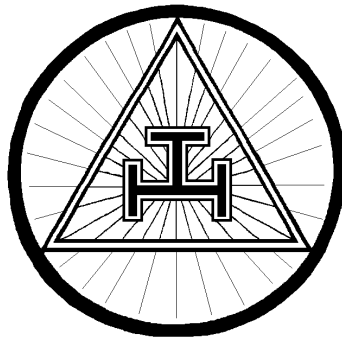


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JAMES CHARLES KLEINKAUF
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2019

JAMES CHARLES KLEINKAUF

James Charles 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. An avid outdoorsman, James enjoys hunting, fishing, boating and riding motorcycles. In 1973, he started his own business, "James C. Kleinkauf, Plumbing & Heating" in Guilford and is still working at his craft in 2019.

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 Selectman, 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 Most Puissant Grand Master Peter J. Stapleton. In 2007 he received the Knight of Ish Sodi award. James was elected and served as the Most Puissant Grand Master in 2010. In 2016, he was presented with the Phillip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award by Most Puissant Grand Master Michael E. 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 2019, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of 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 is also a member of Mohawk Council #28, Knight Masons; Nathan Hale Council #78 A.M.D.; and Connecticut College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. He is a life 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.

ANNUAL SESSION

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the 222nd Anniversary Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut could not be held in the traditional manner. Instead of the usual banquet and physical gathering, the Annual Meeting was held by means of video-conferencing.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was declared to be open by Most Excellent Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf at 9:00 am on Saturday, 6 June 2020.

RE Grand Chaplain William Weisert was called upon to offer prayer, after which MEGHP Kleinkauf led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ATTENDANCE

GRAND OFFICERS

James C. Kleinkauf (44)	M.E. Grand High Priest
Jeffery A. Flynn (17)	R.E. Grand King
Daniel M. Luft (27)	R.E. Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum (11)	R.E. Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17)	R.E. Grand Secretary
Clyde W. Kayser II (02,15)	R.E. Grand Captain of the Host
Michael E. Seamon (17)	R.E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Michael D. Sabia Jr (11)	R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Jason R. Rieger (27)	R.E. Grand Master Third Veil
Russell L. Scull (30)	R.E. Grand Master Second Veil
Mychael J. Scribner (15)	R.E. Grand Master First Veil
William E. Weisert (07)	R.E. Grand Chaplain
Gary D. Shepard (13)	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. Asst 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	Charles D. O'Neill
Martin Ede	Charles B. Fowler Jr, Hon
William L. Greene	Richard A. Eppler
James S. McNeely IV	James A. Backus, Hon

RIGHT EXCELLENT PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

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

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Denotes Proxy

<u>NO.</u>	<u>HIGH PRIEST</u>	<u>KING</u>	<u>SCRIBE</u>
1			
2		Martin Ede	
6			
7		William E, Weisert II	
9		Greg Messier	Richard G. Barrows
11	Peter R. Smyth	John A. Amarilios	James F. B. Wood
13	Gary D. Shepard	Craig R. Nelson	James Whitaker Jr
15		Mychael J. Scribner	
17	Charles M. Jewart	Arnold S. Grot	Edward Varjabedian
26	Gerald A. Calabritto		
27	Kristian M. Maiorino	Harold A. Elwell	Chris Schunmann
30	Thomas Duclos		
31		Michael K. Butteri	
44	Paul L. Chello	James C. Kleinkauf	

PAST HIGH PRIESTS (Not Otherwise Listed)

Vincent A. Cowie (06)	Brian E. Beals (31)
Richard L. Sawyers (17)	Robert J. Knowles (27)
James E. Hammitt (17)	

NON-VOTING COMPANIONS IN ATTENDANCE

Kenneth D. Roach (17)

Raymond C. Knieriem (09)

Frank J. Andriulli (26)

W. Stephen Matthews (17)

Bradley K. Cooney (02)

DELIBERATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

MEGHP James C. Kleinkauf extended a most cordial welcome to all companions in virtual attendance and acknowledged the presence of the following:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International**

Companion **Larry E. Gray**, Most Excellent Past General Grand High Priest and General Grand Secretary.

Companion **Mark E. Irwin**, Most Excellent Northeast Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest and General Grand Master of the Third Veil.

Companion **Charles D. O'Neill**, General Grand Principal Sojourner.

Companion **Stephen A. Balke**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of New Mexico

Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Connecticut

Brother **Stephen W. Petri**, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Assistant Grand Secretary McNeely reported that two Chapters, Hiram 01 and Burning Bush-Washington 06, were not represented, but that a quorum of representatives of at least eight Chapters was present.

MEGHP Kleinkauf acknowledged the presence of several Past Grand High Priests and thanked them for their support during the past year.

Past Grand Custodians were acknowledged as a group, as were the Grand Representatives.

HOLDERS of the General Grand Chapter Medals were greeted, and also the recipients of the Ephraim Kirby Meritorious Service Award.

MEGHP Kleinkauf then delivered his report and address, after which RE Grand King Flynn referred it to the Committee on Address.

MEPGHP Eppler reported for the Committee on Address and commended Companion Kleinkauf for an excellent year. The motion to accept the report was APPROVED.

MEPGHP Seamon, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, reported that the records of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Trustees had been reviewed and found correct. On motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustees, and Grand Secretary were presented and, on motion, APPROVED.

Companion **Charles D. O'Neill**, Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, brought greetings from the Cryptic Masons.

Grand Chaplain Weisert gave the report of the Committee on Necrology, noting in particular the passing of long time Grand Historian Gary A. Littlefield.

RE Grand King Flynn presented a Budget for the Fiscal Year ending 30 April 2021. On motion, the Budget and its Implementing Resolutions were ADOPTED.

RE Grand Scribe Luft reported for the Committee on Bylaws of Constituent Chapters that several had been reviewed and approved by MEGHP Kleinkauf. On motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

MEPGHP Fitzgerald delivered the report of the Committee on Insurance that our liability coverage was now provided by Philadelphia Insurance Companies. The committee also recommended the purchase of Directors and Officers insurance for the Grand Chapter. On his motion, the report and the recommendation were APPROVED.

Companion **James S. McNeely IV**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut brought his greetings to the Grand Chapter.

Companion McNeely then provided the report of the Committee on Educational Awards, recommending that the total \$5000 be divided evenly amongst all 16 worthy applicants. On motion, the report was APPROVED.

MEPGHP Bellmore delivered the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which recommended approval of the actions of MEGHP Kleinkauf. On motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

RE Grand King Flynn presented the report of the Committee on Delinquencies. On motion, the imposition of the recommended \$100 fines on Hiram Chapter No. 1 and Halleck Chapter No. 44 for failure to submit their Annual Returns with the per capita was APPROVED.

MEGHP Kleinkauf then ordered that all other reports received be printed in the Proceedings.

Companion **Mark E. Irwin**, Most Excellent Northeast Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, was called upon for remarks.

ELECTIONS

MEPGHP Chello, reporting for the Committee on Nominations recommended the following slate of officers:

Jeffery A. Flynn	Grand High Priest
Daniel M. Luft	Grand King
Clyde W. Kayser II	Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum	Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller II	Grand Secretary
Matthew F. Griffin	Grand Trustee to 2023

After asking three times if there were any further nominations, and there being none, MEGHP Kleinkauf declared the Nominees duly elected.

ME Grand High Priest elect Flynn announced the following appointments:

Michael E. Seamon	Grand Captain of the Host
Michael D. Sabia Jr	Grand Principal Sojourner
Jason R. Rieger	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Russell L. Scull	Grand Master Third Veil
Mychael J. Scribner	Grand Master Second Veil
Gary D. Shepard	Grand Master First Veil
William E. Weisert II	Grand Chaplain
Gerald A. Calabritto	Grand Sentinel
David E. Soderberg	Grand Organist
Martin Ede	Grand Historian
Scott T. Sherrick	Assistant Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler Jr	Assistant Grand Secretary
James S. McNeely IV	Assistant Grand Secretary
Bruce R. Bellmore	Assistant Grand Chaplain

INSTALLATION

The officers were installed by MEPGHP Chello with the assistance of Installing Chaplain Bellmore and Installing Marshal Miller.

Newly installed Grand High Priest Flynn then gave his acceptance address.

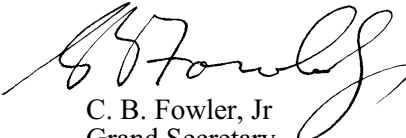
Brother **Stephen W. Petri**, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut congratulated the new officers and urged all to work to stop the decline of membership in the craft.

CLOSING

There being no further business, MEGHP Flynn called upon Grand Chaplain Weisert for a closing prayer, and then declared the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter completed and adjourned at 10:20 am.

Attest:




C. B. Fowler, Jr
Grand Secretary

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION:

The 223rd Anniversary Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will be held on Saturday, 5 June 2021, starting at 1:00 p.m., at the Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden CT. The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut will meet in Annual Assembly at 9:00 a.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, 4 June 2021.

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

Companions all:

Welcome to our 222nd Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of CT Annual Convocation.

I'd like to welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Stephen W. Petri, of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of CT, James S. McNeely IV, R.E. Grand Commander of CT, Charles D. O'Neill, MPGM of Royal & Select Masters of CT and all other dignitaries and guests.

This past year has been a wonderful experience for me. I was so honored to be elected to the position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut. Thank you for your faith in me. The year started with the hope and promise of better things to come.

Who would have thought that we in our Masonic World as well as the Global world would be hit with the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic, a virus that the world has not seen since the influenza virus of 1918. The illness and deaths leading from the spread of the Covid-19 virus have left the whole country quarantined and ordered to stay at home and stay safe.

The Covid-19 Pandemic caused a mandate from the State of Connecticut's Governor to cancel all non-essential events. Which meant all of our meetings were cancelled. However, from bad comes new enlightenment. Who would have thought that technology would come to our rescue? Be it with the use of 3D printers to make the N-95 face masks, manufacturing companies changing their manufacturing to the manufacture of ventilators, Army Corps of Engineers converting meeting centers into hospitals, and first responders and doctors and nurses going above and beyond the call.

As Companions we had to learn to adapt as the whole world did. Companions helping Companions with getting members "on line" so that we could communicate through teleconferencing and "Zoom" and "WebX." Not being a "techie", I didn't even know what "Zoom" was. How fast we learned. A "Virtual Means" to conduct meetings and Annual Convocations.

Personal Thank Yous

I want to thank my wife Suzanne and my family for all their help and support this year.

I also want to thank David Abrames for appointing me to the Grand Line.

I want to thank Charles B. Fowler Jr, RE Grand Secretary, for staying on this past year. His guidance and support was a tremendous help to myself and all Companions. Thank you "Chuck" for your dedication to Grand Chapter these past 27 years. We all wish you a well-deserved retirement.

A very personal thank you to James A. Backus, Editor of the Connecticut RAM magazine, who held that position for 21 years and is retiring this year. I also want to thank James S. McNeely IV, who graciously accepted my appointment for him to be the new Editor of the Connecticut RAM magazine.

Many thanks to R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary, William L. Miller II, as well as R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary, James S. McNeely IV, for stepping-up and taking on additional duties when the Grand Secretary was ill. Thank you for your service.

Awards

Ephraim Kirby Award: This year the Committee on Awards nominated two Companions for the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Paul L. Chello, Halleck # 44. Paul has served his local Chapter and several other Chapters for many years as well as the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. He continues to serve his Church and Community by being active on committees, boards, and other areas of leadership.

Craig R. Nelson, Sr., Housatonic Chapter # 13. Craig is recognized for his service to his Chapter. He was the first HP of the new Housatonic Chapter. He set the standard for the new Chapter to move forward. He continues to serve in making his Chapter successful.

The General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award in Bronze:

It is with great pleasure to have nominated Companion William L. Miller II for this prestigious award. William has served his local Chapter for many years as Secretary as well as his participation in Degree work. He is also recognized for his dedicated service to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Connecticut and his service as R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary for several years and also as chair of the joint Grand Chapter and Grand Council annual sessions working with the host facility to ensure that all have an enjoyable time. All that Bill does is for the betterment of the Chapter and all Companions.

Grand Chapter Emeritus Awards:

M.Ex. Companion Charles B. Fowler, Jr., Grand Secretary Emeritus,
Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut
M.EX. Companion James A. Backus, Editor Emeritus, Royal Arch
Masons of Connecticut

State of the Chapters

Chapters are still struggling to meet quorums to open their stated Communications. I was fortunate in not having to pull any Chapter Charters. I, along with several of my Grand Officers, met with Chapters to help them work through mediation efforts to sustain their Chapters. Many times my Grand Officers traveled with me to Chapters to help them with having enough members for a quorum to open their meeting.

I worked with Pulaski No. 26 and Joseph Andrews No. 46 to assist with the merging of the two Chapters. Paul L. Chello also helped. They are in their final stages of their merge. Another Chapter, Evening Star No. 47, has been formed and awaits approval from Grand Chapter.

The By-Law Committee has approved the Chapter Bylaws for: Joseph Andrews - Pulaski No 26, the New Chapter Bylaws for Evening Star No. 47 and the amended Bylaw changes for Pythagoras No. 17.

I instituted a new program named "The York-Rite Road Show". This is an educational program regarding receiving more enlightenment in Masonry through Chapter, Council, and Commandery and to help promote new membership in all three bodies by bringing this program to Blue Lodges.

A special thanks to Grand Officer, 2nd. Veil, Russell Scull, for his help with the technical part of the presentations and the dedication and support from all Grand Officers of the York-Rite bodies that took part in the question and answer periods.

I would also like to recognize and thank Michael E. Sabia Jr., for getting us up and running on Facebook. His efforts have now allowed members and potential members to see the good work that we do, the awards that have been presented and announcements for Grand Chapter.

My theme this year was "Communication is Key." I tried to keep my slate of Officers in the "loop" as to what my plans were. We have to better communicate with all our Companions and to keep our minds open to new technology and the world around us.

I visited all the Chapters, and during my visitations as MEGHP, I tried to promote "Best Practices" with each Chapter. I stressed that politics does not belong in the stated communications and also at refreshment; that dress code should be followed - no shorts or flip-flops. I also found that most Chapters, when open, did not have a program to put on for their Companions that were in attendance, or to educate or inform. The officers were more interested in opening and closing.

We owe our Companions a reason to come to meetings other than the regular business part of meetings. We can present to our members interesting short talks, readings from the Bible, papers that have been written by other Companions and educating Companions as to protocol. Companions helping Companions, with whatever is happening at the time, whether it is with new technology, or ways to improve communication is vital for our growth as an organization.

Grand Officers

I thank all my Grand Officers for the help and dedication that they gave me. Any task I asked of them, simple or complicated was greeted with much enthusiasm. I couldn't have asked for a better or more competent suite of Officers. When asked to travel with me, they were there. They were there even when I didn't ask. Grand Officers: Thank You to R.E. Grand King Jeffery Flynn. Thank you, Jeff for being my sounding board

and also for your input. Daniel Luft, R.E. Grand Scribe; Russell L. Scull, R.E. GM 2nd Veil; Michael D. Sabia Jr., R.E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain; R.E. GM 3rd Veil, Jason R. Rieger; and William E. Weisert II, R.E. Grand Chaplain who helped with the York Rite Road Show and also with quorums and degrees.

All my Grand Officers will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation of which they all deserved.

Presentations

50 year pins and certificates were awarded to:

Richard I. McKee, Nelson C. Hallas, William Schuck, (All out of State, were mailed)

Paul W. Hunt, Leonard H. Bucher, M. Robert Reynolds, Thomas E. Grace, Carmello Mazzotta, Jr., Carylyle P. Aveni.

