

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



ANCIENT ACCEPTED  
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Concord, New Hampshire

2023



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

100<sup>th</sup> CONVOCATION HELD AT  
Concord, NH, JUNE 3, 2023



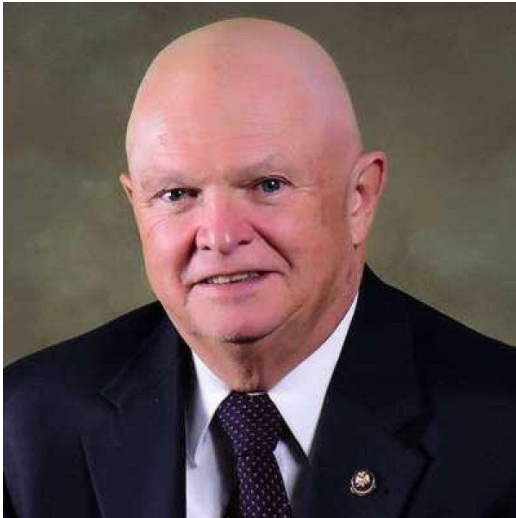
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## **Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite**

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



**III.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°**

Elected August 31, 2021

Sovereign Grand Commander

## **Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite**

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**III.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 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.: Mark C. Roth, 33°  
Active Member, Past Deputy  
and Grand Lt. Commander



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



Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, MSA  
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton



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



Bro. John F. Bartoszak, 32°  
Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

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NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
OFFICERS 2022– 2025

- III.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33° ..... Commander-in-Chief (Ex-Officio)
- III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33° ..... Commander-in-Chief, Emeritus
- III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33° .....First Lieutenant Commander
- III.: Mark C. Roth, 33° .....Second Lieutenant Commander
- III.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A ..... Minister of State
- III.: Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33° ..... Chancellor
- III.: Scott R. Borthwick, 33° ..... Prior
- III.: James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A ..... Treasurer
- III.: Robert M. Porter, 33° ..... Secretary
- III.: John E. Lobdell, 33° ..... Master of Ceremonies
- III.: James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A ..... Hospitaller
- III.: John F. Gordon, 33° ..... 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.: Kenneth Ansel Clay, Jr., 33°<br>(Active Member: August 27, 2019; Deputy: August 31, 2021)   | Concord          | Aug.. 31, 2010      |
| III.: Mark Clayton Roth, 33°<br>(Active Member: August 30, 2005 and August 31, 2021; Deputy: August 20, 2013; Grand Lieutenant Commander: August 31, 2021)  | Concord          | Sept. 29, 1998      |
| III.: Richard Wayne Elliot, 33°<br>(Active Member: September 21, 2003 and August 20, 2013; Deputy: August 30, 2005; Grand Marshal General: August 25, 2009—August 30, 2011; Grand Treasurer General: 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 Member: August 30, 2005)  | Concord          | Sept. 28, 1983      |

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°

	<i>Valley of</i>	<i>Received 33°</i>
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.: 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.: 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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III.: Roger Alfred Becker, 33°, M.S.A.	<i>Valley of</i> Concord	<i>Received 33°</i> 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°, M.S.A.	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
III.: Scott Robert Borthwick, 33°	Concord	Aug. 31, 2021
III.: Kenneth Edgar Davis, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.	Concord	Aug. 31, 2021
III.: Daniel Richard Hotchkiss, 33°	Concord	Aug. 31, 2021
III.: Roderick Malcolm MacDonald, 33°	Portsmouth-Dover	Aug. 31, 2021
III.: Roland Norman Petersen, 33°	Nashua	Aug. 31, 2021
III.: David Alan Rich, 33°, M.S.A.	Lancaster-Littleton	Aug. 31, 2021

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

III.: Allan M. Zecchini, 33°	<i>Valley of</i> Nashua	<i>Home Valley</i> The Merrimack	<i>Received 33°</i> Aug. 30, 2005
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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, 33°, M.S.A.    |
| III.: Thomas S. Lowe, 33°                | III.: Robert M. Porter, 33°           |
| Bro. Donald L. Mendzela, 33°             | 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.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°    | III.: Roger F. Retzke, 33°   |
| III.: John F. Gordon, 33°       | III.: Ronald J. Brown, 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. Vatisas, 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, 3°, M.S.A.       |
| Bro. Russell S. Bell, 33°, M.S.A.       | Bro. Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., 33°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Mark C. Roth, 33°                 | Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 33°            |
| 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.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A. | III.: David S. Collins 33°, M.S.A. |
| III.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°         | Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, M.S.A.    |
| III.: Robert D. Steel, 33°            | III.: David A. Rich, 33°, M.S.A.   |
| Bro. Dale R. Cormier, 32°             | Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°         |
| III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°            |                                    |

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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, 33°	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°, M.S.A.
III.: Stephen K. Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.	III.: Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A.
III.: Larry D. Gullett, 33°	Bro. Paul G. Bielawski, 32°

## 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.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°	III.: David A. Rich 33°, M.S.A.
III.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.	Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, M.S.A.
III.: Robert D. Steel, 33°	III.: David S. Collins 33°, M.S.A.
III.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°	
Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°	

## 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

Ill.: John F. Gordon, 33°  
Bro. John H. Sanders, Jr., 32°  
Ill.: Lennox B. Henderson, II, 33°  
Ill.: Andrew F. Hirst, 33°, *S.M.J.*  
Bro. Brian R. Sanderson, 32°  
Ill.: Walter W. Lovell, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Donald R. Willoughby, 32°, M.S.A  
Bro. Mark A. Patschke, 32°

Bro. Joseph L. Kenick, Jr., 32°  
Ill.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Paul G. Brown, 32°  
Bro. Paul T. Sullivan, 32°  
Bro. Jeffrey M. Brown, 32°  
Ill.: Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Kaleb R. Brown, 32°

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

Bro. Willard R. Lemaire, 32°  
Ill.: Stephen K. Bahsler, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Gerald L. Valcourt, Jr., 32°  
Ill.: Brian J. Smith, 33°  
Ill.: Robert G. Bianchi, 33°

Bro. Robert S. Bean, III, 32°, M.S.A.  
Bro. John W. Jackson, 32°  
Bro. Richard J. Thompson, 32°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Pascal H. Corbinand, 32°  
Bro. Roland N. Petersen, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Adam J. Freiband, 32°

## PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS ALPHALODGE OF PERFECTION OF CONCORD

Ill.: Robert E. Hansen, 33°  
Ill.: Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Mark C. Roth, 33°  
Ill.: Brent W. Washburn, 33°  
Ill.: Thomas J. Desalvo, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Russell S. Bell, 32°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Robert S. Hansen, 32°

Ill.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Alan D. Lugg, 33°  
Bro. James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 33°  
Bro. Allen S. Wright, 32°  
Ill.: Troy A. Patoine, 33°

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

Bro. Donald F. Dimick, 32°  
Ill.: Aldine J. Tillotson, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Stephen A. Whitney, 33°  
Ill.: Robert D. Steel, 33°  
Ill.: Ronald N. Crane, 33°

Ill.: David S. Collins, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. David A. Rich, 33°, M.S.A.  
Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, M.S.A.  
Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°

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

Ill.: David J. Bailey, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Herbert J. Howard, 33°  
Ill.: Eric E. Anderson, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: Philip H. White, 33°  
Ill.: Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ill.: G. Kendall Bemis, Jr., 33°

Bro. Jeffrey M. Lessels, 32°  
Ill.: William E. Larson, 33°  
Ill.: Nicholas C. Martel, 33°  
Bro. John M. Bys, 32°, M.S.A.

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## 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°, M.S.A., 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, 33°, Sovereign Prince	New Castle
Bro. John Bartoszak, 32°, High Priest	Rochester
Vacant, Senior Warden	

### Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Nashua

Bro. Richard J. Thompson, 32°, M.S.A., Sovereign Prince	Nashua
Bro. Michael J. Tebbetts, 32°, High Priest	Derry
Bro. Glenn A. Ruhl, 32°, Senior Warden	Nashua

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### Ariel Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Concord

Bro. Scott R. Borthwick, 33°, 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

Ill. : Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A., Thrice Potent Master	Candia
Bro. David W. Smith, 32°, M.S.A., Deputy Master	Weare
Bro. Michael J. Tebbetts, 32°, Senior Warden	Derry

### Alpha Lodge of Perfection, Concord

Bro. James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A., Thrice Potent Master	Concord
Bro. Dennis A. Tuttle, Jr., 32°, M.S.A., Deputy Master	Northwood
Bro. Troy A. Patoine, 33°, 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°, M.S.A., 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	

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New Hampshire Council of Deliberation  
Winter Workshop

Saturday, February 11, 2023

The New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Winter Workshop was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Masonic Temple, 58 Iron Works Rd, Concord, NH, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

at 9:00 o'clock, am

for the purpose of training and development of the officers and members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the State of New Hampshire. Illustrious Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire, and Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, presided.

There were 48 New Hampshire Scottish Rite members in attendance. The workshop began with an invocation by the Prior, Ill.:. Scott R. Borthwick, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Introductions

Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., Deputy for NH, welcomed those present and gave an overview of the information to be presented.

#### Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

Richard W. Elliot spoke about the current Masonic Hall of Fame exhibit at the library, as well as the continuing renovations being done to preserve the library's collections.

#### Global Leadership Summit

Brother Elliot then announced that the Supreme Council partnered with Willow Creek's Global Leadership Network to again be a host site for the Global Leadership Summit August 3 and 4, 2023. He explained the value of the presentations and that a discounted price was available for Scottish Rite members to attend.

#### Benjamin Franklin Award of Distinction

Supreme Council's program to recognize Blue Lodges with a plaque for milestone anniversaries was covered, such as North Star Lodge No. 8's 225th anniversary this past December.

#### 50-Year Members

The Supreme Council is also recognizing members for fifty years of service with a pewter plate with a double-headed eagle on it and with the member's name engraved.

#### MSA Nominations

The Deputy called on Illustrious Brother Richard W. Elliot, Active for NH, who announced that the M.S.A. nomination packets are available. He then distributed them to the Valleys and the Commander-in-Chief. Nominations are due no later than April 15th.

#### Grand Almoner's Fund

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.

#### Blue Envelope Appeal

The Deputy gave an update on the Blue Envelope Appeal, congratulating the Brethren of New Hampshire on their generosity. New Hampshire again had one of the highest percentages of its members donating.

#### Giving Tuesday

#### CDC

The Deputy called on Mark Roth and Rich Elliot to speak about the work of our Children's Dyslexia Centers in Nashua and Rochester, respectively, and their mission to tutor students in overcoming the challenges they face to read.

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### NH COD Annual Meeting

The Deputy reminded all that the Annual meeting of the NH Council of Deliberation this year will be on Saturday, June 3, at the Masonic Temple in Concord.

