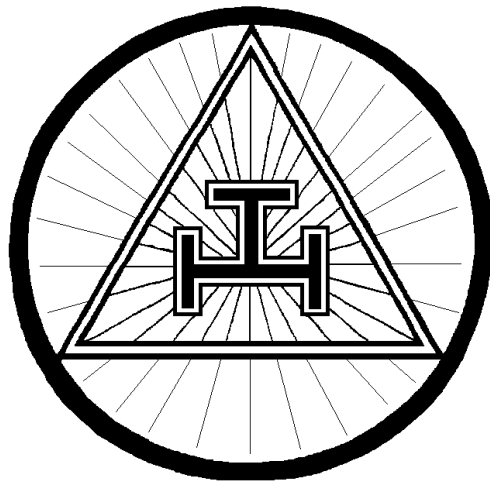


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JAMES STAIB McNEELY IV
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2018-2019

JAMES STAIB MCNEELY, IV

On 22 July 1973, James Staib McNeely, IV was born in Sioux Falls, SD to Jim and Lynda (Merrill) McNeely. After his parents' divorce at the age of three he moved with his father to Mission, SD on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. As a child he would move several times as his father's medical career progressed, living in several places in South Dakota and metro Chicago. In 1989 the family moved to Murdo, South Dakota where James finished the last three years at Jones County High School, with a graduating class of 19 in 1991.

After high school, James enrolled at Dakota State University where he was active in the varsity Cross Country, Track, and Tennis programs and Student Senate and was twice elected President of the Student Association. After completing his sophomore year, he decided to enlist in the US Army during which time he served active duty, reserve and National Guard units over the course of eight years. He primarily served these units in communication positions and was the company communications NCO in combat engineer and air assault companies. After completing active duty, James returned to school and graduated from Dakota State with a Bachelors of Business Administration with concentrations in management, finance, and information systems and a minor in history. In 2010, James was inducted into the Dakota State athletic hall of fame with several of his Cross Country teammates.

Throughout college James worked in various food service and restaurant operations including management positions with Best Foods. Upon graduation James moved to Sioux Falls, SD where he took a position as Assistant Food Service director for John C. Morrell & Co. and then taking a similar position returning to Best Foods after moving to Owatonna, Minnesota. James left Best Foods to take a position as a Program Analyst with Federated Insurance working within personal lines, work comp, reinsurance and regulatory reporting. In 2005, James decided to use his finance, technology and insurance knowledge by setting out on his own and has been self-employed since then working primarily with small business owners as a sales and marketing consultant occasionally taking on long-term projects such as sales manager for the Minnesota Stars (now Minnesota United FC) professional soccer team during the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

Brother James joined the craft in May of 2001 when he was raised a Master Mason in Star in the East Lodge #33, in Owatonna, MN. In May 2003, he was elected Master, serving again in 2006. In 2008, James was presented with the Jerry Sebring Award from his Lodge. He has also served as Master of Educational Lodge #1002 in Minneapolis where he served a two-year term, from 2010 through

2011, and presented two papers that were approved for publication by the Lodge.

James was appointed as the Grand Lodge District Representative for District 25 in 2005 and served until 2007 when he was appointed Area Deputy for the Southeast Area of Minnesota and served until 2010. In 2011, James was again appointed an Area Deputy for the MetroWest area and served until moving to Connecticut in 2012. In 2012 James received the Hiram Award, which is the highest award authorized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. During the eight years of involvement within the Grand Lodge James served on various committees including leadership, membership, long-range planning as well as ad-hoc committees. Currently, James is a member of Washington Lodge No. 70 in Windsor CT and has had the privilege of presenting papers in several CT Lodges.

Companion James started both his Capitular and Cryptic Masonic journey during a one-day festival in April 2002, becoming a member of Owatonna Chapter No. 15 and Northfield Council No. 12. He was elected High Priest in 2009 and received the Order of High Priesthood. Within the Order of High Priesthood James has served as an officer in both Minnesota and Connecticut. In 2010, James received the Triple Tau membership award and was appointed by ME Terry Becker as the Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and progressed through the Grand Chapter line until moving to Connecticut. Upon moving to Connecticut, James joined Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 and served as High Priest in 2016. ME David Abrames appointed James as Grand Master of the Second Veil in 2013, and he progressed through the line until being elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest in June 2018. In 2017 he was presented with the Ephraim Kirby award from the Grand Chapter, and in 2018 he received the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Service.

Within Cryptic Masonry James served in various appointed positions for several years within Northfield Council until June 2008 when dispensation for Ark Council, UD was granted with James as the appointed Illustrious Master. Upon chartering in 2009 he was elected the first Illustrious Master of Ark Council No. 3 and was received into the Order of the Silver Trowel. Since moving to CT, James joined Wolcott Council No. 1 and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 2014. Most Puissant Grand Master Michael E. Seamon appointed James as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Council in 2015, and in 2016 he was appointed to the progressive officer line by MPGM J. Andrew Birdsall and continues to serve as an appointed officer. In 2017 he was awarded the Philip J. Jones award for service.

SK James was knighted on 7 December 2002 in Cyrene Commandery No. 9 in Owatonna, MN. Over the years James served in various offices and was elected Commander in May 2007, serving for two years. For service to the Order he was presented the Knight Templar Cross of Honor by the Grand Encampment in 2009. Also, in 2009 James was elected to Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. In 2012 James was created a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment. He progressed through the line, reaching Grand Generalissimo when he relocated to Connecticut. Upon moving to Connecticut, James joined Washington Commandery No. 1. In 2016 he took a dual membership with Cyrene Commandery No. 8 where he serves as Commander. In 2015 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut and continues to serve the Grand Commandery as an elected officer.

Brother James is also a member of the Valley of Minneapolis, A&ASR and is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He is also a member of Zuhrah Shrine and served as a board member of the Owatonna Shrine Club and on the Circus committee. Other Masonic affiliations include: York Rite College, Allied Masonic Degrees, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Knight York Cross of Honour, Knight Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic Rosicrucians, Royal Order of Scotland, St. Thomas of Acon, and Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers.

During his Masonic journey James has served two Masonic youth groups as an adult leader, DeMolay and Job's Daughters and in 2008 he was elected to serve as the Associate Grand Guardian of Minnesota Job's Daughters.

In the spring of 2007 James met Anne User while she was working for GE Water in Minneapolis. After a four-year courtship which saw them travel the country and world separately and together they wed in 2011. Their honeymoon was spent in Aruba after the first game of the NASL Championship Series in which James' Minnesota Stars were playing. They even spent their last night in Aruba watching as the Stars won the championship on a bad internet feed. In 2012, Anne was offered a position at United Technologies Corporation, and the McNeely's made the move to Connecticut where they now make their home in Avon. Living in New England has provided them with a slower pace of life and unique opportunities. Winter finds them in Vermont most Sunday's skiing, taking in shows at the Hartford Stage, Hartford Symphony, and Connecticut Forum and snowshoeing. Summers are spent hiking, taking in minor league baseball games, eating lobster at Abbotts, listening to music at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival, and James' volunteering at the Connecticut Open tennis tournament every summer. In December 2017, Anne and James traveled to China to

adopt their son James "Jack." Together Anne and James continue to travel and are always planning their next trip together as well as with family and friends all while chasing after their son.

ANNUAL SESSION

The 221st Anniversary Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held in the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Meriden, Connecticut. The Grand Banquet was held on Friday, 31 May 2019, and the Annual Convocation was held on Saturday, 1 June 2019.

GRAND BANQUET

The Annual banquet in honor of Most Puissant Grand Master Charles D. O'Neill and Most Excellent Grand High Priest James S. McNeely IV began with a social hour at 6 pm followed by the Banquet at 7 pm. In attendance were approximately 75 Companions, guests and ladies.

Right Excellent Grand King James C. Kleinkauf called for all to rise and welcome them as the guests at the Head Table entered and took their seats. Companions O'Neill and McNeely took turns and welcomed all present and called upon PMPGM Bruce R. Bellmore, Illustrious Grand Chaplain for an invocation. All present then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and the National Anthem, accompanied by Grand Organist David Soderberg.

As the meal was being served, the presiding officers introduced the Head Table.

MPGM O'Neill summoned Companion Stuart K. Drost and his lady Marlene to the podium where he presented Companion Drost with the Knight of Ish Sodi award of the Grand Council. He cited Companion Drost's contributions to the consolidation of the Chapters and Councils in Milford and Stratford.

Called upon to speak on behalf of their groups were:

Ryan Smith, State Senior Councilor, Connecticut DeMolay;

and

Michael E. Seamon, Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Connecticut;

and

Charles A. McCollum, Deputy General Grand Master for
Northeast-North Region, General Grand Council of
Cryptic Masons, Intl.

MEGHP McNeely then called upon Companion Mark E. Irwin, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Intl.

After a few remarks, Companion Irwin presented to Companion McNeely a Past Grand High Priest plaque from General Grand Chapter, noting that it was no good until he completed his term of office on the morrow.

Final remarks were made by Brother Melvin E. Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut, and a newly exalted member of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, RAM.

The Banquet was closed with a Benediction by Companion Bellmore, III. Grand Chaplain.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was opened in ample form by Most Excellent Grand High Priest James S. McNeely IV at 1:00 pm in the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Meriden, Connecticut on Saturday, 1 June 2019. MEGHP McNeely extended a most cordial welcome to all companions in attendance at the 221st Anniversary Convocation.

ATTENDANCE

GRAND OFFICERS

James S. McNeely, IV (17)	M.E. Grand High Priest
James C. Kleinkauf (44)	R.E. Grand King
Jeffery A. Flynn (17)	R.E. Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum (11),	R.E. Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17),	R.E. Grand Secretary
Daniel M. Luft (27)	R.E. Grand Captain of the Host
Clyde W. Kayser II (02,15)	R.E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Michael E. Seamon (17)	R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
J. Andrew Birdsall (07)	R.E. Grand Master Third Veil
Michael D. Sabia Jr (11)	R.E. Grand Master Second Veil
Jason R. Rieger (27)	R.E. Grand Master First Veil
William E. Weisert (07)	R.E. Grand Chaplain
Russell L. Scull (30)	R.E. Grand Sentinel
David Söderberg (17)	R.E. Grand Organist
Gary A. Littlefield (09)	R.E. Grand Historian
Scott T. Sherrick (35)	R.E. Assistant Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller, II, (17)	R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary
Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	R.E. Assistant Grand Chaplain
Paul L. Chello (44)	Grand Trustee
Matthew F. Griffin (31)	Grand Trustee
Charles D. O'Neill (11)	Grand Trustee

MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

William F. Lott	Bruce R. Bellmore
Andrew G. Weimann, II	Robert G. Fitzgerald
Charles A. McCollum	Paul L. Chello

William L. Miller, II
 Martin Ede
 William K. Barr

Charles D. O'Neill
 Charles B. Fowler Jr, Hon

RIGHT EXCELLENT PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

Douglas D. Barnard (31)	William F. Lott (09)
Richard G. Barrows (09)	William L. Miller II (17)
Paul L. Chello (44)	Charles D. O'Neill (11)
Martin Ede (02)	Michael E. Seamon (17)
Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	Jack H. Stevens (26)
Charles B. Fowler Jr (17)	Bard C. Teigen (30)
Clyde W. Kayser, II (02)	Andrew G. Weimann (15)
James C. Kleinkauf (44)	William E. Weisert II (07)

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Denotes Proxy

<u>NO.</u>	<u>HIGH PRIEST</u>	<u>KING</u>	<u>SCRIBE</u>
1	# Anthony J. Neri	# James Gulalo	# Joseph Porco
2	Martin Ede		
6		Herbert J. Olson	
7	# John A. Birdsall	William E, Weisert II	
9		Gail N. Smith	Richard G. Barrows
11	Darrin D. Silhavy	Peter R. Smyth	John A. Amarilios
13	Gary D. Shepard	Craig R. Nelson	James Whitaker Jr
15	Mychael J. Scribner		Richard D. Corey
17	Jeffery Flynn	Charles M. Jewart	Arnold S. Grot
26			
27	Thomas E. Grace		
30	Thomas Duclos	# Bard C. Teigen	Terrence D. Mish
31	Douglas D. Barnard		
44	Paul L. Chello	James C. Kleinkauf	
46	Gerald A. Calabritto	John K. M. Ryan	Allyn Willner

PAST HIGH PRIESTS (Not Otherwise Listed)

Vincent A. Cowie (06)

DELIBERATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Secretary called the roll of enough Chapters to verify that a quorum of eight Chapters was represented.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, VOTED to APPROVE the minutes of the last Annual Convocation as printed in the 2018 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported having received notice of regrets from the First Grand Principal of New Brunswick.

Reception of Distinguished Guests

MEGHP McNeely invited MPGM O'Neill to join him and together they received and welcomed the following Distinguished Guests, introduced by MEPGHP Bellmore:

Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings

Companion **Clyde W. Kayser II**, Thrice Illustrious King

Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry

Companion **James S. McNeely IV**, Most Excellent President

Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.

Companion **Richard D. Corey**, Excellent Chief

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Companion **Charles D. O'Neill**, Grand Governor for Connecticut

Companion **Charles A. McCollum**, Past Grand Governor for Connecticut

Companion **Martin Ede**, Pre-Eminent Governor, Connecticut York Rite College 17

Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees

Companion **Bradley K. Cooney**, Sovereign Master

Connecticut College, Societas Rosicrucianis in Civitatibus Foederatis (Masonic Rosicrucians)

Companion **William L. Miller II**, Chief Adept

Apostles Tabernacle No. XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Companion **Charles D. O'Neill**, Very Eminent Preceptor

- Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of **Minnesota** - 1859
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Minnesota** - 1870
Companion **Clifford H. Isley**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Companion **L. Greg Schultz**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Companion **R. Sean Gardiner**, Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Ill Grand Steward
Companion **Michael Powles**, Grand Representative of CT near MN
- Grand Chapter of **Maine**, Royal Arch Masons - 1821
Companion **Gerald W. Gilman**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
- Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **New Hampshire** 1818
Companion **Thomas X. Tsirimokos**, Right Excellent Grand Steward
- Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of **Vermont** - 1804
Companion **David Schuler**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Companion **William Karstens**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
- Grand Chapter of the State of **New York** Royal Arch Masons - 1798
Companion **Ray Roche**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
Companion **Larry N. Barnard**, Right Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Companion **Jamie J. Kaim**, Right Excellent Grand Master Second Veil
- Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of **Rhode Island** and Providence Plantations - 1798
Companion **Mark Thompson**, Most Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
- Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of **Maryland** - 1797
Companion **Robert Lumbert**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
- Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Delaware** - 1926
Companion **G. Thomas Taylor**, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Companion **William F. Lott**, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Maryland** - 1874
Companion **Robert Lumbert**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons of the State of **Rhode Island** and Providence Plantations - 1860
Companion **Mark Thompson**, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of the State of **Vermont** - 1854
Companion **William Karstens**, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Companion **David Schuler**, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of **New Hampshire** - 1823
Companion **Thomas X. Tsirimokos**, Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of **New York** - 1823
Companion **Richard L. Fowler**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Ancient Accepted **Scottish Rite**, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America
Companion **Bruce T. Work**, 33°, Illustrious Deputy for Connecticut

Grand Commandery of **Knights Templar** of Connecticut
Companion **Michael E. Seamon**, Right Eminent Grand Commander

General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International
Companion **Charles A. McCollum**, Right Puissant Regional Deputy General Grand Master Northeast North
Companion **Clyde W. Kayser II**, General Grand Ambassador for Connecticut

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International
Companion **Mark E. Irwin**, Most Excellent Northeast Deputy General Grand High Priest
Companion **Harold Kahn**, Associate General Grand Chaplain

Companion **James S. McNeely IV**, General Grand Ambassador for Connecticut

Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut

Brother **Melvin E. Johnson**, Most Worshipful Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Master Johnson was saluted with the Private Grand Honors and tendered the gavel. He thanked the Companions, seated them and returned the gavel to MEGHP McNeely.

Because he had to retire, MWGM Johnson addressed the Convocation, remarking on the significance of the word "Mujita" on his lapel pin.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest James S. McNeely IV led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the National Ensign.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests of Connecticut. They assembled west of the Altar where they were personally greeted by MEGHP McNeely and then saluted with the Private Grand Honors.

Past Grand Custodians were asked to rise. They were saluted for their service by the applause of the Companions.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of the Grand Representatives near Connecticut. They were greeted with applause.

MEGHP McNeely called forward Companions Isley, Kahn, Schuler, Schultz and Gilman and presented to each a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Companion David Schuler, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of Vermont brought greetings from the visiting delegations and thanked all for the courtesies extended to them.

MEGHP McNeely noted that his choice to receive the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Service was not present, but that he would see that it is presented to Companion Kenneth W. Marvin. The Grand Secretary called the roll of holders of the General Grand Chapter Medals. They were all greeted with hearty applause.

Holders of the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service who were present were asked to rise and receive the applause of the Companions. MEGHP McNeely reported that Companion Allyn Willner has been selected to receive the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service.

MEGHP McNeely surrendered the gavel to REGK Kleinkauf and delivered his report and address. The report of the GHP was received with a rising round of applause. REGK Kleinkauf ordered the address to be referred to the Committee on Address.

MEGHP McNeely noted that the Committee on Audit had failed to perform its duty, and that reports of the Grand Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees could only be approved **subject to audit**.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustees and Grand Secretary were presented and each was, on motion, ACCEPTED subject to audit and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

On motion of Companion J. Andrew Birdsall, VOTED to donate one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to Connecticut DeMolay Foundation to sponsor a tee at their forthcoming golf tournament.

Elections

Companion Edward A. Varjabedian reported for the Committee on Credentials that there were fifty voting members registered.

Companion Paul L. Chello presented the report of the Committee on Nominations. There being no further nominations, on motion, VOTED to accept the report, close the nominations and direct the Secretary to cast a single unanimous ballot in favor of the slate. After confirming that those elected would accept the office, declared elected were:

James C. Kleinkauf	Grand High Priest
Jeffery A. Flynn	Grand King
Daniel M. Luft	Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum	Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Grand Secretary
Paul L. Chello, PGHP	Grand Trustee to 2022

Companion Bruce T. Work, Deputy for Connecticut, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, brought greetings and expressed his appreciation for the good relations which Scottish Rite in Connecticut enjoys with the York Rite.

Grand Chaplain William E. Weisert II delivered the report of the Committee on Necrology including a prayer for our fallen Companions and their families.

Companion Mark Irwin brought greetings from the General Grand Chapter and spoke about the Northeast Conference in September.

MEPGHP William F. Lott rose to offer the following Resolution to endorse the candidacy of Companion Mark Irwin for the office of General Grand Scribe at the next Triennial:

Resolution

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Mark E. Irwin is the Companion to go to relative to the York Rite Bodies in Delaware, and;

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Irwin serves as either Grand Secretary or Grand Recorder of all three York Rite Bodies in Delaware, and;

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Irwin has brought meaningful innovation to the operation of these offices from which all the members in Delaware have benefitted, and;

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Irwin has provided significant leadership in the development of the Delaware York Rite Investment Fund that is providing meaningful returns to the investments of the local Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, and;

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Irwin is the secretary or recorder and de facto leader of four invitational orders and Chief Adept for the Society of Rosicrucians in Delaware, and;

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Irwin has been recognized for a number of years as the “go to” companion by the leaders of the York Rite Bodies in the jurisdictions that surround Delaware, and;

Whereas the leadership of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International has recognized Most Excellent Companion Irwin’s talents and has appointed him Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Region where each of the Grand Chapters thereof are now benefiting from his leadership, and;

Whereas Most Excellent Companion Irwin is now ready and eager to share his talents and innovative skills with Capitular Masonry throughout the world, and;

Whereas many of the other Grand Chapters of the Northeast Region have already endorsed Most Excellent Companion Irwin’s candidacy for the Office of General Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut do this day with enthusiasm, pride and commitment wholeheartedly endorse Most Excellent Companion Mark E. Irwin for the Office of General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International.

The Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

REGK Kleinkauf presented the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance. On his motion, VOTED to adopt the proposed budget and the implementing resolutions.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Michael E. Seamon brought greetings from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut.

REGK Kleinkauf presented the report of the Committee on Welfare of Constituent Chapters which was, on his motion, ACCEPTED.

Companion Charles D. O'Neill Most Puissant Grand Master, addressed the Companions with thanks for the courtesies extended to him.

Companion Paul L. Chello presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. On his motion, VOTED to accept the report.

Legislation

The proposed change to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution was **withdrawn** from consideration because it was rendered moot by the failure of the Grand Commandery to pass a similar provision.

The proposed change to Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution was **ADOPTED** resulting in a change to titles of certain officers.

The proposed change to Section 117.5 of the Law was **ADOPTED**, thus permitting the Committee on Education more flexibility in awards.

The proposed change to Section 206 of the Law **FAILED** as many deemed it unnecessarily restrictive on the privileges of the Grand High Priest.

MEGHP McNeely presented a verbal report of the Committee on Educational Awards recommending ten awards of \$500 each. On his motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

Companion J. Andrew Birdsall reported for the Committee on Bylaws of Constituent Chapters recommending approval of the revised bylaws of Burning Bush-Washington Chapter No. 6, but that those of Housatonic Chapter No. 13 be revised before being accepted. On his motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

Companion Daniel Luft reported for the Committee on Delinquencies. On his motion, VOTED to accept the report and to impose the recommended fines of \$90 on Hiram Chapter No. 1 and \$25 on Pulaski Chapter No. 26.

Companion Chello reported for the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance. On his motion, VOTED to accept the report.

MEGHP McNeely then announced that all remaining reports will be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

MEGHP elect Kleinkauf announced the following appointments:

R.E. Grand Captain of the Host	Clyde W. Kayser II
R.E. Grand Principal Sojourner	Michael E. Seamon
R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Michael D. Sabia Jr
R.E. Grand Master of the Third Veil	Jason R. Rieger
R.E. Grand Master of the Second Veil	Russell L. Scull
R.E. Grand Master of the First Veil	Mychael J. Scribner
R.E. Grand Sentinel	Gary D. Shepard
R.E. Grand Chaplain	William E. Weisert II
R.E. Grand Historian	Gary A. Littlefield
R.E. Grand Organist	David Söderberg
R.E. Assistant Grand Treasurer	Scott T. Sherrick
R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary	William L. Miller, II
R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary	James S. McNeely IV
R.E. Assistant Grand Chaplain	Bruce R. Bellmore

Companion Kleinkauf also announced that he had requested the following PGHP to serve on his Installing Team: Installing Officer-Paul Chello, Installing Marshal - William L. Miller II, and Installing Chaplain - Bruce R. Bellmore.