James Royal Case Award:

At the Annual Testimonial Dinner for the MEGHP, MPGM, and REGC which was held in November at the Gallery Restaurant in Glastonbury, Companion Arnold S. Grot was presented with the James Royal Case Award for outstanding service to Masonry and to the York Rite in particular.

Dispensations Granted

Dispensation # 565

Pulaski No. 26 to move their regular stated meeting night from Wednesday, November 13, 2019 to Thursday, November 14, 2019 for the purpose of Pulaski No. 26 and Joseph Andrews No. 46 to put on a combined Past Master Degree by both Chapters at 263 Center St., West Haven

Dispensation # 566

Franklin No. 2 to move their December meeting date to December 4, 2019 from New Haven to the North Haven Masonic Temple for their annual holiday dinner.

Dispensation # 566-A

To move February 5, 2020 meeting to February 26, 2020 from Madison to 8 Eades St, Branford, the evening that Pulaski Chapter meets. For the purpose to hold a separate meeting of Halleck Chapter No. 44 to be able to open and conduct its business.

Dispensation # 567

Cyrus-Meridian No. 15

To permit Cyrus-Meridian for the purpose of holding the Stated Convocation of the Chapter at the Log House Restaurant, 110 New Hartford Rd., Barkhamsted, CT on April 9, 2020. Their Charter, Great Lights and Aprons will be present.

Dispensation # 568

Halleck Chapter No. 44 To move their regular stated meeting from March 4, 2020, to March 25, 2020, from Madison to 8 Eades St., Branford for the purpose of a joint meeting and also to put on a MEM Degree with Pulaski # 26. Halleck Chapter will bring their Charter with them that evening.

Dispensation # 569: Pythagoras No. 17

For Pythagoras No. 17 to hold its annual meeting by “Virtual Means” (ZOOM) allowing their members who sign in to ZOOM to partake in their annual meeting. Virtual meeting to take place on April 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.

Dispensation # 570: Columbia No.31

To allow EC Douglas D. Barnard to continue to serve as High Priest for an additional year, 2020-2021.

Special Dispensation:

March: Emailed to all Chapter Secretaries and Grand Officers

Dispensation to all Chapter High Priest as per their discretion to either cancel or postpone regular stated meetings and events for the health and welfare of all members due to the Covid 19 Virus Pandemic

April: Emailed to all Chapter Secretaries and Grand Officers:

Blanket Dispensation per MEGHP James C. Kleinkauf , issued to all Chapters to hold their Annual meetings and Installation of Officers via video or teleconferencing through “Virtual Means.” Or any other platforms such as Zoom. Due to the rapid spread of the Corona Virus Pandemic and the Governor of the State of Connecticut’s mandate that all non-essential meetings and businesses closed to help stop the spread of the virus.

Dispensations Not Granted

None

Decisions Made

July 10, 2019, All the heads of the York Rite Bodies, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Comandery, met at the Ashlar Pavilion, and voted to reactivate the York Rite Coordination Committee, the Annual York Rite Testimonial Dinner as well as the James Royal Case Award for distinguished service.

Cancelled

The formal Annual Convocation, banquet and luncheon of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, which was to be held at the Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden on June 5 & 6. MEGHP James C. Kleinkauf, MPGM Charles D. O’Neill, R.E. Grand Secretary Charles B. Fowler Jr., and R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary William L. Miller II, all

agreed to the cancellation due to the Corona Virus 19 Pandemic and the Governor of the State of Connecticut's mandate to stay at home and stay safe.

Committee on By-Laws Report review

I have accepted and approved the Bylaws and merger for Joseph Andrews - Pulaski No. 26.

I have accepted and approved the new Chapter Bylaws for Evening Star No. 47.

I have accepted and approved the amended Bylaws for Pythagoras No. 17.

Recommendations

That safety measures continue during and after the Covid-19 Pandemic has lessened, and practices to ensure the health and welfare of members remain in place. That should the Covid- 19 virus return, or any other event that would endanger our members, that we have in place a special dispensation to utilize any type of teleconferencing or video platform such as Zoom to conduct monthly meetings and annual sessions.

To continue to promote membership in Chapters by educating Blue Lodges as to how to receive more light in Masonry through Chapter, Council and Commandery.

To encourage Chapters to merge instead of forfeiting their Charters.

To educate members on how to use teleconferencing and video conferencing methods and equipment.

That Grand Officers submit articles to the Royal Arch Magazine on any topic that they want to share.

James C. Kleinkauf

Travels and Visitations

2019

May 31-

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| 1-Jun | Attended annual Banquet and Annual Meetings of both Grand Chapter and Grand Council |
| 4-Jun | Franklin No.2
Franklin No. 2 did not have a quorum , only 6 members were there, so 4 Grand Officer's aided in putting on the Degrees. |
| 5-Jun | Visitation, Halleck Chapter # 44 |
| 8-Jun | Attended Grand Masters Day and Parade |

June

- 8 & 9 Attended Vermont Grand Convocation
13-Jun Visitation - Cyrus-Meridian # 15
Only 7 attendees-Did not have a Quorum to open
15-Jun Attended Mohawk Council, East Hartford
19-Jun Visitation - Washington # 30
Only 3 people showed up- 2 Grand Officers in attendance. No quorum- Could not open
22-Jun Attended York-Rite College in New Haven
26-Jun Visitation- Pulaski # 26

July

- 12 Attended Demolay Conclave
13 Attended Scottish-Rite Dusis Picnic, Wallingford
13 Grand Chapter Officers meeting-Ashlar Pavilion

August

- 8 Attended Meeting & Organizational Dinner, Valley of Bridgeport & Lafayette Consistory
10 York Rite Coordinating Committee meeting -10 a.m.
Attended Commandery Picnic, Wallingford

Sept.

- 3-Sep Keystone # 27- 50 yr. Cert. & Pin presentation to HP Thomas E. Grace
4-Sep Visitation Halleck #44- No quorum to open duly noted.
6-Sep Attended -Northern York Rite Conference-Gr.Chapter in Albany, NY
11-Sep Visitation- Pythagoras # 17
13-Sep Visitation- Housatonic # 13
14-Sep Attended CT Council of Deliberation, Glastonbury
17-Sep Visitation- Burning Bush - Washington #6, They could not open due to a lack of a quorum.
Burning Bush was given a verbal notice that their Charter would be pulled if they do not come up with a plan in 60 days to be able to open their meeting with a quorum.

- 19-Sep Met with High Priests from Pulaski #26, Joseph Andrews # 46 and Halleck Chapter # 44 - Discussion with regards to two Chapters to merge #'s - 26 & 46 and procedure to do so. At this meeting: Pulaski and Joseph Andrews have decided to go forward with merging.
Pulaski # 26 and presentation of 50 yr. pin and certificate to Leonard Bucher.
- 25-Sep
- 28-Sep Attended York-Rite College in Norwalk

October

- 4-Oct Halleck # 44
- 5-Oct Columbia # 31
- 8-Oct Attended both meetings of AMD/SRICF
York Rite Road Show- Madison Lodge # 87 -
- 10-Oct Educational Program with Grand Officers
- 16-Oct Cyrus/Meridian # 15
- 22-Oct Washington # 30
- 25-Oct Trinity # 9
Grand Chapter RAM, Massachusetts

November

- 5-Nov York-Rite Testimonial Dinner / James Royal Case
Award-Given To Arnold Grot
- 6-Nov Franklin # 2
- 13-Nov Halleck # 44
- 19-Nov Pythagoras #17
- 27-Nov Burning Bush & Washington #6 / No quorum to open
Pulaski #26

December

- 5-6 Dec Halleck #44
- 8-Dec RAM Pennsylvania Communication
- 11-Dec St. Elmo Christmas Observance
- 12-Dec Pythagoras #17 Stated Communication

- 14-Dec Joseph Andrews #46- Stated Communication
15-Dec Trinity Commandery No. 3- Christmas Observance
16-Dec Hamilton Commandery #5 Christmas Observance
20-Dec Milford Annual Carol Sing- Milford Lodge
New Haven Commandery No. 2 Christmas
Observance

**January-
2020**

- 8 Menunketuck # 36- Halleck # 44 Cancellation due to
Holiday
9 Hiram # 1 Visitation- No Quorum- 2 Members- 3
Grand Officers in attendance
15 Joseph Andrews # 46- Visitation
17 Washington # 30- Suffield- Did not attend- Informed
by HP no quorum- yet there was-
2 Grand Officers in attendance
21 New Haven Commandery # 2
22 Burning Bush- Washington #6- Middletown-
Installation of Officers. Opened with 11 members- 4
Grand Officers in attendance
25 Pythagoras # 17- Visitation- PMM & MEM Degrees
York Rite College- Meriden

Feb-20

- 1 AMD-SRICF
4 Franklin No. 2
5 Halleck #44- Menunketuck #36- Visitation
7 New Haven Commandery # 2
10 Union # 7- Visitation
11 Keystone # 27- Visitation
13 Rittenhouse # 11- Visitation
15 Scottish Rite Picnic- New Haven Temple
18 Burning Bush- Washington # 6- Visitation
21 New Haven Commandery # 2
25 Trinity # 9 - Visitation
26 Pythagoras # 17- Visitation

Mar-20

- 3 Keystone No. 7-Inspection of PM &MEM Degree
- 3 All meetings Cancelled after this date due to Corona Virus Pandemic
- Due to Governors mandate to stay safe-stay home

Apr-20

- All meetings and surrounding States Convocations Cancelled due to Corona Virus Pandemic. The Annual Formal Convocation for RAM of CT that was to be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Meriden, Cancelled.
- Special Dispensation was granted to all Chapters to hold "Virtual Means" meetings through teleconferencing by Zoom or any other platform
- Annual Meeting of Pythagoras No 17 attended and held by "Virtual Means" Zoom
- 8 Annual Commandery Convocation, attended and held by Virtual Means, WebX
- 18
- 22 Attended Pythagoras No. 17 Zoom meeting

May-20

- 13 Attended Pythagoras No. 17 Zoom meeting
- 27 Attended Pythagoras No. 17 Zoom meeting

June-20

- 6 Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons

GRAND KING

I would like to thank all the Companions of Connecticut for the honor and privilege of serving you as Grand King. In my travels to the Chapters, I have been pleased with the work and ritual. However, I have been quite disappointed with some of the meetings I attended at Chapters. I observed opening, reading minutes then closing. Is this what Chapter is all about? We must give our Companions a reason to attend Chapter. How about Chapter Education? Education can be from 5-15 minutes. Please offer SOMETHING. There are many resources available and if the High Priest is puzzled on where to find them then please contact the Grand Chapter.

I also noticed and heard that many Chapters were not able to open up without the assistance from the visiting officers of the Grand Chapter line. Unfortunately, this is not new. Perhaps lack of Education was one of the reasons. The duties of the Grand Chapter is to help, aid and assist Chapters. Not to keep them afloat with their attendance needed to open.

Through observation and reports, I am pleased with the Grand Chapter Officers. They have worked hard with their assigned Chapters, reviewing their work and ritual and offering their suggestions.

I had a busy year while serving as Grand King. I was also the High Priest of Pythagoras Chapter #17. I found this very rewarding although this wasn't my first time as serving as High Priest. I assisted with a Chapter Road Show and found it be quite beneficial for the Craft. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 shut down of the state many road shows were cancelled. I was Chairman of the York Rite Testimonial. Although it had an absence of a few years, the attendance was respectable and can only grow each year.

I would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James C. Kleinkauf for his leadership and guidance. His counsel and advise was greatly appreciated.

Jeffery A. Flynn

GRAND SCRIBE

No report received from Companion Daniel Luft.

GRAND TREASURER

May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020

Checking Account

Balance 5/1/2018	\$ 4,415.04
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INCOME

Convocation Inc	5,151.47	
Educational Fund	0.00	
Per Capita	6,048.00	
Reimbursement	3,960.76	
Sales	92.00	
RARA	144.00	
Other Income	151.04	
Transfer - Trustees	8,000.00	
Total Income		33,947.27
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$38,362.31

EXPENSES

Annual Returns	2,664.00	
Aprons & Jewels	1,086.88	
Capitular Education	0.00	
Convocation	6,540.57	
Convocation Gifts	1,017.61	
Dues (YRCC)	250.00	
Education	5,000.00	
Equipment Rental	400.00	
GHP Expense	3,337.56	
Honorarium-Organist	200.00	
Insurance	6,429.00	
Misc	150.00	
Meetings	0.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	
Postage	126.00	
Printing	1,056.62	
RAM Magazine	2,536.26	
RARA	0.00	
Salaries	4,600.00	
Storage Misc	52.50	
Taxes	465.08	
Website	400.00	
Total Expenses		36,312.08
Balance 4/30/2020		\$2,050.23

Charles A. McCollum

GRAND SECRETARY

I am pleased and privileged to offer the twelfth and FINAL 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 Assistant 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. In addition, Companion James S. McNeely, Assistant Grand Secretary, has also stepped up to ease the burden by taking on the publication of "Opportunities". As I "retire", I want to say that this has

been truly a “labor of love”. I have immensely enjoyed serving as your Grand Secretary, but age is becoming a larger problem nowadays.

During the fiscal year ending 30 April 2019, I received and turned over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$33,947.27, including \$8,000 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. A copy is also posted on our ctyorkrite.org website.

With three exceptions, all of our now 14 Constituent Chapters have submitted their Annual Returns, mostly on time. Hiram 01, Trinity 09, and Pulaski 26 have not yet submitted Annual Returns, though efforts are underway in each to correct this deficiency. Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46 and Pulaski Chapter No. 26 entered into successful negotiations to consolidate with each other with the blessing of MEGHP Kleinkauf. It will now be known as Joseph Andrews / Pulaski Chapter No. 26.

The membership summary which follows shows the previous nine years, plus the current year, for comparison purposes. As you can see, we have had a steady decline over that ten year period, and it is obvious that we continue to lose members. Only Franklin 02 showed a net gain (1); while three: Trinity 09, Columbia 31, and Halleck 44 managed to stay even. Exaltations continue to be low, not even keeping up with the number of deceased, and also with large numbers of dimits and NPD. We suffered a net loss of 54, about the same as the last few years.

Of our 981 members, 16 are dual members, 132 are Fifty Year members or are in the care of Masonicare or other similar institution. Our per capita tax base is now only 833, (a net loss of 59). Overall, it was again not a good year for membership.

Membership Changes for Past 10 Years

Year Ending	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Exalted	70	68	32	20	39	33	30	27	22
Affil & Rein	5	66	10	9	11	3	98	6	7
TOTAL ADDS	<u>75</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>33</u>	29
Dimitted	18	84	20	15	13	13	103	15	10
Involuntary	39	40	74	51	51	54	38	38	32
Deaths	74	51	43	54	49	28	41	36	41
TOTAL	<u>131</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>89</u>	83
Beginning	1553	1497	1456	1361	1269	1206	1147	1091	1035
Net Change	<u>-56</u>	<u>-41</u>	<u>-95</u>	<u>-91</u>	<u>-63</u>	<u>-59</u>	<u>-54</u>	<u>-56</u>	-54
Ending	1497	1456	1361	1270	1206	1147	1093	1035	981

Exemptions *	190	185	179	170	162	157	149	143	148
Per Capita	1307	1271	1182	1100	1044	990	944	892	833

* 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, 2019 was \$719,036.02. During the last year, due to volatility in the market, we have continued to re-allocate our investments at the recommendation of our portfolio manager. These market fluctuations and re-investments resulted in an ending balance of \$716,883.73. We managed not to lose too much ground in our investment, even after taking a distribution of \$8,000.00.

