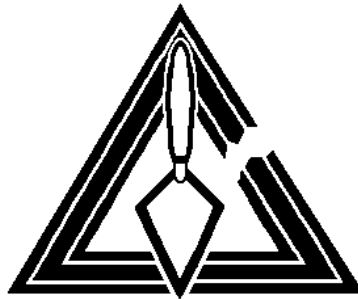


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**MARTIN EDE**  
**Most Puissant Grand Master**  
**2020-2021**

### MARTIN EDE

Martin was born in June 1967, in Durham in the northeast of England to Eileen and the late Terence Ede. When Martin was two, the family, now including a sister Helen, moved down south first to Swanmore and then to Waltham Chase (both close to Portsmouth on the south coast) where he lived for over twelve years. Martin attended Meoncross School, but then in 1975 moved to Portsmouth Grammar School for a more academic centered education and remained there until 1985 when the family moved to the USA. While in England, Martin was active in the cub scouts as well as fencing, judo and lots of reading.

On arriving in the US, Martin spent a year at Amity Regional High School and then entered the University of Connecticut in fall of 1986, graduating in 1990 with a BS in Geology. He took his first job as a project geologist at Technical Environmental Specialists in Manchester. Over the next few years, he also worked for Environmental Management Consultants and Environmental Products and Services, before making the decision to move into science teaching. He entered Southern Connecticut State University, earning a MS in Environmental Education as well as a science teaching certification. He was employed in Central High School in Bridgeport CT, teaching ninth grade physical science as well as electives in Environmental Science. After 3 years, he moved to teach in both high schools in Stratford CT, and then to the Independent Day School in Middlefield CT, where he taught middle school biology and physical sciences; all the while continuing his studies at SCSU primarily in American History.

After teaching, he returned to school at Porter & Chester Institute to study Low Voltage Electronics, with a view to starting a small business or returning to teaching at the technical school/college level. Lately, he has been able to become semi-retired to devote more time to historic and philosophical studies, with an aim to writing more in depth on philosophy and our Craft.

In 2010, as a result of his American History studies and growing respect for the Founding Fathers, he became a United States citizen taking his Oath of Citizenship in New Haven.

Martin has many interests including the martial arts, having attained a black belt in Aikijitsu Karate, travel and golf. Ever the student of history, he has traveled to various European countries as well as Mexico, Italy, Egypt and Turkey. His passion for reading and history lead to an interest in Freemasonry spurred by the fact that his old school had a Masonic lodge associated with it, and later by the writings of John J. Robinson, in particular “The Pilgrim’s Path”.

His path to Freemasonry truly began when a family friend asked if he was interested in a free dinner from Hiram Lodge No. 1. Martin accepted and was raised in Hiram Lodge in November of 1999. While finishing evening classes, he became interested in the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

He became Master of the Masonic Lodge of Research in 2004, followed by becoming Master of Hiram Lodge No. 1 in 2005, and Philosophic Lodge of Research in 2010, becoming only the second brother to be master of both Connecticut research lodges. Since then he has returned a number of times to be Master of MLR and had the honor of being Master during its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. He is also a Past President of the 4<sup>th</sup> District Actual Past Master’s Association.

He has served as High Priest for Franklin Chapter No. 2 and has been honored with the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service in 2011. Likewise, he has served as Thrice Illustrious Mater for Harmony Council No. 8, and was honored to receive the Knight of Ish Sodi Meritorious Service Award in 2008, and was also honored to be appointed to the Grand Council line. He was elected Most Puissant Grand Master for 2020-2021. He is currently Eminent Commander for New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, and was recently appointed as Grand Historiographer for the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

He has served as Thrice Potent Master in the E.G. Storer Lodge of Perfection and Sovereign Prince for the Elm City Princes of Jerusalem for the Valley of New Haven, AASR, and takes part in many of the degrees of both Valley and Consistory. He was presented with the Arthur M. Brown, 33<sup>o</sup>, Meritorious Service Award in 2006, and was very fortunate to be created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33<sup>o</sup> at the Supreme Council session in Philadelphia in 2010. This made it a very special year, having become a citizen in the

months before the session and making his first visit to Independence Hall and the National Constitution Center truly memorable. He is also the secretary for the Masonic Temple Association of New Haven and historian for Hiram Lodge.

Martin has become quite fascinated with the history, philosophy and esoteric nature of Freemasonry leading to membership in not only both Connecticut research lodges but also in the Scottish Rite Research Society, the Grand College of Rites, the Philalethes Society and the Masonic Society.

He was invited to join Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees where he is a Past Sovereign Master; Connecticut College, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis; the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17, currently serving as Pre-eminent Governor. He is also a member of Mohawk Council No. 28 of Knight Masons, where he is a Past Excellent Chief. On turning 50, he was invited to join the Dusis Society of Greater New Haven where he serves as secretary/treasurer; and is also a Past President of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry.

He has contributed a number of research papers to the Connecticut research lodges and the SRICF, some of which were also submitted for credit in history classes at SCSU.

He had the honor of being appointed as a Grand Custodian of the Work for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut by MEPGHP Danny Camp, and served the Royal Arch Masons of our state as Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the years 2016-18.

In 2015, Martin was appointed to the Grand Council line and in a virtual session in 2020 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, he was elected to serve as Most Puissant Grand Master.

He currently resides in Bethany with two cats, an extensive library and a large number of Masonic research projects waiting to get written.



## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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 RI James S. McNeely for arranging the electronic registration and reception of Companions and guests by means of ZOOM.

### ANNUAL MEETING

#### ATTENDANCE

#### GRAND OFFICERS

Martin Ede (08)	Most Puissant Grand Master
James S. McNeely (01)	R.I. Dep. Puissant Grand Master
Bradley K. Cooney (08)	R.I. Principal Conductor of Work
Charles A. McCollum (06)	R.I. Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller, II (01)	R.I. Grand Recorder
Darrin D. Silhavy (06)	Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard
William E. Weisert (04)	Ill. Grand Conductor
Michael D. Sabia, Jr. (06)	Ill. Grand Steward
Bruce R. Bellmore (08), PGM	Ill. Grand Chaplain
Martin Ede (08)	Ill. Grand Historian
David Soderberg (01)	Ill. Grand Organist
Scott T. Sherrick (16), PGM	Ill. Assistant Grand Treasurer
James S. McNMeely, IV (01)	Ill. Assistant Grand Recorder
Charles B. Fowler, Jr (01) Hon	Ill. Assistant Grand Recorder
Scott Sherrick (16), PGM	Grand Trustee
Charles D. O'Neill (06), PGM	Grand Trustee
Paul L. Chello (19,36), PGM	Grand Trustee

**PAST MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTERS**

Richard G. Barrows (02)	James C. Kleinkauf (36)
Bruce R. Bellmore (08)	Charles A. McCollum (06)
A. John Birdsall (04)	Michael E. Seamon (01)
Paul L. Chello (19)	Robert D. Sherrick (35)
Richard A. Eppler (19)	Scott T. Sherrick (16)
Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (01) Hon	Randy S. Stevens (19)
Clyde W. Kayser II (08)	Raymond Tomlinson (08)

**COUNCILS REPRESENTED – 12 of 12**

Constituent Council Representatives			# Denotes Proxy
NO.	T.I.M.	D.I.M.	IPCW
1	Brian Berk	Jeffery Flynn	Edward Varjabedian
2	Gail Smith	Richard Barrows	Art Mullenstone
4	Scott Daniels	<del>William Weisert</del>	Richard Allen
6	John Amarilios	James Wood	
8	Ray Tomlinson	Martin Ede	Scott Atkins
9	Steve Chiappalone	Harold Elwell	Christian Schunmann
16	James Whitaker	Gary Shepard	Craig Nelson
19	Gerald Calabritto #	John Ryan #	
20	Richard Corey	Ian Jones	
23	Dale Cunningham	Thomas Duclos	
25	Michael Butteri		Harrison Redford
36	Paul Chello	James Kleinkauf	Peter Alling #

**PAST TIMs ( Not Otherwise Listed)**

David Abrames (01)	Robert J. Knowles (22)
Danny Camp (20)	Daniel Luft (09)
Vincent A. Cowie (09)	Kristian Maiorino (09)
Robert G. Fitzgerald (01)	Michael D. Sabia Jr (06)
Arnold S. Grot (01)	Richard L. Sawyers (01)
Charles M. Jewart (01)	Mychael Scribner (20)

**NON-VOTING COMPANIONS IN ATTENDANCE**

Douglas Barnard (25)	Robert Krawic (04)
William Field (09)	William Lang (19)
Nicholas Ives (09)	Gregory Messier (02)
Robert Jones (09)	Russell Scull (23)
Raymond C. Knieriem (02)	Bruce Work (25)

**DELIBERATIONS OF GRAND COUNCIL**

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut was declared to be open by Most Puissant Grand Master Martin Ede at 9:00 am on Saturday, 5 June 2021. He called upon Grand Chaplain Bruce R. Bellmore to offer prayer, and led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

MPGM Ede welcomed and acknowledged the presence of several distinguished guests as follows:

**General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International**

Ill. Comp. Charles A. McCollum, General Grand Treasurer  
Ill. Comp. Steven A. Balke, General Grand Recorder  
Ill. Comp. Gary Wyne, Executive Secretary CMMRF

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction**

Ill. Bruce T. Work, 33° , Deputy for Connecticut

**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.

MPGM Ede welcomed all of the Past Most Puissant Grand Masters of Connecticut who were present and thanked them for their help.

The holders of the Phillip J. Jones Award were recognized as a group, as were the Knights of Ish Sodi.

On motion by MPGM Ede, the Companions VOTED to approve the minutes of the 201<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Assembly as printed in the Proceedings.

### **REPORT AND ADDRESS OF THE MPGM**

MPGM Ede then delivered his Report and Address after which. RIDPGM McNeely referred the report to the Committee on Address.

Reporting for the **Committee on Address** was Chairman PMPGM Seamon who apportioned the report's dispensations and recommendations accordingly, and expressed appreciation for MP Martin's efforts this troublesome year in keeping our Councils viable. Upon his motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

### **REPORT SUMMARIES & REMARKS**

RW Bro. & Rev Bellmore delivered an inspirational **Necrology** for our Companions who were welcomed by the GAU this last year followed by prayer in remembrance of their time with us. His report was, upon motion, ACCEPTED

PMPGM Kleinkauf reported for the **Committee on Audit** that the financial records of the Treasurer were found to be in good order with appreciation for our Grand Treasurer's efforts. This report was also ACCEPTED upon motion.

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

MP Martin then recognized ME Companion **Jeffery A. Flynn, Grand High Priest** of the Grand Chapter (whose session comes next) who offered his remarks on their year together in keeping our Companions educated and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter.

For the **Committee on Awards**, and as its Chairman, MP Martin announced that for their service to our Councils, our York Rite, Fraternity and beyond, he was pleased to present "virtually" the Philip J Jones Award to Ill. Comp Richard L. Allen (04), and two Ish Sodi

Awards, one each to Ill. Companion Dale T Cunningham (23) and Michael K. Butteri (25). All were on the “call” and surprised and expressed their appreciations for these honors. In-person presentations of these awards will be arranged later.

PMPGM Charles A. McCollum delivered the report of the Committee on **Masonic Jurisprudence**. The report and its recommendations were ACCEPTED.

The **Budget** was presented by DPGM McNeely which expands upon that of 2020 to include provisions for returns to our traditional pre-COVID activities, gatherings and travels. With funds unexpended from last year, no change in per-capita is required, and so resolved. Upon his motion, the budget was ADOPTED.

The report of the **Committee on Bylaws** was given by Comp. Chm. Darrin Silhavy who noted that no ByLaws requests were submitted for their review and hence no action by the Committee. This report was ACCEPTED

Companion McNeely presented the report of **the Committee on Delinquencies** which was pleased to announce all Councils had submitted their reports and payments as required, including those leftover from last year. All are clear on the books and no fines are needed. This report was upon motion, also APPROVED.

MPGM Ede then ordered all other reports not read but received nonetheless, to be printed in the Proceedings.

Companion **Craig R. Nelson, Right Eminent Grand Commander**, brought greetings from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut.

Ill. Brother and Companion **Bruce T. Work, 33<sup>rd</sup> Deputy AASR** for CT for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction also brought his remarks and support from “the other Rite”.

## ELECTIONS

PMPGM Bruce R. Bellmore, reporting for the **Committee on Nominations**, recommended the below listed slate of officers. After asking three times for further nominations, there being none, MPGM Ede declared the following nominees elected:

Most Puissant Grand Master	James S. McNeely IV
R.I. Deputy Puissant Grand Master	Bradley K. Cooney
R.I. Princ Conductor of the Work	Darrin D. Silhavy
R.I. Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
R.I. Grand Recorder	William L. Miller II
Grand Trustee to June 2024	Scott T. Sherrick

MPGM-elect McNeely announced the following appointments:

Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard	William E. Weisert II
Ill. Grand Conductor	Michael D. Sabia Jr
Ill. Grand Steward	Jeffery A. Flynn
Ill. Grand Sentinel	Scott R. Akins
Ill. Grand Chaplain	Arnie S. Grot
Ill. Grand Historian	Martin Ede
Ill. Grand Marshal	Charles M. Jewart
Ill. Asst Grand Treasurer	Scott T. Sherrick
Ill. Asst Grand Recorder	Charles B. Fowler Jr.