Installation

The Grand Chapter was Called OFF to Refreshment, and the ladies and guests were invited into the meeting room.

The newly elected and appointed officers of the Grand Chapter for the 2019 - 2020 year were installed.

After newly installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf was presented with his apron and jewel, he was greeted by the Companions and Ladies with applause.

Companion Kleinkauf called upon Lady Anne McNeely to present a Past Grand High Priest jewel to now MEPGHP James S. McNeely IV.

Newly installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf then delivered his Acceptance Address, which was received with applause.

MEPGHP Martin Ede, on behalf of Connecticut York Rite College No. 17, presented flowers to Lady Suzanne Kleinkauf, and making

up for previous lapses, to Lady Anne McNeely and Lady Linda Daugherty, friend of REGC Seamon.

Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, RW Grand Junior Warden, brought final greetings on behalf of MWGM Johnson and the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut.

The ladies and guests were excused, and the Grand Chapter was Called On to Labor. Installing Officer Chello led the Companions in saluting the new Grand High Priest with the Private Grand Honors.

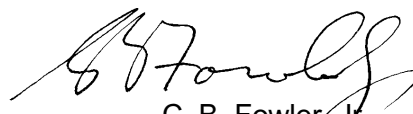
Companion Tsirimokos announced the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire on 10 June and invited all to attend.

Closing

With no further business appearing for the 221st Anniversary Convocation, and following prayer by MEPGHP Bellmore, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was closed in ample form by Most Excellent Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf with the assistance of the Grand Officers in their new stations and places.

Attest:




C. B. Fowler, Jr.
Grand Secretary

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION:

The 222nd Anniversary Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020, starting at 8:30 a.m., most likely at the Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, in Meriden CT. The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut will meet in Annual Assembly at 1:00 p.m. that same day and place. The Banquet in honor of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Puissant Grand Master will be on Friday evening, 5 June 2020.

REPORTS**REPORT AND ADDRESS OF THE M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST****Companions all,**

I want to start by welcoming Most Worshipful Brother and Companion Melvin E. Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; Most Excellent Companion Mark Irwin, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest; Most Excellent Companion Charles D. O'Neill, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council; Right Excellent Companion Michael E. Seamon, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, and just as important, all of you to the 221st anniversary convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

It has been an extremely quick year. While the year didn't start as I would have liked it; between my son and wife they spent 15 out of 18 days with one if not both in the hospital or with doctors in two different states. This was not how I envisioned starting my term as Grand High Priest. I want to thank you for electing me to serve. I also want to thank my wife, Anne, and son, Jack, for letting me take the time this past year to give you the best that I can.

It has been a very quick six years since I first joined this line. When I first moved here I had no expectation of doing anything else than being an active member of a Chapter. Over those years you have welcomed me into your Chapters and allowed me to be involved in the life of your Chapters. Somehow and for some reason you decided to put me to work, I am eternally grateful.

Personal Thank You's:

Without the support of my wife Anne I would not have been able to do this job. She has allowed me to miss countless meals, bath times for Jack, and many bedtimes. She would come home early from work so that I could leave and be able to travel wherever I was going that night. Without her sacrifices I would not have enjoyed this past year. Chuck Fowler and Bill Miller to both of you for everything that you do, not only for this weekend but throughout the other 363+ days of the year. You keep our Grand Chapter moving and you do the little things that most Companions don't ever see. You are both great keepers of and custodians of who we are and where we have been. And you both personally make sure that I keep my eye on getting the work done even when twelve other people try to pull me in different directions. Thank you is the least I can ever say...

To my Companions and friends from Minnesota, thank you for spending your time to be here with us this weekend. I am not sure what I ever did to be this lucky. You have seen me at my highest highs and my lowest lows. All four of you have taught me how lucky

we are to be part of this craft and how to pass it on to others. And you are the embodiment of how without Masonry I would never have met anyone in this room and...

While I had great support at home and in the office the other half that made the year so much fun, and yes, I just said so much fun, I hope that my grandmothers who were both English teachers have stopped spinning; Most Ex. Companion Charles getting to travel not only Connecticut, the Northeast, and elsewhere with you has been more than I could have imagined or hoped for. Your friendship thankfully will be lifelong. Our challenges were similar as were our approaches and you were always a good sounding board when I needed. You made me laugh many times throughout the year and more importantly you made Jack laugh.

Awards:

As Grand High Priest there are many things that you see and learn over the course of the year. If you are lucky you have a chance to see and meet Companions that leave an impression upon you that is fitting of recognition. Over my travels there are two Companions in particular that have done just that, and they are truly craftsmen in the quarries that labor for the true love of our Royal Craft. The first to be recognized is a Companion that is a fixture in working in all the Chapters on the shore around New Haven; Companion **Allyn Willner** has been selected to receive the Ephraim Kirby Award. And thus, it is with pleasure that I nominated Companion **Ken Marvin** to receive the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Award in Bronze.

State of the Chapters:

During the past year I have had the chance to visit every Chapter multiple times. I have seen good work, and I have seen some things that have me very concerned. As we currently stand we are now at fifteen chapters with over 1000 companions in actuality we have at best 200 actively involved Companions throughout the state. If these two numbers don't scare you I'm not sure what will.

Hiram #1 – has continued to struggle with members, meeting, reporting, and drawing petitions. They are working to improve all of these and with hard work and some assistance they have a fighting chance to turn the corner.

Franklin #2 – while they receive petitions regularly they have a problem of having Companions show up to allow the Chapter to open for every stated convocation.

Burning Bush-Washington #6 – struggles to draw members, petitions, and hold meetings. Hopefully, with effort and other changes they may be able to turn things around. They will need help

to confer degrees and will also need to make a concerted effort to get out to the area lodges and promote their chapter.

Union #7 – also struggles to draw members and hold stated meetings but they are drawing petitions and doing degree work. They do need help with the work and need to improve the attendance of members and officers but they are doing a great job of getting in front of Lodges and are starting to get out into the community.

Trinity #9 – struggles to draw members and their High Priest moved during this year. They are able to confer the degrees with help. They need to keep working on improving the attendance and quality of activities to draw new members and keep current companions active.

Rittenhouse #11 – great programs, ritual, and education. They are not only drawing new members but also able to keep current companions active.

Housatonic #13 – thus far a successful consolidation of two Chapters. The officers are involved and active. They are able to do good work and draw new members. May find that they need to meet more often.

Cyrus-Meridian #15 – what a difference a year makes. They are doing good work and they are able to open. As always they are drawing new members and have newer companions starting to step forward as officers. They have also been able to provide support for other Chapters.

Pythagoras #17 – able to do great work but at times struggle to draw members. There is no reason why the largest Chapter in the state ever struggles to have nine companions. They do a great job of drawing new petitions and getting in front of Lodges.

Pulaski #26 – has struggled to get nine to open as well as with reporting; is able to do the work with help of surrounding Chapters such as Joseph Andrews and Halleck. Needs to get new members active and involved.

Keystone #27 – one of the strongest, if not the strongest Chapter. They have great programs, education, and do great work. They draw new members and have been able to get them active.

Washington #30 – struggles to draw nine if they aren't doing degree work. They do tend to have new petitions every year but need to get more. They have a good mix of seasoned and newer companions that are active. Just need to get more to turn out for Chapter activities.

Columbia #31 – needs to do better at getting companions to turn out. Over the years they have been able to do the work but they require some help. They have an annual Corned Beef dinner in March that I think is one of the best open events that any Chapter

hosts. They need to use this to their advantage as for drawing new members.

Halleck #44 – struggles to get companions to turn out regularly. They are the smallest Chapter but have some traditions that make it a unique and fun Chapter. They do the work with the help of Pulaski and Joseph Andrews Chapters. They need to improve their turnout and getting new members.

Joseph Andrews #46 – starting to get newer members active and involved in the life of the Chapter. Able to do the work with the assistance of Pulaski and Halleck Chapters.

While the above is my short assessment of each Chapter the other Grand Officers have more detailed reports. Although I do take exception to any Chapter report that makes reference to the impact they may have on a Council or Commandery; Chapters do not exist for the purpose of any other body. I do think that discussions between Joseph Andrews, Pulaski, and Halleck may need to occur in the future but they need to be the ones leading the conversation, at least at this time.

Grand Officers:

As I look at this year there are several things that come to mind. First and foremost we have a great team that has spent the last year working in their assigned Chapters. I have seen every Grand Officer jump in and take part in degree work as well as sit in chairs to help a Chapter open. They haven't been afraid to travel or to do the work. I know that there wasn't a single time that I visited a Chapter that there wasn't at least one other Grand Officer with me and most of the time I didn't know they were coming.

To you, Jim, my wish is that you have as great of a Grand King as I had this past year. Your counsel was always appreciated even the few times that we disagreed. Your willingness to get out into all of the Chapters helped me see things that I may have missed otherwise but more times than not you reinforced what we were seeing.

Jeff – be the eyes and ears of the Grand High Priest and continue to support him in all of the work that he hopes to accomplish during this coming year. But most importantly be his counsel when he needs it, especially if and when he doesn't know he needs it. Don't ever let him be surprised.

Dan and Clyde – you took on the task of mentoring the junior officers and working within several Chapters. Both of you stepped in and not only supported the assigned officers but Chapters as well. You both travelled and stepped in to do anything and everything that was asked of you. I always knew that you would not only see things that might otherwise be missed but you were never afraid to let me know.

Mike, Andy, Mike, and Jason – you spent your time in your Chapters, you were in contact with them and were that point person that I asked you to be. You were never afraid to ask questions not only of your Chapters but of other Grand Officers. Mike Seamon, you didn't join us until September but you jumped right in. Andy there are not enough words to explain how much we are losing with your moving and we wish you the best. Mike Sabia you might be the only one that I know that has more energy than Jack-Jack; you are everywhere I ask and you always make sure I know what is going on in your Chapters. Jason you have exceeded every expectation that I could have ever had; you're abilities and experiences will greatly benefit all of our Chapters in the coming years.

Bill Weisert – thank you for all of your work this year. You travelled, you wrote, you jumped in to help Chapters when needed and friendship left a lasting impression.

Russell – I told you what I was looking for in a Grand Sentinel and you exceeded every possible expectation. You travelled the entire state with me and even made a few visitations by yourself on nights that my ever changing schedule prevented me from making.

It is because of the work of all our Grand Officers that this year was successful. They spent countless nights working for each of our Chapters. I could never have asked for a better group than the guys that I had the chance to serve with this past year. There is a debt that I owe each of you and I hope to have a chance to repay when you need.

Presentations:

During the past year I had the opportunity to represent the Grand Chapter in several places including the DeMolay Brotherhood weekend, Grand Chapter of CT OES, Grand Assembly of CT Amaranth, the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation for Connecticut, Grand Masters Day, as well during several lodge presentations. I also had the distinct pleasure of presenting four companions with their fifty-year certificate and pin. From the time I was a district deputy I have always enjoyed making these presentation; these companions have labored long in the quarries and they deserve to be recognized for their dedication and longevity to our Royal craft.

The four that I was able to present this year were: Bard Teigen, Gail N. Smith, and Gerald Hall which were completed in their Chapters, and Doug Gray which was presented during an assembly of St. Andrews Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Sadly, too often we don't make it a priority to make these presentations either within our Chapters or as Grand Chapter. With that said, there are a few more that I hope to be able to present either in Chapter, another Masonic setting, or at the home of the companion.

Dispensations Granted:

Burning Bush-Washington to change the date of their June stated to 6/12 for joint meeting and ladies night with Cyrene Commandery and Columbia Council.

Housatonic – approve the proposed bylaws of the Chapter with the exception of right of PHP to open.

Franklin – to change the location of the December stated convocation from New Haven to North Haven Masonic Temple for the purpose of holiday party, as has become an annual tradition.

Union – to hold their annual elections of Officers at their March convocation and to move the date of their annual convocation to 22 April due to a conflict with the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Cyrus – Meridian to move the location of their annual convocation to the Log House Restaurant in New Hartford, as has become their annual tradition.

Halleck – to move the location, date, and time of the annual convocation to the apartments of Pulaski #26 and to be held on May 22, 2019 after the stated convocation of Pulaski. Previous attempts have been unsuccessful on attaining the necessary quorum to open.

Hiram – to allow EC Al Ballwig to continue to serve as High Priest for an additional year. This dispensation is granted in consultation with the Grand King. Our feeling is that this provides needed stability after changing the secretary.

Dispensations Not Granted:

Halleck – request to move the location of the Chapter to Branford and the meeting night and time to be the same as Pulaski Chapter. Did not grant for a variety of reasons: the membership did not act upon the request, Pulaski was not aware of this request, nor is it the belief of the Grand High Priest that such dispensation is in the best interest of either Halleck or Pulaski Chapters.

Decisions Made:

That Housatonic Chapter needed to remove from their proposed bylaws the ability of a PHP to open as it is in conflict with the Grand Chapter Law Section 205.2. The Chapter has since made the necessary change.

Appointment of RE Michael Seamon to replace RE John Radziunas after he resigned from office as GRAC.

That the Altar of every Chapter be draped in memory of ME Companion Charles Maxson upon his passing on February 1, 2019

Recommendation of RE Sabia to serve as Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Italy.

The release of jurisdiction for Brother Dean David Moss of North Grosvenordale, Connecticut to pursue the York Rite in Massachusetts.

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, suspended the Charter of Hiram Chapter #1 pending the receipt of the annual report. Per email with the assistant Secretary for the Chapter the report and per capita were in the mail as of May 21. The suspension was lifted upon receipt of annual report on May 22, 2019.

Recommendations:

Educational Awards Committee – under those qualified for a scholarship that we add “spouses.” Currently we offer the awards to: companions, children, and grandchildren of companions. There is no reason that we should not offer these awards to the spouses of our companions. Thus, I would recommend that Section 117.3 be changed to read in the last sentence “..., and Connecticut Royal Arch Masons in good standing and their spouse, children, or grandchildren are eligible for consideration.”

Opening Ritual – I would recommend that we allow for Chapters to open and conduct business on any of the four degrees. First this would be in-line with the practices of the Grand Lodge. Second, this will allow Brothers to be active in the life of the Chapter from the time they are first advanced to the Mark Master Degree. As part of this recommendation I would still expect nine be present to open on any degree and that until they are exalted Royal Arch Masons they do not have a vote in our Chapters. This is an expanded recommendation from last year made by ME Companion Ede.

Past Master Degree – I would recommend that this Grand Chapter look at modifications to the Past Master Degree ritual. There are lessons to be learned in this degree but in too many of our Chapters the lessons get lost in the “confusion and hazing” aspects of the degree. To this end RE Companion Sabia has been working on modifications that would be similar to the recommendation that ME Companion Ede made last year.

Travels and Visitations:

Over the last year I have had the pleasure to represent this Grand Chapter in eight states, at the annual session of the Sovereign York Rite College, and the Northeast Regional Conference as well as the Grand Chapter of Connecticut Order of Eastern Star, Grand Assembly of the Order of Amaranth of Connecticut, Connecticut DeMolay, and Connecticut Rainbow. Sadly, due to a wedding in Israel, I missed the annual session of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. I also, was not able to attend the Grand sessions of Delaware, Maryland, and District of Columbia nor any of the Atlantic Provinces.

Over the last year I travelled 5889 miles, plus a few flights, on behalf of the Grand Chapter. Those miles include the above mentioned as well as 45 Chapter visitations, with 10 visits to Pythagoras #17 and at least two to every other Chapter, if you allow me to count the Milford Carol sing as a Housatonic Chapter event.

Jun

9	Grand Masters Day		
10-11	Grand Chapter of Vermont		
12	Burning Bush-Washington	Middletow	YR strawberry fest
13	Hiram Chapter		
14	Rittenhouse Chapter		picnic and awards
16	CT YRC		
21-24	Grand Chapter of Minnesota		
26	Trinity Chapter		

Jul

29	Grand Chapter Officers		
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Aug

2-4	York Rite Sovereign College		
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Sep

4	Keystone Chapter		1 st meeting in new Temple
7	North East Regional		
9	Dedication of new Meriden		
12	Pythagoras Chapter		
14	Housatonic Chapter		
15	CT Council of Deliberation –		
22	Nathan Hale AMD/ CT		
26	Pulaski Chapter		
29	CT YRC		

Oct

3	Halleck Chapter		
8	Union Chapter		
11	Cyrus-Meridian	Torrington	Royal Arch Degree
12	Grand Chapter of Mass.	Milford,	
13	DeMolay Brotherhood		
16	St. Andrews RCC	Ashlar	
18	Masonic Charity Foundation	Ashlar	
18	Knights Patriot	Stratford	
24	Pythagoras Chapter	E. Hartford	

Nov

2	Columbia Chapter	Collinsville
3	Knight Masons	Meriden
8-11	High Council SRICF	Louisville,
14	Hiram Chapter	Sandy
17	AMD/SRICF	E. Hartford
28	Pythagoras Chapter	E. Hartford

Dec

4	Franklin Chapter	North	Holiday Party
5-6	Grand Chapter of RAM PA	Philadelphi	
8	Trinity Commandery	Darien	Christmas Observance
9	Cyrene/St. Elmo	Meriden	Christmas Observance
10	HRAKTP	Wallingfor	
12	Pythagoras Chapter	E. Hartford	PM & MEM Degrees
13	Joseph Andrews Chapter	W. Haven	Holiday Party
14	Palestine Commandery	Preston	Christmas Observance
16	Hamilton Commandery	Stratford	Christmas Observance
17	Milford Carol Sing	Milford	
18	Washington Commandery	E. Hartford	Christmas Observance
19	Washington Chapter	Suffield	
21	New Haven Commandery	New	Christmas Observance

Jan

9	Pythagoras Chapter	East	
10	Joseph Andrews Chapter	West	Royal Arch Degree
12	St. Thomas of Acon	Ashlar	
14	Union Chapter	Preston	
15	Red Cross of Constantine	Ashlar	
19	York Rite College	Meriden	
23	Pythagoras Chapter	East	

Feb

2	AMD/SRICF	East	
11	Union Chapter	Preston	
13	Pythagoras Chapter	East	Royal Arch Degree
19	Washington-Burning Bush	Middletow	
27	Pulaski Chapter	Branford	

Mar

	New York Grand Chapter	Albany,
2	New Jersey Grand Chapter	Toms
11	Union Chapter	Preston

19	Red Cross of Constantine	Ashlar	
27	Pulaski Chapter	Branford	
30	Tri-State Council Festival	Agawam,	
Apr			
3	Halleck Chapter	Madison	
20	AMD/SRICF	East	
21	Easter Service	Masoniacar	
24	Pythagoras Chapter	East	
25	OES Grand Chapter	Farmingto	
26-27	Maine Grand Chapter	North	
May			
3	Columbia Chapter	Collinsville	
4	Anointed High Priest	East	
8	Pythagoras Chapter	East	
9	Rittenhouse Chapter	Norwalk	
10-11	New Hampshire	Concord,	Grand Session
13	Union Chapter	Preston	Mark Master Degree
15	Washington Chapter #30	Suffield	Awards Night
18	200 th Anniversary GC R&S	Meriden	
22	Pythagoras Chapter	East	
28	Red Cross of Constantine	Ashlar	Doug Gray 50 yr
29	Anointed Kings	Stratford	
30	Ascension Day	Ansonia	
31	Grand Chapter Banquet	Meriden	Four Points
Jun			
1	Grand Chapter	Meriden	Annual Convocation

With all of that said, it has been a true and complete honor to serve you and our Chapters during the past year.

Until I see you down the road...

James Staib McNeely, IV

GRAND KING

I want to thank the companions of this Grand Chapter for their confidence in electing me as Grand King for this past year. It has been my honor and privilege to serve this Grand Chapter.

During this past year, I made fraternal visits to all chapters in our state. I also took part in several degrees in local chapters. I was

greeted with the upmost respect and kindness by all. I was pleased to see the chapters' dedication and enthusiasm to keep their chapters alive and working. I attended the Convention of Anointed High Priests as well as several Grand Officer's meetings.

My suggestion is that we form two special committees. These two committees are very important as they will provide for a smoother transition.

Committee of Installation of Suite of Officers.

Set-Up Committee for the annual convocation with the MEGHP, RE Grand King, and RE Grand Scribe to act as overseers of the festivities and also their appointees to the set-up and clean-up committees.

To MEGHP James S. McNeely and all the Grand Chapter Officers: I say "Fantastic job! You all had a very special year, and I enjoyed working with you all."

I look forward to continue serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut in any capacity that I can.

James C. Kleinkauf

GRAND SCRIBE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Companions for the honor and privilege to serve as Grand Scribe. I saw my duty was to be called upon when necessary and to promote the York Rite. I was asked to serve as High Priest of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17. I have provided them York Rite education at each meeting along with inspiration. A Companion, especially a new Companion, needs a reason to attend Chapter. They worked long and hard that day and it is an effort to attend Chapter. We must provide a reason for that effort. I attended many Blue Lodges and promoted the York Rite. Again, we must give them a reason why they should join the York Rite, and it is up to the High Priest of Chapters to live up to the expectations of the new Companions.

I would like to see Festivals return to the York Rite. I started my York Rite journey with Festivals and found them to be very inspirational. The degrees were excellent and well-rehearsed.

Jeff Flynn

GRAND TREASURER

May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

Checking Account

	Balance 5/1/2018		\$
	690.51		
INCOME			
	Convocation Inc	5,702.68	
	Educational Fund	0.00	
	Per Capita	16,902.00	
	Reimbursement	3,757.49	
	Sales	98.00	
	Other Income	125.00	
	Transfer - Trustees	10,000.00	
	Total Income	36,855.17	
	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$37,545.68
EXPENSES			
	Annual Returns	2,817.00	
	Aprons & Jewels	306.95	
	Convocation	8,611.44	
	Dues (YRCC)	0.00	
	Education	5,000.00	
	Equipment Rental	400.00	
	GHP Expense	985.62	
	Insurance	6,301.00	
	Misc	107.30	
	Charity	0.00	
	Office Supplies	0.00	
	Postage	97.16	
	Printing	383.07	
	RAM Magazine	2,680.02	
	Salaries	4,600.00	
	Storage Misc	52.50	
	Taxes	465.08	
	Website	377.50	
	Total Expenses		33,184.64
	Balance 4/30/2019		\$4,361.04

Charles A. McCollum

GRAND SECRETARY

I am pleased and privileged to offer the eleventh report of my second tour of duty as your Grand Secretary. My special thanks to the Secretaries of the Constituent Chapters for their cooperation and prompt response to my requests for information and their assistance. With one or two exceptions, the monthly reporting from the Constituent Chapters continues to improve, and I commend the Secretaries for a job well done, and getting the reports to me in a timely manner. My special thanks to Lady Muff who continues to support me in all my endeavors. My thanks also to Associate Grand Secretary William L. Miller II, without whom this year I would be totally lost. During my infirmity, he has stepped up and filled in for me, carted me to meetings, and generally has been a true friend and Companion.

