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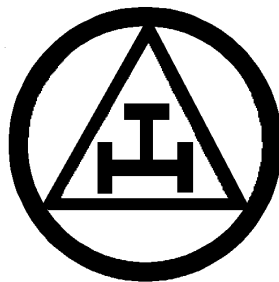
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**JEFFERY ALLEN FLYNN**  
**Most Excellent Grand High Priest**  
**2020**

**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.

He 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, and Apostles Tabernacle XXVII, 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.

## **ANNUAL SESSION**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the 202<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Annual Assembly of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut could not for the second time be held in the traditional manner as COVID restrictions were still in effect negating the usual banquet and full physical gathering.

The Annual Assembly was however held instead by a hybrid collection of officers in person at the Masonic Temple in Meriden, CT in conjunction with video conferencing staged from the same location.

Appreciations go to ME James S. McNeely for arranging the electronic registration and reception of Companions and guests by means of ZOOM.



## ANNUAL MEETING

### ATTENDANCE

#### GRAND OFFICERS

Jeffery A. Flynn (17)	M.E. Grand High Priest
Daniel M. Luft (27)	R.E. Grand King
Clyde W. Kayser, II (02,15)	R.E. Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum (11)	R.E. Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller, II (17)	R.E. Grand Secretary
Michael E. Seamon (17)	R.E. Grand Captain of the Host
Michael D. Sabia Jr (11)	R.E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Jason R. Rieger (27)	R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Russell L. Scull (30)	R.E. Grand Master Third Veil
Mychael J. Scribner (15)	R.E. Grand Master Second Veil
Gary D. Shepard (13)	R.E. Grand Master First Veil
<del>Rev. William E. Weisert, II (07)</del>	R.E. Grand Chaplain
Gerald A. Calabritto (26)	R.E. Grand Sentinel
David Söderberg (17)	R.E. Grand Organist
Martin Ede (02)	R.E. Grand Historian
Scott T. Sherrick (13)	R.E. Assistant Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17)	R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary
Paul L. Chello (44)	Grand Trustee
<del>Matthew F. Griffin (31)</del>	Grand Trustee
<del>Charles D. O'Neill (11)</del>	Grand Trustee

#### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

David C. Abrames	Robert G. Fitzgerald
Bruce R. Bellmore	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.
Paul L. Chello	Charles A. McCollum
Martin Ede	James S. McNeely, IV
Richard A. Eppler	William L. Miller, II

**RIGHT EXCELLENT PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS**

Richard Barrows (09)	James C. Kleinkauf (44)
Paul L. Chello(44)	Charles A. McCollum (13)
Martin Ede(02)	James S. McNeely, IV (17)
Richard A. Eppler (27)	William L. Miller, II (17)
Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	Richard L. Sawyers (17)
Charles B. Fowler Jr (17)	Michael E. Seamon (17)
Clyde W. Kayser II (02)	<del>William E. Weisert II (07)</del>

**CHAPTERS REPRESENTED – 13 OF 13**

Constituent Chapter Representatives # Denotes Proxy

NO	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE
2	Scott Atkins	Martin Ede	
6	Robert Jones #	Vincent Cowie #	William Field #
7	<del>William Weisert</del>	Scott Daniels	Robert Krawic
9	Ray Knieriem #	Greg Massier	Richard Barrows
11	Peter Smyth	John Amarilios	James Wood
13	Craig Nelson	James Whitaker	Gary Shepard
15	Richard Corey	Ian Jones	Myke Scribner
17	Charles Jewart	Arnold Grot	Edward Varjabedian
26	Gerald Calabritto	William Lang #	John K. M. Ryan
27	Kristian Maiorino	Harold Elwell	Christian Schunmann
30	Thomas Duclos		
31	Douglas Barnard	Michael Butteri	
44	Paul Chello	James Kleinkauf	Peter Alling #

**PAST HIGH PRIESTS** (Not Otherwise Listed)

Richard Allen (07)	Robert J. Knowles (27)
Andy Birdsall (07)	Harrison Redford (31)
John Birdsall (07)	Richard L. Sawyers (17)
Danny Camp (15)	Gail Smith (09)
Steven Chiappalone (27)	Randy Stevens (26)

**NON-VOTING COMPANIONS IN ATTENDANCE**

Brian Berk (17)	Brad Cooney (02)
Jason Rieger (27)	Nicholas Ives (27)

**DELIBERATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER**

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was declared to be open by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jeffery A. Flynn at 11:00 am on Saturday, 5 June 2021.

Companion Edward Varjabedian, in the last minute absence of RE Grand Chaplain William Weisert, was called upon to offer prayer, after which MEGHP Flynn led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MEGHP Jeffery A. Flynn extended a most cordial welcome to all companions in virtual attendance and acknowledged the presence of the following:

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS****Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International**

Comp. James S. McNeely, IV, Grand Ambassador for CT  
 Comp. David Schuler, Regional Deputy Genl Grand HP  
 Comp. Teko Foly, General Grand King, Genl Grand RAM Int'l  
 Comp. Steven G. Tiner, General Grand High Priest,  
 General Grand RAM Int'l

**Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut**

Bro. Bruce R Bellmore, RW Deputy Grand Master of Grand  
 Lodge AF&AM of CT representing Bro. William E.  
 Bohman, MW Grand Master

MEGHP Flynn called upon the Grand Secretary for the report of the 222<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation, for which the Grand Secretary moved the minutes of the 222<sup>nd</sup> Convocation be accepted as printed in the Proceedings and so ordered.

MEGHP Flynn recognized the group of Past Grand High Priests present today with his appreciation for their advice and counsel during his year.

MEGHP Flynn called upon the Past Grand Custodians present and thanked them for their past service.

MEGHP Flynn acknowledged the group of our Companions serving as Grand Representatives for our sister jurisdictions.

MEGHP called upon those Companions having been recognized for their service as holders of General Grand Chapter Medals. Thank you.

And lastly, our own Ephraim Kirby Meritorious Service Award winners present were called upon and recognized for their distinguished accomplishments to our communities, Masonic and otherwise.

#### **REPORT AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

MEGHP Flynn then delivered his Report and Address, receiving a “Virtual” round of applause , after which RE Grand King Luft referred it to the Committee on Address.

MEPGHP Eppler reported for the **Committee on Address** with thanks for the contributions by ME Jeffery Flynn in promoting the welfare of our Chapters in these uncertain times. The motion to accept the report was APPROVED.

#### **REPORT SUMMARIES & REMARKS**

MEPGHP Seamon, **Chairman of the Committee on Audit**, reported that the records of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Trustees which were supplied by electronic means had been in good order and well kept. On motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

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

Companion James S. McNeely, having been just installed moments our session, as the new **Most Puissant Grand Master of Royal & Select Master in CT**, was called upon for his remarks. Most “Pu” James of course brought greetings from the Cryptic Masons and his own personal congratulations on ME Jeff’s year.

Continuing, MEGHP Jeffery then announced his **Awards** for distinguished service: the Ephraim Kirby medal to Comp. Dale T. Cunningham from Washington Chapter 30 in Suffield, and the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze to Companion Robert G. Fitzgerald of Pythagoras Chapter 17 in East Hartford. Both recipients were on the call “Virtually” and surprised and humbled by these recognitions, with physical presentations coming later once we’re all back together.

On behalf of Grand Chaplain Weisert who was attending to a funeral this morning, Secretary Miller gave the report of the **Committee on Necrology**, noting in particular the passing of 12 of our Past High Priests. The report and prayer was **ACCEPTED** (and can be found among the other reports of these proceedings).

RE Grand King Luft presented a **Budget for the Fiscal Year ending 30 April 2022** which anticipates a return to our pre-COVID state of affairs and budgeted allowances for same. On motion, the Budget and its Implementing Resolutions were **ADOPTED**.

RE Principal Sojourner Mike Sabia offered the **Committee Report on Ritual**, which addressed how the concluding section of our Past Master Degree has become a little too crazy and found to be superfluous and proposed an alternative ending that preserves our ancient customs. Upon his motion, his report was **ACCEPTED**.

RE Grand King Luft reported for the **Committee on Bylaws of Constituent Chapters** which reviewed the ByLaws prepared for Keystone Chapter 6 that incorporate Burning Bush- Washington Chapter, and finding them acceptable, and upon his motion, were **ADOPTED** for Keystone No. 6.

RE King Luft reported that there were **NO Delinquencies** among the Chapters which presently remain: all bills including arrearages have been paid, reports filed, and Chapters fully represented today. Upon his motion, this report was **ACCEPTED**.

MEGHP Flynn reporting for the **Committee on Welfare of Constituent Chapters** echoed the prior preparations made for the merger of Burning Bush-Washington Chapter into Keystone, making a new Chapter “Keystone No. 6” (preserving the Burning Bush number and history a bit). Upon his motion, the Companions

voted to APPROVE the merger with such documents and property to be apportioned accordingly.

MEGHP introduced the next speaker, Companion **Craig R. Nelson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar** of Connecticut who brought his greetings to the Grand Chapter and best wishes.

Reports continued. ME McNeely then provided the report of the **Committee on Educational Awards**, recommending that the total \$5000 be divided evenly among 15 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 Flynn. On motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

MEGHP Flynn then ordered that all other reports not read but received be printed in the Proceedings.

Companion Teko Foley, General Grand King of the General Grand Royal Arch Masons International, and representing our General Grand High Priest Steven G. Tiner (who was on the call earlier but excused himself for another appearance), brought fraternal greetings from the General Grand Chapter and remarks in anticipation of rejoining us down the road, being no stranger to CT.

### ELECTIONS

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

Daniel M. Luft	Grand High Priest
Clyde W. Kayser, II	Grand King
Michael E. Seamon	Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum	Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller II	Grand Secretary
Charles D. O'Neill	Grand Trustee to 2024

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

ME Grand High Priest elect Luft announced the following appointments:

Jason R. Rieger	Grand Principal Sojourner
Mychael J. Scribner	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Gary D. Shepard	Grand Master Third Veil
Gerald A. Calabritto	Grand Master Second Veil
Kristian M. Mairoino	Grand Master First Veil
William E. Weisert II	Grand Chaplain
Greg J. Messier	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 Eppler with the assistance of Installing Chaplain Bellmore and Installing Marshal Miller.

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

### Grand Lodge AF&AM of Connecticut

Bro. Bruce R Bellmore, RW Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of CT representing Bro. William E. Bohman, MW Grand Master, then provided concluding remarks, including how there are a disproportionately large number of Master Masons that have yet to be introduced to the York Rite and represent our future.

**CLOSING**

There being no further business, MEGHP Luft called upon Chaplain Pro-tem Varjabedian for a closing prayer, and then declared the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter completed and adjourned at 12:30 pm.



Attest

*William L. Miller, II*  
William L. Miller, II  
Grand Secretary

**NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

The 223rd Anniversary Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will be held on Saturday, 4 June 2022, starting at 8:30 am at a venue to be announced and in a return to our pre-COVID traditions.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut will meet in Annual Assembly at 1:00 pm 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, 3 June 2022.



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

Companions,

I would like to begin by thanking Past Grand High Priest Charles O'Neill for appointing me to the Grand Chapter line. Secondly, I would like to thank our Grand Chapter Secretary and PGHP Bill Miller for all his guidance and support throughout my term. I would also like to thank Assistant Grand Chapter Secretary and PGHP James McNeely for his guidance and Zoom meetings set ups. Honestly, we couldn't have done it without you!

I would like to reflect on what happened and what didn't happen. Let's see.....I didn't hand out any pins (actually I didn't even make a pin), no ribbon cutting, photos with babies or racking up miles in travel. What happened....I kept Chapters together the best I could considering the cards we all were dealt. I attended countless Chapter zoom meetings and by the end of the week my eyes were crossed and my wrist hurt from holding my cell phone. Note, I was given a present for my birthday which was a cell phone stand for my Zoom meetings. Happy now!

I put out a call to my Grand Chapter Officers and asked them even if they were not assigned to a particular Chapter, attend and support them. Many Chapters needed Grand Chapter Officers in order for them to open. When I saw a Chapter was in trouble, I would immediately text some reliable Grand Chapter Officers and they were there for me and the Chapter. Special thank you to Past Grand High Priest James Kleinkauf for his willingness to attend Chapter meetings via Zoom. He offered, and I took him up on his gracious offer. Again, he made a difference many times whether a Chapter was able to open. I must say that I was quite disappointed with some of my Grand Chapter Officers. Not only did they not come to bat helping Chapters that they were not assigned but I hardly saw them attending Chapters they were assigned.

It was quite challenging at first for some Chapters to conduct their meetings via Zoom. It was a mystery and uncharted waters. Some Companions didn't even have a computer or smart phone. I asked, 'Do they have a phone?' That being said, after the hard work of PGHP McNeely the Chapters were up and running. ALL Chapters, with the exception of one, held regular Zoom meetings

on their meeting nights! My message was “Educate and Welcome All”.

I saw some great education which sprung into a spirited conversation. I witnessed the Chapters Welcome All in attendance. This was more important this year since it was not very easy for most Chapters to open even via Zoom. Welcoming all only takes a minute or two and goes a long way recognizing their effort to attend.

We did an experiment involving 3 Chapters and 3 Councils. Each Chapter and Council opened, conducted their business and closed separately. We had one Education program at the end. What happened? -- We hit it out of the park! After the education, we had a wonderful discussion and the meeting was adjourned in 1 hour! You heard that right, 3 Chapters and 3 Councils meeting separately with great education all in an hour. The meetings were efficient and well run. Best of all, they all wanted to do it again next month.

My further attendance via zoom included:

Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, The Grand Council of R.& S.M.M. of Massachusetts, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Mass. and Rhode Island, Southwest Regional York Rite Conference, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut semi-annual, General Grand Chapter Triennial Convocation, many Commandery’s Christmas and Easter Observances, Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Connecticut Annual Communication, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut Annual Conclave, Grand York Rite Sessions of Maine and the CT Anointed High Priests Annual Convention.

#### General Dispensations:

I allowed Chapters to meet virtually for their stated communications. The opening and closing was modified having no ritual which included signs. This virtual meeting would count as a legal regular stated communication. No degree work would be held virtual.

With respect to the provision in Grand Chapter Law Section 206 barring a Companion from three successive terms as High Priest, a dispensation was granted to all affected Chapters that a sitting Excellent High Priest may serve a third successive term for

the year 2021-2022, if he so desires and is duly elected by the will and pleasure of his Companions.