### INSTALLATION

The new officers for 2021-2022 of The Most Puissant Grand Council of CT were then installed by PMPGM Andy Birdsall, having traveled north especially to pay this tribute to James McNeely, with PMPGM Mike Seamon assisting as Marshal and Rev. Bruce Bellmore as Chaplain.

Newly installed Most Puissant James McNeely then offered his acceptance address and overview of plans for the year ahead.

### General Grand Council R&SM International

MP James then introduced his guest speaker from the General Grand Council, MI Gary Wyne, Executive Secretary for CMMRF (our Grand charity) who presented information on the circulatory

ailments and blood related diseases that affect us as we age and the signs and symptoms to watch for. His presentation concluded with fraternal greetings from the General Grand Council, and was well received.

### **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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, MPGM Ede called upon Grand Chaplain Bellmore for a Benediction, and declared the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council completed at 11:00 am.



Attest

William L. Miller, II  
Grand Recorder

**NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

The 203<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of CT will be held in conjunction with the 223<sup>rd</sup> Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut on Saturday, 4 June 2022, starting at 1:00 pm, at a venue to be announced and in return to our pre-COVID traditions.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut will meet in Annual Assembly at 9:00 am 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****MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER**

Greetings Companions,

It has been, to say the least, a very strange year. I am reminded of a tee shirt of Spaceman Spiff, sold many years ago when at UConn, with the saying “What a long strange trip it’s been”. If you know both allusions, you are at least as old as me!

I came into this office virtually via Zoom, and leave it in a hybrid/in-person meeting. Progress is progress whatever shape it takes. This year during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have learnt many new things – from becoming adept at Zoom, the joys of anonymity with masking being able to make comments under one’s breath to all and sundry grocery shopping etc., to learning the value of one’s own company, that of our families and brothers and taking, hopefully, a more thoughtful approach to life with all that has gone on this past year.

I hope we have all learned from this year and have taken our time in quarantine and lock down to learn all those skills we always wanted to do, fix our houses up and so on – though if you are like me that meant binge watching series like Supernatural, building Star Wars Lego with a trusty glass of Bourbon at my side and playing golf.

But enough reminiscing, Freemasonry has come through this stronger than many feared. We have successfully navigated virtual formats for meetings and greeted again many Companions who now live out of state. We have turned more focus on education, using the Cryptic Masonry Education Course, and have enjoyed many an interesting evenings’ discussion, albeit virtually. I hope we can look forward to this continued interest in our degrees and history.

**Visitations:**

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, I have not been able to attend any in person meetings until the last couple of months, and then primarily to my own York Rite bodies, lodge and Scottish Rite Valley as we sorted out the ins and outs of meeting again in person and finishing a years’ business from annual meetings to installations.

Virtually, I was able to attend the Grand Session of Vermont on 6/13/20; the Grand Council of Massachusetts on 7/20/20 and 10/31/20; Wolcott Council on 9/8/20; the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation on 9/25/20; the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter on 11/21/20; the Christmas Observances for Palestine/St. Johns on 12/11/20, Hamilton/Trinity on 12/12/20, St. Elmo/Cyrene on 12/13/20, Washington on 12/15/20, New Haven on 12/18/20; Cushing Council #4 on 12/14/20 for the 50yr pin presentation to Companion Charlie Hall; along with Zoom meetings for my own YR bodies of Franklin Chapter #2, Harmony Council Council #8, New Haven Commandery #2 and Connecticut York Rite College. I attended in-person/hybrid meetings for the Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut on 10/17/20 and 4/10/21 and the Grand Commandery of Connecticut on 4/17/21.

**Dispensations:**

2020-01 To Crawford Council #19 on 12/19/20, to change their meeting night to the second Thursday to allow it to coincide with the new RAM Chapter meeting night.

2020-02 To all Councils on 2/4/21, a General Dispensation to allow two term Thrice Illustrious Masters to serve a third term to allow for continuity during the pandemic and if so elected by their respective Councils.

2020-03 To Lee Council #25 on 3/8/21, to change the date of their annual meeting to April 23, 2021 as the scheduled date conflicts with Good Friday.

No decisions were needed, except to continue with the previous dispensations for virtual meetings during the pandemic restrictions.

**Tri-State Meeting:**

This was cancelled to the pandemic and will be rescheduled for the forthcoming Cryptic year.

**State of the Cryptic Rite:**

Although we have been stuck in limbo somewhat this year, we still have the same problems the previous Most Puissants have

identified. We are in the situation of seeing more Council mergers. This year has not helped us grow, and we are unfortunately looking to further consolidation. Even though Masonic membership has declined, we still have a pool of brothers who are not yet in the York Rite so we can still grow if we put our collective minds to it.

Education has fortunately come to the fore again. In using the Cryptic Masonry Development Course, more Companions have become interested in the history and philosophical meaning of our degrees and hopefully this will continue.

Councils still struggle with reporting and need to coordinate more with the Grand Recorder. It is also concerning that some Councils have trouble finding and keeping secretaries, the Grand Recorder and Assistant Recorder are very approachable and are willing to help.

We have not been stuck in limbo for just this past year, but we have been proverbially treading water for a while. If we do not take this pause to reassess and move forward, we risk being pushed into forced decisions and consolidations that we may not want to make. But all is not doom and gloom, as noted there has been more interest in the meaning of our degrees and this must be capitalized on.

**Awards:**

Several worthy Companions have been nominated for the Ish Sodi and Philip J. Jones Awards and I look forward to their presentation today.

**Lincoln Bible:**

This has usually been awarded to the Council with the most positive increase in membership. Last year this went to Harmony #8, and due to the pandemic status, I suggest that it remain with Harmony #8 so they can get a year of actually being able to use it.

**Recommendations:**

In no particular order, they are as follows:

- 1) That the Grand Council revisit membership in the General Grand Council. We are the oldest Grand Council and with the current issues facing Freemasonry in general, we are far better off being an integral part of the General Grand Council.

For a few extra dollars, we will have full access to their support and resources. Previous reasons that have been put forth against membership are, to be blunt, without any foundation. Our titles will not change, we will not lose any autonomy and we will not lose any part of our ritual or standing. Any perceived slights in the past are just that – in the past. We need to look and move forward and we will be able to do it better as part of the General Grand Council.

- 2) That the Cryptic Masonry Development Course be officially adopted and that the current interest in our history and Cryptic philosophy be promoted and nourished.
- 3) That the York Rite Coordinating Committee continue to be supported and that all three York Rite heads be actively involved and encourage the line officers to be actively engaged with their counterparts.
- 4) That the York Rite Testimonial and Awards Dinner be revamped and possibly be made part of the Grand Chapter/Council Annual Session. As we have found in the past, free nights for the testimonial dinner can be few and far between, and there is no reason for not having two dinners over the session weekend, inviting our Grand Commandery Sir Knights, most of whom we know quite well, to join us on our weekend. This is one suggestion for a date and we need to actively discuss this so that the dinner can get back on the calendar somewhere.
- 5) That social Zoom meetings continue and be allowed to count toward one of the required number of yearly meetings. We have found that many out of state or home bound Companions have been able to attend virtual meetings. The value of having these Companions join us for our discussions and education is clear and should be encouraged.
- 6) That if further mergers are seen to be on the horizon, that serious planning and thought be given to a regional Council system. Consolidation of some type is clearly in our future. Whether we let it happen piecemeal, a Council or two at a time, we could end up with no representation in large parts of the state. We need to look at the potential need for locating at least one Council in each county, for example, that mergers

would fall into. We need to assess what the best Masonic Temple is (from a location, financial stability and availability standpoint) in the various counties and to look at either moving or potentially instituting a Council there. Picking on my own area, in New Haven, there are 3-4 mostly struggling Councils all trying to survive and essentially drawing from the same Lodges and Chapters. As the inevitable happens, plans need to be made now for when there is only one Council in the New Haven area surviving. I realize I may be ruffling some feathers but we cannot avoid the facts and we need to make sure that the surviving Council is strong. This planning will also need to be coordinated with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery as we all face the same issues. As such, the idea of planning for regional York Rite centers should also be looked at seriously and objectively.

7) That the possibility of combining the Grand York Rite sessions into one weekend should be revisited and a future plan developed, again for the above reasons so that we don't paint ourselves into respective corners that we cannot get out of.

I would like to thank all the Companions in and out of the State for their dedication to continuing their work in the Secret Vault in these trying times. We can now look forward to finishing the Ninth Arch together and moving forward into the Light.

I also thank my Mum and sister for their continued support, and in the lockdown to my cats, Tess, the terror of Turkish rugs everywhere, and Emma, one of the nicest, good-natured cats you could ever hope to meet and who passed away unfortunately a month ago. This past year has shown how truly fortunate we are to have family and friends, along with our many brothers, to support us in trying times.

I would like to thank my officers who have gone through this year with very little need of oversight and I am confident in the continued strength of our Grand Council. Bill Miller, James McNeely, Chuck Fowler and Bruce Bellmore have been especially helpful, with a special shout out to Jim our Zoom Master extraordinaire, who kept York Rite groups not only in this State but around the country and world as well virtually afloat. Thank you all.

It was unfortunate that I did not get to travel with my York Rite compatriots, REGC Jim McNeely and MEGHP Jeff Flynn, in our respective years but I am glad of your support and friendship.

As we look forward, in line with what many before us have said, the future is in our hands. We have something very valuable in our hands that can only benefit society – that great philosophy of Freemasonry – and we need to make sure that we remain a cornerstone of our civilization.

*“Speedily do we hasten to the end of these cares and labors.  
What an incentive is this to an industrious use of our faculties  
That we should labor diligently to complete that Inner Temple  
For God’s eternal praise,”*

Martin Ede

#### **DEPUTY PUISSANT GRAND MASTER**

It is a pleasure to serve this Grand Council. During the year, I was able to attend all of our Councils via Zoom at least once during the past year. One of the bright sides of the pandemic has been the number of Companions that have returned to being active members due to being able to attend virtually. As there was no degree work that could be done all of the Councils worked to find ways to keep their Companions engaged. In most cases this was accomplished by providing excellent general masonic and Cryptic Masonic education. To continue what has been started this year I would strongly recommend that we create a Grand Arch Master who would serve as the Grand Council Cryptic Education Officer. This person would serve not only the Grand Council but all of the Councils by helping to develop education programs and hopefully encourage Councils to provide education.

As our Councils prepare to re-open, all of them need to give their members a reason to attend and be active other than just for the sake of being. If your Council is just reading minutes then you are wasting the precious time of your Companions. If a Council wants to survive, let alone have a chance to thrive, it needs to do more. Give your Companions good ritual, education, and fellowship and never be afraid to try new events and activities. Lastly, never be afraid to talk

about Council; we have wonderful degrees that are filled with more light if we take time to look and engage our Companions. If you need help to develop new ideas please reach out to your Grand Officers.

James S. McNeely IV

### **PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**

This past year has tested our ability to face serious--too often lethal--adversity as a planet, a nation, and as a fraternity. I believe we have--on the whole--faced the pandemic with courage, ingenuity, patience, and true brotherhood. Many of our Councils and Masonic bodies have continued to meet online, with very promising results. Your Grand Council Officers hope to continue educational programs, in particular, on-line long after the threat of the pandemic has passed. This practice allows Brothers who could not otherwise participate, to share fellowship and education with us even when we are no longer living under the threat of the covid virus. On-line educational programs can also easily include video and audio components that may be even easier to see and hear on-line than in person. Further, on-line programs can be recorded and replayed at later times for those who could not be available the first time – or who now want to see it, based on favorable reviews.

There is an old joke, that can be used with any number of groups or persons: “How many [past masters] does it take to change a light bulb?” The answer: “Change???”

We’ve learned over the past sixteen months that we can adapt to the most challenging of circumstances. The challenge--now--is how best to increase our ability to improve ourselves in Masonry, while holding fast to those values which brought us to this Gentle Craft in the first place. That path, I believe, leads through the lessons of our Rituals. The better we can learn and understand--and find ways to apply--those lessons, the better Masons we will be. Thus, too, we will become better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, and citizens.