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 Captiular Masonry in Connecticut has been unique. It started off with great energy at the June Grand Session when Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Kleinkauf expressed great expectations for his programs and his desire to rebuild the struggling Chapters. However, December was fraught with meeting cancellations due to weather and in March the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic brought Connecticut Freemasonry to a screeching halt. We have just been informed that the Grand Chapter Session in June will be held as a virtual teleconferencing meeting. At the moment of this writing (April 26th) future Masonic activities are much in doubt. This makes it a little difficult to write this report.

A few years ago our Most Excellent Grand High Priest modified the Chapter inspection protocol by deciding 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 to these Companions. This year I was assigned to mentor Right Excellent Companion Mychael Scribner, who was assigned to inspect Union 7, Trinity 9 and Halleck 44 and Right Excellent Companion Russell Scull who was assigned to inspect Franklin 2 (my Chapter), Burning Bush-Washington 6, Pulaski 26 and Keystone 27. Four of these Chapters conflict with my other Masonic bodies. I was able to accompany Companion Scribner on a visit to Trinity 9 for their inspection and was going with him to Halleck 44, but that meeting was cancelled. I accompanied Companion Scull on his inspection visit to Franklin 2 but had conflicts with the other three Chapters. I have to admit that I was not too effective in mentoring these two Companions.

Out of State Visitations

This year I was only able to attend the Grand Chapter Sessions in Vermont, Massachusetts and New Jersey. I had planned to attend the Delaware, Maine and New Hampshire Sessions but they were cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. I will try and participate in the June teleconference session being held by the New Hampshire York Rite. Family commitments prevented me from attending the New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland Grand Sessions. Another out of state visitation I was able to attend was to the September Grand Encampment's Northeast Department Conference, where the Friday program was a combined presentation by the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council. For once this program was informative without the "same old-same old".

Inspections

I was present for the inspection of three Chapters: Franklin 2, Trinity 9, and Cyrus-Meridian 15, and took parts in the portrayal of the ritual in them.

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 only able to visit seven of them plus my two home Chapters.

Hiram 1 – I could not make a visit to his Chapter, however they brought a candidate to Cyrus-Meridian 15 for degree work. It is my feeling that this Chapter will not last much longer, and probably will soon be consolidating with Cyrus-Meridian 15 in Torrington.

Franklin 2 – This is almost the same observation as last year, because nothing has really changed. This is my primary Chapter, and we were only

able to open eight Stated Convocations. However the Chapter was still able to do their own ritual work and exalted four new Companions, but it is still a struggle to get nine Companions present to open the Chapter. Two of the new Companions have agreed to take offices in the Chapter this year and there are a few candidates in waiting for the degrees, so there may be success in the future for this Chapter.

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

Union 7 – A conflict with my Lodge meetings prevented me from visiting this Chapter.

Trinity 9 I visited this Chapter with Companion Scribner in October for their inspection. Unfortunately they did not have enough of their Companions present to perform a degree on their own, but with assistance from Companions from Union 7, they were able to confer the work. Recently these two Chapters have been working together, and although I doubt they would ever actually consider consolidating, this coordination of effort appears to be keeping both Chapters in business. The loss of Right Excellent Companion Gary Littlefield has impacted the progress of this Chapter.

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

Housatonic 13 – I was able to visit this Chapter in July for a conferral of the Royal Arch Degree. It was well done, and I am pleased to report that the consolidation of Jerusalem 13 and Milford 49 appears to be successful.

Cyrus-Meridian 15 – This is my other Chapter, and I can report that this Chapter was able to open all but three Stated Convocations and exalted two new Companions. Three other Companions are waiting for the Royal Arch Degree. It is pleasing to note that two of the new Companions will be officers this year, and two of them that are waiting to finish their degrees have also shown interest to be future officers.

Pythagoras 17 – I visited this Chapter twice, the second time to witness the Royal Arch Degree. Their officer corps had a mix of veteran Companions and new members. The work was excellent, and this Chapter appears to be in good shape.

Pulaski 26 – I attended one Stated Convocation of this Chapter. The Chapter is struggling to have a quorum present to open meetings and conferring degrees. The Chapter has entered into a discussion with Joseph Andrews 46 regarding consolidation of the two Chapters.

Keystone 27 – No visits. Conflict with Franklin 2. 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.

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 June, and they brought candidates to Cyrus-Meridian 15 for a Most Excellent Master Degree. I had planned to attend their annual corned beef dinner in March but it had to be cancelled because of the virus. That was disappointing because that night Reverend Tim Squire was going to present a program on his recent Grand Encampment Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. While the same officers continue to hold the chairs, they have new candidates this year, and hopefully they will become active in continuing the good work of the Chapter.

Halleck 44 – I visited this Chapter in June and had planned to visit a couple of other times, but was informed that there would not be enough Companions present to open. Later in the year this Chapter began meeting by dispensation of the Grand High Priest with Pulaski 26 in Branford. Consolidation with another Chapter would be good for this Chapter, and committees have been appointed in both Franklin 2 and Halleck 44 to discuss such a merger.

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

My observations are also nearly the same as last year and 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.

With regards to the four Chapters along the shoreline, it now appears that the immediate result will probably be a consolidation of Pulaski 26 and Joseph Andrews 46 into one Chapter and possibly Franklin 2 and Halleck 44 into another. I still believe the best solution for this situation is the four Chapters forming into one, but this does not appear to be happening in the near future.

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 and does not need to be printed in the proceedings.

Grand Royal Captain of the Host Schedule – 2019-2020

June 2019

01st - Connecticut Grand Chapter/Council Session – Meriden

04th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated

05th - Halleck Chapter No. 44 – Madison – Fraternal visit

- 07th - Columbia Chapter No. 31 – Collinsville – Fraternal visit
- 08th - Grand Master's Day – Wallingford
- 09-10- Vermont York Rite Grand Sessions – Killington
- 11th - Harmony Council No. 8 – New Haven - Stated
- 13th - Cyrus Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington – Stated
- 17th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown – Stated
- 18th - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 – Meriden – Stated
- 21st - New Haven Commandery No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 27th - Trinity Commandery No. 3 – Norwalk – Barb-B-Que Dinner

July 2019

- 19th - Housatonic Chapter No. 16 – Stratford – Royal Arch Degree
- 16-18 New York Grand Council - Albany

September 2019

- 03rd - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 06-09 Northeastern Department Conference – Albany
- 10th - Harmony Council No. 8 – New Haven - Stated
- 12th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington – Stated
- 16th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown - Stated
- 17th - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 – Meriden – Stated
- 18th - Washington Chapter No. 30 – Suffield – Fraternal visit
- 20th - New Haven Commandery No. 2 – New Haven - Stated
- 28th - Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 – East Norwalk - Stated

October 2019

- 01st - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 03-06 DeValois Commandery – Vinylhaven, Maine
- 07th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown – Stated
- 08th - Harmony Council No. 8 – New Haven Stated
- 10th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington - Stated
- 15th - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 Meriden – Stated
- 18th - New Haven Commandery No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 21st - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown - Stated
- 22nd - Trinity Chapter No. 9 – North Windham – Stated
- 23rd - Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 – East Hartford – Stated - Fraternal Visit
- 24-27- Massachusetts/Rhode Island Grand Session – Hyannis
- 29th - Connecticut Priory No. 21 – Meriden – Stated

November 2019

- 04th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown - Stated
- 05th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 12th - Harmony Council No. 8 New Haven - Stated
- 14th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington – Stated
- 15th - New Haven Commandery No. 2 – New Haven – Stated - Inspection

- 16th - SRICF/AMD – East Hartford
- 18th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown – Stated
- 19th - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 – Meriden – Stated
- 22nd - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 – Meriden – Special - Inspection

December 2019

- 02nd - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown - Stated
- 03th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated – Chapter/Council Christmas Dinner
- 07th - Center Lodge No. 77 and Compass Lodge No., 9 - Flag Ceremonies
- 08th - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 8/Cyrene Commandery No. 9 – Meriden – Observance
- 15th - Hamilton Commandery No. 5 – Stratford – Christmas Observance
- 16th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown – Stated
- 20th - New Haven Commandery No. 2 – New Haven – Stated – Christmas Observance

January 2020

- 06th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown – Stated
- 07th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven - Stated
- 09th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 – Torrington – Stated
- 11th - Ashlar Lodge No. 332 – Wallingford – Flag Ceremony
- 12th - Holy Land Pilgrimage Church Service – Old Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church
- 17th - New Haven Commandery No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 20th - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown – Stated
- 21st - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 – Meriden – Stated
- 23rd - Trinity Commandery No. 3 – East Norwalk – Stated – Ladies Night
- 25th - York Rite College No. 17 – Meriden – Stated
- 29th - Connecticut Priory No. 21 – Meriden - Stated

February 2020

- 05th - 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
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March 2020

- 02nd - Federal Lodge No. 17 – Watertown - Stated
- 03th - Franklin Chapter No. 2 – New Haven – Stated
- 06-08 - New Jersey Grand York Rite Session – Toms River
- 10th - Harmony Council No. 8 – New Haven - Stated

April 2020

18th - Connecticut Grand Commandery – Virtual Grand Session

21st - Saint Elmo Commandery No. 9 – Virtual Installation of Officers

May 2020

June 2020

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

It has been my Honor to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut this past year. I thank Companion James Kleinkauf, Most Excellent Grand High Priest for his appointment this year. I was not assigned any inspections this year. My duties as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut consumed most of my time this year. My visitations were limited, however I did Support my Chapter, Pythagoras Chapter #17 this year and missed few if any meetings in an attempt to support my Chapter and ensure they had nine companions to open as much as possible. In my out of state travels as Grand Commander I took every opportunity to represent the Grand Chapter whenever it was possible. Just before the world turned upside down the first weekend in March 2020, I was one of only two line officers to be present at the Grand Chapter convocation in New Jersey, as the Grand High Priest was at the Grand Chapter Convocation in New York at that time. It has been my privilege to serve this Grand Chapter this year.

Michael E. Seamon

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

This has been quite an unprecedented year. With the closing down of Masonic meetings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, I was unable to do the necessary inspections with my assigned Chapters, partly due to my usual planning to inspect them in the spring time, after I had assessed their general activities and have seen their welfare as a Chapter. I did make visits to my assigned Chapters, and will make my assessments below:

Hiram #1

Hiram Chapter has had several hiccups over the last several years. Based on what I have seen, this seems to be based on the overall health of the Lodge it is attached to, Hiram #18. While the HP is a great Companion, I do see that the Chapter has been unable to have a line of officers behind him to continue their work, and has been given dispensation well beyond the allowed 2 consecutive term limit in the Grand Chapter regulations. There are two paths I see for Hiram Chapter: either they seek to merge with

a viable Chapter nearby, perhaps where their Companions are members of Council and Commandery (i.e. Stratford); or they completely overhaul their communications, their work, and tighten the ole' belt to grow membership, which is an extremely difficult route (but can be done with the right people involved). I made 2 visitations to Hiram #1 this year, Wednesday June 12, 2019, which they were able to open; and Wednesday January 8, 2020, in which I accompanied our ME Grand High Priest, and which unfortunately they were unable to open.

Rittenhouse #11

Rittenhouse Chapter has had many successes over the past several years contingent with its implementation of a two-year degree program together with the Council and Commandery in Norwalk. Every meeting has a purpose, with meaningful discussions, and I foresee with some tweaking, there can be room for more improvement as they grow. Some areas to address may be stagnation in growth, however there are advantages to slowing down the numbers entering as a two-year program does weed out "tourists" and encourages those for a deeper love of education and the craft to join its ranks. As a member, I am generally in attendance unless I have an emergency.

Housatonic #13

Housatonic Chapter is one of the rising stars, with large, new classes beginning semi-annually. The merger between Stratford and Milford has shown the potential that can build when two groups of Bodies combine for a greater purpose. As an officer in the Chapter, I have been on hand to assist where needed to the growth of this group. I have also noted that the Companions agree that the one need to improve upon will be the necessity of meeting more often, as they currently only meet 5 times per annum.

Joseph Andrews #46

I was only able to make one appearance to Joseph Andrews Chapter on Thursday September 12, 2019, due to the Chapter Degree Schedule at my home Chapter in Norwalk meeting the same nights. This occasion was their Awards night, which had a great turnout, and with the upcoming merger with Pulaski #26, I believe they have a fighting chance to grow, perhaps as seen in the Stratford-Milford merger a few years ago. Only time and work on the part of its leadership will tell.

Other Visitations

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there will be no Anointed High Priest Degree this year as of this writing. This is unfortunate, but due to the circumstances, a necessary measure to prevent its spread. I made no visitations outside of this jurisdiction, but plan to if appointed to continue in the line next year.

I wish to thank everyone who I have had the pleasure to work with this year, and am thankful for the experiences I have learned as an appointed officer of the Grand Chapter. I look forward to what the years bring and have been much honored to serve as Grand Royal Arch Captain. I especially wish to thank ME Companion James Kleinkauf for appointing me to this position.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

GRAND MASTER THIRD VEIL

Chapters assigned to the Grand Master of the Third Veil for 2019-2020 were Cyrus-Meridian Chapter #15 in Torrington, Pythagoras Chapter #17 in East Hartford, Washington Chapter #30 in Suffield, and Columbia Chapter #31 in Collinsville. The following is a summary of observations during visitations, inspections and interactions.

CYRUS-MERIDIAN Chapter #15

Reached out to the High Priest and Secretary after the summer break to arrange for an informal visit followed by a formal visit / inspection at a future date of their choosing. Received a response and arranged to visit in October for an informal visit.

Attended the October 10th Stated Convocation. A Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred. The degree was performed well with solemnity and dignity. The candidates and Companions enjoyed the evening.

Reached out to the High Priest and Secretary multiple times after the holidays to arrange for a formal visit / inspection at a date of their choosing. Did not receive a response.

Planned an unannounced visit in spring which was cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

PYTHAGORAS Chapter #17

The High Priest reached out on their own initiative to schedule an inspection for the Stated Convocation in October.

On October 23rd, a formal inspection was conducted. The reputation of Pythagoras Chapter around the state as being one of the top Chapters is well founded! Records and paraphernalia were in perfect order. The evening was well-organized, and the degree was of high quality. Secretary William Miller has a remarkably organized system in place which is of a role-model standard. Refreshment and fellowship were quite enjoyable for all. After inspecting Blue Lodges for six years as a District Deputy and my second year for Grand Chapter, this was one of “easiest” and highest quality inspections I have experienced.

A subsequent informal visit planned in the spring was not possible due to the pandemic restrictions; however, the Chapter conducted virtual meetings to remain active.

WASHINGTON Chapter #30

Reached out to the High Priest and Secretary after the summer break to arrange for an informal visit followed by a formal visit / inspection at a future date. Did not receive a response for many weeks.

The Chapter did hold a degree in October. Chapter member and Grand Chapter officer Russell Scull was present for the degree and reported it to be successful.

Reached out to the High Priest and Secretary after the holidays to arrange for a formal visit / inspection at date of their choosing. Did not receive a response.

Traveled to the Chapter unannounced for the January Convocation. There were just enough Companions to open Chapter with me present. Although the High Priest was not in attendance and the Secretary was out of state suffering from a serious illness, the Companions present were very engaged, and it was a pleasure to meet with them. There is a clear desire to build the chapter active membership and plans were discussed to do so.

A subsequent visit was not possible due to the pandemic restrictions.

COLUMBIA Chapter #31

Reached out to the High Priest and Secretary after the summer break to arrange for an informal visit followed by a formal visit / inspection at a future date of their choosing. Received a response and an informal visit was scheduled for Oct 4th.

On the October 4th visit, was able to meet a handful of the Companions and enjoy a good evening of fellowship and pizza. Although there were not enough Companions present to open, it was apparent there was a great spirit of friendship and brotherly love among the Craft.