### Scholarships

Illustrious Brother Karl H. Bickford, III, announced that the Supreme Council had set aside \$7,300 for Abbott Scholarships this year. The deadline for applications to be submitted to Valley Secretaries is April 15.

### Membership Statistics New Hampshire,

Throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, 951 Freemasons joined the Scottish Rite last year.

### First Responder Program

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

### Thursday Night at the Rite

### Valley of Excellence

### Video Degree Marathon

### Guest Speakers

The Deputy introduced Brothers John Solomonides and Peter Crouch, who gave an interesting and informative talk on beekeeping.

### 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.

### Consistory

The Deputy called on Ill. Brother Gary. Roy of NH Consistory to speak on any updates for a Consistory Reunion. There will be a Spring Reunion held at Merrimack High School on April 22, 2023, and

NH Consistory intends to present the Thirty-second Degree with the 8th and 31st degrees by other Valleys, also.

#### Supreme Council Website

The Deputy reviewed a number of resources available in the Member Center of the Supreme Council's website, [scottishritenmj.org](http://scottishritenmj.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 Keene this year on Saturday, June 1st.

#### Closing Remarks

III.: Bro. Clay then called on III.: Brothers Robert E. Hansen, Mark C. Roth and Richard W. Elliot for their remarks.

The Deputy concluded by calling upon M.:W.: and III.: Bro. Daniel R. Hotchkiss, Grand Master of Masons in NH, for his closing remarks.

There being no other business, a closing prayer and grace were given by the Prior, III.: Bro. Scott R. Borthwick. The workshop was then closed at 12:05 p.m.

BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

William David Akridge	Alan D Lugg
John Bartoszak	Roderick M MacDonald
Jerome T Becker	Nicholas C Martel
Robert G Bianchi	Guy R Martineau
Karl H Bickford III	Donald L Mendzela
Mark H Blodgett	Wilmer J Nemchick
Scott R Borthwick	Troy A Patoine
Mark D Ciarametaro	Roland N Petersen
Kenneth A Clay Jr.	Robert M Porter
David Scott Collins	David A Rich
Ronald N Crane	Mark C Roth
Peter D Crouch	Gary E Roy
Shane J Csiki	Treffley E Sage
Richard W Elliot	Jeremy J Sawyer
Benjamin Feldman	Brian J Smith
Adam Freiband	John T Solomonides
Matthew E Freniere	Larry A Sprague
John E Glover	Michael J Tebbetts
John F Gordon	Richard J Thompson
Larry D Gullett	James M Triacca
Robert E Hansen	Dennis A Tuttle Jr.
Daniel R Hotchkiss	Edward M Waible
Edward N Lewis	Dennis Webster
John A Loven	Edward C Wigfield

**New Hampshire Council of Deliberation**

**100th Annual Convocation**

**Concord, New Hampshire**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

The ONE HUNDREDTH CONVOCATION of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation was convened, according to notice duly issued, at the Masonic Temple, 58 Iron Works Rd, Concord, NH, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

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 Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire, and Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, presided.

The Council was called to order and opened in ample form by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, with the following divine blessing invoked by the Prior, Illustrious Scott R. Borthwick, 33°.

### Invocation

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

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

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

“Amen.”

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:

Brother John Tuttle's wife, Barbara, had recently passed away.

III.: Brother Dennis A. Sheridan is scheduled to have knee surgery.

III.: Brother Jerome T. Becker's wife, Donna, is improving from her treatments.

Brother John A. Loven's wife, Jeri, has been told that her treatments have not been successful.

Brother Robert M. MacLean, Jr. has been dealing with treatments for cellulitis.

Brother David W. Smith's wife, Deb, has had setbacks in her recovery.

III.: Brother Alan D Lugg is also scheduled to have knee surgery.

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:

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP - JUNE 03, 2023

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) .....	45
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted) .....	9
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	17
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	5
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted) .....	2
Committee Chairmen (not previously counted) .....	1
Committee Members (not previously counted) .....	1
Total Membership .....	141

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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 pre- sent:

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief:*

Your Committee on Credentials presents the following report:

Those who have attained the 33rd Degree .....	27
Past Commanders-in-Chief (not previously counted).....	0
Past Most Wise Masters of Rose Croix, Past Sovereign Princes of Jerusalem, Past Thrice Potent Masters of Perfection (not previously counted).....	9
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award (not previously counted).....	0
Representatives of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted).....	7
Treasurers of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted).....	1
Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies (not previously counted).....	2
Committee Chairman (not previously counted).....	0
Members (not previously counted).....	0
Total Membership Present .....	46

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

Jeffrey M. Brown, 33°

Robert M. Porter, 33°

## BRETHREN IN ATTENDANCE

### 2023 COD Attendance

W. David Akridge, 32°  
John Bartozak, 32°  
Robert S Bean III, 32°, M.S.A.  
Jerome T Becker, 33°, M.S.A.  
Karl H Bickford III, 33°, M.S.A.  
Mark H Blodgett, 32°  
Scott R Borthwick, 33°  
Ronald J Brown, 33°  
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°  
Robert D Coppo, 33°, M.S.A.  
Ronald N Crane, 33°  
Shane J. Csiki, 32°HGA  
Bryan Foose, 32°  
John F Gordon, 33°  
Robert E. Hansen, 33°  
James H. Lawrence, 32°  
John E Lobdell, 33°  
John A Loven, 32°, M.S.A.  
Alan D Lugg, 33°  
Donald L Mendzela, 33°  
Wilmer J. Nemchick, 32°  
Charles B. Norwood, 32°  
Robert J. Paradis, Jr., 32°  
Roland N. Petersen, 33°, M.S.A.  
Robert M Porter, 33°  
Roger F Retzke, 33°  
David A Rich, 33°, M.S.A.  
Mark C Roth, 33°  
Gary E Roy, 33°, M.S.A.  
Treffley E Sage, 33°, M.S.A.  
Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°  
Dennis A Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.  
Brian J Smith, 33°  
David W. Smith, 32°, M.S.A.  
John T. Solomonides, 32°  
Larry A. Sprague, 32°  
Richard J Thompson, 32°, MSA  
James M Triacca, 33°, MSA

Dennis A Tuttle Jr., 32°  
Edward M Waible, 32°  
Edward C Wigfield, 32°

### Other Scottish Rite Attendees

Benjamin Feldman, 32°, HGA

### DIGNITARIES (in NH COD)

#### David S Collins, 33°, M.S.A.

M.:E.: Grand High Priest  
*Grand Royal Arch Chapter*  
M.:I.: Grand Master  
*Grand Council Cryptic Masons*

#### Richard W. Elliott, 33°

**Director-at-Large**  
New Hampshire DeMolay

#### Michael J. Tebbetts, 32°

**Past Potantate**  
**Bektash Shriners**

#### Daniel R Hotchkiss, 33°

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

### DIGNITARIES

(who are Scottish Rite Members)

#### Kaleb R. Brown, 32°

R.:E.: Grand Commander  
*Grand Commandery, KT*

#### Earl W. Cole, Jr., 32°

R.:E.: Grand King  
Grand Royal Arch Chapter

#### Jeffrey A. Simonton, 33°

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### DIGNITARIES (in Scottish Rite)

Daniel R. Hotchkiss, 33°

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

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

David S Collins, 33°, M.S.A.

M.:E.: Grand High Priest and R.:I.: Grand Master  
*Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of NH*

Earl W. Cole, Jr., 32°

R.:E.: Grand King and R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master

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*

Jacqueline Desrosiers

Grand Worthy Advisor, *NH Rainbow, IORG*

William Cook

State Master 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 Daniel R. Hotchkiss, 33°, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire, accompanied by:

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

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

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

M.:W.: and Ill.: David S. Collins, 33°, M.S.A., PGM

M.:W.: and Ill.: Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M..S.A., HPGM (2021, 2022)

The First Lieutenant Commander recognized M.:W.: and Ill. Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, PGM (2019, 2020) who would have been with the other Past Grand Masters, were he not presiding.

Commander-in-Chief Clay invited the Grand Master to speak, following which, M.:W.: and Ill.: Brother Hotchkiss 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 TREASURER

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FY 2022-2023

FOR THE PERIOD June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Cash on hand June 1, 2020

TD Bank, Checking Account \$ 7,495.62

		Budgeted	Actual
INCOME	Testimonial	\$5,000.00	\$2606.42
	Valley Dues	\$7,740.00	\$7,426.00
	Sale of Rep Jewel	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sale of MSA Ladies Pins	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<hr/> Total Income	\$12,740.00	\$10,282.00

Sub-Total \$17,778.04

EXPENSES	Testimonial	\$5,000.00	\$3403.91
	Annual Meal	\$800.00	\$443.35
	Workshop lunch/breakfast	\$700.00	\$0.00
	Donations Youth	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00
	Children's Dyslexia Centers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	MSA	\$500.00	\$863.99
	Printing and Postage	\$600.00	\$12.00
	Program Expenses	\$3,720.00	\$516.98
	Secretary Stipend	\$500.00	\$000.00
	<hr/> Total Expenses	\$12,740.00	\$8,201.17

Cash on hand on May 31, 2023

TB Bank Checking Account \$9,576.87

James M. Triacca, 33°, MSA, Treasurer

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REPORT OF EDWARD JONES  
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

MAY 9, 2021 through MAY 16, 2022

Account Balance May 2, 2020	\$46,466.09
Addition to Account	<u>\$0.00</u>
Account Balance May 2, 2020	\$47,075.16
Account Overage	\$609.07

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

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALER

May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023

Account Balance May 1, 2020	\$5,225.54
Interest for the year	<u>\$2.14</u>
Total on Hand	<u>\$5,2247.68</u>

Disbursements: None

Balance May 1, 2019	<u>\$5,227.68</u>
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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 Supreme Council Constitutions provide that the "Award for Meritorious Service" may be conferred upon members of the Scottish Rite who have attained the 32°, and by reasons of meritorious service of a Masonic character, are deemed worthy of such recognition. After recommendation by the Valley and consideration by the Meritorious Award Committee, those nominated must be elected by this Council of Deliberation to receive the award. This committee conducts those deliberations consistently each year by maintaining the criterion benchmark set by the high service levels of those who have received this recognition over the decades. This highly symbolic award demonstrates the Scottish Rite's appreciation and respect for those who have exemplified this elevated level of service.

The New Hampshire Council of Deliberation Meritorious Service Award Committee met on May 26th and is pleased to bring to you this report for your consideration.

Today we share with this Council a bit of Masonic and general history related to a Brother who was raised as a Master Mason on March 25th, 2006. He was born on July 5th, 1951 the same day that William Shockley was credited with inventing the junction transistor - Shockley has also been ascribed as being "the man who brought silicon to Silicon Valley."

