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships are:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Lauren E. Vincent Durham, NH	\$6,000.00	Freshman	Liberty University Richmond, VA
2. Hannah L. Vincent Durham, NH	\$5,000.00	Senior	Gordon College Wenham, MA
3. Laura E. Heussler Merrimack, NH	\$4,000.00	Senior	Mont Vernon College of the Nazarene Mont Vernon, OH

The 2021-2022 William E. Bryant Scholarship recipients are:

STUDENT	AMOUNT	YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1. Devany A. Pitsas Keene, NH	\$4,000.00	Senior	Suffolk University Boston, MA
2. Duncan F.W. Korkosz Hooksett, NH	\$3,000.00	Sophomore	Dartmouth College Hanover, NH
3. Zachary A. Elliot Manchester, NH	\$3,000.00	Senior	St. Anselm College Manchester, NH
4. Jacqueline M. Desrosiers Nashua, NH	\$3,000.00	Junior	The University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
5. Lydia (Liam) K. Bilodeau Barrington, NH	\$1,000.00	Freshman	Southern NH University Manchester, NH
6. Nathaniel P. Martin Epping, N H	\$1,000.00	Freshman	Liberty University Richmond, VA
7. Jamie L. Taylor San Jose, CA	\$1,000.00	Junior	Lesley University Cambridge, MA

We received about the same number of applications as last year. I urge that we all try to get the word out about our fine scholarship program by continuing to promote it in all of our publications and mentioning it at our reunions.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their continued dedication to this program.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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

Ill.: Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: Walter W. Lovell 33°, M.S.A.

Bro. Mark E. Blodgett 32°

Ill.: Troy A. Patoine, 33°

## SUPREME COUNCIL AWARD PRESENTATIONS

### Sammy Lee Davis Recognition

The Commander-in-Chief called on the Sovereign Grand Commander to assist with presentations of the Sammy Lee Davis Peace and Freedom recognition lapel pin to Bro. Carlton R. Csiki, 32° for his service in the Coast Guard.

### Hauts Grades Academy

Ill.: Brother Roth then kept both the Commander and Brother Csiki in the east for the recognition of Bro. Shane J. Csiki, 32° for completing the Supreme Council's Haut Grades Academy. Bro. Csiki is the first brother from New Hampshire to complete this education course. He may use the letters HGA after his name at Scottish Rite events.

### Daniel D. Tompkins Medal

The Commander-in-Chief then invited the Sovereign Grand Commander to present M.:W.: and Ill.: David S. Collins, 33°, M.S.A. the Supreme Council's Daniel D. Tompkins Award for Distinguished Service. Named for Daniel D. Tompkins, first Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, it may be conferred by the Supreme Council or by the Sovereign Grand Commander upon a deserving Masonic or Scottish Rite Brother who has rendered outstanding distinguished and exemplary service to his country or the Masonic fraternity at large not often witnessed among the general membership. Brother Tompkins also served the nation as its vice president, under President James Monroe.

## CLOSING REMARKS

The Commander-in-Chief asked if there was any other business to come before this Council before ask for closing remarks of our Active Emeritus Member and Active Members of Supreme Council. There being none, Illustrious Brother Roth called upon the Active for any comment he might have.

## REMARKS OF THE ACTIVES

Illustrious Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Minister of State 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.

Ill.∴ Bro. Elliot 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.

## SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER'S REMARKS

The Commander-in-Chief then called upon our Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious David A. Glattly, 33°, for his remarks. The Commander expressed how pleased he was to be able to share the day with the brethren of New Hampshire and to recognize the achievements of brethren like Brothers Csiki and Collins. He invited all brethren to join him in Cleveland for the Annual Session of Supreme Council. While Thirty-third degree brethren are the only ones allowed to the conferral ceremony, everything else is open to Scottish Rite members including an evening at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

## GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

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 David S. Collins. 33°, M.S.A., our Grand Master.

Most Worshipful and Ill.: David S. Collins, 33°, M.S.A., 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 Illustrious 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 Collins concluded his remarks by stating that life is an educational process, and congratulated all the recipients.

## CLOSING

The Commander-in-Chief then called upon Brother Scott R. Borthwick, 32°, Acting 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.

“Amen”

Following the benediction, Brother Borthwick gave the blessing.

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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,

C. Wayne Libby Jr., 33°, M.S.A., Chairman

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Jeffery M. Brown, 33°

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 Virtual COD Workshop was well attended during the trials of social distancing and isolation. Under the leadership of our Deputy we had a very interesting and informative interactive meeting. The distinguished Ill.: Mark C. Roth invited guests to provide information on various topics.

Illustrious Richard W. Elliot talked about the history and upcoming project renovations for the library in Lexington. He went into detail on how the library was moved from Boston to Lexington in 1968 and the many updates which have taken place to keep the library informative and evolving. He mentioned plans for further updates to the library coming in the near future. He also mentioned there was a hall of fame for famous masons already in the works.

