

PROCEEDINGS OF

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH SESSION

**Connecticut
Council of Deliberation**



NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

JUNE 19, 2009

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PROCEEDINGS

of the One Hundred Thirtieth Session of the

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors
General of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient
Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern
Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

State of Connecticut

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Active for Connecticut

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Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

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31 Stillwood Road, Wallingford, CT 06492-4730
Secretary
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT.....JUNE 13, 2008

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MEMBERS

ARTICLE 200 - The Active, Emeriti and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council accredited to each State; the Past First and Past Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise Masters of Chapters of Rose Croix; the Past Sovereign Princes of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Masters of Lodges of Perfection; those members of Subordinate Bodies in the State who have received the Meritorious Service Award from the Council of Deliberation of such State, and the first three elected officers as well as the Treasurer and the Secretary of Subordinate Bodies, shall constitute a Council of Deliberation for that State of which the Deputy for that State shall be ex officio Illustrious Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE 329 - The first three officers as well as the Treasurer and the Secretary of each Subordinate Body shall be elected. All other officers shall be elected, or appointed by the presiding officer of the Body as the Rules and Regulations of the Body provide.

PROXIES

ARTICLE 201 - Any Officer of a Subordinate Body of the Rite who is entitled to a seat in the Council of Deliberation for his State, but is unable to be present at any session of such Council, may appoint as his proxy, to act in his stead, any member of such Subordinate Body, provided, however, that such proxy shall not represent more than one member of such Council.

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**Connecticut Council of Deliberation
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A.**

May 11, 2009

Dear Brother:

The One Hundred Thirtieth Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation will be held at the Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite Auditorium, 207 Deming Street, Newington, CT 06111, on Friday June 19, 2009 for the transaction of business relating to the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Connecticut.

A cordial invitation is extended to you to be present.

The Council will convene at 1:30 PM, with registration beginning at 12:30 PM, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The Valley of Hartford will host the dinner for all members of the Council who **register in advance**. A self-addressed return post card is included for your convenience, to be returned before **June 10, 2009**. There will be a host bar, 4:00 to 5:00 PM, with a cash bar after 5:00 PM. Dinner is scheduled at 5:00 PM.

Dress for the day will be business attire with Scottish Rite jewels, but **NO CAPS.**

Be sure to send your reservation to Ill. David R. Blythe, Sr., **33^o**, Secretary, 4 Parkview Road, Wallingford, CT 06492, by June 10, 2009. Should you need to reach Brother Blythe by phone his number is 860-666-0712 or by email: sect@snet.net prior to June 2, after June 2, please use 203-265-1801 or email sphixpote00@sbcglobal.net.

The Scottish Rite Auditorium is directly behind Sphinx Temple on the Berlin Turnpike, Newington.

Fraternally

James R. Spencer, Jr., 33^o

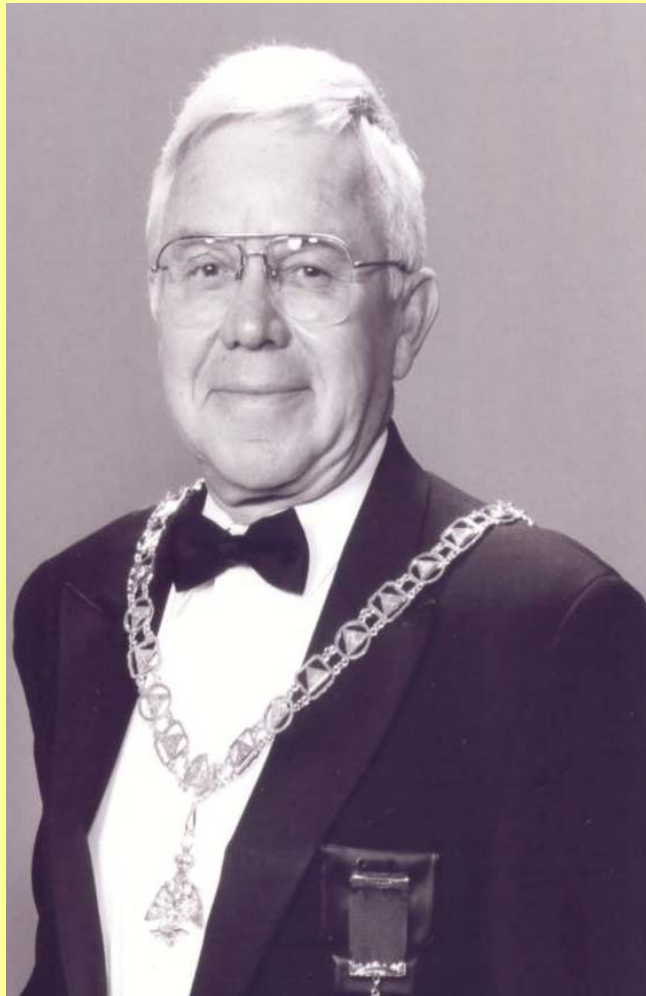
James R. Spencer, Jr., **33^o**
Commander-in-Chief
Deputy for Connecticut

Attest: Vernon K. Cleaves, **33^o**
Secretary

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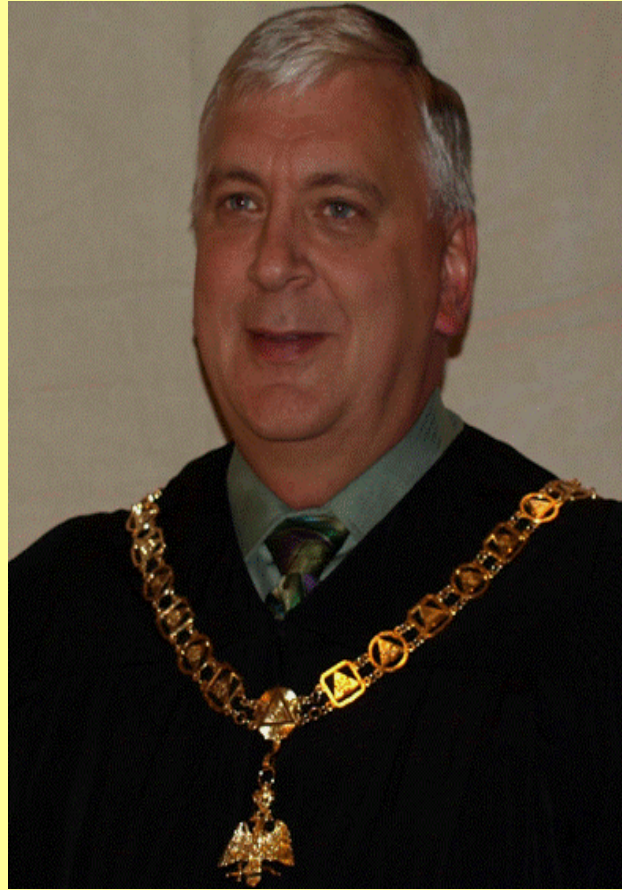
**ILL.: JOHN W. McNAUGHTON, 33^o
Sovereign Grand Commander**



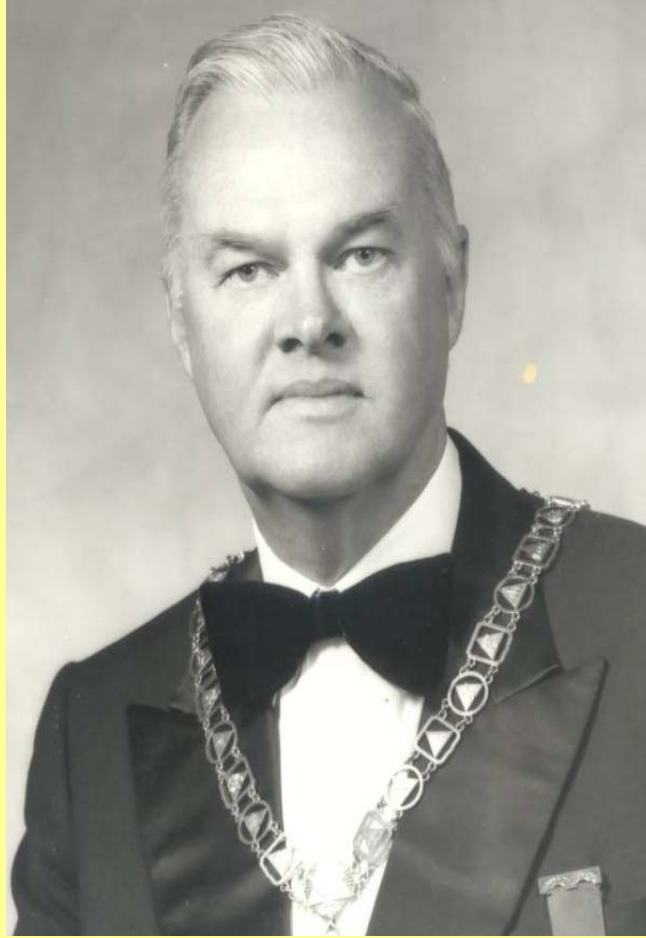
ILL. JAMES R. SPENCER, JR., MSA, 33°
*Deputy for Connecticut
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief*



ILL.· RICHARD V. TRAVIS, 33^o
Active for Connecticut
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

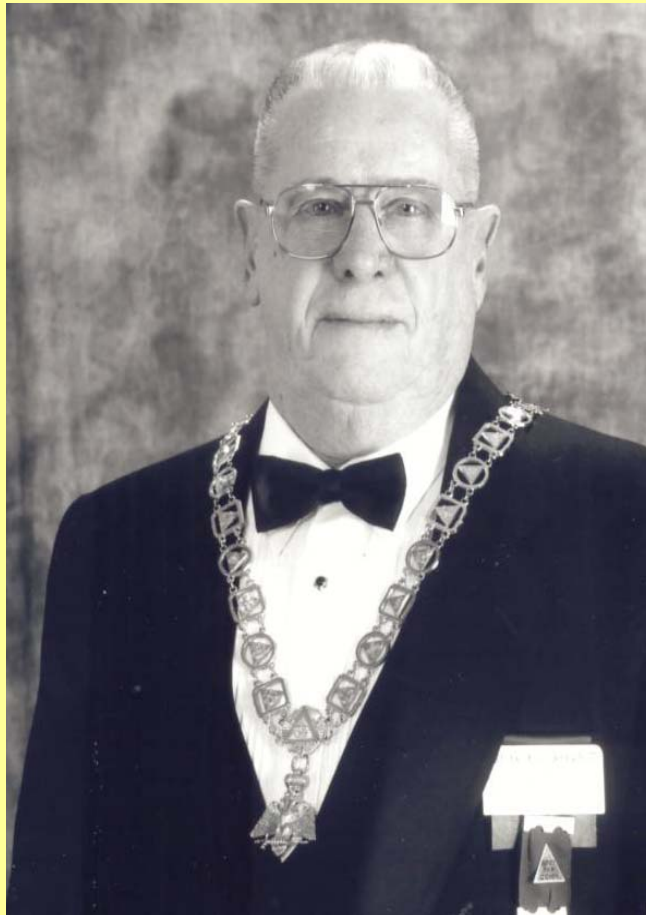


ILL.· DAVID L. SHARKIS, 33^o
Active for Connecticut



ILL.: A. NORMAN JOHNSON, 33^o
Active Emeritus
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

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ILL.·. FREDERICK H. LORENSON, 33^o
Active Emeritus
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Emeritus

**THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS
GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE OF THE
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF THE
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

Connecticut Council of Deliberation

In accordance with the preceding notice issued by order of the Illustrious
Commander-in-Chief, the One Hundred and Thirtieth Convocation of the Con-
necticut Council of Deliberation assembled at Newington, Connecticut at 1:30
p.m. on June 19, 2009.

The following officers were present:

James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33 ^o	Commander-in-Chief
Richard V. Travis, 33 ^o	Commander-in-Chief Emeritus
A. Norman Johnson, 33 ^o	Commander-in-Chief Emeritus
Frederick H. Lorenson, 33 ^o	Commander-in-Chief Emeritus
Charles C. Maxson, 33 ^o	1st Lieutenant Commander
Kevin J. Hecht, 33 ^o	2nd Lieutenant Commander
Bradley K. Cooney, 33 ^o , pro tem	Minister of State
David L. Sharkis, 33 ^o	Chancellor
Charles F. Warfield, 33 ^o	Treasurer
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33 ^o	Secretary
Donald L. Smith, 33 ^o	Prior
Jack J.S. Farkas, 33 ^o	Master of Ceremonies
Jack H. Stevens, 33 ^o	Hospitaller
Gerald F. Thompson, MSA, 33 ^o	Seneschal
Elmer F. Manley, 33 ^o	Captain of the Guard
Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33 ^o	Sentinel
Kenneth W. Hawkins, Sr., 33 ^o	Historian

The session was declared open at 1:30 P.M. by the Commander-in-Chief. The Prior led the members in opening prayer. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag, our distinguished guests were welcomed by the Commander-in-Chief and introduced to the membership, who in turn accorded each a hearty round of applause.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS

Potentate Richard A. Cassada
Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Sphinx Shrine
 Escorted by Illustrious Vernon K. Cleaves, 33^o

Brother and Companion John Mellor
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut
 Escorted by Brother Charles McCollum, 32^o

Ill. Brother and Companion Randy S. Stevens, 33^o
Most Puissant Grand Master
 Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut
 Escorted by Illustrious Jack H. Stevens, MSA, 33^o

Ill. Brother and Sir Knight Bruce R. Bellmore, 33^o
Right Eminent Grand Commander
 Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Connecticut
 Escorted by Brother Robert J. DiPasquale, MSA, 32^o

Intendant General Knight Companion
and Illustrious Richard V. Travis, 33^o
 Division of Connecticut, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
 and Appendant Orders for the United States, Mexico and the Philippines
 Escorted by Illustrious Leonard F. D'Amico, 33^o

Ill. Edward E. Cherry, 33^o, Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut,
Ill. Alfred J. Lobo, 33^o, Active Member
 United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,
 Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
 Escorted by Illustrious Richard V. Travis, 33^o, Active

Most Worshipful Grand Master Arthur H. Carlstrom, 33^o
Grand Lodge of Connecticut
 Escorted by Illustrious David L. Sharkis, 33^o, Active

ALL WERE ESCORTED TO THE EAST FOR INTRODUCTION

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ALLOCUTION OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The Connecticut Council of Deliberation now in session at Newington, Connecticut, June 19, 2009

Sublime Princes:

Welcome to you all to the One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation. I hope you enjoy our time together.

