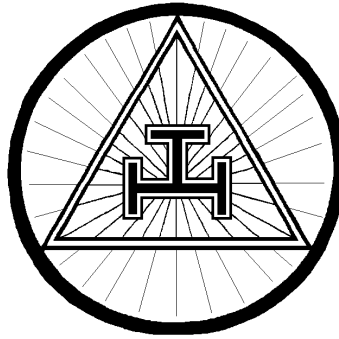


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CLYDE WILLIAM KAYSER, II
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2022

CLYDE WILLIAM KAYSER, II

Clyde William Kayser II was born on April 26, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio to Clyde Hartman Kayser Jr. and Viola Berger Kayser. He graduated from Stivers High School in June 1965 and enrolled in Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, graduating in 1969, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree with a dual Chemistry/Mathematics major. In 1972 he enrolled at Wright State University in Dayton for post-graduate work, receiving a Master of Science Degree with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry in 1974. He also earned an Associate Degree in Electronics from Sinclair Community College in Dayton. Later he pursued advanced studies toward a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering for the University of New Haven.

Upon graduation he was employed as a laboratory chemist at Bowser-Morner Testing Laboratories in Dayton, Ohio. This laboratory provided analytical support for many small foundries and pattern shops in southwest Ohio. It also provided adjunct laboratory assistance to the Air Force Institute of Technology stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn. In 1976, he relocated to Connecticut to take a position as a Materials Engineer in the Process and Technology Laboratory at Avco Lycoming, later known as Textron Lycoming, in Stratford. Initially he worked in the Process Control Laboratory, analyzing incoming materials for specification compliance. In this position he helped develop analytical parameters for the proto-type of Perkin-Elmer Corporation's first Graphite-Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrometer. Three years later he transferred to the Material and Process Technology Laboratory. In this position he was responsible for using Electron Microscopy to analyze atomic structures of high-temperature alloys and Scanning Electron Microscopy to characterize failures in turbine blades. He also assisted Cameca Corporation in writing a translation of the French operations manual for their new Electron Microscope. He remained at Lycoming for nineteen years until the company closed in 1995. For the next three years he worked as a plating laboratory chemist at the Whyco

Chromium Company in Thomaston, and in August 1999, he accepted the position of Laboratory Manger at the Ansonia Copper and Brass Company. One of his first duties in this position was to make sure that the software operating the laboratory analysis and foundry casting operations was Y2K compliant. When this company decided to cease operation in June 2009, he finally retired.

Brother Kayser is a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Dayton, Ohio. On June 27, 1982 he was married to Alvina Jane (A. J.) West. They currently reside in Waterbury with their several cats.

While living in Ohio, Companion Kayser was active in Boy Scouting. As a boy he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was presented with the Pro Deo et Patria religious award of the Lutheran Church. All four of his brothers did the same. As an adult he served as an Assistant Scout Master, Neighborhood Commissioner, District Commissioner and District Executive. While serving as Commissioner of Pioneer District, Miami Valley Council, he helped establish the first Scout Troop in America dedicated solely to serve disabled boys. He completed the Scouter's Key training and advanced Wood Badge Training and led an expedition to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. For two summers he was on the staff of Woodland Trails Scout Reservation at Camden, Ohio working on the lake front staff and serving as councilor for the Canoeing and the Rowing merit badges. In honor of his service to Scouting, in 1974 he was presented with the Miami Valley Council "Scouter of the Year" Award. He was also admitted to the Order of the Arrow camping honorary, where he attained the rank of Vigil Member, presided as Chief of the Fire for three years and performed as Methu, the witch doctor, for the initiation ceremony. Upon moving to Connecticut, Scouting was replaced with Masonry.

His other interests include stamp collecting, model railroading and sports.

Masonic History

Symbolic Lodge:

Brother Kayser was raised a Master Mason in Federal Lodge No. 17 in Watertown, Connecticut on June 4, 1984. His father, a Past Master and forty year Secretary of Aero Lodge No. 648 of Dayton, Ohio, was a surprise visitor for his Master Mason Degree. The next year he was installed as Senior Steward, and progressed through the officer line, serving as Worshipful Master in 1990, the 200th Anniversary year of Federal Lodge. He has served as Secretary of the Lodge since 1991. In 1994 he affiliated as a dual member of Harmony Lodge No. 42 in Waterbury. In recognition of his service to the Lodge, in 2008 Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Stika presented him with the Pierpont Edwards Medal. In 2021 he was presented with the Worshipful Brother Ashler Blakeslee Award for distinguished service to Federal Lodge.

Royal Arch Masonry:

Companion Kayser was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Granite Chapter No. 36 in Thomaston on September 18, 1986. He served as an officer in various stations, eventually being installed as Most Excellent High Priest in 1993, an office he held until 1998, when Granite Chapter consolidated with Cyrus Chapter No. 45 in Torrington. He affiliated with Franklin Chapter No. 2 in New Haven on May 2, 1992, and served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1999 and 2000. Since 2012 he has served as Secretary of this Chapter. In 1992 Most Excellent Grand High Priest Steven Piner appointed him Right Excellent Grand Custodian of Capitular District Two, an office he held for four years. He was consecrated an Anointed High Priest in 1993 and presided as Excellent President in 1999. At the 1999 Grand Chapter Session, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Donald Murray presented him the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service, and in 2003 he was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Indiana. In 2011 he was awarded the General Grand Chapter Ritual Medal. In 2016 Most Excellent Companion Martin Ede appointed him as Right Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil, and at the June 3, 2017

Annual Conclave he was presented with the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze. He was elected and installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut on June 4, 2022..