Illustrious Robert Bianchi did a portrayal of John Stavers and gave some history of the William Pitt Tavern. He talked of how John Stavers initially decided to take the name of his old tavern and name his new tavern the Earl of Halifax.

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With the English trying to keep the colonist under tight reigns, an outspoke William Pitt sought to keep the freedoms the colonist had attained from the creation of the colony. Just prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution, John Stavers renamed his Earl of Halifax Tavern, to the William Pitt Tavern. The third floor was added in 1790 specifically for the use of Lodge meetings. General Lafayette and General Washington are reportedly to have been hosted on the first floor.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has further information available at <https://www.nhgrandlodge.org/a-history-of-the-william-pitt-tavern/#.YKJO46hKiUk>

Illustrious James O. Dill, Jr., talked on the Degree Process and how the videos which Supreme Council generates are of Cinematic quality. “Thursday Night at the Rite” has also been a huge success and a conduit for members to stay active and engaged in the degrees.

Brennan J. Parken, 32°, Director of Membership for Supreme Council talked of the goals of Supreme Council’s membership team. Specifically how valleys can interact with members given the restrictions. He stressed we need to be vigilant, connected, and engaged with our members. Statistics were compared the Spring reunion and the Fall reunion showed why the virtual reunions are a necessity and were a productive way to keep membership interest. He talked of the promotional tools available to all the valleys from Supreme Council. Ideas such as watch parties, drive through passport stamping, degree discussions, and “radio” style degrees.

Other items addressed by Ill.: Brother Roth were: reviewing the “new member checklist”, resources in the video Library, “value” of our mission and vision statements.

Illustrious Karl H. Bickford talked on the scholarships.

Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot talked on the MSA deadline extension and guidelines.

Illustrious Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. talked on the Youth Advisor of the Year details.

Illustrious and Most Worshipful David S. Collins talked on first responder perspectives, and the recognition due to the individuals on the front lines.

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Even though at times we cannot be “together” we should always have in our thoughts our members. The belief and comfort of the brotherly love we all feel for our members under the Scottish Rite Banner is what makes our fraternity a beacon of hope and comfort.

We can continue to make strides for our fraternity in the areas of Growth, and Innovation. I am, however, concerned with the many limitations the presiding officers have incurred there are still many hurdles before them. Valleys will need to rigorously work to re-engage their officers to providing quality membership experiences.

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:*

Valley communication and publicity statewide are almost exclusively through electronic media. That is followed by any Valley newsletters. This committee thanks those who've provided content and ideas over the past year. Our greatest need is content; not only for Valley newsletters, but also for the New Hampshire Scottish Rite website, Valley newsletters and Facebook pages, and members to help post and publish them.

#### **Social media**

With the inability to meet in person over the past year, social media has become a critical format to keep in contact with our members. Scottish Rite has been fortunate to have a robust, proactive response from our Supreme Council to address this. Brand standards set by Supreme Council have

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benefitted our online presence with standardized Scottish Rite images. On the state level, we have room for improvement.

While all five Valleys have a Facebook page, only two are actively using them to post news and information. The Valley of Concord is to be commended for its Facebook posts. In the first five months of 2021, they've tripled the number of posts they had over the previous five months. The Valley of Nashua continues to regularly post to both the NH Consistory page and the Valley of Nashua group page. The Valley of Nashua also has a Twitter account.

In addition, each Valley has a WordPress page for keeping members up to date. Posts would automatically be added to the Valley's webpage. Unfortunately, no Valley except Nashua has used it over the past year, with some even further back than that. Those links have been removed from the Valley pages as they gave a negative impression of the Valleys.

### **Email campaigns**

Over the past year, New Hampshire Consistory emailed 47 targeted messages to its members, plus 20 more series of emails, called campaigns, informing members of an event. Campaigns let members reply with the click of a button about attending, and if no action is taken, one or more follow-up reminders are sent. Response rates continue to improve.

Unfortunately, one-third of our members do not receive emails sent with the software we use for email communication. Most (70%) of these 356 members have no email address (251). The remainder either have an invalid email address or ISP (internet service provider) preventing our emails to be received (54), or the member opted-out from receiving our emails (51).

### **Website**

The state website, nhscottishrite.org, has now been in use for a couple years. While the format is cleaner and less cluttered-looking than the former site, we will regularly review it to ensure it is easy to navigate and has eye appeal.

The website is used in conjunction with our email announcements to members. Members who use the email's one-button click to RSVP, has his reply recorded and is usually brought to a page on the website; acknowledging

his reply. The website also has information pages for members, such as the Council of Deliberation Proceedings.

### **Web pages visited**

In the last year, the website received just over 3,500 unique visits. For each of those visits, an average of 2.12 pages were looked at. These numbers are skewed, as some of our web pages are used with our email campaigns to thank members for their response. The most activity takes place in March and April, which is the time that scholarship applications are being downloaded.

Recent site activity shows the most visited pages are:

1. Home page
2. NH COD Annual Meeting page
3. NH Info for Cleveland 2021
4. (Tied) Valley pages (Concord, Portsmouth-Dover, Nashua); 2020 COD Proceedings
5. (Tied) Thank-you page; Scholarship Application page

The Thank-you page activity from email notices when members RSVP that they won't be attending an event.