Bradley K. Cooney

**GRAND TREASURER  
5/1/2020 THRU 4/30/2021**

Balance in account 5/1/2020		\$7,071.80
<b>INCOME</b>		
Bicentennial	0.00	
CMMRF In	75.00	
Per Capita	10,945.00	
Other Income	30.00	
Sales	0.00	
Transfer from Trustees	0.00	
Total Income		\$11,050.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$18,121.80
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Bicentennial	0.00	
Annual Assembly	0.00	
Gifts	0.00	
Aprons & Jewels	121.88	
CMMRF Donation	75.00	
Gratuity Organist	0.00	
Insurance	2,523.15	
Miscellaneous	190.00	
MPGM Travel	0.00	
Office Equipment Rental	400.00	
Postage	93.15	
Printing	379.46	
Salary Recorder	2,400.00	
Salary Treasurer	600.00	
Storage	27.50	
Supplies	78.70	
Taxes	265.73	
Website	350.00	
YRCC	0.00	
Total Expenses		\$7,504.57
Balance in account 04/30/2021		\$10,617.23

Charles A. McCollum



## GRAND RECORDER

I stand before you now as proof that I have survived not only COVID and my first year as Grand Secretary, but also my first year as your new Grand Recorder, and 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 Recorder (like Grand Chapter) would be performed by a “team” as it were: RI 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 Councils and Companions who asked for assistance, and serve our MPGM Martin, as we navigated the COVID. 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 of Chapters to exalt new Companions, and complete open work in Councils, and hence couldn’t receive candidates nor ship them off to Commandery. Yet news filtering out from Chapters sounds promising once the gong sounds for return to the SV. Our Most Puissant has been in lock step with the MEGHP to assure the COVID mandates from on high were and are followed, and Councils also given maximum flexibility to utilize the virtual work space to keep their Companions engaged, including a general dispensation that TIMs 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, Council deaths, NPDs and dimits which we have become accustomed to in recent years. We started with 788 Companions and ended March 31, 2021 with 728, a net loss of 65.

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, even better than some REALLY BAD years. The tougher statistic is the loss of 65 paying members (per capita) and resulting reduction in our income (\$975). This information has been forwarded to our Budget Committee. 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 Council by Council returns. In fact, it is not rosy. There are several elephants in the room which bode uncertain futures for all of us. First, council viability, especially among the weaker ones. Menunketuck is barely hanging on (they did settle up their arrearages from last year and though last, did get this year’s annual return done and report the statutory number of meetings...so they can be considered clear, for now.) But mergers continue to save Companions...last year Columbia Council moved in with Hamilton.

But the real tough story lies in the details of 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 Recorder 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 of both bodies to study.

Basically the time is at hand when surviving Councils can no longer afford the luxury of waiting it out, and be happy with the survivors. It is often forgotten that a lost Companion in Chapter is

likely to be an automatic loss in their Council. (The same can be said of Commanderies, as well). So it would seem a “neighborhood assistance program” as it were, can take on a pre-emptive role if a Chapter is foundering.

I have had the pleasure to work with our Grand Treasurer Charles McCollum, to whom I have turned over \$11,050.00 in receipts gathered in and deposited for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021, consisting mostly of per-capita from Councils, adding to a healthy balance more than enough to cover expenses without Trustee assistance. I issued vouchers totaling \$7,504.57 for payment of regular budget obligations, including Council reimbursements to Grand Chapter for share of expenses in common.

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

William L. Miller, II

### Membership Changes for Past 10 Years

Year Ending	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Greeted	69	76	47	18	24	37	31	23	17	1
Affil & Rein	5	10	6	12	6	6	89	3	33	4
<b>Total Adds</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>
Dimits	17	19	12	11	8	9	97	6	37	4
Involuntary	44	40	62	49	45	54	43	28	34	19
Deceased	58	30	29	41	26	23	31	22	26	42
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>65</b>
Beginning	1182	1137	1135	1078	1008	959	916	865	835	788
Net Change	-45	-3	-50	-71	-49	-43	-51	-30	-47	-60
<b>Ending</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>728</b>

\* Dual, 50 Year, MHC.

**GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD**

Companions, after more than 14 months of enduring the most trying time in recent history, we stand at the gate that will allow us to put the misery of 2020 behind us and make the shift from virtual to in-person building within our York Rite Councils. Thus, my report breaks from a traditional report on the health, welfare, and state of my assigned Councils to one which is an overall reflection of this unprecedented year, along with my thoughts about the future.

During this past year, I had the privilege of attending many Council meetings via Zoom. It was incredible to connect with my fellow Companions from the comfort of my home and to see out-of-state Companions connecting with their Connecticut Councils. It is my sincere hope that our Councils will continue to utilize this technology and allow Companions to participate virtually in all their meetings. The effort that our Thrice Illustrious Masters devoted to creating and delivering quality education programs this year did not go unnoticed. I have spoken to several companions who achieved great personal growth through many engaging discussions during these meetings.

Toward the end of the year, several Councils decided to conduct hybrid meetings. These hybrid meetings continued to allow those who are unable to attend in-person meetings to participate in our labors. Although I look forward to seeing our Companions in person at their home Councils in 2020-2021, I hope that many Councils will continue to provide hybrid meetings when possible.

The future of the York Rite Councils in Connecticut is promising. The Grand Council officers are preparing to seize the opportunity as the state of Connecticut lifts the restrictions that had us gated for such a long period. Stay tuned for an exciting year ahead. I will see you in your Councils soon!

Darrin D. Silhavy

### **GRAND CONDUCTOR**

Due to Covid restrictions, I have not been able to fully visit in-person any assigned councils, nor conduct any inspections. Only recently was I able to visit Collinsville in-person, and that was fairly pleasant. I look forward to fulfilling my obligations to their fullest extent should I be fortunate to advance. Attending via zoom was the only option available to me prior to this writing.

William E. Weisert II

### **GRAND STEWARD**

As this has been a most unprecedented year, I wish to thank MP Companion Martin Ede for appointing me to serve in the Grand Council this year. I unfortunately was unable to make any Official Inspections, as no work could be done in Greeting Companions through the pandemic. I did make zoom visits to the following Councils: Washington #6, Paugussett #16, Crawford #19, Buel #20, Suffield #23 and Menunketuck #36. I was unable to make a visitation to one of my assigned Councils, Wolcott #1. As I do not have a better feel of the condition of some Councils other than that of the few I was assigned this year, I hope that if re-appointed to continue in the line next year, that I can get a better picture of Cryptic Masonry in Connecticut moving forward. With restrictions easing up as more are vaccinated, I look forward to in-person visitations and being able to inspect the work of Councils and being available to assist where needed to improve the state of our Art in this jurisdiction.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

## GRAND HISTORIAN

As we move through a more than usual trying year due to the pandemic, we need to look forward to strengthening the Cryptic Councils in our state. As your Grand Historian, I am always available to help you with any presentations you may give in your lodges or Blue Lodge Councils and may be available to be there in person. Our Grand Lodge may be shrinking, but there are thousands of brothers, including some of our Chapter Companions who have not yet received the teachings of the Secret Vault. We form a crucial link in the Masonic Hiram Legend. We link the Master Mason degree with the lost secrets found in the Royal Arch degree and provide the path that sees the completion of King Solomon's Temple in the Most Excellent Master degree.

The value of our degrees has not gone unnoticed; author and noted TV presenter of *"America Unearthed"* Scott Wolter on p. 67 of his book *"Cryptic Code of the Templars in America"* says "The three Cryptic Council degrees were my favorite with the second, the Select Master degree, being the most interesting." It is also interesting to note that our Cryptic triangle features prominently on the cover of his book. Whether you agree or disagree with him, there is no doubt as to his sincere interest in the Craft and the positive effect it has had on him. It is this type of excitement that we should promote in conversations with our Brothers as well as the work done in the charities that we support.

As Grand Historian, it is also pleasing to note the recognition our Grand Council has received from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International that I found out about in the June issue of CT Freemason. Our Companion Richard Eppler, PMPGM, was awarded the prestigious General Grand Council Medal of Honor. Only one of these awards is given out each Triennial, which shows how worthy our Companion Richard is viewed nationally for Cryptic Masonry. At the same time, Companion Charles O'Neill, PMPGM and RI Companion James S. McNeely IV, DPGM, were awarded the Order of the Secret Vault for their dedicated service to Cryptic Masonry.

Well done to our valued Companions!

Martin Ede

**GRAND TRUSTEES**

As a status, the Trustees will be updating the contact information with the investment company to assure proper communication with the trustees and investment broker so we have better control of the investments and can easily access the funds when needed.

As soon as this is completed, there will be better handling of the investments. A full report will then be forthcoming to the leadership of the Grand Council.

Scott Sherrick, Ch  
Paul L. Chello  
Charles D. O'Neill

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF THE MPGM**

In accordance with Section 5 f of the Constitution of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut, Most Puissant Grand Master Martin Ede has submitted his report containing his official acts and recommendations for the year 2020-2021. The Committee finds that Companion Ede has fulfilled the requirements for this report. The Committee recommends that so much of the report which refers to dispensations and Official acts of the Most Puissant Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Committee further recommends that as so much of the report as refers to recommendations to the Grand Council be referred to the incoming Most Puissant Grand Master.

Your Committee acknowledges with appreciation the service of Most Puissant Grand Master Martin Ede and the timeliness of his report.

Michael E. Seamon, Ch  
Clyde W. Kayser  
James Kleinkauf

**COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

The records of expenditures and receipts of the Grand Council Treasurer for the 2020-2021 fiscal year ending April 30,2021, were reviewed and found accurate and complete as presented electronically to the Committee Members.

We, the Committee, recommend the acceptance of the Grand Treasurer's Annual Report as presented.

We commend Grand Treasurer Charles A. McCollum for the availability and orderliness of the records for the Committee's review.

James C. Kleinkauf,Ch.  
Michael E. Seamon  
James S. McNeely IV



### COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

The Committee on Awards received several nominations this year, and we are pleased to recommend the following Companions for their service to Cryptic Masonry:

The Philip J. Jones Award to Companion Richard L. Allen.  
The Knight of Ish Sodi Award to Companions Dale T. Cunningham and Michael K. Butteri.

Congratulations to these worthy Companions!

Due to the pandemic, the Lincoln Bible was not able to be used by last years' awardee so it is recommended that Harmony Council No. 8 retain it for the coming Cryptic year.

Martin Ede, Ch  
William L. Miller, II  
James S. McNeely IV

### COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Fiscal Year Ending 04.30.2022

Taxable Membership on 3.31	720		663
INCOME	2020-21	2020-21	2021-22
Bicentennial	200		
Per Capita - Members x \$15	10,800	10,945.00	<b>9,945.00</b>
Other Income (GRA Xfers in)	200	30.00	<b>200.00</b>
CMMRF	125	75.00	<b>120.00</b>
Sales	200		<b>200.00</b>
Xfer from Trustees	0		
Total Income	11,525	11050	<b>10465</b>
Cash on Hand 05.01	7,081	7,071.80	<b>10,626.43</b>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	18,606	18,121.80	<b>21,091.43</b>

## EXPENSES

Annual Assembly	0	0.00	<b>2,000.00</b>
Hospitality, Gifts, Food	0	0.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
Aprons & Jewels	900	67.00	<b>1,500.00</b>
Badges	0	54.88	<b>0.00</b>
Bicentennial	0	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
CMMRF (from donations)	100	75.00	<b>120.00</b>
Gratuity Organist	100		<b>100.00</b>
Insurance Exp - Council share	2,200	2,024.15	<b>2,200.00</b>
Liability	0	499.00	<b>513.00</b>
Miscellaneous (Donations)	239	160.00	<b>250.00</b>
(Xfers to GRA)	0	30.00	<b>0.00</b>
MPGM Travel Allowance	3,000		<b>3,000.00</b>
Office Equip Rental	400	400.00	<b>400.00</b>
Postage	150	93.15	<b>150.00</b>
Printing	350	379.46	<b>400.00</b>
Salary Recorder	2,400	2,216.40	<b>2,800.00</b>
Salary Treasurer	600	554.08	<b>800.00</b>
Storage (NE Archives)	26	27.50	<b>30.00</b>
Supplies	100	78.70	<b>100.00</b>
Tax (Employer - SS, Med, UI)	260	495.25	<b>600.00</b>
Training & Festivals	0	0.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
Youth (DeMolay, Rainbow)	0	0.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
YRCC (If still gonna do it)	125	0.00	<b>125.00</b>
Web Page	350	350.00	<b>350.00</b>
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,300	7,504.57	<b>18,438.00</b>
BALANCE 04.30	7,306	10,617.23	<b>2,653.43</b>

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING 2021-2022 BUDGET

Be it resolved:

That the proposed budget of \$18,438.00 be adopted.

That each Council pay to the Grand Recorder the Per Capita of \$15.00 for each member on the rolls on 31 March 2022 in accord with requirements and exemptions set forth in the Constitution and Law. **This is no increase.**

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

That the Grand Treasurer is authorized after 30 April 2022 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 amount designated in the budget as MPGM Travel Allowance is intended to reimburse the Most Puissant Grand Master for the cost of visiting the annual assemblies of Grand Councils in the Northeast United States and Eastern Canada, the Northeast Cryptic Conference, and the General Grand Council Triennial. Receipts and other supporting data must be provided to the Grand Recorder to obtain reimbursement at 57 cents per mile for out of state travel.

James S. McNeely, Ch.  
William L. Miller  
Charles A. McCollum  
Bradley K. Cooney

**COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS**

The committee on bylaws received no requests for the review and evaluation of changes to the bylaws of any constituent council during the 2020-2021 cryptic year.