Reached out to the High Priest and Secretary after the holidays to arrange for a formal visit / inspection at date of their choosing. Received a response that there were no candidates in the works and degree was not planned. Scheduled to attend the annual meeting in April which was subsequently cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

In summary, the Covid-19 Pandemic cut the year short and curtailed much activity for the fraternity (and the world). Despite the unprecedented circumstances, it was a sincere pleasure meeting the Officers and Companions of these Chapters. Although I was only able to formally inspect one of the four chapters assigned, all four chapters exhibited great Brotherly love and friendship. Like so many chapters throughout the state, three of my assigned chapters are in need of: 1) increased active membership in order to consistently open chapter; 2) building an officer corps with proficient ritual for opening and closing; 3) creating a reliable

and continuous feeder system (through relationships with Blue Lodges) to initiate new members, and; 4) retaining an active membership through quality degree ritual and engaging and creative fellowship activities.

Jason R. Rieger

GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL

I am honored and thankful that I have had the privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut for the preceding year. I have been asked to keep in touch with and check in on the health of Franklin #2, Burning Bush - Washington #6, Pulaski # 26, and Keystone # 27. All Chapters were visited several times during our shortened year.

The highlights of this year include:

September- The presentation and celebration of a 50-year pin to Companion Leonard Bucher of Pulaski #26 located in Branford CT

January- Foundations were set in motion for the merge of Pulaski # 26 with Joseph Andrews # 46: Pulaski's vote was affirmative. The merger was completed in March. Burning Bush-Washington #6 set the date of its installation of Officers which was held in March.

February- Franklin #2 conferred the Mark Master by Companion Bruce Bellmore MEPGHP

March- Keystone #27 conferred the Past Master and the Most Excellent Master degrees led by High Priest Thomas Grace. The work of the evening by Keystone Chapter was absolutely wonderful, a testament that practice does make perfect.

This year as Grand Master of the 2nd Veil I had the pleasure of attending the York Rite Leadership Training program in Albany NY. This program, sponsored by the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International and others, outlines our past and identifies our potential future. This program provided by Masonry to its Craft should be embraced and attended by all.

I had the pleasure of being a member of the Program and Publicity Committee this past year. I took the opportunity to put together a 'Road Show' with our Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf. Together and separately we visited local Lodges, local Chapters, and a Blue Lodge Council. This 'Road Show' strengthens the ties with the Blue lodges: working in conjunction with each other, Masonry will continue to flourish.

In closing this has been an interesting and challenging year. Whatever the outcome for the future, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Russell Scull

GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL

No report received from Companion Mychael J. Scribner

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

GARY ANDREW LITTLEFIELD

**Born 04 December 1954
Exalted 05 February 1981
in Trinity Chapter No. 9, R.A.M.
High Priest 1983,84,86,88
Right Excellent Grand Historian 1988 - 2019
Died 03 July 2019**

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 C. Kleinkauf for his contributions in promoting Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut.

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

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Your Committee on Audit would like to thank Grand High Priest James Kleinkauf for the opportunity to be of service. Also we thank the Grand Treasurer, Most Excellent Companion Charles A. McCollum and the Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion Charles B. Fowler Jr. for their cooperation under these most strange and difficult circumstances. We also thank Most Excellent Companion Charles D. O'Neill, Grand Trustee, for the Documents provided. This Pandemic, the "Covid 19" Virus and the practice of Social Distancing has made sharing and reviewing documents a challenge, but your committee has reviewed the documents provided and have found the books of the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Trustees to be well kept and accurate, to the best of our knowledge, and we commend these Companions for their dedicated service to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut. I also thank the members of our committee, Companions Russell Scull and Richard Jones for their time and careful attention to these matters.

Michael E. Seamon, Ch
Russell L. Scull
Richard R. Jones

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

See the Report of the Grand High Priest. Awards were granted as follows:

General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award

William L. Miller, II, Pythagoras 17

Ephraim Kirby Citations

Paul L. Chello, Halleck 44

Craig R. Nelson, Sr., Housatonic 13

James S. McNeely, Ch

James C. Kleinkauf

Charles B. Fowler, Jr.

Jeffery A. Flynn

Martin Ede

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

Budget for FYE 04.30.21

Taxable Membership on 3.31.20 = 840

	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
INCOME			
Annual Convocation In	\$4,000.00	\$5,151.47	\$0.00
Reimbursements for Insurance	3,800.00	3,960.76	4,000.00
Per Capita	16,056.00	16,048.00	15,120.00
Sales	100.00	492.00	200.00
RARA		144.00	200.00
Reimbursement for Annl Mtg	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income: Fines, Donations	300.00	151.04	300.00
Transfer from Trustees	10,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	\$36,256.00	\$33,947.27	\$29,820.00
Cash on Hand 5.1.20		\$4,415.04	\$2,050.23
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$38,362.31	\$31,870.23
EXPENSE			
Annual Convocation Exp	\$7,000.00	\$6,540.57	\$0.00
Hospitality, gifts, etc	1,000.00	1,017.61	0.00
Aprons and Jewels	1,000.00	1,086.88	1,000.00
Capitular Education	500.00	0.00	200.00
Dues YRCC	250.00	250.00	125.00
Education Assistance Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	400.00	400.00	400.00
General Grand Assessment	2,700.00	2,664.00	2,600.00
Grand High Priest Travel	2,200.00	3,337.56	2,200.00
Honorarium - Grand Organist	200.00	200.00	200.00
Insurance Exp	6,100.00	6,429.00	6,800.00
Meetings	500.00	0.00	200.00

Miscellaneous	100.00	150.00	150.00
Postage	120.00	126.00	140.00
Printing	450.00	1,056.62	750.00
RA Magazine	2,600.00	2,536.26	2,550.00
RARA	150.00	0.00	180.00
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	475.00	465.08	475.00
Web Site	400.00	400.00	400.00
Total Expense	\$36,000.00	\$36,312.08	\$28,225.00
BALANCE 4.30.21			\$3,645.23

Budget Resolutions

The Grand Chapter hereby appropriates from the General Funds the sum of \$29,000 for operations for the fiscal year ending 30 April 2021 as presented in the Budget.

The following assessment is levied upon each Constituent Chapter based upon the members on the rolls of the chapter on 31 March 2021, which sum shall be paid to the Grand Chapter with the annual returns due on or before 30 April 2021:

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 2021 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.

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

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**Pythagoras Chapter 17, East Hartford**

By-law changes were submitted for review on April 9, 2020. After review by the committee, we recommend the approval of the amended By-Laws by vote at the direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Evening Star Chapter 47, Seymour

New By-Laws were submitted for review on March 7, 2020. After review by the committee, we recommend the approval of the By-Laws by vote at the direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Joseph Andrews-Pulaski Chapter 26

By-Law changes and consolidation were submitted on February 19, 2020. After review by the committee, we recommend the approval of the By-Laws by vote at the direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Daniel M Luft, Ch
Michael Sabia
Jason Rieger

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Due to the virtual session, the Committee was not called upon to do its duty. Attendance was taken by the Assistant Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENCIES

Your Committee, having been advised by the Grand Secretary that Hiram Chapter No. 1 and Halleck Chapter No. 44 have failed to file Annual Returns and pay the requisite Per Capita, it is recommended that a fine of \$100 be levied against each Chapter.

Jeff Flynn, Ch
Daniel Luft
Clyde Kayser

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

This year we received sixteen 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 four of them are Rainbow and three DeMolay. Each of them deserves our support as much as possible. Each one has chosen a career path that is of

benefit to our future. We would suggest that the funds we have be divided between the sixteen of them. It is a shame that there are not more funds available.

The recommendation of this committee is for all sixteen to each receive a three-hundred-twelve dollar and fifty cent award (\$312.50) from this Grand Chapter:

Ethan Bartiromo	Fr	Rochester Institute of Tech	Computational Mathematics
Adele Rossignol	So	Wheaton College	Psychology & Hispanic Studies
Alec Newton	Jr	Bridgewater State.	Social Work
Alexandra Fitzgerald	Jr	UNC – Charlotte	Music & Spanish Education
Emma Hall	So	Pitt	Environmental Studies
Elise Hall	Fr	Radford University	Nursing
Elena Hall	Fr	Radford University	Nursing
Kaylee Connors	Fr	Eastern Conn State	Elementary Educ & English
Keegan McDonough	Fr	Michigan State	Mechanical Engineering
Meagan Hawkins	So	University of New Haven	Forensic Psychology
Justin Hawkins	Jr	University of Maine	Psychology
Genevieve Grube	So	Central Conn State	Elementary Education
Sydney Sherrick	Fr	Central Conn State	Criminology
Lauren Aponte	Grad	Northeastern University	Physician Assistant
Nicholas Flynn	Grad	University of Connecticut	Educational Leadership
Sydney Petrone	Fr	Quinnipiac University	Communications

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

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Our General Liability policy providing coverage for the York Rite bodies of CT has been written for a number of years by New Hampshire Insurance Company (an AIG company). 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 coverage provides \$1,000,000 excess of the vehicle owner's underlying policy. Coverage for damage to rented locations such as Masonic Temple Corporations is \$300,000. Medical payment coverage is limited to \$10,000 per person. Our insurance agency, A. F. S. & V., and agent Dorry Watkins, have been monitoring our insurance needs for many years and she has worked to keep us up to date on any required changes, subject to the realities of the insurance market place. She has indicated that they do not have access to other insurers willing to write the coverage.

The premium charged for this single policy is apportioned between the Grand bodies based on membership at the beginning of the policy year. Grand Chapter pays the entire premium and is reimbursed by Grand Council and Grand Commandery. This appears to be an equitable basis for premium sharing as the cost of insurance protection/coverage should reflect the total involved time of individual Companions and Sir Knights. The annual premium may be adjusted slightly (both up and down) as total membership numbers change, thus reflecting changes in membership.

At our request, two years ago we changed the annual renewal date of the coverage. This change makes the provision of current membership numbers of the three bodies easier to arrive at and thus the premium sharing and calculation more timely. The new renewal date became May 24 as a result.

Less than one week prior to May 24, 2019, the renewal date, we were informed of the new premium for the coming year. In spite of an approximate 12% reduction in the total number of members (the basis for premium calculation) our premium increased nearly 13% over the prior period. This was tantamount to a 25% increase in our rates. As there was not time left to market the offering, we had to accept it. The annual premium became \$6,585.

The quote from AIG for the 2020 renewal is \$7,600, another increase of 18 %!

In consequence of last year's increase, the committee began late in 2019 to evaluate options. For this purpose, we have been working with the Auburn Insurance Agency (AIA) in Massachusetts. They specialize in handling various Masonic programs. Their market of choice for this type of policy at the moment is the Philadelphia Insurance Company (PIC) which seems to be gaining headway writing Masonic business. They also work with other agencies but PIC is not free with information as to who they are.

AIA has a proprietary set of endorsements with the PIC for Masonic business. This sets them apart from anyone else placing Masonic business with PIC or other companies. In addition, as of late, we have been informed that there have been a number of companies which have decided to exit the fraternal business and the AIA has been picking up additional accounts as a result.

We received a proposal from the PIC. The PIC currently insures the York Rite bodies of Massachusetts and Maine on a basis similar to that proposed. In addition, they handle the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the CT constituent Lodge Masonic Temple Corporations (which choose to have them do so) and the York Masons Hall Corporation in East Hartford.

The PIC proposal has comparable and sometimes greater limits than the AIG policies which are due to expire on May 24. The proposal also includes "Crime" coverage - a coverage which we currently do not have. [Commercial Crime coverage is designed to meet the needs of organizations other than financial institutions (such as banks). A commercial crime policy typically provides several different types of crime coverage, such as: employee dishonesty coverage; forgery or alteration coverage; computer fraud coverage; funds transfer fraud coverage; kidnap, ransom, or extortion coverage; money and securities coverage; and money orders and counterfeit money coverage.] The proposal also includes Liquor Liability for Masonic events provided Connecticut State regulations and licensing laws are observed.

The PIC proposal is for an annual premium of \$6,284 - a little less than that of the expiring policy. Your committee, following review with the three York Rite body presiding officers, has accepted their proposal.

D&O and EPLI

In addition, your committee, working with the AIA, has been looking into the purchase of Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance coverage for each of the three Bodies. This type coverage, written by the Great American Insurance Company (GA), is for the purpose of protecting those serving in executive positions (i.e. Line Officers) in each Grand York Rite body from any lawsuits filed against them for "alleged injury" arising out the performance of their duties. It also provides coverage for the respective Grand Body Corporations. Without such insurance, the personal assets of those serving as officers are at risk.

While officers and directors of not-for-profit entities are exempt from liability under both state and federal law, in our litigious society, this would not prevent a party from alleging injury and filing suit. Until a court of competent jurisdiction makes a ruling on the applicability of the exemption laws, or if the court decides that the exemption does not apply to the case under consideration, there are legal expenses to be paid. This insurance provides coverage for those legal expenses.

Employment Practices Liability Insurance (limit shared with D&O)	\$500,000
Fair Labor Standards Act Defense Sub-limit	\$500,000
Donor Data Loss Crisis Fund Sub-limit	\$ 10,000
Additional A-side Limit (part of all D&O policies)	\$250,000
Terrorism Travel Reimbursement Funds	\$ 50,000
Workplace Violence Counseling Fund	\$ 50,000
Incident Crisis Fund	\$ 50,000
Telephone Consumer Protection Act Sub-limit	\$100,000

For this kind of coverage, each of the Bodies must make their own decision and purchase their own policy. The premiums quoted for these limits are as follows:

Grand Body	Annl Premium	Deductible
Chapter:	\$ 538	\$1,000
	\$ 512	\$2,500
Council:	\$ 524	\$1,000
	\$ 499	\$2,500
Commandery:	\$ 521	\$1,000
	\$ 496	\$2,500

If it can be budgeted , the committee recommends each of the Grand Bodies consider purchasing this coverage with a \$1,000 deductible to protect those who serve as Grand Officers (or Directors).

We have determined that it is not possible to include constituent units in the Grand Body policies. It would be necessary that they be individually purchased. If any of them are interested in such coverage, they should let the committee know so that we can make the appropriate inquiries. Be aware that it is likely that the minimum premium for issuing any policy for this coverage will be about \$500.

Robert G. Fitzgerald, RAM
Scott Sherrick, R&SM
Vincent A. Cowie, KT

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

The Committee has reviewed the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion James C. Kleinkauf, and recommends its publication in the Proceedings of the 222nd 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.

Additionally, we have reviewed the reports and recommendations of the subordinate Grand Chapter Officers and refer them to the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest. They offer an excellent insight into the condition of the constituent Chapters and point out where additional efforts are needed to promote and maintain the Capitular Rite in Connecticut.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Law

The Committee has not received any proposed changes to either the Constitution or Law, and there is no pending legislation carried over from last year.

As some members of this Committee also serve on the Grand Council Jurisprudence Committee, we recommend to both the incoming Most Puissant Grand Master and the incoming Grand High Priest that the two Committees work together in an effort to standardize the Constitution and Law of both Grand Bodies where possible.

We recognize that there are specific requirements for each body that may not be needed in the other, but it is our belief that the similarities are much more. This would require potentially renumbering of sections and some verbiage changes, including perhaps showing a section as unused in one body so as to keep the other numbers matched.

Should this recommendation be adopted, both Committees would present to their respective Grand Body a rewritten Constitution and Law at the next Annual Session which will then lay over for one year prior to voting for approval.

Committee Report Summary

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. We also commend him for his diligence in assisting and facilitating the merger of Chapters to strengthen our Grand Chapter. This committee commends the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion James C. Kleinkauf, for his exemplary service and tireless 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.