### **BeAFreemason.org**

Supreme Council, in conjunction with the Southern Jurisdiction and Shriners unveiled a new website, [www.BeAFreemason.org](http://www.BeAFreemason.org), to be a central point of online information about Freemasonry, and how to join. This follows Supreme Council's "Not Just A Man, A Mason." marketing campaign that was made available at no charge for Grand Lodges and local Masonic Lodges to use. Material is available at [www.notjustaman.org](http://www.notjustaman.org), and has been used by Valleys and individual members on Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, and on websites.

In conclusion, we continue to ask all Committees, Valley Officers, and Valley Membership Committee members to assist us by providing photos of Scottish Rite events, as well as 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.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman

Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.

Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

### **Introduction**

The 2020-2021 year has been difficult for every group. This global pandemic has limited what groups like the Scottish Rite have been able to do. This is especially true for the New Hampshire Membership Development Committee.

The committee spent much of the 2019-2020 year developing a Membership Action Plan for the jurisdiction. The plan was ready in the Summer of 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic halted all in-person activities. The committee released the plan in the Fall of 2020, anticipating that by Spring valleys would be able to implement their own action plans.

This, of course, did not happen. COVID-19 kept the lockdown in place through the winter and well into the Spring. Because of this, the committee extended the 2020-2021 Action Plan and turned it into the 2020-2022 plan.

### **Valley Action Plans**

It is imperative that valleys develop their own action plans. Too often we plan activities in what could be called a scattershot fashion. Rather than develop a program where each activity supports the other activities, we tend to look at things one activity at a time. Some of the activities planned could work against other planned activities.

In order to help avoid this, the committee is offering training programs on event planning and creative problem solving. Both planning and problem solving are discussed in one, three-hour session. At the end of the session, each valley will have started work on its own action plan. The training session will be conducted in each of the New Hampshire valleys. Valley action plans

are divided into five sections: goals, re-invigoration events, membership retention plans, Masonic service activities and recruitment programs.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that a planning committee be formed made up of the five valley membership chairmen plus two members of the COD Membership Development Committee.

This committee would meet periodically to ensure the events planned in one valley do not conflict with the events in another and to determine if there are ways valleys could assist each other with action plan projects.

To encourage members to visit other valleys, a recognition program be developed for members who visit all of the New Hampshire valleys in one Scottish Rite Year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Richard J. Thompson, Chairman

Mark D. Ciarametaro

William E. Larson

Ronald N. Crane

Karl H. Bickford, III

James S. O'Donnell

### **Action Plan for 2020-2022**

*"You never change anything by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."*

— Buckminster Fuller

### **INTRODUCTION**

In his book *Bowling Alone*, Harvard University Sociology Professor Robert Putnam points out the heyday for organizations in the United States, including the Masonic Fraternity, ran from the end of World War I through the mid-1970s, with the exception of the years of the Great Depression. During this time, civic and fraternal groups saw a tremendous increase in membership and we also saw the creation of countless new groups.

For example, the Charity League of Dallas met every Friday morning for 57 years to sew, knit and visit. The last meeting for this group was on April 30, 1999. By then the average age for group members was in their 80s and they had not had a new member join in two tears.

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Just three days after the Charity League closed its doors, the Vassar Alumnae of Washington, D. C. closed its 51st and last annual book sale, which the group ran to fund its scholarship program. A co-chair for the sale, Alix Myerson, said the volunteers who ran the program “are in their 60s, 70s and 80s. They’re dying and they’re not replaceable.”

The Masonic Fraternity as a whole and the Scottish Rite in particular saw the same heyday as other groups. The Scottish Rite had an added reason for a tremendous increase in membership. At the time of the heyday, Shriners had to be either York or Scottish Rite members. The Scottish Rite had a great many “passthrough” members as Masons joined to get to the Shrine. But as the number of men joining Masonic lodges started to decline, as well as the memberships in other Masonic groups, the Shrine dropped the York or Scottish Rite requirement.

Putnam indicated there were a number of reasons civic and fraternal groups saw a decline in membership starting in the 1970s, but there was one reason in particular that outweighs the others. He said there is a generation that is greatly underrepresented in our membership --the Baby Boomers --the 76 million people born between 1946 and 1964.

The Boomers had a tremendous impact on society simply by their number. Thanks to the Boomers, we saw the birth of organized activities for children and the expansion of social services, such as education. School departments had to make room for this influx of students, starting in the 1950s. School construction on a massive scale was the result.

The sheer number of Boomers should have meant a continuation of the good times for civic and social groups, but one thing got in the way - the counterculture of the 1960s.

What was happening in the world at the time you come of age has a tremendous effect on your attitudes and beliefs. Generally, you come of age when you reach age 18. For example, even into your elderly years, the music you prefer is the music that was popular when you were in your middle and late teens.