During the fiscal year ending 30 April 2019, I received and turned over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$37,013.37, including \$10,000 from the Grand Trustees.

Most of the Grand Secretaries of other Grand Chapters received the Proceedings via email, as did Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Constituent Chapter High Priests and Secretaries for whom we had an email address. A few printed copies were prepared and sent to those known not to have computers and to the several libraries who maintain copies.

With two exceptions, all of our 15 Constituent Chapters have submitted their Annual Returns, mostly on time. Hiram 01 and Halleck 44 have not yet submitted Annual Returns, though efforts are underway in each to correct this deficiency.

The membership summary which follows shows the previous eight years, plus the current year, for comparison purposes. As you can see, we have had a steady decline over that period, and it is obvious that we continue to lose members. Only Union 07 and Washington 30 showed a net gain (3); while two: Franklin 02 and Halleck 44 managed to stay even. Exaltations continue to be low, with large numbers of dimits and NPD. We suffered a net loss of 56, not quite as bad as the last four years.

Of our 1035 members, 14 are dual members, 130 are Fifty Year members or are in the care of Masonicare or other similar institution. Our per capita tax base is now only 891, (a net loss of 53). Overall, it was again not a good year for membership.

Membership Changes for Past 8 Years

Year Ending	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Exalted	59	70	68	32	20	39	33	30	27
Affil & Reinstate	13	5	66	10	9	11	3	98	6
TOTAL ADDS	72	75	134	42	29	50	36	128	33

Dimitted	18	18	84	20	15	13	13	103	15
Involuntary	52	39	40	74	51	51	54	38	38
Deaths	58	74	51	43	54	49	28	41	36
TOTAL LOSSES	128	131	175	137	120	113	95	182	89

Beginning	1609	1553	1497	1456	1361	1269	1206	1147	1091
Net Change	-56	-56	-41	-95	-91	-63	-59	-54	-56
Ending	1553	1497	1456	1361	1270	1206	1147	1093	1035

Exemptions *	191	190	185	179	170	162	157	149	144
Per Capita Taxable	1362	1307	1271	1182	1100	1044	990	944	891

* Dual, 50 Year, MHC.

Charles B. Fowler, Jr.

GRAND TRUSTEES

The Combined Trust Portfolio of the Grand Chapter is invested with RBC Wealth Management through our financial advisor, Mr. Dennis Stanek. RBC has been extremely diligent during these difficult market times and has provided monthly statements and weekly updates on our investments and market trends.

The starting balance of the portfolio on April 30, 2018 was \$715,718.04. During the last year, due to volatility in the market, we have continued to reallocate our investments at the recommendation of our portfolio manager. These market fluctuations and re-investment resulted in an ending balance of \$719,036.02. While this is not a huge increase for this fiscal year, we managed not to lose any ground in our investment, even after taking a distribution of \$10,000.00.

The physical inventory and properties of the Grand Chapter are in the custody of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Officers (aprons and jewels), and the Past Grand High Priests (jewels). Aprons, Officers' Jewels, and Past Grand High Priests' Jewels are the property of the Grand Chapter and are to be returned to the Grand Secretary when the term of office has expired or upon the companion's passing.

Charles D. O'Neill
Paul L. Chello
Matthew F. Griffin

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

This year it has been my pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter of CT as Grand Captain of The Host as well as accompanying the Grand Master of the First Veil, Jason R. Rieger and the Grand Master of The Second Veil, Michael D. Sabia Jr. on some of their travels.

I was in very good communication with both of those two officers throughout the year as they scheduled their visitation and inspection of their respective Chapters.

I visited Trinity Chapter #9 in March and April with Jason and other Grand Officers to assist with opening a meeting and their Annual meeting.

I attended Union Chapter #7 to assist with MMM Degree with most of our Grand line officers to help them confer that degree.

I visited Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6 in February and May. They were able to have an annual meeting due to the assistance of our Grand Chapter officers.

Pulaski Chapter #26 was also in my travels for a visitation to show our commitment to the Chapters throughout the state of CT.

I kept regular attendance at Keystone Chapter #27 each month as this is my home Chapter and a place to keep my ritual fresh.

I did attend various invitational bodies as a Grand Chapter representative as well as the regular communication of the Anointed High Priests and the York Rite College.

I was well received from the Most Excellent High Priest of each Chapter I attended with proper recognition and respect to our Grand Chapter of CT.

The Grand Masters of the First and Second Veil have shown outstanding concern, interest and zeal to further the good intent of what we in the Grand Chapter hold close to our heart, the success of each Chapter in CT.

It has been my honor and privilege to work with such fine officers and I look forward to serving and growing with them in this Grand Chapter.

Daniel M Luft

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

This year my participation in Grand Chapter activities was not as extensive as in the past. When last year's Grand Chapter/Council Session ended, I decided to take most of June and the summer off from most Masonic activities. That session culminated twenty-five months of presiding over a Grand York Rite body, first as Right

Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and then as Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and I was simply tired and needed to re-energize myself. In November other concerns took up a lot of my time and during the end of January and early February Lady A. J. suffered a health scare that further compromised my participation. Nearing the end of this year I have been able to ramp up my participation and am certain it will continue to improve next year.

This year our Most Excellent Grand High Priest modified the Chapter inspection protocol. He decided that the Grand Veils and the Grand Royal Arch Captain would each be assigned either three or four Chapters to inspect and that the Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Principal Sojourner would oversee and act as mentors for these Companions. I was assigned to mentor Right Excellent Companion J. Andrew Birdsall, who was assigned to inspect Cyrus-Meridian 15, Pythagoras 17, Washington 30 and Columbia 31 and Right Excellent Companion Michael Seamon who was assigned to inspect Hiram 1, Rittenhouse 11, Housatonic 13 and Joseph Andrews 46. I have to admit that I was not too effective in mentoring these two Companions.

Out of State Visitations

This year I was able to attend only the Grand Chapter Sessions in Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York. I had planned to attend the Delaware and Maryland Sessions, but Masonic conflicts in Connecticut prevented these visitations. The New Jersey session conflicted with family plans, the Maine session was the same weekend as Connecticut Eastern Star Grand session which I was obligated to attend, and the Pennsylvania Grand session was the weekend of the 200th Anniversary Banquet of the Grand Council of Connecticut. Another out of state visitation I was able to make was to the September Grand Encampment's Northeast Department Conference, where I attended the Friday morning program presented by the General Grand Chapter.

In-state Visitations

Throughout the year I attended the following Masonic meetings in Connecticut: Grand Master's Day, Order of the Eastern Star Grand session and the Grand Chapter seminar.

Inspections

I was present for the inspection of three Chapters: Franklin 2, Union 7 and Trinity 9, and took parts in the portrayal of the ritual in all three. It was very pleasing to see both Union 7 and Trinity 9 have actual candidates for their inspections.

Fraternal Visitations

There are five Royal Arch Chapters (Hiram 1, Burning Bush-Washington 6, Rittenhouse 11, Keystone 27, and Joseph Andrews 46) which meet on the same night as my own Chapter, Council or Eastern Star Chapter, which makes it hard for me to schedule visits to them. While it is my goal this year to attend at least one Stated Convocation of each of the fifteen Chapters in Connecticut, I was not able to accomplish this. Here is a review of my visits to the other Chapters:

Hiram 1 – At the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest I continued to make fraternal visits to this Chapter until a conflict with my new Eastern Star Chapter arose. This year I visited the Chapter in September (not able to open) and November (able only to open with outside Companions). This Chapter appeared to be in real trouble. Monthly reports were not being submitted and the Secretary had lost interest in his duties. This Chapter was in threat of having its Charter revoked. However, at the annual meeting in April there were enough of their Companions present to open, all the officers' chairs were filled for next year and a new Secretary, Excellent Companion Mychael Scribner, was elected. Hopefully this will revive the Chapter.

Franklin 2 – This is the same report as last year, because nothing has changed. This is my primary Chapter, and I had planned to attend nine of the ten Stated Convocations of this Chapter. I am sorry to report that the Chapter was only able to open seven of those meetings. Although they exalted several new Companions in the past few years and some of them have accepted officer's chairs, they are still having trouble convincing these younger Companions to attend meetings. The ritual work is still good but other Companions need to step forward to take parts and serve as officers.

Burning Bush-Washington 6 – No visits. Conflict with Harmony Council 8.

Union 7 – I visited this Chapter in March and May for their inspection. They continue to grow York Rite Masonry in Preston. At the inspection there were six candidates (two from Trinity 9) taking the Mark Master Mason Degree. All four candidates expressed a desire to become active after they were exalted. However, one big loss has occurred this year; a work reassignment has forced Right Excellent Companion J. Andrew Birdsall to move to Atlanta, a loss that will long be felt by this Chapter.

Trinity 9 -- I visited this Chapter in October to assist in their inspection and again in April for their annual meeting. During the year their High Priest moved out of state, and the Secretary had concerns that there would not be enough members present to open the annual meeting. Several Grand Chapter and Grand Council

officers visited to assure the Chapter and Council could open. There were enough of their own Companions present to open, they filled all of their officer's chairs and voted on four new petitions that night.

Rittenhouse 11 – No visits. Conflict with Cyrus-Meridian 15.

Housatonic 13 – No visits. Every time I was available to visit was their off month. I understand there is some interest in changing this Chapter to a ten meetings a year schedule.

Cyrus-Meridian 15 – This is my other Chapter, and I am pleased to report that this Chapter was able to open all but two Stated Convocations this year; the February 14 Stated Convocation was compromised by Valentine's Day and the January 10 one by bad weather. The Chapter conferred all the degrees this year on two candidates, and has a couple of candidates waiting for the degrees in the fall. They also conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree for candidates from Columbia 31. All this Chapter needs to be more successful is to convince its younger Companions to become more active and participate.

Pythagoras 17 – I visited this Chapter twice, the second time to witness the Most Excellent Master Degree. Their officers corps had a mix on veteran Companions and new members. The work was excellent and this Chapter appears to be in good shape.

Pulaski 26 – I attended two Stated Convocations of this Chapter. The Chapter is struggling to have a quorum present to open meetings and having Companions to take part in the degrees. However, whenever they have enough Companions present their ritual and degree work is outstanding.

Keystone 27 – No visits. Conflict with Harmony Council 8. I tried to convince both Chapters, with no success, that a yearly combined Chapter meeting would be beneficial to both. This is one of the reasons that the New Haven Chapter and Council switched their meeting nights to line up with the Meriden bodies. This year Harmony Council 8 and Columbia Council 22 did meet together in a Council Table Lodge in Meriden.

Washington 30 – I visited this Chapter in September to assist them in conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree. The continued improvement of this Chapter is due to the efforts of several Companions who have worked hard to overcome their problems of the past. Continued improvement is expected in the future.

Columbia 31 – I visited this Chapter in March and in May. While the same officers continue to hold the chairs, they have three new candidates this year, and hopefully will continue the good work of the Chapter.

Halleck 44 -- This is one of the hardest reviews to write. I visited this Chapter in June and March. I had planned to visit a couple of other months but was informed that due to illnesses and other

conflicts there would not be enough Companions present to open, so I didn't need to make the long drive to Madison. This disinterest in trying to encourage visiting Companions to enable the Chapter to open reveals to me that Halleck Chapter is not really interested in holding meeting. Coupling this with the ongoing difficulties of the Secretary submitting monthly reports and annual returns, there is real concern as to whether this Chapter should remain an individual entity. Participating in a shoreline consolidation would be good for this Chapter.

Joseph Andrews Chapter 46 – No visits. Conflict with Cyrus-Meridian 15.

Concerns

My visits this year indicate to me that the major concern for Capitular Masonry in Connecticut is the need to convince the younger Companions to become active participants in the Chapters. This appears to be a concern for most of the Chapters. I am not sure how to proceed with solving this problem, but it certainly needs to be addressed soon. There are some other areas of concerns.

1) **The Hiram Chapter No. 1 Situation** – For many years this Chapter has been stumbling along, bordering on having its Charter revoked. There have been periods when it appeared the Chapter may revive itself, but then it fell back into its old habits. It is important to keep this Chapter open, because without it, York Rite Masonry would probably die in the northwest corner of the state. My personal feeling is that a lot of their ills fall on not having an active Secretary to lead them. This year they have elected a new Secretary, Companion Mychael Scribner, who says that he will get them back into working order. He is also the High Priest of one of my Chapters, Cyrus-Meridian 15, and I have offered to help him in any way I can. They had enough of their own Companions present to open their annual meeting, and most of the officer's chairs have been filled. Although the Chapter needs to remain on report as delinquent and have oversight from the Grand Chapter, I feel they deserve at least one more year to see if they can finally turn their operation around, before any drastic action is then taken on the Chapter.

2) **The Shore Line Conundrum** – Within a twenty-five mile stretch along the New Haven shoreline are four Chapters: Joseph Andrews 46, Franklin 2, Pulaski 26 and Halleck 44. Associated with these Chapters are three Councils and all of the bodies feed New Haven Commandery 2. To some extent each of the Chapters has ongoing problems that need to be addressed. Using data from the 2018 Proceedings, Franklin Chapter 2 is the largest Chapter with 53 members and exalted 6 that year. Most of their officer chairs are

filled and they are able to present all four degrees. They meet in the New Haven Masonic Temple and have the best meeting room. Their major concerns deal with lack of participation of their members and the ability to open all Stated Conclaves. Pulaski Chapter 26 has 50 members and exalted 3 that year. They are meeting in the Branford Masonic Temple which has some structural concerns. They also have several members who have affiliated with Keystone 27 in Meriden, and would probably demit from this Chapter if any consolidations occur. They can confer the degrees but do require some outside help. Halleck Chapter 44 has 24 members and made no report of activities last year. They meet in the smallest building at the Madison Masonic Temple. They have had serious difficulty with their Secretary filing monthly reports and the annual returns and have been considered delinquent several times. I am not sure about their ability to confer the degrees without outside help. Joseph Andrews 46 has 30 members and exalted 2 last year. They meet at the West Haven Masonic Temple which I have not seen. I have been told that it is the finest place to confer the Royal Arch Degree, but will reserve judgment on that point until I make a visit. This Chapter also has lack of participation, and I am not sure of their ability to do ritual work.

So what needs to be done? The most logical solution would be to combine all the Chapters into one larger Chapter meeting in New Haven. This would produce a larger Chapter with a number of good ritualists and officer candidates and would improve the conduit of candidates to New Haven Commandery. But several of the Companions involved have reservations about so large a consolidation. A more reasonable approach would be to have the two larger Chapters (Franklin 2 and Pulaski 26) each consolidate with one of the small Chapters (Joseph Andrews 46 and Halleck 44, respectively), with the meetings to be held in New Haven and Branford. Hopefully, next year the Chapters will begin to discuss among themselves possible consolidations before it becomes necessary for Grand Chapter to become involved in the process.

3) **Burning Bush-Washington 6** – Due to conflicts with one of my Commanderies, I have not been able to visit this very Chapter very many times in recent years. I inspected this Chapter in 2017 and gave them a good review. However their Secretary did not seek re-election and his replacement has been lax in submitting reports. There needs to be oversight of the Chapter.

Clyde W. Kayser II

This addendum of my Chapter activities of the year is attached for informational purposes only and is not part of the official report.

Grand Principal Sojourner Visitation Schedule – 2018-19

June 2018

- 2nd-3rd - Connecticut Grand Chapter/Council Session – Meriden
- 5th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated
- 7th - Halleck Chapter No. 44 – Madison – Fraternal visit
- 9th - Grand Master's Day – Wallingford
- 10th-11th - Vermont York Rite Grand Sessions – Killington

**July 2018
August 2018**

September 2018

- 4th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 5th - Hiram Chapter No. 1 – Sandy Hook - Stated
- 7th-8th - Northeastern Department Conference – Albany
- 13th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington – Stated
- 14th-16th - New York Grand Commandery - Albany
- 19th - Washington Chapter No. 30 – Suffield – Fraternal visit
- 24th - Trinity Chapter No. 9 – North Windham – Stated - Fraternal visit

October 2018

- 2nd - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 11th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington - Stated
- 12th-14th - Massachusetts Grand York Rite Session – Mansfield
- 23th - Trinity Chapter No. 9 – North Windham – Stated - Chapter Inspection
- 24th - Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 – East Hartford – Fraternal visit

November 2018

- 6th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 14th - Hiram Chapter No. 1 – Stated – Fraternal visit
- 27th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington – Stated

December 2018

- 4th -Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated –
Chapter/Council Christmas Dinner
- 13th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington -
Special – MMM and PM Degrees

January 2019

- 10th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington -
Stated – MMM Degree
- ??24th - Pulaski Chapter No. 26 – Branford - Stated –
Fraternal Visit
- 27th - Grand Chapter Seminar

February 2019

- 5th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated –
Mark Master Mason Degree
- 14th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington -
Stated
- 28th - Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 – East Hartford -
Stated – Fraternal visit –

March 2019

- 1st - Columbia Chapter No. 31 – Collinsville – Fraternal
visit
- 5th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated
- 7th - Halleck Chapter No. 44 - Madison – Stated –
Fraternal visit
- 11th - Union Chapter No. 7 – Preston – Stated –
Fraternal visit
- 14th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington -
Stated

April 2019

- 2nd - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated –
Annual Meeting
- 12th-13th - Grand Commandery of Connecticut – Four Points
- Wallingford
- 25th-27th - Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter -
Farmington

May 2018

- 3rd - Columbia Chapter No. 31 – Collinsville – Fraternal
visit
- 7th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated –
Mark Master Mason Degree

- 9th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Stated
 10th-12th - New Hampshire Grand York Rite Sessions – Concord
 13th - Union Chapter No. 7 – Stated – Mark Master Mason Degree
 18th - 200th Anniversary Banquet of the Grand Council of Connecticut – Meriden
 19th - 150th Anniversary Dinner of Saint Elmo Commandery no. 9 - Meriden
 29th - Pulaski Chapter No. 26 – Branford – Stated - Fraternal visit
 31st - Grand Chapter/Council Banquet – Four Points Hotel - Meriden
- June 2018**
- 1st - Connecticut Grand Chapter/Council Session – Four Points Hotel - Meriden

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

I would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest James McNeely IV for giving me the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter. I joined the grand Chapter line part way through the Capitular year. The only inspection that was assigned to me, which has been done, was Rittenhouse 11 in Norwalk. The work of this Chapter was well done and the books were found to be well kept. I was able to accompany the Grand High Priest on out of state travel to New Jersey, Maine, and New Hampshire.

Michael E. Seamon

GRAND MASTER THIRD VEIL

I would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest James McNeely for giving me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter for this past year. It has both a pleasure and honor to serve as a Grand Officer. I was assigned to inspect four Chapters this year: Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Washington Chapter No. 30, and Columbia Chapter No. 31.

Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15

Due to personal, professional, and other Masonic commitments, I was unable to visit this Chapter during this year.

Pythagoras Chapter No. 17

I was able to inspect the Chapter on the Mark Master Mason Degree on October 24, 2018. They performed the degree on 3 candidates. Overall the degree was very well performed and a much stronger performance than last year. Of note, during last year's inspection this Chapter had 4 candidates, all 4 participated in the degree, including the Historical Lecture which was performed flawlessly by Companion Stephen Matthews. This Chapter has sound leadership.

Washington Chapter No. 30

Due to personal, professional, and other Masonic commitments, I was unable to visit this Chapter during this year.

Columbia Chapter No. 31

Due to personal, professional, and other Masonic commitments, I was unable to visit this Chapter during this year.

Committees

This year I was appointed as a member of Program and Publicity, Ritual, and Royal Arch Research Assistance Committees.

No notifications of meetings for these committees was received.

Remarks

Once again, it was a pleasure to serve Grand Chapter this year. It is with a deep regret and remorse that I was not able to fulfill my duties as a Grand Chapter Officer during this past year. I do thank all the Chapters that I have worked with this year for all the courtesies extended to me and for the warm fellowship received during my limited travels. Due to changes in my vocation, I am unable to continue in the Grand Chapter Officer line: it has been an honor to serve, when I could.

J. Andrew Birdsall

GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL

Through the Capitular year, I have been able to gauge many of the needs of the Chapters entrusted to my care. My assignments for this year were Franklin Chapter #2, Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6, Pulaski Chapter #26 and Keystone #27.

Franklin Chapter #2, New Haven:

I made several visitations over this past year to Franklin Chapter, and see that M.E. Companion Martin Ede is putting a lot into keeping the second oldest Chapter in Connecticut alive. I made visitations on September 18 and October 16 of 2018, and March 5 of 2019. They were unfortunately unable to open the September or March

Convocations, due to a lack of quorum. I was able to inspect them on the Mark Master Mason Degree on May 7, 2019, and do not doubt their ability to do the work. However, a great deal of improving their means of communication is in order and essential to improve their situation.

Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6, Middletown:

I made visitations to this Chapter on September 18 and October 16 of 2018, as well as on February 19 and March 19, 2019. They were unable to open at their March Convocation, but I inspected their books and equipment, which were in order. I like the Companions I have met while in attendance, however, this Chapter is in serious decay as far as attracting and retaining members, and I have yet to see any Degree over the course of this year, and therefore was unable to inspect their work. The ritual for opening and closing during convocations is read from index cards, and unless they can move forward with a sustainable plan of action to improve, I recommend that they may need to merge in the not too distant future.