Working his way through the chairs in his Lodge, he eventually served as the Worshipful Master and later as Grand Lodge Representative for his Lodge. He has also recently served his Grand Lodge as Grand Pursuivant. After joining the Lodge, he wasted no time continuing his Masonic journey, joining Scottish Rite in March of 2007 and becoming a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in April of 2007. Since that time, he has served his Valley as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Sovereign Prince of the

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Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He joined York Rite in 2017, and serves in various capacities in Chapter, Council, and Commandery. He joined the Shrine in 2018 and has served as President of his local Shrine Club.

In his Scottish Rite Valley, this brother has participated in the degree work in various capacities. He has contributed to the efforts of the Valley membership retention initiative and in the Valley outreach events conducted to check on the welfare of the members.

This Brother is also a member of his local Elks Club, a member of American Legion Post #68, and a past member of the Lions Club.

In his community, he serves the Congregational Church as Deacon, has participated in the Boy Scouts of America, and has served as an officer in the local Little League Baseball program.

In other associated organizations, he has served as Dad Advisor for the local Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and the Order of the Eastern Star General Grand Chapter as a Committee Member on Youth. He attends Rainbow and DeMolay programs around the state and assists with fundraising efforts for these youth programs when the opportunity arises.

Today, the members of the Meritorious Service Award Committee are proud to recommend this Scottish Rite Brother who has also served as Worthy Grand Patron for the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire Order of the Eastern Star, Brother Mark Howard Blodgett, 32°.

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

required information on behalf of their brethren.

On behalf of the Meritorious Service Award Committee, I move the approval of this report and inclusion of the same in today's proceedings, and by this endorsement, the election of Brother Mark Howard Blodgett, 32°, to receive the Meritorious Service Award from the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Chairman

John A. Loven, 32°, M.S.A.

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 recipient. He announced that he would be recognized with the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony, including the M.S.A. Jewel presentation at the Testimonial on November 5, 2023, 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.

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### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The Commander-in-Chief stated, "Upon the death of Ill. Richard f. Doble, 33°, MSA, I hereby appoint Ill. Nicholas C. Martel, 33°, as Minister of State. The Commander-in-Chief then called upon the nominating committee to read the names of all officers of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

### 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 Keene	Bro. John T. Solomonides, 32°
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton:	Bro. John A. Loven, 32°, MSA
Valley of Nashua:	Ill.: Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, MSA
Valley of Portsmouth-Dover	Bro. John Bartoszak, 32°

### 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 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.”

The Commander-in-Chief then asked the Master of Ceremonies to please return the officers of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation and the Deputy’s Representatives to their seats.

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

**OFFICERS 2022– 2025**

- III.: Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33° .....Commander-in-Chief (Ex-Officio)
- III.: Robert E. Hansen, 33° .....Commander-in-Chief, Emeritus
- III.: Richard W. Elliot, 33° ..... First Lieutenant Commander
- III.: Mark C. Roth, 33° ..... Second Lieutenant Commander
- III.: Nicholas C. Martel, 33°, ..... Minister of State
- III.: Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33° ..... Chancellor
- III.: Scott R. Borthwick, 33° ..... Prior
- III.: James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A ..... Treasurer
- III.: Robert M. Porter, 33° ..... Secretary
- III.: John E. Lobdell 33° ..... Master of Ceremonies
- III.: James M. Triacca, 33°, M.S.A ..... Hospitaler
- III.: John F. Gordon, 33°, ..... 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

## Allocution of the Commander-in-Chief

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

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation

Concord, NH – June 13, 2023

Allocution today at the 100th Annual Convocation of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. Think for a moment about the rich history of this august Body over the last 100 years of its existence. Think of those famous and not so famous f the  
Commander-in-Chief

Members of this Council of Deliberation and Scottish Rite Brethren:

I am so pleased to see you Masons who came before us. Let us continue to strive to make our good works worthy of the path they have laid before us.

It is my sincere hope that you find your time with us today to be valuable and enjoyable. As PMWGM Lamprey said, "If it's not fun, why do it?"

We are honored that Most Worshipful and Ill\Daniel R. Hotchkiss, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire is with us today. We very much appreciate your continued support to Scottish Rite here in New Hampshire.

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

## **NECROLOGY**

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

III\ Samuel C. Williamson, 33°  
Honorary Member of Supreme Council  
Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania  
Supreme Council Medal of Honor recipient  
Died on Sunday, July 3, 2022

III\Donald D. "Pete" Miller, 33°  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of  
New Jersey  
Died on Monday, November 7, 2022

III\John Kachadur Takian, 33°  
  
Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council for the State of  
Rhode Island.  
Died Monday, January 16, 2023.

Please give your attention to III\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 George E. McAvoy, 33°  
Date of 33° - September 24, 1991  
Past Thrice Potent Master, North Star Lodge of Perfection of Lancaster-Littleton  
Past Sovereign Prince of Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem  
Past Most Wise Master of Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix  
Born: July 19, 1920  
Died: June 10, 2022

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Brother Andrew F. Hirst, 33°  
Received the 33° from the Valley of Okinawa and Guamin 2006  
Past Thrice Potent Master of the Ineffable Lodge of Perfection of Portsmouth-Dover  
Born: May 19, 1933  
Died: July 23, 2023

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Brother David E. Kinson, 32°

Past Sovereign Prince of Keene Council Princes of Jerusalem of Keene

Born: March 18, 1937

Died: September 24, 2022

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Brother Ronald E. Metcalf, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° August 27, 2007 Received the

Meritorious Award June 1, 2002

Past Most Wise Master of the NH Chapter of Rose Croix of Portsmouth-  
Dover

Born: May 10, 1937

Died: October 16, 2022

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Illustrious Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A. Date of 33° -

September 29, 1992

Received the Meritorious Service Award on June 1, 1991

Past Thrice Potent Master of Keene Lodge of Perfection of Keene Past Sovereign  
Prince of Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem Past Commander-in-Chief of NH  
Consistory of Nashua

Born: August 21, 1936,

Died: February 20, 2023

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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 our 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 3, 2022.**

**State of the Valley Meetings**

To help me better understand the State of the Valley throughout this jurisdiction, and to ensure continual communication, I conduct Deputy Representative and Secretary meetings every other month. These meetings provide valuable insights into what is/isn't working as we search for continuous improvement.

Turning the Page

I'm pleased to report that from an operational standpoint, the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us. Valley participation is returning to pre-pandemic levels. Valleys are generating their plans that include reunions, Rite on the Road, and social activities. While getting some of our older members to return remains challenging, overall activity is trending up.

Membership - Recruitment

This was a rebound year for Scottish Rite membership in New Hampshire! Twenty-nine members were coroneted 32° Scottish Rite Masons in 2022-2023, a 350% year-over-year increase! Under the direction of state membership committee chairman Brother Richard Thompson, several idea sessions have been held, creating an arsenal of tools that Valleys can employ to retain and grow the membership count. Another contributing factor was that candidates were reimbursed their conferral fees for joining Scottish Rite in this Masonic year. I thank our Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, and the generosity of the New Hampshire Consistory Finance Committee for this initiative.

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### Membership - Retention

People naturally want to be a part of a winning team. This Masonic year saw an abundance of winning activities offered by our five Valleys and New Hampshire Consistory.

The Valley of Portsmouth Dover held a Video Marathon Reunion that drew over 70 members from 7 U.S. states. This unique approach included the showing of numerous digital degrees, with each followed by an educational discussion of the deeper meanings of the degree. This Valley also excelled in offering numerous social programs including dine-around gatherings, a seafood dinner and fireworks cruise, a Ladies Program to accompany their Installation of Officers, a Hobo Dinner Train Ride, a Ladies Program to the Currier of Arts Museum, a bowling event and ice cream social.

The Valley of Concord holds regular Feast of the Valley events. These informal gatherings are a great source of social enjoyment and have led to several petitions being submitted. A Valley brother who had moved to Arizona reached out and asked for assistance for his son who was recovering from an illness and surgery. Several brothers from the Valley ventured out to this man's home and spent a morning and early afternoon assisting with a major cleanup project that would not have been possible without their assistance. The Valley also held their annual Turkey dinner for members and guests. I personally thank Ill\James Triacca, 33° and his Lady Carol for their many years of loving support to this project. Under the leadership of Brother Mark Ciarametaro, the Valley also participated in the annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting event. Members volunteered to staff a table and hand out free hot cocoa to the public throughout the evening, as well as share information about Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general.

### Reunions

In the Fall of 2022, Valleys held several reunions, culminating with the Joint Valley Reunion held at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple

where the 4°, 5°, 14° and 28° were exemplified.

In the Spring of 2023, Reunions included:

Fourth Degree: Builder by the Valleys of Concord, Keene, Nashua and Portsmouth Dover

Sixth Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent by the Valley of Keene

Eighth Degree: Intendent of the Building by the Valley of Nashua

Tenth Degree: Master Elect by the Valley of Nashua

Seventeenth Degree: Knight of the East and West by the Valley of Nashua

Eighteenth Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. by the Valley of Concord

Twenty-Ninth Degree: Knight of Saint Andrew by the Valley of Keene

The reunion season culminated on April 22, 2023, when we traveled to Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, NH, to witness the Eighth (Valley of Nashua), Thirty-First (digital), and Thirty-Second Degrees (New Hampshire Consistory). Ladies and guests joined in the festivities which included a chocolate tasting program and a fine catered meal.

In addition, on March 24, 2024, the Valley of Lancaster and on April 2, 2023, the Valley of Nashua presented the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. This moving ceremony, meant to recognize departed Scottish Rite Brethren, was respectful and meaningful.

The Valleys in New Hampshire are planning on a Fall Reunion. It has become a tradition in recent years for our Valleys to confer a degree per Valley at a joint reunion. We are planning a full day of degrees on November 4, 2023. The details of the exact schedule and location are to be determined, the degrees planned are:

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Thirteenth Degree: Master of the Ninth Arch by the Concord

Seventeenth Degree: Knight of the East and West by the Valley of Nashua

Twenty-Fifth Degree: Master of Achievement by the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

The following day, Sunday, November 5, 2023, will be the Testimonial at which time our newly coroneted 33° Scottish Rite Masons will be recognized. In addition, recipients of the Meritorious Service Award for 2023 will be honored. Friends and relatives will all enjoy a buffet dinner at the Shrine Center in Concord.

### Special Activities

On July 1, 2023, during the Rainbow Grand Assembly Session, Sister Lois Taylor will be recognized as Supreme Council Youth Advisor of the Year for New Hampshire. I'm also thrilled that Lois was selected as Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Youth Advisor of the Year and will be joining us in Louisville in August to be recognized. Congratulations!