The counterculture of the 60s ran from about 1963 to about 1972. If you look at the ages of our members, you will see there is a dearth of members who were born between 1946 and 1954. Interestingly, 1946 was the year the birth rate had a sharp increase and 1957 was the peak birth year for the United States.

The counterculture rejected the world of the 1950s. The mantra for those who came of age during those years was, “Do your own thing!” Joining a

Masonic lodge was not “your own thing.” Joining lodges was the thing your fathers and grandfathers did.

There is nothing we can do to change any of this. We provide this information to explain in part how we got where we are today and to lay the groundwork for where we are going tomorrow.

### **VALLEY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Each valley should appoint a Membership Committee Chairman who will implement and develop membership programs. It is imperative that the Valley Membership Chairman not be the Valley Representative to the COD Membership Development Committee. In order to build a sound membership program, we have to get more members involved in membership recruitment, not fewer.

With the assistance of the COD Membership Representative and the Valley Executive Committee, the Valley Membership Chairman recruits a Membership Committee. It is suggested that the committee be composed of two or three veteran and very active members of the valley and as many new members of the Scottish Rite as possible. Those who have been members a short time may be best equipped to recruit new members.

The Valley Membership Committee will be charged with implementing this Action Plan as well as developing other plans. New programs developed by a Valley Committee should be brought to the COD Membership Development Committee so they can be communicated to the other valleys.

### **NH SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The COD Membership Development Committee recommends the formation of a Membership Planning Committee made up of the five Valley Membership Chairman and two members of the COD Membership Development Committee.

The purpose of this committee will be to ensure the plans of one valley do not interfere with the plans of another, provide assistance to a valley in its membership efforts and to plan statewide and multi-valley membership programs.

### **THE NEXT STEP**

The COD Membership Development Committee requests that each valley discuss and vote to adopt this plan. It will be more successful if the valleys feel an ownership for what we are doing.

The plan can be discussed at valley executive committee meetings and/or

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stated meetings, a vote on accepting the plan should be held at a stated meeting.

The valley's representative to the COD Membership Development Committee will be available for discussions and votes. In addition, the Chairman of the COD Membership Development Committee will attend discussions and votes if invited.

### **THE ACTION PLAN**

The Action Plan is divided into four sections - Recruit, Retain, Reinvigorate and Masonic Service - the watchwords for the Membership Development Committee and the framework for the committee's efforts.

The plan, however, presents the sections in what the committee considers to be a more logical order - Reinvigorate, Retain, Masonic Service and Recruit. Each of these subsections is presented in an outline form.

#### **Section 1 – Reinvigorate**

The first hurdle we have to clear is bringing inactive members back into the active ranks. And for reinvigoration, the first priority will be members who have recently joined the Scottish Rite and have missed reunions and other activities for only a year or so. Also, in this first priority group are long-term members who were active for quite some time but have been absent for just one or two years since then.

When trying to attract members to return to the active ranks, we will have better luck with members who have been inactive for just a year or two. Older members who have been inactive for five, ten or more years may be too entrenched at being elsewhere.

The reinvigoration plan is as follows:

1. Call a Brother/Bring a Brother<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Call a Brother
    - i. Valley active members contact local brothers they know on the inactive list
    - ii. Since inactive members know the brothers calling, there are no cold calls
    - iii. Calls should begin as wellness checks

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<sup>1</sup> Call a Brother/Bring a Brother is a program developed by Wor. O. David LaPlante when he was Master of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge in Tewksbury, Mass. Through this program the lodge increased its monthly attendance from 13-15 to 20-25. Daylight Lodge has a total membership of 50, so the increase was from 26-30 percent of total membership to 40-50 percent.

- iv. The brother making the call can then turn the conversation to membership
    - 1. Why did our brother choose to be inactive in the Scottish Rite?
    - 2. How did we fail him?
    - 3. What did he expect from his membership?
  - v. For those who have been inactive for years, cold calls may be the only option
  - b. Bring a Brother
    - i. The longer a brother is away, the more difficult returning can be
      - 1. Active membership may have changed completely
      - 2. A particular brother's friends may no longer be active
    - ii. The offer of a ride to a reunion allows the brother to reinsert himself slowly
      - 1. Starts by meeting just one brother – the driver
      - 2. An active member can help an inactive member reintegrate
2. Valley Officers
- a. All officers in the valley should attend all reunions
    - i. Get to know the active members
    - ii. Creates an opportunity to plan the year as presiding officer
  - b. When you accept an office, you cease to be a volunteer
    - i. Officers are expected to attend all reunions and stated meetings
      - 1. There are illnesses that prevent an officer from attending gatherings periodically
      - 2. There are unavoidable conflicts
      - 3. Officers should avoid attending meetings when sick
      - 4. Officers should be aware of the Scottish Rite schedule to help avoid conflicts
        - a. Stated meetings are generally on a set schedule
        - b. It will be harder to avoid conflicts with reunions
    - ii. Being appointed/elected to an office is both an honor and a responsibility
      - 1. Half of being an effective leader is being visible
      - 2. While serving, an officer is expected to be readying himself to preside
  - c. Officers appointed and elected are expected to be present at the annual installation
3. NH Valley Reunions
- a. Try to avoid having valley reunions on the same day as other valleys
  - b. If possible, try to avoid presenting the same degree at the same time as other valleys
  - c. May require establishing a NH Scottish Rite Planning Meeting