Pulaski Chapter #26, Branford:

Due to my leadership obligations to my son's Cub Scout Pack, I was not able to make normal visitations to Pulaski, however I received plenty of help from R.E. Companion Dan Luft, Grand Captain of the Host, in ensuring a Grand Chapter Officer was regularly visiting. I did make myself available to hold an Inspection on the Mark Master Mason Degree they held on October 24, 2018. The Degree work was adequate. I was, however, not presented with the Treasurer's or Secretary's books and reports, and therefore could not properly assess the strength and solvency of the Chapter. I am aware that until the beginning of April, they were not current on their Monthly reports, but had become current on April 4. I have also kept in mind that they have necessitated help from Joseph Andrews Chapter 46 from West Haven to portray degrees. Working together to strengthen your work is fine, and encourages Companionship, among other things. However, as the work at most times requires their joint activities with West Haven, I do see that they may want to consider merging together in the future if unable to sustain themselves on their own as standalone Chapters.

Keystone Chapter #27, Meriden:

Of the four Chapters I have worked with this year, Keystone is one that shows no worries as to their work and growth. Moving to their new location over the summer, I attended the Lodge Dedication Ceremony held on September 9, 2018, where all the Bodies and Grand Bodies marched from the old Lodge to the new Lodge. I made visitations on November 6, 2018 for a Past Master Degree, and I was able to inspect them on the Most Excellent Master Degree on December 4, 2018, and again came to visit for a Royal Arch

Degree on February 6, 2019, where 3 Companions were exalted to this Most Sublime Degree, one of whom was our then R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and now our M.W. Grand Master of Connecticut, Bro. Melvin E. Johnson. I have no doubts with this Chapter's ability to grow and prosper, and hope that they keep up the splendid work.

Other Chapters:

As a member of Rittenhouse Chapter #11 and of Housatonic Chapter #13, I frequently was in attendance to assist in their continued success. Both Chapters are doing Great work in growing and providing quality Capitular instruction to their members. I had the pleasure of presiding over the Past Master Degree for our current M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Melvin E. Johnson, and participated in his Most Excellent Master Degree as a courtesy for Pythagoras Chapter 17 of East Hartford. I made visitations to no other Chapters this year.

Northeastern Department Conference:

I attended the Conference in Albany New York on September 7 through 8, my fourth conference in total, where I have taken all four years of the Emerging Leaders Program, including the former and current year three. I also was a presenter for the General Grand Council on Friday afternoon. It was a pleasurable time with Companions from all around New England and New York, as well as other jurisdictions.

Connecticut Convention, Anointed High Priests:

I attended this year's Convention in East Hartford, fulfilled my role as Master of Ceremonies, and was elected as Chaplain following the Order. The work of the morning complete, the new Officers closed and enjoyed a hearty lunch together.

Committees:

Ritual

I received no call to meet for this committee during the course of the year. I have made a recommendation to changes to the Past Master Degree as portrayed in this Capitular Grand Jurisdiction, which should be reviewed in the near future to take away from the levity currently taken upon portrayal.

Welfare of Constituent Chapters

I received no call to meet with this committee this year. I have some concerns with a few Chapters that need to address their abilities to communicate in more than one method to their members, do the work to build membership, and provide an education program to retain those who join and give meaning to our art. Candidates and Members deserve the best we can give them, and the work is far from accomplished.

I am truly grateful to have been given this opportunity to serve this year as Grand Master of the Second Veil, and look forward to continuing my service to Capitular Masonry in Connecticut if given the chance.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL

Chapters assigned to the Grand Master of the First Veil for 2018-2019 were Union Chapter #7 in Preston, Trinity Chapter #9 in Windham, and Halleck Chapter #44 in Madison. The following is a summary of observations during visitations, inspections and interactions.

Union Chapter #7

Recorder John Birdsall communicated and coordinated a Mark Master Degree and inspection for February 11, 2019. Unfortunately a flood of serious illness among the officers caused the degree to be cancelled and rescheduled.

The Chapter was visited at the following Stated Convocation on March 26, 2019; however, the degree was once again postponed. The administrative portion of the inspection was conducted at this visit. Companion Birdsall was extremely courteous and knowledgeable and made every effort to accommodate and expedite the inspection process. Opportunities noted were missing Bylaws & Signature Book, Grand Chapter Constitution and Law, incomplete Book of Marks, no bridges for Royal Arch Degree and the working charter could not be located. A new working chartered should be formally requested from Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest James S. McNeely IV was present at this meeting and charged the officers with presenting a slate of officers for the ensuing year as there had been many significant changes in the active officer line. A slate was presented and was acceptable to the Grand High Priest. Union Chapter member J. Andrew Birdsall was present and pressed for a plan to reschedule the Mark Master Mason Degree for the May Stated Convocation.

High Priest Richard Allen reached out to the Grand Chapter for assistance with a Mark Master Mason Degree scheduled for the May Stated Convocation. The Grand High Priest and four other Grand Chapter officers committed to take parts in the degree on May 13, 2019 including all three Overseers, Junior Grand Warden, and Senior Grand Warden. There were enough Union members present to open Chapter without assistance; however, most of the officers were not present and the members filling in had to read the opening with the exceptions of Companion Arthur who did an excellent job in

the Principal Sojourner's chair, High Priest Richard Allen, and J. Andrew Birdsall sitting as Captain of the Host. The sitting High Priest exhibited outstanding ritual presented in a conversational and even-paced delivery. Although it had been intended to conduct the annual inspection for this degree, with only two or three Union members participating, it was difficult to evaluate adequately. That said, the Chapter should be congratulated for reaching out for support and ultimately providing a quality degree for their candidates. Two of the candidates were from Trinity Chapter. High Priest Richard Allen announced the officer line for the ensuing year and there were three major vacancies, which is of concern.

Trinity Chapter #9

The Chapter was visited on October 23, 2018 and a 50 Year Capitular Pin was presented to Companion Gail N. Smith. The Grand High Priest and other Grand Chapter officers were present for this joyful presentation. It was discovered at this visitation that the elected High Priest had relocated out of state (which explained the lack of response to previous emails), and Past High Priest Kenneth Marvin was the acting High Priest for Trinity Chapter. At over 90 years of age, Companion Ken does an absolutely incredible job opening, closing and conducting the meeting. Companion Ken explained that there were not any new candidates in the pipeline to schedule for degrees and inspection.

Visited on March 26, 2019 with Grand Captain of the Host Daniel Luft. Recorder Gary Littlefield sent notification that at the March Stated Convocation, a discussion would be had regarding the immediate future of the Chapter.

Arrived early so an Administrative Inspection could be conducted. Recorder Gary Littlefield was courteous, knowledgeable and helpful! The only opportunities noted were; Officer Manuals and Grand Chapter Constitution and Law not present, and lack of receipt system with Treasurer. Records, supplies and paraphernalia were all well organized. Despite the Recorder's email plea to the Trinity membership, there were not enough Companions present to open Chapter – even with two Grand Chapter Officers. It was also mentioned that the Chapter had not been able to open since the previous November. Notwithstanding, discussions were had in the dining hall about filling officer rolls by the next Stated Convocation, which would be the Annual Meeting, though no solutions were presented. Increasing relationship building with Blue Lodges in District 9 was suggested to explore as new membership sources. The Trinity Companions present were a group of truly fine Brothers and the fellowship was sincere and enjoyable!

Attended the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2019. Once again the Recorder Gary Littlefield had sent a notification to the Trinity Membership and Grand Chapter to solicit support and explain the importance of the Annual Meeting and officer line. The Grand High Priest and other Grand Chapter officers were present to support the Chapter. Although the lack of willing and able officers and active membership remains a very critical issue for Trinity, past officers including Gail N. Smith and once again Kenneth Marvin, stepped up to piece together an officer line for the ensuing year.

Halleck Chapter #44

Initial attempts to contact the High Priest revealed that he had relocated out of state. It was also discovered that other key officers were suffering from serious health issues. Halleck member James Kleinkauf indicated that there were not enough active and available members to open the Chapter at that time. A visitation was postponed. Attempted an official visitation for the scheduled Stated Convocation on April 3, 2019. Halleck members James Kleinkauf and Paul Chello were present along with the Grand High Priest James McNeely, Grand Captain of the Host Daniel Luft and myself. A discussion was had regarding the Halleck Chapter's ability to bolster membership and fill an officer's line. Both Companions Kleinkauf and Chello were very optimistic regarding acquiring new members due to relationship building with Madison Lodge #87 and filling the officer line. The Grand High Priest was pleased with their plan and enthusiasm.

In conclusion, it was a sincere pleasure meeting the Officers and Companions of these Chapters. The Royal Arch Masons I was able to interact with truly personified brotherly love and friendship. Unfortunately, like so many Chapters across the state, these Chapters are faced with serious officer and membership participation struggles that prevent the ability to consistently open and perform degree work for new candidates. Thanks to the dedication and fervency and zeal of core groups of Companions, the Chapters continue to "wrought in the quarries."

Jason R. Rieger

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Another year has passed through the history books. We mourned the loss of Most Excellent Companions Frank McNally and Charles Maxson, both of whom served this Grand Chapter well. Most Excellent Maxson also served as Grand Treasurer. Their devotion to Freemasonry certainly indicated that they made their

mark. Rest in Peace, my Companions, and thank you for the opportunity to serve both of you during your term in office.

The 100th anniversary of the Grand Chapter was celebrated on May 12, 1896 in Hartford. Invitations had gone out to many jurisdictions. A fine program was held after the closing of the Grand Chapter which included devotional services at Park Congregational Church. A banquet was served in the evening followed by a bevy of speeches. The event was over just before the midnight hour. The session had affirmed a per-capita tax of thirty-five cents and one Chapter (Pequabuck 32) asked to be relieved of payment of per-capita as their treasury was empty. The request was eventually denied.

We thank Most Excellent James McNeely for the appointment as Grand Historian and wish him well as he adds a Past to his title.

Gary A Littlefield

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS**

Your Committee on Address respectfully reports and recommends the following:

That so much of the Address relating to Official Acts and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That so much of the Address relating to the State of the Rite, and particularly to the conditions of the several Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Welfare of Constituent Chapters and the incoming Grand High Priest. That so much of the Address relating to recommendations be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this Grand Chapter extend its thanks and appreciation to Most Excellent Companion James Staib McNeely, IV for his contributions in promoting Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut.

Richard A. Eppler, Ch
Andrew G. Weimann, II
Matthew F. Griffin

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

Budget for FYE 04.30.20

Taxable Membership on 3.31.19 = 892

INCOME	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Annual Convocation In	\$4,000.00	\$5,702.68	\$4,000.00
Reimbursements for Insurance	3,500.00	2,000.00	3,800.00
Per Capita	16,992.00	16,902.00	16,056.00
Sales	300.00	98.00	100.00
Reimbursement for Annl Mtg	3,000.00	1,757.49	2,000.00
Other Income: Fines, Donations, etc	300.00	125.00	300.00
Transfer from Trustees	7,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	\$35,592.00	\$36,585.17	\$36,256.00
EXPENSE			
Annual Convocation Exp	\$7,000.00	\$7,611.44	\$7,000.00
Hospitality, gifts, etc	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Aprons and Jewels	1,000.00	306.95	1,000.00
Capitular Education	500.00	0.00	500.00
Dues YRCC	250.00	0.00	250.00
Education Assistance Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	400.00	400.00	400.00
General Grand Assessment	1,700.00	2,817.00	2,700.00

Grand High Priest Travel	2,200.00	985.62	2,200.00
Honorarium - Grand Organist	200.00	0.00	200.00
Insurance Exp	5,900.00	6,301.00	6,100.00
Meetings	500.00	0.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	107.30	100.00
Postage	120.00	97.16	120.00
Printing	750.00	383.07	450.00
RA Magazine	3,000.00	2,680.02	2,600.00
RARA	100.00		150.00
Salaries	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
Storage Misc	55.00	52.50	55.00
Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00
Taxes	625.00	465.08	475.00
Web Site	400.00	377.50	400.00
Total Expense	\$35,600.00	\$33,184.64	\$36,000.00

Budget Resolutions

The Grand Chapter hereby appropriates from the General Funds the sum of \$36,000 for operations for the fiscal year ending 30 April 2020 as presented in the Budget.

The following assessments for designated purposes are levied upon each Constituent Chapter based upon the members on the rolls of the chapters on 31 March 2020, which sum shall be paid to the Grand Chapter with the annual returns due on or before 30 April 2020.

Per Capita Tax - \$18.00 for each member on the rolls with exception of those exempt per Sections 109 and 305 of the Law (MHC, 50 year members, and dual members). This includes the subscription to the Royal Arch Mason Magazine and the former assessment for liability and general insurance coverage. (Each individual Chapter is responsible for insurance for their property, paraphernalia, etc.) **This is no increase.**

The Grand Treasurer is authorized after 30 April 2020 to expend funds at the same rate as in this budget until the budget for the next fiscal year shall have been approved.

The amount designated in the budget as Grand High Priest Travel Reimbursement is intended for reimbursement to the Grand High Priest to offset the cost of visiting Annual Convocations of Grand Chapters in the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada, as well as the Northeastern York Rite Conference and the General Grand Chapter Triennial. Receipts or other supporting data must be presented to the Grand Secretary to obtain reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement shall be at the rate of \$0.57 per mile for out of state travel for automobile travel, plus tolls and parking.

James C. Kleinkauf, Ch
 Charles B. Fowler Jr
 Charles A. McCollum
 Charles D. O'Neill
 Gregory K. Whitehouse
 Jeffery A. Flynn

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6, Middletown.

We received a copy of the Original By-Laws of Washington Chapter #29, dated January 1, 1962 along with the recommended changes for Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6 dated October 1, 2018 and the final By-Laws for the Chapter dated October 16, 2018 for review.

Upon review of the submitted final By-Laws of Burning Bush-Washington Chapter #6, dated October 1, 2018, **the committee on By-Laws recommends that the final draft be approved as submitted.**

Housatonic Chapter #13, Stratford

By-Laws were submitted before the last Grand Session of 2018 but were not approved as written and are now in process to lay over till the next Grand Session of 2020 upon editing by Housatonic Chapter to be resubmitted for approval by the Grand Chapter in this forthcoming year. Dispensation was granted with exception by James McNeely, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Upon recommendations of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, **the committee on By-Laws recommend that Dispensation be granted for the year 2019-2020 to Housatonic Chapter #13 under the conditional dispensation currently issued.**

Daniel M Luft, Ch
 Michael E. Seamon
 Jason R. Rieger

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Grand Officers	18
Past Grand High Priests	12
Past Grand Custodians	16
Past High Priests	38
High Priests	10

High Priest Proxies	2
Kings	8
King Proxies	2
Scribes	7
Scribe Proxies	1
Total number of voting delegates (not the sum of the above)	50

Arnold S. Grot, Ch
Edward Varjabedian
T. Donovan Scroggs

COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENCIES

It is reported that Hiram Chapter No. 1 submitted their Annual Return late. This is the second year in a row that this situation has occurred. They also did not file a single monthly report in a timely fashion. The committee on Delinquencies recommends that a fine of \$90 be assessed against Hiram 01 for allowing the situation to repeat.

It is reported that Pulaski 26 has NOT submitted their Annual Returns which were due on 30 April. The committee recommends a minimal fine of \$25 be assessed, as this is their first "offense".

Jeff Flynn, Ch
Daniel Luft
Clyde Kayser

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

This year we received ten applications for awards from deserving students. All have glowing recommendations and thus far have been successful in their educational endeavors. Each of these students have been involved in volunteer work both on campus and in their communities and two of them are active Rainbow girls and one is currently State Master Councilor.

The recommendation is for all ten to each receive a five-hundred-dollar award (\$500) from this Grand Chapter:

Tyler Moulton	Jr	Maine College of Art	Graphic Design
Adele Rossignol	Fr	Trinity	Psychology

Alec Newton	So	Bridgewater State.	Social Work
Rozette Figueroa	Jr	Western Conn St	Nursing
Alexandra	So	UNC – Charlotte	Music & Spanish
Keith Schmidt	Fr	Gateway Comm College	Theatre
Emma Hall	Fr	Pitt	Architectural
Dajanah Bird	So	Univ of Bridgeport	English Education
Amber Furce	Fr	University of Tampa	Marine Biology
Tristan McDonough	Fr	Wentworth Institute of Tech	Bio-med Engineering

James McNeely, Ch
William L. Greene
Scott T. Sherrick

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Our General Liability policy providing coverage for the York Rite is now written by New Hampshire Insurance Company (an AIG company) through the Agency, A.F.S.&V. There is a primary policy with a \$1,000,000 limit of liability with an excess policy providing an additional \$1,000,000. The non-owned auto excess coverage provides \$1,000,000 excess of the vehicle owner underlying policy. Medical payment coverage is limited to \$10,000 per person. Our agent, Dorry Watkins, has been monitoring our insurance issues for many years and continues to keep us up to date on any required changes.

The Premium is calculated based on the Grand body memberships at the beginning of the policy year and apportioned to the three Grand Bodies based on the proportion of their memberships. Grand Chapter pays the entire premium and is reimbursed by Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

This appears to be an equitable basis for premium calculation as the cost of insurance protection/coverage should reflect the total involved time of individual Brothers/Companions/Sir Knights. The annual premium may be adjusted slightly (both up and down) as total membership numbers change, thus reflecting this reduction in membership, and either up or down as a result of insurance market conditions.

This year Grand Secretary/Recorder requested that the insurance policy be extended one month, thus changing the annual renewal date of the coverage. This change would make the

provision of current membership numbers of the three bodies easier to arrive at and thus the premium calculation more timely. The new renewal date became May 24 as a result.

Less than one week prior to the renewal date, we were informed of the new premium for the coming year. In spite of an approximate 12% reduction in members (the basis for premium calculation) our premium increased nearly 13% over the prior period. This is tantamount to a 25% increase in our rates. The annual premium quoted is \$6,585.

The Grand Secretary/Recorder and the committee members with the effort and advice of our insurance agent, attempt to assure that we have appropriate and adequate coverage at a fair price. With such a short notice of the increase in cost, we had no alternative but to accept the terms - at least for the coming year.

The committee will be evaluating options during the coming months. We know that programs for similar coverages exist in other Grand Jurisdictions. This "testing of the market" is already underway. We follow the adage "Fool me once, shame on you - Fool me twice, shame on me."

Robert G. Fitzgerald, RAM
Scott T. Sherrick, RSM
Vincent A Cowie, KT

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

The Committee has reviewed the Address of the Most Excellent High Priest, Companion James S. McNeeley IV, and recommends its publication in the Proceedings of the 221st Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The dispensations issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest have been reviewed and are consistent with Grand Chapter law and practice. Additionally, the decisions of the Grand High Priest are also in order and are approved.

The observations of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest regarding the constituent Chapters and his thoughtful recommendations are sincerely appreciated and deserve careful consideration by his successor.

This committee commends the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion James S. McNeeley, IV, for his exemplary service and dedication to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut and the manner in which he has represented the Grand Chapter both within and outside of our jurisdiction.

The following proposed changes to the Constitution, which were read last year will be brought from the table for action this year:

**Proposed Changes to the
Constitution of the Grand Chapter RAM**

**ARTICLE III
CONVOICATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER**

Section 1 now reads:

Section 1. WHEN HELD.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the first Saturday in June, commencing at 8:30 a.m. in even numbered years and at 1:00 p.m. in odd numbered years. Special Convocations may be called by the Grand High Priest, or in his absence by the Grand King or Grand Scribe, at such time and place as he may think proper, giving the members of the Grand Chapter at least six (6) days notice thereof.

Change to read as follows:

a. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on a Friday or Saturday in May or June of each year, in conjunction with the annual meetings of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut. The specific date, time and place shall be determined by the Committee on York Rite Coordination, except that it may not conflict with the date of the Annual Conclave of another Grand Commandery in the Northeast Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America..

b. Special Convocations may be called by the Grand High Priest, or in his absence by the Grand King or Grand Scribe, at such time and place as he may think proper, giving the members of the Grand Chapter at least fourteen (14) days notice thereof.

These changes are self-explanatory

n.b. This change was rendered moot by failure of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut to enact a similar change, and therefore was withdrawn from consideration.

**ARTICLE VI
CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

Section 7 now reads:

Section 7. CHAPTER OFFICERS.

The officers of the Constituent Chapters shall be a High Priest whose title shall be Most Excellent, a King and a Scribe whose title shall be Excellent, and a Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Master of the First Veil, and Sentinel, whose title shall be Companion. Chapters may also provide in their bylaws for a Chaplain, Organist and Historian. The first five (5) officers shall be elected; the remaining officers may be elected or appointed as provided in the bylaws of the Chapter.

The rank and titles of the officers in the subordinate Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters shall be as provided in the Ritual.

Change by deleting the ~~strikeout~~ words:

Section 7. CHAPTER OFFICERS.

The officers of the Constituent Chapters shall be a High Priest ~~whose title shall be Most Excellent~~, a King and a Scribe whose title shall be Excellent, and a Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, ~~Grand~~ Master of the Third Veil, ~~Grand~~ Master of the Second Veil, ~~Grand~~ Master of the First Veil, and Sentinel, whose title shall be Companion. Chapters may also provide in their bylaws for a Chaplain, Organist and Historian. The first five (5) officers shall be elected; the remaining officers may be elected or appointed as provided in the bylaws of the Chapter.

The rank and titles of the officers in the subordinate Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters shall be as provided in the Ritual.

FURTHER: Wheresoever said titles appear in the Law of the Grand Chapter, they shall be automatically amended to conform with the revision to Section 7 above.

The rationale for these proposed changes is as follows:

The use of the title "Most" is almost universally throughout Masonry restricted to the presiding officer of a Supreme or Grand Body, and its use in a Constituent Chapter is an anomaly peculiar to Connecticut. Also, to eliminate confusion between grand officers and local chapter officers, the title "Grand" should be deleted from the titles of the Masters of the Veils.

This will bring Connecticut into line with other Grand Chapters and common Masonic usage.

If passed at the next Annual Convocation, the next printing of the Ritual would incorporate this change.

n.b. This change was adopted.

Proposed Changes to Grand Chapter Law to be voted on at this Convocation:

Section 117.5 currently reads:

Section 117.5. Scholarship Grants.

Scholarship grants to a student entering or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for the duration of the student's term of study.

There shall be a limit of five (5) scholarships awarded each year.

The scholarship checks shall be made payable to the recipient of the award. Any balance due on an award shall cease when enrollment is discontinued.

Change to read:

Section 117.5. Scholarship Grants.

Scholarship grants to a student entering or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for the duration of the student's term of study.