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

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Since last we met, my Companions, it has pleased Almighty God to call home several of our brethren. Let us pause for a time as we remember those who have passed to His Presence, and pray for their peaceful eternal rest in Him.

Not the least of our losses is Companion Gary Littlefield, always the faithful servant of the craft and your Church. We will not lose sight of his work nor of those whose names we remember in our hearts.

Companions, please bow your heads in prayer.

Dear God, our hearts are heavy with grief, not for those who have been called to be with you, but for the loved ones of our departed brethren and for us. We have these voids in our hearts that only you can fill with peace. Please grant the families of our departed brethren Your peace and love as they seek to go forward. The pain will be eased but the memories will never fade, not from their hearts nor from ours.

Our voices raise praises to You, and our hearts are filled with Your Love. Praise to You, Lord God of our Fathers.

Amen & Amen.

<u>Deceased PHP</u>	<u>(as of 31 March 2020)</u>	
Philip B. Swain Jr	Pythagoras 17 (Delta 51)	01.26.2019
Gary A. Littlefield	Trinity 09	07.03.2019
Wilbert E. Nead	Pythagoras 17 (Delta 51)	01.04.2019
Richard E. Backe	Burning Bush - Washington 06	12.14.2019

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 2020-2021 Capitular Year, each having indicated their willingness to serve in their respective capacity if elected:

Most Ex Grand High Priest	RE Jeffery A. Flynn
RE Grand King	RE Daniel M. Luft
RE Grand Scribe	RE Clyde W. Kayser
RE Grand Treasurer	ME Charles A. McCollum

RE Grand Secretary
Grand Trustee to 2023

ME William L. Miller II
ME Matthew F. Griffin

Paul L. Chello, Ch
Charles D. O'Neill
William L. Miller II

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY

This year, the Committee unveiled both a page and group for Facebook, as a means to communicate visitations, events and photos of both Chapters and the Grand Chapter. As of this writing, the page has 140 likes, and the group has 55 members. This has been a good opportunity to reach out to a wider audience on social media, and perhaps with some upgrades and more collaboration among committee members, and Companions in the jurisdiction, we can see greater success in building an interest in joining Chapters, and York Rite masonry in general.

RE Companion Russell Scull also set out with the Royal Arch Road Show, which was a program for Lodges and Blue Lodge Councils to learn more about the Royal Arch. It was a successful program, and much can be gained with our interactions with the Blue Lodges, as this is where we derive membership.

Some suggestions I propose for the committee next year are as follows:

To increase our reach to the Masonic Community on the benefits of Royal Arch membership, both through attending events and functions of Blue Lodges as representatives of our Chapters, and through increased implementation of advertising through social media, which is the means by which many of us receive information in this day and age.

To review our literature and put together an updated resource guide for all Chapters to improve their programs, build stronger communications, and provide educational value to their meetings. To be included with this resource guide will be the Capitular Development Course Book, by Companion Piers Vaughan, MEPGHP of the Grand Chapter RAM of New York (recently adopted by the General Grand Chapter RAM International as the official Educational Program for Royal Arch Masonry).

No formal requests that I am aware of were made to this committee as of this writing, however, I see the need in more than several Chapters at present to make serious improvements to their program and publicity on the local level. These needs can be met without request by us providing them with a guide with resources, along with guidance from the Grand Chapter Officers.

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch
Craig R. Nelson
Martin Ede

Jeffrey A. Flynn
Russell L. Scull
Jason Reiger

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

At the June 1st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, legislation was voted upon to change the titles of four of the subordinate chapter officers by remove the honorifics “Most” and “Grand” from their titles. This change would eliminate the confusion between grand and subordinate chapter officer titles and bring them more in line with common Masonic usage. The recommendation was to change the title of “Most Excellent High Priest” to “Excellent High Priest”, retain the titles of “Excellent King” and Excellent Scribe” and to remove “Grand “ from the titles of the three Veils making them “Master of the First Veil,” etc. This change was approved by a majority vote of the Companions present at the Annual Convocation.

Subsequently, at the request of the Grand Secretary the Ritual Committee was asked to review the revised text of the standard ritual to see that these changes were properly made. Upon said review the Ritual Committee approved the changes and the next edition (2nd Printing) of the Standard Work - 2018 ritual was printed and distributed.

Later in the year the Grand Secretary requested permission from the Ritual Committee to print the next edition (3rd Printing) of the Ritual. Since there were no additional changes in the ritual to be reviewed the Committee approved this request.

The latest and current edition of the approved ritual is the Standard Works – 2018 (3rd Printing) edition. At present it does not appear that there is any future need to change or modify this ritual.

Clyde W. Kayser II, Chairman
Charles A. McCollum
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.

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. Many of our members also suffer from it as a natural result of the aging process.

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. This year the donations will total \$323.14.

Paul L Chello, Ch
Jason R. Reiger
Michael E. Seamon

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

In my travels to the Chapters, I have been pleased with the work and ritual. However, I have been quite disappointed with some of the meetings I attended at Chapters. I observed opening, reading minutes then closing. Is this what Chapter is all about? We must give our Companions a reason to attend Chapter. How about Chapter Education? Education can be from 5-15 minutes. Please offer SOMETHING. There are many resources available, and if the High Priest is puzzled on where to find them, then please contact the Grand Chapter.

I also noticed and heard that many Chapters were not able to open up without the assistance from the visiting officers of the Grand Chapter line. Unfortunately, this is not new. Perhaps lack of Education was one of the reasons. The duties of the Grand Chapter is to help, aid and assist Chapters: not to keep them afloat with their attendance needed to open.

There are Chapters that are either considering a merger or actively considering. There is also a new Chapter pending approval.

Jeff Flynn, Ch
Michael D. Sabia Jr
James Kleinkauf
Daniel Luft

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COORDINATION

On July 10th, 2019, An official meeting was held at the Ashlar Village Pavilion. All three heads of the York Rite Bodies were in attendance and all voted to reactivate the York Rite Coordination Committee and the Annual York Rite Testimonial Dinner as well as James Royal Case Award.

Present at the meeting were representatives of the three Grand York Bodies: Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

James C. Kleinkauf, MEGHP held elections for the ensuing 2019-2020 year. Elected was Jeffery A. Flynn, President, 2019

Elected Officers for 2020:

Craig R. Nelson, President,
Charles D. O'Neill, Treasurer
Charles A. McCollum, Secretary
William L. Miller II, Assistant Secretary

We voted to hold the YRCC dinner at the Gallery Restaurant, East Hartford on November 2, 2019. The James Royal Case Award was presented to Companion Arnold S. Grot.

James C. Kleinkauf, Ch
Charles B. Fowler
Jeffery A. Flynn
Daniel M. Luft

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, 2020. Officers listed are for 2020-2021 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
Membership 39
EIN 06-6065542

3 Washington Avenue, Sandy Hook
2nd Wed, 7:30 PM
Tel: 203-788-9413

OFFICERS No Annual Returns Received

EHP	PS
EK	RAC
ES	3V
TRES	2V
SEC	1V
COH	SEN
CHAP	ORG

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Alfred C. Ballwig	2016-19	Richard G. Hubert	1988
Tony A. Don	2015	Anthony J. Raiani	2011,12
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	
Dimit	William Peter Dene
NPD	
Deceased	

FRANKLIN 2

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

Chartered May 20, 1795
Membership 54
EIN 23-7119330

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
1st Tue, 7:30 PM
Tel: 203-562-9487

OFFICERS

EHP	Scott R. Atkins	PS	Bruce R. Bellmore
EK	Martin Ede	RAC	Albert R. R. Johnson
ES	George Nousiainen	3V	Richard Zarnetske
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser, II	2V	Frederick A. Marotti
SEC	Clyde W. Kayser, II	1V	Omar Medina
COH	Raymond Tomlinson	Sent	
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Bruce Bellmore	1984,2003,11	John A. Radziunas	2015,16
Martin Ede	2005,06,14,18,19	Peter M. Sloan	2009,10
Douglas A Gray	1996,99,2000	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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Albert Ralph Reinholt Johnson, Omar Medina, Stephen William Petri, Richard Francis Ezekiel Zarnetske

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimitted Benjamin Thomas Whitehurst Taylor, Alfred Paul Chapin IV

No Lodge

No Chapter

NPD

Deceased Vernon Kimball Cleaves

Solomon's 3 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 5** 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. Returned to Middletown in 2008.

Instituted September 5, 1783
Membership 52
EIN 23-7119347

33 Pleasant Street, Middletown
3rd Tue, 7:30 PM
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

Vincent A. Cowie	1984	Jean P. Maheu	2008,2015,16
Francis C. DiStefano	2007	Raymond E. Moore	2019
Lloyd D. Drager, Jr.	1999	Herbert J. Olson	2009,17,18
Robert S. Johnson	91,98,01,03	William D. Passera	1997
Robert N. Jones	2004,06	Richard G. Sagan	1996

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Frederick Adametz
 Alan H. Bartman Jr
 Rodney M. Beebe
 Myron R. Bernstein

Robert P. Carver
 Frank J. Godwin Jr
 Alfred Lechner
 Carmello Mazzotta Jr
 David F. Putnam

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated

Dimit

No Lodge

NPD

Deceased Richard Elwood Backe, Roy Gordon Hallberg

UNION 7

The first Chapter to be chartered by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut to work in New London. Relocated to Stonington in 2011 and to Preston in 2014.

Chartered September 1, 1801

Membership 48

EIN 06-6045654

15 Route 165, Preston

2nd Mon, 7:30 PM

Tel: 860-889-4195

OFFICERS

EHP	James Haskins	PS	Arthur E. Richards
EK	William E. Weisert II	RAC	Rinaldo Magliano
ES	Richard L. Allen	3V	Charles R. Hugh
TRES	John A. Birdsall	2V	Robert G. Krawic
SEC	John A. Birdsall	1V	Charles T. Hall
COH	J. Andrew Pedro II	SENT	Michael J Tranchida
CHAP	William E. Weisert II	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – UNION 7

Richard L. Allen	14,15,17,18,19	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	Carleton H. Landers
Leland B. Bishop II	Richard C. Patterson
Ken R. Crandall	Fred L. Ruble
Charles Crosle	Marshall O. Townsend
John B. Currier Jr	Elias H. Trefes
Richard Davis	C. Alanson Vars Jr
John S. Grossomanides	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Robert G Krawic, Ian Sharpe
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimit	Norman Burtin Johnson
NPD	Joshua David McDonnold
No Lodge	Daniel James Zaccaro
Deceased	

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 81
EIN 23-7119334

4th Tue, 7:30 PM
Tel: None

OFFICERS

EHP	Kenneth W. Marvin	PS	Gail N. Smith
EK	Gregory Messier	RAC	Arthur L. Stone
ES	Richard G. Barrows	3V	Joe T. Fox
TRES	Paul L. Watson	2V	
SEC	Raymond C Knieriem	1V	Kenneth D. Stilwell
COH	Thomas E. Schiebel	SEN	
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	13,14,15,18,19

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		
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Lawrence Becker	Donald G. Poehnert
Samuel G. Blonstein	Richard T. Purchase
Edward O. Clark Sr	Clarence E. Schiebel
Rodney I Gray Sr	William Senk Jr
Gerald H. Hall	George S. Shaw Jr
Robert D. Hayes	Gail N. Smith
Roger G. Lord	Eugene H. Staiger
Kenneth W. Marvin	Frank R. Tomlinson
Robert J. Nearine	Roger K. Wilson

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Joe Terrian Fox, Kenneth Dean Stilwell
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimit	Theodore Volkert
No Lodge	Kenneth Alan Richards
NPD	
Deceased	Gary Andrew Littlefield, Stephan Michael Kellner, David William Schmidt

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 74
EIN 23-7119335

5 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk
2nd Thu, 7:30 PM
Tel: 203-655-2140

OFFICERS

EHP	Peter R. Smyth	PS	Silas Mante
EK	John A. Amarilios	RAC	Alfred D. Stinard Jr
ES	James F. B. Wood	3V	Hampton Dais III
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	2V	Adam Odell
SEC	Charles A. McCollum	1V	Eric Montgomery
COH	Andrew Triandafilou	Sent	
CHAP	Michael D. Sabia 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	2018,19
		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	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Evan Lombardi, Carl M D'Andre, Eric Montgomery, Mark Robert Lindsay, Anthony B Farmer

Affiliated

Reinstated George James Cronk

Dimit

No Lodge

NPD Roldk Ebel, Ralph DelVecchio

Deceased Donald Buckingham Treadwell, Christian Vandegrift Holland Jr, Andrew Neil Van den Ameele, Ronald Roland Rumbaugh, William George Ober

***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.*

HOUSATONIC 13

Originally chartered as Jerusalem 13 in Bridgeport. Name changed to Baldwin 13 upon consolidation with Baldwin 54 on Nov 22, 1986. Name changed to Housatonic 13 upon consolidation with Milford 49 on November 10, 2017 and relocated to Stratford.

Chartered October 21, 1813

3960 Main Street, Stratford

Membership 167

2nd Fri in Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov, 7:30 PM

EIN 82-3374041

Tel: 203-377-0110

OFFICERS

EHP	Gary D. Shepard	PS	Michael J. Miller
EK	Craig R. Nelson Sr	RAC	Michael D. Sabia Jr
ES	James Whitaker Jr	3V	Fritzner Erauda
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	2V	David J. Millington
SEC	Charles A. McCollum	1V	Paul L. Cummings
COH	Andrew Flasko	SEN	Richard P. Smeland Jr
CHAP		ORG	Richard A. Kassay

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Edward R. Ham	2017	Craig R. Nelson Sr	2018,19
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Baldwin 13

Robert J. Cascone	2011-13	Edward R. Ham	1984-87,16
Daniel Galloza	2014,15	Maurice J. Heim	2010

John Mellor	88,89,92,02,03	Wayne N. Saunders	2001
Anthony Pipitone	1978,79,80		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Milford 49

Carlyle P. Aveni	1974	Thomas R. Richards	1969
Alan M. Brown	1994	Bruce A. Rumford	2002,05-07
Anthony E. Cirella	2001	Robert D. Sherrick	1990,2008
Ernest A. Dubois	2004	Scott T. Sherrick	1999,2013
Kenneth E. Fears	1988	Richard V. Travis	1986
Robert W. Harriman	1998	James H. Tweedie	1997
Robert L. Jess	1989	James Whitaker Jr	2016
Richard A. Korab	2014,15	Darryl T. Zebrowski	2000
Dennis B. Mattison	1983	Richard S. Zwiebel	1996
John E. Miles	1993		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Egbert H. Albro Jr	Irving Lief
Carlyle P. Aveni	Hjalmar S. Norell Jr
James P. Edgett	Thomas R. Richards
Robert D. Emslie	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	Travis Gerald, Julio E Rosado, Paul L Cummings, Lawrence S Plornick, Raymond J Cruciani
Reinstated	
Affiliated	
Dimitted	Robert Gregory Womack
No Lodge	Timothy Justin Elgin, Michael David Southmayd
No Chapter	
NPD	Gregory Joseph, Jose Louis Colon Jr, Eduardo Marques DeOliveira, Jean-Louis Isnard, Victor David Ojeda, Adam J Plotnick, David Rugar
Deceased	George Hobson Sedgwick III, Allen Woodward Fanslow, David Hogarth

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 51
EIN 23-7119337

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

OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS -MERIDIAN 15

John J. Badeen	2007,08	Mychael J. Scribner	2014,15,18,19
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	64,67,68-76		1996-98

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS 45

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

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
Leonard F. D'Amico	James H. Ravenscroft
Calvin A. Hoadley	Dale E. Sweet

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimitted James Hart Watson Sr

NPD

No Lodge

Deceased Fridolf Joseph Rusgaitis, Philip William Mauriello, Albert Clemens Chesnutis

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 and relocated to East Hartford. Name reverted to Pythagoras 17 upon consolidation with Delta 51 on March 31, 1999.