### Summary

The State of the Rite is strong in New Hampshire. I have witnessed this first-hand. I have personally attended 180 Masonic events this year and have enjoyed the many meetings, reunions and social activities being held. Our slate of Deputy Reps and Valley Secretaries is filled, and they are leading by example. We are working as a team and sharing in a common vision and mission.

### **Supreme Council Update**

Our Supreme Council staff, under the leadership of our Sovereign Grand Commander III\Peter Samiec, 33°, continues to provide new and innovative programs that support the Valleys throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Rite continues to value and appreciate Thursday Night at the Rite. The new Pathfinder program has been embraced by this jurisdiction. It provides a structured member education and enrichment

experience which guides a new or existing member through all facets of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Our Pathfinder advocate here in New Hampshire is Brother Dave Akridge, who has been exemplary in sharing the value of this program. We're excited to see this program continue to prosper.

The Supreme Council has made available to Blue Lodges the Benjamin Franklin Award of Distinction. This award is presented when Lodges achieve a Milestone Anniversary starting at 50 years. The award is presented by the Valley to a local Blue Lodge and serves as a great way to introduce Scottish Rite to Master Masons.

Benjamin Franklin Award of Distinction Presentations were made to:

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
Pulpit Rock No. 103	9/13/2022	50
Ancient York No. 89	9/14/2022	150
Harmony No. 38	9/19/2021	200
Evening Star No. 37	6/11/2022	200
Rising Sun No. 39	6/18/2022	200
Benevolent No. 7	7/27/2022	225
North Star No. 8	12/1/2022	225

### **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 and 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 New Hampshire has available for Leon M. Abbott scholarships is determined through a formula including the number of contributions and the dollar amount

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contributed. Because of the success of the Blue Envelop Appeal, NH was awarded \$7,300 to distribute through the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships. In addition, NH Consistory provides \$17,000 in scholarships through the William E. Bryant Scholarship.

I continue to be amazed by the generosity of Scottish Rite Masons in New Hampshire. According to the statistics provided to me by Ill. :. Walter Wheeler, 33°, Director of Charities, New Hampshire once again has the highest percentage of members participating in the Blue Envelope Appeal for the entire Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. At the end of the competition period for Blue Envelope awards (January 31, 2023) New Hampshire had 14.9% of their members participating. The Valley of Lancaster-Littleton came in 2nd this year with 20.43% of their members donating. New Hampshire Scottish Rite Masons donated over \$8,100 to the program this year. Outstanding!

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 New Hampshire Consistory for its continued support of both the Seacoast and Nashua Centers. Look for fundraisers: Run to Read on May 13 in Rochester and Over the Edge on June 27 in Manchester.

You should know that both our Center Directors and dedicated staff have had successful years. 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 New Hampshire's own Ill. :. Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, Grand Minister of State. The library is a fantastic resource for Masonic education and learning.

The Grand Almoner's Fund 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 lifesaver. Please, talk with our members, check in on those who may be in need. Help them whenever possible. And remember your Hospitaler Funds and the Grand Almoner Fund. Remember too that requests 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 lifesaver.

This last year, thanks to the leadership of our Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, the New Hampshire Consistory Finance Committee and the overall membership of New Hampshire, the following donations were made during Giving Tuesday 2022:

- \$5,500 to the Grand Almoners Fund
- \$5,500 to the Scottish Rite Museum & Library
- \$5,500 to the Dyslexia Center Foundation
- \$500 to the Abbott Scholarship

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. I'm thrilled to report that 3 of our 5 Valleys reached the 90% score needed to be recognized as a Valley of Excellence.

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Current standings as of the writing of this report:

Valley of Portsmouth-Dover	99.01%
Valley of Concord	96.81%
Valley of Nashua	93.68%
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton	51.10%
Valley of Keene	45.80%

### **Supreme Council Session in Cleveland**

The Supreme Council met in Session in Portland in August 2022, with the Executive Session held on August 22-24. During that session, the following candidate was elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree at the Supreme Council Session in Louisville, KY, in August 2023.

Larry Adam Sprague, Valley of Concord

This class will also include the following candidates elected in 2021.

Robert Stanley Bean, III, Valley of Nashua  
David William Smith, Valley of Nashua

### **Supreme Council Session in Louisville**

Ill .:Donald L. Mendzela, 33°, and his Lady Celeste are busily preparing to host the New Hampshire group in Louisville, and we will again welcome Vermont to share our hospitality.

### **Gratitude**

There is much to be grateful for. Many of you have supported the many programs of the Scottish Rite. You have also been

supportive of me as the Deputy for New Hampshire this past year. 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, Feast of the Valley, or any other Scottish Rite activity, thank you.

Thank you to my mentors and peers: Ill .: Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus and recipient of the Supreme Council Medal of Honor. I treasure your friendship and advice.

Ill .: Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Minister of State. I have relied on your advice so many times over this last year. You are a leader among men and an advocate for the Rite. Thank you.

Ill .: Mark C. Roth, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Lieutenant Commander. You are my Masonic mentor and dearest of friend. Thank you for your many years of service, not only as Deputy for this state, but to the Rite as a whole.

To our most recent Past Grand Master, Ill .: and Most Worshipful David S. Collins, 33°. You've been by my side for years as we ascended the Grand Line for Grand Lodge. You have completed your term with honor and distinction. Thank you for all you do for the brethren of New Hampshire.

I also thank our newly installed Grand Master, Ill .: and Most Worshipful Daniel Richard Hotchkiss. Please know that Scottish Rite is here to assist you and you have our full backing. We wish you a productive and prosperous term as Grand Master.

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Lastly, I thank my wife, Tammy. You are my rock. All that I have accomplished in my Masonic career comes from the love and support I receive from you.

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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.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES AND TESTIMONIALS

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

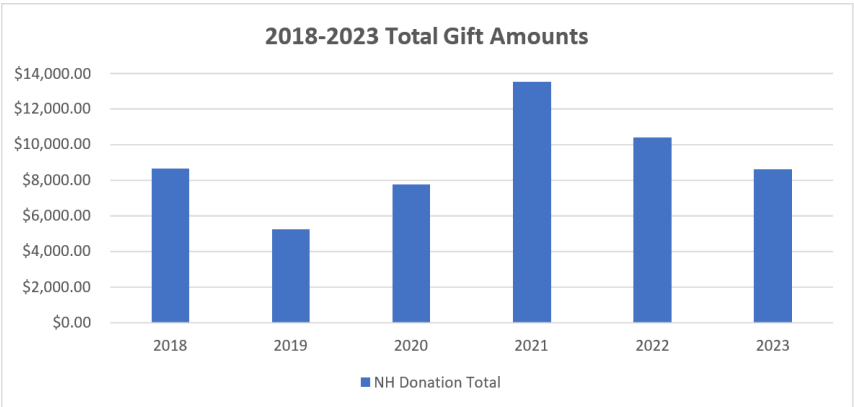
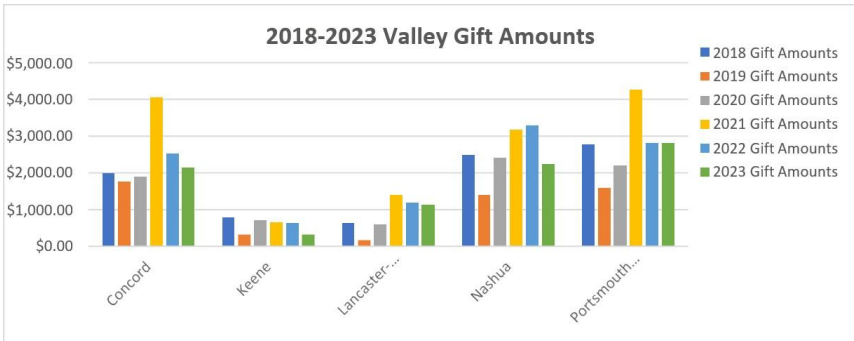
On Sunday, November 6, 2022, over 100 Brethren, ladies, and other guests gathered at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord in a mid-day celebration honoring our MSA recipients.

Those honored with the Meritorious Service Award By Nominations from their various valleys are as follows.

Elected June 4th, 2022, at the 99th annual communication of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation in Gorham, NH.

Brother Ron E. Carbary, 32°, MSA, Valley of Nashua  
Brother Dennis A. Tuttle, Jr., Jr., 32°, MSA, Valley of Concord  
Brother Gary A. Ward, 32°, MSA, Valley of Concord

A social period began at 1 P.M., followed by a delicious buffet dinner of ham, roast beef, and Turkey with all the fixings, catered by Hart's Turkey Farm. Prior to the meal, I'll. Brother Kenneth A.



Clay, Jr., 33°, spoke briefly on each of the recipients and how proud he was of each of them and their accomplishments. Ill.: Brother Clay, being unable to stay due to work commitments, excused himself and left Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, to continue the program at the conclusion of the midday meal.

Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, performed the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and presented Certificates and pins to the new recipients with brief comments from each honoree.

Other Honored guests in attendance at the November event: Ill.: Brother Kenneth A. Clay, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New Hampshire, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and Mrs. Tammy Clay; Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council

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and Grand Lieutenant Commander, and Ill.:. Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Minister of State, Past Deputy for New Hampshire, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, and Mrs. Kathy Elliot; Ill.:. Brother Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council and Past Deputy for New Hampshire, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, and Mrs. Jean Hansen; Ill.:. Brother David S. Collins, 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Colleen Collins; Ill.:. Brother John E. Lobdell, 33°, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Cindy Lobdell; Ill.:. Brother John F. Gordon, 33°, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Connie Gordon; Ill.:. Brother C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Sandi Libby; Ill.:. Brother Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Barbara Sawyer; and Most Worshipful Jerome T Becker Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NH and Mrs. Donna Becker and Ill.:. Brother Michael Tebbetts, Potentate of Bektash Shrine and his Lady Kat, Ill.:. Brother Gary E. Roy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory and Mrs. Beth Roy.

Ill.:. Brother Roy presented the Notable Service award to Ill.:. Brother Larry A Gullet 33°, for his continued support and dedication to the entire body and principles of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction

The 2023 MSA & 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Award Ceremony will again be held at The Bektash Shrine Center in Concord, NH, on Sunday, November 5th, 2023.

For the Committee,

John E. Lobdell, 33°, Co-Chairman  
Thomas S. Lowe, 33°, Co-Chairman  
Donald L. Mendzela, 33°  
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 the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:*

**The Blue Envelope Appeal**

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I continue to be amazed by the generosity of Scottish Rite Masons in New Hampshire. According to the statistics provided, at the end of the appeal for Valley Awards (January 31, 2023) New Hampshire had 15.29% of its members participating. This percentage is slightly down from the previous year but New Hampshire Scottish Rite members continue to support the Blue Envelope Appeal. Once again, the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton led all New Hampshire Valleys with 20.43%-member participation.