I first want to extend my thanks to the Valley of Hartford for hosting this Council of Deliberation. Thank you for this fine facility and also for the hospitality and great food we'll all enjoy later today.

I also want to welcome all of our distinguished guests who have taken time to join us this afternoon, and thank you for your presence.

I'm very pleased to welcome Illustrious Brother Edward E. Cherry, 33°, the newly appointed Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut, P.H.A. Congratulations on your elevation, and I'm excited about continuing as well as improving our already wonderful fraternal relationship. A warm welcome also to our dear friend and Honorary Member of our Council of Deliberation, Illustrious Brother Alfred J. Lobo, 33°, Active for Prince Hall Affiliates.

NECROLOGY

As we traverse this mortal plain, we are confronted more and more with the uncertainty of life. The roll call of the workmen has been called, and 176 good and faithful servants have failed to answer. Among them are:

Illustrious Brother Theodore Hamilla 33°, from the Valley of Bridgeport. Illustrious Brother 'Ted' was the dean of the Connecticut Honorary Members and served his Valley as M.W.M. in 1962, S.P. in 1963, and C-in-C 1970-1972. He was coroneted a S.G.I.G. in 1966.

Illustrious Brother Herbert W. Ellms, M.S.A., 33°, from the Valley of New Haven. Illustrious Brother Ellms served as T.P.M. in 1964, M.W.M. in 1971, C-in-C 1984-1986. He was awarded the Arthur M. Brown M.S.A. in 1968, and was coroneted a S.G.I.G. in 1971.

Other Sublime Princes also holders of the Arthur M. Brown Meritorious Service Award are: Brother Kenneth W. Ayers, M.S.A., from the Valley of Norwich. Brother Ayers received his cap and jewel in 1997.

Brother Edwin Rachleff, M.S.A., also from the Valley of Norwich. Brother Rachleff was awarded his M.S.A. in 1996.

Brother John M. McClelland, M.S.A., from the Valley of Hartford. He was honored at the Council of Deliberation session in 1975.

These workmen, having laid down the working tools of life, have gone to that building on high to enjoy the fruits of their mortal toil, under the All-Seeing Eye of the Grand Architect of the universe.

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I now call upon Illustrious Brother Donald L. Smith, 33^o, Prior, for a prayer.

STATE OF THE RITE

Since our last session, the world has seen many changes. Recession, bankruptcy, bailout, gluttony, seem to be the buzzwords of today. Our Rite has also experienced change, some obvious and some of a more subtle nature. We've certainly been impacted by market losses, at least on paper, of our portfolios, and these losses have caused us to look seriously at our expenses, etc., and do some belt tightening. While we tend to resist change, it's not all bad. It causes us to rethink our priorities and make the necessary adaptations. We need to get back to being fraternity that practices charity, not a charity that allows the fraternity to dwindle down to extinction.

Cordially and fraternally,

James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33
Commander-in-Chief
Deputy for Connecticut

This report was accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Council of Deliberation, in session, June 19, 2009, at Newington, Connecticut:

I am both honored and humbled at being installed as an Active member in Connecticut during our 196th annual Supreme Council session in Providence in August of last year. I pledge to each of you that I will do my utmost to serve our beloved Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in a manner consistent with the high standards set by the Illustrious Brothers who have preceded me.

Since my installation, I have concentrated on learning under the tutelage of my new mentors, our Illustrious Deputy and our other Active and Active Emeritus brethren. I am also grateful for the hospitality that I have been afforded during my several visits to each of our Valleys.

In my professional role, I spend a considerable amount of time preparing and conducting leadership development and strategic planning sessions. A common foundation for both of these initiatives is to develop an understanding of the strengths – both hidden and apparent, weaknesses and blind spots of the subject organization or individual. This is directly related to my current activity with our Rite. As I travel through the Valleys, my prime focus is to observe what is working and what is not. I ask for your indulgence and cooperation as I will ask many questions, for it is only by asking questions, and actively listening to the responses, that we learn. This is taught in the Middle Chamber lecture as we are told that we receive the “greatest and most important part of our knowledge from the information of others.” As the leaders of Connecticut Scottish Rite, our task is not to move Scottish Rite in accordance with our collective vision, but in the direction that is consistent with the guidance provided by the Supreme Council and to what our Connecticut Scottish Rite brethren tell us. This is extremely important. Our members are our customers. We need to ask them why they joined, why they come to our meetings, and maybe more importantly, why they do not come to our meetings and why do they request to be dropped from our roles.

My initial impression is that a wealth of talent and capability resides within Connecticut’s Scottish Rite family. What is not immediately evident is that we use that talent in a focused, efficient, and effective way. We need to pull out another of the builder’s tools, the lever, and work to leverage our strengths to capitalize on opportunities to address our weaknesses. Our efforts should align with the three basic premises outlined in our Sovereign Grand Commander’s mission statement. Everything we do must Inspire, be Convenient, and be Enjoyed.

In the coming year, I will continue to enjoy my travels with our Deputy and experience the fellowship and brotherhood that is a hallmark of Connecticut Scottish Rite. I will continue to watch, ask questions, listen, and learn. I ask that each of you do the same. To quote Henry David Thoreau, “The greatest compliment ever paid me was when one asked what I thought, and attended to my answer.”

Cordially and Fraternaly,
David L. Sharkis, 33°
Active for Connecticut

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND NECROLOGY

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren on the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

Your Committee on Credentials and Necrology respectfully reports that all the present and registered officers, Illustrious Brethren, permanent members and representatives are entitled to seats in this Council of Deliberation. There are 89 members of this Council, or their proxies, who have registered. Each Scottish Rite Body in the State is represented by its officers or their proxies.

There were 168 deaths of Scottish Rite brethren during the year past including five members of this council, to wit:

Herbert W. Ellms, 33°
Theodore Hamilla, 33°

John E. McClelland, MSA, 32°
Kenneth W. Ayers, MSA, 32°
Edwin Rachleff, MSA, 32°

Respectfully submitted,
Burton F. Turner, 33°
Louis Vander Eyk, 33°
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren on the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Newington, Connecticut on June 19 2009:

The proceedings of the 129th session have been printed and distributed to all of our members. Membership within the Council now stands at 248. Membership in the Valleys now stands at 3446, with 75 initiated, 13 affiliated, 13 restored; 198 deaths, 90 suspensions and 24 demits, which shows an overall loss of 224 during the year.

The per capita tax of approximately \$13,677.00 will be received and paid to the Treasurer, Ill. Charles F. Warfield, 33°, on June 22, 2009 based on information taken from the Supreme Council published report.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°, *Secretary*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

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Abstract of Returns from the Valleys

Body	Membership 6/1/07	Initiated	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Suspended	Demits	Gain+ Loss-	Membership 05/31/08	Per Capita Tax Received
Lodges of Perfection	855	21	0	2	50	10	8	-45	810	\$810.00
DeWitt Clinton	513	19	0	1	31	23	1	-35	478	\$478.00
King Solomon	1193	12	0	8	65	19	10	-74	1119	\$1119.00
Charter Oak	663	13	0	2	32	19	2	-37	626	\$626.00
E. G. Storer	446	10	0	0	20	20	3	-33	413	\$413.00
Doric	3670	75	0	13	198	90	24	-224	3446	\$3446.00
TOTALS										
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem										
Washington	852	21	0	2	50	10	8	-45	807	\$807.00
Van Rensselaer	505	19	0	1	31	22	1	-34	471	\$478.00
Hardford	1190	12	0	8	65	19	10	-74	1116	\$1116.00
Elm City	662	13	0	2	32	17	2	-36	626	\$626.00
Ionic	446	9	0	0	20	20	3	-34	412	\$412.00
TOTALS	3655	74	0	13	198	88	24	-233	3432	\$3432.00
Chapters, Rose Croix										
Pequonnock	853	21	0	2	50	10	8	-45	808	\$808.00
Norwich	504	19	1	0	31	22	1	-34	470	\$470.00
Cyrus Goodell	1189	12	0	8	65	19	10	-74	1115	\$1115.00
New Haven	662	13	0	2	32	17	2	-36	626	\$626.00
Corinthian	445	8	0	0	20	20	3	-35	410	\$410.00
TOTALS	3653	73	0	13	198	88	24	-202	3429	\$3429.00
Consistories, S.P.R.S.										
Lafayette	1909	43	0	2	101	21	13	-90	1819	\$1819.00
Connecticut	915	18	0	3	60	23	14	-76	839	\$839.00
Nathan Hale	755	11	0	5	32	18	9	-43	712	\$712.00
TOTALS	3579	72	0	10	193	62	36	-152	3370	\$3370.00

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings

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LEARNING CENTER FUND

August 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

Balance of August 1, 2008	\$ 3,721.79
Receipts - Wachovia Bank interest	<u>\$157.20</u>
Balance, July 31, 2009	\$3,878.99

HOSPITALER'S FUND

August 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

Balance, August 1, 2008	\$6,810.15
Receipts - Wachovia Bank interest	<u>\$ 238.51</u>
Balance, July 31, 2009	\$7,048.66

Respectfully Submitted:
Charles F. Warfield, 33^o, *Treasurer*

Examined by: Allen E. Acker, 33^o

ASSETSGENERAL FUND

Bank of America, checking.	\$9,495.40
Bank of America, money market	1,306.53
Wachovia, Savings	1,805.12
Wachovia, certificate of deposit	16,992.51
Scottish Rite cash reserve account	2,020.32
Scottish Rite Investment Trust (market value)	<u>133,721.21</u>
July 31, 2009	TOTAL
	\$165,341.09

LEARNING CENTER FUND

Wachovia, savings	\$100.00
Wachovia, certificate of deposit	<u>3,778.99</u>
July 31, 2009	TOTAL
	\$3,878.99

HOSPITALER'S FUND

Wachovia, savings	\$1,484.62
Wachovia, certificate of deposit	<u>5,564.04</u>
July 31, 2009	TOTAL
	\$7,048.66

Respectfully submitted
Charles F. Warfield, 33^o, *Treasurer*

Examined by Allen E. Acker, 33^o

This report was regularly moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren on the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

An examination of the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer including the Hospitaler Fund has been made and found correct in all details by the committee.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009-2010**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

Lodges of Perfection	\$3,500.00
Councils, Princes of Jerusalem	3,500.00
Chapters, Rose Croix	3,500.00
Consistories	3,500.00
AASR investment Fund	5,000.00
Supreme Council receipts	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$24,000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Entertainment Annual Session	\$1,000.00
Deputy Allowance	1,000.00
Active Allowance (4 actives)	1,500.00
Secretary Allowance	1,000.00
Treasurer Allowance	300.00
Printing	2,500.00
Web Site Maintenance	1000.00
Postage	700.00
Audit	650.00
MSA Awards	500.00
Sales Tax	25.00
Supreme Council Session	10,000.00

DONATIONS

MCF Endowment Fund	\$500.00
AASR Masonic Library and Museum	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Endowment Fund	1,000.00
George Washington National Masonic Museum	200.00
Scholarship Fund	200.00
DeMolay Youth Activities	500.00
Masonic Service Organization	200.00
Contingency Fund	<u>225.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$24,000.00

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We recommend that the Treasurer of each Lodge of Perfection pay to the Treasurer of The Masonic Charity Foundation the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per capita for each person initiated in the Lodges of Perfection during the fiscal year 2008-2009, returns to be made no later than August 31, 2009; these amounts to be placed in the Endowment Fund.

We further recommend that each member of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation urge all members of the Masonic brotherhood to consider gifts of individual donations by wills or codicil to present wills to increase the Endowment Fund of The Masonic Charity Foundation to perpetuate the great work of brotherly love, relief and truth.

We recommend that this budget be approved and adopted.

Respectfully submitted
Charles F. Warfield, 33^o
Edward R. Ham, 33^o
Allan E. Acker, 33^o, *Chairman*

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the budget adopted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

The Committee for the Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Award, recommends the following worthy Sublime Princes to receive this distinction at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Deliberation.

Valley of Norwich 349191430	William L. Breed	
Valley of Bridgeport	Donald H. King	920141073
Valley of Hartford	Earl S. Evans	694000769
Valley of New Haven	Robert J. DiPasquale	820450266
Valley of Waterbury	Charles A. McCollum	212352829

Each of these Sublime Princes has been nominated by the Presiding Officers of their respective Valleys for their outstanding service to the Valley, Masonry, and the Scottish Rite.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin D. Bushwack, MSA (Valley of Norwich)
Whitney P. McNulty, MSA (Valley of Bridgeport)
Alfred J. Chapman, MSA (Valley of New Haven)
Armand A. Brodeur, Jr., MSA (Valley of Waterbury)
Rudolph A. Gaydos, MSA (Valley of Hartford)
Bruce R. Bellmore, MSA, 33°, Chairman

The Committee moves that this report be accepted and the recommendations be adopted.

The nominees were assembled in the East and attended prayer led by the Prior, Ill.·. Donald L. Smith, MSA, 33°. They were invested with their jewels and received their certificates from Ill.·. Richard V. Travis, 33°, Active. Also, they were presented their caps by members of their respective Valleys.

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

The Committee on Next Place of Meeting is pleased to report that the Valley of Norwich extends an invitation to the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Council of Deliberation to meet in the Southeastern Connecticut Area for the 131st session on Friday, June 11, 2010 at a location to be determined. Once determined the Council Secretary will be informed of all the details.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy S. Stevens, 33^o
John F. Kessler, 33^o
Alexander Horochivsky, MSA, 33^o, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that the final registration of members at this session totals 107.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Vander Eyk, 33^o
Burton F. Turner, 33^o
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33^o, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

There have been no requests or recommendations to amend or change any of the by-laws during this past year. Therefore, no action is recommended or required by this committee at this One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Session.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on this committee during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard F. D'Amico, 33°
Bradley K. Cooney, 33°
Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

We have contacted the Secretaries of the five Valleys and all have reported that their insurance coverage is in force. We contacted Bill Holland at Supreme Council and were advised that all Valleys in Connecticut are insured under the Supreme Council Master Insurance Program. The Valley of Hartford has an additional policy which is a directors, officers liability policy written with Chubb/Executive Risk. It is the opinion of this committee that all Valleys are adequately covered.

We advise that all Valleys keep their inventories up to date.

Respectively submitted,
Arthur M. Pugh, 33°
William F. Carpenter, 33°
Charles C. Maxson, 33°, *Chairman*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

Your Committee on Nominations offers the following slate of officers to serve this Council of Deliberation for the year 2009-2010.