Summary of Other Dispensations:

Burning Bush Washington 6 requested on September 15, 2020 a dispensation allowing them to meet with Keystone 27 for the rest of the Capitular year. They are in the process of merging, but in the mean time, Burning Bush 6 needs the help of Keystone 27 Companions in order to open Chapter and conduct their business. A dispensation was given on the condition that Burning Bush-Washington must bring their Charter, both Chapters must open and close separately, and the Companions of Burning Bush given due and timely notice of all such meetings to be held under this dispensation. The original dispensation expired on March 1, 2021 and was extended to May 31, 2021.

Trinity 9 requested on September 22, 2021 to meet on Tuesday September 29, 2020, reason being they could not organize a Zoom meeting in time for their regular stated communication scheduled for earlier in September. This dispensation allowed them more time to set up and notify their members with due and timely notice.

Halleck 44 requested on October 22, 2021 a dispensation allowing them to meet with Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26 for the rest of the Capitular year (until May 31, 2021) in order for Halleck to have enough Companions to open a meeting and conduct business. A dispensation was given on the condition that Halleck must bring their Charter, both Chapters must open and close separately, and the Companions of Halleck given due and timely notice of all such meetings to be held under this dispensation.

Columbia 31 who regularly meets the first Friday, requested March 9, 2021 to reschedule their April meeting for Friday April 23, 2021 since Good Friday fell on their usual meeting night this year. Companions having been given ample timely notice of this oddity, a dispensation was granted.

Appointments:

I nominated Michael Sabia to be the Grand Representative of Italy.

50 year presentation:

I had the utmost pleasure of presenting Companion Charles Hall his 50 year pin and certificate. We did this via Zoom but it was pony expressed to him.

Other action:

I arrested the charter of Hiram Chapter No. 1 on February 26, 2021. This action was taken as a result of a number of ongoing deficiencies of the Chapter to meet the prescribed conditions set forth in the Constitution & Law for a Chapter to be viable, notably not holding regular meetings, greeting candidates or making required reports and payments. This condition has existed over a sustained period of time, and any path to rebuilding the Chapter, even the most difficult, is not apparent. Hence, after lengthy counsel and consideration of all the factors involved, I made the difficult decision to dissolve Hiram Chapter No. 1.

In conclusion, I had a rewarding year. I did my best with the cards we ALL were dealt with. My year like many Past Grand High Priests could have involved fun traveling, ribbon cutting, free dinners and photo ops but I had the difficult task of keeping Chapters together through motivation and maybe a little push here and there. I followed the State's guidelines to the fullest. Safety for our Companions was my number one concern. When the Governor said 'no more than 10 at a private gathering' that's what we followed. Yes, we have private gatherings at private buildings. Plain and simple. I did not try to look for loop holes.

Festivals may be the answer for the Chapters to get caught up with their candidates in the wings. Whether you're a fan of festivals or not, right now it is the best way to have Chapters get back in the saddle. Finally, I wish the best of luck to my Grand King Dan Luft. If there's anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jeff Flynn

### GRAND KING

What a year it has been. I think we all agree that dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic put a quite different twist on how we conducted business and fraternal relations. As of sometime in March of 2020, the pandemic hit hard here in CT, and we had to suspend all in- person communications statewide to conform with state mandates for our safety. As we soon learned, Freemasonry will persevere, and it did. The adaptation of Zoom, internet conference meetings, was thereafter our only way of meeting, at least in a virtual sense. Our MEGHP facilitated that effort with some great assistance of the tech savvy Companions and urged all Chapters to meet via internet virtually. This created a new venue for the Companions to meet, discuss Royal Arch Masonry, be with Companions who did not attend in person regularly due to various geographical or health reasons. Wow, what a success!

As Grand King, I made every effort to attend most of the constituent Chapter meetings in this fashion for the year. I very much enjoyed being able to be with so many additional Companions in CT rather than the usual in-person visitations which can be limited by our travels. I think most of the attendees at these meetings found a large positive attitude in this dire situation of a pandemic. The Grand Chapter officers also had more opportunities to get to know the many great Companions in this Royal Arch jurisdiction. As the year progressed towards the end of my term, I was able to get to work planning and getting ready for the upcoming year, if elected, as MEGHP. This is a huge undertaking and responsibility to prepare for and hopefully, execute efficiently.

I have very much enjoyed the support of the Companions this year and the ideas that we worked on to better the craft at labor. Looking forward I can leave with this. I will do my best to serve this Grand jurisdiction to the best of my abilities and see to the advancement of knowledge and virtue to my companions. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Grand King.

Daniel M Luft

## GRAND SCRIBE

This past year has been challenging. Usually when I write a Grand Officers report I try to include my impressions of the Chapters I have visited. This was not possible this year. It is also my practice to attend as many out-of-state Grand Sessions as a can. Again, not possible this year. What we learned this year was a new word – “ZOOM.” I’m certain that when the Merriam-Webster Dictionary releases their new words for 2021 there will be a new definition added for “zoom” – noun or verb – “a way to hold a meeting when the Governor prohibits in-person sessions.” This year the ZOOM teleconference protocol became the de-facto procedure of Masonry meetings. With the aid of ZOOM and a few in-person meetings at the end of the year, I have participated in nearly one-hundred-thirty events. I seriously doubt I would have attended that many in-person events in a normal year. ZOOM meetings appeared to have saved, or essentially sustained Masonry throughout the pandemic.

### Out of State Visitations

This year I participated in the ZOOM meetings for the Grand Sessions in Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey, Delaware, New Hampshire, Maine, and North Carolina. I had planned to log on to the Sessions in Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, but they were limited to in-state Companions and the Grand Sessions in Ohio, after being twice postponed, were finally cancelled altogether. Inexplicably the Rhode Island Grand Chapter and Grand Council Sessions were scheduled for the same weekend as our Grand Sessions. I also attended the ZOOM meetings for the Annual Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, the Annual Assembly of the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council portions of the Northeast Department conference. Finally, I was especially pleased that I was able to attend two ZOOM meetings of my father and grandfather’s York Rite Bodies in Dayton, Ohio; Mount Moriah Chapter 230 and Silver Trowel Council 141, and also the Christmas Memorial Service of Reed Commandery 6 held in the Scottish Rite Auditorium at the Dayton Masonic Center. That brought back childhood memories of attending this program with my family and two-thousand-plus guests.

**State Masonic Visitations**

For the major portion of this year any Masonic meetings in Connecticut were held by virtual ZOOM teleconferences. I attended four of the five Commandery Christmas Observances, the Anointed High Priests annual meeting and two Grand Chapter officers meetings. I was also able to “visit” ten of the thirteen Chapters at least once. Rittenhouse Chapter 11 and Keystone Chapter 27 meet on the same nights as my own Chapters and I was not aware of any ZOOM meetings scheduled for Trinity Chapter 9.

In October 2020 I was the only Grand Chapter officer in attendance at the postponed annual meeting of Hiram Chapter 1. This was an in-person Convocation and ten of their Companions along with eight other visitors were present. I thought that this was a successful meeting as all the reports were presented and a new High Priest was elected. They also received commitments from several of their Companions to become active in the Chapter. However I was wrong as their Charter was seized by the Grand High Priest last March.

As we arrived at September the restrictions on in-person meetings began to ease up. My Lodge, Federal 17, started holding in-person meetings in September, and even conferred the Master Mason Degree in December 2020 (in abbreviated form) and the Entered Apprentice Degree in May 2021 (in regular form). Franklin Chapter 2, Harmony Council 8, New Haven Commandery 2 and Saint Elmo Commandery 9 began holding in-person meeting in April, and in May New Haven Commandery 2 held their Annual Ascension Day Service in-person, with a dinner after the program!

**Observations**

With the restrictions we have been working under, it is difficult to make any concrete evaluation of the Chapters. One thing I can say is that with ZOOM meetings for many of the Chapters, participation by Grand Chapter officers and other visitors was necessary to have nine Companions present. Before you look at this lack of active participants in a negative light, one should remember that not all Companions might not have access to a computer or be interested in participating by ZOOM. During the pandemic many of the Companions have been working from home and communicating with their co-workers daily by ZOOM, and some of them found it hard to log on in the evening to another ZOOM Masonic meeting.

One of the primary benefits of ZOOM is the ability to connect with out-of-state Companions and those who for health reasons or other conflicts are not able to attend in-person meetings. Some of

these Companions have been the most loyal participants. The ZOOM meetings also allowed for increased participation by the Grand Officers and other visitors. This is a change from the usual routine of having only the Inspecting Grand Officer or the Most Excellent Grand High Priest visiting the Chapter. Hopefully this increased participation by the Grand Chapter will continue to occur in the future.

Finally, after having used ZOOM to connect with some of our “lost” Companions, what happens to them as we begin to return to in-person meetings? As I said before, in many instances these Companions have been our most loyal participants, and now suddenly they will be losing their method of communications. How do we prevent this? There are two possible ways to keep these Companions participating. In the first case, the Chapters could continue to designate one or two meetings a year as a hybrid Convocation, and conduct these meetings by ZOOM. This would most likely require a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or at least an edict from him allowing the same. The second idea would be to occasionally call a special meeting by ZOOM for the sole purpose of social communication with those Companions. The Companions of Franklin Chapter 2 and Harmony Council 8 have discussed the second possibility and will probably combine to hold some special meetings next year.

I look forward to my service as Right Excellent Grand King in the coming year, and to the hope that our Masonic activities can return to normal.

Clyde W. Kayser II

**GRAND TREASURER**  
May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

Checking Account	
Balance 5/1/2020	\$ 2,050.23
INCOME	
Convocation Inc	1,000.00
Educational Fund	0.00
Per Capita	15,202.00
Reimbursement	4,221.11
Sales	0.00
RARA	108.00



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Other Income	100.00	
Transfer - Trustees	5,000.00	
Total Income		25,631.11
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$27,681.34

## EXPENSES

Annual Returns	2,487.00	
Aprons & Jewels	732.39	
Capitular Education	0.00	
Charity	500.00	
Convocation	0.00	
Convocation Gifts	0.00	
Dues (YRCC)	0.00	
Education	5,000.00	
Equipment Rental	400.00	
GHP Expense	0.00	
Honorarium-Organist	0.00	
Insurance	6,876.00	
Misc	0.00	
Meetings	0.00	
Office Supplies	282.89	
Postage	133.49	
Printing	467.19	
RAM Magazine	2,351.27	
RARA	144.00	
Salaries	4,600.00	
Storage Misc	55.00	
Taxes	465.08	
Website	400.00	
Total Expenses		24,894.31
Balance 4/30/2021		\$2,787.03

Charles A. McCollum

### GRAND SECRETARY

I stand before you now as proof that I have survived not only COVID and my first year as Grand Recorder, but my first year as your new Grand Secretary as well, but not without a lot of help and training, the largest coming from my predecessor and mentor, dearest Brother and life friend, Charles Fowler, to whom I can only express my deepest gratitude. This is not to say I am now the expert in all these matters, but my dining and living rooms would attest otherwise. Clearly this is still a transitional process and in taking this on, I had one main goal, namely to simplify as much of the process as I can along the way, as well as depend more upon the good work of others. To this end, this first year was arranged so that the Office of Secretary (and Grand Recorder) would be performed by a “team” as it were: ME James McNeely assisting from his Zoom and REGC perches with communications and scheduling matters, and the new “Retiree” Chuck mothering his Access Data base, his legacy creation, to field all those pesky monthly reports and contained data. That’s his sports car and I do not have the “keys” just yet as it is too fast for me, but am permitted small trips up the street for bread. That has left me to answer the phone and emails, assist Chapters and you Companions who ask for assistance, and serve our MEGHP Jeff, as we navigated the COVID and faced some serious issues affecting our Companions in CT, and those in Council and Commandery. I was pleased to help our newer Secretaries in the finer points of their jobs and our rules, as well as a few veterans along the way. My appreciations to them all.

This has NOT been a routine year in any manner of speaking, and we are facing some serious situations which affect the whole of our CT York Rite. The difficult news begins with the statistical summary which appears along with this report. It goes without saying (but I will anyway), this year our membership tanked. The COVID precluded any ability to exalt new Companions, hence none to feed Council and Commandery. If one has ever heard the saying that the purpose of a Lodge is to make Masons, then our Royal Arch, which is the doorway to the York Rite, was basically closed and making new Companions impossible. This is not to say that Chapters haven’t been gathering in petitioners, as they eagerly await a return to the quarries en-masse. From a Grand Chapter level, our MEGHP has also walked the thin line to assure the COVID mandates from on high were and are followed, but

Chapters given maximum flexibility to utilize the virtual work space to keep their Companions engaged, including a general dispensation that High Priests may, if elected, serve a third consecutive term.

From a loss standpoint, it is not apparent that the COVID effect “medically” was as bad as we may have feared, over and above the usual Lodge losses, Chapter deaths, NPDs and dimits which we have become accustomed to in recent years. We started with 979 Companions and ended March 31, 2021 with 872, a net loss of 107. If one adds back in the average 30-40 or more new Companions we have seen in any given year, the end result would actually be comparable and not be all that bad. Buried in this is the tougher statistic, namely the loss of 87 of our paying members (per capita) and resulting reduction in our income (\$1,566) and this information has been factored into the new Budget. In short, we can only hope for some kind of a surge once we can resume regular work.

But the story does not end here, as you will see in the details of the Chapter by Chapter returns. In fact, it is not rosy. There are several elephants in the room which bode uncertain futures for all of us. First, chapter viability, especially among the weaker ones, has seen the loss of Hiram 1, and Halleck barely hanging on (they did settle up their arrearages from last year and though last, did get this year’s annual return done well enough with payment so they can be considered clear, with no fines recommended for their reports.)

But we have in recent years seen a rash of mergers... last year with Joseph Andrews and Pulaski, and this year Burning Bush appears to be next. So as long as this is an off ramp for weaker chapters, we haven’t lost all of their Companions yet.

But the real tough story lies in the details of their annual returns which shows a serious lack of succession capability...if a dedicated working Companion is lost (death, inability to serve, moving away), there is no one to fill the void. A quick list of how bizarre this is, groups are re-electing Companions to the East who are in rest homes; Treasurers are important, their loss in some cases has triggered probate; a new Secretary is making plans to move, and my favorite: there are 3 Companions holding down 10, yes ten Tres-Secretary-Recorder jobs...where are the 10 new Companions coming from to replace them? To help address our lack of succession planning, I have prepared a missal on this very

topic with recommendations based on our annual returns for our local and Grand Officers to study.