Your generous contributions continue to support the Leon M. Abbot Scholarships, both New Hampshire Children’s Dyslexia Centers, the Scottish Rite Museum and Library, the Grand Almoners fund, and the White Flower Society. Each of these charities are very important to our organization and can continue with your support.

Let’s continue this progress into 2023!

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Crouch, 32°, Chairman

John M. Bys, 32°

Timothy D. LaPointe, 32°

Roland N. Petersen, 33°, M.S.A.

Mark A. Weir, 33°, M.S.A.

## REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

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

Over the past year, our youth groups have been full force getting back together and moving forward from distant and virtual gatherings. Meetings and fun events have been numerous. These young people are enjoying the bonds that have been missed these last few years and are running full speed ahead to regain that. Along with working on those bonds, they've been making great strides with growing their local assemblies and chapters. Some are looking to maintain as older member age out, while others are looking to grow their very young and energetic assemblies and chapters.

Last July, NH Rainbow's Caitlyn Edwards concluded her year as Grand Worthy Advisor. She did a fantastic job and worked with the Jr. GEC to create a mentorship program for the girls that has continued throughout the current year. Along with the fun of mentorship group challenges, Jacqueline Desrosiers, the current Grand Worthy Advisor, is celebrating everything Disney.

With this love of all that is Disney, we've been reminded to honor the past and traditions while thinking forward and outside the box.

Over the past year, the girls have gotten creative with various membership and fundraising activities. The Charity Ball was brought back this year with the addition of a Ball Queen and King. Many assemblies have been working outdoors in nature by cleaning up around the lodges and planting flowers, as well as vegetable gardens in raised garden beds. Some still love the indoors with roller skating parties and princess tea parties. As the year starts to conclude with Homecoming in a few weeks and

Grand Assembly not far behind at the end of June, these young ladies show no signs of slowing down as they think forward and grow the organization.

Last July, NH DeMolay's Alex Newbury concluded his term as State Master Councilor. He did a great job throughout his term supporting the chapters and representing NH DeMolay. Billy Cook was installed and has been very active around the state. The young men have enjoyed getting together for games, axe-throwing, and pizza nights. They've enjoyed outdoor activities, like mini-golf and climbing trees.

The young men have also held special degrees and ceremonies throughout the year. Last February, with the help of Rhode Island and Maine brothers, the young men initiated a new member and bestowed Dad David Collins as an Honorary DeMolay. Coming up fast and furious is their yearly conclave to be held at the beginning of June.

If you have the opportunity to go to a Youth Event, Go! A statistic was shared at Grand Lodge by Dad Art Stauff, that roughly 80% of DeMolay boys join the Masonic fraternity at some point in their lives. It might not be right when they reach the age, but eventually they return to our amazing organizations. Support the future of our country and our organizations and see what these amazing young women and men are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome T. Becker, 33°, 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 them for their remarks.

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!

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**Invitation for the 2023  
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 2023 Annual Convocation to be held on June 3, 2023?"

Brother Alan D. Lugg extended an invitation on behalf of the Valley of Concord to host the One Hundredth Annual Convocation of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation on that date in Concord, NH.

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

**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.

The Supreme Council has provided New Hampshire with \$7,300.00 for Leon M. Abbott Scholarships this year. The Committee on Scholarships has met and recommended the following students to be recipients this year:

**LEON M. ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Laurent E. Vincent \$4000 Junior Liberty College, Lynchburg, VA

Sarah L. Putnam \$3300 Senior New England College, Henniker, NH

The Committee would like to recognize Ill. Br. Panos A. Pitsas, 33<sup>rd</sup>, M.S.A. his 25 years of service to the Committee. He will be retiring from the committee this year.

This past year we invited the recipients to receive their scholarships in person at the Council of Deliberation meeting in Nashua. I am pleased to say that most of them were able to be there along with their families.

We received about the same number of applicants as we have in the recent past and continue to recommend the promotion of the Scottish Rite Scholarship programs at all of our official functions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Ill. Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill. Troy a. Patoine, 33°

Ill. Roderick M. MacDonald, 33°

Bro. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°

In addition, New Hampshire Consistory has provided \$16,000.00 for the William E. Bryant Scholarships this year and the Commander-in-Chief of NH Consistory has asked me to include the resulting awards in this report.

The William E. Bryant Scholarship recipients are:

Hannah L. Vincent,	\$2700	Grad Student	Boston College, MA
Ryan D. Ciarametaro	\$2300	Freshman	UNH
Abigail J. Dickson	\$2300	Freshman	Smith College, MA
Amanda M. Gordon	\$2000	Sophomore	Suffolk University, MA
Evan E. Petersen	\$1500	Freshman	UNH
Zachariah G. Wilson	\$1500	Junior	UNH
Liam G. Bilodeau	\$1000	Junior	SNHU
Alexandra V. Elliot	\$1000	Sophomore	Florida Southern Coll,
FL			
Elizabeth F. Akridge	\$1000	Sophomore	Great Bay Com. College
Shea D. Cooney	\$1000	Freshman	Wt. Mt. Community Coll.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ill.: Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A. Chairman

Ill.: Donald L. Mendzela, 33°

Ill.: Jerome T. Becker 33°

Ill.: David A. Rich, 33°, M.S.A.

Ill.: David S. Collins, 33°, M.S.A.

### Hauts Grades Academy

Ill.: Brother Clay then congratulated Bro. Benjamin Feldman, 32° for completing the Supreme Council’s Haut Grades Academy. Bro. Feldman is the second brother from New Hampshire to complete this education course. He may use the letters HGA after his name at Scottish Rite events.

## 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 Clay called upon the Active for any comment he might have.

## REMARKS OF THE ACTIVES

Illustrious Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, brought forth his congratulations to the Deputy.

Illustrious Mark H. Roth, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Grand Lieutenant Commander, also brought forth his congratulations to the Deputy.

Illustrious Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Grand Minister of State of the 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 recipient and the scholarship recipients. He concluded by thanking Illustrious Brother Clay for his commitment to Scottish Rite and his representation on our Supreme Council.

## 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 Daniel R. Hotchkiss. 33°, our Grand Master.

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 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Reports for the Valleys of:

- Concord
- Portsmouth-Dover
- Lancaster-Littleton
- Nashua

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS**

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

Our COD Workshop was once again held meeting in person. It was well attended. Under the leadership of our Deputy, we had a very interesting and informative interactive meeting. The distinguished Ill. Kenneth A. Clay invited guests to provide information on various topics

Museum & Library

Masonic Marketplace

Global Leadership Summit

Benjamin Franklin Award of Distinction

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Membership Stats

First Responders Campaign

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2022-23 Valley of Excellence

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Illustrious Karl Bickford talked on the scholarships.

Ill Brother Elliot talked on the MSA deadline and guidelines. Illustrious Ken Clay talked on the youth advisor of the year details.

Illustrious Brother Clay has some new thoughts on going around to promote Scottish Rite to blue lodge masons. He is also developing an officer training and procedures program.

#### **TRAINING (SCOTTISH) RITE**

Illustrious Brother Troy Patoine and Brother Andrew Bennert did a presentation on officer training, A 158 slide presentation was presented covering many different subjects. New as well as old officers we able to come away from this training with some information they didn't previously know. Members were very appreciative of this new resource they could then bring back to their respective Valleys as a thumb drive was given to each participant.

Illustrious Brother Clay also did an online orientation program for the two new Dep Reps who were coming on board, and they were also appreciative of the guidance and instruction as to their duties and responsibilities.

We have made great strides at the local level to re-engage our membership. Ken has traveled to all the Valleys to discuss and understand their concerns and limitations. NH Consistory has also helped the valleys with Membership interaction programs and incentives. We are seeing continued energy and excitement within our membership ranks. The actives have supported both Illustrious Brother Clay as well as his educational programs over the past year.

We have seen three of our valleys this year strive and be eligible for the Valley of Excellence, as well as the remaining two make huge strides in their percentages.

Our Deputy has supported and reinvigorated two valleys that were struggling a little, and with the hard work of the Officers of those Valleys, as well as his new Deputy Reps, have assisted with the growth and inspiration to again be shining and active valleys in NH.

Our Deputy has traveled extensively, and with his programs and dedicated leadership, the membership is much more knowledgeable in our craft.

Respectfully,

Gary E. Roy, 33° MSA

## REPORT OF THE MEDIA & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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

The primary means of Valley communication and publicity statewide is through electronic media. Secondly are Valley newsletters. This committee thanks those who've submitted articles 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 and Facebook pages. We ask our members for help in posting and publishing them.

### Branding of Scottish Rite

Supreme Council has set brand standards to enhance our image to the general public, as well as to our membership with standardized Scottish Rite images.

### Social media

During the pandemic, social media became a vital means of keeping members engaged. With our Supreme Council quickly taking action, New Hampshire Valleys built on this and continue to communicate with members through email blasts, electronic newsletters done by the Valleys of Concord and of Portsmouth-Dover, Facebook posts and Facebook groups. Of particular note is the Rite Ladies of New Hampshire group created by Beth Roy, wife of our Commander-in-Chief, to reach out directly to the ladies of our members.

Three of the five Valleys have actively posted to Facebook, with Nashua also posting to a separate New Hampshire Consistory page. New Hampshire Consistory also posts news items to the state website, [www.nhscottishrite.org](http://www.nhscottishrite.org).

## 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.

## Journey On

Supreme Council followed up on the *Be A Freemason* campaign by creating *Journey On*, promoting Scottish Rite to Freemasons. They have created support media to be used by Valleys.

## Email campaigns

Over the past year, New Hampshire Consistory emailed 42 targeted messages to its members, and an additional 22 email campaigns, where follow-up emails were sent to members who hadn't responded to the initial message. Open and response rates exceed the average rate of emails sent by businesses.

Emailing continues to miss one-third of our members, as they have either no email address or one that's invalid, have an internet service provider (ISP) that blocks our emails from being received, or the member opted-out from receiving our emails.

## Website

The state website, [nhscottishrite.org](http://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

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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 under 4,300 unique visits, which is about the same as the previous year. For each of those visits, an average of 1.8 page views took place. 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 took place in April, when scholarship applications are due, followed by November when the Testimonial and Fall Reunion occur. Visitors to the site are most often referred by major search engines (Google, DuckDuckGo, and Bing), with a small amount from Facebook, followed by nhrainbow.org and nhconsistory.com.

Recent site activity shows that the most visited pages are:

1. Home page
2. Valley of Concord page
3. Valley of Portsmouth-Dover page
4. Valley page (describing the five Valleys in NH)
5. Valley of Nashua page

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.