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- i. Possibly after the COD Workshop or Annual Meeting
  - ii. Could require a change in the way valleys plan
- 4. Valley Visiting Program
  - a. Visiting valleys can help fill seats at reunions
  - b. Valley membership chairman and COD MDC representative should:
    - i. Recruit drivers to transport members to NH valleys
      - 1. Drivers should fill their cars
      - 2. One-on-One contact is the best
      - 3. It is harder to say no to a brother standing in front of you
      - 4. When one car fills, it's time to recruit another driver
    - c. Visiting other valleys can have positive effects
      - i. Expands our friendships
      - ii. Seeing how another valley presents a degree can provide ideas for changing home valley's degrees
      - iii. The more you visit, the more brothers will visit you
- 5. Social Activities
  - a. We have to provide something beyond degrees
    - i. Family activities
      - 1. Get a brother's family excited about Scottish Rite
      - 2. Can help recruit members for all Masonic bodies
    - ii. Can also sponsor member-only activities
      - 1. Present a different look for a degree outside the candidate degrees
      - 2. Provide opportunities to hear what members want from the Scottish Rite
- 6. Degrees
  - a. Degrees are the main attraction for a valley
    - i. They have to be done well
    - ii. They have to be as professional as possible
  - b. Valleys should form a Casting Committee
    - i. Build a stable of actors for the valley's degrees
    - ii. Recruit both long-term and new members
  - c. Casts the degrees after discussion with the director
    - 1. Directors should focus on the message of the degree
    - 2. Directors look for ways to stage the degree with the room in mind
      - a. Because we have "always" done it one way doesn't mean we always have to do it that way
      - b. Changing the look of the degree mixes it up for the audience
      - c. With a different look a different part of the degree may be emphasized.

- d. May have to restage a degree to better fit the room and fit the activities planned for the day
- iv. We should move actors around
  - 1. We don't want people entrenched in a part
    - a. Some actors get discouraged with small parts all the time
    - b. Can cause some to lose interest in degrees
  - 2. Actor could be the lead character one month and a walk-on the next
- c. Valleys should find acting coaches
  - i. Members who are good at performing in a part
  - ii. Able to help an actor to learn his lines and better play the part
- 7. Reunions
  - a. Use a combination of lived and filmed degrees
    - i. Limit live degrees to one per reunion
      - 1. Smaller membership dictates limited cast opportunities
      - 2. Degrees presented must be impressive
    - ii. Spread out the candidate experience
      - 1. Separate reunions for each body
      - 2. Can have four live degrees for candidates
  - b. Institute set dates for valley stated meetings and reunions
    - i. Creates the habit of attending Scottish Rite meetings
    - ii. Valley bodies could take turns running a meeting

## **Section 2 – Retain**

Retention programs include everything in Reinvigoration. What we do to get inactive members into the active ranks will also help us to retain new members. There are, however, a few things we can do unique to candidates. The Retention programs unique to new members are:

- 1. Big Brother Program
  - a. Each candidate gets a Big Brother the night (or day) of his 4th Degree
    - i. Stays with him throughout the event
    - ii. Introduces him to everyone at the degree
    - iii. Makes sure the candidate is comfortable being at the degree
  - b. The Big Brother stays with the candidate through his 32nd Degree
- 2. Give them jobs
  - a. Immediately after receiving his degrees the candidate is enthusiastic about the Scottish Rite
  - b. The presiding officers for the valley ask each candidate directly
    - i. Following the degrees for the highest degree in the valley
    - ii. It is hard to say no to a presiding officer

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- lii. Possible jobs include:
  1. Assist with reunion registration
  2. Greeter
  3. Cast member, if interested
  4. Stage crew

### 3. Name Badges

- a. Helpful for candidates
  - i. Takes the pressure off remembering all those names
  - ii. Also helps longer term members
- b. Each Valley could have own color
  - i. Help foster a valley identity
  - ii. Help foster valley pride
- c. Can employ a sixth color for Deputy and Active members

### **Section 3 – Masonic Service**

Masonic Service is the bridge that connects Reinvigoration and Retention with Recruitment. Since we draw our members from the Blue Lodges, we must maintain a close, working relationship with our Blue Lodges. The healthier our Blue Lodges are, the healthier the Scottish Rite will be. Masonic Service projects can include:

#### 1. Open Houses

- a. Send Scottish Rite members to every lodge in the valley's area (if possible)
  - i. There to aid and assist the Blue Lodges
    1. Wear Square and Compasses emblems
      - a. We are primarily Master Masons
      - b. Our first and most important allegiance is to the lodge
  - ii. Freemasonry is diverse
    1. Has groups beyond the Blue Lodge
    2. Reinforces the family aspects of the Fraternity
    3. Has groups for all interests
- b. Remember we are there to inform possible Blue Lodge members
  - i. The stronger the Blue Lodges are, the stronger we are
  - ii. Our recruitment starts after the Master Mason Degree