Darrin D. Silhavy, Ch  
Charles A. McCollum  
Michael D Sabia

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Grand Officers *	8
Councils Represented (out of 12)	12
Past Most Pu Grand Masters	15
Past TI Masters	14
TI Masters	11
TI Master Proxies	1
Deputy Masters	9
Deputy Proxies	1
Ill Princ Cond	6
Ill Princ Cond Proxies	0
Total voting delegates ( * excludes Grand Officers )	57

Peter Smyth, Ch  
Fred Stinard  
John Amarilios

### COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENCIES

We are happy to report that due to the efforts of our Grand Recorder that all Councils are current with their annual returns as well as previous returns.

James McNeely, Ch  
Scott Sherrick  
Brad Cooney

### 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**

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	
Additional A-side Limit (part of all D&O poli-	\$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 Sherrick  
Vincent A. Cowie

## COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

In accordance with Section 5f of the Constitution of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, Most Puissant Grand Master Martin Ede has submitted his report containing his official acts.

### Grand Representatives

There were no approvals of out of state appointments or recommendations for Connecticut Companions to serve as Grand Representatives.

### Dispensations

#### **2020-01 – Crawford Council No. 19 December 19, 2020**

Dispensation issued to change their meeting night to the second Thursday to allow it to coincide with the new RAM Chapter meeting night.

#### **2020-02 – to all Constituent Councils February 4, 2021**

Dispensation to allow two term Thrice Illustrious Masters to serve a third term to allow for continuity during the pandemic.

#### **2020-03 – Lee Council No. 25 March 8, 2021**

Dispensation given to change the date of their annual meeting to April 23, 2021 as the scheduled date conflicts with Good Friday.

It is unclear if Dispensation 2020-01 was granted for a one-time meeting or if was intended to be on-going. If it is intended to be on-going then a change to the by-laws to make it permanent should have been required.

In the case of Dispensation 2020-01 and 2020-03, it is unclear if the Council had held a vote at a previous Assembly, before requesting the dispensation. All of these dispensations were made in accordance with the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Council, and the granting of them is within the prerogatives of the Most Puissant Grand Master.



Decisions

There were no Decisions made by the Most Puissant Grand Master this year.

Proposed Legislation

There were no proposals for legislation changes presented to the Committee

All other aspects of the report of the Most Puissant Grand Master are also in accord with the requirements of Section 5f of the Constitution of the Grand Council, and this committee wishes to thank Most Puissant Grand Master Ede for his clear and concise report.

No further actions were required of this committee. We wish to thank the Most Puissant Grand Master, his officers, and the members of the Most Puissant Grand Council for the opportunity to be of service.

Charles A. McCollum, Ch  
Paul L. Chello  
Bruce R. Bellmore

**COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY**

Time marches on, and we have assembled to complete another year in the history of the Grand Council, and to install the officers for the ensuing year.

Let us pause briefly in our ceremony to commemorate the departure of our Companions to that land where all are equal, for Companions:

*“There is a land where all are equal, and we are hastening to it fast.*

*We shall meet upon the level when the gates of death are past.*

*To stand within the Orient, and our Master will be there,*

*To try the lives we offer by His own, unerring square.*

*We shall meet upon the level, and from thence, no more depart.*

*There’s a mansion there awaiting for each loving, trusting, heart.*

*There’s a mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude are there,*

*Who have met upon the level, and been tried upon the square.”*

*Rob Morris*

As we gather here, we remember the 46 Companions of Constituent Councils who have laid down the working tools of life and journeyed to that undiscovered country this past year, especially our worthy Companion Sivert R. Jacobson who served as Most Puissant Grand Master in 2002.

Let us remember their fellowship and their devotion to our beloved Craft as we hold them up in prayer:

Almighty God, Supreme Grand Master, age after age, the living seek thee; and of thy Almighty goodness, there is no end. We remember before you this day our departed members. We thank you for giving them to us, their families, and friends, to know and to love as Companions on their earthly pilgrimage. Console those who mourn; help us to see in death the gate of eternal life, that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on Earth, until, by your call, we are united with those who have gone before.

All this we ask in thy Holy and Ineffable Name.

Amen

## **SIVERT RAYMOND JACOBSON**

**Born 02 December 1931**

**Greeted 01 March 1989**

**in Lee Council No. 25, R.&S.M.**

**Thrice Illustrious Master**

**1992 and 2012**

**Most Puissant Grand Master 2002**

**Died 29 July 2020**

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch  
William E. Weisert, II  
Randy S. Stevens

### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee respectfully recommends the following slate of Officers for the 2021– 2022 term:

MPGM	James S. McNeely, IV
RIDPGM	Bradley K. Cooney
RIGPCW	Darrin D. Silhavy
RIGTreas	Charles A. McCollum, PMPGM
RIGSecy	William L. Miller. II
Trustee for 3 years	Scott T. Sherrick, PMPGM

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch  
Paul L. Chello  
Clyde W. Kayser, II

### COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

The ritual committee this year did not receive any additions or changes to the ritual and therefor has nothing to report.

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

### COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

The continued lock downs did not allow for a training session this year. Many local Councils continued to provide education at their assemblies using the Cryptic Education Guide provided by Grand Council last year.

We continue to believe that training is important, and we have identified several areas of training needed, including how to maintain tax exempt status, communication, including use of social media, the

history and symbolism of our Degrees, as well as how to receive dignitaries. We are also considering exemplifying the Degrees as a training vehicle for the officers of each Council prior to their inspection on that Degree.

Charles A. McCollum, Ch  
Bradley Cooney  
Bruce Bellmore  
Michael Sabia

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRI-STATE FESTIVAL**

Due to the continued lock down orders issued by state governors and the subsequent edicts by Masonic authorities, the Tri-State Festival was not scheduled for this year.

Next year the Grand Council of New York will host, and is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2021 in Saugerties, NY.

Charles A. McCollum, Ch  
Charles D. O'Neill  
Clyde W. Kayser, II

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

Due to the pandemic and lockdowns, no meetings of the York rite Coordinating Committee were held this year.

Martin Ede, Ch  
William L. Miller, II  
James S. McNeely IV  
Bradley K. Cooney

## CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

### Returns of Active Councils and Record of Expired Councils

Grand Council EIN 23-7188651, Group Exemption No. 2311

Note: All Councils are recessed in July and August. All Councils meet in the Masonic Hall at the address shown unless otherwise noted. Membership figures are for year ending 31 March 2021. Officers listed are those for the 2021-2022 year.

### WOLCOTT 1

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in Hartford on 7 Feb 1818. Relocated to East Hartford in 1980. Adoniram 14 consolidated on 9 February 2010.

York Masons Hall, 784 Main Street, East Hartford (no phone)  
7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue EIN 06-6046618

#### OFFICERS

TIM	Brian J. Berk	CG	Richard M. Balboni Jr
DIM	Jeffery A. Flynn	COND	Walter Grube
IPCW	Edward A. Varjabedian	STEW	Arnold S. Grot
TRES	Robert G. Fitzgerald	SENT	Charles M. Jewart
REC	Eric H. Hoy	CHAP	John R. Ranney
INT		ORG	

#### ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - WOLCOTT 01

David C. Abrames	2005,09,10	William L. Miller II	93,97
Robert G. Fitzgerald	88	Stephen D. Piner	78
Charles B. Fowler Jr	90	Angelo C. Pedrazzini	94,98
Arnold S. Grot	2019	Richard L. Sawyers	2012,13,16
Eric H. Hoy	2020	Michael E. Seamon	07,18
Charles M. Jewart	2017	T. Donovan Scroggs	2011
William A. G. Mackey	2006,08	Francis G. Way	2015
James S. McNeely IV	2014		

#### ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - ADONIRAM 14

Robert W. Ferguson	69	James E. Hammitt	97,08,09
Rodney I. Gray Sr	79		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Roger S. Ather	Rodney I Gray Sr
Kenneth A. Barrett	A. Norman Johnson
Lawrence Becker	Stephen D. Piner
Samuel G. Blonstein	Donald G. Poehnert
Edward O. Clark	M Robert Reynolds
Robert W. Ferguson	George F. Wales
Daniel George	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 94

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted:

No Lodge: Kenneth Allen Jones

No Chapter:

NPD:

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

**MONTGOMERY 2**

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in Ashford on 14 Feb 1818. In 1837, granted permission to hold future assemblies as a majority of the members shall determine. In 1839, entered as Woodstock; in 1843 as Pomfret; in 1847 again in Ashford; in 1849, authorized to hold future assemblies at the same place where Warren Chapter shall meet. In 1851 it was at Killingly; in 1862 at Woodstock; in 1863 at Killingly; and in 1881 at Danielson (now Brooklyn).

375 Boston Post Road (Route 6), North Windham

7:30 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Tue in Sep, Oct, Nov, Mar, Apr, May EIN 23-7123374OFFICERS

TIM	Gail N. Smith	CG
DIM	Richard G. Barrows	COND Gregory Messier
IPCW	Arthur Mullen-Stone	STEW
TRES	J Arthur Carbonero	SENT
REC	Raymond C. Knieriem	CHAP
		ORG

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS – MONTGOMERY 02

Richard G. Barrows	2006,07,08	Gail N. Smith	2019
Donald F. Gladding	99,00	J. Mike Wolf	2016,17
Kenneth W. Marvin	64-68,80,81,83-89,14,15,18		

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS – OLIVE BRANCH 10

Richard G. Barrows	95	William F. Lott	2003,04
James W. Currier	90	Frank E. Rich	84,85
William L. Greene	96,97	Gail N. Smith	79,80,83,00,20
Lynn A. Kelsey	98		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert D. Hayes	Gail N. Smith
Kenneth W. Marvin	Frank R. Tomlinson
Richard T. Purchase	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 44

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated: Christopher Thomas Carrott

No Lodge: Christopher David Mayhew, Ryan Eugene Roy, John Boyd Thacher, Joshua Charles Boisse, Sean Bartlett Kinkade

No Chap:

Dimitted:

NPD:

Died: James William Currier, Lynn Arnold Kelsey, John Edward Casey

**MYSTIC 3**

*Originally established as Franklin Council by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in Norwich on 28 Feb 1818. Charter was revoked on 9 May 1839 and restored on 14 May 1846. Consolidated on 1 June 1991 with Mystic 29, to be known as Mystic 3 and working in Mystic. The charter of Mystic 3 was surrendered on 7 June 2003 after consolidation with Cushing 4 on 12 May 2003.*

CUSHING 4

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in New London on 7 Mar 1818. Charter was revoked on 14 May 1840 and restored 13 May 1841. Relocated to Stonington in 2005.

15 RT 165, Preston  
2nd Mon (after RA Chapter @ 7:30 pm)

860-908-8515  
EIN 23-7123376

OFFICERS

TIM	Scott A. Daniels Jr	CG	J. Andrew Pedro
DIM	William E. Weisert II	COND	
IPCW	Richard L. Allen	STEW	Charles R. Hugh
TRES	John A. Birdsall	SENT	Michael J. Tranchida
REC	John A. Birdsall	CHAP	William E. Weisert II
		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – MYSTIC 3

C. A. Duke	93	Alan K. Spear	76
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ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – CUSHING 4

Richard L. Allen	2017,18,20	Scott A. Daniels Jr	2014,15
John A. Birdsall	94,95	James M. Haskins	
J. Andrew Birdsall	2004,11,13		06,08-10,12,16,19
Karl R. Crandall	53	William E. Weisert II	2003

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leland B. Bishop II	Carlton H. Landers, Jr.
Karl R. Crandall	Richard C. Patterson
John G. Grossomanides	Fred L. Ruble
Charles T. Hall	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 35

Greeted: Robert G. Krawic  
 Affiliated:  
 Reinstated:  
 Dimitted:  
 No Lodg: Daniel Burdick  
 No Chap:  
 NPD:  
 Deceased: Richard Davis



WATROUS 5

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in Colchester on 17 March 1818. Charter was revoked 9 May 1839.

WASHINGTON 6

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 10 Apr 1818 to work in Stamford. Charter was revoked on 9 May 1843 and restored on 9 May 1865.

5 Gregory Boulevard, Norwalk  
8:30 pm on 2nd Thu

203-655-2140  
EIN 06-6049931

OFFICERS

TIM	John A. Amarilios	CG	Alfred D. Stinard
DIM	James F. B. Wood	COND	Hampton Dais III
IPCW	Adam Odell	STEW	Silas Mante
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	SENT	
REC	Charles A. McCollum	CHAP	
		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS - WASHINGTON 06

Richard E. Odell	2015	Michael D. Sabia Jr	2017
James J. Fahy	2010,11	Darrin D. Silhavy	2016
Roland H. Gardner Jr	1989	Peter R. Smyth	2018,19
Charles D. O'Neill	2007,12	Lloyd R. Sturges, Jr.	2014
James C. Robinson	1987		

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - WOOSTER 28

William K. Bell	81	Charles A. McCollum	2001-03,09
William R. Deickler	2005,06	Charles D. O'Neill	98,99,00,04

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Irving Lieff

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 60

Reinstated:	Daniel William Nichols
Dimitted:	John H Stafford
Deceased:	James J Fahy, Wood D Beeghly, Robert Alan Riith

**CROSS 7**

*Established in Kent by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 27 April 1818.  
Charter was revoked on 9 May 1839.*

**HARMONY 8**

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 16 Oct 1818 to work  
in New Haven.