I have had the pleasure to work with our Grand Treasurer Charles McCollum, to whom I have turned over \$ 25,631.11 in receipts gathered in and deposited for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021, consisting mostly of per-capita from Chapters, a regular Grand Trustee transfer, and an additional \$1,000 refunded from the Sheraton 4 Points to close our contractual arrangement with them, for now anyway. On the expense side, I issued vouchers totaling \$ 24,894.31 for payment of regular budget obligations, including a few special donations approved in the course of the year.

In closing, it has been an honor to have served the Grand Chapter in this new capacity and with your continued support, guidance and inspiration, we can only move forward.

William L. Miller

#### Membership Summary for Last Ten Years

<b>Year Ending</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Exalted	70	68	32	20	39	33	30	27	22	0
Affil & Rein	5	66	10	9	11	3	98	6	7	4
<b>Total Adds</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>
Dimits	18	84	20	15	13	13	103	15	10	16
Involuntary	39	40	74	51	51	54	38	38	32	47
Deceased	74	51	43	54	49	28	41	36	41	48
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>111</b>
Beginning	1553	1497	1456	1361	1269	1206	1147	1091	1035	979
Net Change	-56	-41	-95	-91	-63	-59	-54	-56	-54	-107
<b>Ending</b>	<b>1497</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>1361</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>872</b>

### 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, 2020 was \$716,883.73. During the last year, due to volatility in the market, we have continued to reallocate our investments at the recommendation of our portfolio manager. These market fluctuations and re-investment resulted in an ending balance of \$836,703.78. We managed to make a gain of \$119,820.05, even after taking a distribution of \$5,000.00.

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.

The Committee moves the acceptance of this report and that it be printed in the Proceedings.

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

### GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

I would like to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Jeffery Flynn, for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter this year. Being the year of the Covid 19 Pandemic it goes without saying it was a strange year. But the situation brought some things more into focus. Some Chapters that had a hard time with attendance, still had a difficult time getting nine even for a Zoom meeting. But on the flip side we saw people from out of state who we never see attending meetings, via Zoom! I think some of the Chapters that needed to merge the past years, that were having problems, may be doing just that this year! Merging! I have attended many Zoom meetings this year sometimes two at a time!

One night I was in Preston and Torrington at the same time!! Try that one without Zoom! I tried to be there to help Chapters make the number when ever possible. I know we have many candidates in the pipeline, and look forward to the work to come, as we get back to labor in the post Pandemic months ahead,

Michael E. Seamon

### **GRAND PRINCIPALSOJOURNER**

With this very unprecedented year, visitations were at a standstill in person, and it took some time until Chapters were able to open Virtually. As I had no appointed Chapters to inspect, I spent the year doing my best to attend where I could and be available to the needs of the Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil, of whom I was assigned in a mentorship position. As they were well versed in visitations, and no official inspection could take place due to the pandemic, there was no need for complete oversight unless asked. I will say that even during the COVID-19 era, they both did a tremendous job in attending the virtual meetings of their assigned Chapters. With restrictions lifting as of this writing, the hope is that Chapters will be able to get back to work and build Royal Arch Masonry again.

I truly wish I could give the dates of every specific meeting this year, however I was at a loss to keep track due to stresses of the pandemic. I can say aside from my own Chapters of Rittenhouse #11 and Housatonic #13, I made visits via zoom to Franklin #2, Trinity #9, Cyrus-Meridian #15, Pythagoras #17, Joseph Andrews-Pulaski #26, Washington #30 and Halleck #44. Having Grand Officers invited to all meetings via zoom ensured the opening of Chapters who under normal circumstances would not have opened. However, this does not mitigate the issues of strengthening Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut. There are many Chapters who need help with the work of bringing in new membership from the Blue Lodges. Those nearby each other in such condition should work together in ritual to build these opportunities to put on meaningful work. Improvement in educational value in meetings is working where implemented, but much could be done to improve the flow of business and increase the Light being provided in our meetings.

I wish to thank ME Companion Jeffery Flynn for appointing me yet again to the line of the Grand Chapter, and I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve the Companions of Connecticut in whatever capacity I may be appointed in the future.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

### **GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN**

Chapters assigned to the Grand Royal Arch Captain for 2020-2021 were Hiram Chapter #1 in Sandy Hook, Rittenhouse Chapter #11 in Norwalk, and Housatonic Chapter #13 in Stratford. The following is a summary of observations during visitations, inspections and interactions.

#### **HIRAM Chapter #1**

At the first Grand Officer's Meeting, the Grand High Priest alerted the officers to serious issues with Hiram. The Grand Chapter Directory did not have any High Priest or Secretary listed, nor any contact information.

After inquiring about visiting Hiram, fellow Grand Line Officer Mychael Scribner responded with news that key members had left the chapter and the chapter was not holding meetings (virtually or in person). He was attempting to be appointed as Acting Secretary.

At a subsequent Grand Officer's Meeting, Companion Scribner reported that Hiram was in dire straits. The Grand High Priest directed for the charter to be collected by Companion Scribner.

At the Grand Chapter Annual Session, more information on the status of Hiram is expected.

#### **RITTENHOUSE Chapter #11**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, no in-person meetings were held.

Was able to attend many of the virtual/Zoom meetings held by Rittenhouse Chapter. A joint meeting format with the associated Council of Royal & Select Masters was conducted in true Masonic friendship.

The leadership and organizational skills of High Priest Peter Smyth and Secretary Chuck McCollum were apparent in the quality of the meetings held. Meetings always began with sincere

inquiries regarding the health and well-being of the Chapter's Companions under "Joys & Concerns" (a wonderful enhancement to the typical "Sickness & Distress" in most Masonic bodies).

Masonic education was always provided and the presentations were interesting and engaging. The standout feature of all the meetings was the genuine comradery and fellowship of the Companions which is the essential ingredient to all successful Masonic institutions. It was truly a pleasure to attend each meeting.

### **HOUSATONIC Chapter #13**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, no in-person meetings were held. I was able to attend many of the virtual/Zoom meetings held by Housatonic Chapter. A joint meeting format with the associated Council of Royal & Select Masters was conducted in true Masonic friendship.

The high quality of meetings held by Housatonic were very similar to Rittenhouse Chapter, which is not surprising due to several common denominators in the active membership. Education was always presented and very well done. The fellowship and friendship was felt at each meeting. It was very enjoyable to attend these meetings.

In summary, the Covid-19 Pandemic curtailed the operations of all Chapters, all Masonic bodies, and the entire world. Despite these unprecedented circumstances, Chapters managed to "keep the light on" and find ways to engage with true Masonic intercourse. Although I was not able to conduct any formal inspections, it was easy to gauge the overall health of the chapters by attendance, organization, meeting quality and fellowship. Both Rittenhouse and Housatonic appear healthy and strong, and I was greatly impressed with their meetings.

Jason R. Rieger

### **GRAND MASTER THIRD 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 Cyrus-Meridian #15, Pythagoras #17,



Washington # 30, and Columbia# 31. All Chapters were visited multiple times via Zoom during our pandemic year.

The highlights of this year include:

Through technology and the ability of the Companions Zooming in, all above Chapters were able to open consistently during the year. It has been a pleasure to 'travel' to a Chapter and to see business being able to be conducted.

The Educational Segment of our meetings created many lively discussions along with many companions volunteering to present at a future meeting.

For me personally, I had the opportunity to attend in person Chapter meetings in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. This opportunity cemented the fact that Masonry beliefs of meeting on the Level and parting on the Square are truly universal.

This year as Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil I had the pleasure of attending the York Rite Leadership Training program via Zoom. 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.

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 SECOND VEIL**

No report received from Companion Mychael Scribner.

#### **GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL**

This report, being my first as a Grand Chapter Line Officer, I hope you will bear with me. In addition, this year's pandemic brought to you by Covid 19, made it an especially unique year. Finally, my laptop computer crashed in January and has left me without a computer to this day. I should be up and running hopefully by July 1. But being without a computer, I felt a little like one who might be lost in space.

I would like to especially thank the M.E. Grand High Priest, Jeffery A. Flynn, for appointing me and allowing me the opportunity to be the Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil. It was an honor to serve in your Grand Officers Line.

I was assigned those Chapters in District 1. I communicated via email with the Excellent High Priests and Secretaries of Union 7 in Preston, Trinity 9 in N. Windham and Halleck 44 in Madison. I also had a couple of phone conversations with No. 7 and No. 9. I didn't hear from No. 44 at all. Because of Covid, I only saw virtual zoom meetings.

Union 7 seemed to have the least amount of worries. In what little I saw, they had a good opening and closing, a fair number of companions in attendance, and an educational program excellently presented on ancient masons.

Trinity 9 was without the EHP because of his age and being high risk for contracting Covid. They know they have problems and they want to address them.

Finally, Halleck 44 is meeting with Joseph Andrews-Pulaski 26 and the EHP Gerry Calabritto is addressing that problem.

Due to my lack of a computer, I missed many of the Chapter zoom meetings, unfortunately. However not attending as many meetings as I would have liked to, I still got an idea of the different problems that each chapter was dealing with, and it would have been great to start developing a plan for each to become better chapters in the long run. Zoom meetings have their place within the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. They allow Companions who would not otherwise attend regular chapter convocations to join the meetings. Because the entire Grand Chapter officers were invited to attend constituent chapter meeting there was always enough Companions to open. However, there is much to be said about live chapter convocations. I am finally shaking hands with Companions for the first time in more than a year. Unfortunately, because of this unique year, we did not observe ritual work, which was a disappointment from the view that it would give me more information about each chapter that I was responsible for overseeing. Being the EHP of Housatonic 13, I attended their convocations as well as a couple convocations at Rittenhouse 11.

There was an initial meeting of the Grand Officers which I was not aware of, due to a mix up in my Grand Officer appointment for the year. There were also two Grand Chapter Officers meetings throughout this past year. The first one held in October, I attended. We discussed our observations based on our attendance

at the zoom meetings. I found it very enlightening to hear the input from those Grand Chapter Officers who attended. It gave me a greater global understanding of the situation that the chapters of RAM within Connecticut are facing. I didn't know about the second meeting because of computer problem that I had.

I learned a tremendous amount over the past year as Grand Master of the First Veil. Although I didn't do as much as I should have or could have done, I look forward to advancing through the Grand Officers Line, if I am appointed and am allowed to do some.

M.E. Grand High Priest, what you did this year was remarkable. You moved the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Connecticut forward, and that is something with which to be very proud.

Gary D. Shepard

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN**

As we close this Capitular year, it is unfortunate to note that Hiram Chapter #1 has had its charter arrested, and it is no longer on our rolls. As a Grand Historian, we often look to the past for guidance as we go through these trying times made more difficult by the COVID-19 pandemic. But it is also at these times that we must look forward to make sure that the future of Capitular Masonry is secure. We must continue with our education programs both in and outside of the Chapter. As Grand Historian, I am always available to help with any program you may wish to hold, and I am often available to make a visit to your Chapter for talks and help with your archives.

Do not forget, my Companions, to promote Capitular Masonry in your lodges and Blue Lodge Councils. We may be shrinking as a Grand lodge, but the Chapter still has access to thousands of brothers in the state who are not yet Companions. There is plenty of material available through the Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter to use with your lodge brothers. As I have noted in my addresses as Grand High Priest, make sure your brothers are aware that we are open to all brothers. Any Companion who intentionally or unintentionally remarks to a brother of a different faith that they cannot complete the York Rite is doing a disservice to the York Rite and Masonry in general. We are the completion of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, and we are there at

the completion of King Solomon's Temple. We have the gifts of the real word and grip of a Master Mason, and this is a privilege that we should not be stingy with as all our brothers need and deserve.

As we move further with mergers of our Chapters, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help in assessing your archives and what should be kept and what can be let go. As your Grand Historian, I am here to help you and our future Companions,

Martin Ede

#### **REPORT OF THE R. A. MAGAZINE INSERT EDITOR**

At the end of the previous capitular year, I took over as Editor for the Royal Arch Magazine. During the past year the General Grand Chapter made the decision to change from the old non-glossy black and white print style to a new glossy magazine style similar to the Knights Templar magazine. With this change came new deadlines for print as well as new submission requirements. As we have eight pages of content to fill each quarter and submitted material has been very limited, we reached out to the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery and have offered them space. In the end all of these changes will hopefully provide a useful communication tool that covers all of Connecticut York Rite and our Companions.

Also, as we have now started to resume our labors York Rite Opportunities will be resuming monthly operations.

If you have articles or information for either publication please submit to me via email – [jsmcneely@msn.com](mailto:jsmcneely@msn.com)

James S. McNeely, IV

**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.

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

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

**COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Your Committee on audit, has reviewed the Grand Secretary's, Grand Treasurer's, and the Trustee's reports as provided. The Committee finds the books to be in good order and well kept. We commend the Trustees, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, for their continued dedication and service to our Grand Chapter. We thank our Honorary MEPGHP Charles B. Fowler Jr. for his many years of fine service to our craft and this Grand Chapter. The Committee moves the acceptance of this report.