David L. Sharkis, 33 ^o	First Lieutenant Commander
Walter E. Kaechele, 33 ^o	Second Lieutenant Commander
Donald L. Smith, 33 ^o	Minister of State
Jack J. S. Farkas, 33 ^o	Chancellor
Charles F. Warfield, 33 ^o	Treasurer
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33 ^o	Secretary
Donald L. Smith, MSA, 33 ^o	Minister of State
Jack H. Stevens, MSA, 33 ^o	Prior
Gerald F. Thompson, MSA, 33 ^o	Master of Ceremonies
Austin P. Clark, 33 ^o	Hospitaler
Elmer F. Manley, MSA, 33 ^o	Seneschal
Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33 ^o	Standard Bearer
Edward R. Ham, 33 ^o	Captain of the Guard
Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33 ^o	Sentinel
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sen., 33 ^o	Historian

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer F. Manley, MSA, 33^o, *Chairman*

No further nominations forthcoming, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot to elect the above slate. The nominees were assembled in the East and were installed by the Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

This year, the Supreme Council, located in Lexington, Massachusetts has awarded \$12,000.00 to Connecticut for Abbott Scholarships. The State Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation has recommended 12 applicants to become 2009 Abbott Scholarship recipients. These recommendations were made to Illustrious James R. Spencer, MSA, 33°, Deputy of Connecticut and to the Supreme Council.

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships provide financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth programs. Since 1951, more that \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Eligibility: The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for the program:

A freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student attending an accredited college or university.

A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

A child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

A graduate of one of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers of Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The State Scholarship Committee received a total of 35 applications from the five Valleys in Connecticut. The 12 recipients of this year's scholarships demonstrated excellent scholarship and genuine financial need. Impressive letters of recommendations from teachers, professors, and academic counselors supported all applications. Recipients also exhibited extensive volunteer community service, broad extracurricular activities, leadership and honors/awards in sports, music, and drama. Some are holding part-time jobs during the school calendar year and full-time summer employment to help pay for college costs.

This year, all five Valleys in Connecticut have given their own college scholarships to applicants. The Valley of Bridgeport has given eight (8) scholarships, the Valley of Hartford has given twenty-one (21) scholarships, the Valley of New Haven has given six (6) scholarships, the Valley of Norwich has given four (4) scholarships and the Valley of Waterbury has given five (5) scholarships. Collectively, our five valleys have awarded a total of forty-four (44) scholarships.

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VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT

1. Brittany L. Pestey, freshman year, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
2. James M. Marino, junior year, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT
3. Joseph L. Williamson, freshman year, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

VALLEY OF HARTFORD

1. Drew M. Blythe, sophomore year, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT
2. Mallory M. Musante, junior year, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN

1. Stephen M. Poppa, sophomore year, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA

VALLEY OF NORWICH

1. Rebecca L. LaMothe, freshman year, Three Rivers Community College, Norwich, CT
2. Matthew A. Teperow, senior year, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH
3. Randy B. Weiner, sophomore year, LaSalle College, Newton, MA

VALLEY OF WATERBURY

1. Joshua M. Barlett, Baron Institute of Technology, East Windsor, CT
2. Craig B. Moskowitz, 4th year, Ross University School of Medicine
3. Leisa L. Moskowitz, junior year, Central Connecticut State University

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank our Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the Council of Deliberation and our Scottish Rite brethren for the privilege of serving in this capacity. We earnestly applaud our five Valleys for providing their own scholarship programs. Assisting our youth in achieving their life goals by pursuing higher education is commendable and for this, we all should be very proud.

Respectively submitted,

David R. Blythe Sr., 33°

Vernon K. Cleaves, 33°

Leo H. Lohrman II, 33°

Robert J. Stika, MSA, 32°

Thomas M. Maxwell, II, MSA., 33°, Chairman

Please see page 85 for listing of Valley Scholarships Given this year.

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**REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION
COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

The Chairman of the State Membership and Retention Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 2008 – 2009.

Recognizing the importance of increasing our membership or at least minimizing losses of brothers over the years, the Supreme Council sponsored its first annual membership and retention seminar in September 2008. As part of this seminar, membership committee chairs from all Valleys in Connecticut were introduced to the Ambassador Program as well as a 32 minute DVD entitled “Scottish Rite for the 21st Century.” This DVD is divided into 8 distinct parts. Within the parts are interviews, a brief history of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite in a Monty Python theme, examples of all four of our charities, and the story of one brave lady’s triumph over dyslexia with the help of our learning centers.

Included in this meeting were opportunities for brothers to share tales of what makes them successful and how things worked. As a result of this sharing, the Supreme Council has also developed a membership letter which contains a link to what is termed a membership tool box. In this way, valleys are writing up new things that work as well as attempts that didn’t. By establishing this on line tool, the entire jurisdiction will have access to a complete array of new ideas, concepts and methods.

It is hoped that brothers from all jurisdictions will utilize these tools as a means of increasing awareness of the Scottish Rite in their respective Valleys and increase the number of those brothers who have decided to join.

Another meaningful part of this meeting was an address by our Sovereign Grand Commander, who related the following story and personal thoughts: while visiting brothers in Philadelphia, he was told that the brothers used to meet in Independence Hall - but were thrown out for being too rowdy! He said, “Can you picture brothers in this day and age having the same thing happen to them?” He then shook his head and said he wished our fraternity could say the same thing today.

Our Commander has made it clear that we are first and foremost a fraternity, and it is time to return to those roots. We need to concentrate on those things that we do very well and work to ensure we have the best brothers doing that work. We need to concentrate on the concept of ICE, Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment. The days of having hours long dry meetings with dull speeches and endless introductions, while minimizing time for enjoyment, are over.

In Connecticut, many of the Valleys have established the Ambassador program within their districts. The ambassador can be to a specific lodge, group of lodges or district. His job is to provide information on the Scottish Rite to any interested brother. It is also hoped that he will canvass any brother who has attained proficiency and has been a Master Mason for 6 months or more. Further, the “Scottish Rite for the 21st Century” DVD has given all Ambassadors an excellent program tool.

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Whether the Ambassador is an excellent speaker or a quiet one, the DVD does it all. The Supreme Council is making these DVD's available to all valleys free of charge. I would strongly urge you all, if you have not done so already, to get one that you can view, with your family if you wish, and then give it to a brother Master Mason so he might see the benefits of joining our beloved fraternity.

While growth is slow, there is a steady core of brothers dedicated to increasing our membership within our state and their efforts are bearing fruit. In 2008, 63 Connecticut brothers witnessed the 4th degree, making them eligible to be considered Scottish Rite Masons. In 2009 that number increased to 72, which is a 12.5% increase over last year. But as Brother Bill has alluded to in his message on the State of the Rite, we have a long way to go and much work to do. At last we have vision, direction, and excellent tools with which to perform the work set before us.

Retention

I have been harping for the last two years on the need to enlist newly created brothers in our work. Some, we know, are just going for the ride through the degrees, but there are many in our classes who are just waiting to be asked. We all know how difficult it is to come forward and unfortunately, "reticence to request" has become a natural part of our fraternity. It has been established that almost anyone will at least consider a request to serve. The brothers we lose are the ones who are not asked and are truly left with the feeling that no one cares. We can no longer wait to be asked or expect volunteers. Brothers need to feel that they are a part of a greater good. They need to be proactively approached and asked for their assistance with our work.

Unfortunately I do not have the statistics from all Valleys this year but I can tell you that those valleys who have reported indicate roughly 65% participation of their newly created Sublime Princes in some way within their valleys. There are still 35% to go and while perfection can only be striven for, it is obvious that we need to continue to strive.

Recommendations

It is my hope that every brother in this room would please, as I said before, get a copy of the "Scottish Rite for the 21st Century DVD, view it and give it to a brother Master Mason for his view. We can get as many copies of the DVD as needed free of charge from the Supreme Council. While we have an ambassador program, it is critical to note that every brother here is an ambassador and it is your enthusiasm that will impress prospective candidates.

I would also ask that every Valley keep a list of newly created brothers and that efforts be made to contact and engage each and every one in the hope that we can put them to work and they can enrich our fraternity with their service.

Lastly, it is time to reintroduce the social aspect back into our fraternity. Our rendezvous scheduled for November 14 of this year in New Haven will be the blueprint for future meetings. There will be degrees, there will also be food, there will be beverages, please don't get shocked as some will be alcoholic!

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But most especially there will be socialization. We don't want brothers to bolt out the door. We engage each other, share ideas out of the formalness of the lodge room and, most importantly, we want them to enjoy the fraternal aspect of our beloved fraternity.

Please remember and keep within your thoughts the single word ICE: Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment. This is our new mandate for all our work to make sure it incorporates all three. Lets all see what we can do to make it happen.

Respectfully submitted

Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33^o, Chairman
State Membership and Retention Committee

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership development is critical to the future of the Valley of New Haven and the Masons of Connecticut. In order to maintain a sufficient membership level to maintain the current level of Valley activity, the Valley of New Haven must add a minimum of forty Sublime Princes to its rolls per year. Unfortunately, the Valley of New Haven only initiated thirteen Sublime Princes during the course of the fall and spring classes, while losing fifty members to death, demits and non-payment of dues, which resulted in a net loss of thirty-seven Sublime Princes. During the past year, the Valley of New Haven held two Masonic Information Night to attract potential members.

To counteract the growing problem of poor membership recruitment and development, the Valley of New Haven has dedicated itself reaching out to the Blue Lodges in our area and developing a program of assistance and amplification. It is sincerely hoped that Scottish Rite brothers apply the lessons they learn in the Rite to their lives and to their roles in their respective Blue Lodges. Therefore, our events should be designed to amplify and assist the Blue Lodges. Scottish Rite events should focus on leadership, civic duty and intellectual reflection.

RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT

In the past, the Scottish Rite was called "the college of Freemasonry," because there was an emphasis on Masonic education. This focus on education went beyond degree work.

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Brothers would make it a point to study Masonic texts of the past and evaluate the Masonic thoughts of the present. The next generation of Masons is thirsty for knowledge and we hope that the Valley of New Haven can help quench this thirst. Many new Masons are dismayed when they do not find an adequate amount of education, enlightenment, or enthusiasm in Masonry. Many Blue Lodges have found it difficult to retain new members because they do not supply their new members with the three E's: Enthusiasm, Education, and Enlightenment. The Scottish Rite is ideally poised to supply this new generation of Masons with that which they seek.

BLUE LODGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Valley of New Haven's Blue Lodge Ambassador Program establishes a stronger link between the Rite and the local Blue Lodges. The main objective of the Scottish Rite Lodge Ambassador Program is to identify and select Scottish Rite members from each Blue Lodge in the geographic vicinity of the Valley of New Haven to actively represent the Scottish Rite by actively communicating and promoting the events and activities of the Valley.

PROPOSED EVENTS

“Brothers Meeting Brothers” night – an informal meeting between Scottish Rite brothers and selected local college fraternities. Many members of college fraternities miss the fellowship that they once had after graduating college. Freemasonry, as the world's oldest and largest fraternal order, is a natural fit for these young college graduates.

Masonic Book Club night – informal monthly meetings of Masons where Masonic history and principles are discussed. Open to all Master Masons.

Blue Lodge Ritual Competition – a one day event, where local Blue Lodge Masons compete in a friendly manner on various aspects of the first three degrees of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Tirrell, MSA, 32° Membership Chairman

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VALLEY OF HARTFORD

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers, and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

MEMBERSHIP

For the period of August 1, 2008 to the present, the Valley of Hartford, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, created twelve (12) Grand Elect Masons. Of those twelve, all but one was created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°. That brother was unable to complete his Consistory Degree requirement due to work commitments, and will be held over until Fall 2009.

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Thus, we created eleven (11) Sublimes Princes of the Royal Secret.

Of those 12 brothers, 50% (6) have been involved in some way in the Valley's degree portrayals — backstage help, small parts both speaking and non-speaking,

RECRUITING

The Valley has approached recruiting in several different ways, and relies mainly on two methods. The first of these is word-of-mouth by current Scottish Rite Masons engaged in activities in their Blue lodges. This method has yielded better results since it has been employed than our old method of getting lists of Master Masons and cold-calling them on the phone.

The second method, which is really an adjunct to the first, is our Family Life program. The Membership Committee views Family Life programs as "marketing opportunities" and tries to open as many of the programs as possible to non-Valley members, even non-Masons, who are friends and acquaintances of Valley members. These programs, designed as enjoyable opportunities for fellowship and life-enrichment, function as a fine recruiting tool and should be continued in the future, regardless of how Supreme Council may choose to revamp the Family Life program.

On a small scale, since we have opened our building to the Newington community theater group, *Theatre Newington-ON STAGE*, we have always had a brother or two available at their performances to answer any questions that may arise about the fraternity in general and the Scottish Rite in particular. This is yet another form of marketing that we employ.

Going forward into fall 2009, we will be relying on our Scottish Rite Ambassador program to pump up the membership recruiting.

RETENTION

Many forces are brought to bear on the effort to retain members. Our main mission in this area is to put new brothers to work as quickly as possible, feeling that an involved brother is a viable brother.

Over the past several years, we identified an issue with the long periods between our classes. Our approach of simply telling a brother to come back and see all the degrees was failing. To address this situation, we created the Valley of Hartford Graduation Dinners. In January and May, a dinner is held for the new Sublime Princes and their wives, in a small, intimate setting. Their certificates are presented and they are truly welcomed into the Valley family. We feel that this dinner is directly responsible for raising our involvement rate to 50%, and we look forward to increasing that.

We have also employed pre-degree dinners as a method of building friendships with the candidates as they are taking the degrees. Brothers who have friends in an organization are more likely to stay involved.

Also, of late, we are actually involving candidates in the degrees they are taking. We have had the opportunity to employ the candidates in crowd scenes,

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(e.g, as Pharisees in the 17th Degree), and other ways aside from simply being exemplars. We're finding that the has raised interest and involvement, as well.

By improving our Valley newsletter and keeping our website timely, we also hope to keep interest piqued. Finally, when brothers are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues, our Retention Committee makes contact and tries to resolve the situation if at all possible.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Many of our retention methods speak directly to the question of membership involvement as well. We believe that an involved member, who is enjoy himself, whose family enjoys Scottish Rite events, is more likely to be retained.

Aside from those methods listed in the section above, we also ask members to take part in our degrees, and we stress degree attendance. This emphasis, coupled with the Passport Program, has resulted in us seeing brothers who, in the past, might have just not bothered to come back to see degrees.