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven  
7:30 pm on 2nd Tue

203-562-9487  
EIN 23-7123377

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Raymond G. Tomlinson	CG	Albert R. R. Johnson
DIM	Martin Ede	COND	Richard F. E. Zarnetske
IPCW	Scott R. Atkins	STEW	George A W Nousiainen
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser, II	SENT	Bruce R. Bellmore
REC	Clyde W. Kayser, II	CHAP	
		ORG	

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Bruce R. Bellmore	82,83,88	George A. W. Nousiainen	2001,02
Bradley K. Cooney	2009,10	John A. Radziunas	2014,16
Martin Ede	2003,04,18,19	Wilfred C. Rompe, III	2013
Cedric J. Jacobson	2017	Peter M. Sloan	2011,12
Clyde W. Kayser, II	93,96	Raymond G. Tomlinson	97,98,20

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Carleton V. Erickson

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Year End Membership: 49

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted: Leland John Moore

No Chap:

No Lodge:

NPD:

Deceased: Douglas Allen Gray

HAMILTON 9

Chartered on 12 May 1857 as Hamilton 22 to work in Meriden. Upon consolidation with Columbia 9 on 6 June 2020, name changed to Hamilton Council No. 9.

35 Pleasant Street, Meriden  
7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue

EIN 23-7123382

OFFICERS

TIM	Steven J Chiappalone	CG	Jason R. Rieger
DIM	Harold A. Elwell	COND	Francis Barnes
IPCW	Christian F. Schunmann	STEW	Mark A. Orsini
TRES	Joseph Krusienski	SENT	Lorenzo P. Gaudio
REC	Kristian M. Maiorino	CHAP	
		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – HAMILTON 22

John W. Braddock	2014,15	Delbert A. Little	94-96,2000,08,09
Keith A. Cymbala	82,83	Daniel M. Luft	2016,17
Richard A. Eppler	2007	Kristian M. Maiorino	2018,19
Sumner E. Hopkins	90,91	Richard I. McKee	77
Robert L. Kilgore	86,89	Bruce Padula	2012,13
Robert J. Knowles	2002,03	Arthur M. Pugh	87,88
Joseph R. Krusienski	81		

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – COLUMBIA 09

Vincent A. Cowie	97	Peter LaBella	2013,14
Lloyd Drager	2018,19	Herbert J. Olson	2009,15,16
Robert N. Jones	2006	William D. Passera	96

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – IONIC-DORIC 33

Matthew F. Griffin	88-90	Roger B. Thorin	90,91
Bruce V. Thorin	95		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert W. Brumett	Thomas A. Grace
Robert P. Carver	Richard H. Groth
Frank W. Colton	Richard I. McKee
Henry A. Dyson	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 122

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted: John James Pearson

No Lodge:

No Chap:

NPD: Jonathan Lawrence Martin, Carl William Shields

Deceased: William Walter Cutler, Samuel Benjamin Walker, Richard George Sagan Sr, Douglas Aborn Beals Jr, John Champion Seagrave, Halsey Allen Mann Jr, James Vincent Cesario, Joseph E Ellswick, John Peter Arnesen

**COLUMBIA 9**

*Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 23 Jul 1818 to work in Middletown. Charter was revoked 14 May 1840, restored 14 May 1843, again revoked on 8 May 1876 and restored 13 May 1903. Relocated to Haddam in 1998 and returned to Middletown in 2016. Charter arrested on 18 January 2020. Former members were absorbed into Hamilton 22 on 31 March 2020.*

**OLIVE BRANCH 10**

*Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 2 Sep 1818 to work in Canterbury. Charter was revoked on 14 May 1840 and restored in Willimantic on 12 May 1868. Consolidated with Montgomery 2 on 31 March 2006.*

**HIRAM 11**

*Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 22 Feb 1819 to work in Newtown. Charter was revoked on 10 May 1849.*

**ADAMS 12**

*Chartered by the Grand Council on 13 May 1825 to work in Litchfield. Revoked 14 May 1840.*

**TYRIAN 13**

*Chartered on 13 May 1825 to work in Washington. Revoked 9 May 1839.*

**ADONIRAM 14**

Chartered on 11 May 1826 to work in Tolland. Revoked 14 May 1840 and restored in Rockville (now Ellington) on 12 May 1868. Consolidated into Wolcott 01 in East Hartford on 9 February 2010.

**CLINTON 15**

Chartered 11 May 1826 to work in Granby. Revoked 9 May 1839, restored 10 May 1859 and revoked 12 May 1884.

**PAUGUSSETT 16**

Chartered as Jerusalem 16 on 15 May 1827 to work in Bridgeport. Revoked 9 May 1839 and restored 12 May 1847. Relocated to Stratford. Renamed Paugussett 16 upon consolidation with Adam Sattig 35 on December 12, 2017 and relocated to Milford.

59 Broad Street, Milford

7:30 pm on 2nd Tue in Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec

203-874-9888

EIN 82-3394752

**OFFICERS**

TIM	James Whitaker	CG	Andrew Flasko
DIM	Gary D. Shepard	COND	Kurt Wischow
IPCW	Craig R. Nelson Sr	STEW	Richard Smeland
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	SENT	Scott T. Sherrick
REC	Charles A. McCollum	CHAP	Robert D. Sherrick
		ORG	

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Richard A. Kassay	2017,18	Craig R. Nelson Sr	2019,20
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**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – Jerusalem 16**

LeRoy Beavers	80	Maurice J. Heim	2009,10
Robert J. Cascone	2007,08	John Mellor	90,91,94,95
Daniel Galloza	2015	Wayne N. Saunders	2002,03
Edward R. Ham		Gary D. Shepard	2016
	83,84,92,93,04-06,11-13	George E. Sears	89

<u>ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS</u> – Adam Sattig 35			
Anthony E. Cirella	98	Dennis S. McNamara	94
Frederick N. Chidester	99	Thomas R. Richards	70
Ernest A. Dubois	2006	Bruce A. Rumford	2002,05,07
Kenneth E. Fears	87	Robert D. Sherrick	88
Robert W. Harriman	2001,03	Scott T. Sherrick	95
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr	76	Frederick A. Traut	96
Stephen T. Hill	2009-13	Richard V. Travis	85
Dennis B. Mattison	81	James Whitaker Jr	2016

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Irving Lieff	Thomas R. Richards
Dennis B. Mattison	John Trantales
Hjalmar S. Norell, Jr.	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership 144

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted: Jeffrey Edward Dyer, James Torti

No Lodge: Erasmo Torres

No Chap: Alfred Carl Ballwig, Michael James Basque, Michael K Skrocki

NPD:

Deceased: Walter Edward Hassenmayer, Anthony Pipitone, Louis Joseph Lichti, Carlyle Peter Aveni, Harvey Edwin Naeser Jr, Robert Carl Stalhammer, Robert Irving. Sherwood

**WASHINGTON 17***Chartered on 10 May 1849 to work in Norwalk. Revoked 7 May 1883.***JERUSALEM 18***Chartered on 10 May 1849 to work in Ridgefield. Revoked 9 May 1866.*

**CRAWFORD 19**

Chartered on 13 May 1852 to work in Fair Haven. Relocated to Northford in the Town of North Branford in 1996 and to Branford in 2003.

8 Eades Street, Branford

None

7:30 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, except 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Nov, Dec

EIN 06-6055661

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Earl F. Korngiebel Jr	CG	
DIM	Peter T. Cianelli	COND	Anthony J. DelGrego
IPCW	Richard A. Eppler	STEW	Frank J. Andriulli Jr
TRES	William K. Barr	SENT	John K. M. Ryan
REC	William C. Lang	CHAP	
		ORG	

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

William K. Barr	2004,05	89,95,01,09,10,13,14,17,18
Leonard H. Bucher	85	Earl F. Korngiebel Jr
James V. Cesario	92	02,11,12,15,16,19,20
Paul L. Chello	80	Jack H. Stevens 99,07,08
Willis E. Copeland Jr	93	Randy S. Stevens 97
Richard A. Eppler		

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Leonard H. Bucher Richard A. Eppler

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Year End Membership: 39

Greeted:

Reinstated: Ronald Elliott Fish

Affiliated:

Dimitted: George Seid Weted Jr

No Lodg: Scott David Stratton

No Chap:

NPD:

Deceased: Frank Raymond Mangiero, Michael Louis DeAngelo Sr

**BUEL 20**

Chartered 12 May 1853 to work in Litchfield. Relocated to Torrington in 2011.

26 Water St, Torrington  
7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu

No phone  
EIN 23-7123381

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Joseph M. Albanese	CG	Andrew G. Weimann II
DIM	Ian Jones	COND	Carlos A. Gavilano
IPCW	Richard D. Corey	STEW	Mychael J. Scribner
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser II	SENT	Mark L. Prelli
REC	Clyde W. Kayser II	CHAP	Clyde W. Kayser II
		ORG	

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

John J. Badeen	2009,10	Ian Jones	2018
Danny A. Camp	96,97,02	Mychael J. Scribner	2016,17,19
Edward J. Candee	71	James R. Shaw	2001
B. Earl Canfield	2014,15	Philip H. Sterns	74,75
Richard D. Corey	2011-13	Andrew G. Weimann II	94,95
Richard D. Cosgrove, Jr	98,99	Charles W. Yohe	86-88
George S. Greytak	2020		

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Dale E. Sweet

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Year End Membership: 42

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstate:

Dimitted:

No Lodg: August John Molitano

No Chap:

NPD:

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

**WATERBURY 21**

Chartered 12 May 1853 to work in Waterbury. Consolidated with Buel 20 on 6 Jun 1992.



**WASHINGTON 22, PENNELL 23 AND ORIENTAL 24**

Three Councils were chartered 11 May 1854 to work in New York City, and later in 1854 formed a Grand Council of New York, thus withdrawing from the rolls of the Grand Council of Connecticut. Their numbers were subsequently re-used by Connecticut.

**MONROE 23, ST. CLAIR 24 and PONTIAC 25**

Three Councils were chartered 12 May 1857 to work in Detroit, St. Clair and Pontiac, Michigan respectively. Later in 1857, these three Councils formed the Grand Council of Michigan, thus removing themselves from the rolls of the Grand Council of Connecticut, which re-used their numbers.

**SUFFIELD 23**

Chartered on 9 May 1870 to work in Suffield.

150 Bridge Street, Suffield  
7:30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed

No Phone  
EIN 23-7216223

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Dale T. Cunningham	CG	Dean Gousse
DIM	Thomas A. Duclos	COND	Mark D. Winne
IPCW	Terrence D. Mish	STEW	Russell Scull
TRES	Mark D. Winne	SENT	Rohit Sukhram
REC	Dale T. Cunningham	CHAP	Cory R. Rice
		ORG	

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Bruce E. Allbee	2002-04	Nelson C. Hallas	1975
Brian C. Baeder	2012	Charles A. Lizotte	2005,06
Dale T. Cunningham	2015,16,19,20	Terrence D. Mish	1996-99
C. Thomas Curtis	1973,74	Russell L. Scull	2009-11
Thomas A. Duclos	2017,18	Rohit P. Sukhram	2013,14

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Robert M. Haff	Nelson C. Hallas
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 19

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted:

No Lodge: Micah John Burnside, Chris Allen Nicholson

No Chap:

NPD:

Deceased: Frederick William Schmalz, Bard Clark Teigen

**ADONIRAM 24**

*Dispensation was granted in 1856 for a Council to work in Manchester, New Hampshire. Grand Council voted to issue a charter on 12 May 1857 should the dispensation be returned, but it was never received.*

**DORIC 24**

*Originally Chartered as DORIC 28 on 9 May 1860 to work in New Britain. Consolidated in 1992 with Ionic 33 to be known as Ionic-Doric 33.*

**LEE 25**

Chartered 9 May 1870 to work in Collinsville. Revoked 7 May 1877 and restored 9 May 1887

123 River Road, Collinsville

860-693-8762

7:30 pm on 1st Fri in Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May EIN 06-6066086

OFFICERS

TIM	Michael K. Butteri	CG	George H. Redford II
DIM	Brian E. Beals	COND	Patrick M. Kilby
IPCW	Harrison T. Redford	STEW	Ronald C. Baker
TRES	Chester I. Russell	SENT	Theodore L. Hasty
REC	Richard R. Jones Jr	CHAP	Frederick J. Taft
		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Douglas D. Barnard	93,09,13,14,17	Frederick Hudon	63,64
Brian E. Beals	2015,18	Richard R. Jones Jr	2010,11
Michael K. Butteri	2019,20	Eugene F. Miller	78
William F. Carroll	91	Harrison T. Redford	86,88,03,04
Leland D. Cobb Jr	75	George H. Redford	99
William S. Hart	73	Chester I. Russell	98,07,08
Edmund C. Holcombe Jr	58	Thomas A. Transue	97

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leland D. Cobb Jr	Horton W. Holcombe
William S. Hart	Harold F. Wheeler, Jr
Edmund C. Holcombe, Jr	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 58