Constituted October 2, 1817

Membership 114

EIN 23-7119339

784 Main Street, East Hartford

2nd & 4th Wed, 7:30 PM

Telephone: None

OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS 17

David C. Abrames	2005,06	Arthur J. McKinney	1968
Jeffery A. Flynn	2019	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

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		

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	M. Robert Reynolds
Daniel George	William F. Seelig Jr
	Joseph P. Vollrath Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Davis S LaFargue, Robert Bruce McKay
Reinstated	
Affiliated	James Charles Kleinkauf
Dimit	Frank Case Porteus
No Lodge	Kenneth Allen Jones
NPD	Joseph Romano
Deceased	Wilbert Eugene Nead, Philip Brown Swain, Norbert Joseph Philip Desmarais, Edwin O Miner, George Ernest Long, Edward Cook Mackie, William Francis Carpenter

***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.

JOSEPH ANDREWS - PULASKI 26

Originally chartered as Pulaski 26 to work in Fair Haven, relocated to North Branford in 1996. Consolidated with Joseph Andrews 46 on 31 March 2020 to become Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26 working in West Haven.

Chartered May 13, 1852
Membership 60
EIN 23-7119345

263 Center Street, West Haven
2nd Thu, 7:30 PM
Tel: 203-488-9394

OFFICERS

EHP	Gerald A. Calabritto	PS	William K. Barr
EK	Earl F. Korngiebel	RAC	Peter T. Cianelli
ES	John K. M. Ryan	3V	John H. Kelley
TRES	Alan M. Friedman Jr	2V	Frank J. Andriulli Jr

SEC	William C. Lang	IV	William G. Rose
COH	Richard A. Eppler	SEN	Allyn Willner
CHAP	Jack H. Stevens	ORG	Willis E. Copeland

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - Pulaski 26

Leonard H. Bucher	1981,09,10	Earl F. Korngiebel	
James V. Cesario	1986		1994,96,07,08,13,14,17,18
Peter T. Cianelli	2019	Jack H. Stevens	2000,03,04
Anthony J. DelGrego	2011,12	Randy S. Stevens	1999
Richard A. Eppler	1988	Charles F. Warfield	1998
		Allyn Willner	2016

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - Joseph Andrews 46

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
Robert H. Gundersen	2004	Allyn Willner	2013,14

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Elmer E. Barth	Richard A. Eppler
Leonard H. Bucher	Paul W. Hunt
Frank W. Colton	Alexander G. Stamatien

MEMBERSHIP CHANGESExalted

Affiliated John Kevin Matthew Ryan plus 26 members from Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46

ReinstatedDimitNPD

John C Ardito, Ray Nelson Cooley Jr, Ronald Elliott Fish, Dana Wilson Ivey, Michael Kaczynski, Thomas J Laudano, Eistan Eugene Nordstrom, Anthony Joseph Pulcinella

No Lodge Anthony Dion King, Charles E. Fullerton III

Deceased Robert Spencer Gardner, Emil Jacob Kleemann, Clyde Leonard Noel, Kenneth Eugene Anderson, Charles Frederick Warfield, Edwin Kelsey, Henri J B Therrien, Leland Frederick McElrath, George Albert Mari, James Vincent Jennette

KEYSTONE 27

Chartered May 12, 1853
 Membership 108
 EIN 23-7119346

35 Pleasant Street, Meriden
 1st Tue, 7:00 PM
 Tel: 203-634-9887

OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Thomas E. Grace	2019	Bruce Padula	2010,11,18
Robert L. Kilgore	1986-88,92	Lee J. Page	1989
Robert J. Knowles	2003,04	Arthur M. Pugh	1984,85,90,91
Joseph R. Krusienski	2012,13	Stuart D. Purvis	1967,68,74,75
Delbert A. Little	1997,98	Jason R. Rieger	2014,15
Daniel M. Luft	2006-09	John A. Smith	1964,65
Richard I. McKee	1974,75	Gregory K. Whitehouse	2017

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Carl H Anderson, Francis Leo Bombardier III
 Affiliated
 Reinstated Joseph Paoli III
 Dimit Matthew Joseph Jalowiec
 No Lodge
 NPD Efrain Almodovar Jr, Timothy Vincent Cavanaugh, Mark Joseph Fiderio, Ryan Heller, Robert Daniel Trussell, Christopher Joseph Woodward
 Deceased Clifford F Stamm Sr, Charles Richard Johnson, Erwin White Crook

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
Membership 27
EIN 23-7119348

150 Bridge Street, Suffield
3rd Wed, 7:30 PM
Tel: None

OFFICERS

EHP	Thomas A. Duclos	PS	Mark E. Blackaby
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ES	Terrence D. Mish	3V	Cory R. Rice
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SEC	Dale T. Cunningham	1V	Dean Gousse
COH	Dale T. Cunningham	SEN	Rohit P. Sukhram
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Bruce E. Allbee	2005,06	Terrence D. Mish	2015,16
Dale T. Cunningham	2017,18	Howard Wm Orr	1986,87
Thomas A. Duclos	2019	Russell L. Scull	2012,13
Charles A. Lizotte	2001-04	Bard C. Teigen	1971,78,79,96-99

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted
Reinstated
Affiliated
Dimit Brian Charles Baeder
No Lodge
NPD
Deceased Gerhard Paul Berthold

COLUMBIA 31

Chartered May 8, 1866
 Membership 80
 EIN 23-7119349

123 River Road, Rt. 179, Collinsville
 1st Fri, 7:30 pm
 Tel: 860-693-8762

OFFICERS

EHP	Douglas D. Barnard	PS	Patrick M. Kilby
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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		Sivert R. Jacobson	1993
1991,04,07-10,12,13,15,18,19		Richard R. Jones	2011
Brian E. Beals	2016,17	Walter L. Michaels	1985
William F. Carroll	1992	George H. Redford, II	1999
Edward D. P. Gross	1963	Harrison T. Redford	1990,95
William S. Hart Sr	1975,76	Chester I. Russell	1998,02,03
Edmund Holcombe Jr	1959	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	Harold F. Wheeler Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGESExalted

Reinstated Carl Edwin Aspland Jr, Clifford Frederick Stamm II, Harold Frederick Wheeler Jr

Deceased Truman Ernest Alderman Jr, Gene A Tracy, Kenneth Eugene Duncan

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
Membership 24
EIN 23-7119357

1163 Boston Post Rd, Madison
1st Wed, 8:00 PM
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 Dymarczyk
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Peter J. Alling	2006,07,08	Donald C. Sause	1986-88,95,96
Paul L. Chello	86,91,94,99,00,09,19	William Schuck	1972-74
Matthew R. Dymarczyk	2011,14,17,18	Peter J. Stapleton	1984,97,98
James C. Kleinkauf	2001,02,10	Jonathan R. Trotta	2012,13,15,16
		Paul B. Whitman	1989,90

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

William Schuck

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted
Affiliated
Reinstated
Dimit
NPD
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 was Constituted July 1, 1897 to work in West Haven. Consolidated with Pulaski 26 to form Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26 on 31 March 2020.

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 4-1-2019	40	53	54	49	84	75	175	55	121	47	115	29	80	24	34	1035
Exalted	4	2	2	5	5	2	2	2	2							22
Affiliated						1	1									2
Reinstated					1			1					3			5
Gains	0	4	0	2	2	6	5	0	3	1	3	0	3	0	0	29
Dimits & Transfers	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					10
No Lodge		1	1		2	1	1									7
NPD-Chapter			1		2	7	1	8	6							25
Deceased	1	2		3	5	3	3	7	6	3	1	3				41
Losses	1	3	2	3	5	7	13	4	10	15	10	2	3	0	5	83
Net Change	-1	1	-2	-1	-3	-1	-8	-4	-7	-14	-7	-2	0	0	-5	-54
Members 3-31-20	39	54	52	48	81	74	167	51	114	33	108	27	80	24	29	981
Dual Members	1				1	1	3	1	3	3	2					16
50 Year Members	4	2	9	13	18	7	19	6	13	4	9	5	14	1	2	126
MHC etc.					2			2	1							6
Total Exempt	5	2	9	13	21	8	22	7	16	9	12	5	14	3	2	148
Per Capita Taxable	34	52	43	35	60	66	145	44	98	24	96	22	66	21	27	833

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, 15)	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
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
James S. McNeely IV (17)	2018	Avon
James C. Kleinkauf (44)	2019	Guilford

**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	Kenneth W. Marvin (09)	2019
Robert A. Colbourn * (26)	1990		
Andrew J. Muccianti * (18)	1991	* Deceased	
William F. Orrell (49) *	1992	# Present at Grand Convocation	
Gail N. Smith (9)	1993		
# William F. Lott (42)	1994		
Herbert R. Olson * (31)	1995		

**2020
William L. Miller, II
Pythagoras 17**

WILLIAM LINDSEY MILLER, II**General Grand Chapter RAM Intl
Medal in Bronze**

Companion William Lindsey Miller, II is a native of Wheeling, West Virginia where he was born on July 11, 1948, the elder son of Margaret Dull and Robert Lindsey Miller. Bill received his early schooling at Linsly Military Institute, graduating in 1966, followed by engineering studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, culminating in a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in 1971, whereupon he was commissioned an officer in the U. S. Naval Reserve. For his active duty assignment, Bill served on the personal engineering staff of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover in the Navy nuclear propulsion program. After completing his Naval tour, he relocated with his family to Windsor CT in 1975 to start a long career with Combustion Engineering (followed by ABB and Westinghouse) in the field of commercial nuclear power plant design and construction, and nuclear plant international sales and marketing. Bill retired from Westinghouse in May 2012.

In Windsor, Bill became active in Grace Episcopal Church, the choir and the Vestry, and launched into community service by joining the local Lions Club. He held all club positions and served as a 100% Club President twice, in 1980 and again in 1990. He became active state-wide as well, serving on numerous cabinet level positions in Lions District 23B including Deputy District Governor, earning many service awards. He continues to be active with the Windsor club and is currently Treasurer.

Bill's children include daughter Stephanie, a graduate in nursing from Sacred Heart and Fairfield Universities, and sons Robert and James, both residing in Georgia with their families and Bill's three granddaughters Lindsey, Cierra, and Sarah. Bill resides in East Granby.

Brother Miller was raised a Master Mason in Washington Lodge No. 70 in Windsor on November 14, 1983 and became active as an officer. His career schedule at the time did not permit him to continue in the Lodge line, but he was nonetheless active. He is the founding editor of the Lodge's well-known newsletter, the *Washington Wayfarer*.

Companion Miller was exalted in Pythagoras-Welles Chapter No. 17 on September 21, 1985 and again promptly went to work as an officer, culminating in his advancement to the office of High Priest

in 1988. He commenced his service as Secretary of the Chapter in 1990. After organizing the historical records from the prior merger of three Chapters, he assisted in the next merger with Delta Chapter No. 51 in 2000, re-forming Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 leading to its 200th Anniversary Celebration in 2016. He continues as Secretary and conservator of the Chapters' records and Royal Arch Widows degree for special occasions.

Bill also became active in the Grand Chapter, first as editor of the Connecticut section of the "Royal Arch Mason Magazine" for three years, and receiving an appointment as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Queensland in Australia. He served for five years as Chairman of the Grand Custodians, coordinating training sessions and Custodian inspections. In 2004, Bill was appointed to the Grand Chapter officer line by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert G. Fitzgerald and in regular fashion ascended to service as MEGHP in 2012. Also in 2004, Bill was Most Excellent President of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry, followed by present service as Treasurer-Recorder. Bill's service to Capitular Masonry was recognized in 1995 with the Ephraim Kirby Citation.

Companion Bill was received and greeted in Wolcott Council No. 1, Royal & Select Masters on October 26, 1985 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993 and again in 1997. He is presently a Trustee and is also a member of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings. He received the Ish Sodi Award for service to Cryptic Masonry by the Grand Council in 2009.

Sir Knight Miller was knighted in Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar on November 16, 1985, and in 1992 was installed as Eminent Commander, and again in 1996. He was General Chairman for the Commandery's celebration of its 200th Anniversary in 1998. He continues to serve as a Trustee, Armorer and Director of the Order of Malta.

Bill's service to the Grand Commandery began in 1994 when he was appointed Editor of the Connecticut Supplement of the *Knight Templar Magazine*. He was appointed to the officer line of the Grand Commandery in 1997 by Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles B. Fowler Jr. He was appointed in 2003 as Representative of the Grand Commandery of his home state, West Virginia and in 2005 received the prestigious Knight Commander of the Temple award from the Grand Encampment. Bill completed his journey through the line and in 2006 was elected and installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander. Bill continues to serve as Chairman of the Holy Land

Pilgrimage program of the Grand Commandery, and as Chairman of the Connecticut Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

SK Bill has also been active in a number of the other Masonic appendant bodies to which he currently belongs. He served as Sovereign Master of Nathan Hale Council No. 78 of the Allied Masonic Degrees in 2000, and in 2004 he was appointed by Supreme Magus Thurman C. Pace to be Chief Adept of Connecticut College of the Masonic Rosicrucians, in which capacity he continues to serve. He was appointed by Supreme Magus William Koon to the office of Second Herald of the SRICF High Council. He served on several degree teams for the Valley of Hartford of the Scottish Rite. He is a Past Prior of Apostles Tabernacle XXVII of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests.

Other affiliations include Connecticut York Rite College No. 17; Nutmeg Chapel No.29, St. Thomas of Acon; Good Intent Chapter No. 17 and Ionic Chapter No. 100 of the Order of Eastern Star; Westwood Court No. 5 of the Order of Amaranth; Mohawk Council No. 28 of Knight Masons; the Masonic Veteran Association; and Sphinx Shriners. And among many memorable events, in 2014, Bill received the James Royal Case Award for service to the York Rite in a surprise ceremony he was conducting !

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

James M. Gordon* (17)	1967	Norman R. Strong * (18)	1986
L. Thomas Lauridsen* (49)	1967	Charles J. Memmott Jr* (46)	1986
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 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

# John A. Birdsall (7)	1996	Nicholas G. Hackett (26) *	2007
William G. Bryce * (17)	1996	David C. Abrames (17)	2008
Richard E. Larcom * (26)	1996	Leo H. Lohrman * (13)	2009
Joseph J. Perno (49) *	1996	# Robert J. Knowles (27)	2010
Edwin F. Dingus (26) &	1997	# Martin Ede (02)	2011
Charles A. Domin * (7)	1997	Peter J. Stapleton (44)	2011
Richard R. Miller * (1)	1997	James A. Backus (11)	2012
Gail N. Smith (9)	1997	Earl F. Korngiebel (26)	2012
Edward W. Studwell* (4)	1998	Peter M. Sloan (44)	2012
Patrick H. DeCesare* (13)	1998	Raymond Tomlinson (02)	2013
John H. Goodrich, Jr. * (26)	1998	William C. Lang (46)	2013
John G. Radeach (26)	1998	T. Donovan Scroggs (17)	2014
David C. Toomey (17)	1998	# Daniel M. Luft (27)	2014
Amos E. Jennings* (33)	1999	# Darren D. Silhavy (11)	2015
# Clyde W. Kayser, II (2,45)	1999	Bruce Padula (27)	2015
Carl G. Palmberg (17)	1999	Robert J. Cascone (13)	2016
James H. Tweedie (49)	1999	Delbert A. Little (27)	2016
Kenneth R. Whitman * (18)	1999	# James S. McNeely (17)	2017
William K. Barr (46)	2000	Douglas D. Barnard (31)	2017
Stanley T. House * (6)	2000	Richard R. Jones (31)	2017
George C. Perry * (1, 23)	2000	Allyn Willner (46)	2019
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 NP	
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		

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Paul L. Chello
Halleck 44

Craig R. Nelson, Sr.
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PAUL LARSON CHELLO**EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD CITATION**

Paul Larson Chello was born on November 11, 1942, the son of Paul W. Chello, P.M. of St. Albans Lodge No. 38, and Ellen M. Johnson P.W.M. of Olive Branch Chapter No. 87, O.E.S. He has a sister, Ellen J.C. McFarland. He graduated from Guilford High School in 1960. He received a B.A. in Biological Sciences from the John Hopkins University in 1964. In 1970, he received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. His doctoral thesis involved a comparative biochemical study of enzymes from mammalian and parasitic tissue to develop new targets of chemotherapy for the treatment of parasitic infections. He received a J.D. from Quinnipiac College School of Law (formerly University of Bridgeport) in 1984. Paul married Emily M. Luckert in 1988 and is the father of Ashley Margaret Chello and the stepfather of Nicholas M. Kushner. They reside in Guilford, CT.