SCOTTISH RITE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Our Scottish Rite Ambassador program is in the early stages of execution. I assigned the task of getting our program established to Brother Richard Denno and Illustrious Brother Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33°.

These capable brothers are on schedule to have our Ambassador program rolled out into our constituent blue lodges this fall. Their aims are to have one or two Scottish Rite brothers in every lodge, available as a resource to the Worshipful Master, and with the aim of aiding the blue lodge and recruiting new Scottish Rite members.

CONCLUSION

The Valley of Hartford's membership efforts are on-going. While we are not particularly pleased with our low numbers for the past year, we are pleased that we are keeping more members involved once they do become Scottish Rite brothers, and that we are providing them the inspiration, convenience, and enjoyment mentioned in the Supreme Council's strategic plan.

We are confident that our Ambassador program will help bring up our number of new members, and are hopeful that if the economy turns around, that too will aid us. Time will tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis G. Way, MSA, 33°

Membership Chairman, Valley of Hartford, AASR

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REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP VALLEY OF NORWICH

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

The best memorial to a lost active brother is the work we do to keep our Valley as positive contributing force within our fraternity and community. In addition to our continued work to meet the goals and objectives of the long-range plan, we are working to rekindle the fires in our inactive members.

The membership committee has been soliciting the new members to find out what their interests are. We have had a huge response from our new Sublime Princes. They have become active in the Valley by taking speaking parts, becoming Valley officers, and working as stage hands in the degrees. In many cases we are using them in more than one position. Even though we are continually losing brothers to the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are proud to have brought in 20 new members in the last year. We have also initiated an ambassador program though out the 8th District and are working on establishing ambassadors within the 9th District, as well.

We are very proud to support the CTCHIP program by making an annual donation and supporting every event in the area. We also support the North Stonington Fair by operating a food booth. Both CTCHIP and our participation in the North Stonington fair have brought us out to the community. We have seen a great interest in the Scottish Rite in recent months, which we attribute to increased utilization of the newly made Sublime Princes in all of our Valley activities as well as the excitement shared by all the Valley brethren when discussing the Scottish Rite.

RETENTION

We have been blessed to have added 20 brothers in our Lodge of Perfection this year. Unfortunately we lost 55 brothers to death, suspensions and demits. We have also embarked on an aggressive campaign to utilize all newly created Sublime Princes in some fashion within the valley. Taking the first step rather than wait to be asked has paid huge dividends and has resulted in increased vibrancy and enthusiasm as well as increased class sizes.

We have continued to focus on our brothers who, through hardship or age, have been reluctant to continue in the Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich. Through attention to the unsaid messages sent by our brothers and dues abatements where indicated, we have again reduced the requests for demits and suspensions for non-payment of dues. Retention results from caring and communication and we are striving to improve both of these areas.

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We have improved our communications by the utilization of e-mail for those who would prefer it. This increases the timeliness of the information being received by the brothers. We are also in the process of creating an e-mail blast list that will allow quick communication and reminders to all brothers who have signed up. We are continuing to request the assistance of the members in the support of our scholarship programs, both local and Abbott.

All these activities, coupled with the Supreme Council programs of Children's Learning Centers, the *Northern Light Magazine*, Abbott Scholarships, and the Museum of Our National Heritage, provide that extra reason to sustain membership and to think about the positive effects that paying dues provides.

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Breed, MSA, 32°
Carl J. Mossberg, MSA, 32°
Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33°, Chairman

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Newington, Connecticut on June 18, 2009:

That so much of the allocation as refers to the loss by death of Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, recipients of the Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33^o Meritorious Service Award, members of the Council of Deliberation by reason of their offices in Scottish Rite bodies, and Sublime Princes of the state of Connecticut be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That so much as refers to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

That so much as refers to Membership, Degree Work, Service to the Craft, Work in the Valleys including Shrine-Blue Lodge night, Masonic Community Service outreach programs, and Scottish Rite-DeMolay activities, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Rite.

That so much as refers to Appropriations be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as refers to the Children's Learning Centers be referred to the Committee on Children's Learning Centers.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley K. Cooney, 33^o
Walter E. Kaechele, 33^o
John F. Martin, Jr., 33^o, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE RITE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

The 2008-2009 Scottish Rite year has been marked by continued and expanding cooperation between our Valleys, greater efforts to attract new members, and more opportunities to join and work with our brethren of Prince Hall.

SUPREME COUNCIL

Four brothers of the Rite in Connecticut were coroneted with the Thirty-Third Degree and were created Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council at the Supreme Council Session in Providence, Rhode Island last August. Sidney W. Isenberg, who had to miss the degree in 2007, Paul L. Chello and Richard C. Memmott, Sr. of the Valley of New Haven and Francis G. Way, MSA, of the Valley of Hartford became the newest Honorary

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Members of the Supreme Council. Eric W. Manner of the Valley of Hartford, Charles W. Yohe of the Valley of Norwich and Ralph Walker Rose, MSA of the Valley of Waterbury have been elected to receive the Thirty-Third Degree in Boston, Massachusetts during the August 2009 Supreme Council Session.

MEMBERSHIP

The great tide of men who flooded on to our membership rolls after returning victorious from the Second World War is now well into its ebb as those brothers continue to answer the call of the Grand Architect and lay down the working tools of life. This mortality is a dagger at the heart of Freemasonry and especially the Scottish Rite.

- 40% of our membership is over 75 years of age;
- under 30% of Blue Lodge members are Scottish Rite members.

We urge all Valleys to take advantage of the membership and leadership seminars offered by the Supreme Council. We have all attended the Membership Seminar, held September 26 and 27, and the Leadership Seminar, held March 27 and 28. They were excellent and allowed for not only the exchange of ideas, but cemented fraternal bonds and friendships forged beyond state lines throughout the jurisdiction.

The Ambassador Program presented at the Membership Seminar is being implemented. Ambassadors are being appointed. Thought is being given as to how Scottish Rite Masonry can help Blue Lodge Masonry attract good men. And, there does seem to be anecdotal evidence of a societal change. Young men seem to be looking for something larger than themselves. My lodge has had a noticeable increase in interest, almost all of it from young men who have found us on the internet.

The Scottish Rite is also benefiting from the Supreme Council web site, the Connecticut Council of Deliberation web site, and the web sites of all our Valleys. The Connecticut sites have recently been placed in the care of Ill. Francis G. Way, MSA, 33°. Under Ill. Frank's management, our sites are now offering much more information, greater functionality and greater connectivity. They are being used and we are receiving petitions as a result.

The web sites are also allowing our members, especially the young and recently retired, to find degrees they have not seen. These brothers are traveling, sometimes great distances, using precious family time and at their own expense to fill their passports.

- The Valley of New Haven has welcomed visitors from New York City;
- The Valley of Norwich has welcomed visitors from New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island;
- The Valley of Waterbury has welcomed visitors from New York City, Rockville Center, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

Also, the Valley of Norwich has sent candidates to Pennsylvania and New Hampshire to receive degrees those brothers could not attend in Connecticut.

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My Brothers this is a new age. In the past Valleys traveled as Valleys, now individual Scottish Rite Masons are traveling by themselves or in small groups. That is enthusiasm.

LEARNING CENTERS

Our Connecticut Learning Center for Dyslexic Children in Waterbury, along with most of the other learning centers in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, survived an extreme budget cut this year. Due to the troubled economy and the downturn in the financial markets, Lexington can no longer provide the support it has in the past. Our Deputy, Ill. James R. Spencer, Jr., 33^o, along with all the Connecticut Active Members, are working to strengthen the Waterbury Learning Center Board of Governors to broaden its membership to include men and women from outside our fraternity and increase its ability to fundraise locally. Our Board of Governors has stepped up to the challenge. Fundraisers have been held and more are planned. Please support our Learning Center whenever and however you can. Anything you can do will be worth the effort.

MASONIC YOUTH

The Valleys continue to support the Order of DeMolay and the Order of Rainbow for Girls, both financially and with donations of time. These young people are not only our hope for the future but also the hope of society in the years to come. They continue to merit our support and encouragement.

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Connecticut Consistory, Lafayette Consistory, and Nathan Hale Consistory with the valleys of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation, have conferred the necessary degrees. Collectively, they have conferred the 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and the 32nd degrees. A combined cast from all the Valleys under the direction of Ill. Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33^o was honored to confer the 14th Degree, Grand Elect Mason, for the Prince Hall candidates at the Prince Hall Cathedral in New Haven. Also, the Valleys of Norwich and Hartford were honored to confer the degrees for the fall 2008 class of Prince Hall candidates along with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction candidates. This effort by the Valleys in Connecticut was not only noted in our Blue Lodge publication but was also featured in the May Northern Light and the Southern Jurisdiction's publication.

Family Life programs continue to flourish in our Valleys. Our Valleys have sponsored trips to the New Britain Rock Cats, the Goodspeed Opera House, West Point and the Museum of our National Heritage. Summer picnics, the Players Club of Norwich, the Workers Night dinner in Hartford, the Abbott Scholarship program, and the Walk for Dyslexia continue to be favorites in our Valleys.

During the past year the Feast of the Paschal Lamb was presented in the Valley of Norwich and jointly by the Valleys of Waterbury and New Haven.

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CONCLUSIONS

All the Valleys in the Connecticut Council of Deliberation are working hard; diligently trying to include their families in programs and to reach out to their communities. Much has been done. Much has been accomplished. More is needed if we are to succeed in stabilizing and increasing our membership. We have the skilled brothers to do the work. We have the support of our statewide leadership and the Supreme Council. We have the best message: toleration, understanding, brotherly love and truth.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Bohman, 33^o, Chairman
Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33^o
Whitney McNulty, 32^o, MSA

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, Connecticut on June 19, 2009:

The committee submits the following report:

There was no business that came before the Committee in the preceding year and, therefore, the Committee has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin P. Clark, 33^o
Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33^o
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., 33^o, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington Connecticut on June 19, 2009

The dinner committee arranged an informal gathering for the Thirty-third members, their ladies, and members of the Class of 2009: Eric W. Manner, Ralph W. Rose, and Charles W. Yohe, and their ladies. This evening provided an opportunity for the thirty-third family to gather and enjoy each others company. The dinner was held April 21, 2009 at the Gallery Restaurant, 141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury,

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Connecticut. This restaurant has a fine reputation and offers an excellent menu.

On October 18, 2008 the committee arranged a testimonial to honor the Class of 2008, Paul L. Chello, Richard C. Memmott, Sr., and Francis G. Way, and their ladies. This well attended formal dinner and reception was also held at The Gallery. Everyone seemed to enjoy the excellent food and fine service this restaurant provides.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren J. Blessing, 33^o
 Fred B. Candee, 33^o
 Clyde W. Kayser, II, MSA, 33^o
 George A. W. Nousiainen, 33^o, *Chairman*

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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington Connecticut on June 19, 2009

Connecticut AASR Strategic Plan

Review and modification dated June 13, 2008

Comments from Strategic Planning Committee

The Council strategic plan was created in 2004 and closely mirrored the strategic plan adopted by the Supreme Council. The intent was to have the Council plan serve as a blueprint for the Valleys to use when developing their strategic plans. As a result the Council plan contained eight strategies and numerous objectives to utilize to achieve those strategies. Over time the plan has been modified, reacting to changes made by the Supreme Council and to reflect the needs of our Connecticut Valleys.

Earlier this spring, Ill. James R. Spencer, Jr., 33^o challenged the committee to take a closer look at the Council plan and consider whether we had created a Clydesdale, when a Palomino will suffice. Was a four page document necessary when the responsibility for development and execution of the strategic plans really falls on the leadership of each Valley? What is the role of the Council in this process and does the Council have the ability to implement any of the objectives contained in the current plan?

Several weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend a conference. One of the presenters was a futurist who commented on the use of goals and objectives. The speaker reminded us to keep in focus the vision of the organization and change the objectives and action plans, as warranted.

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Reflecting on the questions our Ill. Commander-in-Chief had raised and the reminder from the futurist, the committee came to realize the Council is not in the position to implement the numerous objectives identified in the current strategic plan and after some thought, we determined the vision of the Council should set the tone for our Valleys. To do this we needed to clarify the mission of the Council. We also desired to incorporate the philosophy of our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, that the organization must address membership needs of inspiration, convenience, and enjoyment and to incorporate the leadership philosophy of having the right people on the bus. In a successful organization you will find strong leadership with a clear understanding of where they want to bring the organization. They are the big picture individuals who can see the entire forest and do not get lost among the trees within the forest.

With this in mind the committee started with a clean piece of paper. The charge I made to the committee was first and foremost to focus on the vision and not the details; and, secondly, have the plan fit on one page. From inception this committee has always had the Strategic Plan for the NMJ to serve as a blueprint for the Council; however, at the time of our meeting, the NMJ plan was undergoing a substantial revision, and currently unavailable. This presented a great challenge and opportunity for the committee.

The following is the outcome of our efforts:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation is to provide guidance and coordination to the Connecticut Scottish Rite Valleys to ensure their activities are Inspirational, Convenient, and Enjoyable.

Mission Cornerstones

Inspirational

- Promote degree and non-degree programs conveying the lessons and heritage of 200 years of Scottish Rite Masonry.
- Assist Valleys with development of leadership teams to carryout the vision of Scottish Rite Masonry as an active, strong, vibrant organization.

Convenient

- Provide effective communication channels to enhance member awareness of activities.
- Promote Scottish Rite as a state-wide organization and encourage collaboration among the Valleys.

Enjoyable

- Guide Valleys to go beyond portrayals and emphasize fellowship.
- Promote the importance of family and inclusion in Scottish Rite activities.

The Council of Deliberation is committed to supporting the Valleys in

implementing programs that will enhance the image of the Scottish Rite and making it more attractive and convenient to members and prospective members alike; to inspire men to support the principles of Freemasonry through leadership, spirit, and service; and to promote Masonic, family and community values through attractive, relevant, and enjoyable programs.

Valley Strategic Planning

At the Valley level, we are pleased to report the five Valleys continue to monitor and modify their strategic plans as they deem appropriate for their respective Valleys. All of the Valleys continue to focus their efforts on membership development, retention and participation. To that end, the Valleys have focused efforts on reaching out to the lodges in their Valley to discuss Scottish Rite Masonry, developing strategies to engage candidates and new members in Valley activities, maintaining quality of degree work while working to attain the goal of presenting all 29 degrees, improving member communications, and developing family focused activities.