Michael E. Seamon Ch.  
Richard Jones  
Russell Scull

### COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

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

General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze Award  
 Robert G. Fitzgerald, Pythagoras 17  
 Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service  
 Dale T. Cunningham, Washington 30  
 James C. Kleinkauf, Ch  
 William L. Miller, II  
 Martin Ede  
 Daniel M. Luft

### COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

Budget for FYE 04.30.22

<b>Taxable Membership 03.31</b>	840			<b>740</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>2020-21 Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Budget</b>	
Annual Convocation (Dep refund)		1,000.00	<b>5,000.00</b>	
Reimb Insurance (RSM,KT)	4,000.00	3,843.61	<b>4,000.00</b>	
Reimb RS Web (share)		77.50	<b>77.50</b>	
Reimb Fla Don RS KT		300.00		
Per Capita -Members x \$18	15,120.00	15,202.00	<b>13,320.00</b>	
Sales	200.00	0.00	<b>200.00</b>	
RARA in	200.00	108.00	<b>54.00</b>	
Reimbursement from Annual Mtgs	0.00		<b>2,000.00</b>	
Xfer fm Trustees	10,000.00	5,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>	
Other Income - Fines, Don	300.00	100.00	<b>100.00</b>	
Total Income	31,840.00	25,631.11	<b>34,751.50</b>	
Cash on Hand 05.01	2,050.23	2,050.23	<b>2,787.03</b>	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>33,890.23</b>	<b>27,681.34</b>	<b>37,538.53</b>	

**EXPENSES**

Annual Convocation	0.00	0.00	<b>6,500.00</b>
Hospitality, Gifts, Food, etc.	0.00	0.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
Aprons & Jewels			
(GHP apron)	1,000.00	589.45	<b>1,500.00</b>
(Engraving)		88.28	
(Badges)		54.66	
Capitular Education	200.00	0.00	<b>200.00</b>
Dues YRCC	125.00	0.00	<b>125.00</b>
Education Assistance Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	<b>5,000.00</b>
Equipment Rental (GrSec Office)	400.00	400.00	<b>400.00</b>
Genl Grand Intl Assessment (\$3)	2,600.00	2,487.00	<b>2,400.00</b>
Grand High Priest Travel	2,200.00	0.00	<b>2,200.00</b>
Honorarium			
Grand Organist	200.00	0.00	<b>200.00</b>
Insurance Exp - for 3 bodies	6,800.00	6,364.00	<b>6,300.00</b>
Insurance -Liability		512.00	<b>527.00</b>
Meetings	200.00	0.00	<b>200.00</b>
Miscellaneous (Fla Dis, Reimb'd)	150.00	500.00	<b>150.00</b>
Postage	140.00	133.49	<b>150.00</b>
Printing	750.00	632.02	<b>750.00</b>
RA Magazine	2,550.00	2,351.27	<b>2,400.00</b>
RARA out (incl \$36 from '19)	180.00	144.00	<b>54.00</b>
Salaries			
GSec 3600 GTres 1000)	4,600.00	4,246.28	<b>5,200.00</b>
Storage (NE Archives)	55.00	55.00	<b>55.00</b>
Supplies	200.00	118.06	<b>200.00</b>
Taxes (Employer SS-Med,UI)	475.00	818.80	<b>924.00</b>
Web Page	400.00	400.00	<b>400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>28,225.00</b>	<b>24,894.31</b>	<b>36,835.00</b>
<b>END BALANCE 04.30</b>	<b>5,665.23</b>	<b>2,787.03</b>	<b>703.53</b>

**RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING 2021-2022 BUDGET**

Be it resolved:

That the proposed budget of \$36,835.00 be adopted.

That each Chapter pay to the Grand Secretary the Per Capita of \$18.00 for each member on the rolls on 31 March 2022 in accord with requirements and exemptions set forth in the Law. **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.

That the Grand Treasurer is authorized to transfer unexpended funds from one budget expense category to another with permission of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

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.

Daniel M. Luft, Ch  
William L. Miller  
Charles A. McCollum  
Charles D. O'Neill

**COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS OF CONSTITUENT  
CHAPTERS**

For the year 2020-2021 we received 1 set of new bylaws for review as follows.

Washington-Burning Bush #6 of Middletown had requested the process of merging with Keystone #27 of Meriden.

The new bylaws were voted in the affirmative by both memberships of Washington-Burning Bush #6 and Keystone #27.

The new bylaws that would include this merger to create Keystone Chapter #6 of Meriden was sent to the committee on Bylaws for review on 1-5-2021, distributed to the committee and approved unanimously.



**ACTION ITEM**

Therefore, it is the recommendation by the Committee on Bylaws that an affirmative action be taken and approve the new bylaws for merger of Washington/Burning Bush #6 and Keystone #27 by majority vote.

Daniel M Luft  
Michael D. Sabia Jr.  
Jason R. Rieger

**COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

The following is a summary of the attendance of registrants to the “Virtual” Grand Convocation on June 5, 2021 that establishes the member delegates eligible for voting.

Grand Officers *	13
Chapters Represented (out of 13)	13
Past Grand High Priests	13
Past High Priests	17
High Priests	10
High Priest Proxies	2
Kings	10
King Proxies	2
Scribes	7
Scribe Proxies	1
Total voting delegates ( * excludes Grand Officers )	62

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

### COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENCIES

Annual returns and by all Chapters have been currently filed for the year 2020-2021.

The annual payments required by all constituent Chapters have been paid in full.

There has been some poking and prodding required to get these things accomplished as we still had to chase some Chapters for the necessary documents and payments. In the future if the returns were done in a timely fashion as required by Grand Chapter law, it would take the efforts needed by our Grand Secretary and Committee and reduce them greatly. The only recommendation, aka, wish, is that all our Constituent Chapters of Ct, please file on time and make the proper payments so we, as your Grand Chapter, can have an accurate account of our membership.

Daniel M Luft, Ch  
Michael E. Seamon  
Clyde W. Kayser

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

This year we received fifteen 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 with several of them being active in Rainbow and DeMolay. Each of them deserves or 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 fifteen of them. We as a committee wish that we had more funds available to improve the amount that is given to each of these students.

The recommendation of this committee is for all fifteen to each receive a three-hundred-thirty-three dollar and thirty-three cent award (\$333.33) from this Grand Chapter:

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Ethan Bartiromo	So	Rochester Institute of Tech	Computational Mathematics
Adele Rossignol	Jr	Wheaton College	Psychology & Hispanic Studies
Alexandra Fitzgerald	Sr	UNC – Charlotte	Music & Spanish Education
Emma Hall	Jr	Virginia Tech	Architecture & Environmental
Elise Hall	So	Radford University	Nursing
Elena Hall	So	Radford University	Biology
Genevieve Grube	Jr	Central Conn State	Elementary Education
Sydney Sherrick	So	Central Conn State	Criminology
Lauren Aponte	Grad	Northeastern University	Physician Assistant
Nicholas Flynn	Grad	University of Connecticut	Educational Leadership
Sydney Petrone	So	Quinnipiac University	Communications
Tristan McDonough	Jr	Wentworth Inst of Tech	Biomedical Engineering
Rachel Drost	Sr	University of Connecticut	Exercise Science
Rozette Figueroa	Sr	Western Connecticut	Nursing
Jack Campbell	Fr	Central Connecticut	Accounting

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

### COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

The General Liability policy providing coverage for the York Rite bodies of CT has 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 \$100,000. Medical payment coverage is limited to \$10,000 per person. Other sub-limits include:

Business Travel Accident Benefit	\$50,000
Conference Cancellation	\$25,000
Donation Assurance	\$50,000
Emergency Real Estate Consulting Fee	\$50,000
Fundraising Event Blackout	\$25,000
Identity Theft Expense	\$50,000
Image Restoration and Counseling	\$50,000
Key Individual Replacement Expenses	\$50,000
Kidnap Expense	\$50,000
Political Unrest	\$ 5,000 per employee: \$25,000 policy limit
Temporary Meeting Space Reimbursement	\$25,000
Terrorism Travel Reimbursement	\$50,000
Travel Delay Reimbursement	\$ 1,500
Workplace Violence Counseling	\$50,000

A separate Umbrella Policy provides a \$2,000,000 Limit in excess of the above primary policy for Commercial General Liability (CGL) coverage only. These policies are written by the Philadelphia Insurance Company through the Auburn Insurance Agency (AIA) in Massachusetts. They specialize in handling various Masonic programs. (In October of 2020, AIA was acquired by the insurance operations of Eastern Bank.)

The premium charged for these policies 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. One member Chapter of the Grand Chapter chooses to insure their paraphernalia and reimburses the Grand Chapter for the cost.

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. At our request we had changed the annual renewal date of the coverage in order to be able to utilize the current membership reports from the bodies. The new renewal date became June 24 as a result.

AIA/Eastern Bank have 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.

In Connecticut 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.

Your committee, working with the AIA, had 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.

In consequence of considering the three (3) proposals for the three Grand Bodies and the authority of them, coverage was bound effective June 24, 2020 (for Grand Chapter and Grand Council) and earlier in (May, 2020) for Grand Commandery (its Annual Meeting having taken place in April.)

The details of the coverage:

Directors & Officers	
Company: Great American Ins. Co.	
Inception 05/28/20 & 06/24/20	
D&O Limit	\$500,000
Employment Practices Liability Insurance-	included
(Limit shared with D&O)	
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

Deductible is based on client election

For this kind of coverage, each of the Bodies must make their own decision and purchase their own policy. Each is separately invoiced for the premium for their policy.

As a consequence of the acceptance of the D&O proposals for Grand Chapter and Grand Council, coverage was bound for them as of June 24, 2020. In order to make renewal activity simpler, the Primary and Umbrella policies of the Philadelphia Insurance Company were extended to expire on June 24 also.

For the renewal of these policies (both CGL and D&O), the premium change is modest - less than \$25 per policy. This is subject to adjustment based on our up-to-date membership count. As membership has declined somewhat, this should not have a positive impact on the final premium calculation.

We recommend that the renewal be finalized with the same insurance carriers.

Robert G. Fitzgerald  
 Scott T. Sherrick  
 Vincent A. Cowie

## COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

The Committee has reviewed the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Jeffery A. Flynn, and recommends its publication in the Proceedings of the 223<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The Committee did not receive reports from any of the subordinate Grand Chapter Officers and would remind the incoming Officers of the value associated with these reports for the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest as he begins his year.

### **Dispensations and Appointments**

The Dispensations have been reviewed by the Committee and are consistent with Grand Chapter Law and practice. His appointments are within his authority and are also consistent with the Law and practice. We also concur with his general dispensations permitting virtual communications and allowing a sitting Excellent High Priest to serve three consecutive terms, given the state of the health emergency and subsequent governmental edicts.

### **Pending Legislation**

There is no pending legislation on the table and no new legislation has been received.

### **Request for Change to the Constitution regarding Ritual**

The Committee received a request for a change to the Constitution to modify the Past Master Degree. Under Section 114.13, the Ritual Committee has the authority to recommend changes to the Ritual Work which must be approved by vote of the Grand Chapter. In addition, Section 600 states, "The Standard Work of this Grand Chapter shall be as recommended by the Committee on Ritual and adopted by the Grand Chapter." This change simply requires a vote of the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation and does not require a change to either the Law or Constitution.

### **Hiram Chapter No.1**

The forfeiture and arrest of a Charter of any Constituent Chapter is not a step that should be taken lightly by the Grand Chapter or by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, acting on the report of the Grand Chapter Officer assigned to Hiram Chapter No. 1, and historical information provided by the Grand Secretary, after consultation

with the subordinate Grand Chapter Officers and several Past Grand High Priests, arrested the Charter of Hiram Chapter No. 1 on February 26, 2021. This action was within his prerogatives under Section 204 of the Grand Chapter Law.

A letter was subsequently received by the Committee from the Companions of Hiram Chapter addressing several grievances with the process. The grievances included that they were not afforded a meeting with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to address what they feel are discrepancies in the information his decision was based upon, and they feel that they were not given an opportunity to express their concerns. When this Committee recommended a meeting to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest he again declined.

Additionally, they were not assigned to another Chapter, as is normal practice when a Charter is surrendered or arrested, but instead were issued dimitts with a letter stating they must affiliate with a Chapter prior to May 31, 2021, or they would lose their membership. Section 307 provides that a dimit be granted to a Companion in good standing without any requirement regarding a time limit for affiliation.

Hiram Chapter No. 1 has struggled for many years to be in compliance with the Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws as the historical information provided by the Grand Secretary has established. The fervent attachment to this Chapter by the remaining Companions, who have contacted this Committee frequently to air their grievances, while compelling, does not alter the facts.

It is our recommendation that the matter be referred to the incoming Most Excellent Grand High Priest for final resolution.

We further recommend that he meet with the interested Companions, explain their viable options, if any, and determine a path forward. Hiram Chapter No. 1 is the oldest Royal Arch Chapter in Connecticut and the third oldest Chapter in this country.

It behooves us to find a way to preserve that history.

### **Committee Report Summary**

No one could have imagined the Capitular year that our Most Excellent Grand High Priest had to encounter. Every Companion elected to the highest office in the gift of the Grand Chapter brings his plans, programs, and ideas for the betterment of the Companions of this jurisdiction. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic derailed most of these plans.

We commend the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Jeffery A. Flynn, for his efforts to preserve the work



of Capitular Masonry in Connecticut and keep Chapters meeting virtually as in-person meetings were not permitted or severely limited by government mandates and for his efforts to use this virtual opportunity to promote York Rite Education. He and his Officers attended many of these meetings to ensure that there were enough to open and the Constituent Chapters will always be indebted for your timely assistance.

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch  
Charles A. McCollum  
James S. McNeely

### COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Heavenly Father, we come before you this day with heavy hearts as we remember those Companions who have been called to labor in your Presence.

May we, who are still on our earthly pilgrimage, be worthy of their legacy and Your Divine Inspiration. Grant that their work among us will serve as examples of that to which we can aspire, always remembering Your Gift of Love, Hope, and Compassion. We are your servants, Lord, laboring in Your vineyards and fields, striving to accomplish all that You have commanded us to do.

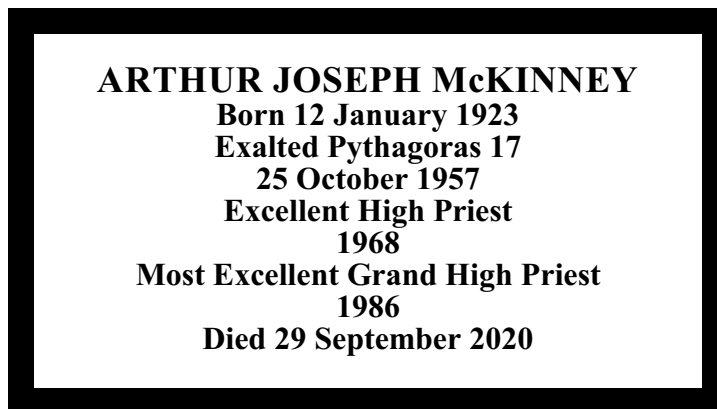
Grant that we may have the strength and commitment to fulfill Your laws & be worthy of our companions who have gone before, as we remember these Companions.