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstated: Kenneth D Fuller

Dimitted:

No Lodge:

No Chap:

NPD:

Deceased: Russell Jay Muller, Sivert Raymond Jacobson, Kenneth D Fuller, Edward Durkee Perrine Gross Jr

**UNION 27**

*Chartered 9 May 1860 to work in Derby. In 1899 began alternating each two years with Ansonia. Returned to Derby in 1909 and changed to Ansonia in 1921. Consolidated 22 Oct 1993 with Jerusalem 16.*

**WOOSTER 28**

*Chartered 9 May 1865 to work in Danbury. Consolidated into Washington 06 in Darien on 7 January 2010.*

**WEBB 29**

*Chartered 8 May 1860 to work in Warren, Rhode Island. Joined in the formation of the Grand Council of Rhode Island on 30 October 1860. Grand Council of Connecticut released jurisdiction on 8 May 1861.*

**MYSTIC 29**

*Chartered 9 May 1865 to work at Mystic Bridge. A new charter in 1884 made it Mystic River until 1890 when it again appears as Mystic Bridge. In 1891 entered as Mystic. Consolidated on 1 June 1991 with Franklin 3 to work in Mystic as Mystic 3.*

**HOWARD 30**

*Chartered 8 May 1866 to work in Pawcatuck (Stonington). Revoked 7 May 1877.*

**TYRIAN 31**

*Chartered 12 May 1868 to work in Winsted. Revoked 30 May 1976.*

**TEMPLE 32**

*Chartered 11 May 1896 to work in Southington. Consolidated 12 April 1966 with Hamilton 22.*

**IONIC-DORIC 33**

*Chartered as **Ionic** 33 on 11 May 1904 to work in Bristol. Changed name to Ionic-Doric 33 upon consolidation with Doric 24 in 1992. Relocated to New Britain in 1998. Consolidated with Hamilton 22 on 18 October 2006.*

**ORANGE 34**

*Chartered on 4 June 1919 to work in West Haven. Revoked 30 March 1983.*

**ADAM SATTIG 35**

*Chartered 22 Oct 1949 to work in Milford. Consolidated on December 12, 2017 with Jerusalem 16 to become Paugussett 16.*

MENUNKETUCK 36

Chartered 1 Jun 1985 to work in Guilford. Relocated to Madison in 2003.

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OFFICERS

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TRES	Jonathan R. Trotta	SENT	Richard Montelius
REC	Donald C. Sause	CHAP	
A-REC	Jonathan R. Trotta	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Peter J. Alling	99,00	James C. Kleinkauf	
Paul L. Chello			03,04,09,13,14
	92,93,01,02,05,06,08,10,19,20	Donald C. Sause	90,91
Matthew R. Dymarczyk		William Schuck	85
	2015,16	Peter J. Stapleton	86,07
		Jonathan R. Trotta	2017,18

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Frank W. Colton	William Schuck
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership 22

Greeted:

Affiliated:

Reinstate:

Dimit:

No Chap:

No Lodge:

NPD:

Deceased: Peter Luca Fusco

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

COUNCIL NO.	1	2	4	6	8	9	16	19	20	23	25	36	TOTAL
START 4/1/20	100	51	36	63	51	134	157	42	47	23	61	23	788
GREETED			1										1
AFFILIATED & TRANS													0
REINSTATED	1		1				1			1			4
TOTAL GAINS	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
DIMITS					1	1	2						4
NO LODGE	1	5	1				1	1	1	2			12
NO CHAPTER				1			3	1					5
NPD COUNCIL						2							2
DIED	5	3	1	3	1	9	7	2	4	2	4	1	42
TOTAL LOSSES	6	8	2	4	2	12	13	4	5	4	4	1	65
NET CHANGE	-6	-7	-1	-3	-2	-12	-13	-3	-5	-4	-3	-1	-60
END 3/31/21	94	44	35	60	49	122	144	39	42	19	58	22	728
DUAL MEMBERS	2				1	3	1	1	1			2	11
NET MEMBERS	92	44	35	60	48	119	143	38	41	19	58	20	717
EXMPT 50	13	5	7	1	1	7	5	2	1	2	5	2	51
EXMPT HOSP	1	1						1					3
TAXABLE	78	38	28	59	47	112	138	35	40	17	53	18	663

**The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut** was organized at Hartford on May 18, 1819 as a Grand Council of Select Masters by representatives of eleven Councils - Wolcott 1, Montgomery 2, Franklin 3, Cushing 4, Watrous 5, Washington 6, Cross 7, Harmony 8, Columbia 9, Olive Branch 10, and Hiram 11.

### MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTERS

The following distinguished Companions have presided over the world's oldest Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters:

Lyman Law (4)	1819	William W. Lee (22)	1867
Thomas H. Cushing (4)	1820-21	Stephen T. Bartlett (16)	1868
Laban Smith (8)	1822-23	Edmund Tweedy (28)	1869
Elizur Goodrich, Jr. (5)	1824	Charles W. Stearns (9)	1870-71
John L. Lewis (9)	1825	Henry W. Coye (14)	1872
Noah A. Phelps (1)	1826	I. W. Carpenter (3)	1873
I. W. Crawford (2)	1827-30	John H. Barlow (27)	1874
Andrew Harris (10)	1831	Fred H. Waldron (8)	1875
William H. Ellis (8)	1832-33	William Freeston (24)	1876
Joshua A. Jewett (1)	1834	Dwight Phelps (31)	1877
Horace Goodwin (1)	1835-38	Arthur R Blakeslee (27)	1878
Nahum Flagg (9)	1839-40	Abram Heaton (16)	1879
Lucius Tyler (3)	1841-44	John O. Rowland (19)	1880
Benoni A. Shepard (1)	1845-46	Chester Tilden (10)	1881
David Clark (1)	1847-48	Dwight Waugh (6)	1882
Chauncy Burgess (3)	1849-50	Burton G. Bryan (21)	1883
Cyrus Goodell (1)	1851-52	Alexander Shumway	1884
Francois Turner (8)	1853-54	Job F. Seamans (2)	1885
Alexander Hamilton	1855-56	Frank G. Bassett (27)	1886
William L. Brewer (3)	1857	James H. Welsh (28)	1887
George F. Daskam (15)	1858	John P. Weir (22)	1888
George Stancliff (9)	1859	Samuel Bassett (27)	1889
Howard B. Ensign (8)	1860	George A. Kies (3)	1890
Willis J. Goodsell (1)	1861	Atherton L. Barnes (9)	1891
William R. Higby (16)	1862-63	Thomas J. Gill (1)	1892
James L. Gould (16)	1864-65	William H. Parmelee	1893
Eli S. Quintard (8)	1866	Frank W Trowbridge	1894

I. F. Stidman (24)	1895	Charles A. Hallock (28)	1932
Edward E. West (22)	1896	Frederick R. Coles (1)	1933
Reuben H. Tucker (27)	1897	Clarence G. Brooks (4)	1934
Edgar W. Latham (23)	1898	Harry E. Scheuy (24)	1935
Stephen J. Lyon (25)	1899	Willis P. Fraser (33)	1936
Henry O. Canfield (16)	1900	William E. Parker (16)	1937
Albert S. Comstock (3)	1901	Harry F. Brown (9)	1938
Joseph S. Stokes (22)	1902	Russell W. Potter (10)	1939
Charles A. Jones (1)	1903	Frederick Marggraff	1940
Edward E. Fuller (14)	1904	Philip J. Jones (1)	1941
Charles B. Chapman (3)	1905	Lawrence G. Drescher	1942
John H. Pearce (8)	1906	Samuel C. Cannon (9)	1943
George E. Melius (16)	1907	William E. Jackson (22)	1944
Stephen P. Goodsell	1908	Herbert E. Warner (6)	1945
Edward J. Pooley (22)	1909	Charles N. Baxter (19)	1946
Thomas W. Morgan (1)	1910	Joseph M. Hall (28)	1947
Oliver D. L. Burrows	1911	William E. Hamner (1)	1948
Philip N. Sunderland	1912	Frederick W Edgerton	1949
Burton H. Strickland	1913	Robert J. Boyce (14)	1950
William C. Twombly	1914	Edward R. Hunt (16)	1951
William O. Shelley (1)	1915	Edward M. White (23)	1952
E. Allen Bidwell (3)	1916	Louis Wenzel (21)	1953
Thomas M. Barnes (16)	1917	Harold D. Smith (34)	1954
Henry H. Bradley (19)	1918	Wolcott S. Bissell (1)	1955
F. Ward DeKlyn (28)	1919	William M. Wyman (3)	1956
Norman C. Stevens (1)	1920	Newie S. Rowe (33)	1957
Edward B. Alling (24)	1921	Mathias VanAltena (31)	1958
T. Lurette Guild (6)	1922	Ernest F. Lofgren (6)	1959
George G. Beers (16)	1923	George R. Schenk (8)	1960
Daniel H. Gladding (8)	1924	E. Kenneth Wilson (1)	1961
Frederick H. Gerlach	1925	Pierson E. Dolbeare (4)	1962
T. Frank Cassidy (1)	1926	J. Homer Hawkins (10)	1963
Frederick A. Beebe (4)	1927	William L. Corves (22)	1964
Arthur H. Parker (24)	1928	Calvin S. Smith (9)	1965
Arthur L. Clark (9)	1929	Edward L. DeAlmo (19)	1966
Robert R. Houston (6)	1930	Irving B. Millen (1)	1967
George G. Platt (19)	1931	Robert H. Trask (3)	1968



Lawrence W. Wright (2)	1969	Richard L. Smail	1996
Fred C. Eppler (1)	1970	Thurman P. Sharples (2)	1997
Henry F. Gerke (6)	1971	Richard A. Eppler (19)	1998
Leo H. Lohrman (16,28)	1972	Ernest J. Smith (14)	1999
Melvin E. Gibbs (22)	1973	Paul L. Chello (19,36)	2000
David Wainwright (1)	1974	Robert L. Hodgson (3)	2001
Stanley H. Steiner (14)	1975	Sivert R. Jacobson (25)	2002
Ralph C. Channel (6)	1976	Randy S. Stevens (19)	2003
Lawrence P. Urban (35)	1977	Richard G. Barrows	2004
Robert J. Campbell (28)	1978	Scott T. Sherrick (35)	2005
Gentry J. Cooke, Sr.	1979	Peter J. Stapleton (36)	2006
Charles . Lincoln, Sr.	1980	Raymond Tomlinson (8)	2007
Charles K. Lynn (14)	1981	Andrew G. Weimann	2008
Earl J. Fitzpatrick (19)	1982	Randy S. Stevens (19)	2009
Arthur B. Maybeckr	1983	James C. Kleinkauf (36)	2010
Irving W. Wilber (20)	1984	Bruce R. Bellmore (08)	2011
Charles L. Lincoln, Jr	1985	Edward R. Ham (16)	2012
Arthur R. Bossé (14)	1986	Charles A McCollum	2013
Herbert R. Olson (25)	1987	Charles A McCollum	2014
Arthur L. Shumway (8)	1988	Michael E. Seamon (01)	2015
William F. Orrell (35)	1989	J. Andrew Birdsall (04)	2016
Richard A. Egner (10)	1990	Clyde W. Kayser	2017
Thomas M. Maxwell	1991	Charles D. O'Neill (06)	2018
Wayne Wormstedt (14)	1992	Charles D. O'Neill (06)	2019
James P. Keaveny (3)	1993	Martin Ede (08)	2020
Richard E. Larcom (19)	1994		
Robert D. Sherrick (35)	1995		

**PHILIP J. JONES  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The Philip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award was established by the Grand Council to be awarded annually for distinguished service to Cryptic Freemasonry. The award consists of a medal accompanied by a citation. The following have received the most prestigious award of the Grand Council of Connecticut:

1972	* Philip J. Jones	Wolcott 1
1973	* George R. Schenk	Harmony 8
1974	* Irving E. Partridge	Wolcott 1
1975	* Wolcott S. Bissell	Wolcott 1
1976	* Russell D. Ramette	Wolcott 1
1977	* James R. Case	Wooster 28
1978	* Arthur F. Simpson	Adam Sattig 35
1979	* Leo H. Lohrman, II	Wooster 28
1980	* Fred C. Eppler	Doric 24
1981	* David Wainwright	Wolcott 1
1982	* William M. Wyman	Franklin 3
1983	* William L. Corves	Hamilton 22
1984	* Charles K. Lynn	Adoniram 14
1985	* Gentry J. Cooke, Sr.	Mystic 29
1987	* Robert J. Campbell	Wooster 28
1988	<b>Charles W. Yohe</b>	Buel 20
1989	* Carl Schultz, Sr.	Columbia 9
1990	* Herbert R. Olson	Lee 25
1991	* Richard L. Smail	Adoniram 14
1992	* Elmer E. Stone	Adoniram 14
1993	* William F. Orrell	Adam Sattig 35
1994	* Richard E. Larcom	Crawford 19
1995	* Warren J. Dennison	Washington 6
1996	<b>Kenneth W. Marvin</b>	Montgomery 2
1997	+ Arthur R. Bossé	Adoniram 14
1998	<b>John A. Birdsall</b>	Cushing 4
1999	* Kenneth A. Wright	Crawford 19
2000	* Bard C. Teigen	Suffield 23