Each Valley reports the following efforts:

The Valley of Bridgeport is continuing to focus on opportunities for members to meet and have fun. Activities include a bus trip to Lexington in May and a summer dinner with wives. Membership retention starts by early involvement in Valley activities. The Valley hopes to cast the 4th degree exclusively with brothers from the Bridgeport Valley. The Valley is also working on casting a new degree for the coming year. The Valley of Bridgeport is working to increase public knowledge of Scottish Rite within the community and will be participating in the Stratford Day festivities during the first week in June.

The Valley of Hartford continues to focus on member retention and participation. To engage members and candidates the Valley hosts pre-degree dinners and new candidate graduation dinners. The leadership of the Valley continues to work on fine tuning officer training and the expectations for the line officers. To improve attendance and participation in Valley activities, the Valley is continuing to utilize various methods of communicating with members, whether by mail, the Valley publication, *View of the Valley*, email, or the Valley website. The Valley has reorganized and cataloged the wardrobe room and developed a budget for replacement and refurbishment of the wardrobes. Family life activities continue to be an important part of the Valley social fabric. The Valley recently completed a bus trip to West Point, will be sponsoring a 5K road race on July 25 to benefit the Waterbury Learning Center, and will host an evening at the Rock Cats on July 11 for Masons and their friends.

The Valley of New Haven has formed a degree team to perform the second section of the Master Mason degree for area Blue Lodges. It has successfully done so at three different lodges so far. The Scottish Rite Information/New Candidate Night has been expanded to be a Mason/non-Mason night with information on Blue Lodge Masonry presented as well. To improve attendance and participation the Valley is continuing to expand the use of email reminders and postings on the Valley website. The Family Life programs have continued with summer and winter picnics, as well as dinner theaters.

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The Valley has nearly complete lodge coverage in the Scottish Rite Ambassador program. The Valley has also continued their successful Oktoberfest-in-November stated meeting, with German food and beer, and continue to upgrade the stage at New Haven with the purchase of new stage curtains and back drops as well as investing in new costumes.

The Valley of Norwich continues to evaluate and update its five-year Long Range Plan. After completing their first five year plan in 2006, they revisited and updated many goals and developed their Long Range Plan for 2007-2011. The Long-range Planning Committee found that most of the goals were met in our 2001-2006 plan and they believe they are on target to continue to meet most of the goals of the new five- year plan. The Long Range Planning committee monitors the plan between Executive Council meetings and reports progress to the Executive Council. The Valley's Black Cap Program is working well and, along with increased emphasis on retention, they have attained positive growth in membership. The program will continue and enhance their efforts. The Valley is continuing the work of getting the newer members involved and working in degrees and taking offices and as a result, the officer corps is starting to look younger.

The Valley of Waterbury is continuing to spread the word of Scottish Rite activities during informational presentations at lodges in their Valley, use of a Scottish Rite Fellowcraft degree team, continuation of the Abbott scholarship presentations and awards program, and continuation of Valley Life activities including the annual Rockcats baseball outing.

Summary

Strategic plans are by their very nature, evolutionary. By shedding the detailed strategies and objectives contained in the previous strategic plan, the committee believes the proposed Council Mission Statement and Cornerstones now communicate to the Valleys and public the goals of the Council in a clear and concise manner.

Guided by the Council Mission Cornerstones of Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment, the task at hand for each Valley is to develop its own vision of what their organization will be. The next step is the leadership team. Sounds easy, but in reality it is the most important and challenging task facing any organization. Remember, it's about having the right people on the bus, sitting in the right seats, with the driver knowing how to get to the ultimate destination. The final step requires the leadership to address the objectives necessary to achieve their vision for the Valley and communicating the vision to the membership so everyone is working together toward that goal.

The committee would like to thank our Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation for giving us the opportunity to participate in this very important process.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Clark, MSA, 32°

Brian Eckenrode, 32°

Martin Ede, MSA, 32°

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Michael Fleishman, 33°
 Paul Itchenko, 32°
 William G. Manger, MSA, 32°
 Eric Manner, 33°
 Thomas R. Sulier, MSA, 32°
 Newton Buckner, III, 32°, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
 32° MASONIC LEARNING CENTER FOR CHILDREN**

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, CT on June 19, 2009

Greetings from the Board of Governors.

My Brothers all, what a difference a year makes! The devastation in the economic and investment communities has had a similar negative impact on the Benevolent Fund of the Scottish Rite in Lexington and has necessitated a significant change in the funding paradigm for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. Now, more than ever, the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Waterbury is your center. It's doors will remain open only through the generosity of the Scottish Rite Valleys and individuals here in Connecticut.

The work done by the staff of the Masonic Learning Center for Children at Waterbury is truly amazing and life changing. Again this past year we have had two Celebrations of Achievement for students who have completed the program at the Learning Center. On May 8, 2009, the Louis Vander Eyk 'Magnificent 7' class, named in honor of Ill. and Most Worshipful Brother Louis Vander Eyk, 33°, who has retired from the Board of Governors and been elected to emeritus membership, celebrated the accomplishments of our latest group of students to leave the program successfully. Please join with me in gracious appreciation to Ill. Brother Louis for his many hours of effort during his years on the Board.

We continue to assist the maximum number of young people that can be accommodated by the existing center. This fiscal year, our budget was cut by almost 15 percent. For fiscal year 2010 which begins on September 1, 2009, the Waterbury Center will receive \$60,000 from the Benevolent Fund. The remainder of our \$110,000 budget must be raised by us locally. In succeeding years, we will receive even lesser amounts from Lexington and will need to become increasingly self-sufficient. If we wish to positively affect more young people in more areas of the state, then we must be willing to roll up our sleeves and do the work necessary to cover our annual operating budget while working to permanently endow the existing center.

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A variety of fundraising activities are being undertaken by the Board of Governors. On May 16, we hosted a reception and nostalgia show at the Ashlar Village campus. July 25, right here in Newington, the Valley of Hartford will host a 5K run/walk which they plan to make an annual event with all proceeds being donated to the Learning Center. In the fall, a wine tasting is being planned at the Mystic Aquarium. Additionally, Ill. Brother Bruce Work has authored an appeal letter that will be mailed to every Connecticut Scottish Rite Mason within the next couple of months. And our annual Walk for Dyslexia Awareness will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at the Center on the corner of Highland Avenue and Chipman Street in Waterbury. I hope that you will participate in as many of these upcoming activities as your time and resources allow.

With adversity comes opportunity! While it's true that Connecticut Scottish Rite Masons now must shoulder a significant portion of the financial obligation required to fund our learning center, we are also being given increasing autonomy to operate the center in Connecticut. Within the next 12 to 18 months, Lexington will present us with a number of options with regard to our structure and operation. Additionally, there is a plan to change the name as well as the logo. We will keep you informed as these changes occur.

This report would not be complete without acknowledging the individuals who continue to give of their time and talents to make the Connecticut Learning Center an ongoing success. Ill. David Sharkis, 33^o volunteers untold hours throughout the year to make sure the physical needs of the Learning Center facility are met and to keep the Center in excellent repair. A. J. Kayser and Cheryl Sharkis continue to go well beyond what they are paid to do and are excellent ambassadors for Scottish Rite Masonry! The tutors and tutor-scholars, who work one-on-one with each student, continue to make a difference in the lives of young people who are afflicted with dyslexia and are making this a better world – one student at a time!

The Valley of Waterbury is to be commended for its ongoing dedication and special support of the Learning Center. The Center would likely not be celebrating its eighth year of operation were it not for the dedicated support of this Valley. To all the Valleys in Connecticut, thank you for your very generous ongoing financial support! Your significant and valued contributions keep our doors open!

Your continued support of the Connecticut Learning Center for Children is vital! Talk it up in your Blue Lodges. Talk it up in your Valleys. Enthusiastically support the Annual Dyslexia Awareness Walk that will be held on October 4, 2009 in Waterbury both financially and with your physical participation. The walk is a total of 5 kilometers – less than 3 miles! Come out and join the board, staff, and students on a wonderful, crisp, sunny day this October. Russ Griswold, MSA, continues to chair this event and we thank him for his continued dedication and willingness to help in this way. If you have particular expertise in publicity, public relations, or fundraising, please offer to join the Board. And certainly, contribute what you can financially to help us meet our goal of operating and endowing the Center. Ill. David Sharkis, 33^o has observed that what makes the Learning Center special is the feeling of family.

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Each of you, my Brothers, is an important member of that family!

I invite you to come and see for yourself the great work that is being done in the name of Connecticut Scottish Rite Masonry. Attend one of the Celebrations of Achievement for the students or one of the tutor scholar graduations and I guarantee you will be moved. And when you speak with these young people and their parents, you will be very, very proud of the work that is being done on your behalf – and I believe, you will want to support this effort with your own personal contribution. Maintaining our existing Center and achieving the dream of helping more families through the expansion of this program in Connecticut can only be accomplished through your generosity. Together, my brothers, we can assure the continued success of this most excellent charitable effort. Thank you, in advance, for your ongoing, generous financial support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles W. Yohe, 33°, Chairman

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE
32° MASONIC LEARNING CENTER FOR CHILDREN

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session at Newington, CT on June 19, 2009

We are proud to report to you that the Learning Center continues to develop and progress. We have celebrated the achievements of 55 youngsters. Upon completion of their work at the Center, all have progressed at least 2 to 3 grade levels in their reading skills, with many surpassing this average. At present, we have experienced nine Celebration of Achievement ceremonies. Alumni continue to periodically stop by to share their achievements and upcoming plans. This year, two Learning Center alumni have earned college or higher education scholarships. Josh has earned an Abbott Scholarship and will be attending Baron Institute, where he will be studying auto body. Matt is finalizing his study plans and when his plan is complete, he will have earned a scholarship via the Valley of New Haven. This is a very exciting time for all of us involved with the Learning Center Program, for you see, there was a time these young men viewed the completion of high school as their ultimate goal. In essence, the philanthropic focus of Scottish Rite Masonry is granting these young men a second opportunity to closer meet their educational and career potential. An additional highlight is that recently a program graduate has requested petitions for membership to Harmony Lodge No. 42 for his older brother and himself.

The Learning Center staff currently includes seven Initial Level Tutors with two additional Scholars submitting paperwork for certification at the end of this July. Melissa continues studying and working towards certification at the Advanced Level, while Claudia and I have achieved Advanced Level Certification. Claudia's application to train as an Initial Level Trainer has also been approved.

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I completed my grad work in the Urban Studies/Urban Education Program this spring.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment at this point to acknowledge two wonderful ladies who unknowingly gave me the nudge to pursue and complete this project. Sometime in 2001, as the Learning Center plans began to take shape, Virginia Travis and Kathy Vander Eyk queried the progress of my educational plans. When I shared my thoughts on the subject, the look in their eyes and the gentle smiles on their faces told me what I needed to do. So Virginia and Kathy, I thank you and I hope I continue to maintain a love for learning. However, it's official, for me, "school is out forever"! Our next Tutor Training cycle is scheduled to begin September 25. We are always on the lookout for a few good Tutor Scholars, so if you or someone you know is interested please contact the Learning Center.

The Learning Center is currently providing tutorial sessions to 20 youngsters. We anticipate the enrollment to increase to 24/25 in October. Once again, we are in the process of finalizing each youngster's annual progress assessment and we are thrilled to report that everyone is progressing and developing, with the gap between their grade levels and performance levels reducing significantly. There are approximately 20 youngsters remaining on the waitlist. If you know of a child who may benefit from participating in the Learning Center program, please encourage their families to contact the Learning Center.

We are all very proud to be participating in such a positive and empowering youth program. Enabling these youngsters to better achieve their academic potential is magnificently rewarding and uplifting for all involved. Individual generosity and all the continued support from the supporting Masonic bodies perpetuate the rewards. Thanks to the Scottish Rite philanthropic endeavors, you are enabling these youngsters to hold their heads high with pride.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Sharkis, Director/Trainer/Tutor

The Valley of Waterbury 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

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REPORT OF THE WEB SITE COMMITTEE

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, officers and brethren of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation in session in Newington, CT on June 19, 2009

The web site for the Council of Deliberation now contains a separate web site for each Valley, all looking much the same, with common controls, so that a visitor to any of our sites will immediately recognized this relationship. Webmaster Ill. Francis G. Way, 33°, has done a terrific job in developing our new web sites.

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These sites and will be maintained by Webmaster Ill. Francis G. Way, 33^o, and can be seen at:

(<http://www.ctcouncilofdeliberation.org>) or (<http://www.valleyofbridgeport.org>)
or (<http://www.valleyofhartford.org>) or (<http://www.valleyofnewhaven.org>)
or (<http://www.valleyofnorwich.org>) or (<http://www.valleyofwaterbury.org>).

More development is planned, including the ability for each Valley to add events to the common calendar.

The site contains the following features:

- An "about us" page describing the Ct Council of Deliberation and what bodies we represent.
- Links to all the Supreme Council, CT Grand Lodge, and other Masonic organizations.
- A resource page with information about the Connecticut Council of Deliberation.
- Directory of all Valleys with locations and maps.
- Calendar of events, which allows multiple access; for a representative from each Valley has been assigned by the Deputy and is encouraged to sign; through the opportunity provided by the webmaster, these representative can keep current their Valley events, degree dates, rehearsal dates, etc.
- Officers for the current year, 2009 and 2010, COD Proceedings, and an informational slide show "About Scottish Rite Masons" has been posted.
- Other content pages as requested, photo's and events descriptions etc.

Fraternally submitted,

Valley Representatives:

Charles R Harrell - Valley of Waterbury

Charles B. Clark, MSA - Valley of Norwich

Whitney P. McNulty, MSA - Valley of Bridgeport

Frank Dlugoleski - Valley of Hartford

Vernon K. Cleaves, 33^o - Valley of New Haven, *Chairman*

This report was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Session was closed by the Commander-in-Chief at 4:20 PM.

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Ill.: Herbert Wilton Ellms, 33°

Born in Somerville, Massachusetts on February 24, 1909

Died at Garden Heights, Shelton Connecticut July 15, 2008

Illustrious Herbert W. Ellms, son of the late Frank Bennett and Elizabeth (Shattuck) Ellms.

On November 25, 1965, he was married to the former Ruth Kathryn Arbogast.

He attended Newton High School in Newton, Massachusetts, while in high school Herb was in a play with Bette Davis. He attended the University of Massachusetts taking extension courses, also took extension courses from the U. S. Army veterinary school and assisted in the care and treatment of animals for the Army. He was discharged on October 7, 1945.