#### Deceased Past High Priests

Leonard Francis D'Amico	Cyrus-Meridian 15	04.30.20
James William Currier	Trinity 09	04.22.20
Arthur Henry Carlstrom	Cyrus-Meridian 15	05.08.20
Lawrence Ernest Rosen	Rittenhouse 11	05.07.20
Douglas Allen Gray	Franklin 02	06.06.20
James Joseph Fahy	Rittenhouse 11	06.10.20
Bard Clark Teigen	Washington 30	07.07.20
Sivert Raymond Jacobson	Columbia 31	07.29.20
Richard George Sagan	Burning Bush-Washington	09.03.20

Arthur Joseph McKinney	Pythagoras 17	09.29.20
William Frederick Seelig Jr	Pythagoras 17	01.20.21
Anthony Pipitone	Housatonic 13	10.09.20
Carlyle Aveni	Housatonic 13	11.25.20
Edward Durkee Perrine Gross Jr	Columbia 31	10.13.20

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful, through Your  
Mercy,  
Rest in Peace. Amen.



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

### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Having met to review the needs of the Grand Chapter and qualifications of those Companions able to serve, the Nominating Committee is pleased to place in nomination the names of the following Companions to serve this Grand Chapter for the 2021-2022 Capitular Year

M.E Grand High Priest	Daniel M. Luft
R.E. Grand King	Clyde W. Kayser, II
R.E. Grand Scribe	Michael E. Seamon

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R.E. Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
R.E. Grand Secretary	William L. Miller, II
To be elected for a Three-year term:	
Grand Trustee 2024	Charles D. O'Neill
The following Trustees will continue to serve out their terms	
Grand Trustee 2022	Paul L. Chello
Grand Trustee 2023	Matthew F. Griffin

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY

Due to the unprecedented state of affairs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a halt in publicity using our social media. However, this is due to change very soon as we are moving into opening Chapters in person. This Committee makes the following recommendations moving forward:

1. That the Grand Chapter Officers make an effort to relay events and photos for publication in the social media pages of this Grand Chapter, now currently administered by ME Companion James McNeely;
2. To make accessible educational materials to the Chapters to be requested when needed in an easy and usable format;

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch  
Craig R. Nelson  
Jason R. Rieger  
Russell L. Scull

#### COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

We the Ritual Committee met together with the Grand High Priest and Grand King on Monday March 15, 2021 to discuss recommendations to Ritual as Chapters would be allowed to meet following March 19, 2021. The result was that Chapters would be able to work the Mark Master, Past Master (Virtual) and Most Excellent Master Degrees, but not the Royal Arch Degree. Also, several modifications that helped with social distancing were

implemented as they were disseminated to the Ex. High Priests and Secretaries of the Chapters by the Grand Secretary. Chapters were also not to be permitted to do ritual via a Hybrid format.

This Committee also had discussion regarding the Past Master (Virtual) Degree as it is utilized in Connecticut Chapters. With some deeming it unnecessary, and others wanting it retained due to tradition, we sought the common ground of making modifications that we feel will improve the work of this degree while still retaining a level of mystery from the work of the Actual Degree used in Blue Lodges. We therefore make the following recommendation to the Grand Chapter in Session:

**Whereas** the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons adopted a resolution in 1856 “to abridge the ceremonies now conferred in the Past Master’s Degree within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the inducting of the candidate into the Oriental Chair, and communicating the means of recognition;”

And **whereas** the portion of the ritual known as “the confusion” is many times utilized in a manner contrary to its purpose in Connecticut Chapters;

And **whereas** the American tradition to take the Royal Arch Degree is to have candidates “pass the Chair” to satisfy the requirement of being a Past Master to take this Most Sublime Degree;

And **whereas** the Past Master Degree is utilized by the Blue Lodge to invest important lessons to an Actual Worshipful Master in the Chair to maintain harmony and to be ever conscious of his duties to his Lodge;

And **whereas** to maintain those mysteries of “the confusion” to not take away from the experience of those elected to Worshipful Master in the Blue Lodge;

**Now, therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Past Master Degree be changed to exclude the portion after the RWM directs the newly installed Master to seat the Lodge after he receives the Honors (due guard and sign of PM three times), and resuming the Degree where the following direction is given: “*(Appear anxious to close the lodge without the regular form).*”

We the Ritual Committee thank the ME Grand High Priest for allowing us to serve for the ensuing year upon this Committee.

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch  
Charles A. McCollum  
James S. McNeely IV

### **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, 2021, the Companions of Connecticut have donated a total of \$42,502.92 to Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc. since its inception. The total donated in 2020 was \$744.00. This year the donations through March 31, 2021 total \$599.95.

Paul L Chello, Ch  
Michael E. Seamon  
James C. Kleinkauf

### **COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

On February 26, 2021 the Charter of Hiram 1 was arrested. This action was taken as a result of a number of ongoing deficiencies of the Chapter to meet the prescribed conditions set forth in the Constitution & Law for a Chapter to be viable, notably not holding regular meetings, greeting candidates or making required reports and payments. This condition has existed over a sustained period of time, and any path to rebuilding the Chapter, even the most difficult, is not apparent. Hence, after lengthy counsel and consideration of all the factors involved, MEGHP Flynn made the difficult decision to dissolve Hiram Chapter No. 1.

Burning Bush-Washington Chapter 6 has essentially completed work for their merger with Keystone Chapter 27. Halleck 44 is working with Franklin 2 on a possible merger.

Succession planning remains a high priority. We are running out of officers and backups. Chapters are doing what they can, new members will help but this is a slow process.

General dispensation was given to allow High Priests to repeat for a third year if needed to ride through the COVID crises.

Our recommendation looking forward to fall would be to keep Virtual meetings in the mix. Many companions that were out of state or homebound made a huge difference on whether their Chapter could open or not. Festivals seem to be a feasible way for Chapters to play catch up with their candidates in waiting.

Jeffery A. Flynn Ch  
Michael D. Sabia Jr  
Daniel M. Luft  
James C. Kleinkauf

#### **COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COORDINATION**

This committee has nothing to report due to COVID. There were no activities.

Jeffery A. Flynn, Ch  
William L. Miller II  
Daniel M. Luft  
Clyde W. Kayser II

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, 2021. Officers listed are for 2021-2022 Capitular year.

*HIRAM 1*

Originally chartered as Hiram Chapter to work in Newtown by Washington Chapter in the City of New York on 29 April 1791. Charter revoked by order of Grand High Priest on 26 February 2021.

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

William P. Dene	2013,14	Richard G. Hubert	1988
Tony A. Don	2015	Anthony J. Raiani	2011,12

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Membership 0

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit Christopher Arthur Follen, Stephen Joseph DelGiudice,  
Richard Harold Goessinger Jr, Jozef Prah IV, Alfred  
Carl Ballwig, William G Hillman

NPD Eric Olsen, Scott Horton Earle, Kenneth Mark Baylor

Unaffiliated 26 members when charter was revoked.

No Lodge Michael K Skrocki

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 52  
EIN 23-7119330

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven  
1<sup>st</sup> 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	Bradley K. Cooney
CHA	Bruce R. Bellmore	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Scott R. Atkins	2020	John A. Radziunas	2015,16
Bruce Bellmore	1984,2003,11	Peter M. Sloan	2009,10
Martin Ede	2005,06,14,18,19	Raymond G. Tomlinson	
Cedric J. Jacobson	2017		2001,02,08,12,13
George A. W. Nousiainen	1992,93		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Carleton V. Erickson

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted  
Affiliated  
Reinstated  
Dimitted Leland John Moore  
No Lodge  
No Chapter  
NPD  
Deceased Douglas Allen Gray



*Solomon's Chapter No. 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 Chapter No. 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. Consolidated with Keystone 27 on 5 June 2021 to become Keystone No. 6, located in Meriden.

Instituted September 5, 1783  
Membership 46  
EIN 23-7119347

33 Pleasant Street, Middletown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tue, 7:30 PM  
Tel:

#### ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Vincent A. Cowie	1984	Jean P. Maheu	2008,2015,16
Francis C. DiStefano	2007	Raymond E. Moore	2019,20
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		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Frederick Adametz  
 Rodney M. Beebe  
 Myron R. Bernstein  
 Robert P. Carver

Alfred Lechner  
 Carmello Mazzotta Jr  
 David F. Putnam

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated

Dimit

No Lodge Blake Xarras Curry

NPD

Deceased Allen Herbert Bartman Jr, Richard George Sagan, John  
 Champion Seagrave, Samuel Benjamin Walker, Frank  
 Joseph Godwin Jr

**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 47  
 EIN 06-6045654

15 Route 165, Preston  
 2nd Mon, 7:30 PM  
 Tel: 860-889-4195

OFFICERS

EHP	William E. Weisert II	PS	Richard L. Allen
EK	Scott A. Daniels Jr	RAC	Rinaldo Magliano
ES	Robert G. Krawic	3V	Charles R. Hugh
TRES	John A. Birdsall	2V	
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	1998-00,10,11,20
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	John S. Grossomanides
Leland B. Bishop II	Carleton H. Landers
Ken R. Crandall	Richard C. Patterson
Charles Crosle	Fred L. Ruble
John B. Currier Jr	Marshall O. Townsend
Richard Davis	C. Alanson Vars Jr
Charles T. Hall	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted  
 Affiliated  
 Reinstated  
 Dimit  
 NPD  
 No Lodge  
 Deceased Elias Harry Trefes

*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 4th Tue, 7:30 PM  
 EIN 23-7119334 Tel: None

OFFICERS

EHP	Kenneth W. Marvin	PS	Gail N. Smith
EK	Gregory Messier	RAC	Arthur L Mullen-
ES	Richard G. Barrows	3V	Joe T. Fox

TRES	J. Arthur Carbonaro	2V	
SEC	Raymond C Knieriem	1V	Kenneth D. Stilwell
COH	Thomas E. Schiebel	SEN	
CHA		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – TRINITY 09

Richard G. Barrows	1996	Kenneth W. Marvin	2017
Lynn A. Kelsey	1997	John S. Rhoads	2011,12
Gary A. Littlefield	83,84,86,88	Gail N. Smith	1978,79,85
		John Mike Wolf	13,14,15,18,19

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – WARREN-PUTNAM 12

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

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
Wayne W Kuhnly	Eugene H. Staiger
Roger G. Lord	Frank R. Tomlinson
Kenneth W. Marvin	Roger K. Wilson
Robert J. Nearine	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated Christopher Thomas Carrott

Dimit Kenneth Edward Hamilton, James Edwin Hammitt

No Lodge Christopher David Mayhew, Jason Michael Akana,  
Joshua Charles Boisse, Sean Bartlett Kinkade, John  
Boyd Thatcher

NPD Bruce Erik Byberg, Everett Charles Gibson

Deceased James William Currier, John Edward Casey, Lynn  
Arnold Kelsey

*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 69  
EIN 23-7119335

5 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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	
CHA		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - RITTENHOUSE 11

James J. Fahy	2012,13	Darrin D. Silhavy	2018,19
Charles deM. O'Neill		Peter R. Smyth	2020
	2008,09,11,17	Lloyd R. Sturges Jr	2015
Michael D. Sabia Jr	2016		

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

Carl W. Bjork	Ernest A. Holomany Jr
Arthur B. Carlson	Earl R. Katan
Richard H. Conklin	Irving Lieff
	Donald W Sargeant

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit John H Stafford III

No Lodge

NPD

Deceased Lawrence Ernest Rosen, James Joseph Fahy, Wood D Beeghly, Robert Alan Riith

***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 156                      2nd Fri in Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov, 7:30 PM  
 EIN    Tel: 203-377-0110

#### OFFICERS

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

#### ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Edward R. Ham	2017	Craig R. Nelson Sr	2018,19
		Gary D. Shepard	2020

#### ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Baldwin 13

Robert J. Cascone	2011-13	Maurice J. Heim	2010
Daniel Galloza	2014,15	John Mellor	88,89,92,02,03
Edward R. Ham	1984-87,16	Wayne N. Saunders	2001

#### ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Milford 49

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Egbert H. Albro Jr

James P. Edgett

Robert D. Emslie

Louis R. Forsell

Eugene H. Haaf

Kenneth B. Hawkins Sr

Richard H. Hilt

Roland D. Kamens

Irving Lieff

Dennis B. Mattison

Hjalmar S. Norell Jr

Thomas R. Richards

Donald S. Sabo

James J. Sarzynski

Winthrop S. Smith Sr

John Trantales

Jack C. von der Heide

Evan M. Winters

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated Daniel William Nichols

Dimitted Jeffrey Edward Dyer, Michael K Skrocki, Michael

James Basque

No Lodge Erasmo Torres

No Chapter

NPD

Deceased Walter Edward Hassenmayer, Anthony Pipitone, Louis

Joseph Lichti, Carlyle Peter Aveni, Spero Jordanides,

Harvey Edwin Naeser Jr, Robert Carl Stalhammer,

Robert Irving Sherwood

*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 47  
EIN 23-7119337

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



OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS -MERIDIAN 15

John J. Badeen	2007,08	Ian Jones	2020
B. Earl Canfield	2012,13,16,17	Mychael J. Scribner	2014,15,18,19

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – MERIDIAN 15

Peter B. Keefe	85-87	Mark L. Prelli	1999-01
Danny A. Camp	2005	Andrew G Weimann II	1996-98
Frederick B Hudon	64,67,68-76		

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	Dale E. Sweet	1962
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Edward J. Candee	James H. Ravenscroft
Calvin A. Hoadley	Dale E. Sweet
Frederick B. Hudon	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated George Stephen Greytak

Reinstated

Dimitted

NPD

No Lodge August John Molitano

Deceased Leonard Francis D'Amico, Arthur Henry Carlstrom,  
Michael William Cronk, Balder Zimmer

*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 109  
EIN 23-7119339

784 Main Street, East Hartford  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 7:30 PM  
Telephone: None

#### OFFICERS

EHP	Charles M. Jewart	PS	Stephen Matthews
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	David S. LaFargue
COH	James S McNeely, IV	SEN	
CHA	Michael E. Seamon	ORG	David Söderberg

#### ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS 17

David C. Abrames	2005,06	James S. McNeely IV	2016
Jeffery A. Flynn	2019	Stephen D. Piner	1977,82-84
Todd M. Gianetti	2000	Richard L. Sawyers	2012-14
Robert J. Gresham	2017	T. Donovan Scroggs	2007,08
Arnold S. Grot	2011,15	Michael E. Seamon	2010,18
Richard A. Incorvati	2002		

#### ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - WEST HARTFORD 53

James H. Campbell	1982
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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	M. Robert Reynolds
Leon F. Gardiner	Joseph P. Vollrath Jr
Daniel George	James S. York

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated

Dimit

No Lodge

NPD

Deceased Charles Lewis Erickson, Sterling Norman Viets,  
Fletcher Wrightner Kinsley Jr, Arthur Joseph  
McKinney, William Frederick Seelig Jr

*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, and then to Branford in 2003. Consolidated with Joseph Andrews 46 on 31 March 2020 to become Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26 working in West Haven.