2001	<b>Richard A. Eppler</b>	Crawford 19
2002	<b>Charles B. Fowler, Jr.</b>	Wolcott 1
2003	* F. Laurence Lindblad	Ionic-Doric 33
2004	* Robert A. Colbourn	Crawford 19
2005	+ Michael Robinson	Adoniram 14
2006	* Wesley H. Alexander	Crawford 19
2007	* Donald W. Reddick	Menunketuck 36
2008	<b>Chester I. Russell</b>	Lee 25
2009	<b>Robert D. Sherrick</b>	Adam Sattig 35
2010	<b>Bruce R. Bellmore</b>	Franklin 02
2011	<b>Paul L. Chello</b>	Halleck 44
2012	<b>Edward R. Ham</b>	Jerusalem 16
2013	<b>Charles D. O'Neill</b>	Washington 06
2014	<b>Clyde W. Kayser, II</b>	Buel 20
2015	<b>Jack H. Stevens</b>	Crawford 19
2016	<b>James C. Kleinkauf</b>	Menunketuck 36
2017	<b>James S. McNeely IV</b>	Wolcott 01
2018	* Gary A. Littlefield	Montgomery 02
2019	None	
2020	None	
* Deceased		+ Dimitted

2021

**Richard Lawrence Allen**  
**Cushing Council No. 4**

**RICHARD LAWRENCE ALLEN**

Philip J. Jones Award

Richard Lawrence Allen was born in England (just outside London) on November 2, 1957 to Diana C. Swinglehurst and Michael T. Allen. His father was in the U.S. Air Force stationed in England. Richard graduated from Ledyard High School in 1975, from Thames Valley State Technical College in 1977 with a diploma in Industrial Drafting, from Mitchell College in 1988 with an Associate Degree in Life Science, and from the University of Connecticut in 1997 with a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Primitive Technologies.

He began his career at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT in 1979 as a Structural Draftsman. In 1983 he began working at the Underwater Sound Lab (USL) in New London, CT now the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) as a Mechanical Engineering Technician. In 1998 he was employed by Unidyne Corporation in Gales Ferry, CT as the Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) Department Manager. In 2002 he took a position with Anteon Corporation, now General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT) in Pawcatuck, CT as a Principal Functional Analyst / Design Engineer. In 2018 he began employment with ICI Services as a Configuration Management Specialist III supporting NUWC in Newport, RI. Due to contractual reasons, he is currently employed by Precise Systems as a Configuration Management Specialist III providing vital mission support to NUWC for U.S. Submarine Imaging and Electronic Warfare (EW) systems.

Richard and his wife Linda, an Early Childhood educator and manager, were married on June 12, 1982 and have two amazing children: Ashley, a Physical Therapist, and Eric, a Journalist. They have been blessed with a wonderful son-in-law, Nick Chaber, also a Physical Therapist, and three beautiful grandchildren, Nora (6 years), Carter (5 years), and Mason (3 years).

Richard was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 3, 2006, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on June 6, 2006 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 20, 2006 in Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34 Preston, CT. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2010 & 2011, and is their current Secretary (six-years and counting).

He has been active in York Rite as the Most Excellent High Priest (2014-2017 & 2018-2020) of Union Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons; Thrice Illustrious Master (2017-2019 & 2020-2021) of Cushing Council

No. 4, Royal & Select Masters; and Eminent Commander (2016-2022 and counting) of Palestine Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. He received the Knight of Ish Sodi award of the Grand Council of CT in 2017. He also served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in CT as the Eminent Grand Sentinel in 2020 for REGC James S. McNeely IV.

He is a member of the Anointed High Priests of Royal Arch Masonry in CT; the Council of Anointed Kings of the State of CT; the CT York Rite College No. 17; Knight Crusaders of the Cross; and CT Priory No. 28 Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

He is also a 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Norwich, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR).

He served CT District 8A as a two-year term Associate Grand Marshal (AGM); a Blue Lodge Council President for a one-year term; and as a two-year term District Deputy (DD) of the Grand Master.

**KNIGHT OF ISH SODI  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

The Knight of Ish-Sodi Award was established by the Grand Council to recognize meritorious service to Cryptic Freemasonry. The award consists of a distinctive pin. No more than one may be awarded annually per thousand members or fraction thereof.

Following are the recipients of this honor:

1973

Charles Simonson, Wolcott 1 \*  
Robert Fletcher, Olive Branch 10 \*  
Charles K. Lynn, Adoniram 14 \*  
Edward A. Breed, Mystic 29 \*  
Harold F. Brooks, Orange 34 \*

1974

David Wainwright, Wolcott 1 \*  
Grady L. Pearson, Adoniram 14 \*  
Cecil H. Grant, Waterbury 21 \*  
Burton F. Harrington, Lee 25 \*  
Harry C. Walter, Wooster 28 \*

1975

Webster Culver, Wolcott 1 \*  
Harold Staiger, Adoniram 14 \*  
John E. Foster, Jerusalem 16 \*  
Robert E. Cushman, Mystic 29 \*  
John Normington, Montgomery 2 \*

1976

Lewis E. Miner, Adoniram 14 \*  
Theodore F. Risley, Buel 20 \*  
Robert L. Murray, Mystic 29 \*  
Arthur K. Kandetzki, Orange 34 \*  
Thomas Lauridsen, Adam Sattig 35 \*

1977

Burton W. Robinson, Franklin 3 \*  
Edmund H. Smith, Jerusalem 16 \*  
George H. Sackett, Crawford 19 \*  
John S. Patten, Hamilton 22 \*

Harry Schanck, Washington 6  
Millard Manning, Olive Branch 10 \*

1978

Arthur J. McKinney, Wolcott 1 \*  
John W. Ogden, Washington 6 \*  
Matthew J. Banach, Suffield 23 \*  
Charles P. Winchell, Doric 24 \*  
Carroll F. Lewis, Adam Sattig 35 \*

1979

**Kenneth Marvin, Montgomery 2**  
Roscoe C. German, Buel 20 \*  
Henry A. Phillips, Lee 25 \*  
Russell L. Benjamin, Mystic 29 \*  
Herbert G. Shaw, Orange 34 \*

1980

Carl Schultz, Sr., Columbia 9 \*  
Bernard Church, Olive Branch 10 \*  
Thomas W. Blowen, Suffield 23 \*  
William A. Bonney, Doric 24 \*  
Sterling E. Mills, Adam Sattig 35 \*

1981

Charles Lincoln, Sr., Wolcott 1 \*  
John E. Knauer, Cushing 4 \*  
**Rodney I. Gray, Sr., Adoniram 14**  
John D. Mutch, Jerusalem 16 \*  
Gunnar Lundquist, Hamilton 22 \*

- 1982  
 Charles Schroeder, Harmony 8 \*  
 Robert A. Colbourn, Crawford 19 \*  
 John L. Faulkins, Jerusalem 16 \*  
**William S. Hart, Lee 25**  
 F. Laurence Lindblad, Ionic 33 \*  
 Thomas F. Peterson, Union 27 \*
- 1983  
 George LaPut, Sr., Cushing 4 \*  
 Melvin F. Boomer, Adoniram 14 \*  
 Warren Crane, Buel 20 \*  
 Richard E. Larcom, Crawford 19  
 Bernard T. Wright, Wooster 28 \*
- 1984  
 Bertil Rahr, Buel 20 \*  
 George Hubbard, Adam Sattig 35 \*  
 Albert H. Getchell, Crawford 19 \*  
 Sheldon C. Marshall, Wolcott 1 \*  
 David McFalls, Hamilton 22 \*
- 1985  
 Bernard J. Burke, Cushing 4 \*  
 Charles W. Phelps, Olive Branch 10 \*  
 George Tarket, Jr., Waterbury 21 \*  
 Robert E. Giaque, Suffield 23 \*  
 Lester A. Culver, Sr., Mystic 29 \*
- 1986  
 Richard J. Schlayer, Harmony 8 \*  
 Herbert Bachelder, Franklin 3 \*  
 Dennis L. Elkins, Columbia 9  
 Elmer E. Stone, Adoniram 14 \*  
 Kenneth B. Watts, Waterbury 21 \*
- 1987  
 Lawrence Wright, Montgomery 2 \*  
 Franklin E. Robinson, Franklin 3 \*  
 John G. McKechnie, Mystic 29 \*  
 James F. Quarz, Crawford 19 \*  
**William Schuck, Menunketuck 36**
- 1988  
 Martin L. Berkman, Jerusalem 16 \*  
**Leland D. Cobb, Lee 25**  
 Gilbert L. Gooden, Franklin 3 \*  
 George H. Griffing, Adoniram 14 \*  
 Theodore King, Adam Sattig 35 \*
- 1989  
 Kenneth W. Gray, Jr., Cushing 4 \*  
 Wilder J. Greeley, Harmony 8 \*  
 Arthur B. Maybeck, Jr., Union 27 \*  
 Edward W. Studwell, Mystic 29 \*
- 1990  
 Harold E. Basson, Franklin 3 \*  
 Adrien F. Adam, Jr., Lee 25 \*  
 John Goodrich, Sr., Crawford 19 \*  
 Mark A D Flores, Mystic 29
- 1991  
 Gary Littlefield, Olive Branch 10 \*  
 Leo H. Lohrman II, Jerusalem 16 \*  
 Edward Nordstrom, Wolcott 1 \*  
 Joseph J. Perno, Adam Sattig 35 \*  
 Bard C. Teigen, Suffield 23 \*
- 1992  
 Reginald Abbott, Wolcott 1 \*  
 William F. Orrell, Adam Sattig 35 \*  
 Donald E. Robinson, Crawford 19 \*  
**Robert D Sherrick, Adam Sattig 35**
- 1993  
**Bruce R. Bellmore, Harmony 8**  
 Arthur R. Bossé, Adoniram 14 \*  
 Richard A. Egner, Olive Branch 10 \*  
**Charles B. Fowler Jr, Wolcott 1**  
 John G. Radeach, Crawford 19
- 1994  
 Howard R. Baker, Montgomery 2 \*  
 George Kelaita, Ionic-Doric 33 \*  
 Leroy Oldack Jr, Adam Sattig 35 \*

Emil G. Olsson Jr, Harmony 8 \*  
**Arthur M. Pugh, Hamilton 22**

1995

**Paul L. Chello, Crawford 19**  
Carl J. DelVecchio, Washington 6 \*  
George C. Venter, Harmony 8 \*  
Walter L. Whitman, Adoniram 14 \*  
Kenneth A. Wright, Crawford 19 \*

1996

William W. Albert, Lee 25 \*  
**Willis E Copeland Jr, Crawford 19**  
Douglas A. Gray, Harmony 8 \*  
**Edward R. Ham, Jerusalem 16**  
Donald C. Murray, Harmony 8 \*

1997

Frank W. McNally, Montgomery 2 \*  
Robert L. Hodgson, Mystic 3 \*  
**Walton Schlechtweg, Adoniram 14**  
Edwin F. Dingus, Crawford 19  
**Andrew G. Weimann II, Buel 20**

1998

Leslie C. Noyes, Adoniram 14  
John H. Goodrich, Jr., Crawford 19  
**Clyde W. Kayser, II, Buel 20**

1999

Thurman Sharples, Montgomery 2 \*  
Wesley H. Alexander, Crawford 19 \*  
**Randy S. Stevens, Crawford 19**  
Herbert R. Olson, Lee 25 \*  
**Frederick A. Traut, Adam Sattig 35**

2000

Charles Gyure, Olive Branch 10 \*  
Kenneth N. Hall, Adoniram 14 \*  
**John Mellor, Jerusalem 16**  
**Harrison T. Redford, Lee 25**  
**Scott T. Sherrick, Adam Sattig 35**

2001

Emil G. Lido, Adoniram 14 \*  
**Jack H. Stevens, Crawford 19**  
Joseph P. Fagan, Adam Sattig 35 \*  
**Donald Sause, Menunketuck 36**

2002

James P. Keaveny, Mystic 3 \*  
Charles C. Maxson, Mystic 3 \*  
Edward S. Eby, Cushing 4 \*  
**Geo. A W Nousiainen, Harmony 8**  
**Richard G Barrows, Olive Branch 10**

2003

Charles A. Domin, Cushing 4 \*  
Ernest J. Smith, Adoniram 14 \*  
Mario C. Saccomani, Buel 20  
Myron P. Reed, Hamilton 22  
M. Neal Rogers, Lee 25 \*

2004

**James E. Hammitt, Adoniram 14**  
**Danny A. Camp, Buel 20**  
**Robert L. Kilgore, Hamilton 22**  
Sivert R. Jacobson, Lee 25 \*

2005

Harold H. Tomlinson, Harmony 8 \*  
Sebastian R Gordon, Adoniram 14 \*

2006

George J. Cronk, Washington 6 &  
**Raymond Tomlinson, Harmony 8**  
Ernest L. Dimmock Jr, Adoniram 14 \*  
**Charles A. McCollum, Wooster 28**  
**Bruce A. Rumford, Adam Sattig 35**  
**Peter Stapleton, Menunketuck 36**