Brother Ellms business career included President of Banner Systems, Inc. Owner of Newton Landscape Gardening Company, Buyer for Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company and New England Sales Supervisor. He also was Vice President of J. B. Ford Company and Sales Manager of Parks Sausage Company and Fairmont Foods Company. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan, Connecticut and was a member of the Ushering Staff.

Bother Ellms had been active in Masonry since August 13, 1945 when he became a member of Dalhousie Lodge in Newtonville, Massachusetts. He was a member of Valley of New Haven Scottish Rite Bodies: E. G. Storer Lodge in New Haven on March 3, 1958 serving as Thrice Potent Master in 1964-65; Elm City Council Princes of Jerusalem, serving as Master of Entrances and New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, serving as Senior Warden in 1970, receiving the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) in 1968. He also was a member of Lafayette Consistory in Bridgeport, Connecticut and a member of Pyramid Shrine and Jesters in Milford.

Illustrious Brother Ellms was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector, 33° in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, on September 29, 1971, and he was a Past President of the Twilight Club.

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Ill. Theodore Hamilla, 33°

Born: December 29, 1912 at Bridgeport, Connecticut

Died: August 12, 2008 at Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Connecticut.

Illustrious Brother Theodore Hamilla, was the son of John and Anna (Galayda) Hamilla.

On June 18, 1949 he was married to Frances Pauline (Zelisko) Harrison.

Illustrious Brother Ted began his education at the Barnum Elementary School, then Central High-State Trade School, both in Bridgeport, then Bridgeport Engineering.

He was employed in 1930 at the Harlo Products Foundry as machinist, supervisor draftsman and machine designer. From 1935 to 1965 employed at MMM company in Stratford as assembly foreman, general foreman and plant superintendent.

Brother Ted was a member of St. Johns Lodge No 3, AF & AM, of Bridgeport from 1944. He was a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13 R.&S.M, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar in Bridgeport. Ted served as secretary and chairman of the Masonic Youth Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge in 1964-1965. In Scottish Rite he was a member of DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Ted served as Sovereign Prince in 1963-64 and Most Wise Master in 1962-63.

He was a member of Pyramid Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. and acted as "Dad" to Bridgeport Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and was a member of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation.

Other Masonic activities included: coordinator for DeMolay night program, Secretary of the Ritualistic Committee COD, Coordinator for Bridgeport for the New England Regional Ritualistic Conference in Boston, Coordinator to prepare a souvenir brochure for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Bridgeport.

Illustrious Brother Hamilla was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector, 33° in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, on September 28, 1966.

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TABLEAUX OF THE
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
in the
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEWITT CLINTON LODGE OF PERFECTION
BRIDGEPORT
 Chartered May 11, 1858
 Stated Communications: Third Monday, February,
 October, and November, at 7:30 P.M.
 Annual: Third Monday in May at 8:00 P.M.

Kenneth E. Blake	32°	Thrice Potent Master
Alan R. Kennedy	32°	Deputy Master
Jean Marie L. St. Victor	32°	Senior Warden
Daniel Galloza	32°	Junior Warden
John H. Judge	32°	Orator
Edward R. Ham	33°	Treasurer
Leo H. Lohrman, II	33°	Secretary
Christopher H. Besecheck	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Donald H. King, MSA	32°	Hospitaler
Alexander Corsi	32°	Captain of the Guard
Robert Cascone	32°	Tyler

KING SOLOMON LODGE OF PERFECTION
NORWICH

Chartered May 28, 1864
 Stated Communications: determined by
 Executive Council with the Annual in May

Warren Swaar	32°	Thrice Potent Master
John Plante	32°	Deputy Master
Kyle E. Hollis	32°	Senior Warden
Carl Heinrich	32°	Junior Warden
Albert R. Dawley, IV	32°	Orator
Howard D. Turner, MSA	33°	Treasurer
Francis E. Rebmann	32°	Secretary
Jason J. Stork	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Charles A. Duke, MSA	32°	Hospitaler
Charles B. Clark, MSA	32°	Captain of the Guard
Douglas Girard	32°	Tyler

**CHARTER OAK LODGE OF PERFECTION
HARTFORD**

Chartered May 19, 1866

Stated Communications: determined by Executive Committee

Eric W. Manner	33°	Thrice Potent Master
Jeffery A. Flynn	32°	Deputy Master
Justin A. Duffy	32°	Senior Warden
Earl S. Evans, MSA	32°	Junior Warden
Winfred G. Kroeze	32°	Orator
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Steven Shoopak	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Kevin J. Hecht	33°	Hospitaler
Mark A. Sciola	32°	Captain of the Guard
Curtis Hawks	32°	Chaplain
Charles R. Hammond	32°	Tyler

**E.G. STORER LODGE OF PERFECTION
NEW HAVEN**

Chartered August 19, 1874

Stated Communications: Second Monday in January,
March, September, and November
Annual: Second Monday in May

Sidney W. Isenberg	33°	Thrice Potent Master
Christopher J. Earle	32°	Deputy Master
Charles H. Tirrell, MSA	32°	Senior Warden
Martin Ede, MSA	32°	Junior Warden
Robert J. Knowles	32°	Orator
Charles F. Warfield	33°	Treasurer
Vernon K. Cleaves	33°	Secretary
Timothy C. Wilkins	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Lewis P. Bither	32°	Hospitaler
Richard C. Calabria, II	32°	Captain of the Guard
Frank H. Lesco, MSA	32°	Tyler

**DORIC LODGE OF PERFECTION
WATERBURY
Chartered September 23, 1897**

**Stated Communications: First Wednesday, February,
October and November
Annual: First Wednesday in May**

Charles D. O'Neil	32°	Thrice Potent Master
Christopher P. Henry	32°	Deputy Master
Eric J. Malafronte	32°	Senior Warden
Paul B Iltschenko	32°	Junior Warden
John J. Badeen	32°	Orator
Charles A. McCollum, MSA	32°	Treasurer
Clyde W. Kayser, II, MSA	33°	Secretary
Thomas M. Maxwell, II, MSA	33°	Master of Ceremonies
Grey D. Zane, Sr., MSA	32°	Captain of the Guard
Louis Vander Eyk	33°	Hospitaler
Sheldon N. McKee	32°	Tyler

**WASHINGTON COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM
BRIDGEPORT
Chartered June 1, 1858**

**Stated Assemblies: Third Monday, February,
October, November at 7:30 P.M.**

Danny A. Camp, MSA	32°	Sovereign Prince
Gary D. Shepard, MSA	32°	High Priest
Harvey J. Hartin	32°	Senior Warden
Max Rosenberg	32°	Junior Warden
Edward R. Ham	33°	Treasurer
Leo H. Lohrman, II	33°	Secretary
Irving Lieff, MSA	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Erick P. Meyer	32°	Hospitaler
Donald H. King, MSA	32°	Master of Entrances
Robert J. Cascone	32°	Tyler

**VAN RENSSELAER COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM
NORWICH
Chartered May 28, 1864**

Stated Assemblies: determined by Executive Council

Timothy P. Devine	32°	Sovereign Prince
Robert J. Archambeault	32°	High Priest
William H. Morse, Jr.	32°	Senior Warden
Steven Robarge	32°	Junior Warden
Howard D. Turner, MSA	33°	Treasurer
Francis E. Rebmann	32°	Secretary
Lewis E. Bradley	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Charles A. Duke, MSA	32°	Hospitaler
M. Shane Devine	32°	Master of Entrances
Douglas Girard	32°	Tyler

**HARTFORD COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM
HARTFORD
Chartered August 16, 1876**

Stated Assemblies: determined by Executive Council

Dale T. Cunningham	32°	Sovereign Prince
Aaron Sussman	32°	High Priest
Jonathan R. Beatty	32°	Senior Warden
Melvin E. Johnson	32°	Junior Warden
Allan E. Acker	33°	Treasurer
David R. Blythe, Sr.	33°	Secretary
Charles D. Weiss, MSA	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Kevin J. Hecht	33°	Hospitaler
Craig M. Phelon	32°	Master of Entrances
Kenneth J. Bain, Jr.	32°	Chaplain
Warren M. Maheu	32°	Tyler

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**ELM CITY COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM
NEW HAVEN**

Chartered August 18, 1875

**Stated Assemblies: Second Monday in January, March,
September, and November
Annual: Second Monday in May**

Steven P. Schreck, MSA	33°	Sovereign Prince
Carl G. Ek	32°	High Priest
Frank Heaven	32°	Senior Warden
Daniel W. Hawthorn	32°	Junior Warden
Charles F. Warfield	33°	Treasurer
Vernon K. Cleaves	33°	Secretary
George A. Mudry, IV	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Lewis P. Bither	32°	Hospitaler
Anthony J. Delgrego	32°	Master of Entrances
Frank H. Lesco, MSA	32°	Tyler

**IONIC COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM
WATERBURY**

Chartered September 23, 1897

**Stated Assemblies: First Wednesday in February,
October, and November
Annual: First Wednesday in May**

John J. Badeen	32°	Sovereign Prince
Charles D. O'Neill	32°	High Priest
William F. Manger, MSA	32°	Senior Warden
B. Earl Canfield, Jr.	32°	Junior Warden
Charles A. McCollum, MSA	32°	Treasurer
Clyde W. Kayser, II, MSA	33°	Secretary
Thomas M. Maxwell II, MSA	33°	Master of Ceremonies
Louis Vander Eyk	33°	Hospitaler
Christopher P. Henry	32°	Master of Entrances
Sheldon H. McKee	32°	Tyler

**PEQUONNOCK CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.
BRIDGEPORT
Chartered June 1, 1858**

**Stated Convocations: Third Monday, February,
October, and November, at 7:30 PM.
Annual Convocation: Third Monday in May at 8:00 PM.**

Gary D. Shepard, MSA	32°	Most Wise Master
John B. Stack	32°	Senior Warden
Danny A. Camp, MSA	32°	Junior Warden
Kenneth I. Greenhill	32°	Orator
Edward R. Ham	33°	Treasurer
Leo H. Lohrman, II	33°	Secretary
Kenneth E. Blake	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Donald H. King	32°	Hospitaler
Leon J. Longchamp	32°	Captain of the Guard
Robert Cascone	32°	Tyler

**NORWICH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.
NORWICH
Chartered May 28, 1864**

Stated Convocations:determined by Executive Council

William L. Breed, MSA	32°	Most Wise Master
Wallace DeSouza	32°	Senior Warden
Theodore J. Nelson, III	33°	Junior Warden
Edward M. Joynes	32°	Orator
Howard D. Turner, MSA	33°	Treasurer
Francis E. Rebmann	32°	Secretary
Victor A. Stancovski	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Charles A. Duke, MSA	32°	Hospitaler
Timothy P. Devine	32°	Captain of the Guard
Douglas Girard	32°	Tyler

**CYRUS GOODELL CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.
HARTFORD
Chartered August 16, 1876**

Stated Convocations: determined by Executive Committee

Theodore L. Hasty	32°	Most Wise Master
Richard F. Denno	32°	Senior Warden
Guy O. Whelchel, III	32°	Junior Warden
Michael L. Stephens	32°	Orator
Allan E. Acker	33°	Treasurer
David R. Blythe, Sr.	33°	Secretary
Benjamin A. Isaacson	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Kevin J. Hecht	33°	Hospitaler
George L. Petrini	32°	Captain of the Guard
Kevin W. Stuck	32°	Chaplain
Robert J. Miline	32°	Tyler

**NEW HAVEN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.
NEW HAVEN
Chartered August 19, 1875**

**Stated Convocations: Second Monday in January, March,
September and November
Annual: Second Monday in May**

Willis E. Copeland, Jr., MSA	32°	Most Wise Master
Paul L. Chello	33°	Senior Warden
Charles F. Warfield	33°	Junior Warden
Bradley K. Cooney	33°	Orator
Charles F. Warfield	33°	Treasurer
Vernon K. Cleaves	33°	Secretary
Raymond G. Tomlinson	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Lewis P. Bither	32°	Hospitaler
Robert J. DiPasquale	32°	Captain of the Guard
Frank H. Lesco, MSA	32°	Tyler

**CORINTHIAN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.
WATERBURY**

Chartered September 23, 1897

Stated Convocations: First Wednesday in February,
October, and November

Annual: First Wednesday in May

Christopher P. Henry	32°	Most Wise Master
Paul B. Iltchenko	32°	Senior Warden
Charles D. O'Neill	32°	Junior Warden
Shane Dufresne	32°	Orator
Charles A. McCollum, MSA	32°	Treasurer
Clyde W. Kayser, II, MSA	33°	Secretary
Thomas M. Maxwell, II, MSA	33°	Master of Ceremonies
Louis Vander Eyk	33°	Hospitaler
Ormonde H. Osbon, Jr.	32°	Captain of the Guard
Sheldon N. Mckee	32°	Tyler

LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

BRIDGEPORT

Chartered June 1, 1858

Stated Rendezvous: Third Monday in February,
October, and November at 7:30 P .M.

Annual: Third Monday in May at 8:00 P .M.