Chartered May 13, 1852  
Membership 55  
EIN 23-7119345

263 Center Street, West Haven  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thu, 7:30 PM  
Tel: None

### 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	1V	William G. Rose
COH	Richard A. Eppler	SEN	
CHA	Jack H. Stevens	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Gerald A. Calabritto 2020

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

Leonard H. Bucher	Richard A. Eppler
Frank W. Colton	Paul W. Hunt

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated Ronald Elliott Fish

Dimit George Seid Weted Jr

NPD

No Lodge Scott David Stratton

Deceased Alexander George Stamatien, Michael Louis DeAngelo Sr, Elmer Ernest Barth, Frank Raymond Mangiero

**KEYSTONE 27**

Consolidated with Burning Bush-Washington 6 on 5 June 2021 to become Keystone No. 6.

Chartered May 12, 1853  
Membership 100  
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 Schunmann	3V	Francis Barnes
TRES	Gregory Whitehouse	2V	Lorenzo P. Gaudio
SEC	Richard A. Eppler	1V	Philip Sharkey
COH	Steven J. Chiappalone	SEN	Anthony Maisano III
CHA	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
Kristian M. Maiorino	2020	Gregory K. Whitehouse	2017
Richard I. McKee	1974,75		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted  
Affiliated  
Reinstated  
Dimit  
No Lodge  
NPD Edward Allen Santos, Daniel David Sharkis

Deceased William Cutler, Halsey Allen Mann Jr, Joe Edward Ellswick, Robert Leslie Sperry, Willard Edmund DeLuca, John Peter Arnesen

*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 22  
EIN 23-7119348

150 Bridge Street, Suffield  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 7:30 PM  
Tel: None

#### OFFICERS

EHP	Thomas A. Duclos	PS	Mark E. Blackaby
EK	Howard Wm. Orr	RAC	Mark E. Blackaby
ES	Terrence D. Mish	3V	Cory R. Rice
TRES	Mark D. Winne	2V	Kevin Zorda
SEC	Dale T. Cunningham	1V	Dean Gousse
COH	Dale T. Cunningham	SEN	Rohit P. Sukhram
CHA		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	2019,20	Russell L. Scull	2012,13
Charles A. Lizotte	2001-04		

#### FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert M. Haff	Robert G. Palifka
Nelson C. Hallas	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated

Dimit

No Lodge Micah John Burnside, Chris Allen Nicholson, Erwin  
Clarence Day

NPD

Deceased Frederick William Schmalz, Bard Clark Teigen

**COLUMBIA 31**

Chartered May 8, 1866

123 River Road, Rt. 179, Collinsville

Membership 76

1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 7:30 pm

EIN 23-7119349

Tel: 860-693-8762

OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - COLUMBIA 31

Douglas D. Barnard		Richard R. Jones	2011
91,04,07-10,12,13,15,18,19,20		Walter L. Michaels	1985
Brian E. Beals	2016,17	George H. Redford, II	1999
William F. Carroll	1992	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

Robert W. Brummett

Leland D. Cobb Jr

Henry A. Dyson

Richard H. Groth

William S. Hart

George H. Wells

A. Richard Kirschner

Charles A. Haworth

Edmund C. Holcombe Jr

Horton W. Holcombe

Morton N. Katz

Harrison T. Redford

Laurence R. Smith Jr

Harold F. Wheeler Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated

Dimit

No Lodge

NPD

Deceased Russell Jay Muller, Sivert Raymond Jacobson, Douglas Aborn Beals Jr, Edward Durkee Perrine Gross Jr

***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
CHA		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

William Schuck

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted  
 Affiliated  
 Reinstated  
 Dimit  
 NPD  
 No Lodge  
 Deceased Peter Luca Fusco

***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	TOTAL
Members 4-1-2020	39	54	52	48	81	74	167	51	114	60	108	27	80	24	979
Exalted															0
Affiliated							1	1							2
Reinstated					1				1						2
Gains	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Dimits & Transfers	8	1			2	1	3			1					16
Unaffiliated - No Charter	26														26
No Lodge	1		1		5		1	1		1		3			13
NPD-Chapter	4				2						2				8
Deceased		1	5	1	3	4	8	4	5	4	6	2	4	1	48
Losses	39	2	6	1	12	5	12	5	5	6	8	5	4	1	111
Net Change	-39	-2	-6	-1	-11	-5	-11	-4	-5	-5	-8	-5	-4	-1	-107
Members 3-31-21	0	52	46	47	70	69	156	47	109	55	100	22	76	23	872
Dual Members	0				1	2	1	3			2				10
50 Year Members	0	1	7	13	19	7	18	5	12	4	7	3	15	1	112
MHC etc.					2					2					4
Total Exempt	0	1	7	13	21	8	20	6	15	6	9	3	15	2	126
Per Capita Taxable	0	51	39	34	49	61	136	41	94	49	91	19	61	21	746

Charter of Hiram 01 was revoked by Grand High Priest Flynn on 26 Feb 2021.

**GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. OF CONNECTICUT**

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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

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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

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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



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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

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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. DeVecchio (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

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Rodney I. Gray Sr (18)	1990	Rockville
Bruce R. Bellmore (2)	1991	New Haven
Herbert R. Olson (31)	1992	Unionville
Stephen D. Piner (17, 51)	1993	East Hartford
Frank W. McNally (12)	1994	Putnam
Edward W. Studwell (4)	1995	Groton
Emil G. Lido (51)	1996	Manchester
Herbert R. Schilke (1,23)	1997	Waterbury
Donald C. Murray (2)	1998	Wallingford
Andrew G Weimann, II (45,	1999	Harwinton
Matthew F. Griffin (32)	2000	Bristol
William L. Greene (42)	2001	Coventry
George D. Maharan (18)	2002	Rockville
Charles C. Maxson (7)	2003	Mystic
Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	2004	East Hartford
Charles A. McCollum (11,	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
Jeffery A. Flynn (17)	2020	Clinton

**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.

Companion **James S. McNeely, IV (17)**, who received the medal in 2020.

**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	<b>William F. Lott (42)</b>	<b>1994</b>
George C. Meehan * (24)	1953	Herbert R. Olson * (31)	1995
George O. Ellis * (39)	1956	John G. McKechnie * (4)	1996
Frederick W. Hummel * (52)	1957	Ernest J. Smith * (51)	1997
James R. Case * (9)	1958	<b>Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17)</b>	<b>1998</b>
Harold S. Case * (15)	1959	Douglas A. Gray * (02)	1999
Cecil H. Grant * (39)	1960	Frank W. McNally (12) *	2000
Frederick S. Knibloe * (33)	1961	George Kelaita (32) *	2001
F. Alton Clark * (39)	1963	Gary A. Littlefield (9) *	2002
Benjamin B. Crocker * (17)	1967	Donald E. Robinson (26) *	2004
Earl B. Atwater * (40)	1971	<b>Robert J. Knowles (27)</b>	<b>2005</b>
Walter Brown * (42)	1975	<b>Charles D. O'Neill (23)</b>	<b>2006</b>
Morton S. Naurison * (42)	1977	<b>Ronald C. Baker (31)</b>	<b>2007</b>
Russell E. Camp * (42)	1979	Anthony Pipitone (13) *	2008
Joel D. Adkins * (7)	1980	Leo H. Lohrman (13) *	2010
Emerson C. Reed * (17)	1981	<b>Bruce R. Bellmore (02)</b>	<b>2011</b>
Gunnar F. Lundquist * (27)	1982	<b>Andrew G. Weimann (15)</b>	<b>2012</b>
Harold A. Svendberg * (13)	1983	<b>Paul L. Chello (44)</b>	<b>2013</b>
Laurence G. Farwell * (17)	1984	Charles C. Maxson (07) *	2014
William E. Piercey * (29)	1986	<b>Charles A. McCollum (11)</b>	<b>2015</b>
Roscoe C. G. German * (33)	1988	<b>Arthur M. Pugh (27)</b>	<b>2016</b>
Gilbert L. Gooden * (12)	1989	<b>Clyde W. Kayser II (02)</b>	<b>2017</b>
Robert A. Colbourn * (26)	1990	<b>James S McNeely IV (17)</b>	<b>2018</b>
Andrew J. Muccianti * (18)	1991	<b>Kenneth W. Marvin (09)</b>	<b>2019</b>
William F. Orrell (49) *	1992	<b>William L. Miller II (17)</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Gail N. Smith (9)</b>	<b>1993</b>		

\* Deceased

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**Robert G. Fitzgerald**  
**Pythagoras 17**

**ROBERT GEORGE FITZGERALD****General Grand Chapter RAM Intl  
Medal in Bronze**

Robert George Fitzgerald was born on April 16, 1935 at Cooley Dickenson Hospital in Northampton, Massachusetts. He is the second son of Gertrude L. and John Aloysious. Fitzgerald, who lived in nearby Amherst. Paternal and Masonic Brother John Maurice is twelve years older.

Along with the normal “getting into trouble” activities of any youth, Bob was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout for long enough to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He spent a lot of time at summer camp (Boy Scout and Church related) in the summer, as both parents worked. Early on he was a camper, later a counselor.

After completing High School, Bob attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering. While there he met and married Nancy Jean Campbell. They have been married 51 years as of May, 2009. They have 5 children and helped raise one foster son. Nancy retired in 2002 as Executive Director of the East Hartford Branch, YMCA. Unfortunately, Nancy succumbed to cancer in 2011.

Following university graduation, Bob took a position as a field loss prevention engineer with the Factory Insurance Association (now Industrial Risk Insurers). Initially assigned to the Philadelphia area, the Fitzgeralds resided in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Buffalo, New York. In 1964, Bob was transferred to the Home Office in Hartford. He retired in 1998 on the completion of 40 years of service, as Assistant Vice President of Underwriting.

Bob served as president of the South Grammar School PTA and as an officer in the Penney High School PTO, in East Hartford.

At South Congregational Church of East Hartford, (UCC), Bob sings in the choir, serves as Choir Treasurer and Assistant Church Treasurer. Other activities have included multiple terms on the Board of Deacons, chairing it for two years, several stints on the Board of Stewardship & Enlistment, chairing it for several years, chairing one Pastoral Search Committee and serving on another, and election to two separate terms thirteen years apart as Moderator. He serves as a lay reader on a regular basis.

Bob also participates in tournament Cribbage play, and has achieved the rank of Master in the American Cribbage Congress,

an international organization of serious “It’s not a matter of life or death; it’s more important than that!” players.

As a member of Orient Lodge No. 62 in East Hartford, he was Secretary of the Lodge for all but 3 of the years since he was raised in 1974. He was elected Jr. and Sr. Warden and then Worshipful Master for 1979. Orient Lodge is now a part of Columbia Lodge No. 25 in South Glastonbury. When Orient Lodge was sponsor of Charter Oak Chapter Order of DeMolay, Bob served as an Advisory Board Member from 1984 to 1989 and as Chairman in 1987-88.

Since 1980, Bob was Secretary/Treasurer of the East Side Past Masters’ Assn., comprised of Lodges No. 25, 62, 73 and 114, and served as Rt. Worshipful Master in 1988. They are now a part of the Hartford County Lodge of Actual Past Masters.

In 1990 and 1991, Bob served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as Rt. Worshipful District Deputy, and has been a member of several Grand Lodge Committees over the years: Library and Museum, Brotherhood in Action, Insurance, and Prince Hall Relations. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Peru near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. After serving as Deputy Grand Secretary for two years, he was installed on March 31, 2004 as Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Connecticut.

Bob is also active in the York Rite Masonic Bodies which meet in East Hartford. In Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, he served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1989, 1997 and 1998 and is currently a Trustee. In the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, he served as District Custodian for two years and was appointed to the progressive line by then Most Excellent Grand High Priest Andrew G. Weimann, II. He was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest on June 5, 2004.

In Wolcott Council No. 1, Royal & Select Masters, Bob served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1988, and has been Treasurer since 1989.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, East Hartford.

He is a Past Most Excellent President of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry, and is a member of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings and also Connecticut York Rite College No. 17.

In May, 1999, at the One day ceremonial, Bob became a member of the Valley of Hartford, A. A. S. R. and Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Other Masonic affiliations include membership in the Past District Deputy Association of Connecticut; Masonic Vereran Association of Connecticut; Nutmeg Forest No. 116 of Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Oxford Lodge No. 1 of Ark Mariners, of Norway, Maine (in darkness); Knights of Birmingham in Thompsonville, CT; Sphinx Omar Shrine Club; and Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.