The number of awards and amount per award will be recommended by the committee based on the Grand Chapter budget for that year.

The scholarship checks shall be made payable to the recipient of the award. Any balance due on an award shall cease when enrollment is discontinued.

Reasoning:

This will allow the Education Award committee the opportunity to give awards to all those that they determine are deserving.

n.b. This change was adopted.

Section 206 currently reads:

Section 206. Election of Officers.

Constituent Chapters shall hold their election of officers annually in the months of March or April, and all officers elected and appointed shall be installed prior to making of returns to the Grand Chapter. None should be elected or appointed to office but those best qualified to fill that particular office, and without regard to any offices previously held in the Chapter. No Companion shall hold the office of High Priest for more than two (2) consecutive years without a special dispensation from the Grand High Priest. A majority of all ballots cast shall determine all elections; blank ballots shall not be counted.

Revised 06.06.15

Change to read:

Section 206. Election of Officers.

Constituent Chapters shall hold their election of officers annually in the months of March or April, and all officers elected and appointed shall be installed prior to making of returns to the Grand Chapter. None should be elected or appointed to office but those best qualified to fill that particular office, and without regard to any offices previously held in the Chapter. No Companion shall hold the office of High Priest for more than two (2) consecutive years without a special dispensation from the Grand High Priest and the Grand King. A majority of all ballots cast shall determine all elections; blank ballots shall not be counted.

Revised 06.01.19

Reasoning:

The purpose for this is to give the Grand King input in a decision that will impact his term as Grand High Priest.

n.b. This change was NOT adopted.

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch
Charles A. McCollum
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Dear Companions, since last we met it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home 36 of our Companions., including MEPGHP Charles C. Maxson and the following Past High Priests. Let us pause as the bell is sounded for each of our departed Companions.

<u>Deceased Past High Priests</u>	<u>as of 31 March</u>	
William C. Jeanfavre	Columbia 31	04.07.18
Dennis C. Marden	Franklin 02	06.30.18
Stanley T. House	Burning Bush- Washington 06	12.18.18
Donald J. Miller	Hiram 01	03.14.17
Richard E. Odell	Rittenhouse 11	03.16.19
Llewelyn N. Winslow	Trinity 09	03.27.19

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.
- 2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
- 6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
- 7 Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Companions, let us pray.

O God full of compassion, grant perfect rest beneath the cover of Your Presence to all who have been called to Your Heavenly Abode, together with those who have laid down their lives in the service of our nation. Grant them a place among the blessed who are Your Sainted and Anointed, bright shining as the sun. They are our Brothers and Companions and we shall miss their presence and wisdom among us. Grant, O Heavenly Father, peace & joy, comfort and strength to their loved ones.

Lord God, help us to celebrate their lives and their contributions to our institutions, remembering them always in our hearts. Let us never forget those who have been left behind by their passing. Our Chapters will be less for their leaving, but we will continue, inspired by them, never losing sight of the heritage they have bequeathed to us. We thank you, Lord God of truth and Love, for their time with us, for the love they shared with us and the wisdom we have received from them, Your Wisdom, Lord!

Rest Eternal Grant onto them, as we pray always in your Holy Name, Amen.

CHARLES CLARK MAXSON

Born 22 March 1933
Exalted October 6, 1973
in Benevolence Chapter No. 4, R.A.M.
High Priest 1978
Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2003
Died January 31, 2019

William E. Weisert II, Ch
 Charles B. Fowler Jr
 William L. Miller II

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Having reviewed the qualifications, leadership and ongoing service to this our Grand Chapter of Connecticut, your Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following Companions to serve this Grand Chapter for the 2019-2020 Capitular Year, each having indicated their willingness to serve in their respective capacity if elected:

Most Ex Grand High	RE James C. Kleinkauf
RE Grand King	RE Jeffery A. Flynn
RE Grand Scribe	RE Daniel M. Luft
RE Grand Treasurer	ME Charles A. McCollum, PGHP
RE Grand Secretary	ME Charles B. Fowler, Jr.
Grand Trustee to 2022	ME Paul L. Chello, PGHP

Paul L. Chello, Ch
 William L. Miller II
 Charles A. McCollum

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY

No Chapters requested assistance from the committee for programs or publicity. The committee encourages Chapters to utilize "Opportunities" as well as the committee to get the word out about events and activities that the Chapters are doing.

Jeff Flynn, Ch
J. Andrew Birdsall
Martin Ede
Craig R. Nelson
Jason R. Rieger
Russell L. Scull

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

The ritual committee has not submitted nor has it received any changes to the current Ritual.

Charles D. O'Neill, Ch
James S. McNeely, IV
Charles A. McCollum

COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc. is a Foundation established in the 1970's by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. Its purpose is to fund research to understand and to treat a hearing disorder known as Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD), which is a generic name for a myriad of hearing disorders that affect both the young and old. Many members of our armed forces suffer from this disorder as a result of combat related traumatic brain injury.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut funds Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc. through the voluntary contributions of its companions and the efforts of its Chapters. As of March 31, 2019, the Companions of Connecticut have donated a total of \$41,158.97 since its inception. Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 made a \$700.00 Contribution this Capitular year.

Paul L Chello, Ch
J. Andrew Birdsall
Jason R. Reiger

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

The Committee had several requests to assist in opening of their Chapters due to Chapters not having enough members present to open. We also helped by taking part in their degree work.

Therefore in the future-if possible-all Grand Chapter Officers should be available to mentor companions and assist local Chapters when needed.

James C. Kleinkauf, Ch
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COORDINATION

During the past year there was no formal activities of the committee. Yet, informally the three heads of bodies talked, if not daily, multiple times a week to coordinate schedules and other items and issues. Sadly, over the last two years there has been no testimonial dinner or Case Award. It is possible that the testimonial dinner has run its course in an ever more crowded Masonic calendar and thus should be re-evaluated as to form and function.

James McNeely, Ch
James C. Kleinkauf
Jeffery A. Flynn
Charles B. Fowler Jr

CHAPTER RETURNS

All Chapters are at recess in July and August. The address indicated is the Masonic Hall where the Chapter meets unless otherwise noted. All Chapters hold their Annual Meeting on the first Stated Convocation in April. Membership figures are for year ending March 31, 2019. Officers listed are for 2019-2020 Capitular year.

HIRAM 1

Originally chartered as Hiram Chapter to work in Newtown by Washington Chapter in the City of New York.

Chartered April 29, 1791 3 Washington Avenue, Sandy Hook
 Membership 40 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM
 EIN 06-6065542 Tel: 203-788-9413

OFFICERS

EHP	Alfred C. Ballwig	PS	James A. Gulalo
EK	Tony A. Don	RAC	William G. Hillman
ES	Richard G. Hubert	3V	William P. Dene
TRES	Anthony S. Neri	2V	Stephen J. Delgiudice
SEC	Christopher A. Follen	1V	Joseph J. Porco
COH	George S. Greytak	SEN	George F. Hanlon
CHAP	Anthony S. Neri	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Alfred C. Ballwig	2016,17,18	Richard G. Hubert	1988
William P. Dene	2013-14	Anthony J. Raiani	2011,12
Tony A. Don	2015		
George S. Greytak	94,01-04,08-10		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert C. Corrigan	C. David Hull
George F. Hanlon	Stearns Poor Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted
 Reinstated
 Affiliated

No Lodge James Darcy Lalli, Ronald Toscano, Jeremiah David
Blakeley, Carl W Keyser

Dimit
NPD

Deceased Nils Loven, Frank Ragner Ahlbin, Donald Joseph
Miller, Richard Thomas Oberg

FRANKLIN 2

Originally chartered as Franklin Chapter to work in New Haven by
Washington Chapter in New York City.

Chartered May 20, 1795 285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
Membership 53 1st Tue, 7:30 PM
EIN 23-7119330 Tel: 203-562-9487

OFFICERS

EHP	Martin Ede	PS	Bruce R. Bellmore
EK	Earl D. Stamp	RAC	Brendan W. McGann
ES	Paul G. Speranza	3V	George A. Mudry V
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser, II	2V	Michael R.. Messner
SEC	Clyde W. Kayser, II	1V	Geo. A W Nousiainen
COH	Scott R. Atkins	Sent	Bradley K. Cooney
CHAP		ORG	Willis E. Copeland Jr

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Bruce R. Bellmore	1984,2003,11	John A. Radziunas	2015,16
Martin Ede	2005,06,14,18	Peter M. Sloan	2009,10
Douglas A Gray	1996,1999,00	Raymond G. Tomlinson	
Cedric J. Jacobson	2017		2001,02,08,12,13
George A. W. Nousiainen	1992,93		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Carleton V. Erickson	Douglas A. Gray
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Jerry Gruenbaum
Affiliated
Reinstated

No Lodge
 No Chapter
 NPD
 Deceased Dennis Chapin Marden

Solomon's Chapter was originally chartered March 15, 1796 to work in Derby by Washington Chapter in New York City. Became Solomon 3 upon organization of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Consolidated with Baldwin 13 on October 14, 1994.

Benevolence 4 was originally chartered on March 15, 1796 as Franklin Chapter in Norwich by Washington Chapter in New York City. Charter was revoked May 9, 1839 and restored on May 15, 1845. Consolidated with Benevolence 21 in 1991 and became Benevolence 4. The charter of Benevolence 4 was surrendered on June 7, 2003 after consolidation with Union 7 on May 12, 2003.

Van den Broeck Chapter of Colchester was chartered April 9, 1796 by the Grand Chapter of New York. Assigned No. 5 by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Ceased to work in 1830, and charter was revoked May 9, 1839.

BURNING BUSH - WASHINGTON 6

Chapter records date from 1783. First chartered on March 15, 1796 as Washington Chapter in Middletown by Washington Chapter in New York City. Assigned No. 6 when the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was organized. Renamed Burning Bush-Washington 6 upon consolidation with Burning Bush 29 on November 30, 1997 and relocated to Deep River.

Instituted September 5, 1783	33 Pleasant Street, Middletown
Membership 54	3 rd Tue, 7:30 PM
EIN 23-7119347	Tel:

OFFICERS

EHP	Raymond E. Moore	PS
EK	Herbert J. Olson	RAC

ES	Alan J. Carlson	3V
TRES	Robert N. Jones	2V
SEC	William H. Field	1V
COH		SEN
CHAP		ORG

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Richard E. Backe	1989,00	Robert N. Jones	2004,06
Vincent A. Cowie	1984	Jean P. Maheu	2008,2015,16
Francis C. DiStefano	2007	Herbert J. Olson	2009,17,18
Lloyd D. Drager, Jr.	1999	William D. Passera	1997
Robert S. Johnson	91,98,01,03	Richard G. Sagan	1996

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Frederick Adametz	Robert P. Carver
Alan H. Bartman Jr	Frank J. Godwin Jr
Rodney M. Beebe	
Myron R. Bernstein	

Alfred Lechner
David F. Putnam

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted
Reinstated
Affiliated
Dimit
No Lodge
NPD
Deceased Raymond Waldo Mussen, William John Svihovic,
Stanley Theodore House, Ronald Nelson Wentworth

UNION 7

The first Chapter to be chartered by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, working in New London.

Chartered September 1, 1801
Membership 49

15 Route 165, Preston
2nd Mon, 7:30 PM

EIN 06-6045654

Tel: 860-889-4195

OFFICERS

EHP	Richard L. Allen	PS	
EK	William E. Weisert II	RAC	
ES	Rinaldo Magliano	3V	Charles R. Hugh
TRES	John A. Birdsall	2V	Daniel J. Burdick
SEC	John A. Birdsall	1V	Charles T. Hall
COH	James Haskins	SENT	Michael J.
CHAP	William E. Weisert II	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – UNION 7

Richard L. Allen	2014,15,17,18	James M. Haskins	1998-00,10,11
J. Andrew Birdsall	2005,12,13	Arthur E. Richards	1996
John A. Birdsall	1988,89	William E. Weisert II	2004

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – BENEVOLENCE 4

Charles A. Duke	1989	Alan K. Spear	1976
John Grossomanides	1968,69		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Edward R. Baier	Norman B. Johnson
Leland B. Bishop II	Carleton H. Landers
Ken R. Crandall	Richard C. Patterson
Charles Crosle	Fred L. Ruble
John B. Currier Jr	Marshall O. Townsend
Richard Davis	Elias H. Trefes
John S. Grossomanides	C. Alanson Vars Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Joshua David McDonnold, Mark A Sciola, Karl J Souffront, Daniel James Zaccaro, John Andrew Pedro, Daniel James Burdick

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit Stephen Raymond, Daniel James Burdick

NPD

No Lodge Robert J. Archambeault

Deceased Charles Clark Maxson

Lynch 8 was chartered August 25, 1801 to work in Redding and Weston by the Grand Chapter of New York. The Chapter petitioned and was admitted into full fellowship and unity with the Grand Chapter of Connecticut on May 19, 1808. Upon surrender of its New York charter, it was issued a Connecticut charter on May 11, 1820. Charter revoked May 14, 1840.

TRINITY 9

Constituted May 19, 1808

375 Boston Post Road (Route 6), North Windham

Membership 84

4th Tue exc 1st Thu in Dec, 7:30 PM

EIN 23-7119334

Tel: None

OFFICERS

EHP	J. Mike Wolf	PS	Gregory Messier
EK	Kenneth W. Marvin	RAC	Gregory J. Marsh
ES	Richard G. Barrows	3V	Arthur L. Stone
TRES	James W. Currier	2V	James N. Platt
SEC	Gary A. Littlefield	1V	Ramond C. Knieriem
COH	Thomas E. Schiebel	SEN	Paul L. Watson
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – TRINITY 09

Richard G. Barrows	1996	Kenneth W. Marvin	2017
James W. Currier	1989,90	John S. Rhoads	2011,12
Lynn A. Kelsey	1997	Gail N. Smith	1978,79,85
Gary A. Littlefield	83,84,86,88	John Mike Wolf	2013,14,15,18

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – WARREN-PUTNAM 12

Donald F. Gladding	1997-98	Kenneth W. Marvin	
Robert D. Hayes	1969		1968,69,78-80,09
		James N. Platt, Jr.	1995,96

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – ORIENT 42

William L. Greene	90,91,2000	William F. Lott	76,92
Brian C. Hatch	1989		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – ADONIRAM 18

Rodney I. Gray Sr	1974	Clarence E. Schiebel	1966
Wayne W. Kuhnly	1976,96,97	Russell A. Schiebel	83,84,99-01
Donald G. Poehnert	1967	Thomas E. Schiebel	80,82,94,98,02-09

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Other Chapters

James E. Hammitt (51) 1997

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Lawrence Becker

Samuel G. Blonstein

Edward O. Clark Sr

Rodney I Gray Sr

Gerald H. Hall

Robert D. Hayes

Roger G. Lord

Kenneth W. Marvin

Robert J. Nearine

Donald G. Poehnert

Richard T. Purchase

Clarence E. Schiebel

William Senk Jr

Gail N. Smith

Eugene H. Staiger

Frank R. Tomlinson

Roger K. Wilson

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit

Lewis George Bradley, Charles Lawrence Schiller,
Ronald Littell

No Lodge

Keith David Richards

NPD

Deceased

Everett T Harding, George Bedford Lawrence,
Ronald Earl Anderson, Llewelyn Nelson Winslow

Fidelity 10 was chartered May 18, 1809 in Woodbury. Charter revoked in October 1818 and restored May 9, 1822 to work in Washington. Charter revoked May 15, 1847.

RITTENHOUSE 11

Chartered October 18, 1810 in Stamford. Moved to Darien, then in 2016 to Norwalk.

Membership 75

EIN 23-7119335

5 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk

2nd Thu, 7:30 PM

Tel: 203-655-2140

OFFICERS

EHP Darrin D. Silhavy

PS James Wood

EK Peter R. Smyth

RAC Silas Mante

ES John A. Amarillos

3V Alfred D. Stinard Jr

TRES Charles A. McCollum

2V Hampton Dais III

SEC	Charles A. McCollum	1V	Adam Odell
COH	Andrew Triandafilou	SEN	
CHAP	Lloyd R. Sturges Jr	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - RITTENHOUSE 11

James J. Fahy	2012,13	Lawrence E. Rosen	1976
Charles deM. O'Neill		Michael D. Sabia Jr	2016
	2008,09,11,17	Darrin D. Silhavy	2018
		Lloyd R. Sturges Jr	2015

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - WASHINGTON 24

Roland H. Gardner Jr	1992	James C. Robinson	1987
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - EUREKA 23

William R. Deickler	2007	Charles D. O'Neill	2001-03,05
Charles A. McCollum		Donald W. Sargeant	1974
	1999,00,04,08		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - OUSATONIC 33

James A. Backus	1994-96
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Wood D. Beeghly	Ernest A. Holomany Jr
Carl W. Bjork	Earl R. Katan
Arthur B. Carlson	Irving Lieff
Richard H. Conklin	Ronald R. Rumbaugh

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit

Juan Jose Luna-Castillo

No Lodge

NPD

Andrew Peter Goddard, George Spero Moschos, Christopher J Nyilas, Walter Franklin Bloes, Cesar Cardona, George James Cronk, David Jackson

Deceased

Thomas Eugene Coons, Richard E Odell

WARREN-PUTNAM 12 was originally chartered May 19. 1812 as Warren 12 in Danielson. Name changed upon consolidation with Putnam 41 on 31 January 1981. Consolidated into Trinity 09 on March 31, 2006.

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Egbert H. Albro Jr	Irving Lieff
James P. Edgett	Hjalmar S. Norell Jr
Robert D. Emslie	Thomas R. Richards
Allen W. Fanslow	Donald S. Sabo
Louis R. Forsell	James J. Sarzynski
Eugene H. Haaf	Winthrop S. Smith Sr
Walter E. Hassenmayer	John Trantales
Richard H. Hilt	Jack C. von der Heide
Spero Jordanides	Evan M. Winters
Roland D. Kamens	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Richard P Smeland Jr, Kurt E Wischow, Julio Adriano Calvao, Timothy Justin Elgin, Fritzner Dela Rea Erauda
Reinstated	Glenn Edward Mate Sr
Affiliated	Michael Daniel Sabia Jr
Dimit	Frederick E Schimitz, Allyn Wilner, John William Hanson
No Lodge	Kenneth Ian Greenhill
NPD	Anthony L Agosto, Jean Noline Bonaney, Keith Allen Gullberg, Walter Edward Kaechele, Glenn Edward Mate Sr
Deceased	Robert Foster, Stanley Beck Carman, Leo Henry Lohrman II, Craig Thomas McClellan

Hamilton 14 was chartered Oct. 31, 1813 in Kent. Charter revoked May 9, 1839.

CYRUS-MERIDIAN 15

Chartered October 20, 1814 as Meridian 15 to work in Canaan. Charter revoked May 9, 1839 and restored May 11, 1848. Name changed to Cyrus-Meridian 15 upon consolidation with Cyrus 45 on 31 March 2006, and relocated to Torrington.

Chartered October 20, 1814
Membership 55
EIN 23-7119337

26 Water St, Torrington
2nd Thu, 7:30 PM
Tel: None

OFFICERS

EHP	Mychael J. Scribner	PS	Danny A. Camp
EK	Ian Jones	RAC	Andrew G. Weimann
ES	Richard D. Corey	3V	Carlos A. Gavilano
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser II	2V	Peter B. Keefe
SEC	Clyde W. Kayser II	1V	Joseph M. Albanese
COH	B. Earl Canfield, Jr.	SEN	Richard A. Weimann
CHAP	Clyde W. Kayser II	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS -MERIDIAN 15

John J. Badeen	2007,08	Mychael J. Scribner	2014,15,18
B. Earl Canfield	2012,13,16,17		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – MERIDIAN 15

Peter B. Keefe	85-87	Mark L. Prelli	1999-01
Danny A. Camp	2005	Andrew G. Weimann II	
Frederick B. Hudon	1964,67,68-76		1996-1998

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS 45

Danny A. Camp	1999,00	Andrew G. Weimann II	1988,89,94,95
Richard D. Cosgrove	1996-98,01		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – GRANITE 36

Edward J. Candee	1972	Leonard F. D'Amico	1973
Arthur H. Carlstrom	1977-79	Dale E. Sweet	1962

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Edward J. Candee	Frederick B. Hudon
Albert C. Chesnutis	James H. Ravenscroft
Leonard F. D'Amico	Fridolf J. Rusgaitis
Calvin A. Hoadley	Dale E. Sweet

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Joseph Gianfortune Jr, Carlos Alberto Gavilano
 Affiliated
 Reinstated
 Dimit
 NPD
 No Lodge
 Deceased Joseph Hanson Bement, Duncan Denny, Harold
 Arthur Fenty, Michael Douglas Fraser

***Darius 16** was constituted October 19, 1815 in Litchfield. Charter was surrendered May 9, 1976 and all members were issued dimits.*

PYTHAGORAS 17

Originally chartered in Hartford as Pythagoras 17. Name changed to Pythagoras-Welles 17 upon consolidation with Gideon Welles 50 and West Hartford 53 on April 23, 1985. Name reverted to Pythagoras 17 upon consolidation with Delta 51 on March 31, 1999.

Constituted October 2, 1817 784 Main Street, East Hartford
 Membership 121 2nd & 4th Wed, 7:30 PM
 EIN 23-7119339 Telephone: None

OFFICERS

EHP	Jeffery A. Flynn	PS	Carl G. Palmberg
EK	Charles M. Jewart	RAC	Walter Grube
ES	Arnold S. Grot	3V	John R. Ranney
TRES	Charles B. Fowler, Jr	2V	Eric H. Hoy
SEC	William L. Miller, II	1V	Edward A.
COH	James S. McNeely,	SEN	Michael E. Seamon
CHAP	Robert G. Fitzgerald	ORG	David Söderberg

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS 17

David C. Abrames	2005,06	James S. McNeely IV	2016
Todd M. Gianetti	2000	Stephen D. Piner	1977,82-84
Robert J. Gresham	2017	Richard L. Sawyers	2012-14
Arnold S. Grot	2011,15	T. Donovan Scroggs	2007,08
Richard A. Incorvati	2002	Michael E. Seamon	2010,18
Arthur J. McKinney	1968	Philip B. Swain, Jr	1999

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - WEST HARTFORD 53

James H. Campbell	1982	William F. Seelig Jr	1963
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS WELLES 17

Fred E. Anderson	1991	William L. Miller II	1988
Robert G. Fitzgerald	1989,97,98	Angelo C. Pedrazzini	1985
Charles B. Fowler Jr	1986		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - DELTA 51

Robert W. Ferguson	1964	Carl G. Palmberg	1995
James E. Hammitt	1997	Philip B. Swain, Jr	1994
Wilbert E. Nead	1986		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Roger S. Ather	John K. Jepson
Kenneth A. Barrett	A. Norman Johnson
Carlton R. Csiki	Alexander J. Matthew
Robert W. Ferguson	Arthur J. McKinney
Leon F. Gardiner	William F. Seelig Jr
Daniel George	Joseph P. Vollrath Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Jeffrey Mayer, Melvin E Johnson
Reinstated	
Affiliated	Jonathan Richard White
Dimit	Stephen George Munz
No Lodge	Robert T Dietzko
NPD	William Thomas Fraize, Dennis James Paro
Deceased	Miller Haugh, Robert Edward Morgan, Russell Freeman Bjorklund

Adoniram 18 was constituted on 2 December 1824 to work in Rockville. Consolidated with Trinity 09 on 28 February 2013.