He was an Assistant in Research (1965) and a Postdoctoral Fellow (1970-1973) at the Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology, developing chemotherapy for the treatment of leukemia. From 1974 to 1980 he was a molecular pharmacologist at the Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center and a Professor of Pharmacology in the Department of Pharmacology at the Cornell University School of Medical Sciences. While in the field of cancer research, he published over 60 papers and abstracts in national and international scientific journals. In 1980, he decided to make a career change into the practice of law. As co-owner of the Chello Oyster House in Guilford, Connecticut from 1978-1987, he attended Law School simultaneously while working at the restaurant. Following graduation from Law School, he clerked for the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut and was a principal in Chello and Sokolowski, Attorneys at Law, in Stamford, Connecticut. Following the death of his partner, Myron Sokolowski, he joined the firm of Antollino, Angelo and Scalesse, Attorneys at Law in Branford, Connecticut, with whom he practiced for several years. He opened his own practice in 2007 with offices in East Haven and in Guilford.

His professional memberships, past and present, include the American Association for Cancer Research, the New York Academy of Sciences, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Sigma Xi, the American Society for Cell Biology, the Connecticut Bar Association and the New Haven County Bar Association. He has been honored with the following awards: United States Public Health Service predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships; National Defense Educational Act Title IV Fellow, and the Outstanding Legal Scholarship Award from the University of Bridgeport School of Law.

Active in his community, Paul has served on the Board of Directors of the Guilford Free Library, as a Commissioner for the Town of Guilford on

the Economic Development Commission, the Land Acquisition Commission, on two Charter Revision Commissions and on the Rollwood Farm Advisory Commission. He is currently serving as one of five Commissioners which constitute the Guilford Board of Police Commissioners, and as one of five members of the Guilford Board of Ethics. He is the Administrative Hearing Officer for Zoning Enforcement and Inland Wetlands violations for the Town of Guilford, and often is the Moderator for Guilford Town Meetings. He is a long serving member and past Chairman of the Guilford Republican Town Committee, currently its Treasurer. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Guilford.

Paul was Raised in St. Albans Lodge No. 38, AF&AM in 1964, and served as Worshipful Master in 1974 and in 1995, earning the Master's Achievement Award in both years. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Guilford Temple Association, a position he has held for several years. He is a past President of the Fourth Masonic District Blue Lodge Council. He is a charter member of the newly formed "colonial concept" lodge, Quinta Essentia No. 500. He also served as the Judge Advocate for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Connecticut for three terms and also served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Legal Affairs.

He was Exalted in Halleck Chapter No. 44, RAM in 1971, and served as its Most Excellent High Priest in 1976, 1986, 1991, 1994, 1999, 2000 and 2009. In intervening years he held subordinate offices. He was consecrated in the Order of High Priesthood in 1976. He was appointed Grand Custodian of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut in 2000 by Most Excellent Grand High Priest William L. Greene. He was appointed to the Grand Line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut as Grand Master of the Third Veil in 2004 by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert G. Fitzgerald and progressed to election in 2010 as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and now is a Grand Trustee.. He served as an Ambassador of the General Grand Chapter International and is a recipient of the General Grand Chapter Ritual Award. In 2011, Paul was appointed by Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Edmund Harrison to the Board of Directors of the Royal Arch Research Assistance charity. In 2013, he received the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for distinguished Masonic service.

Companion Paul was Received and Greeted in Crawford Council No. 19, R&SM in 1972, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1980. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (Order of the Silver Trowel) in 1980. He is also a Charter member of Menunketuck Council No. 36, R&SM and currently serves as its Thrice Illustrious Master, an office he also held in 1992, 1993, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2010. In other years he served in subordinate offices. He was appointed to the Grand Line of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut in 1996 by Most Puissant Grand Master Richard L. Small, and progressed to election in 2000 as Most Puissant Grand Master. He now

serves as Grand Trustee and as the Grand Representative of Ohio near Connecticut. He was honored as a Knight of Ish Sodi in 1995. He is past Thrice Illustrious King of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings and portrays the role of Adonijah on the degree team. He received the Philip J. Jones Award of the Grand Council in 2010.

Paul was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, KT in 1972, served as Eminent Commander in 2006, and is now its Treasurer. He is the Grand Representative to Ohio near Connecticut. He received the Order of Knight Crusaders of the Cross in 2006. He is a member of Apostles Tabernacle No. XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and has served as its Eminently Distinguished Preceptor. In 2010 he was appointed to the Grand Line of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Connecticut by Right Eminent Grand Commander Jack H. Stevens, and subsequently served as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2018.

He is a Companion Knight and Past Governor of the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2007 and was created an Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He was installed as the Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor for Connecticut of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in July, 2010.

Paul is a member and Past Sovereign Master of Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees. He was created and constituted a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri and Appendant Orders. He is a Frater (VIII^o) of Connecticut College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis where he served as Celebrant for several years.

He is a Knight Companion and officer of St. Andrews Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, and served as Puissant Sovereign. He is a member and Past Prior of Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. He is entitled to wear the KYCH Grand Cross with three quadrants. He is a charter member of Nutmeg Chapel No. 29, Saint Thomas of Acon, and he is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

An active member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Lafayette Consistory in the Valley of New Haven, Paul was Thrice Potent Master of the E.G. Storer Lodge of Perfection for two terms (2007-2009), and was Most Wise Master of the New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix, for six terms (2010-2016). He was Senior Warden of the Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and is the First Lieutenant Commander of Lafayette Consistory. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33^o, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on August 26, 2008.

Paul is a noble of Sphinx Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Masonicare Health Center and now serves on the Board of Directors of Masonicare Home Health and Hospice. He is a member and past President of the Dusis Society, a member and past President of the Twilight Club, and a past president of the York Rite Coordination Committee.

CRAIG ROBERT NELSON, SR.**EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD CITATION**

Craig R. Nelson, Sr. was born on August 31, 1947 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Charles Nelson, Jr. of New Orleans LA and Rosalie Milas of Bridgeport CT. When he was three years old, he accompanied his parents to take up residence in Stratford CT. He attended the Stratford Schools, graduating from Stratford High School in 1965. He attended the University of Bridgeport, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in June, 1969. On July 4, 1969, he married his high school sweetheart, Virginia Ondecko. Craig and Virginia have three children, Craig, Jr. (1973), Laura (1975), Eric (1977), and four grandchildren.

Craig returned to UB as a full-time graduate assistant and graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Sociology in September, 1970. He began teaching Middle School Math and Science in Bridgeport while returning again to UB part-time to pursue studies in Elementary Education. He graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education in December 1972. In 1974, he began teaching elementary school in Stratford and remained there for thirty-four years until his retirement in June, 2008. From 2008 until 2013, he was an Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport CT. During his teaching years, Craig supplemented his teacher salary with many various part-time jobs. He has operated a Financial Services Business from 1984 until the present. He is also Co-owner with Virginia of C&V Nelson Properties, LLC, a real estate rental properties business, from 2007 until present.

Craig was raised as a Master Mason in Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 in Milford CT on December 4, 1981, where he served on the degree team. He became a Royal Arch Mason in Milford Chapter No. 49 on February 8, 1983, and a Select Master in Adam Sattig Council in Milford on May 3, 1983. He was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5 in Bridgeport CT, on November 11, 1983. He entered the officer line and rose to the rank of Junior Warden. He resigned from that office and did not attend another Masonic function for the next twenty years. He retained his membership in the three bodies, but spent those years working three jobs and helping to raise his children. He returned to Masonry and was re-appointed to the officer line in Hamilton Commandery as Warder. He was elected as Commander in 2012 and served in that office for three years. He became Prelate in 2015 and serves in that office at the present time. He was appointed to the Grand Commandery officer line by Right Eminent Grand Commander Stuart Drost and presently serves as Deputy Grand Commander.

Craig was elected High Priest of Milford Chapter No. 49 in 2017, and after the merger, served as High Priest of the new Housatonic Chapter No. 13 from 2017 until 2019, and is presently serving as King. He was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of Paugussett Council No. 16 in 2019.

Craig belongs to the Knight Crusaders of the Cross; Pyramid Temple No. 9, AANOMS where he is Chaplain of the Legion of Honor; Valley of Bridgeport AASR; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Order of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry; Red Cross of Constantine; Council of Anointed Kings; and York Rite Sovereign College.

When he is completely retired at the end of this year, Craig plans on traveling with Virginia, whom he thanks for supporting him in all his endeavors all of these years.

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.

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

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ARNOLD STEPHEN GROT
PYTHAGORAS 17

ARNOLD STEPHEN GROT
JAMES ROYAL CASE AWARD

Personal

Born to Arnold Simon Grot and Olga Cynthia (Lonak) Grot on August 25, 1949 in Gary, Indiana, Arnold Stephen Grot was the 5th of 6 children in his family. He graduated from Andean High School and went on to Purdue University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Science. After a whirlwind summer romance at the University of Washington (where he took an intensive Chinese language course) he married Nancy Sarah Kleinbach in the summer of 1972 in the small wheat farming community of Connell, Washington. Two years later he was awarded a Master's degree in Metallurgical Engineering by the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Diploma in hand, they packed up his car and drove to Hartford CT to start a career at Pratt and Whitney in June 1974. After six months of living in an apartment on Asylum Hill, they moved to Glastonbury which they now consider their hometown.

Arnie and Nancy raised four daughters (Rachel, Erin, Cymbeline and Joelyn) in Glastonbury. The next generation of family is in full force now. Three grandchildren born in the United Arab Emirates are now, with their mom, living with Arnie and Nancy in Glastonbury. Another four live in North Carolina. There are two boys and five girls in the mix.

Arnie has developed many interest and hobbies over the years. There is usually a science fiction book from the library resting beside his chair. From the old-time writers to the newest releases, he reads them all. And the interest expands to sci-fi movies.

Starting back when he first moved to Glastonbury, Arnie started running. Those first short runs have progressed to doing marathons. The first official race was the Manchester Turkey Day run, which he ran annually for over thirty years until arthritis in his left knee curbed his running. Marathon running has taken him to several states, and he has run the Hartford Marathon multiple times. A highlight of his marathon career was running the Dubai Marathon in the United Arab Emirates.

Nobody else has taken up the hobby of cutting up wood for burning in a wood stove as energetically as Arnie. Every year big trucks roll down the driveway to deliver 20-foot-long logs. Cutting the logs to stove length, stacking the lengths, splitting the lengths into split wood with his ax and maul and then restacking to season occupy a good part of his time. He has actually worn out many axes, and mauls don't stand a chance of surviving.

With all of this going on, Arnie has been actively involved in Toastmasters, American Society of Metals, Connecticut Purdue Alumni Club and of course, the Freemasons. And, in addition, he bakes pies to serve as refreshments at various meetings, and has become skilled at the brewer's art, supplying ales and other brews on occasion.

Freemasons

Arnie was raised a Master Mason in September of 1993. He served as Master of Columbia Lodge No. 25, A.F.&A.M. in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2011 and 2018 and is currently the Lodge web master, newsletter editor and publicity chair. His Lodge recognized his service with its *Emerson C. Reed Award of Excellence* in 2005 and its *Daskam-Nott Award* in 2012.

Arnie served as an Associate Grand Marshal (2014-17) for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He serves on the CTCHIP State Operating Committee, is the Equipment Quartermaster for the CTCHIP Sixth District and CTCHIP event Coordinator for his Lodge.

He is an Honorary DeMolay for life in the Auvergne Honorary DeMolay Chapter.

In the Scottish Rite, he is a past Thrice Potent Master (2005-6) of the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection of the Valley of Hartford and performs in many of the degrees for both the spring and fall classes of candidates. In 2015, Arnie received the Frederick H. Lorenson 33° Meritorious Service Award. He has run the Boston Marathon three times for the Children's Dyslexia Center in Waterbury.

Arnie is also a member of the York Rite. He is a Past High Priest (2011-12 and 2015-16) of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, and currently serves the Chapter as Scribe. He is a member of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests. He is the current Thrice Illustrious Master of Wolcott Council No. 1, Royal & Select Masters. In May 2019, Arnie received the Order of the Silver Trowel at the Annual Assembly of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings. Arnie is also a Past Commander (2015) of Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

ASM International

Arnie Grot is a second-generation Life Member of ASM International (formerly the American Society of Metals). Like his father, a good part of his professional career was as a casting engineer. Arnie joined ASM International as a student member of the Oak Ridge Chapter in 1972 when at the University of Tennessee. In 1995 he joined the Executive Committee of the Hartford Chapter and served six terms as Chair. He created the Hartford Chapter web site in 2000 and has been the Chapter's web master since that time. Arnie serves as the Coordinator of the Hartford Area Materials Camp™. There have been 11 of these camps at the University of Connecticut since 2008. In 2003, he worked with the Southern Connecticut Chapter to successfully obtain an ASM Historical Landmark Citation for the Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden CT.

Toastmasters International

Arnie has been a member of Toastmasters since November 1990. He currently is a member of two clubs, and has been recognized as a

Distinguished Toastmaster. He served as sponsor and mentor in the chartering of over 20 new clubs. He has served in all 7 of the club officer roles, and was District Governor in 1997-1998. He has served as the district Toastmasters Leadership Dean, charged to train the officers of the 150 clubs in the district, since 2001.

Purdue Club of CT

Arnie served as President of the Purdue Club of Connecticut 2004-2015.

United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

Arnie has served as a Loaned Executive for the United Way 1999 and 2000 Annual Campaigns. Before he retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in 1998, he was active in this company's internal United Way campaigns.

Career

From 1974-1998, Arnie worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft (PWA) in Connecticut in various experimental, development and production fields covering casting, coatings, seals, cooling, finishing and engine externals. In the PWA Experimental Foundry he developed processes for new generations of directionally cast single crystal turbine blade alloys (PWA 1480, 1484, 1487) and was responsible for casting sets of hardware for engine testing. In the PWA Experimental Coatings Group, he developed Plasma Sprayed Thermal Barrier Coatings and Turbine Blade Tip Sealing systems. He was a JT10D-7R4 Project Engineer, and supported Production in the development of cooling holes in Turbine Airfoils. He also supported the computer modeling of the equiaxed casting process for Engine Fan cases. Arnie also worked as a member, including assistant coordinator, of Quality Plus Improvement teams in experimental, development and production.