2007	2014
<b>David C. Abrames, Wolcott 01</b>	<b>Richard E. Odell, Washington 06</b>
Robert J. DiPasquale, Hamilton 22 *	<b>Richard L. Sawyers, Wolcott 01</b>
<b>James Kleinkauf, Menunketuck 36</b>	
Edward Schoenrock, Adoniram 14 *	2015
	<b>Lloyd R. Sturges Jr, Washington 06</b>
2008	2016
<b>Charles D. O'Neill, Wooster 28</b>	<b>J. Andrew Birdsall, Cushing 04</b>
<b>Richard A. Eppler, Crawford 19</b>	<b>David Söderberg, Wolcott 01</b>
<b>Martin Ede, Harmony 08</b>	<b>James S. McNeely IV, Wolcott 01</b>
2009	2017
<b># Robert G. Fitzgerald, Wolcott 01</b>	<b>Michael D. Sabia Jr, Washington 06</b>
<b># William L. Miller II, Wolcott 01</b>	<b>Richard L. Allen, Cushing 04</b>
<b>Robert C. Nordstrom, Wolcott 01</b>	
Carl E. Aspland, Buel 20 &	2018
<b>Jorje Baujin, Buel 20</b>	<b>Brian E. Beals, Lee 25</b>
2010	2019
<b>William K. Barr, Crawford 19</b>	<b>John W. Braddock, Hamilton 22</b>
2011	<b>Stuart K. Drost, Paugussett 16</b>
<b>Michael E. Seamon, Wolcott 01</b>	2020
<b>Bradley K. Cooney, Harmony 08</b>	None
Peter M. Sloan, Harmony 08	
Delbert A. Little, Hamilton 22	
2013	* Deceased
Anthony Pipitone, Jerusalem 16 *	
<b>Leonard H. Bucher, Crawford 19</b>	

### 2021 Recipients

**Dale T. Cunningham**  
**Suffield 23**

**Michael K. Butteri**  
**Lee 25**

**DALE THOMAS CUNNINGHAM**  
**Knight of Ish Sodi**

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.

**MICHAEL KEVIN BUTTERI**  
**Knight of Ish Sodi**

Michael Kevin Butteri was born in Waterbury CT in October 1960 and lived most of his early years in Thomaston CT. He was a 1978 graduate of Thomaston High School after which he attended the State University of New York (SUNY) at their Delhi Campus, receiving degrees in Park and Recreation Management and Plant Science Technology. In the Spring of 1981, Mike found himself in Springer Mountain, Georgia about to hike the Appalachian Trail which would end 6 months later on Mt. Katahdin in Maine. He enjoyed his time on the trail and saw many sights.

Michael's life took a large turn late in 1981 when he accepted a job in what was then Northeast Utilities as a Meter reader in Torrington CT. This would ultimately change and direct his life to its current status as Meter and Service Mechanic. He moved through many mergers and acquisitions ending up in Meriden CT. Michael also holds a Masters HVAC contractors license from the State of Connecticut.

In 1986 Michael found his soon to be wife Lisa while he was enjoying his breakfast at The Golden Key restaurant in Bristol. Michael and Lisa set up shop in very short order with a residence in Plainville which they still call home.

Michael discovered Masonry through Lisa's Dad Richard Pershken in the early 1990's. Unfortunately Michael dropped the so called ball and life took over until 2010 when he walked through the door of Frederick Franklin Lodge No. 14 in Plainville. Michael was raised on June 14, 2010. In true Masonic fashion he asked what he could do to help the Lodge. Companion Mark Parsellitti directed his attention to the empty Junior Deacon's chair and suggested he fill it. Little did he know that it would set him on his path to becoming Mason of the year in 2013 and Worshipful Master in 2015.

Michael was curious about the other degrees of Masonry and their corresponding appendant bodies. He joined the Valley of Hartford and was raised as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32° on April 30, 2011. For several years Michael assisted with the stage perfor-

mances for the various degrees. In November of 2012 he was Knighted at Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar in East Hartford. Michael devotes his time to Columbia Chapter No. 31 and Lee Council No. 25 in Collinsville, where he assisted Companion Bill Jeanfavre and now Companion and Chet Russell with their annual corn beef dinner. Michael has found himself very comfortable with Columbia Chapter and Lee Council . In Columbia Chapter, Michael has served most of his time as Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil and has spent the last two years as King under Companion Doug Barnard. In Lee Council, Michael spent the last three years as Thrice Illustrious Master.

In addition to Masonry, Michael followed Lisa into the Order of Eastern Star where he became Worthy Patron five times alternating between two Chapters and several Worthy Matrons including his wife. He was appointed Grand Representative to West Virginia in Connecticut by then Worthy Grand Matron Maryann Pronovost for a term of two years.

Outside of Masonry, Michael spent over 20 years with several Kenpo Karate schools, serving as Instructor at East West Martial Arts of Prospect CT. Michael is an avid outdoors kind of guy who enjoys hunting, fishing and camping when the time allows. He likes to travel “under the radar” to some isolated footpath hoping he is on the path less traveled.

### 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**



**JAMES STAIB McNEELY, IV**  
**Most Puissant Grand Master**  
**2021**

## **JAMES STAIB MCNEELY, IV**

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

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

**In 2005, James decided to use his finance, technology and insurance knowledge by setting out on his own and has been self-employed since then working primarily with small business owners as a sales and marketing consultant occasionally taking on long-term projects such as sales manager for the Minnesota Stars (now Minnesota United FC) professional soccer team during the 2011 and 2012 seasons.**

**In May of 2001, Brother James was raised a Master Mason in Star in the East Lodge #33, in Owatonna, MN. In May 2003, he was elected and installed as Master, serving again as Master in**



2006. In 2008, James was presented with the Jerry Sebring Award, which is the lodge Mason of the Year award.

MW Andrew Rice appointed James as the GL District Representative for District 25 in 2005, and he served until 2007 when he was appointed Area Deputy for the Southeast Area of Minnesota which included five districts and 32 lodges and served until Grand Lodge 2010. In 2011, James was again appointed an Area Deputy, by MW Tom Hendrickson, for the MetroWest area which included six districts and 38 lodges. He served as Area Deputy until resigning prior to moving to Connecticut. In 2012 James received the Hiram Award from his Lodge, which is the highest award authorized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. He has also served as Master of Educational Lodge #1002 in Minneapolis where he served a two-year term, from 2010 through 2011. He is currently a member of Washington Lodge #70 and Hospitality Lodge #128 in Connecticut. In 2021 he was appointed a District Deputy at Large by MW William Bohman.

Companion James started both his Capitular and Cryptic Masonic journey during a one-day festival in April 2002 becoming a member of Owatonna Chapter #15 and Northfield Council #12. Upon moving to Connecticut, James joined Pythagoras Chapter #17 where he was elected in 2016 to serve as High Priest. MEGHP David Abrames appointed James to the Grand Chapter line in Connecticut. He progressed through the line until being elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest in June 2018. In 2017 he was presented with the Ephraim Kirby award from the Grand Chapter and in 2018 he received the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Service. In 2017 James was appointed to serve as the General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Connecticut and was re-appointed in 2020. In 2020, he was selected to receive the General Grand Chapter Medal in Silver by MEGGHP Jim Hodge.

Within Cryptic Masonry James served in various appointed positions for several years within Northfield Council. Due to the distance to Northfield Council, in 2008 James and several other companions decided to form a new council in Owatonna. Dispensation was received in June 2008 for Ark Council, UD with James as the appointed Illustrious Master. Upon chartering in

2009 he was elected the first Illustrious Master of Ark Council #3. During this period the council quickly grew and has continued to grow every year since it was founded, with several years of double digit growth. James was also received into the Order of the Silver Trowel and progressed through the officer line and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2012/2013. Since moving to Avon, James joined Wolcott Council #1 and was elected TIM in 2014. Most Puissant Grand Master Michael Seamon appointed James as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Council in 2015 and the following year he was appointed by MPMG J. Andrew Birdsall as Grand Sentinel and subsequently progressed through the chairs. In 2017 he was awarded Connecticut's Philip J. Jones award for distinguished service. In 2021 Companion James was elected and installed as the Most Puissant Grand Master of Connecticut.

SK James was knighted on 7 December 2002 in Cyrene Commandery #9 in Owatonna, MN. Over the years he served in various offices and was elected Commander in May 2007, serving two years. During this time, Cyrene Commandery completed two full sets of orders, the first in twenty plus years. The Commandery also started holding an annual Christmas Observance. For service to the Order, he was presented the Knight Templar Cross of Honor by the Grand Encampment in 2009. Also, in 2009 James was elected to Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. In 2012 James was created a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment. He progressed through the line, reaching Grand Generalissimo when he relocated to Connecticut. Upon moving to Connecticut, James joined Washington Commandery #1 where he has served as President of the Past Commanders Association and is active in the work of the Orders. In 2016 he took a dual membership with Cyrene #8 where has since served as Commander. In 2015 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and on April 18, 2020 SK McNeely was elected and installed as the 193<sup>rd</sup> Grand Commander.

Brother James is also a member of the Valley of Minneapolis, A&ASR where he served in the progressive officer line for the Lodge of Perfection prior to moving. He was active in degree

work in several of the Valleys in the Orient of Minnesota and is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He is also a member of Zuhrah Shrine and served as a board member of the Owatonna Shrine Club and on the Circus committee. Other Masonic affiliations include: York Rite College - Past Governor of Connecticut College and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross (2018); Allied Masonic Degrees – Past Sovereign Master of Nathan Hale Council; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest – currently an officer of Apostles Tabernacle; Knight York Cross of Honour – currently an officer; Knight Masons – Past Excellent Chief of Mohawk Council; Red Cross of Constantine – currently an officer of St. Andrews Conclave; SRICF – currently Celebrant of Connecticut College; Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon – currently an officer of Nutmeg Chapel; Royal Order of Scotland; and Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers.

During his Masonic journey James has served two Masonic youth groups as an adult leader. He was on the council that re-established Owatonna Chapter of DeMolay and served until coming to Connecticut. He was also very active in Job's Daughters serving many years on the local Bethel Guardian Council as well as being elected to serve on the Grand Guardian Council of Minnesota. In 2008 James was elected to serve as the Associate Grand Guardian of Minnesota Job's Daughters.

In the spring of 2007 James met Anne User while she was working for GE Water in Minneapolis. After a four-year courtship which saw them travel the country and world separately and together, they wed in 2011. In 2012, Anne was offered a position at United Technologies Corporation in the corporate office in Connecticut, and the McNeely's made the move and now make their home in Avon. Living in New England has provided them with a slower pace of life and unique opportunities. Winter finds them skiing in Vermont, taking in shows at the Hartford Stage, Hartford Symphony, and Connecticut Forum and snowshoeing. Summers are spent hiking, taking in minor league baseball games, eating lobster at Abbots, listening to music at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival, and swimming. In December 2017 Anne and James traveled to China to adopt their son James "Jack." Together Anne and James continue to travel and are

always planning their next trip together as well as with family and friends, as well as chasing after their son.

#### ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

It truly is a blessing to have the opportunity to serve this Grand Council at this time. I am surrounded by men who I highly respect, and we have a team of Grand Officers that want to work to help move all of our Councils forward. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank Mike Seamon and Andy Birdsall for this opportunity but also for being here today for this installation. I had the pleasure of serving as Grand Marshal for Mike, and Andy appointed me to the line; it is only fitting that you both are beside me today.

One thing that you will hear a lot of this year is, it is time to "rebuild the rite." This past year plus has forced us to pause much of what we have always done and really think about how we need to work together to move forward. Our newly installed Grand Officers have been working over the past several months to find that path forward. We will do this by encouraging Open events by the Councils, Festivals to help with the degree work, seminars to help not only the officers but all Companions, increased and improved communication with all Companions, and continued support of educational activities.

All of these events and activities are geared to helping our Councils with their membership, not only from a recruitment standpoint but also with retention. While we cannot control the involuntary membership losses we can work to retain and re-engage our current members as well as give those that have left via dimit or NPD a reason to rejoin.

One item that we will encourage each Council to hold is a Table Council and to invite Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons to attend. Let's show them why they should be a member of your Council. But not only will we encourage Councils to hold these types of events but we will be there to help and support you as needed. We need all of our Councils to be successful and we are willing to be of service to help you.

**Lastly, I could not do any of the things that I do within Masonry were it not for the support of my family and most especially Anne. She not only supports what I do but there are many times when she is asking “Don’t you have some place to be tonight?”**

**Until I see you down the road...**

**James S. McNeely, IV**

### GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2020-2021



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Connecticut Council  
Super Excellent Masters

The Council was unable to meet or to participate in the Tri-State Cryptic Festival this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings  
( The Order of the Silver Trowel )

Because of the Pandemic, there was no meeting of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings during the Cryptic Year 2020-21. By order of Thrice Illustrious King Clyde W. Kayser II, the next meeting will be during the month of July in 2121. The officers elected and installed on May 29, 2019 remain in office until then.