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**

For the past several years, the Membership Development Committee has concentrated its efforts on identifying areas where the valleys could reverse **MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PAST 75 YEARS**

Count at the beginning of the year	1077		
Additions		Losses	
Initiations	14	Deceased	52
Affiliations	6	Suspensions	9
Restorations	9	Discharges	4
		Demits	12
Total Additions	29	Total Losses	77
Count at the end of the Year	1029		

No one who has been a member of the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire for 10 or more years has to be told we are in some tough times. And there is little solace in knowing the Scottish Rite in every state is seeing the same tough times.

Still, it is important to see where we were in the past so we can set realistic goals for the future. The committee selected a 75-year period to highlight

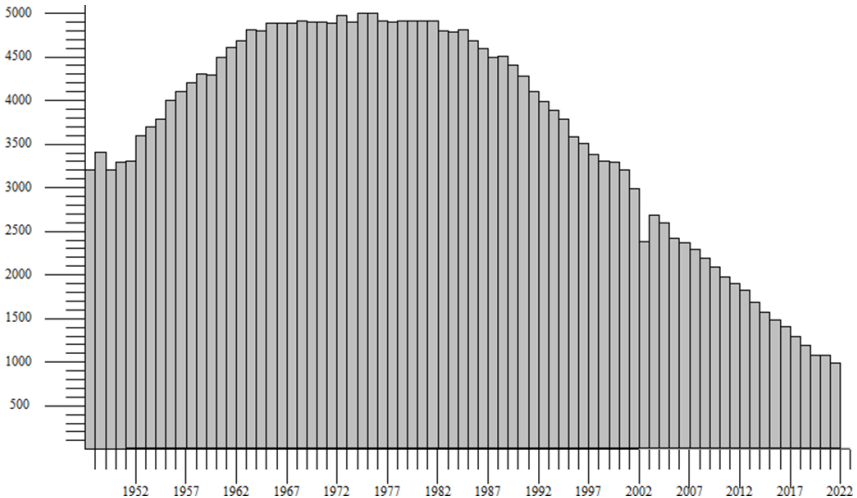
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since there are few members remaining whose membership predates 1948.

The following table shows the membership for the past 75 years and how many members we lost or gained during that period.

Year	Members	Plus/Minus	Year	Members	Plus/Minus	Year	Members	Plus/Minus
1948	3245	---	1973	4853	65	1998	3362	-77
1949	3403	158	1974	4847	-6	1999	3262	-100
1950	3155	-248	1975	4853	6	2000	3247	-15
1951	3297	142	1976	4867	14	2001	3162	-85
1952	3419	122	1977	4793	-74	2002	3008	-154
1953	3562	143	1978	4789	-4	2003	2392	-616
1954	3715	153	1979	4780	-9	2004	2730	338
1955	3826	111	1980	4791	11	2005	2553	-177
1956	3990	164	1981	4766	-25	2006	2447	-106
1957	4087	97	1982	4772	6	2007	2384	-63
1958	4218	131	1983	4721	-51	2008	2295	-89
1959	4268	50	1984	4691	-30	2009	2239	-56
1960	4331	63	1985	4667	-24	2010	2142	-97
1961	4464	133	1986	4621	-46	2011	2002	-140
1962	4555	91	1987	4527	-94	2012	1858	-144
1963	4660	105	1988	4461	-66	2013	1777	-81
1964	4789	129	1989	4452	-9	2014	1662	-115
1965	4786	-3	1990	4308	-144	2015	1593	-69
1966	4936	150	1991	4212	-96	2016	1497	-96
1967	4861	-75	1992	4131	-81	2017	1362	-135
1968	4833	-28	1993	4037	-94	2018	1291	-71
1969	4813	-20	1994	3899	-138	2019	1201	-90
1970	4830	17	1995	3751	-148	2020	1127	-74
1971	4793	-37	1996	3572	-179	2021	1077	-50
1972	4788	-5	1997	3439	-133	2022	1029	-48

The following chart illustrates the above information, but a graphic representation may better show how the decline has steepened during the past four decades.



We should note that during the heydays of the 60s, 70s, and 80s, a large number of those joining the Scottish Rite were passing through to join the Shrine. Despite that, all the Scottish Rite had to do was keep 10 percent of the new members active in the valleys to make the Rite a success. When you have a membership close to 5,000, that 10 percent means 500 active Scottish Rite members.

That changed in the year 2000 when the Shrine dropped the requirement that its members had to be in either the York or Scottish Rite. The Shrine was seeing a decrease in its membership, which prompted the change.

For the Scottish Rite of New Hampshire, however, the slide started in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The change in the Shrine membership regulation did not really have much to do with it, except for making the slide a bit worse. Our experience simply reflects a general downward pressure on membership experienced across the Fraternity.

It is doubtful the Scottish Rite will return to the heady times in the late 1970s. But we have a lot to offer today's Master Masons.

## **THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX**

### **(Or: No, We Haven't Always Done It That Way)**

A few years ago, then Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. John W. McNaughton told the story of his recent visit to the Valley of Indianapolis. He said when he first started speaking, he asked a question, "Who is the most important person in the room?"

He added he could see everyone in the room looking around, sizing up just who is present. Without waiting for an answer, McNaughton simply stated, "The most important person in the room is the brother you are sitting next to!"

This is a way of expressing what could be called a Scottish Rite ideal – we have to focus our efforts on the members who are sitting on the sidelines.

Ill. Bro. Harry S. Truman, who received the 33rd Degree from the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction on October 19, 1945 (making him the only U.S. president to be so honored) summed up a different way of looking at the sidelines.

On his last night as president, a reporter asked him how he felt now that he was stepping down. Truman replied that in the United States, the elected officers are the servants, and the people are actually the masters. "So, I'm not stepping down, I'm stepping up, and I thank you for the promotion!"

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### Large-Scale Events

We can use large-scale events as a way to bring attention to the activities of one or more valleys. Again, this is offering the members an activity that is either unique or marketed in a way that makes it big

For example, the Valley of Nashua is sponsoring a cookout in August (August 12 to be exact) at Bear Brook State Park in Allentown. The cookout includes a performance of the 16th Degree, which features a feast.

The valley selected Allentown for the event because it is more central to the other valleys in the state. It's the Valley of Nashua's intent to make it accessible to as many New Hampshire Scottish Rite members as possible. It appears to be working because there are volunteers from across the state to participate in the degree.

There are a number of possible activities that the Scottish Rite could sponsor. These are multi-valley-type activities.

*The Rite Stuff* – A formal dinner-dance for members of the Scottish and York rites. This brings the two groups together for the benefit of both and also serves as a way to honor the ladies and thank them for allowing us to do what we do.

*Ladies' Nights* – Similar to The Rite Stuff, except it is more regional and is an activity we can open to Masonic lodges. Again, it is a formal dinner-dance and a night to honor the ladies.

*Veterans' Night* – It is always great to recognize everyone who served our country in the military in both peace and war. This can be far more than a word of recognition at a stated meeting or reunion. It could be a major thank-you event, complete with a dinner and a speaker from one of our military services. And when honoring veterans, don't forget a great many women have and are serving their country.

This would be an excellent opportunity to partner with other groups under the Masonic umbrella. For example, a Scottish Rite valley can partner with the York Rite, a blue lodge, or even an Eastern Star chapter. It is also an excellent opportunity to gain some community notice. It is always a good idea to reach beyond the valley when planning events. This type of activity can help convince someone to take the plunge and apply for membership.

### Small-Scale Events

While large events are exciting to work on and be a part of, small events are also appealing. Bowling nights, movie nights, and small social gatherings have an appeal as well. They can be easy to plan and having a few small events for a limited number of people can be an excellent way to regenerate a valley and build Scottish Rite friendships.

## **Affinity Groups**

A movement that is gaining some traction in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is the formation of Affinity Groups. These are small groups that are usually centered on a shared interest. For example, brothers who are avid golfers get together to play golf. One group, which has eight members, plays golf every Wednesday morning. Since they are all retired it makes it easy.

Valleys can encourage its members to find others with similar interests.

## **The Rite Ladies Of New Hampshire**

A recent and most positive innovation for the Scottish Rite of New Hampshire is the formation of The Rite Ladies of New Hampshire, a group for the ladies of Scottish Rite members. Providing activities for the ladies has been ongoing for a number of years, starting with inviting the ladies to join us at the annual Consistory degree day in April. Trips and activities were planned for the ladies while Scottish Rite members were watching degrees.

The group was formalized by Beth Roy, the wife of then Commander-in-Chief Gary Roy. Under her leadership, the group expanded its activities beyond once a year, making it an integral part of the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire.

## **WHAT ARE WE SELLING?**

When we are talking to Master Masons about the advantages of joining the Scottish Rite, we have to know what is attractive about the Rite. In effect, we have to know what we are selling.

A number of years ago, Ill. Bro. Mark Roth, then an active member and not yet the Deputy, gave a talk at a Council of Deliberation workshop. He spoke on Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He said men join the Fraternity, and by extension the Scottish Rite, for one or more of those reasons.

He said some come for the lessons we learn through the degrees – Truth. He said others join because of the charity work we do – Relief. Some join for the comradery we experience every time we come together – Brotherly Love.

That is what we are selling – an extension of the tenets we learn about in our Blue Lodges. Our opportunities for the exercise of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are expanded to a far larger population.

## **THE WORLD'S BEST-KEPT SECRET**

It is often said Freemasonry is the world's best-kept secret. Today, the Fraternity in the United States is donating to charity about \$2 million a day. When you add the rest of the world, that number jumps to \$3 million.

We have to establish a real social media presence so the good deeds of the Fraternity are not unnoticed by the general public. We can attract men to the Fraternity and, by extension, to the Scottish Rite.

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Newspaper readership studies agree that photographs are the most important part of any story, be it in professional media or in social media. Photographs are what attract readers to stories.

As a result, the Membership Development Committee will be offering a seminar to the valleys to help members take more interesting photographs with an eye toward attracting more readers to our stories. The seminar is a rewrite of a seminar the committee chairman offered some 20 years ago: *How to Take Pictures People May Actually Look At*. He teaches some of the techniques news photographers use when they shoot pictures. The seminar should be available to the valleys in the Fall.

### **ANOTHER OFFER**

In addition to conducting a seminar on photography, the Chairman of the Membership Development Committee will be available to discuss ideas and plans with the valleys concerning their efforts to rejuvenate the valleys and increase attendance at valley events.

Also, the valley representative to the Membership Development Committee will be on hand to help coordinate activities and help find resources to help ensure valley projects are as successful as possible. Working together, we can see a bright future for the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Thompson Chairman

For the Membership Development Committee:

Karl H. Bickford III      David A. Rich      Panos A. Pitsas

Mark E. Ciarametaro      John F. Bartoszak Sr.

## DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF CONCORD

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. This is my report on the Valley of Concord for the years 2022-2023. It has again been my privilege to serve as your Deputy's Representative during this past year. Overall, I believe the Valley of Concord has been active and vibrant, and we have made positive strides in keeping the valley active for our members and attractive for potential new members.