Jerusalem 19 was chartered May 12, 1825 in Ridgefield. Charter was surrendered on May 4, 1882.

LaFayette 20 was chartered May 12, 1825 in Granby. Charter revoked May 9, 1839 and restored in 1858. It was lost in a fire and a new charter was voted on May 8, 1877. Revoked May 13, 1884.

Benevolence 21 was chartered May 11, 1826 in Mystic. Consolidated with Franklin 4 in 1991 to become Benevolence 4.

Eureka 22 was chartered May 11, 1826 in Waterbury. Consolidated with Allerton 39 on Feb 27, 1981 to become Eureka-Allerton 22. Eureka-Allerton 22 then consolidated into Granite 36 in 1988-89.

Mount Moriah 23 was chartered May 11, 1826 to work in Waterbury. It was "erased from the list" on May 14, 1829 for failure to obtain and exercise the charter.

Eureka 23 was chartered as **Eureka 24** on 10 May 1827 to work in Danbury. Reassigned No. 23 when Mount Moriah 23 was determined to have never existed. Consolidated with Rittenhouse 11 in Darien on 7 January 2010.

Washington 25 was chartered May 10, 1827 to work in Norwalk. Reassigned No. 24 when Mount Moriah 23 was determined to have never existed. Consolidated into Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 in Darien on 1 March 1997.

Giddings 25 was chartered May 15, 1851 in New Britain. Consolidated with Pequabuck 32 in 1992 to become Pequabuck-Giddings 32.

PULASKI 26

Originally chartered to work in Fair Haven, relocated to Branford in 1996.

Chartered May 13, 1852
 Membership 47
 EIN 23-7119345

8 Eades Street, Branford
 4th Wed exc. 2nd Wed Nov & Dec, 7:30 PM
 Tel: 203-488-9394

OFFICERS

EHP	Peter T. Cianelli	PS	William K. Barr
EK	Earl F. Korngiebel	RAC	John Celotto
ES	William Lang	3V	Thom Laudano
TRES	Richard A. Eppler	2V	Allyn Willner
SEC	William G. Rose	1V	George Weted
COH	Chester M. Blue	SEN	John Ardito

CHAP Jack H. Stevens ORG

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Leonard H. Bucher	1981,09,10	Jack H. Stevens	2000,03,04
James V. Cesario	1986	Randy S. Stevens	1999
Anthony J. DelGrego	2011,12	Charles F. Warfield	1998
Richard A. Eppler	1988	Allyn Willner	2016
Earl F. Korngiebel	1994,96,07,08,13,14,17,18		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Elmer E. Barth	Clyde L. Noel
Richard A. Eppler	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimit	Lowell Scott Brand
NPD	
No Lodge	
Deceased	Donald Edward Robinson, Edwin Ruthven Kelsey III

KEYSTONE 27

Chartered May 12, 1853	35 Pleasant Street, Meriden
Membership 115	1st Tue, 7:00 PM
EIN 23-7119346	Tel: 203-634-9887

OFFICERS

EHP	Thomas E. Grace	PS	John W. Braddock
EK	Kristian M. Maiorino	RAC	Steven J.
ES	Harold A. Elwell	3V	Mark A. Orsini
TRES	Gregory K	2V	Francis Barnes
SEC	Richard A. Eppler	1V	Lorenzo P. Gaudio
COH	Christian F Schunmann	SEN	Anthony Maisano III
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Robert L. Kilgore	1986-88,92	Delbert A. Little	1997,98
Robert J. Knowles	2003,04	Daniel M. Luft	2006-09
Joseph R. Krusienski	2012,13	Richard I. McKee	1974,75

Bruce Padula	2010,11,18	Jason R. Rieger	2014,15
Lee J. Page	1989	John A. Smith	1964,65
Arthur M. Pugh	1984,85,90,91	Gregory K. Whitehouse	2017
Stuart D. Purvis	1967,68,74,75		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

John P. Arnesen	Charles R. Johnson
William R. Brackett	Charles A. Rogers
Thomas E. Fanning Jr	Donald J. Sperry
Ronald D. Hansen	Robert L. Sperry

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Efraín Almodovar Jr, Lorenzo P Gaudio, Steven E Blake, Philip James Sharkey III
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimit	Robert C Sampson, Michael F Cavaliere, Kenneth Walter Johnson, Herbert Edward Greenbacker
No Lodge	Warren Corson III, Sean O'Brien Klimczak
NPD	Alfred C Adinolfi, John Leo Anderson, Ryan Gordon Dubey, Joseph Alexander Rochette
Deceased	Thomas Patrick Burns II, James Burnham Bossidy

Palmer 28 was chartered May 9, 1865 in Pawcatuck. Consolidated with Benevolence 21 on Jan 28, 1976.

Burning Bush 29 was Constituted July 17, 1865 in Essex, and was chartered May 8, 1866. The Chapter later relocated to Deep River. Consolidated on November 30, 1997 with Washington 6 to be known as Burning Bush - Washington 6.

WASHINGTON 30

Chartered May 8, 1866	150 Bridge Street, Suffield
Membership 29	3 rd Wed, 7:30 PM
EIN 23-7119348	Tel: None

OFFICERS

EHP	Thomas A. Duclos	PS	Bard C. Teigen
EK	Howard Wm. Orr	RAC	Russell L. Scull

ES	Terrence D. Mish	3V	Cory R. Rice
TRES	Mark D. Winne	2V	Kevin Zorda
SEC	Bard C. Teigen	1V	Thomas A. Duclos
COH	Mark E. Blackaby	SEN	Rohit P. Sukhram
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Bruce E. Allbee	2005,06	Howard Wm Orr	1986,87
Dale T. Cunningham	2017,18	Russell L. Scull	2012,13
Charles A. Lizotte	2001-04	Bard C. Teiger	1971,78,79,96-99
Terrence D. Mish	2015,16		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Erwin C. Day	Robert G. Palifka
Robert M. Haff	Bard C. Teigen

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Micha John Burnside
 Reinstated
 Affiliated
 Dimit
 No Lodge
 NPD
 Deceased

COLUMBIA 31

Chartered May 8, 1866	123 River Road, Rt. 179, Collinsville
Membership 80	1 st Fri, 7:30 pm
EIN 23-7119349	Tel: 860-693-8762

OFFICERS

EHP	Douglas D. Barnard	PS	Patrick M. Kilby
EK	Michael K. Butteri	RAC	Kenneth Haas
ES	Frederick J. Taft	3V	George H. Redford II
TRES	Chester I. Russell	2V	Thomas H. Garcia Sr
SEC	Richard R. Jones Jr	1V	Ronald C. Baker
COH	Harrison T. Redford	SEN	Theodore L. Hasty
CHAP	Brian E. Beals	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - COLUMBIA 31

Douglas D. Barnard	1991,04,07-10,12,13,15,18	Sivert R. Jacobson	1993
Brian E. Beals	2016,17	Richard R. Jones	2011
William F. Carroll	1992	Walter L. Michaels	1985
Edward D. P. Gross	1963	George H. Redford, II	1999
William S. Hart Sr	1975,76	Harrison T. Redford	1990,95
Edmund Holcombe Jr	1959	Chester I. Russell	1998,02,03
		Thomas A. Transue	1996

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PEQUABUCK-GIDDINGS 32

Matthew F. Griffin	1988-90,98	Bruce V. Thorin	1995
Mark A. Parasiliti	2005,06	Roger B. Thorin	1990

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Ronald C. Baker	Charles A. Haworth
Robert W. Brummett	Edmund C. Holcombe Jr
Leland D. Cobb Jr	Horton W. Holcombe
Henry A. Dyson	Morton N. Katz
Edward D. P. Gross Jr	Harrison T. Redford
Richard H. Groth	Laurence R. Smith Jr
William S. Hart	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Kenneth Haas, George Randal Hornaday, Patrick M Kilby
Reinstated	
Affiliated	
Dimit	
No Lodge	Robert T Dietzko, Jonathan C Wendell
NPD	Carl Edwin Aspland, William Morgan Herrlich, Dale Norman Hicks, Robert Dana Poyton, Clifford Frederick Stamm II, Harold Frederick Wheeler Jr
Deceased	William G Jeanfavre, William F Grunewald, Eric William Manner, Daniel A Pansullo Jr, Keith Barnes Simpson

Pequabuck 32 was chartered on May 8, 1866 to work in Bristol. Name changed to Pequabuck-Giddings 32 upon consolidation with Giddings 25 in 1992. Relocated to New Britain in 1997. Consolidated with Columbia 31 on March 7, 2010.

Ousatonic 33 was chartered May 10, 1870 to work in New Milford. Consolidated with Eureka 23 on October 6, 2003.

Freestone 34 was chartered May 10, 1870 to work in Portland. In 1887 it was noted that the charter had been surrendered. A new dispensation was granted February 11, 1891 and the charter restored on May 12, 1891. Revoked on May 14, 1907.

Mt. Vernon 35 was constituted January 30, 1872 in Ansonia and granted a charter on May 8, 1872. Consolidated with Solomon 3 on November 27, 1979.

Granite 36 was originally chartered May 8, 1872 to work in Thomaston. Consolidated into Cyrus 45 on May 16, 1998.

Moosup 37 was chartered May 8, 1872 and constituted August 16, 1872 to work in Moosup. Revoked May 9, 1882.

Butler 38 was chartered May 12, 1874 in East Norwalk and constituted July 8, 1874. Consolidated with Washington 24 on January 27, 1970.

Allerton 39 was constituted September 4, 1876 in Naugatuck. Consolidated with Eureka 22 on February 27, 1981 to become Eureka-Allerton 22.

Triune 40 was constituted October 17, 1878 in Southington. Consolidated with Keystone 27 on March 6, 1978.

Putnam 41 was constituted October 9, 1879 in Putnam. Consolidated with Warren 12 on January 13, 1981 to become Warren-Putnam 12.

Orient 42 was constituted March 13, 1880 to work in Stafford. Consolidated with Adoniram 18 on October 10, 2005

Hematite 43 was constituted July 15, 1880 in Lakeville.
Consolidated with Ousatonic 33 on February 28, 1978.

HALLECK 44

Constituted October 3, 1883 1163 Boston Post Rd, Madison
Membership 24 1st Wed, 8:00 PM
EIN 23-7119357 Tel: 203-245-3146

OFFICERS

EHP	Paul L. Chello	PS	Paul B. Whitman
EK	James C. Kleinkauf	RAC	Peter J. Alling
ES	Peter J. Stapleton	3V	Richard Montelius
TRES	Jonathan R. Trotta	2V	Nicholas D'Ambrosia
SEC	Donald C. Sause	1V	Tye E. Zimerle
COH	Richard DiNardo	SEN	Matthew R.
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Peter J. Alling	2006,07,08	William Schuck	1972-74
Paul L. Chello	86,91,94,99,00,09	Peter J. Stapleton	1984,97,98
Matthew R. Dymarczyk	2011,14,17,18	Jonathan R. Trotta	2012,13,15,16
James C. Kleinkauf	2001,02,10	Paul B. Whitman	1989,90
Donald C. Sause	1986-88,95,96		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

None

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Michael P Ganci
Affiliated	
Reinstated	John Martin Flynn
Dimit	John Martin Flynn
NPD	Ronald Wayne Ferris
No Lodge	
Deceased	

Cyrus 45 was Constituted September 26, 1888 to work in Torrington. Consolidated with Meridian 15 to form Cyrus-Meridian 15 on 31 March 2006

JOSEPH ANDREWS 46

Constituted July 1, 1897
 Membership 34
 EIN 23-7119359

263 Center Street, West Haven
 2nd Thu, 7:30 PM
 Tel: 203-745-3079

OFFICERS

EHP	John K. M. Ryan	PS	William K. Barr
EK	Gerald A. Calabritto	RAC	Edward Anyafulu
ES	Allyn Willner	3V	Frank R. Mangiero
TRES	Alan M. Friedman	2V	James V. Jennette
SEC	William C. Lang	1V	Seth M. Strohecker
COH	Robert H	SEN	
CHAP	John F. Steeves	ORG	Willis E. Copeland Jr

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

William K. Barr	1989,90	Sidney W. Isenberg	1992,93,00
Thomas C. Bartiss	1982,83	Joseph F. Massa	2007-12
Frank W. Colton	1973	John K. M. Ryan	2017,18
Ronald M. Dworkin	2001,02	John F. Steeves	1997
Charles E. Fullerton III	2015,16	Allyn Willner	2013,14
Robert H. Gundersen	2004		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Frank W. Colton	Alexander G. Stamatien
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Frank J Andriulli Jr, Anthony Dion King
Reinstated	Steven Mullins, Richard X Biela
Affiliated	
Dimit	
No Lodge	
NPD	
Deceased	

Evening Star 47 was chartered May 14, 1901 to work in Seymour. Constituted on June 28, 1901. Consolidated with Mount Vernon 35 on February 3, 1956.

Lockwood 48 was constituted October 26, 1906 in Wallingford. Consolidated with Keystone 27 in 1985.

Milford 49 was constituted January 13, 1922 to work in Milford. Consolidated with Baldwin 13 on November 10, 2017 to become Housatonic 13.

Gideon Welles 50 was constituted January 7, 1922 in East Hartford. Consolidated with Pythagoras 17 and West Hartford 53 on April 23, 1985 to become Pythagoras-Welles 17.

Delta 51 was constituted January 6, 1922 to work in Manchester. Consolidated with Pythagoras-Welles Chapter No. 17 on April 1, 1999 to form Pythagoras Chapter No. 17.

Lockwood 52 was constituted January 14, 1922 in Greenwich. Consolidated with Rittenhouse 11 on February 28, 1975.

West Hartford 53 was constituted October 20, 1928 in West Hartford. Consolidated with Pythagoras 17 and Gideon Welles 50 on April 23, 1985 to become Pythagoras-Welles 17.

Baldwin 54 was constituted December 15, 1928 in Stratford. Consolidated with Jerusalem 13 on November 22, 1986 to become Baldwin 13.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

Chapter No.	1	2	6	7	9	11	13	15	17	26	27	30	31	44	46	TOTAL
Members 4-1-2018	48	53	58	47	92	85	181	57	125	50	123	28	90	24	30	1091
Exalted	1		6		6	5	2	2	4	1	3	1	2			27
Affiliated						1		1								2
Reinstated						1							1	2		4
Gains	0	1	0	6	0	0	7	2	3	0	4	1	3	2	4	33
Dimits & Transfers			2	3	1	3	1	1	4							15
No Lodge	4		1	1		1	1	2			2	1				13
NPD-Chapter					7	5	2	4	4	6	1					25
Deceased	4	1	4	1	4	2	4	4	3	2	2	5				36
Losses	8	1	4	4	8	10	13	4	7	3	12	0	13	2	0	89
Net Change	-8	0	-4	2	-8	-10	-6	-2	-4	-3	-8	1	-10	0	4	-56
Members 3-31-2019	40	53	54	49	84	75	175	55	121	47	115	29	80	24	34	1035
Dual Members	1				1	1	3	1	2	2	2			1		14
50 Year Members	4	2	8	14	17	8	19	8	12	3	8	4	13		2	122
MHC etc.					2			3	1					1	1	8
Total Exempt	5	2	8	14	20	9	22	9	17	5	11	4	13	2	3	144
Per Capita Taxable	35	51	46	35	64	66	153	46	104	42	104	25	67	22	31	891

GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. OF CONNECTICUT
EIN 06-6039295

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was formally organized on May 17, 1798 by representatives of Hiram Chapter of New Haven, Franklin Chapter of Norwich, Washington Chapter of Middletown, Franklin Chapter of Norwich, Solomon Chapter of Derby, each of which had secured its charter from Washington Chapter in New York City, and Van den Broeck Chapter of Colchester, chartered by the Grand Chapter of New York.

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Stephen T. Hosmer (6)	1798-1799	Middletown
William Judd (6)	1800-1801	Middletown
No Record	1802-1803	
Samuel Bellamy (2)	1804-1806	New Haven
John Mix (6,17)	1807	Farmington
John N. Watrous (5)	1808-1816	Colchester
John M. Gannett (6,17)	1817	Hartford
Lyman Law (7)	1817-1822	New London
Laban Smith (2)	1823-1824	New Haven
Elizur Goodrich (17)	1825	Hartford
Thomas Hubbard (12)	1826-1827	Pomfret
William H. Jones (2)	1828-1830	New Haven
Andrew Harris (9)	1831-1832	Windham
Asa Child (4)	1833	Norwich
Ingoldsby W. Crawford (18)	1834-1836	New London
William H. Ellis (2)	1837-1841	New Haven
Horace Goodwin, 2nd (17)	1842-1845	Hartford
Benoni A. Shepherd (17)	1846-1847	Hartford
William E. Sanford (2)	1848-1849	New Haven
George Giddings (17)	1850-1852	Hartford
Cyrus Goodell (17)	1853-1854	Hartford
Isaac Coe (12)	1855-1856	Killingly
David Clark (17)	1857-1858	Hartford

Samuel Tripp (17)	1859	Hartford
Frederick J. Calhoun (2)	1860	New Haven
Nathan Dikeman Jr (36)	1861-1862	Waterbury
Asa Smith (24)	1863-1864	Norwalk
Luke A. Lockwood (11)	1864-1866	Riverside
James L. Gould (13)	1867-1868	Bridgeport
John H. Barlow (3)	1869-1870	Derby
Charles W. Stearns (6)	1871	Middletown
William W. Lee (27)	1872-1873	Meriden
Edmund Tweedy (23)	1874-1875	Danbury
Henry W. Coye (18)	1876-1877	Rockville
Dwight Waugh (11)	1878-1879	Stamford
Dwight Phelps (15)	1880	Winsted
Charles W. Skiff (2)	1881	New Haven
James H. Welch (23)	1882	Danbury
John S. Castle (36)	1883	Waterbury
Chester Tilden (9)	1884	Willimantic
James McCormick (30)	1885-1886	Windsor
Reuben H. Tucker (35)	1887	Ansonia
Augustus E. Blakeslee (31)	1888	Thomaston
John O. Rowland (26)	1889	New Haven
Gilbert L. Hewitt (4)	1890	Norwich
Charles H. Cheseboro (12)	1891	Putnam
Henry H. Green (12)	1892	Danielson
Samuel Bassett (25)	1893	New Britain
Isaiah Baker Jr (17)	1894	Hartford
James R. Post (29)	1895	Essex
Samuel S. Lamb (36)	1896	Thomaston
Isaac F. Stidman (25)	1897	New Britain
Harvey S. Abel (42)	1898	Stafford Springs
Wesley U. Pearne (6)	1899	Middletown
John L. Hill (4)	1900	Norwich
James Callum (36)	1901	Waterbury
Edgar W. Latham (30)	1902	Suffield

Frank W. Beardsley (3)	1903	Shelton
Stephen P. Goodsell (15)	1904	Winsted
Joseph R. Johnson (29)	1905	Essex
George N. Delap (17)	1906	Hartford
Samuel H. Huntington (24)	1907	Norwalk
George A. Kies (4)	1908	Norwich
Charles A. Farnham (31)	1909	Collinsville
Eugene H. Hall (27)	1910	Meriden
George R. Morris (7)	1911	New London
W. Jerome Bissell (16)	1912	Litchfield
Louis L. Beach (32)	1913	Bristol
Horace W. Eddy (25)	1914	New Britain
Harry S. Pearsons (13)	1915	Bridgeport
Burton L. Tuttle (26)	1916	New Haven
Edward W. Avery (9)	1917	South Windham
William R. Keavaneu (36)	1918	Waterbury
Ernest F. Sweeny (15)	1919	Winsted
Henry R. Tisdale (7)	1920	New London
Edgar B. Ellis (13)	1921	Bridgeport
Arthur N. Nash (28)	1922	Pawcatuck
F. Ward DeKlyn (23)	1923	Danbury
William O. Shelley (17)	1924	Hartford
William Bowers (2)	1925	New Haven
Elbert L. Darbie (12)	1926	Danielson
Edward A. Klatte (47)	1927	Seymour
Colin S. Buell (7)	1928	New London
Lewis C. Hull (45)	1929	Torrington
Arthur F. Lewis (27)	1930	Wallingford
Clinton G. Nichols (17)	1931	Hartford
George C. Devaul (27)	1932	Meriden
Robert G. Collins (52)	1933	Greenwich
William L. Cort (26)	1934	New Haven
John C. Stanley (13)	1935	Bridgeport

G. Percival Bard (42)	1936	Stafford Springs
Bliss W. Clark (25)	1937	New Britain
Frederick W. Edgerton (7)	1938	New London
Richard Hughes (45)	1939	Torrington
Eugene H. Ellis (36)	1940	Naugatuck
J. Fred Porteous (6)	1941	Middletown
Walter L. Taft (17)	1942	Hartford
John E. Pierpont (2)	1943	New Haven
John F. Pickles (51)	1944	Manchester
Walter Berger (13)	1945	Bridgeport
Russell W. Potter (9)	1946	Willimantic
Bertram F. Bruce (7)	1947	New London
Herbert R. Trolle (11)	1948	Stamford
James W. Burhoe (36)	1949	Waterbury
William M. Wyman (4)	1950	Norwich
Philip J. Jones (17)	1951	West Hartford
Arthur W. Hansen (26)	1952	New Haven
Hayden L. Griswold Sr (51)	1953	Manchester
Gerald D. Huenerberg (13)	1954	Trumbull
Paul D. Collier (31)	1955	Collinsville
Thomas Bell (12)	1956	Putnam
Kenneth E. Ericson (12)	1957	Bristol
Pearson E. Dolbeare (7)	1958	New London
Charles J. Fairhurst (24)	1959	West Redding
David S. Roger (33)	1960	New Milford
George E. Anderson (6)	1961	Middletown
Laurence G. Farwell (17)	1962	Simsbury
Iver A. Erickson (2)	1963	New Haven
Russell E. Rose (46)	1964	West Haven
Wolcott S. Bissell (17)	1965	West Hartford
Charles A. White (7)	1966	Waterford
Jay C. VanCoevering (38)	1967	East Norwalk
William E. Piercey (29)	1968	East Hampton
Stanley H. Steiner (51)	1969	Manchester