Whitney P. McNulty, MSA	32°	Commander-in-Chief
Donald L. Smith, MSA	33°	1st Lieut. Commander
Jack J. S. Farkas, MSA	33°	2nd Lieut. Commander
Bradley K. Cooney	33°	Orator
Austin P. Clark	33°	Chancellor
Edward R. Ham	33°	Treasurer
Leo H. Lohrman, II	33°	Secretary
Joseph B. Cyr, MSA	33°	Master of Ceremonies
Donald H. King, MSA	32°	Hospitaler
Paul L. Chello	33°	Engineer and Seneschal

**CONNECTICUT CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°
NORWICH
Chartered May 28, 1864**

Stated Rendezvous: determined by Executive Council

Howard D. Turner, MSA	33°	Commander-in-Chief
Charles B. Clark , MSA	32°	1st Lieut. Commander
Charles A. Duke, MSA	32°	2nd Lieut. Commander
Carl J. Mossberg, MSA	33°	Orator
Ronald F. Maliano, Jr.	32°	Chancellor
Howard D. Turner, MSA	33°	Treasurer
Francis E. Rebmann	32°	Secretary
Winston S. Dean, MSA	32°	Master of Ceremonies
Edward I. Childs	32°	Hospitaler
Matthew J. Wingate	32°	Engineer and Seneschal
John Sasser, III	32°	Color Bearer
Matthew J. Wingate	32°	Standard Bearer
Robert E. Edmiston	32°	Captain of the Guard
Douglas Girard	32°	Sentinel

**NATHAN HALE CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°
HARTFORD
Chartered September 25, 1984**

**Stated Rendezvous: determined by Executive Committee
Annual at call of Executive Council**

William E. Bohman	33°	Commander-in-Chief
Francis G. Way, MSA	332°	1st Lieut. Commander
Newton Buchner, III	32°	2nd Lieut. Commander
Walter Grube	32°	Orator
John F. Kessler	33°	Chancellor
Allan E. Acker	33°	Treasurer
David R. Blythe, Sr.	33°	Secretary
Gerald F. Thompson, MSA	33°	Master of Ceremonies
Kevin J. Hecht	33°	Hospitaler
Theodore L. Hasty	32°	Engineer and Seneschal
Justin A. Duffy	32°	Color Bearer
Aaron "Ron" Sussman	32°	Standard Bearer
Melvin E. Johnson	32°	Captain of the Guard
Frederick W. Becher	32°	Sentinel

VALLEY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

VALLEY OF BRIDGEPORT

George A. W. Nousiainen, 33^oChairman
 Rev. Craig T. McClellan Vice Chairman
 Edward R. Ham, 33^o.....Treasurer
 Leo H. Lohrman, II, 33^o.....Secretary
 Danny A. Camp, MSA
 Robert Cascone
 Howard R. Clark, 33^o
 Adam J. Karvosky, Jr., MSA
 Jack J.S. Farkas, MSA, 33^o

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 Warren Swaar Vice Chairman
 Howard D. Turner, MSA, 33^oTreasurer
 Francis E. RebmannSecretary
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 David M. Costner
 Timothy P. Devine
 Robert J. Archambeault
 William H. Morse, Jr.
 Wallace Desousa
 Theodore J. Nelson, III, 33^o
 Charles B. Clark, MSA
 Charles A. Duke, MSA
 Jonathan E. Wilson
 Brian E. Echenrode
 Winston S. Dean, MSA

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 Allen E. Acker, 33^o Treasurer
 David R. Blythe, Sr. 33^o Secretary
 Francis G. Way, MSA
 Newton Buckner, III, 33^o

Theodore L. Hasty
Richard F. Denno
Guy O. Welchel, III
Dale T. Cunningham
Aaron Sussman
Jonathan R. Beatty
Jeffery A. Flynn
Justin A. Duffy
Gerald F. Thompson, MSA, 33^o
John F. Kessler, 33^o
Richard R. Jones, Jr., 33^o

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Charles F. Warfield, 33^o Treasurer
Vernon K. Cleaves, 33^o Secretary
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Robert J. Dipasquale, MSA, Family Life chairman
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Willis E. Copeland, Jr.

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Clyde E. Kayser, II, MSA, 33^o Secretary
Christopher P. Henry
Richard E. Frazier, MSA
Louis Vander Eyk, 33^o
Arthur H. Carlstrom, MSA, 33^o
Thomas M. Maxwell, II, MSA, 33^o
Leonard F. D'Amico, 33^o

**ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN IN CONNECTICUT WHO
HAVE RECEIVED THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE**

33^o Received	Elected Active	Elected Deputy
A. Norman Johnson Sept. 30, 1970	Sept. 27, 1979	July 1, 1981
Frederick H. Lorensen Sept. 24, 1975	Oct. 1, 1981	Sept. 28, 1994
Richard V. Travis Sept. 24, 1986	Aug. 27, 1996	Sept. 23, 1997
Gail N. Smith Sept. 25, 1985	Sept. 26, 2000	
James R. Spencer Sept. 28, 1983	Sept. 3, 2002	Aug. 29, 2006
David L. Sharkis Sept. 3, 2002	Aug. 21, 2008	

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Thomas E. McCay	Sept. 28, 1966
Robert C. Stalhammer	Sept. 28, 1977
James L. Whiting	Sept. 27, 1978
John E. Foster	Sept. 26, 1979
Calvin D. Larson	Sept. 26, 1979
Louis Vander Eyk	Sept. 26, 1979
William F. Carpenter	Sept. 24, 1980
Arthur J. McKinney	Sept. 30, 1981
Warren J. Blessing	Sept. 29, 1982
Leo H. Lohrman	Sept. 29, 1982
Grant L. Brown	Sept. 28, 1983
Allen E. Acker	Sept. 26, 1984
Raymond G. Canfield	Sept. 26, 1984
Austin P. Clark	Sept. 26, 1984
Franklin L. Smith	Sept. 26, 1984
Richard W. Graves	Sept. 24, 1986
Leonard F. D'Amico	Sept. 30, 1987
Alexander Horochivsky	Sept. 30, 1987
George A.W. Nousiainen	Sept. 30, 1987

Carleton V. Erickson	Sept. 27, 1988
Thomas M. Maxwell, II	Sept. 27, 1988
Vernon K. Cleaves	Aug. 29, 1989
William F. Orrell	Sept. 25, 1990
Bruce T. Work	Sept. 25, 1990
Robert A. Colbourn	Sept. 24, 1991
Robert E. Strom	Sept. 29, 1992
Matthew F. Griffin.....	Aug. 31, 1993
Richard A. Incorvati, Sr.....	Aug. 31, 1993
Charles F. Warfield	Aug. 31, 1993
Howard R. Clark	Sept. 27, 1994
Edward R. Ham	Sept. 27, 1994
Robert D. Sherrick.....	Sept. 27, 1994
Edwin F. Dingus.....	Oct. 3, 1995
Clyde W. Kayser, II.....	Aug. 27, 1996
Donald C. Murray	Aug. 27, 1996
Raymond G. Schuster.....	Aug. 27, 1996
Russell F. Haugh, Jr.	Sept. 23, 1997
J. David Panula	Sept. 23, 1997
Fred B. Candee.....	Sept. 29, 1998
Kevin J. Hecht.....	Sept. 29, 1998
Burton F. Turner	Sept. 29, 1998
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.....	Sept. 28, 1999
Walter E. Kaechele	Sept. 28, 1999
Charles C. Maxson.....	Sept. 28, 1999
Arthur M. Pugh, Sr.	Sept. 28, 1999
George C. Andres.....	Sept. 26, 2000
William H. Bohman	Sept. 26, 2000
Howard W. Orr.....	Sept. 26, 2000
Barry M. Spero.	Sept. 26, 2000
Randy S. Stevens.....	Sept. 26, 2000
John M. Van Kirk.....	Sept. 26, 2000
Bradley K. Cooney	Sept. 25, 2001
John F. Martin, Jr.	Sept. 25, 2001
Bruce R. Bellmore.....	Sept. 3, 2002
Theodore J. Nelson	Sept. 3, 2002
David L. Sharkis	Sept. 3, 2002

Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr.....	Sept. 23, 2003
Anthony F. Keegan.....	Sept. 23, 2003
Donald L. Smith.....	Sept. 23, 2003
Alfred C. Adinolfi.....	Sept. 23, 2004
Gerald F. Thompson.....	Sept. 23, 2004
John D. Williams, Jr.	May 15, 2005
Charles A. Buck, Jr.	Aug. 30, 2005
Jack J. S. Farkas.....	Aug. 30, 2005
John F. Kessler.....	Aug. 30, 2005
Elmer F. Manley.....	Aug. 30, 2005
Gustaf R. Bodin.....	Aug. 29, 2006
Joseph B. Cyr.....	Aug. 29, 2006
Jack H. Stevens.....	Aug. 29, 2006
Howard D. Turner.....	Aug. 29, 2006
David R. Blythe, Sr.....	Aug. 28, 2007
Arthur H. Carlstrom.....	Aug. 28, 2007
Richard R. Jones.....	Aug. 28, 2007
Steven P. Schreck.....	Aug. 28, 2007
Paul L. Chello.....	Aug. 26, 2008
Sidney W. Isenberg.....	Aug. 26, 2008
Richard C. Memmott, Sr.....	Aug. 26, 2008
Francis G. Way.....	Aug. 26, 2008
Eric W. Manner.....	Aug. 25, 2009
Ralph W. Rose.....	Aug. 25, 2009
Charles W. Yohe.....	Aug. 25, 2009

**RECIPIENTS OF THE ILL. ARTHUR M. BROWN, 33^o
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

Robert A. Colbourn	1971	William G. Bryce	1991
Robert C. Stalhammer	1971	Clinton E. Driscoll	1991
James L. Whiting, II	1971	Kenneth E. Fears	1991
Joseph A. Hazy	1972	Elmer F Manley	1991
Herbert E. Oppel	1974	Herbert W. Mower	1991
John E. Foster	1976	Irving Loeff	1992
Richard L. Smail	1977	Charles H. Reeve, Jr.	1992
Franklin L. Smith	1977	Russell F. Haugh, Jr.	1993
Ernest L. Alber	1978	John R. Lewis	1993
Arthur J. McKinney	1980	Robert D. Sherrick	1993
James R. Spencer, Jr.	1980	John W. Taylor, Jr.	1993
Edward W. Gray	1981	Willis E. Copeland, Jr.	1994
Alexander Horochivsky	1981	John F. Martin, Jr.	1994
Raymond G. Cook	1982	Karl H. Sjovall	1994
Richard E. Frazier	1983	Donald L. Smith	1994
John G. Radeach	1983	John M. Tabak	1994
Robert J. Turley	1983	Bruce R. Bellmore	1995
Troy S. Adcox	1985	Clyde W. Kayser, II	1995
Thomas M. Maxwell, II	1985	Thomas S. McGrath	1995
Franklin D. Bushwack	1986	Arthur F. Tidmarsh	1995
Paul D. Lodola	1986	Bradford H. Ross	1996
Donald C. Murray	1986	Donald S. Sabo	1996
Ronald B. Burke	1987	Mario C. Saccomani	1996
Alexander K. McDonald	1987	Steven P. Schreck	1996
Ralph W. Crane	1988	Armand A. Brodeur, Jr.	1997
Carl L. Edgerton	1988	Richard A. Eppler	1997
Morton N. Katz	1988	Thomas R. Sulier	1997
William L. Milton	1988	George C. Andres	1998
Clifford E. Brautigam	1989	Alfred J. Chapman	1998
Robert E. Eno	1989	Charles A. Duke	1998
Allen N. Morander	1989	Rudolph A. Gaydos, Jr.	1998
Donald E. Robinson	1990	Willard J. King	1998
Robert W. Lampe	1990	Thomas E. Larson	1998
George E. Long	1990		

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RECIPIENTS OF THE ILL. ARTHUR M. BROWN, 33^o
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

John H. Goodrich, Jr.	1999	Russell W. Griswold	2007
Peter M. Gray	1999	Carl J. Mossberg	2007
Stacey E. Hoyt	1999	Gary D. Shepard	2007
Samuel A. Frink	2000	Charles H. Tirrell	2007
Grey D. Zane, Sr.	2000	Charles D. Weiss	2007
Joseph B. Cyr	2001	Danny A. Camp	2008
Bruce M. Hanson	2001	Charles B. Clark	2008
Bruce H. Poole	2001	William F. Manger	2008
Roger W. Read	2001	Allen G. Meyerjack	2008
Adam J. Karvosky, Jr.	2002	Robert A. Simon	2008
Frank H. Lesco	2002	William L. Breed	2009
John J. Sexton	2002	Robert J. DiPasquale	2009
Jack J. S. Farkas	2003	Earl S. Evans	2009
James E. Mantz	2003	Donald H. King	2009
Robert J. Stika	2003	Charles A. McCollum	2009
Gerald F. Thompson	2003		
John D. Williams, Jr.	2003		
Arthur H. Carlstrom	2004		
Ernest A. Dubois	2004		
Daniel George	2004		
Whitney P. McNulty	2004		
Franklin J. Davis	2005		
Winston S. Dean	2005		
Ralph W. Rose	2005		
Jack H. Stevens	2005		
David B. Urban	2005		
Raymond Dolyak	2006		
Martin Ede	2006		
Harry E. Needham, III	2006		
Francis G. Way	2006		
Richard A. Wingate	2006		

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**DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

Elected Deputy	Died
*Charles William Carter May 19, 1865	June 13, 1903
*Charles Learned Hubbard . Sept. 16, 1903	Nov. 12, 1918
*Charles Melville Gerdenier . Feb. 07, 1918	Dec. 03, 1940
*Arthur Morton Brown	Dec. 03, 1940
	June 12, 1949
*Chauncey H. Clements.....	June 13, 1949
	Mar. 26, 1958
*Irving Emerson Partridge... Mar. 27, 1958	May 11, 1981
*Leon Alvah Bradbury	Sept. 25, 1975
	Dec. 06, 1984
*William Campbell	Sept. 28, 1978
	June 26, 1981
Arthur Norman Johnson	July 01, 1981
Frederick Howard Lorenson	Sept. 28, 1994
Richard Vernon Travis	Sept. 23, 1997
James R. Spencer, Jr.	Aug. 29, 2006

**ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE
SUPREME COUNCIL FOR CONNECTICUT**

Honorary	Active	Died
*George Whitefield Bentley	Jan. 28, 1863 . Oct. 20, 1864...	June 5, 1901
*William Riley Higby	Apr. 26, 1858 . Oct. 20, 1864...	Sept. 4, 1902
*Charles William Carter	May 18, 1865 .. May 19, 1865...	June 13, 1903
*Henry Odgen Canfield	Sept. 17, 1901 .. Sept. 16, 1903...	July 25, 1910
*Charles Learned Hubbard ...	Sept. 18, 1894 .. Sept. 16, 1903...	Nov. 12, 1918
*Albert Seymour Comstock ...	Sept. 15, 1903 .. Sept. 18, 1919..	Aug. 25, 1936
*Charles Melville Gerdenier ..	Sept. 20, 1904 .. Sept. 22, 1910...	Dec. 3, 1940
*Carlton Hickox Stevens	Sept. 19, 1922 .. Sept. 25, 1941...	Sept. 28, 1943
*Arthur Morton Brown.....	Sept. 17, 1918 . Jan. 7, 1937...	June 12, 1949
*Chauncey Houston Clements	Sept. 29, 1943 .. Sept. 28, 1944...	Mar. 26, 1958
*Irving Emerson Partridge	Sept. 26, 1945 .. Sept. 29, 1949...	May 11, 1981
*Frederick William Hummel .	Sept. 24, 1941 .. Sept. 24, 1958...	Feb. 28, 1982
*Leon Alvah Bradbury	Sept. 25, 1968 .. Sept. 27, 1971...	Dec. 6, 1984
*William Campbell.....	Sept. 27, 1967 .. Sept. 28, 1978...	June 6, 1981
Arthur Norman Johnson.....	Sept. 30, 1970 .. Sept. 27, 1979	
Frederick Howard Lorenson .	Sept. 24, 1975 .. Oct. 1, 1981	
Richard Vernon Travis	Sept. 24, 1986 ... Aug. 27, 1996	
Gail Nelson Smith	Sept. 25, 1985 .. Sept. 26, 2000	
James R. Spencer, Jr.	Sept. 28, 1983 .. Sept. 3, 2002	
David L. Sharkis	Sept. 3, 2002 .. Sept. 26, 2008	