**JEFFERY A. FLYNN
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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JEFFERY A. FLYNN

Jeffery Allen Flynn was born the son of Edward and Jacquelyn Flynn on 20 January 1960 in Wethersfield, CT.

He lives with his wife Peggy of 38 years in Clinton. They have a son Nick and a daughter Lisa.

Jeff graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1978, and immediately attended college, graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of Hartford in 1982, with a degree in Philosophy and Religion, and was then Ordained as a non-denominational Christian Minister in 1982. He also won the Best Officiant Award on The Knot and Wedding Wire for many years. In addition to officiating weddings, he performs Baptisms and Funerals.

He volunteered as Coach for both boys and girls Soccer and Basketball for 10 years, starting in 1999.

In 2003, Jeff became a Volunteer for the American Lab Rescue, finding suitable and safe homes for unwanted dogs through visits with prospective families wishing to adopt, and he continues to devote time to this cause.

In 2010 he founded Christian Open Ministry, a traveling ministry. As an Ordained Minister, he provides regular worship services at assisted living facilities, and he regularly visits the sick and infirm throughout CT. He has been a Member of the Association of Clergy International for 15 years.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Property Owners of Lake Hayward in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and is the current President and Volunteer Property Manager for 242-246 East Main Condo Association in Clinton CT, and has been since 2010. In addition, he is the current President and Volunteer Property Manager for Maritime Knoll Professional Center, and has been since 2010.

He has over 30 years in Marketing and Advertising experience and has been a Real Estate Investor for over 25 years.

He has been a Member of Connecticut Society of Genealogists and of the Irish American Historical Society as well as the Irish American Community Center for 30 years.

MASONIC

Jeff was Raised a Master Mason on April 19, 2006, part of the first class to be raised in Estuary Lodge No. 43. While his primary lodge is Estuary Lodge No. 43 in Old Saybrook, he is also an Affiliate of Columbia Lodge No, 25, in Glastonbury where he is currently the Junior Warden. A Past Master of Estuary Lodge No. 43, years 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017, he is also a Past Master of Granite Lodge No. 119 for the year 2012.

Jeff served as Blue Lodge Council President for the year 2012. He was on the Grand Lodge Sessions Committee in 2012 and Co-Chairman for the year 2013. He was a District Deputy of Grand Lodge of CT, District 7B,

from 2013 to 2015, and has served on the Masonicare Board of Directors for many years.

SCOTTISH RITE

Jeff is a member of the Valley of Hartford, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Upon receiving his 32°, he joined the officer line of the Lodge of Perfection where he moved through the chairs to become the Thrice Potent Master for the years 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. He served for many years as the Valley of Hartford's Family Life chairman and has offered many activities and trips that have bolstered fraternal fellowship, growth, and fun for both Scottish Rite members and their families.

He is the founder of the "Scottish Rite/Freemasons 5K Run/Walk to Benefit Children with Dyslexia," and was Chairman of this event for the first 5 years, raising over \$50,000. To date, this event has surpassed \$120,000.

He has been a member of the Valley of Hartford Membership Committee since 2012 and continues to offer his skills and talents to the benefit of the Valley of Hartford members. He also served as the Valley of Hartford's Executive Council Chairman in the year 2012.

Jeff was Coroneted a 33° Mason on August 30, 2011.

YORK RITE

Jeff started his York Rite journey at Burning Bush - Washington Chapter No. 6 in Middletown. He served as High Priest for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014. He is currently a member of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, RAM where he served as High Priest in 2019.

He became a member of Wolcott Council No. 1, R&SM, attends regularly, and is currently Principal Conductor of the Work.

He became a member of Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, in 2006, and was Commander for the years 2011, 2012, and 2014. He affiliated with Washington Commandery No. 1 in 2015.

He is a member of Connecticut York Rite College; Apostles Tabernacle XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and the Red Cross of Constantine.

DEMOLAY

Jeff has been a member of the CT DeMolay Board of Directors since 2013, and continues to serve.

He received the Legion of Honor award in February 2018. The Legion of Honor is conferred upon a Freemason who has performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of the Order of DeMolay, and has evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order of DeMolay.

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

I would like to thank all the Companions of Connecticut for the honor and privilege to serve you as Grand High Priest. In my travels to the Chapters, I have been pleased with the work and ritual.

My message is EDUCATE AND WELCOME ALL

We need to have Royal Arch education at each and every meeting. I have been quite disappointed with some of the meetings I attended. I observed opening, reading minutes then closing. Is this what Chapter is all about? We must give our Companions a reason to attend Chapter. How about Chapter Education? Education can be from 5-15 minutes. Please offer SOMETHING. There are many resources available, and if the High Priest is puzzled where to find them then please contact the Grand Chapter. Also, pastry or light snacks after the meeting will build fellowship.

I also ask that the High Priest WELCOME ALL in attendance at their meetings. Quite frankly, I am bothered by this. We are taught in Blue Lodge that we all are equal and meet on the level. But this is not happening. We recognize past and current DD's, PWM's and past Grand Masters and if in attendance the current Grand Master. What about the other Brothers attending? Without their attendance, they may not even be able to open. This is happening in the York Rite as well. In Chapter, we need nine to open. This may not be so easy for many Chapters. Recognize and thank ALL COMPANIONS for their attendance. It makes them feel wanted and really on the Level.

I also noticed and heard that many Chapters were not able to open without the assistance from the visiting officers of the Grand Chapter line. Unfortunately, this is not new. Perhaps lack of education or not feeling welcome was one of the reasons. The duty of the Grand Chapter is to help, aid and assist Chapters, not to keep them afloat with their attendance as needed to open.

Through observation and reports, I am pleased with the Grand Chapter Officers. They have worked hard with their assigned Chapters, reviewing their work and ritual and offering their suggestions.

I assisted with a Chapter Road Show and found it be quite beneficial for the Craft. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 shut down of the state many road shows were cancelled. I would like to see this presentation continue at Blue Lodge Councils and Blue Lodges. This is an excellent way for us to encourage more Companions to join Chapter.

I do not plan on listing my planned attendance in the OPPORTUNITIES. I will do so only for special events and degrees. I want to show up unannounced at the Chapters. I want to see how many are in attendance and see if they planned on Education and remembered to Welcome All.

I am looking forward to a very rewarding year for all of us in Chapter. Let's make it fun and inspirational.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf for his leadership and guidance. His counsel and advice was greatly appreciated.

Jeffery A. Flynn

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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
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ALASKA	Rodney L. Johnson		
ALBERTA	David D. Thomson		
ARIZONA			
ARKANSAS	Sam M. Johnson		
AUSTRIA			
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DIST OF COLUMBIA	Robert H. Starr		
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FINLAND	Antti Vilkki	George Nousiainen	-----
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FRANCE	J. F. Humbert		
GENERAL GRAND	Mark E. Irwin	James McNeely	90
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GREECE	Nicolaos Vourgidis	Robert Sherrick	-----
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HAWAII	Roy L. Skinner		
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PORTUGAL	Jose Salgado		
QUEBEC	Willard Dionne		
QUEENSLAND	David E. Gray	William L. Miller	67890
RHODE ISLAND	Joseph Brearley		
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- 7 Present at 2017 Annual Convocation
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**Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests
in Royal Arch Masonry**



171st ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 171st Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry was held the evening of June 4, 2020 AD (3933 A. Beo) at 7:30 pm using electronic means consisting of a “Virtual ZOOM Platform” arranged by Ex. Pres. James McNeely.

This format was chosen that the Companions may convene for business, in keeping with the medical precautions established for defense of the COVID Pandemic that up to now have precluded gatherings in person in any sizeable quantity, which as a result meant that this Convention, scheduled for early May for the reception of candidates and business could not be held following ancient traditions.

The “Virtual” Convention was called to order at 7:35 pm by Most Excellent President James S. McNeely with the assistance of his officers representing their respective stations and other AHPs, 27 in all, in attendance on the call.

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

Most Excellent President McNeely welcomed the Companion AHPs and led us in a pledge of allegiance; and Chaplain Mike Sabia offered an opening prayer.

MEP James noted that the work of the session, which would normally be first, will be deferred until 2021, and it looks promising for a goodly number of candidates.

MEP James next turned to the business of the Convention, starting with a few formalities, and recognition of the Companions: first and foremost among them, our MEGHP James Kleinkauf of the Grand Chapter who was “virtually” received. MEP then recognized Past Presidents of the Convention: Richard Eppler, William Greene, Clyde Kayser, William Miller, and Andy Birdsall. MEP recognized the officers of the Convention, and the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, and Past Grand High Priests

Bill Lott, Matt Griffin, Bill Greene, Danny Camp, Bill Miller, Richard Eppler, and Honorary Charles Fowler concluding with “himself truly” prior to current GHP James Kleinkauf.

MEP James then called upon Tres-Rec Bill for his business. Bill motioned that in the absence of any errors or omissions, the Minutes of the 170th Convention stand as printed in the 2019 Grand Chapter Proceedings. The AHPs so voted.

Tres-Rec. Bill presented his report of our last year ending March 31, 2020 which had been reviewed by AHP Michael Seamon, acting auditor, who was called upon to report that the records were well kept and accurate, commending the Tres-Rec. Tres-Rec Bill then provided a summary that our membership is slowly aging, but we anointed 4 new AHPs against losing 5 to death and non-affiliations, so we edged down to 185. Financially, though not having a full year for donations and boutique, we are holding our own with a combined \$ 4,551.54 at the close of the year March 31st. Bill’s report was adopted upon motion and the report details will be appended to these minutes.

Then came the time for our extra special recognitions. The oldest date of anointing award goes to Bill Lott, 1943. The oldest age is Richard Eppler, born 1934. Companions Tom Duclos and Gary Shepard were our newest, anointed last spring. And the farthest away is Andy Birdsall, driving across Tennessee but connected by phone camera, live ! (Try that in a tiled session !)

Chaplain Mike Sabia 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 Priests as of 31 March 2020

Companion	Chapter	Date
Philip B Swain Jr	Pythagoras 17 (Delta 51)	01.26.2019
Gary A. Littlefield	Trinity 09	07.03.2019
Wilbert E. Nead	Pythagoras 17 (Delta 51)	01.04.2019
Richard E. Backe	Burning Bush-Washington 06	12.14.2019

In consideration of the work behind the scenes (or monitor as it were), MEP James asked for a motion for the usual honoraria for the Tres-Rec (\$150) as well as the other expenses expended for this Convention. So VOTED.

As for charity, Tres-Rec Bill noted our coffers can withstand our continued donation to the MCF, and upon his motion, \$300 was VOTED.

Next up – elections...First, MEP addressed the idea that officers might stay in place due to the odd year we’re having, but that he was the only one really affected as he was not able to preside over the degree though he had

done it several times in MN. He reported that the consensus of the officers was a desire to move up, and so he proposed a slate led by Jason Regier as MEP, followed by Mike Sabia, Mike Seamon, and Dan Luft with Bill remaining Tres-Rec. This slate was moved for election by acclamation, with no objections or other candidates. MEP-elect Jason then announced the balance of his officers; Tom Duclos as Conductor, Mike Scribner as Herald, Arnie Grot as Steward, and Greg Whitehouse as Sentinel. All expressed their agreement to serve. The full slate is as follows:

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

EP-elect Jason asked “Past” Pres. James to lead the installation, done in “virtual form” using the applicable prayers and obligations from the ritual.

New MEP Jason thanked PP James and the Companions for their support, including his officers. Before closing, he inquired of other remarks.

Tres-Rec Bill announced that hopefully the pandemic will have abated so the we can once again meet in full session, our **172nd Convention is scheduled for next year, to be held May 1st, 2021 at the York Masons Hall in East Hartford at 9:00 am, lunch to follow.** At that opportunity, if not sooner, Past MEP James will be presented his official Past President jewel for his efforts this year.

MEP Jason called upon MEGHP James for final remarks bringing WFG and his own on behalf of the Grand Chapter, and likely his last such declaration before the Grand Session Saturday morning hence. He expressed his appreciation to all for their support during his year and asked one more favor: dress code for Saturday officers should be something akin to a tux appearance as best as the Companions can muster. Virtual applause.

With closing the Convention left to do, MEP Jason inquired if his officers would like to review the closing ritual just to keep sharp, but as few had their rituals, this was deferred. Then, WNFBA, MEP Jason declared the 171st Convention closed (in “virtual” format) at 8:20 pm. The Companions shared further personal greetings as the ZOOM Meeting was ended.



Attest:

William L. Miller, MEPGHP, Treasurer-Recorder

ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Stephen D. Piner	17	1982	Robert G. Fitzgerald	17	2009
Gail N. Smith	09	1987	Andrew G Weimann, II	15	2011
Kenneth W. Marvin	12	1993	Charles DeM. O'Neill	11	2012
Bard C. Teigen	30	1994	Martin Ede	02	2014
William L. Greene	42	1997	David C. Abrames	17	2015
Clyde W. Kayser, II	15	1999	Richard A. Eppler	26	2016
William L. Miller	17	2004	Richard R. Jones	31	2017
Richard G. Barrows	09	2005	J. Andrew Birdsall	07	2018
Charles A. McCollum	23	2007	James S. McNeely, IV	17	2019
Douglas A. Gray	02	2008			

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER-RECORDER
1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020**

Membership

At the close of our last year on 31 March 2019, our membership was reported at 186. At the last Annual Convention on May 4, 2019, 4 new members were anointed, but in the course of the year, the Grand Architect of the Universe summoned to his side 4 of our Excellent Companions and 1 more was lost to NPD from Lodge for a net loss of 1 such that our membership now stands at 185.

Financial

Receipts (Checking & Savings):

Dinners	\$ 315.00
Donations	578.00
Fees for Order	60.00
Sale of Jewels	125.00
Interest (Svgs)	1.84
Transfer Into Checking from Savings	0.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1,079.84

Donation to MCF of CT	300.00
Donation to Grand Chapter Education Fund (discontinued)	0.00
Honoraria	175.00
Dinners	321.95
Office Supplies, Expenses, Jewels, Bibles	88.50
Postage	110.00
Printing	0.00
Miscellaneous – Rent	50.00
Transfer Out from Checking back into Savings	0.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,045.45

34.39

\$ 4,517.15

Balance April 1, 2020

\$ 4,551.54

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Miller

Ex. William L. Miller, Tres.-Rec.

Reviewed by RE Michael E. Seamon

May 28, 2020

DONATIONS
1 April 2019 through 31 March 2020

Alfred Ballwig	01	Richard A Eppler	26,2
		Thomas Grace	27
Douglas A Gray	02	Robert Kilgore	27
Clyde W Kayser	02	Delbert A Little	27
George Nousianen	02	Bruce Padula	27
		Jason Regier	27
Herbert Olson	06		
		Dale E Cunningham	30
Donald Gladding	09	Thomas Duclos	30
Rodney I Gray	09	Howard W Orr	30
Robert D Hayes	09,1	Russell Scull	30
Kenneth W Marvin	09	Bard Teigen	30
Thomas Schiebel	09		
		Matthew Griffin	31
Charles A. McCollum	11,2	Roger B Thorin	31
Michael Sabia	11	Richard R Jones, Jr	31
Donald Sargeant	11,2		
		James Kleinkauf	44
Robert Cascone	13		
Edward R Ham	13		
Robert L Jess	13,4		
Craig Nelson	13		
Gary Shepard	13		
Scott D Sherrick	13,4		
Richard Travis	13,4		
Arthur H Carlstrom	15,4		
B. Earl Canfield	15		
Dale E Sweet	15,4		
Charles B Fowler	17		
Arnold S Grot	17		
James S McNeely IV	17		
William L Miller	17		
Carl G Palmberg	17		
Richard L Sawyers	17		
T Donovan Scroggs	17		
Michael E Seamon	17		