Carl L. Cummings (26)	1970	New Haven
Cecil H. Grant (36)	1971	Naugatuck
Edmund L. Stoddard (2)	1972	Guilford
Richard L. Smail (42, 27)	1973	Yalesville
Bertil T. Ostman (17)	1974	Wethersfield
Herman G. Goldbeck (49)	1975	Milford
James L. Koonce (7) (Hon)	1975	New London
Carl J. DelVecchio (11, 13)	1976	Stamford
Arnold W. Wenzel (17,29)	1977	Wethersfield
Thomas C. Miller (21)	1978	Noank
Russell D. Ramette (17)	1979	West Hartford
James G. Cummings (17)	1980	East Hartford
Frederick H. York Jr (42)	1981	Stafford Springs
John E. Foster (13)	1982	Bridgeport
Lewis E. Miner (18)	1983	Rockville
Lawrence P. Urban (49)	1984	Milford
Carl Schultz Sr (6, 29)	1985	Colchester
Arthur J. McKinney (17)	1986	East Hartford
Ernest J. Smith (51)	1987	Coventry
William F. Lott (42)	1988	Storrs
John G. McKechnie (21)	1989	Mystic
Rodney I. Gray Sr (18)	1990	Rockville
Bruce R. Bellmore (2)	1991	New Haven
Herbert R. Olson (31)	1992	Unionville
Stephen D. Piner (17, 51)	1993	East Hartford
Frank W. McNally (12)	1994	Putnam
Edward W. Studwell (4)	1995	Groton
Emil G. Lido (51)	1996	Manchester
Herbert R. Schilke (1,23)	1997	Waterbury
Donald C. Murray (2)	1998	Wallingford
Andrew G Weimann, II (45,	1999	Harwinton
Matthew F. Griffin (32)	2000	Bristol
William L. Greene (42)	2001	Coventry

George D. Maharan (18)	2002	Rockville
Charles C. Maxson (7)	2003	Mystic
Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	2004	East Hartford
Charles A. McCollum (11, 23)	2005	Ridgefield
Carl E. Aspland (32)	2006	Bristol
William K. Barr (46)	2007	West Haven
Kenneth N. Hall (18)	2008	Storrs
John Mellor (13)	2009	Stratford
Paul L. Chello (44)	2010	Guilford
Danny A. Camp (15)	2011	Bridgeport
James A. Backus (11)	2012 Hon	Brookfield
William L. Miller II (17)	2012	East Granby
David C. Abrames (17)	2013	Enfield
Charles D. O'Neill (11)	2014	Danbury
Richard A. Eppler (27)	2015	Cheshire
Martin Ede (02)	2016-2017	Bethany
Charles B. Fowler Jr (17)	2018 Hon	Windsor
James S. McNeely IV (17)	2018	Avon

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN GOLD

The General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Gold is presented by the General Grand Chapter for extraordinary Masonic achievement and/or national or international achievement in the Arts and Sciences, in Public Service, or in Business and the Learned Professions. Not more than one medal may be presented each year.

The only Connecticut recipient of this highest of honors was Companion James R. Case (9), now deceased, who received the medal in 1988.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN SILVER

The General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Silver is presented for exceptional Masonic achievement; the performance of outstanding service for the York Rite, but particularly for Royal Arch Masonry. Nominations may be made by the Grand High Priest and forwarded by the D.G.G.H.P. and by him to the General Grand High Priest. Nominations shall be accompanied by a resume of the Royal Arch Service of the proposed recipient and a brief biographical statement. Three nominations may be made during a Triennium from each jurisdiction, but only one will be presented during each Triennium to a Royal Arch Mason of one of the affiliated Grand Jurisdictions of each York Rite Region. Not More than three such Silver Medals also may be presented at the Triennial Convocation from selection at large.

Only two Connecticut Companions have been recipients of this very high honor:

Companion Richard L. Smail (18,27), now deceased, who received the medal in 1991.

Companion **Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17)**, who received the medal in 2011.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE

The General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze is presented to a Royal Arch Mason for meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry other than holding Masonic Office as a Past Grand High Priest or as a Grand Chapter Officer. Only one such

medal may be presented each year in each jurisdiction affiliated with the General Grand Chapter. The recipient is selected each year by the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction.

Connecticut recipients and the year in which they received the bronze medal are as follows:

William McKenzie * (1)	1952	John G. McKechnie * (4)	1996
George C. Meehan * (24)	1953	Ernest J. Smith * (51)	1997
George O. Ellis * (39)	1956	# Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17)	1998
Frederick W. Hummel * (52)	1957	Douglas A. Gray (02)	1999
James R. Case * (9)	1958	Frank W. McNally (12) *	2000
Harold S. Case * (15)	1959	George Kelaita (32) *	2001
Cecil H. Grant * (39)	1960	Gary A. Littlefield (9)	2002
Frederick S. Knibloe * (33)	1961	Donald E. Robinson (26) *	2004
F. Alton Clark * (39)	1963	Robert J. Knowles (27)	2005
Benjamin B. Crocker * (17)	1967	# Charles D. O'Neill (23)	2006
Earl B. Atwater * (40)	1971	Ronald C. Baker (31)	2007
Walter Brown * (42)	1975	Anthony Pipitone (13)	2008
Morton S. Naurison * (42)	1977	Leo H. Lohrman (13) *	2010
Russell E. Camp * (42)	1979	# Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	2011
Joel D. Adkins * (7)	1980	# Andrew G. Weimann (15)	2012
Emerson C. Reed * (17)	1981	# Paul L. Chello (44)	2013
Gunnar F. Lundquist * (27)	1982	Charles C. Maxson (07) *	2014
Harold A. Svendberg * (13)	1983	# Charles A. McCollum (11)	2015
Laurence G. Farwell * (17)	1984	Arthur M. Pugh (27)	2016
William E. Piercey * (29)	1986	# Clyde W. Kayser II (02)	2017
Roscoe C. G. German * (33)	1988	# James S. McNeely IV (17)	2018
Gilbert L. Gooden * (12)	1989		
Robert A. Colbourn * (26)	1990		
Andrew J. Muccianti * (18)	1991		
William F. Orrell (49) *	1992	* Deceased	
# Gail N. Smith (9)	1993		
# William F. Lott (42)	1994		
Herbert R. Olson * (31)	1995		

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KENNETH WADE MARVIN**General Grand Chapter RAM Intl
Medal in Bronze**

Kenneth Wade Marvin was born in Mapleville, Rhode Island, on December 17, 1927. The son of Wade George Marvin and Irene Baldwin Marvin, he lived in Rhode Island for two years when the family moved to East Woodstock. He has resided there continually to the present day. Both his parents come from families with several generations of Masonic affiliation.

Ken attended public schools in Woodstock and graduated from Woodstock academy in 1945. He enlisted in the United States Navy immediately after graduation and served for two years before being discharged honorably in 1947.

Upon his return to civilian life, he enrolled in the Tool and Die Makers Course at Putnam Technical School. After graduation he obtained employment at Simonds Machine Company in Southbridge, Massachusetts. In November of 1962 he accepted a position as an inspector at Linemaster Switch Company in Woodstock. He rose to manager of the Tool and Die Department from which position he retired.

Ken has been a member of The East Woodstock Congregational Church since 1945, serving in several capacities including that of Deacon. For many years he kept the steeple clock wound and in good repair and saw that everything was in order for the Fourth of July Festival. To the present day he is the self-appointed caretaker of the grounds and building.

For over fifty years he has been a faithful member of the Muddy Brook Fire Department and has held almost every office including Chief. He is also a member of Benson-Flugel Post No. 111, American Legion, in Woodstock.

Brother Marvin was raised on 27 September 1952, in Putnam Lodge Number 46, South Woodstock, Connecticut. He moved through the chairs and served as Worshipful Master in 1961. In 1966 he became Chaplain of Putnam Lodge and remains as Chaplain to this day. A multitude of Worshipful Masters have been comforted and made more at ease because of his presence in the East. His knowledge of ritual and floorwork and his quiet and accurate prompting has directly contributed to the reputation that Putnam Lodge has for excellent ritual work. As Chaplain, he performs the memorial service for Putnam Lodge from memory. No one can remember him ever missing a service.....even when it meant punching out at work. As at the Church, he is the self-appointed keeper of the building and grounds. At Putnam Lodge,

this also includes draining the pipes in the winter between meetings as the heat is turned off to conserve fuel. Worshipful Brother Marvin was selected to serve as Associate Grand Marshal of District 9A of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which awarded him its Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze.

Worshipful Brother Marvin is still active in other bodies of the Masonic Family. He has served on more than one occasion as Worthy Patron of Betty Putnam Chapter Number 106, Order of The Eastern Star. He has also been very active in all the York Rite Bodies.

He is a 9 time Past High Priest of Warren-Putnam Chapter and its successor, Trinity Chapter No. 9, and served for many years as Secretary. He is a Past Grand Custodian of the Work of the Seventh Capitular District, holder of the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service, and Past President of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests.

A 17 time Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters, Ken also served as Recorder. He was created a Knight of Ish Sodi in 1979 for his accomplishments in the Council, and in 1996 was presented with the highest award of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters, the Philip J. Jones award.

In February of 1995, Sir Knight Marvin completed his term as Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 11. He then accepted the position of Assistant Recorder.

He is a member of Connecticut Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Swords of Bunker Hill; Knight Crusaders of the Cross; and Connecticut York Rite College No. 17.

Kenneth Wade Marvin is a person who has always given unselfishly of his time and effort, never complaining. Together with a very few Companions, Ken Marvin, at over 90 years of age, is the glue that is maintaining the presence of York Rite Masonry in his area of the state. He has sought neither fee nor reward for his labors but just quietly and efficiently gets the job done, well and on time. He is one who is justly deserving of any and all honors which may come his way.

EPHRAIM KIRBY CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED MASONIC SERVICE

The Ephraim Kirby Citation was established in 1944 to recognize and show appreciation to the Companion who is outstanding in his Masonry, his community and his daily vocation and who has an unusual record of loyalty, perseverance, dependability and/or courage. It is not meant to be given to those who have already received honors, but is especially intended for those who are so unselfishly devoting time and zeal to the welfare of individual Chapters and Masonry that they may be classed as the forgotten Companion. The Ephraim Kirby Citation is to ensure that such merit does not go unrewarded.

The Judges for the Citation are the Committee on Awards of the Grand Chapter. A Candidate for the Citation must be a Companion in good standing and shall not have applied himself for the Citation. Any Chapter may recommend a candidate for the Citation and the decision of the judges will be considered final. No more than one Citation for each thousand members of fraction thereof may be awarded in any one year. It should be emphasized that the award was set up to be awarded those Companions who had served their Chapters and had never been High Priest. The Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service is awarded for:

- ▶ Real loyalty and exceptional service to Masonry, particularly the Capitular degrees.
- ▶ Rendering, without the hope of fee or reward, unusual and outstanding service to his community, state, or nation.
- ▶ Having performed an act of heroism.

The award consists of a certificate or citation of meritorious service together with a suitable emblem of same and is presented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter or other suitable occasion by the Grand High Priest or by a Companion designated by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter is indeed grateful for the contributions of the following companions to Capitular Masonry:

William F. Boerum* (13)	1945	John A. Leakin* (13)	1956
John T. Pierce* (2)	1945	John A. Begley* (2)	1959
Robert H. Prutting* (17)	1945	Percy B. Chase* (21)	1959
George E. Close* (11)	1946	William P. Rose* (29)	1961
Forrest R. Cutler* (7)	1949	William A. Foster Sr* (42)	1961
Frederick G. Comstock* (29)	1949	George J. Fowle* (54)	1961
Edward E. King* (50)	1949	Louis W. Howe* (50)	1962
William R. Trevelyan* (35)	1951	John H. McClure* (17)	1963
Frederick F. Hollowbush* (26)	1952	Jacob N. Wolodarsky* (2)	1964
Walter E. E. Barton* (46)	1954	Roger H. Green* (7)	1966
Claude H. Dunbar* (13)	1954	Harold A. Svendberg* (13)	1966
Leslie E. Watson* (46)	1955	Leonard A. Caldwell Sr* (45)	1967
Robert G. Jordan* (53)	1955	James M. Gordon* (17)	1967
Samuel Taft* (6)	1956	L. Thomas Lauridsen* (49)	1967

William C. Bray* (51)	1968	William MacMillan* (1)	1986
Laurence P. Scofield* (11)	1968	George H. Griffing* (17)	1987
Frederick R. Williams* (2)	1969	Arthur K. Kandetzki* (46)	1987
John S. Michelson* (13)	1969	Edgar R. Lumb* (13)	1987
Walter B. Davis Sr* (39)	1969	John J. Mari* (46)	1987
Rowland M. Beach* (24)	1971	Bernard T. Wright* (23)	1987
Robert C. Sismore* (7)	1971	Matthew J. Banach* (30)	1988
Arthur W. Hudson* (54)	1971	Melvin F. Boomer* (51)	1988
John S. Griffiths* (42)	1971	Kenneth W. Marvin (12)	1988
Charles R. Ende* (49)	1971	Thomas M. Maxwell II (1,23)	1988
Dominic A. Rinaldi* (39)	1972	Frank O. Miner* (26)	1988
Lyle T. Neddow* (51)	1972	Warren M. Brainard * (17)	1989
Alfred B. Sahlin * (54)	1973	Edward Nordstrom* (17)	1989
Charles W. Phelps * (9)	1974	John Normington * (09)	1989
Carl Ritter * (49)	1975	Shailer Christensen* (29)	1989
Jacques Schmidli * (33)	1975	William Whay* (46)	1989
Morton S. Naurison * (42)	1976	Roger D. Alling* (44)	1990
John L. Faulkins * (13)	1976	Leslie C. Noyes * (17)	1990
Webster Culver * (17)	1980	William F. Orrell (49) *	1990
Frederick J. Ganung * (24)	1980	James F. Quarz (26) *	1990
George R. Smith * (2)	1980	Earl J. Fitzpatrick* (26)	1991
Howard R. Baker * (12)	1981	William A. Gough* (24)	1991
Ferdinand D. Lewis * (51)	1981	Russell A. Schiebel (18)	1991
Charles K. Lynn (51) *	1981	# Bard C. Teigen (30)	1991
Arthur L. Shumway * (2)	1981	Delmar W. Ward* (25)	1991
William Summers Jr * (6)	1981	John H. Goodrich, Sr. * (26)	1992
Robert J. Campbell * (1)	1982	Joseph P. Grevalsky * (31)	1992
George Kelaita * (32)	1982	George W. Hatfield * (06)	1992
Herbert R. Olson * (31)	1982	William F. Norton* (44)	1992
Andrew J. Muccianti * (18)	1982	Elmer E. Stone * (51)	1992
Edward P. Stannard * (46)	1982	Timothy D. Clark* (11)	1993
Grady L. Pearson * (51)	1983	Sidney W. Isenberg (46)	1993
Donald G. Poehnert (18)	1983	Neil Paterson * (51)	1993
William A. Allen* (2)	1983	Donald E. Robinson * (26)	1993
George F. Dean* (18)	1984	Robert D. Sherrick (49)	1993
Albert T. Heavisides* (51)	1984	Richard A. Eppler (26)	1994
Charles D. Munich* (13)	1984	Emil G. Olsson Jr (2) *	1994
Frank B. Wagner* (46)	1984	George C. Venter (2) *	1994
Ralph G. Broderick* (49)	1984	Frederick W. Berggren (4) *	1995
Arthur F. Simpson* (49)	1985	# Charles B Fowler Jr (17)	1995
Robert A. Colbourn * (26)	1985	# William L. Miller II (17)	1995
Wilder J. Greeley* (2)	1985	Arthur M. Pugh (27)	1995
Albert H. Getchell* (26)	1986	Walter L. Whitman * (17)	1995
Ronald L. Miller* (9)	1986	Reginald Abbott * (17)	1996
Norman R. Strong * (18)	1986	# John A. Birdsall (7)	1996
Charles J. Memmott Jr* (46)	1986	William G. Bryce * (17)	1996

Richard E. Larcom * (26)	1996	David C. Abrames (17)	2008
Joseph J. Perno (49) *	1996	Leo H. Lohrman * (13)	2009
Edwin F. Dingus (26) &	1997	Robert J. Knowles (27)	2010
Charles A. Domin * (7)	1997	# Martin Ede (02)	2011
Richard R. Miller * (1)	1997	Peter J. Stapleton (44)	2011
# Gail N. Smith (9)	1997	James A. Backus (11)	2012
Edward W. Studwell* (4)	1998	Earl F. Korngiebel (26)	2012
Patrick H. DeCesare* (13)	1998	Peter M. Sloan (44)	2012
John H. Goodrich, Jr. * (26)	1998	Raymond G Tomlinson (02)	2013
John G. Radeach (26)	1998	William C. Lang (46)	2013
David C. Toomey (17)	1998	T. Donovan Scroggs (17)	2014
Amos E. Jennings* (33)	1999	# Daniel M. Luft (27)	2014
# Clyde W. Kayser, II (2,45)	1999	# Darren D. Silhavy (11)	2015
Carl G. Palmberg (17)	1999	Bruce Padula (27)	2015
James H. Tweedie (49)	1999	Robert J. Cascone (13)	2016
Kenneth R. Whitman * (18)	1999	Delbert A. Little (27)	2016
# William K. Barr (46)	2000	# James S. McNeely (17)	2017
Stanley T. House * (6)	2000	# Douglas D. Barnard (31)	2017
George C. Perry * (1, 23)	2000	Richard R. Jones (31)	2017
Clarence E. Schiebel (18)	2000		
Scott T. Sherrick (49)	2000	# Present at Grand Convocation	
Anthony Pipitone (13)	2001	* Deceased	
Wesley H. Alexander* (26)	2001	% DIMITTED	
Alan Marc Brown (49)	2001	& No Lodge	
James R. Shaw (15) %	2001	@ Struck NPD	
Douglas A. Gray (02)	2002		
James W. Currier (09)	2002		
Thurman P Sharples Jr * (12, 9)	2002		
Sheldon L. Edwards Sr (DE) *	2002		
Edward R. Ham (13)	2003		
Edward Schoenrock * (17)	2003		
Thomas E. Schiebel (18)	2003		
# Jack H. Stevens (26)	2003		
Clifford H. Drost Jr * (13)	2004		
Randy S. Stevens (26)	2004		
Danny A. Camp (15)	2004		
Harold H. Tomlinson* (02)	2005		
Charles R. Nielsen * (17)	2005		
Leland F. McElrath (46)	2005		
Bruce A. Rumford (49)	2005		
Edward S. Eby (07) *	2006		
Michael B. Dodge % (09)	2006		
George J. Cronk @ (11)	2006		
George A W Nousiainen (02)	2007		
Nicholas G. Hackett (26) *	2007		

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Allyn Willner
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ALLYN WILLNER**Ephraim Kirby Citation
For Meritorious Service**

Allyn was born in New Haven, Connecticut to the late Maurice Willner and Sarah Leila Kaufman Willner. Allyn and his one sister Barbara Ruth were educated in the New Haven Public Schools. He graduated from James Hillhouse High School.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut, where he majored in Economics and minored in Psychology and Sociology. He pursued graduate studies in Education and History at the University of Connecticut.

Allyn's employment history includes: the Wilson & Lee Publishing Company, Sikorsky Aircraft, New Haven Board of Education, West Haven Veterans' Administration Hospital, and Cooley Chevrolet (later absorbed by McDermott Chevrolet).

After retirement, Allyn enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University. He audited all the undergraduate Earth Science courses. He earned course credit in Geography, Botany, Psychology, and Library Science.

He has had active membership in the New Haven Hiking Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, Sierra Club, New Haven Ski Club, Mt. Laurel Ski Club, Connecticut Botanical Society, four different Square Dance Clubs, New Haven Mineral Club, the New Haven Astronomy Club, and the New Haven Bird Club.

He served as Vice-president of the New Haven Ski Club where he organized one day bus trips to ski resorts. As "Hike Leader" for the New Haven Hiking Club, he organized one day hiking trips. For two consecutive years, he organized trips to Nantucket for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

He has enjoyed active participation in golf, hiking, skiing, square dancing, mountain climbing, sailing and swimming. Allyn has traveled to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Cancun, Cuba, Guadalupe, and Martinique.

Allyn has resided in West Haven for the last twenty-three years. He is an active member of the First Congregational Church of West Haven, United Church of Christ. He serves as Head Usher weekly and as a Liturgist monthly. He has served on the Church Council and as a committee member for Stewardship, Missions, Music, and the "Friends in Fellowship" social group. He is the Church delegate to the Annual Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ.

He holds membership in the following Masonic bodies: Annawon Lodge No. 115; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46 RAM, which he served as High Priest and now serves as Excellent King; Pulaski

Chapter No. 26 RAM, which he served as High Priest and now serves as Captain of the Host; Adam Sattig Council No. 35 R&SM; Crawford Council No. 19 R&SM, where he serves as Captain of the Guard; New Haven Commandery No. 2 K.T. where he serves as Warden; and Golden Rod Chapter No. 34 OES, where he serves as Warden.

Allyn felt honored when he was presented with a copy of the Connecticut Royal Arch Mason ritual book on November 8, 2012 by Companion William Miller, MEGHP. The inscription in the book reads:

**“Good work, true work, and a great job! Keep it up!
With my personal thanks! Bill Miller, MEGHP”**

This presentation was made in recognition of Allyn’s exceptional proficiency in his role of Captain of the Host. Allyn was gratified by this recognition as he spends much time and effort in refining his ritual and he takes pride in his performance.