#### 2. Offer assistance to the lodges

- a. Publish a list of Scottish Rite members who can fill in for a Blue Lodge officer on a moment's notice.
  - i. Include parts members can do and contact information
  - ii. Include requirements by the member
    1. Distance can travel
    2. Days generally available

3. Times of the year not available
- b. Provide after-meeting programs for the lodges
  - i. Speakers on Masonic and non-Masonic topics
  - ii. Public Scottish Rite plays
  - iii. Masonic plays
- c. Create an all-star Master Mason degree team
  - i. Not a substitute for the officers doing their work
  - ii. Something to attract members back to the lodges
  - iii. If close relative of Scottish Rite member is being raised
3. Sponsor large-scale events lodges can adopt
4. Sponsor more localized activities
  - a. Superbowl parties
  - b. Independence Day picnics
  - c. Deep sea fishing trips
  - d. Anything we can imagine
5. Sponsor a program for Scottish and York Rite members

#### **Section 4 – Recruit**

Through recruitment we enlarge and strengthen the Scottish Rite. Valleys that will be successful in recruiting new members are those who get everyone thinking about recruitment and actively looking for Master Masons who would add to the Rite.

1. Valley appoints a Membership Committee
  - a. Recruited by the Valley Membership Committee Chairman and the Valley Representative to the COD Membership Development Committee
  - b. Assists the Membership Committee Chairman plan and run membership programs
  - c. Carries the Scottish Rite message into the Blue Lodges
    - i. Gets a copy of the Scottish Rite talking points
    - ii. Announces Scottish Rite events
2. Every active member of the Valley is a Scottish Rite recruiter
  - a. Take opportunities to talk about what the Scottish Rite is doing
  - b. Directly approach a Mason
    - i. Don't ask – tell ("I think you would be a great Scottish Rite Mason!")
      1. Explain the core values our degrees illustrate
      2. Talk about our dyslexia centers and other charities
      3. Emphasize the friendships we form
    - ii. Hand him an application
    - iii. Know the amount in dues (sure to be a question)
    - iv. Emphasize the theater style of degrees

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### 3. Recruiting<sup>2</sup>

- a. Masons are attracted to the Scottish Rite for the same reasons men are attracted to Freemasonry – the tenets
  - i. Truth – Some are interested in the lessons we teach and the symbols that remind us of what we are doing
  - ii. Relief – Some are attracted by our charitable efforts and how we reach into the Fraternity and the community to lend assistance
  - iii. Brotherly Love – Some join us for the camaraderie we find at our meetings, reunions, rehearsals and every time two Scottish Rite Masons are together.

### CONCLUSION

This Action Plan emphasizes the need to revitalize our valleys. To do this, we have to attract our inactive members to return to the active ranks. It will be easier to retain new members and even attract new members if our valleys are exciting places to be.

As far as recruitment is concerned, the plan calls for a soft sell. We don't want to twist arms. Instead we want to explain what we get from membership in the Scottish Rite.

Our real message is we are offering an opportunity to meet Masons from across the state. Our product is really simple. We are selling friendships that last a lifetime.

Richard J. Thompson, 32°, MSA, Chairman

Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, MSA

Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°, MSA

Ronald N. Crane, 33°

William E. Larson, 33°

James S. O'Donnell, 32°

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<sup>2</sup> This section is inspired by a talk given at a New Hampshire Council of Deliberation workshop by Ill. Bro. Mark C. Roth when he was the Active Member for New Hampshire.

## DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF CONCORD

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

This past year, the Valley of Concord did not perform any degrees due to Covid limitations and the Valley's Spring Degree Reunion being cancelled. The members of the Valley leadership were not confident all members would be vaccinated by the day degrees were planned. Several rehearsals were held prior to the cancellation, and there was good fellowship at rehearsals. Even without live reunions, the Valley of Concord had 12 new members join via "Virtual Degrees".

Despite Covid limitations, the Valley of Concord has had an active year with meetings, installations, and various activities, including our annual handing out of hot chocolate at the Concord Christmas Tree Lighting in November. This event was well attended and put a positive face on Masonry and Scottish Rite.

As an active Valley, we have a number of brethren that deserve recognition. We'd like to extend congratulations to Brother Donald W. Millbrand on earning the Meritorious Service Award! And congratulations to Brothers Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., Daniel R. Hotchkiss, and Scott M. Borthwick for being selected to receive the 33rd Degree.

Congratulations also go to Brother Shane J. Csiki who is the first graduate of the Supreme Council's Haute Grades Academy (HGA) in the valley and in the state. And a big congratulations to Brother Karl R. Olson who completed his Gold Passport.