### 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	Frederick G. Comstock* (29)	1949
John T. Pierce* (2)	1945	Edward E. King* (50)	1949
Robert H. Prutting* (17)	1945	William R. Trevethan* (35)	1951
George E. Close* (11)	1946	Frederick F. Hollowbush* (26)	1952
Forrest R. Cutler* (7)	1949	Walter E. E. Barton* (46)	1954

Claude H. Dunbar* (13)	1954	Edward P. Stannard * (46)	1982
Leslie E. Watson* (46)	1955	Grady L. Pearson * (51)	1983
Robert G. Jordan* (53)	1955	<b>Donald G. Poehnert (18)</b>	<b>1983</b>
Samuel Taft* (6)	1956	William A. Allen* (2)	1983
John A. Leakin* (13)	1956	George F. Dean* (18)	1984
John A. Begley* (2)	1959	Albert T. Heavisides* (51)	1984
Percy B. Chase* (21)	1959	Charles D. Munich* (13)	1984
William P. Rose* (29)	1961	Frank B. Wagner* (46)	1984
William A. Foster Sr* (42)	1961	Ralph G. Broderick* (49)	1984
George J. Fowle* (54)	1961	Arthur F. Simpson* (49)	1985
Louis W. Howe* (50)	1962	Robert A. Colbourn * (26)	1985
John H. McClure* (17)	1963	Wilder J. Greeley* (2)	1985
Jacob N. Wolodarsky* (2)	1964	Albert H. Getchell* (26)	1986
Roger H. Green* (7)	1966	Ronald L. Miller* (9)	1986
Harold A. Svendberg* (13)	1966	Norman R. Strong * (18)	1986
Leonard A. Caldwell Sr* (45)	1967	Charles J. Memmott Jr* (46)	1986
James M. Gordon* (17)	1967	William MacMillan* (1)	1986
L. Thomas Lauridsen* (49)	1967	George H. Griffing* (17)	1987
William C. Bray* (51)	1968	Arthur K. Kandetzki* (46)	1987
Laurence P. Scofield* (11)	1968	Edgar R. Lumb* (13)	1987
Frederick R. Williams* (2)	1969	John J. Mari* (46)	1987
John S. Michelson* (13)	1969	Bernard T. Wright* (23)	1987
Walter B. Davis Sr* (39)	1969	Matthew J. Banach* (30)	1988
Rowland M. Beach* (24)	1971	Melvin F. Boomer* (51)	1988
Robert C. Sismore* (7)	1971	<b>Kenneth W. Marvin (12)</b>	<b>1988</b>
Arthur W. Hudson* (54)	1971	<b>Thomas Maxwell II (1,23)</b>	<b>1988</b>
John S. Griffiths* (42)	1971	Frank O. Miner* (26)	1988
Charles R. Ende* (49)	1971	Warren M. Brainard * (17)	1989
Dominic A. Rinaldi* (39)	1972	Edward Nordstrom* (17)	1989
Lyle T. Neddow* (51)	1972	John Normington * (09)	1989
Alfred B. Sahlin * (54)	1973	Shailer Christensen* (29)	1989
Charles W. Phelps * (9)	1974	William Whay* (46)	1989
Carl Ritter * (49)	1975	Roger D. Alling* (44)	1990
Jacques Schmidli * (33)	1975	Leslie C. Noyes * (17)	1990
Morton S. Naurison * (42)	1976	William F. Orrell (49) *	1990
John L. Faulkins * (13)	1976	James F. Quarz (26) *	1990
Webster Culver * (17)	1980	Earl J. Fitzpatrick* (26)	1991
Frederick J. Ganung * (24)	1980	William A. Gough* (24)	1991
George R. Smith * (2)	1980	<b>Russell A. Schiebel (18)</b>	<b>1991</b>
Howard R. Baker * (12)	1981	Bard C. Teigen * (30)	1991
Ferdinand D. Lewis * (51)	1981	Delmar W. Ward* (25)	1991
Charles K. Lynn (51) *	1981	John H. Goodrich, Sr. * (26)	1992
Arthur L. Shumway * (2)	1981	Joseph P. Grevalsky * (31)	1992
William Summers Jr * (6)	1981	George W. Hatfield * (06)	1992
Robert J. Campbell * (1)	1982	William F. Norton* (44)	1992
George Kelaita * (32)	1982	Elmer E. Stone * (51)	1992
Herbert R. Olson * (31)	1982	Timothy D. Clark* (11)	1993
Andrew J. Muccianti * (18)	1982	<b>Sidney W. Isenberg (46)</b>	<b>1993</b>

Neil Paterson * (51)	1993	<b>Randy S. Stevens (26)</b>	<b>2004</b>
Donald E. Robinson * (26)	1993	<b>Danny A. Camp (15)</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Robert D. Sherrick (49)</b>	<b>1993</b>	Harold H. Tomlinson* (02)	2005
<b>Richard A. Eppler (26)</b>	<b>1994</b>	Charles R. Nielsen * (17)	2005
Emil G. Olsson Jr (2) *	1994	<b>Leland F. McElrath (46)</b>	<b>2005</b>
George C. Venter (2) *	1994	<b>Bruce A. Rumford (49)</b>	<b>2005</b>
Frederick W. Berggren ( 4) *	1995	Edward S. Eby (07) *	2006
<b>Charles B Fowler Jr (17)</b>	<b>1995</b>	Michael B. Dodge % (09)	2006
<b>William L. Miller II (17)</b>	<b>1995</b>	George J. Cronk * (11)	2006
<b>Arthur M. Pugh (27)</b>	<b>1995</b>	George A W Nousiainen (02)	2007
Walter L. Whitman * (17)	1995	Nicholas G. Hackett (26) *	2007
Reginald Abbott * (17)	1996	<b>David C. Abrames (17)</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>John A. Birdsall (7)</b>	<b>1996</b>	Leo H. Lohrman * (13)	2009
William G. Bryce * (17)	1996	<b>Robert J. Knowles (27)</b>	<b>2010</b>
Richard E. Larcom * (26)	1996	<b>Martin Ede (02)</b>	<b>2011</b>
Joseph J. Perno (49) *	1996	<b>Peter J. Stapleton (44)</b>	<b>2011</b>
Edwin F. Dingus (26) &	1997	<b>James A. Backus (11)</b>	<b>2012</b>
Charles A. Domin * (7)	1997	<b>Earl F. Korngiebel (26)</b>	<b>2012</b>
Richard R. Miller * (1)	1997	<b>Peter M. Sloan (44)</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Gail N. Smith (9)</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>Raymond Tomlinson (02)</b>	<b>2013</b>
Edward W. Studwell* (4)	1998	<b>William C. Lang (46)</b>	<b>2013</b>
Patrick H. DeCesare* (13)	1998	<b>T. Donovan Scroggs (17)</b>	<b>2014</b>
John H. Goodrich, Jr. * (26)	1998	<b>Daniel M. Luft (27)</b>	<b>2014</b>
John G. Radeach (26)	1998	<b>Darren D. Silhavy (11)</b>	<b>2015</b>
David C. Toomey (17)	1998	<b>Bruce Padula (27)</b>	<b>2015</b>
Amos E. Jennings* (33)	1999	<b>Robert J. Cascone (13)</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Clyde W. Kayser, II (2,45)</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>Delbert A. Little (27)</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Carl G. Palmberg (17)</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>James S. McNeely (17)</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>James H. Tweedie (49)</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>Douglas D. Barnard (31)</b>	<b>2017</b>
Kenneth R. Whitman * (18)	1999	<b>Richard R. Jones (31)</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>William K. Barr (46)</b>	<b>2000</b>	Allyn Willner (46)	<b>2019</b>
Stanley T. House * (6)	2000	<b>Paul L. Chello (44)</b>	<b>2020</b>
George C. Perry * (1, 23)	2000	<b>Craig R. Nelson, Sr (13)</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Clarence E. Schiebel (18)</b>	<b>2000</b>		
<b>Scott T. Sherrick (49)</b>	<b>2000</b>	* Deceased	
<b>Anthony Pipitone (13)</b>	<b>2001</b>	% Dimitted	
Wesley H. Alexander* (26)	2001	& No Lodge	
<b>Alan Marc Brown (49)</b>	<b>2001</b>		
<b>James R. Shaw (15) %</b>	<b>2001</b>		
Douglas A. Gray (02) *	2002		
James W. Currier (09) *	2002		
Thurman P Sharples Jr * (12, 9)	2002		
Sheldon L. Edwards Sr (DE) *	2002		
<b>Edward R. Ham (13)</b>	<b>2003</b>		
Edward Schoenrock * (17)	2003		
<b>Thomas E. Schiebel (18)</b>	<b>2003</b>		
<b>Jack H. Stevens (26)</b>	<b>2003</b>		
Clifford H. Drost Jr * (13)	2004		

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**Dale T. Cunningham**  
**Washington 30**

**DALE THOMAS CUNNINGHAM**  
**Ephraim Kirby Citation**

Dale T. Cunningham, son of Fenton and Gladys Gillespie Cunningham, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 1941. He has one sister living in Southwest Missouri. He attended schools in Kansas City graduating from Van Horn HS in 1959. From there he attended Park College (now Park University) in Parkville, Missouri until 1962 when he postponed his education to marry Gwendolyn David Cunningham in 1963.

Dale and Gwen have five children, eight grandchildren and one great grandson. While Gwen was busy raising children, Dale eventually completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Accounting at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ and began an accounting career in Kansas City. That led eventually to an accounting position in the Real Estate Investment department of Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford. Subsequent employers include Corporation for Independent Living, Buchanan Marine L.P. (an affiliate of the Tomasso Companies) and Cigna Insurance, all in the Hartford area. He is a former CPA and CMA but is now retired from Cigna since 2013. He also attained an MS in Financial Management from the Hartford Graduate Center/RPI in 1980.

Dale was raised a Master Mason in 2002 in Fayette Lodge #69 in Ellington CT, the town which has been his family's home since 1972. He served as Master of Fayette Lodge for five years, Lodge Treasurer currently and two past non-consecutive years and as a Trustee. He is also the Treasurer of the Masonic Temple Association for the Lodge.

Dale served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy, District 9B, serving with the assistance of WB Perne Maynard, PAGM, 9B in 2017 and 2018. Dale was awarded the Pierpoint Edwards Medal in Bronze by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut in 2019.

He is a 32<sup>o</sup> member of the Valley of Hartford, AASR, served two terms as head of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem 2009-2010 and 2018-2019, and earned the MSA.

In the York Rite, Dale is the last Excellent High Priest of Adoniram Chapter #18 and currently the TIM of Suffield Council #23 in Suffield as well as Secretary for the Council and Washington Chapter #30.

He is a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League, Newington, CT and has been a "ham operator", off and on, since 1957. Before and during preparation for his accounting career, he

worked for several industrial companies as an Electronics Technician. He holds several operator licenses issued by the FCC, including the Amateur Extra Class under the call sign KA1PCQ. He is a supporting member of two Amateur Radio repeater organizations in Connecticut.

As a long-time member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he has also been active as a Wood Badge-Trained leader in the Long Rivers Council, BSA. He is also a long-time member of American Mensa, currently in the Connecticut-Western Massachusetts Chapter.

### 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	<b>James S. Demko</b>	<b>2005</b>
Andrew J. Muccianti	1990	Leslie C. Noyes	2006
<b>Kenneth W. Marvin</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>Robert J. Cascone</b>	<b>2007</b>
William A. Bonney, Sr.	1992	Edward Schoenrock	2008
John Radeach	1993	Donald E. Robinson	2009
Matthew J. Banach	1994	<b>Irving Lieff</b>	<b>2010</b>
Arthur H. Carlstrom	1995	<b>James J. Fahy</b>	<b>2011</b>
Wilder J. Greeley	1996	<b>Donald C. Sause</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Willis E. Copeland, Jr.</b>	<b>1997</b>	Richard Odell	2013
<b>Robert S. Johnson</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>William L. Miller II</b>	<b>2014</b>
Stanley T. House	1999	<b>James A. Backus</b>	<b>2015</b>
Edward Nordstrom	2000	<b>Charles T. Hall</b>	<b>2016</b>
Douglas A. Gray	2001	<b>Arnold S. Grot</b>	<b>2019</b>

**Bold face** indicates active member.

**2020**

**None**



**DANIEL MICHAEL LUFT**  
**Most Excellent Grand High Priest**  
**2021**

**DANIEL MICHAEL LUFT**

Daniel Michael Luft was born in Meriden, Connecticut on December 6, 1969 to Alan and Vera Luft. He attended Thomas Hooker Elementary School, then Washington Middle School, and then graduated from the Electronics Shop at H.C. Wilcox Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1987. Upon graduation, Dan attended Mitchell College for one year, after which he decided to become an electrical contractor and to join his family's business, Dalco Electric Incorporated of Meriden.

He attended the State of Connecticut technical adult education program for four years in the evenings to qualify for the journeyman's E-2 electrical license. In 1999, Dan took and passed the test to earn his E-1 unlimited electrical contractor license.

Dan continued to work for the family business for 25 years as an electrician, project manager, and estimator. In 2012, Dan opened his own electrical business, All-Pro Electrical Services, LLC, which he continues to operate today.

Dan married his wife Tammy in August 2001, and together they live in Meriden with their two furry children, Cable and Toto- a Schnauzer and Yorkshire Terrier. In his free time, Dan is an outdoorsman and loves to hunt and fish. In the summer months you'll find Dan and Tammy around the fire at their campsite at Hidden Acres Family Campground in Preston. In the winter months you'll find him as the "trail boss", leading the way at a high speed on the frozen snowmobile trails of New Hampshire or Maine.

Dan was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 3, 1999, was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on June 7, 1999, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 21, 1999 in Meridian Lodge No. 77..

He served as president of the Meriden Fellow Craft Club of Meriden in 2003-2004, and after serving the term of one year was elected to the position of Treasurer and still serves in that capacity.

In December 2005 he was elected Worshipful Master of Meridian Lodge and served as Master throughout 2006. As a credit to his commitment to his mother lodge and the respect of his brothers, Dan has been appointed Chaplain for six years and currently serves in that position.

As Master of the lodge in 2005, Dan created a Christmas Tree Fundraiser for the Lodge which still continues today. It would not continue if it were not for Dan's dedication, hard work, and commitment to the lodge. At the other lodge events, like the Daffodil Festival potato sales, you can also find Dan leading the way.



When the Meriden Masonic Temple Foundation sold the former masonic temple at 112 East Main Street and purchased the new location in use today, Dan was most influential in that process. Dan served as the general contractor that planned and organized all of the work that you see in that room today. There is no way we can express in words the gratitude all Meriden masons have for this work. He continues to serve as an active director in the Meriden Masonic Temple Foundation and is chair of the building committee.

Dan was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 27, RAM in February 2000 and served as High Priest from 2006 to 2009. He was greeted in Hamilton Council No. 22, R&SM in March 2000 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2017. Knighted in 2000, he is a Past Commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9. If it involves York Rite Masonry, you'll find Dan involved in it.

Dan was consecrated, anointed and set apart in the Council of Anointed High Priests of Connecticut in 2006 and greeted in the Council of Anointed Kings of CT in 2016.

He became a member of Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 in 2008 and is currently serving as an officer in the line.

He presided as Eminent Commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 of Knights Templar in Meriden from 2011-2012.

Dan joined the officer line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut and has been advancing therein since 2015.

In 2017 Dan accepted the invitation to join the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon in Nutmeg Chapel No. 29 of Connecticut.

In 2014, Dan received the Ephraim Kirby Citation from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut for Meritorious Service to Royal Arch Masonry.

In 2018, Dan was invited to join the Knights of the York Cross of Honour and is currently serving as an officer in the line.

Dan was also an active member of Sphinx Shrine in Newington, Connecticut, and in the Temple Guard Unit from 2001-2017.

In 2019 he was installed as Associate Grand Marshal for district 4C, and in 2021 he was installed as District Deputy of Masonic District 4C for the Most Worshipful Grand lodge of CT.

In 2020, Dan received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. This honor is only awarded for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.

### ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

First and foremost, I want to express my sincerest thanks and gratitude to all the Companions for electing me to this office. I accept the office of Grand High Priest with great humility and pride for Royal Arch Masonry in CT. I started in the officer line in 2015 with my appointment by MEPGH Richard Eppler. To Richard, thank you for seeing a future leader in myself and having the confidence to set me on this journey to serve our Grand jurisdiction.

In the early days I really didn't know how I could aspire to be the GHP someday but as most of us know, if we do the work, the rest usually follows. As the years in office pass and I advanced, the duties became more extended as a rising officer in the Grand line, which as we rise to the challenge, leadership is refined. I have enjoyed the support of the companions in my tenure to this place and am very thankful to be surrounded by such great brothers and leaders. I have learned many things along the way from my journey to the chair. Royal Arch Masonry has evolved along the way. As an active member of Keystone Chapter 27, I stayed fluent in Ritual and participation with the membership. Then the big one hit, COVID 19. Everything stopped and we had to reinvent Masonry as a whole. With perseverance on our side and all the cardinal virtues of Masonry in place, we survived. The virtual Zoom meeting was put in place, and we were able to maintain good Masonic relations, education and keep the Companions in touch despite the lack of in-person meetings and initiations. This gave many of us a chance to attend Constituent Chapter meetings we would otherwise have been able to attend.

My sincere thank you goes out to our Jr MEPGHP Jeff Flynn for his hard work and with some great Companions, decipher the new rules of conducting meetings and ourselves during this pandemic. "Masonry notwithstanding still survived", a quote from a Masonic charge, that proves that we can endure anything.

We're almost in the clear from this whole adjustment. It's time to "rebuild the rite" and make it great again. I am very excited to start my term serving all of you with some ideas and plans to facilitate this Grand line of officers to serve all of you to the best of our abilities. I am putting together visitation schedules for the officers to visit each of their Chapters in their charge, with regularity and constancy to help, aid and assist the craft as we are elected and appointed to do.

I know many Chapters have fallen behind, so to speak, with a backlog of candidates and initiations. So, with that said, I am currently working with the Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of CT to plan one day festivals and initiations to be done on a statewide scale to help out the constituent Chapters if their candidates choose to complete the Royal Arch in a timely fashion. I will have a committee that will be calling on all Companions who wish to take part in the work and exemplify some the best degree work we can do.

Education has been taken seriously by the High Priests in their respective Chapters, and I intend to help them continue with that. That is evolving.

I hope to see most of you in my travels this coming year as I visit the Chapters throughout CT. I have a long list of jurisdictions I am excited to visit and represent the CT companions and make you proud.

Thank you for the confidence and trust you placed in me by electing me to this position.

Daniel M Luft



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2021-2022**

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Rodney I. Gray (18)	1990	James A Backus (11) Hon	2012
Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	1991	William L. Miller II (17)	2012
Stephen D. Piner (17)	1993	David C. Abrames (17)	2013
Andrew G Weimann II (15)	1999	Charles D. O'Neill (11)	2014
		Richard A. Eppler (27)	2015
Matthew F. Griffin (31)	2000	Martin Ede (02)	2016
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Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	2004	James S. McNeely IV (17)	2018
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William K. Barr (46)	2007		Hon 2018
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NORTH CAROLINA	Raymond B. Casey	Walt Schlechtweg
NORTH DAKOTA	Jeffrey N. Nelson	Richard V. Travis
NOVA SCOTIA	Charles E. E. Rutt	William E. Weisert
OHIO	Rick L. Hilty	
OKLAHOMA	John D. Church	
ONTARIO	Gary P. Humes	Robert J. Knowles
OREGON	Carl E. Bratcher	
PANAMA		
PARAGUAY		
PENNSYLVANIA	A. James Bryden	William F. Lott
PHILIPPINES	Romeo S. Musngi	

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PORTUGAL	Jose Salgado	
QUEBEC	Willard Dionne	
QUEENSLAND	David E. Gray	William L. Miller II
RHODE ISLAND	Joseph Brearley	
ROMANIA		
SASKATCHEWAN	Wayne Horsman	George S. Greytak
SCOTLAND	Ian Duncan	James McNeely
SOUTH	Trevor N. Phillips	
SOUTH CAROLINA	Joseph L. McGee	Harrison Redford
SOUTH DAKOTA	Roland Kleinschmidt	Donald C. Sause
SPAIN		
TENNESSEE	Edward Lee Ellis	
TEXAS	Dan W. Turner	Thomas Maxwell
TOGO		
UTAH	Daniel L. Ladig	Andrew Weimann
VENEZUELA		
VERMONT	James E. Selleck	Daniel M. Luft
VICTORIA	Ronald K. Rae	
VIRGINIA	Nelson C. Trinkle, Sr.	Vincent A. Cowie
WASHINGTON	Robert T. Wilson	Charles B Fowler Jr
WEST VIRGINIA	Edward E. Ball	William L. Miller II
WEST AUSTRALIA	Ian Penny Barclay	
WISCONSIN	Carl W. Heilman	Arthur Pugh
WYOMING	Jerry Orr	

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**Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests  
in Royal Arch Masonry**



**172<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry was held Saturday, May 15, 2021 AD (3934 A. Beo) at 10:00 am using electronic means consisting of a “Virtual ZOOM Platform” arranged by Past Ex. Pres. James McNeely.

This format was chosen by Ex. President Jason that the Companions may convene for their annual business, in keeping with the ongoing limitations for gatherings resulting from the COVID Pandemic and discuss plans for return to work.

The “Virtual” Convention was called to order at 10:00 am by Most Excellent President Jason Rieger with the assistance of his officers representing their respective stations. AHPs numbering 17 attended the call.

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

Most Excellent President Jason welcomed the Companion AHPs and led us in a pledge of allegiance; and Chaplain Mike Seamon offered an opening prayer. Rec Bill noted he had received regrets from AHPs Bob Fitzgerald, Bill Weisert, Richard Jones, and Richard Allen.

MEP Jason noted that since we once again cannot receive candidates, today would be devoted to the annual business and preparations for when we can expect to return to work.

MEP Jason next turned to TresRec Bill to assist with the business of the Convention, starting with a few formalities, and recognition of the Companions: first and foremost among them, our MEGHP Jeffery Flynn of the Grand Chapter who was “virtually” received. MEP recognized the other Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter: GrKing Daniel Luft, GrScribe Clyde Kayser, GrCOH Mike Seamon, GrPS Mike Savia, and himself GrRAC Jason Rieger.

MEP acknowledged Past Grand High Priests James McNeely, James Kleinkauf, Charles Fowler (Hon), William Miller, William Lott and Stephen Piner.

MEP Welcomed his officers of the Convvention (as at the opening, listed above).

MEP added the Past Presidents of the Convention present: James McNeely, Martin Ede, William Miller, Clyde Kayser, and Stephen Piner.

MEP also welcomed our York Rite leaders MI Martin Ede, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council and SK Craig Nelson, RE Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

MEP Jason then called upon Tres Rec Bill for his business. Bill motioned that in the absence of any errors or omissions, the Minutes of the 171<sup>st</sup> Convention stand as printed in the 2020 Grand Chapter Proceedings. The AHPs so voted.

Tres-Rec Bill presented his report of our last year ending March 31, 2021 which had been reviewed by AHP Charles Fowler. Rec Bill noted that not only is our aging all the more, this year was tough, 15 losses on membership, 14 deaths and 1 dimit, bringing us down to 167 from 185 last year. Financially, not having any separate mail sollicitaions for donations only, no lunch and no boutique, expenses were a minimum... we now have \$3,958 as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Rec Bill's report was adopted upon motion and the report details will be appended to these minutes.



Rec Bill also noted that we need to think about and assistant TresRec especially for our funds. The co-account holder is Charles Fowler moving to Ashlar, and the account is held in Windsor COMTRUST Credit Union, so a relocation to a bank more central, with a new co-signer should be undertaken. With the permission of the AHPx, Bill will proceed but only if he gets a volunteer – hint, hint.

Then came the time for our extra special recognitions. The oldest date of anointing award is a TIE, going to both Steve Piner and Bill Lott, in the same class of 1977 no less. The oldest by age is Charles Fowler, born 1937. The farthest away award goes to Steve Piner (FL) with Bill Lott next closest (DE).

Chaplain Mike Seamon presented the necrology report of our departed Excellent Companions, after which he led the Companions in prayer for their eternal service and memory. It is to be noted that among these, we lost 2 Past Presidents, Bard Teigen, instrumental in molding the current ritual we now use, and Doug Gray, who served a stint as TresRec back when. Also, PP Ken Marvin is known to be in a rest home in the Quiet Corner.

#### **Deceased Past High Priests as of 31 March 2021**

<b>Companion</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Date</b>
Leonard F. D’Amico Jr	Cyrus-Meridian 15	04.30.2
James W. Currier	Trinity 09	04.22.2
Arthur H. Carlstrom	Cyrus-Meridian 15	05.08.2
Lawrence E. Rosen	Rittenhouse 11	05.07.2
Douglas A. Gray PP 2008	Franklin 02	06.06.2
James J. Fahy	Rittenhouse 11	06.10.2
Bard C. Teigen PP 1994	Washington 30	07.07.2
Sivert R. Jacobson	Columbia 31	07.29.2
Richard G. Sagan	Burning Bush-Washington	09.30.2
Arthur J. McKinney PGHP	Pythagoras 17	09.29.2
William F. Seelig Jr	Pythagoras 17	01.20.2
Anthony Pipitone	Housatonic 13	10.09.2
Carlyle P. Aveni	Housatonic 13	11.25.2
Edward D. P. Gross Jr	Columbia 31	10.13.2

Insofar as normal expenses for the Convention, Tres Bill reported there are some supplies (Bibles, jewels) that can be held over, and he would forego any honorarium to help the Treasury since we have no donations yet again. However, with respect to our usual MCF charity, Tres Bill noted our coffers can absorb yet another donation to the MCF until we can get back on our money feet, and upon his motion, \$300 was voted.

Next up – elections... The situation has not really changed since a year ago as our new officers have had no opportunity to work, but we do have a goodly number of possible candidates, 5 to 6 so far, and another 4 to 6 HP/PHPs to be contacted once our arrangements are finalized. Therefore, return to a full portrayal condition as soon as we can was uppermost in our minds as well as readiness of our officers.

MEP Jason reported that he had discussed this situation with his officers who would be ok with staying in their charis, or moving up, confirmed again by asking those present. Hearing this, the Companions motioned and voted to keep our present officers in their station for this next year and Rec Bill cast the traditional one-ballot in favor. The officers already having been installed once, with no successors, installation was not needed. Jason thanked his officers for continuing their service. Not present to confirm his chair, Myke Scribner's chair may need to be programmed when we get back to work.

Jason R. Rieger (27)	Most Excellent President
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The next discussions involved planning beginning with option(s) for a Special. The first opportunity could be a candidate-only morning in June, but readiness of the team and scheduling the logistics would be difficult. Next could be a Special in September,

which would offer more time for study, but the return to work then by all CT Masonic bodies as well as other Grand travel events, have already filled the calendar.

Looking even closer at the calendar, sentiments drifted to our “usual” time frame a year from now, with the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April 2022 looking right now to be a pearl nestled between Spring’s other Grand clam shells and we should be back to “normal” a year from now. Consequently, the Companion settled upon **173<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the York Masons Hall in East Hartford at 9:00 am, lunch to follow, and boutique.** That should hopefully bring us up to date on everything.

Closing announcements included:

GrScribe Clyde reported that the Order of Silver Trowel (Council TIM Chair Degree) is scheduled right now for July 13 in Meriden with a new cast and air conditioning. Hooray.

GrKing Dan said plans are being formulated for one or more 1-day festivals in the October time frame, as a combined Chapter-Council event, with degree teams assembled from our Chapter - Council ritualists.

GrSec Bill Reported the Grand Sessions are 3 weeks away and Virtual registration is now open and required even if one is expected to be in person at Meriden. Those not yet registered needing some help to do so should put up their hands. (Some did).

MEP Jason called upon MEGHP Jeffery for final remarks bring WFG and his own on behalf of the Grand Chapter. He reflected on his year, and while there is no doubt of the value and necessity for us to return to meetings in person, he lamented that we should still try to be virtually connected with those Companions whom we haven’t seen, and would stand to lose from the “Virtual” sidelines if we can’t keep that service in some fashion. He thank MEP and the Companions for their efforts and looked forward to seeing them again at our Virtual Grand Convocation in 3 weeks hence.

All that remained to do was the closing the convention. MEP Jason called upon Chaplain Mike for a prayer, and MEP Jason declared the Annual Convention in Virtual format closed. The Zoom Meeting ended at 10:50 am.



Attest:

William L. Miller, PGHP  
Treasurer-Recorder

#### ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Stephen D. Piner	17	1982	Andrew Weimann, II	15	2011
Gail N. Smith	09	1987	Charles D. O'Neill	11	2012
Kenneth Marvin	12	1993	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 McCollum	23	2007	James S McNeely, IV	17	2019
Robert G. Fitzgerald	17	2009	Jason R. Rieger	27	2020

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER-RECORDER 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

##### Membership

At the close of our last year on 31 March 2020, our membership was reported at 182 at the last Annual Convention held virtually on June 6, 2020. Due to the pandemic during 2020-2021, new members could not be admitted, nor could we hold a dinner or conduct other in-person activities. On the loss side, from then to now, our Grand Architect of the Universe summoned to his side 14 of our Excellent Companions and 1 more from dimitt for a net loss of 15 such that our membership now stands at 167.

## Receipts (Checking &amp; Savings):

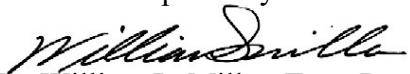
Dinners	0.00
Donations	0.00
Fees for Order	0.00
Sale of Jewels	0.00
Interest (Svngs)	0.39
Transfer into Checking from Savings	0.00
Total Receipts	\$0.39

## Disbursements (Checking &amp; Savings):

Donation to MCF of CT	300.00
Honoraria	150.00
Dinners	0.00
Office Supplies -- Jewels	119.68
Postage	0.00
Printing	25.00
Miscellaneous -- Rent	0.00
Transfer Out from Checking back into Savings	0.00
Total Disbursements	\$593.68

Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	\$593.29
Balance March 31, 2020	\$4,551.54
Balance April 1, 2021	\$3,958.25

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ex. William L. Miller, Tres.-Rec.  
1 April 2021

Reviewed by Charles B. Fowler  Date: 5/5/21