THE JAMES ROYAL CASE AWARD

In 1986, the York Rite Coordinating Committee, which is composed of the dais officers of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, established the James Royal Case Award for outstanding service to Masonry and to the York Rite in particular. The award was presented each year at the Testimonial Dinner given in honor of the three Grand Presiding Officers.

The Committee has not been active since 2016.

Previous recipients of this prestigious award are as follows:

James Royal Case *	1986	Anthony Pipitone	2002
Howard R. Baker *	1987	Louis A. Kaufmann *	2003
Russell L. Benjamin *	1988	Walter L. Whitman *	2004
Warren J. Dennison *	1989	James S. Demko	2005
Andrew J. Muccianti *	1990	Leslie C. Noyes *	2006
Kenneth W. Marvin	1991	Robert J. Cascone	2007
William A. Bonney, Sr. *	1992	Edward Schoenrock *	2008
John Radeach *	1993	Donald E. Robinson *	2009
Matthew J. Banach *	1994	Irving Lief	2010
Arthur H. Carlstrom	1995	James J. Fahy	2011
Wilder J. Greeley *	1996	Donald C. Sause	2012
Willis E. Copeland, Jr.	1997	Richard Odell *	2013
Robert S. Johnson	1998	# William L. Miller II	2014
Stanley T. House *	1999	James A. Backus	2015
Edward Nordstrom *	2000	Charles T. Hall	2016
Douglas A. Gray	2001		

* Deceased

Present at Annual Convocation



**JAMES CHARLES KLEINKAUF
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2019-2020**

JAMES C. KLEINKAUF

James C. Kleinkauf was born in New Haven, Connecticut and has lived in Guilford, Connecticut all his life. Growing up on the shoreline, James has always had a strong love for Long Island Sound. He was a member of the Guilford Sea Scouts and participated in the annual Memorial Day wreath ceremonies and became an Assistant Sea Scout Master. James built motorized bicycles and go-carts in between studying, fishing and running his own lawn mowing business. After graduating from Guilford Senior High School in 1961, James became a machinist foreman at the George Schmidt Company in Guilford before deciding to apprentice to Al Offredi, master plumber of Offredi Plumbing and Heating. During that time, he took over as the Sea Scout Master to train Guilford youths in Seamanship.

He married Suzanne V. Kawra, his high school sweetheart, in 1963 and started his journeyman ship of plumbing with James Collopy, Collopy Plumbing and Heating of Branford. During this time, he went to Eli Whitney Technical School to further his education and received a certificate at the end of his studies. In 1970, James' and Suzanne's daughter Jamie Sue was born, and James finished his Master Plumbing training with Frank D'Amico of D'Amico Plumbing and Heating in Branford and received his P 1 license from the State of Connecticut. In 1973, he started his own business, "James C. Kleinkauf, Plumbing & Heating" in Guilford and is still working at his craft in 2019. An avid outdoorsman, James enjoys hunting, fishing, boating and riding motorcycles.

James became a member of the Guilford Jaycee's in 1977. As a member of the Guilford chapter of the Jaycees, James assisted with the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. He was an integral part of the restoration of the buildings and fences at Jacobs Beach in Guilford. James trained youths on gun safety and BB gun shooter education, regarding the correct way to handle firearms. During his three year civic tenure, James won many recognitions including the Sparkplug award, Jaycee of the Year Award for 1979, and the John H. Armbruster "Keyman Award".

James formed the Masons Knights Brothers II Club to raise money for the hearing-handicapped Guilford residents. He organized the annual "Haunted Hall" as a safe Halloween activity for local youths.

James was a member of Guilford Community Television (GCTV) and served on the Board of Directors for three years. He volunteered and filmed Guilford Town Meetings for the Boards of Selectmen, Finance, and Education, as well as Planning & Zoning meetings and town elections. James trained members and the public on how to use the equipment as well as maintaining the equipment and scheduling rentals.

James was a member of the Guilford Harbor Management Commission for eight years and also served on the Guilford Marina Commission for eight years.

James joined St. Alban's Lodge #38 AF & AM in 1975, Halleck Chapter # 44 in 1977, Eastern Star in 1981, Crawford Council # 19 and also New Haven Commandery # 2 in 1982. He served as Treasurer for both Halleck Chapter and Menunketuck Council for twelve consecutive years. He is a member and past president of St. Albans Fellowcraft club and Guilford Temple Associations. As Master of St. Albans Lodge in 1982, he received the Master Achievement Award. When his daughter, Jamie, was in the International Order of Rainbow for girls, he was the Tyler for the Guilford Chapter. Jamie became Worthy Advisor and Grand Faith for the State of Connecticut, and James received the Grand Cross of Color with her in 1986.

James joined Menunketuck Council # 36 as a charter member in 1985 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master for Menunketuck Council #36 in 2003, 2004, 2009, 2013 and 2014. He is a member of the Council of Anointed Kings of Connecticut. In 2006, he was appointed Grand Conductor by the Past Most Puissant Grand Master, Peter J. Stapleton. In 2007, he was appointed Grand Captain of the Guard. In the same year, James was a recipient of the Knight of Ish Sodi award. In 2008, he was elected Grand Conductor of the Work, and in 2009, James was elected Deputy Puissant Grand Master. James was elected and served as the Most Puissant Grand Master in 2010. In 2016, James received the Phillip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award by Most Puissant Grand Master Michael Eugene Seamon.

James served as High Priest for Halleck Chapter #44 Royal Arch Masons from 2001-2002 and 2010. In 2013 he was appointed to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut as the Grand Master of the First Veil by Most Excellent Grand High Priest David C. Abrames. He was accepted as the Grand Representative to the State of Pennsylvania. He also served on the York-Rite Coordinating Committee from 2006-2010. In 2018, James was elected Right Eminent Grand King of the Connecticut Grand Chapter, and in 2019, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Connecticut.

James has been a member of Connecticut York Rite College #17 since 2008, and in 2015 he received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. In 2015, he was elected Pre-Eminent Governor of the York Rite College #17. He was appointed Assistant Ritual Cast Director. He is also a member of Mohawk Council #28, Knight Masons; Nathan Hale Council #78 A.M.D.; and Connecticut College of Societas Rosicruciana in

Civitatibus Foederatis. He is a lifetime member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Connecticut.

James is a member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA, in the Valley of New Haven and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport, and received in 2015 the Meritorious Service Award. He served on the Program Committee as Chairman for the Scottish Rite Family Life Diversity and arranged for the annual winter and summer picnics and social events from 2011-2019.

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

Greetings: Thank you all for attending our 221st Anniversary Grand Convocation.

I want to thank the Companions for electing me as your ME Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. It is an honor and privilege to serve you and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut.

I would like to recognize and thank my lovely wife and partner, Suzanne, and also my family for their support and dedication throughout my Masonic career.

A very special thank you to MEPGHP David C. Abrames for his persistence in appointing me to the Grand Line in 2013.

One of my goals this year was to visit every chapter in the state, at least once with some of the Grand Chapter officers.

My theme this year is "Communication is the key". The definition of the word communication is: The imparting or exchanging of information or news.

We should strive to inform all members by use of all means available to us, for example: Email, phone, regular mail, flyers, bulletin boards, York Rite Opportunities, etc. This information should include date of events, time, place, rehearsal times, degrees being presented, education programs, special meetings, awards nights and any cancellations due to inclement weather. Hopefully, this will increase participation and attendance. Should any Chapter require Grand Officers to be present to open because of low membership attendance, they should not hesitate to ask for assistance in this matter. Please know that your Grand Chapter Officers are there to help local Chapters in assisting them with education, leadership training and a willingness to help whenever needed.

We hold the key for the future of all Masonic bodies. We have to bring back "Lead by example." Bring back proper dress codes for officers and candidates. No more shorts or sandals during degree work or at formal meetings. Save that for the picnics and appropriate social events. We need to honor and respect the ancient traditions of our fraternity. As MEPGHP James S. McNeely IV has previously stated "Be a Mentor."

We as a Masonic body should strive for compassion, practice brotherly love, be truthful and respectful to all mankind. We can and should make the world a safe and better place.

I am pleased to announce to all that Charles B. Fowler Jr. and William L. Miller II will be staying on in their positions as our Right Excellent Grand Secretary and Right Excellent Assistant Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

I will also appoint a second Right Excellent Assistant Grand Secretary to aid in the transition for future vacancies in these two very important positions. I am happy to name James S. McNeely IV to this position.

I have also added two special committees. They are:

Installation of the Grand Officers Suite Committee

Set-up Committee for the 2020 -222nd Anniversary Convocation for Royal Arch Grand Chapter proceedings.

They are: MEGHP, RE Grand King, and RE Grand Scribe.

They will act as overseers of the festivities and also will appoint set-up and clean-up committees.

In closing, I'd like to express my personal thanks to my installing suite, MEPGHP Paul L. Chello, MEPGHP William L. Miller II and MEPGHP Bruce R. Bellmore.

James C. Kleinkauf

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Arthur J. McKinney (17)	1986	Paul L. Chello (44)	2010
William F. Lott (09)	1988	Danny A. Camp (15)	2011
Rodney I. Gray (18)	1990	James A Backus (11) Hon	2012
Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	1991	William L. Miller II (17)	2012
Stephen D. Piner (17)	1993	David C. Abrames (17)	2013
Andrew G. Weimann II (15)	1999	Charles D. O'Neill (11)	2014
Matthew F. Griffin (31)	2000	Richard A. Eppler (27)	2015
William L. Greene (09)	2001	Martin Ede (02)	2016
Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	2004	Martin Ede (02)	2017
Charles A. McCollum (11)	2005	James S. McNeely IV (17)	2018
William K. Barr (46)	2007	Charles B Fowler (17) Hon	2018
John Mellor (13)	2009		

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ALASKA	Rodney L. Johnson		
ALBERTA	David D. Thomson		
ARIZONA			-----
ARKANSAS	Sam M. Johnson		
AUSTRIA			
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BRAZIL			
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COLORADO	David L. Salberg	David C. Abrames	56---
CONNECTICUT PH	(Does not exchange representatives)		
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DIST OF COLUMBIA	Robert H. Starr		
ENGLAND	(Does not exchange representatives)		
ENGLAND & WALES	Ian D. G. Alexander	Russell A. Schiebel	-----
FINLAND	Antti Vilkki	George Nousiainen	-----
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GREECE	Nicolaos Vourgidis	Robert D. Sherrick	-----
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**Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests
in Royal Arch Masonry**



170th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 170th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry was held in the apartments of the York Masons Hall at 784 Main Street in East Hartford, CT on May 4, 2019, A.D., 3932 A. Beo.

The Convention was called to order at 9:30 am by Most Excellent President J. Andrew Birdsall with the assistance of his officers in their respective stations:

J. Andrew Birdsall (07)	Excellent President
James S. McNeely IV (17)	Excellent Vice President
Jason R. Regier (27)	Excellent Chaplain
William L Miller, PP (17)	Excellent Treasurer Recorder
Michael D. Sabia (11)	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Richard L. Sawyers (17)	Excellent Conductor
Clyde W. Kayser , PP (45)	Excellent Conductor, PT
Michael E. Seamon (17)	Excellent Herald
B. Earl Canfield (15)	Excellent Steward
Richard G Barrows, PP (09)	Excellent Steward, PT
F. Donovan Scroggs (17)	Excellent Sentinel
Russell L. Scull (30)	Excellent Sentinel, PT

After an opening prayer and pledge of allegiance, Most Excellent President Birdsall welcomed the Companion AHPs.

MEP Andy then began the primary work of the morning by calling upon Rec. Bill for the list of Candidates. Four certificates had been submitted, which were read and nominated by Rec. Bill and elected by the AHPs present to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Brian E Beals	Columbia 31
Thomas A Duclos	Washington 30
Thomas E. Grace	Keystone 27
Gary D Shepard	Housatonic 13

The officers, adjoined by veterans in Pro-tem capacities, then proceeded to anoint, consecrate and set apart these Ex. Companions to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Each was in turn personally congratulated and presented with his Bible and lifetime membership card by MEP Birdsall.

MEP Andy thanked his officers, and more specifically, his Pro-tems, for their fine work, much of it on real short notice.

MEP Andy then continued with the business of the Convention, beginning with recognition of the distinguished Companions from the related bodies of Masonry.

Starting with the **Most Puissant Grand Council**, present were Past MPM's Robert Sherrick, Richard Barrows, James Kleinkauf, Charles McCollum (and GrTres), Michael Seamon, Honorary PMPGM Charles Fowler, (and MEP Andy, too); Ill. Gr CaptGd Martin Ede, and Ill. Gr Cond. James McNeely .

From the **Grand Commandery**, our new REGC, Michael E Seamon was recognized, along with VEDGC James McNeely, GrGenl Craig Nelson, and REPGCs Charles Fowler, Charles McCollum, William Miller, and Clyde Kayser.

The **Grand Chapter** officers, present or past, or in some capacity, were directed to assemble west of the altar and introduced by MEGHP James McNeely: REGKing James Kleinkauf; GrTres and PGHP Charles McCollum; GrSec and Hon PGHP Charles B. Fowler; REGrCOH Daniel Luft, REGrPS Clyde Kayser, and REGM3V Andy Birdsall, REGM2V Michael E. Sabia, REGM1V Jason Regier, and REGrSent Russell Scull along with MEPGHPs Richard Eppler, Charles A McCollum, William L. Miller, and Past GrCust Richard Barrows and Mike Seamon.

This crew then migrated to the East and personally greeted by MEP Andy, who reported loyalty of the Grand Convention to the Grand Chapter, and offered MEGHP James his gavel, who acknowledged allegiance and returned the gavel. MEP Andy then led the Companions in Private Grand Honors and seated the Companions.

From the **Grand Lodge**, various representatives were present: beginning with ME Comp Charles B. Fowler, Jr., MW Past Grand Master; newest District Deputy RW Richard Barrows, Past DD's Michael Seamon and Charles McCollum, and Past Assoc Gr Marshals Michael Sabia and Daniel Luft.

Then acknowledged were the Past MEx. Presidents of the Convention: Richard Barrows, Martin Ede, Richard Eppler, Clyde Kayser, Charles McCollum, William Miller, and Bard Teigen.

MEP Andy called upon Rec. Bill for the rest of the morning's business.

For our traditional moment in history, Rec. Bill announced the longevity award, which goes this year to Richard Eppler (born 1934) as our usual veteran PP Kenneth Marvin remained home. By year of anointing, Bard Teigen took the honor, 1971.

Continuing, Rec. Bill motioned that unless any errors or omissions could be cited, the Minutes of the 169th Convention stand as printed in the 2018 Grand Chapter Proceedings. The AHPs so voted.

Tres-Rec. Bill presented his report of our last year ending March 31, 2019 which had been reviewed by AHP Michael Seamon, acting auditor. Our membership continues to drop as we age, now down to a net 186. Financially, not wealthy but holding our own – scrimping on supplies, saving here and there and the boutique all help, but donations make the difference. Rec. Bill's report was adopted upon motion and the report will be appended to these minutes.

Chaplain Jason Regier delivered the necrology report of our departed Excellent Companions, after which he led the Companions in prayer for their eternal service and memory.

Deceased Past High Priest Priests (as of 31 March

Companion	Chapter	Date
William C. Jeanfavre	Columbia 31	04.07.18
Dennis C. Marden	Franklin 02	06/30.18
Stanley T. House	Burning Bush-Washington 06	12.18.18
Philip B Swain, Jr.	Delta 51/Pythagoras 17	01.27.19
Charles C. Maxson, PGHP	Union 07	01.02.19
Donald J. Miller	Hiram 01	03.14.17
Richard E. Odell	Rittenhouse 11	03.16.19
Llewelyn N. Winslow	Trinity 09	03.27.19

On motion asked for by MEP Birdsall, the Companion AHPs VOTED the standard honoraria for the officers present (\$150 to the TresRec, \$25 Sentinel), as well as the other usual and customary expenses of the Convention.

When it came to our charity, Tres. Bill noted that our income from free-will donations and boutique continues to be healthy enough to continue our annual donation to the MCF, and upon his motion, \$300 was VOTED.

Rec. Bill was then called upon to give a report of the Nominations Committee, which was incomplete due to the unprecedented number of officer absentees today and reports regarding continued service. It was done in two parts: for Election as MEP - McNeely, MEVicePres – Reiger, Tres-Rec – Miller, and Ex. Master of Ceremonies – Seamon. This slate was placed in nomination, seconded and declared elected.

For his appointment, Pres. Elect James then announced the following appointments, also with some volunteers from the sidelines

James S. McNeely, IV (17)	Most Excellent President
Jason R. Rieger (27)	Excellent Vice President
Michael Sabia (11)	Excellent Chaplain
William L. Miller (17)	Excellent Treasurer-Recorder
Michael E. Seamon (17)	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Daniel Luft (27)	Excellent Conductor
Thomas Duclos (30)	Excellent Herald
Mychael Scribner (15)	Excellent Steward
Arnold Grot (17)	Excellent Sentinel

EP-elect James asked outgoing ExPres. Andy Birdsall to lead the installation, assisted by RE Clyde Kayser as Marshal and ME Bill Miller as Chaplain. Officers were assembled, given their charges and took their new stations, and proclamation was made by the Marshal.

New MEP James thanked his officers for their assistance today, and the Installing Team for their services, and the Companions for their support.

MEP James also acknowledged the new Companion AHPs for their specialties: Gary Shepard as new MEHP of new Housatonic Chapter 13; Thomas Grace, a former HP in VT, but which does not offer High Priesthood; Brian Beals, our State DeMolay Executive Officer; and Thomas Duclos for organizing a 50-year presentation for PP Bard Teigen.

As his first official duty, Pres. James presented the now "junior" Past Pres. Andrew, with his official Past President jewel, receiving another round of applause for his efforts this year.

Remarks were added that PP Andy would be moving to Georgia, a great loss to our Masonic family here in CT, but wished him and his family great things ahead. Pres. James did, however, remind the Companions of the Grand Chapter/Council session May 31 and June 1st at Four Points in Meriden.

IPCW Martin Ede of the Grand Council offered warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Council and noted the 200th Celebration coming May 18 including dinner and dancing, followed by the Grand Sessions June 1st.

From and for the Grand Commandery, REGC Michael Seamon brought Knightly greetings, announced some other near term events including Ascension Day May 30th in Ansonia, and thanked the Convention for the courtesies of the morning.

RW DD Richard Barrows added his appreciations, warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge and those of MWGM Mel Johnson to conclude the work of the Convention. Therefore, with no further business appearing, MEP James proceeded to close the 170th Convention at 11:30 am, and the Companions adjourned for lunch in the dining hall, and the latest shopping experience at the "boutique".



Attest:

William L. Miller, MEPGHP
Treasurer-Recorder

Recorder Post Script:

Not addressed per se in open session, as the new MEHP is the East Hartford York Mason Hall President, it is safe to assume that our next Convention would be a year from now, same time same station, making it our **171st Annual Convention, May 2nd, 2020 at the York Masons Hall.**

Membership

At the close of our last year on 31 March 2018, our membership was reported at 194. At the last Annual Convention on May 5, 2018, only 1 new member was anointed, but in the course of the year, the Grand Architect of the Universe summoned to his side 8 of our Excellent Companions and 1 more was lost to NPD from Lodge for a net loss of 8 such that our membership now stands at 186.

Financial

Receipts (Checking & Savings):

Dinners	\$150.00
Donations	340.00
Fees for Order	60.00
Sale of Jewels	88.00
Interest (Svgs)	1.83
Transfer Into Checking from Savings	0.00
Total Receipts	\$639.83

Disbursements (Checking & Savings):

Donation to MCF of CT	300.00
Donation to Grand Chapter Educ Fund	0.00
Honoraria	175.00
Dinners	200.00
Office Supplies, Expenses, Jewels, Bibles	174.13
Postage	100.00
Printing	0.00
Miscellaneous – Rent	50.00
Transfer out from Checking back into Savings	0.00
Total Disbursements	\$999.13

Excess of disbursements over receipts 359.30

Balance March 31, 2018 \$4,876.35

Balance April 1, 2019 \$4,517.15

Respectfully submitted,



Ex. William L. Miller, Tres.-Rec.
1 April 2019

Report audited by Ex. Michael E. Seamon, PHP Date: 5/4/2019

ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Stephen D. Piner	17	1982	Charles A. McCollum	23	2007
Gail N. Smith	09	1987	Douglas A. Gray	02	2008
James P. Keaveny	04	1992	Robert G. Fitzgerald	17	2009
Kenneth W. Marvin	12	1993	Andrew G. Weimann, II	15	2011
Bard C. Teigen	30	1994	Charles DeM. O'Neill	11	2012
William L. Greene	42	1997	Martin Ede	02	2014
Clyde W. Kayser, II	45	1999	David C. Abrames	17	2015
William L. Miller	17	2004	Richard R. Jones	31	2017
Richard G. Barrows	09	2005	J. Andrew Birdsall	07	2018

DONATIONS

1 April 2018 through 31 March 2019

Alfred Ballwig	01	Robert Cascone	13
		Robert L Jess	13,49
Martin Ede	02	Craig Nelson	13
Clyde W Kayser	02	Gary Shepard	13
George Nousianen	02	Robert Sherrick	13,49
		Richard Travis	13,49
Herbert Olson	06		
		Arthur H Carlstrom	15,45
Donald Gladding	09	B. Earl Canfield	15
Rodney I Gray	09	Mychael Scribner	15
Robert D Hayes	09,12	Dale E Sweet	15,45
Gary Littlefield	09	Andrew G Weimann	15
Kenneth W Marvin	09		
Thomas Schiebel	09	David C Abrames	17
		Charles B Fowler	17
Charles A. McCollum	11,23	Arnold S Grot	17
Charles D. O'Neill	11	James S McNeely IV	17
Michael Sabia	11	William L Miller	17
		Carl G Palmberg	17

Richard L Sawyers	17	Thomas Duclos	30
T Donovan Scroggs	17	Howard W Orr	30
Michael E Seamon	17	Russell Scull	30
		Bard Teigen	30
Richard A Eppler	26,27		
Thomas Grace	27	Douglas Barnard	31
Robert Kilgore	27	Matthew Griffin	31
Delbert A Little	27	Roger B Thorin	31
Bruce Padula	27	Richard R Jones, Jr	31
Jason Regier	27		
Gregory Whitehouse	27	James Kleinkauf	44
Dale E Cunningham	30		