We would also like to thank Illustrious Brother Mark C. Roth for his many years of dedicated service, leadership and guidance as the Deputy for the State of NH, and we warmly welcome Illustrious Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. as he takes on the position of Deputy for the State of NH.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark D. Ciarametaro, 32°, M.S.A.  
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 experienced a tough year in this global COVID 19 pandemic. Just as we were about to begin rehearsals for the Spring Degrees the tenuousness of the virus and eventual worldwide shutdown directly affected our operations.

The leadership problem in the Valley has been exacerbated by the situation and we are most likely at a point where the Thirty Thirds and MSA's in the Valley will be required to, in essence, begin a new Valley; each taking a position and beginning activity.

Illustrious Brother Robert Warren Heald has bequeathed a sizeable sum to the Valley. As that process moves through the probate court and eventually into the treasury of the Valley there will be substantial operating funds to put on dinners and social activities to attract our Brethren back to the Valley as we emerge from this pandemic.

Thursday Night at the Rite was enjoyed by many of our Brethren in the Valley. The program found success in bringing in a newly raised Master Mason into membership in Scottish Rite in the Valley of Keene and he is looking forward to meeting again and exploring the furtherance of his Masonic journey.

Lastly, I wish to thank the Deputy and Active members for their support and confidence in me since my appointment almost ten years ago. New Hampshire has been served well by these men and the footing is sure as Scottish Rite in New Hampshire moves on to the next phase.

It has been my pleasure to serve.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

William E. Larson 33°  
Deputy Representative

DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

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

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

The year of 2021 has been like no other that anyone has ever seen. Due to the raging Pandemic, normal life as we knew it was shut down.

With the edict of our Grand Master issued on March 16, 2020 and further instructions from our Ill. Deputy, Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry changed as well.

As the year progressed, we were all introduced to Zoom meetings (with varying degrees of success). We enjoyed "Thursday Nite At The Rite" and witnessing many Degrees performed via Zoom. Scottish Rite became an "online" fraternity.

The Valley of Lancaster-Littleton was impacted just as all Valleys were. I am happy to say that we were able to meet on Monday evenings with the Ill. Deputy and keep the fraternal bonds of friendship alive. I will go so far as to say that our attendance was higher than in some other years since no one had to miss a meeting due to our North Country weather!

The Annual Meeting of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom. At this meeting the Cast of the Fourth Degree was announced. This Degree will be performed at the Joint Valley Degree Day November 6, 2021.

The following Brothers were elected as the Presiding Officers of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton for the ensuing year:

Brother David A. Rich, 32°, MSA —Thrice Potent Master

Brother David S. Collins, 33°, MSA —Sovereign Prince

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

Following the conclusion of business, the Officers of the Valley were installed by Ill. Deputy Mark C. Roth and his Suite to their respective Offices.

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On May 27, 2021 via a virtual presentation of the 32nd Degree we welcomed Brother Michael Pearson as the newest 32° Mason in the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton.

On behalf of the Valley, I would like to extend a hearty thanks and congratulations to Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32° who has now served the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton as the Presiding Officer of all three Bodies. The Valley benefited greatly from Bro. Blodgett's leadership and dedication to the fraternity.

I would be remiss if I did not issue a very BIG Thank You on behalf of the Valley to our previous Deputy's Representative and the Valley's Secretary, Ill. Bro. Dennis A Sheridan, 33°, MSA. His hard work and effort keeps us all on the same page and running smoothly.

I would like to take this, my last official opportunity, to congratulate and welcome Bro. John A Loven, 32° on his appointment as the new Deputy's Representative of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton. I am confident that under his leadership the Valley will keep moving forward and continue our tradition of being "The Little Valley That Could".

That being said, this will be my last Deputy's Representative report. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to have been able to serve the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton as its Deputy's Representative for Ill. Bro. Mark C. Roth, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy of the State of New Hampshire. It has been an experience that I will cherish and remember always.

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, 33° Active Member of the Supreme Council, Deputy for the State of New Hampshire, Ill. Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Grand Minister of State, and Ill. Brother Robert E. Hanson, 33°, Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, AASR. We continue to appreciate your time in traveling "all the way up here". Under your guidance we have been able to face the unique challenges put in front of us this year, we have had our faith renewed in the power of Masonry to make us better men, and to paraphrase our Sovereign Grand Commander's message on my birthday card, we are assured that whatever life throws at us, we have millions of brothers to help us catch it.

We remain, and will always be: "The Little Valley That CAN".

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 on the Valley of Nashua for the years 2020-2021.

It has again been my honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative during the past year. As, you know this year has been far from normal due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Most in-person meetings have had to be postponed or moved to a Zoom environment. We were not able to do any live degree work this year. This does not by any means indicate that the Valley was inactive. Through the means of virtual meetings and watch parties we were able to accomplish a lot.

The Executive Board has met regularly via Zoom and we have been able to keep things going. We have been spending a good deal of time working on the Valley of Excellence program and have made progress; although we have a ways to go.

Our Membership Chairman, Richard Thompson has put together a plan of action which he will be unveiling very soon to members of our Valley, as well as the other Valleys in the state.

"Thursday Night at the Rite" has proved to be a God send. Though this program we were able to initiate, qualify, and welcome several new 32° members into our fold.