*Denotes deceased

**MEMBERS OF CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL OF THE DELIBERATION
2008-2009**

**Alphabetically Arranged
(Grade is 32^o unless otherwise noted)**

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Abadi, Medi..... 22 Mayflower Avenue, Stamford, 06906
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 Acker, Allan E, 33^o 477 West Street, Rocky Hall, 06067
 Adcox, Troy S, MSA..... 242 Bear Hill Road, Huntington, 06434
 Adinolfi, Alfred C, 33^o 235 Sorghum Hill Drive, Cheshire, 06410
 Agar, Robert A 113 Rose Ville Road, Westport, 06880
 Amarilios, John A..... 1222 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, 06840
 Anderson, Kenneth E 28 Applewood Drive, Cheshire, 06410
 Andres, George C, MSA, 33^o 4 Heft Brook Lane, Killingworth, 06419
 Archambeault, Robert J. 15 Paster Road, Preston, 06365
 Aspland, Carl E 40 Wolcott Street, Bristol, 06010

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Badeen, John J..... 201 Red Mountain Avenue, Torrington, 06790
 Bellmore, Bruce R, MSA, 33^o 41 Michael Drive, West Haven, 06516
 Blake, Kenneth E..... 359 Wheeler Road, Monroe, 06468
 Blessing, Warren J, 33^o 103 Baneberry Lane, Wethersfield, 06109
 Blythe, Sr., David R., 33^o 4 Parkview Drive, Wallingford, 06492
 Bodin, Gustaf R, 33^o 384 Tanner Marsh Road, Guilford, 06437
 Bohman, William E, 33^o 1 Woodland Ave, Canton, 06019
 Borofsky, William 455 Barrack Hill Road, Ridgefield, 06877
 Brautigam, Clifford E, MSA 35 1/2 Lincoln Avenue, Norwich, 06360
 Breed, William, MSA 7 Fairview Drive, Pawcatuck, 06379
 Brodeur, Jr, Armand A, MSA..... 79 Phyliss Drive, Naugatuck, 06770
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
for the
CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY**

ARTICLE I

Title and Allegiance

Sec. 1 - This Council shall be known as "Connecticut Council of Deliberation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry".

Sec. 2 - It is formed under and hereby acknowledges and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, having its Grand East in the City of Lexington, Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II

Meetings, Notices, Quorum

Sec. 1 - The Connecticut Council of Deliberation shall meet annually. The time and place of each Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Council, provided, however, that such time and place of meeting may be changed by the Deputy for any reason deemed by him to require such action.

Sec. 2 - A special meeting of this Council may be called by the Deputy for such time and place within this state as he shall determine, or by this Council at any annual meeting.

Sec. 3 - Written or printed notice of each annual or special meeting of this Council shall be given by the Secretary, to be served either personally or by mail, to each member at least ten (10) days before said meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose thereof.

Sec. 4 - Accredited representatives of a majority of the Scottish Rite Bodies in this state shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III

Members, Officers

Sec. 1 - The members of this Council of Deliberation shall be such as are prescribed by the Supreme Council.

Sec. 2 - The Council shall elect the following officers at each annual meeting to hold office for one year or until their successors shall be elected and installed:

First Lieutenant Commander	Master of Ceremonies
Second Lieutenant Commander	Hospitaler
Minister of State	Seneschal
Chancellor	Standard Bearer
Prior	Guard
Treasurer	Sentinel
Secretary	

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Sec. 2b - The Commander in Chief shall appoint a member of this Council of Deliberation as Grand Historian who shall keep a record of all events of historical significance and report thereon to this Council annually.

Sec. 3 - In case of vacancy in any office, by death, removal from the jurisdiction or otherwise, or failure to elect officers in this Council, the Illustrious Commander in Chief may make appointments to be in force until the next annual meeting.

Sec. 4 - Each officer of this Council shall perform the duties customarily incident to his office in accordance with Masonic usage and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by resolution of this Council or by the Illustrious Commander in Chief.

Sec. 5 - The officers shall be installed at the annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Sec. 6 - Scottish Rite Bodies in this State may elect members of the Rite in good standing in the Northern Jurisdiction as Honorary Members under such rules and regulations as their By-Laws may prescribe; provided, however, that no member of a Valley may be elected an Honorary member of the Valley in which he is a member.

Sec. 7 - Semi-public installation of the officers of Scottish Rite Bodies in this State is permitted.

Sec. 8 - A personal contact shall be made with each resident Connecticut member of the Scottish Rite before he can be suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues and assessments. The Thrice Potent Master of each Valley shall be responsible for the personal contact in his Valley, and a report shall be made available to the Secretary of the Valley. The Secretary shall retain the report for future reference and the records.

Sec. 9a - This Council of Deliberation authorizes the holding of dual memberships for members of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Sec. 9b - A member of the Rite holding membership in a Valley outside of this State may apply for dual membership in a Valley in this state provided dual membership is permitted in the state of his membership, or a waiver of jurisdiction is obtained.

Sec. 9c - A dual member shall be required to pay the customary dues of the bodies which he joins, but no fee becoming a dual member shall be charged.

ARTICLE IV

Standing Committees

Sec. 1 - At the close of each annual meeting, the Illustrious Commander in Chief, or in his absence the presiding officer, shall appoint the following Standing Committees to continue in office until a new Committee be appointed:

Committee on Business

Committee on Credentials

Committee on Dispensations and Charters

Committee on Finance

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Committee on Meritorious Service Award**Committee on Necrology****Committee on Next Place of Meeting****Committee on Nominations****Committee on Rules and Regulations****Committee on State of the Rite****Committee on Insurance**

Sec. 2 - The Committee on Business shall review the address of the Illustrious Commander in Chief and shall make recommendations regarding the appointment and disposition of the several parts of the address.

Sec. 3 - The Committee on Credentials shall pass on the qualifications of every person presenting himself for attendance at each annual or special meeting of this Council and to report thereon at such meeting.

Sec. 4 - The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall investigate every application for a dispensation or charter and make a written recommendations thereon to this Council.

Sec. 5 - The Committee on Finance shall audit the books and accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Hospitaler and make a written report thereon at the annual meeting of this Council. It shall prepare and present a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year.

Sec. 6 - The Committee on Meritorious Service Award shall consist of five members of the Supreme Council, one from each of the five Valleys in the State. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive and consider the nominations from the various Valleys and to make recommendations to this Council, at each annual meeting thereof, of members of the Rite in this state to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

Sec. 7 - The Committee on Necrology shall report at each meeting of this Council the names, degrees, titles, and date of death, of all members of the Supreme Council in this State dying during the preceding year, together with similar data on such other outstanding Masonic leaders as it may deem proper.

Sec. 8 - The Committee on Next Place of Meeting shall recommend at each annual meeting of this Council a place for subsequent annual meeting or meetings of this Council.

Sec. 9 - The Committee on Nominations shall consist of the members of the Supreme Council accredited to this state. It shall be the duty of such Committee to nominate candidate for election to the offices of this Council at each meeting place.

Sec. 10 - The Committee on Rules and Regulations shall consider all matters pertaining to the laws, rules, regulations and jurisprudence referred to it by the Deputy or by this Council and shall make recommendations thereon.

Sec. 11 - The Committee on State of the Rite shall consider throughout the year all matters pertaining to the State of the Rite in this state, make recommendations to the Deputy from time to time, and it shall make a written report to this Council at each annual meeting.

Sec. 12 - The Committee on Insurance shall consist of three members who shall administer all insurance and related matters pertaining to the Scottish Rite Bodies in the state of Connecticut.

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ARTICLE V**Finances**

Sec. 1 - The Secretary of each body of the Rite in this state shall, annually, at least seven days prior to the annual meeting forward to the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation a detailed statement of the proceeding year's work and a remittance of the per capita tax of one dollar (\$1.00) per each member (as amended 8/15/07) on it roll of membership as of May 31.

Sec. 2 - This Council at any annual or special meeting may vote assessments on the bodies of the Rite in this state as this Council shall deem proper, provided, however, that every such additional assessment shall be designated for some particular purpose and shall be used only for that purpose.

Sec. 3 - The fiscal year of this Council shall begin on the first day of August in each year and shall end on the 31st day of July in the next succeeding year.

Sec. 4 - No money shall be drawn on the Treasurer except upon a warrant signed by the Secretary, countersigned by the Illustrious Commander in Chief, and issued in payment of an appropriation or in accordance with an order previously made by this Council.

Sec. 5 - The Secretary, Treasurer, and Hospitaler of this Council of Deliberation shall be bonded in such manner and in such amount as shall be determined by resolution of the Council, or in default of such determination then determined by the Deputy, the premium on such bonds to be paid by this Council.

ARTICLE VI**Jurisdiction of Valleys**

Sec. 1 - Each Valley in this state shall have concurrent jurisdiction within the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE VII**Meritorious Service Award**

Sec. 1a - An award to be known as the "Illustrious Arthur M. Brown, 33^o, Meritorious Service Award" is hereby established for the State of Connecticut. It shall be conferred upon Scottish Rite Masons who, by reason of meritorious services of a Masonic character, are worthy and should be so cited.

Sec. 1b - The award shall consist of a jewel in memory of the late Deputy for this state, Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33^o.

Sec. 1c - The recipients must have received the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Sec. 1d - The award shall be limited to one member for each 1000 members per Valley, with no Valley entitled to less than one each year provided the Valley is in good standing. (N.B. Constitutional limitation not to exceed one per body in each Valley.) (Art. 901-d).

Sec. 2 - The following procedure shall be followed by this Council relative to selecting those who are to receive such awards and in presenting the awards to those selected.

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Sec. 2a - The presiding officers of the bodies of the Rite in the State shall present recommendations in writing to the Council of Deliberation, nominating the member or members of their Bodies whom they feel should receive the award. No presiding officer is eligible to receive this award while he is involved in the nominating process.

Sec. 2b - Such nominations shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Meritorious Service Award at least one month prior to the annual meeting of this Council, except that by unanimous consent of this Council nominations may be referred to the Committee at the annual meeting for consideration at that annual meeting.

Sec. 2c - The Committee on Meritorious Service Award shall consider the nominations referred to it from the various Valleys and shall make recommendations to this Council, at each annual meeting thereof, of members of the Rite in this State to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

Sec. 3 - The presentation of the award and insignia shall be made by the Deputy, or someone selected by him. Such presentation shall be made either in the Valley in which the recipient is a member or at a meeting of the Council of Deliberation, as the Deputy may determine.

Sec. 4 - The jewel shall consist of an ornamented gold bar, one and a half inches long, with the words "Connecticut Council of Deliberation" in gold letters set in red enamel. A second gold bar, one and a quarter inches long, is suspended from the first bar by five gold links. On this bar shall be the words "Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33°, Meritorious Service Award" in gold letters set in red enamel. A double headed eagle, emblem of the Thirty-Second Degree is suspended from this second bar by three gold links. The figures "32" are of gold set in a triangle of black enamel. The height of the jewel shall be two and three-quarters inches.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Sec. 1 - By Amendment of Supreme Council Constitutions, etc. Upon amendment of the constitutions and Regulations of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, or upon the promulgation or any decree of said Supreme Council, inconsistent with any provision of these Rules and Regulations, then in every such event, and without any further act or deed whatsoever, these Rules and Regulations shall be deemed to be and shall be automatically amended in conformity therewith.

Sec. 2 - By Council of Deliberation, these Rules and Regulations may be amended at any annual meeting of this Council by a majority vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment or amendments have been presented at the preceding annual meeting, and due notice thereof shall have been given to the members and provided, further, that an amendment or amendments may be adopted at the annual meeting at which it is presented, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment or amendments having been given to the members.

Sec. 3 - All By-Laws, Rules and Regulations previously adopted by this Council are hereby rescinded.

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Valley Scholarships Hartford

Kristen D. Becher, junior Year, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Karen A. Blasé, junior year, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC
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Brent L. Coleman, junior year, Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT
Kurt R. Coleman, sophomore year, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Leighton C. Conley, Junior year, Univ. of Hartford, Hartford, CT
Peter C. Fox, senior year, Central Conn. State University, New Britain, CT
Elizabeth C. George, sophomore year, MIT, Cambridge, MA
Kelly B. Griffin, junior year, SUNY, New Paltz, NY
Kristina H. Grossomanides, Senior year, Framingham State College, Framington, MA
Brittany T. Hallberg, sophomore, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA
Chris T. Hallberg, Jr., senior year, LaSalle College, Newton, MA
Stephanie L. Harris, junior Year, Central Conn. State University, New Britain, CT
Robert G. Petrini., junior year, Northwestern University, MA
Robert C. Schullz, sophomore year, Concordia College, NY
Brian J. VonHorne, junior year, Norwich University, Northfield, VT
Deirdre N. Dlugoleski, freshman year, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Brian D. Field, freshman year, Central Conn. State University, New Britain, CT
Thomas C. George, freshman year, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Marcia R. Harris, freshman year, Western New England College, CT
Theodore D. Rummel, freshman year, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
(All Hartford scholarship winners received \$ 500.00 scholarships.)

Valley Scholarships New Haven

Christopher R. Bushy, freshman year, Middlesex Community College, CT
Erika I. Bodin, freshman year, Connecticut College
Jesse R. Bodin, senior year, Goucher College, MD
Matthew O. Montano, freshman year, Norwich University, CT Matthew J.
Poppa, freshman year, Worcester Polytechnic, MA
Lindsay A. Ortoleva, freshman year, Culinary Institute of America, NY

Valley Scholarships Norwich

Candice Reavis, sophomore year, Sunny Potsdam, Potsdam, New York
Emily Echenrode, sophomore year, Plymouth State University, Plymouth NH
Rebecca Smith, junior year, Nichols College, Dudley MA
Daniel Smith, sophomore year, Nichols College Dudley, MA

Valley Scholarships Waterbury

Erin E. Candee of Wolcott, senior year, Monmouth University in Monmouth, N.J.
Emily P. Harrison, junior year, Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA.
Rebecca D. Harrison, 3rd. year, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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