Throughout the course of the year, VOC was able to bring in several new members, including through the "Rite on the Road" program. Through this program, degrees were brought out to various Blue Lodges, making it more convenient for all to attend a Scottish Rite Degree in their home lodge.

During the 2022 year, VOC sent several of our members to the Global Leadership Program hosted by the Supreme Council in Lexington. The VOC made contributions to NH Learning Centers, and was appreciative to receive \$1000.00 from the Consistory to go towards our Almoners Fund. During the Fall of 2022, VOC embarked on a "brother to brother" calling endeavor, reaching out to brothers/members that we had not heard from in a while, to check on their well-being and let them know we care about them. Multiple positive conversations occurred, and brothers who had not been to meetings or events in a long time were offered assistance to get to these events. In full candor, this initiative is an area in which VOC could make improvements to. Although some calls were made, the initiative was not carried through to 100% fidelity to the purpose. Moving forward, we will review this initiative and brainstorm how we can implement it more effectively in the future.

Worth noting- in the Summer of 2022, a brother who had moved to Arizona reached out and asked for assistance for his son, who was recovering from an illness and surgery. Several brothers from the VOC ventured out to this man's home and spent a morning and early afternoon assisting with a major clean-up project that would not have been possible without their assistance. This was a great example of Masonic charity and caring for our brethren through service and compassion. Alan Lugg is to be commended for spearheading this effort, and all who helped are to be commended for volunteering their time without hesitation to help someone in need.

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Our leadership has provided various enrichment programs and activities for our members, and both to show membership appreciation for current Scottish Rite membership as well as promotion to Blue Lodge Members who might be interested in joining Scottish Rite. VOC participated in a training for officers on April 15th designed to assist upcoming body heads with organizing their bodies and planning for officer positions and degrees. This event was held at Concord Lodge and conducted by Brother Troy Patoine. In addition, the Valley has offered several "Tech Trainings" throughout the year, offering brothers some instruction on the use of technology to share information, promote Masonic activities, and keep up to date with Scottish Rite happenings in general.

The VOC has continued our monthly "Feast of the Valley" where all members and their families are invited to monthly meals at local area restaurants. These meals have served as time to get together and connect with other members, and enjoy some fraternal camaraderie. At one such "Feast of the Valley" the VOC competed in a friendly yet spirited "Wing Challenge" with Tucker Lodge from Valley of Portsmouth Dover. Our TPM has done a tremendous job promoting this monthly event and varying the locations to as to make it more convenient for members to attend. We would like to recognize and applaud his efforts, in particular with the online newsletter sent out regularly to promote VOC events as well as Scottish Rite activities in general.

Also in November, the VOC hosted a Turkey Dinner for all members and their families to attend. This was held the Sunday before Thanksgiving and by all accounts was well attended. Several brothers who could not attend the dinner did assist with prepping food items on the Saturday before.

On Friday, November 25th, of 2022, the VOC once again participated in the annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting Event. We had members volunteer to stand at a table and hand out free hot cocoa to the public throughout the evening, as well as share information about Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general. This event was well attended and served as a great opportunity to provide some positive info to the public about what our organization is all about, as well as the many worthwhile charities we support.

Throughout the course of the year, the VOC Executive Committee has met regularly to discuss the direction of the valley, membership recruitment and retention, upcoming events, and the like. The Executive Committee made decisions on how to utilize the monetary supports

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from the Consistory for Member Appreciation, recruitment, and retention. This included various events to be planned as well as the purchasing of VOC attire for members participating in our degrees.

The Valley did plan a special member appreciation and recruitment event, which would have included a magic show, performed by local magician Andrew Pinard, as well as a luncheon. Unfortunately, this event had to be canceled due to low sign-ups; however, it is the hope of valley leadership to attempt to reschedule this event at a later date that will prove more convenient for members to attend. The event was open to all Scottish Rite members and their families, as well as any and all Blue Lodge members who might want to experience some of what Scottish Rite has to offer.

On Feb 11, 2023, VOC hosted a COD workshop for state-wide Scottish Rite leadership. This was an information-packed workshop that included info on upcoming Scottish Rite events, trends in Scottish Rite membership, the Journey On program, and other items relevant to Scottish Rite. The event also included a special fascinating enrichment presentation on beekeeping, complete with samples of honey given out to all members! The Valley will once again host the COD event on June 3rd of 2023.

VOC planned and rehearsed for a presentation of the 4th and 14th degrees in March of 2023. Unfortunately, these degrees had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, and there simply was not a date that worked for all necessary participants. That said, the valley worked hard to overcome this obstacle by offering several "Thursday Night at the Rite" events where the degrees were available to be viewed to new members who needed to view them to be eligible to partake in the presentation of the 32nd degree at the annual state-wide reunion, held on April 22, 2023. In addition, VOC held a very successful 18th Degree on April 3rd, 2023. This was well attended and included a class of 8 candidates where were initiated into Rose Croix by seeing that degree program.

On Friday May 5th, VOC held our annual meeting to elect and install the officers for the upcoming year. By all accounts this meeting was productive and well attended, and a dinner was served to all members, as well as a ladies' program to provide enrichment for member's wives during the business meeting.

On June 3rd VOC will be hosting a Fisher Cats game as a member and family event. Hoping for good weather, and the event should

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prove to be a good time for all with some Masonic camaraderie.

In conclusion, it has been a productive year for VOC, and we hope to grow the various positive trends and initiatives begun and continued throughout this past year into the coming years.

We would like to heartily thank Scottish Rite Leadership for supporting and attending our events and degrees! We would like to thank the Consistory for the support, particularly the additional funds towards member recruitment and appreciation. It has been an exciting time as we are (thankfully) on the other side of the Covid epidemic, and there seems to be a new enthusiasm and joy in getting back to in-person meetings and events!

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark D Ciarametaro, 32°, MSA, PTPM, PMWM  
Deputy's Representative  
Valley of Concord

### DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF PORTSMOUTH-DOVER

May 7th was the start of a new guard in the VPD. After suffering several years for lack of leadership, David Akridge, Roderick MacDonald, and John Bartoszak began to steer the valley in a new direction. This began at the VPD Annual meeting on May 7, 2022, when the new board of directors was elected into office. Throughout the year, Valley's Presiding officers continued to hold our planning sessions on the second Wednesday of every month. More than planning, these were managing meetings with a goal of keeping the valley on track.

On May 31, 2022, the presiding officers introduced themselves to the valley at the first Valley Dine-A-Round at Wild Willy's in Rochester. This event is a holdover from the District 5 Dine around started at Federal Lodge No. 5. We had 30 or more members, friends, and family join us for this event, including members from other valleys.

June 3, 2022, at the NH Council of Deliberation, the presiding officers got a stark wakeup call when hearing all the good things happening in the jurisdiction, and the Valley of Portsmouth Dover not being mentioned once. We were determined this was not

going to happen twice.

June 4, 2022, Several of the members of the valley attended NH's Masonic Con in Manchester, NH. A few of the presiding officers manned the state's Scottish Rite table, helping to spread information on AASR.

On August 6, 2022, The Valley of Portsmouth Dover held an official Installation of Officers. The evening

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included a Banquet and a well-attended Ladies Program hosted by Andrea Bartoszak.

August 17, 2022, once again put on our Seafood Dinner at Brown's Lobster Pound & Fireworks Cruise. Due to the weather, the Fireworks Cruise was cancelled by the fleet. We had about 20 members show up for the dinner.

In August, rehearsals are starting for the 28th degree, and it seems like they are failing to produce cast members. This issue might be a byproduct of the lack of interest and leadership from the past few years. Later, as the issue got to a critical point, we had to call in NH Deputy Ken Clay and Commander in Chief Gary Roy to assist in managing the degree. Through their leadership and a lot of hard work, the valley was ready in time to put on an excellent degree at the November 5th Joint Valley Reunion.

The Valley held a small reunion and membership orientation on September 29, 2022. The 4th & 30th degrees were presented as a digital degree, and the Membership orientation and education were presented live. We had a good turnout for the event, and we could start to see the spark that we were looking for.

October 23, 2022, the valley boarded the Hobo Dinner Train in Meredith, NH, for an afternoon of family fun and fellowship. We had a small turnout for the event and know that we need to publicize the event better going forward.

November 5, 2022, the NH Joint Valley reunion was held at the Valley of Portsmouth Dover. Over a hundred brothers attended the reunion. Several brothers traveled from Maine and Massachusetts. By all accounts, the reunion went very well and was considered to be a success. A Lady's program was planned by the Valley and took the ladies from Portsmouth to the Currier Museum in Manchester, NH. They enjoyed playing Bingo on the bus and were treated to lunch at the museum. It was at this event that the scheme for a Video Marathon was hatched. Plans started formulating here.

On January 8, 2023, the valley hosted a Post Holiday Family Gathering at Pinz in Portsmouth. Once again,

our turnout was not as large as we would have hoped for. It seems a big part of the issue is communications. We started to think more about how we can make adjustments to this. The first thing was to create a new Facebook Group and share many times to get people interested in the group.

January 19, 2023, the Valley held a Rite on the Road in Rochester's Humane Lodge No. 21. This event was also a "Thursday Night at the Rite" which featured the premier of the new 20th degree. The dinner for the event was itself a joint event with Rochester's OES chapter. There was a little crossover, and we picked up a couple of new members from this event.

January 26, 2023, per our bylaws and constitution, the VPD held a Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Stated meeting. The budget was set for the upcoming year.

On February 25, 2023, the valley held the first Video Degree Marathon. This event brought more than 75 brothers from 7 jurisdictions and started 5 brothers on their AASR journey. Seven digital degrees were presented. Each degree was followed by a discussion on the degree and an educational piece on the Pathways program. Awards were given out for the brother who traveled the furthest to get there (Ohio) and the valley that had the most members present (Valley of Portland, Me). The date was set for the next Digital Degree Marathon.

April 5, 2023, The Valley hosted another Dine A Round at Newick's Lobster Pound on Dover Point. A well-attended event with door prizes.

April 16, 2023, the valley met in Portsmouth to put on a "Brother to Brother" outreach Day. Every brother in the valley was called. Some needed to be emailed as their phone was no longer connected. Others needed to have a letter emailed in order to make contact.

April 19, 2023, the valley hosted a Rite on the Road and Watch Party at Federal Lodge No. 5 in Dover. Around 10 brothers were in attendance. An excellent conversation followed the watch

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party.

On April 22, 2023, the valley had a presence at the NH Consistory's 32° Spring Reunion at Merrimack Valley High School. Several brothers had active supporting roles as well as a couple of cast roles. Several brothers received their 32° at this reunion.