I am particularly proud of our Valley for having been chosen to present the 30° as part of this program. Under the direction of Ill. Brothers Larry Gullett and Jerome Becker a group of our actors were able to rehearse and perform and record the 30° on stage at Supreme Council in Lexington. On Thursday April 15, 2021 it was presented to the whole Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. We had a watch party in Nashua that night. What a great performance it was.

I found this program to be particularly helpful when I noticed on the Member's Center that I was short two degrees for filling out my passport. I was able to complete these at "Thursday Night at the Rite" and got my gold passport. Ironically the last degree that I needed was the 30° which was performed by our own Valley.

I was, also, proud of our Most Wise Master Br. Robert S. Bean, III, M.S.A. who went to Lexington and represented the Rose Croix at the virtual reunion broadcast to the NMJ.

On Memorial Day May 31, 2021 I presented the Scottish Rite Medal to Cadet

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Demitri Foote at a ceremony held by Manchester High School West NJROTC at the Masonic Temple in Manchester.

Now that things are starting to normalize again, I look forward to a vibrant “return to work” in our Valley. We have already planned to present the 15° in the fall. We will be presenting the 18° at the joint Valley reunion to be held on November 6, 2021.

The future of the Valley of Nashua looks bright. I am confident that we will bounce right back from all that occurred during the past year and carry on.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill. . Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.  
Deputy’s Representative, Valley of Nashua

Scottish Rite in New Hampshire

INITIATES IN LODGES OF PERFECTION

	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>
Concord	3	1	6	9
Keene	0	1	0	1
Lancaster-Littleton	2	2	0	2
Nashua	3	5	4	8
Portsmouth-Dover	2	5	2	12
Totals	10	14	12	32

MEMBERSHIP IN LODGES OF PERFECTION

	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>
Concord	304	279	263	260
Keene	110	102	95	81
Lancaster-Littleton	122	118	108	96
Nashua	353	315	299	273
Portsmouth-Dover	431	411	385	365
Totals	1,320	1,225	1,150	1,075

MEMBERSHIP IN COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>
Concord	304	279	263	260
Keene	110	102	95	81
Lancaster-Littleton	122	118	108	96
Nashua	353	315	299	273
Portsmouth-Dover	431	411	385	365
Totals	1,320	1,225	1,150	1,075

MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX

	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>
Concord	308	280	264	262
Lancaster-Littleton	122	118	108	96
Nashua	457	413	390	353
Portsmouth-Dover	431	411	385	365
Totals	1,318	1,222	1,147	1,076

MEMBERSHIP IN CONSISTORY

	<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>
Nashua	1,291	1,201	1,127	1,077

LIVING RECIPIENTS OF THE  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

<i>Name and Valley</i>	<i>Date award voted</i>
David James Bailey, Jr., 33°, Keene	June 6, 1981
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
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

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### LIVING RECIPIENTS OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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<i>Name and Valley</i>	<i>Date award voted</i>
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
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
David William Smith, 32°, Nashua	June 1, 2019
Karl Richard Olson, 32°, Concord	June 1, 2019
Guy Robert Martineau, 32°, Nashua	June 6, 2020
Donald Wayne Milbrand, 32°, Concord	June 6, 2020

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## NH COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION COMMITTEES

Committee assignments were made by Illustrious 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 Deputy about special requests or arrangements
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Co-Chairman: John E. Lobdell

Co-Chairman: Thomas S. Lowe

Member: Jeffrey L. Brown

Member: Robert C. Lethbridge

Member: Gary E. Roy

## 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: Nicholas C. Martel

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: Robert M. Porter

Member: James M. Triacca

Member: Edward M. Waible

## Education and Leadership Development

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

Chairman: Gary E. Roy

Member: Larry D. Gullett

Member: William E. Larson

Member: James S. O'Donnell

Member: Dennis A. Sheridan

## Finance

- Required by the Constitution of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Prepares the budget of NH Council of Deliberation
- Examines expenses of the Council of Deliberation of past years
- Anticipates expenses of the upcoming fiscal year
- Consults with the Commander-in-Chief (Deputy for NH) regarding any planned expenses within the next year or 3 to 5 years
- Considers membership trends and impact on New Hampshire Council of Deliberation functions
- Considers economic conditions and impact on NH Council of Deliberation
- Calculates the per member cost to Valleys to support NH Council of Deliberation
- Audits the books of the NH Council of Deliberation Treasurer
- Writes a report for the annual meeting of the Council of Deliberation to be included in the Proceedings

Chairman: 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

## 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: Mark D. Ciarametaro

Member: Karl H. Bickford, III

Member: Ronald N. Crane

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### **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: Ronald N. Crane

Member: Gary E. Roy

Member: Dennis Webster

Member: Mark A. Weir

### **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

Member: Edward M. Waible

## 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

## 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: 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: Jerome T. Becker

Member: Jeffrey L. Brown

Member: C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

Member: Karl R. Olson

Member: David A. Rich