May 6, 2023 Valley Annual Meeting Membership Report

Annual meeting 2022 350 Members

Annual Meeting 2023 342 Members

New/Restored 14 members

Deaths 19 Members

Demits 3 Members

Faithfully Submitted By John F Bartoszak Sr Thrice Potent Master  
Valley of Portsmouth Dover

### DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. This is my report on the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton for the years 2022- 2023.

I have had the honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative during this past year, and I am proud to say that the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton, even with a few setbacks, has continued to push forward, promoting Scottish Rite throughout New Hampshire.

On June 11, 2022, our Brothers from the NMJ of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite presented the Benjamin Franklin Award to Worshipful Master Steven A. Brooks, the Worshipful Master of Evening Star Lodge #37, and their members for 200 years of Masonic History. This award was presented during the rededication ceremony, and we were proud to be part of this historic event.

On August 6, 2022, several members of our Valley attended a picnic held in Stark, NH. Brothers and their wives and friends gathered together on the hottest day of the year to talk, sip cool drinks, and have a hearty meal.

On September 7, 2022, our valley held a planning meeting setting up rehearsal schedules for upcoming degrees.

Our Valley was to perform the 5th Degree on October 8, 2022; however, several members of our cast and crew ended up with COVID, and without

cast, we had to cancel the performance. This little setback did not discourage us very long, because on November 5th, 2022, we gathered up our props and headed to Portsmouth, NH, where we performed the 5th degree in front of over 100 Brothers of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. This was a great day for all our Valleys.

On December 1, 2022, our Brothers again joined forces with the members and guests of North Star Lodge #8 for their 225 years of Masonic Service Celebration. During their rededication ceremony, Our Valley presented the Benjamin Franklin award to Worshipful Master Lance Miller and members of North Star Lodge #8 for this historic event.

On January 7, 2023, we held a planning meeting to discuss rehearsal schedules to perform the 4th Degree for the Valley of Concord's reunion scheduled for March 4, 2023. Also, Brother David A. Rich 33°, MSA, and Brother David A Evans Brown received their Gold Passports during a morning Master Mason Degree at Gorham Sabatis Lodge #73.

Our Valley continues to use the grant money received from the New Hampshire Consistory in the promotion of Scottish Rite in our Blue Lodges. On February 5, 2023, we provided a meal for our Blue Lodges members and families for their combined installation. We also provide a few promotional Scottish Rite videos and gave a presentation on some of the history of Scottish Rite and some of the degrees core of values.

On March 4, 2023, New Hampshire was hit with the worst storm of the season. The Valley of Concord, due to safety concerns, canceled the reunion. The Valley of Lancaster-Littleton again did not get to perform as scheduled. Several attempts to reschedule the degree performance were made, but a date could not be worked out.

On March 24, 2023, our Valley gathered together again to perform the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. Several members and guests were treated to the Masonic Ceremony, followed by a meal of Lamb or Chicken and great discussions. During this ceremony, Brother Dennis A. Sheridan 33°, M.S.A., received his 2nd Gold Passport.

We have continued usage of our Valley News Letters, and we have now sent 6 newsletters to our Valley Members, keeping them updated on our Valley and what is going on with specific programs for Scottish Rite. We have increased our points in pursuit of the Valley of Excellence challenge, and I am proud to say that the Valley members, our Actives, and Deputy have provided positive comments with our content and information.

On May 3, 2023, our Valley held its annual meeting to select new leadership and plan our installation. The installation is currently planned for May 24, 2023, at the Lancaster Masonic Temple.

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Bro. John Loven, 32°, MSA Deputy's Representative

### DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - VALLEY OF NASHUA

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. This is my report on the Valley of Nashua for the years 2022-2023.

It has again been my honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative during the past year. Emerging out of the grips of COVID 19, I am pleased to report that the Valley has weathered the storm and emerged as vibrant and active as ever. It has been so good to be back with our Brethren in person again, rehearsing for and presenting degrees.

While the Valley was relatively quiet during the fall of 2022, a group of us did participate in a joint Valley degree with the Valleys of Lowell and the Valley of the Merrimack. We did performances of the 14° in Lowell on November 4th and at our own Joint Valley Reunion in Portsmouth the next day.

In December, I was asked to direct the 17° with another cast made up of members from Nashua, Lowell, and the Valley of the Merrimack. The performance was in Lowell on January 6, 2023.

It was right at that time that we began rehearsals for the 10° in the Valley of Nashua, which Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection performed on February 6th under the direction of Ill. Br. Larry D. Gullett, 33° and Ill. Br. Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A.

The next endeavor in the Valley was the presentation of the "Feast of the Paschal Lamb". St. George Chapter of Rose Croix did the performance on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, in Nashua under the direction of myself and Ill Br. Donald L. Mendzela, 33°.

Finally, Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection participated in our annual reunion at Merrimack Valley High School by presenting the 8° under the direction of myself and Ill. Br. Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A. Several members of the Valley of Nashua participated in the presentation of the 32°.

Many other degrees were presented as videos during our various reunions, as well as three watch parties that were held as part of the Thursday Night at the Rite program. Through all of this, we brought in 14 new members.

For Masonic Honors, our Valley has been fortunate to have several distinguished Brothers who have been recognized for outstanding service. Some of them I failed to put in last year's report, so I am including them now: Roger J. Pellerin, 33°, M.S.A., received the Daniel Tompkins award, Roger W. Gaskill, 33°, M.S.A., received the Sovereign Grand Commander's Medal, Robert S. Bean, III, M.S.A. and David W. Smith, M.S.A. were both elected to receive the 33° in Louisville this summer, Michael S. Henry, 32° and Ronald E.

Gullett, 33°, and Robert G. Bianchi, 33°, M.S.A., received the Notable Service Award, and Samuel Varjabedian received the Youth Advisor of the Year award. I am so proud of these most distinguished Brothers.

I was pleased to present the Scottish Rite Americanism award to JROTC Cadet Lotti Emery at Manchester High School West and Cadet Amelia Hernandez at Pinkerton Academy in May of 2022. I have presented the awards again this year at the same two schools to Cadet Derrick Dixon at Manchester West and Cadet Malachy Crowell at Pinkerton Academy.

The Valley has held several other events during the year, including meetings at restaurants, Whiskey tasting, local service events, Night at the Palace, and the Over the Edge program, which was very successful in raising funds for our Dyslexia Center.

I wish to thank the staff in the office for their support during the past year. They have been there every time that I needed help with something.

Lastly, I am very proud of our Executive Committee it has met regularly and has planned events well into the future. They have committed themselves to seeing that the Valley is well run, and I am very pleased to report that our Valley has qualified for the Valley of Excellence Award this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



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
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
Edward Norval Lewis, 33°, Concord	June 7, 1997
Aldine Jack Tillotson, 33°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 7, 1997
Sumner Goldman, 33°, Concord	June 5, 1999
Martin Wendell Curtis, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	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
Panos Alexander Pitsas, 33°, Keene	June 3, 2006
Roger Joseph Pellerin, 33°, Nashua	June 2, 2007
Mark Adrian Weir, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2007
Stephen Karl Bahsler, 33°, Nashua	June 7, 2008
Ronald Freddy Scovil, 32°, Concord	June 7, 2008
Donald Ralph Willoughby, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 7, 2008
Karl Hudson Bickford, III, 33°, Nashua	June 5, 2010
Gary Edward Roy, 33°, Concord	June 5, 2010
James Edward Ryan, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 5, 2010
Verne Sawyer Anderson, Jr., 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 4, 2011
Roger Alfred Becker, 33°, Concord	June 4, 2011
Dennis Webster, 33°, Nashua	June 4, 2011
Thomas Gardner LaBerge, 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 2, 2012

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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>
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Ralph Raymond Currier Jr., 32°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 1, 2013
Jeffrey Lloyd Brown, 33°, Portsmouth-Dover	June 7, 2014
David Scott Collins, 33°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 7, 2014
Kenneth Edgar Davis, Jr., 33°, 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, 33°, Nashua	June 4, 2016
Michael Francis Ripberger, 32°, Concord	June 4, 2016
Mark David Ciarametaro, 32°, Concord	June 10, 2017
Roland Norman Petersen, 33°, 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, 33°, 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
Michael Scott Henry, 32°, Nashua	June 12, 2021
John Alan Loven, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 12, 2021
Ronald E. Carbary, 32°, Nashua	June 04, 2022
Dennis A. Tuttle, Jr., 32°, Concord	June 04, 2022
Gary A. Ward, 32°, Concord	June 04, 2022
Mark H. Blodgett, 32°, Lancaster-Littleton	June 03, 2023

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### **Activities and Testimonials**

- Hosts the annual Testimonial for new 33rd Honorary Members of Supreme Council and Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award, including the selection of the facility, caterer, social hour; sells tickets and collects money from sales of tickets; flower arrangements and/or center pieces; and provides 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 the 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: Robert C. Lethbridge

Member: Donald L. Mendzela

Member: Gary E. Roy

### **Constitutions and Laws**

- Required by the Constitution of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation
- Reviews the Constitution of the 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: Jeffrey M. Brown

Member: John A. Loven

Member: Nicholas C. Martel

Member: Troy A. Patoine

## **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 the 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

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### **Education and Leadership Development**

- Provides educational opportunities for the members of the NH Council of Deliberation
- Provides leadership development opportunities for the members of the NH Council of Deliberation
- Consults with the Commander-in-Chief (Deputy for NH) to develop and promote appropriate opportunities consistent with the programs and objects of the 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: Nicholas C. Martel

Member: Roderick M. MacDonald

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 the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation functions
- Considers economic conditions and their impact on the NH Council of Deliberation
- Calculates the per-member cost to Valleys to support the 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: John E. Lobdell

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: John Bartoszak

Member: Karl H. Bickford, III

Member: Mark D. Ciarametaro

Member: Panos A. Pitsas

Member: David A. Rich

## **Meritorious Service**

- Required by the Constitution of the 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 the 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 the 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 scholarships
- 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: Roderick M. MacDonald

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 the 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

## MEMBERSHIP IN CONSISTORY

	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<b>Nashua</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>989</b>

**INITIATES IN LODGES OF PERFECTION**

	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<b>Concord</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Keene</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Lancaster-Littleton</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Nashua</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Portsmouth-Dover</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38</b>

**MEMBERSHIP IN LODGES OF PERFECTION**

	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<b>Concord</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Keene</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Lancaster-Littleton</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Nashua</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>Portsmouth-Dover</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>987</b>

**MEMBERSHIP IN COUNCILS OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM**

	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<b>Concord</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Keene</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Lancaster-Littleton</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Nashua</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>Portsmouth-Dover</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>987</b>

**MEMBERSHIP IN CHAPTERS OF ROSE CROIX**

	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<b>Concord</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>241</b>
<b>Lancaster-Littleton</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Nashua</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>Portsmouth-Dover</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>988</b>