Royal and Select Masters:

Companion Kayser was received and greeted a Select Master on October 26, 1991 in Buel Council No. 20 in Litchfield Connecticut. He served as Recorder of the Council from 1992-1998. On April 14, 1992 He affiliated with Harmony Council No. 8 in New Haven and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993 and 1996. Since 2012 he has served as Recorder of this Council. In 1993 he was admitted to the Council of Anointed Kings and he was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Indiana in 1998. At the 1998 Grand Council Session, Most Puissant Grand Master Thurman Sharples presented him with the Knight of Ish Sodi Meritorious Service Award. In 1999 Most Puissant Grand Master Richard Eppler appointed him Grand Marshal, and in 2011 Most Puissant Grand Master Bruce Bellmore appointed him as Grand Sentinel to the officer line of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut. At the 2014 Grand Council Session Most Puissant Grand Master Charles McCollum awarded him with the Phillip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award, and in 2017 he presided as Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut.

Commandery of Knights Templar:

Sir Knight Kayser was knighted on January 17, 1992 in New Haven Commandery No. 2 in New Haven. The next year he served as Assistant Recorder, and the following year joined the officer line as Junior Warden. He presided as Eminent Commander in 1997. Since serving as Commander he has been a director of the Order of the Temple. In 1998 he was received into the Knight Crusaders of the Cross where he presided as Knight Commander of the East in 2014. In 2002 he affiliated as a plural member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 in Meriden where in 2006-2007 he presided as

Eminent Commander. He currently serves as Recorder of both Commanderies. He is affiliated as a member of DeValois Commandery No. 16 in Vinyl Haven, Maine, and is also Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery of Ohio. At the 2006 Grand Commandery Session Right Eminent Sir Knight Edward Ham presented him with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. In 2008 Right Eminent Grand Commander Bruce Bellmore appointed him as Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and in 2016 he presided as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite:

Brother Kayser became a member of the Valley of Waterbury and Lafayette Consistory on May 5, 1986. In the Valley of Waterbury he presided as Thrice Potent Master of Doric Lodge of Perfection in 1995, Sovereign Prince of Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 1994, and Most Wise Master of Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix in 1993. He served as Secretary of the Valley from 1996 until 2015. For his service to the Scottish Rite Brother Kayser was presented the Ill.. Arthur M. Brown (now the Fredrick H. Lorensen), 33°, Meritorious Service Award at the June 9, 1995 Council of Deliberation session. He was further honored on August 27, 1996 when he was coroneted a 33° Mason and created an Honorary Member of Supreme Council at the Supreme Council Session in Boston. In 1996 Brother Kayser was appointed Orator of Lafayette Consistory, and in May of 2004 he was installed to preside as Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory for two years. He is also a founding member of the Board of Governors of the Waterbury 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

Other Masonic Affiliations:

Sir Knight Kayser was initiated in Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 on June 19, 1993, served as Preeminent Governor in 2004, and on July 25, 1998 he was honored with the Order of the Purple Cross. On March 10, 1969, Brother Kayser was initiated in Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honour,

and served as Eminent Prior in 2008. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Novum Aboracum Chapel No. 7 and Nutmeg Chapel No. 29, Order of Saint Thomas of Acon, where he presided over both as Worthy Master; Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons, where he is a Past Excellent Chief; Apostle's Tabernacle No. XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, where he is currently presiding as Very Eminent Preceptor; Connecticut College S.R.I.C.F.; Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Mason Degrees, where he is currently Sovereign Master; and Good Will Chapter No. 112, Order of the Eastern Star, where he has served as Worthy Patron many times.

ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut and The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters were in the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, in Cromwell, Connecticut on 2 and 3 June 2023.

GRAND BANQUET

The combined Annual Banquet in honor of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Clyde W. Kayser II and Most Puissant Grand Master James S. McNeely IV began with a social hour at 5:30 pm followed by the Banquet at 6:30 pm. In attendance were approximately 80 Companions, guests and ladies.

RI Grand Recorder William L. Miller called the audience to rise and welcome the Head Table as they entered and were introduced. Companions Kayser and McNeely each then welcomed all present, and then called upon Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, Assistant Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, for an invocation. All present then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, followed by singing the “Star Spangled Banner” and “O Canada”.

As the meal was being served, the presiding officers introduced the Head Table and various invited guests. Called upon to speak were Jack Campbell, State Master Councilor of CT DeMolay accompanied by Brian Beals, Executive Officer; Brielle Laferriere, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of Connecticut of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls accompanied by Anne Needham, Supreme Inspector; Caroline Maselli, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Connecticut Order of the Eastern Star; Paula DePaulo, Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Court of Connecticut Order of Amaranth; and SK Edward C. Page, RE Grand Commander Knights Templar of CT, all of whom offered their congratulations and best wishes for a profitable session on the morrow.

The evening segued into recognitions of Companions for outstanding service to the York Rite, each involving a secretive

ceremony to locate and present the awardee in the Banquet East. MEGHP Kayser began with the Grand Chapter's Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service, presented to Companion Gerald A. Calabritto of Joseph Andrews – Pulaski Chapter No. 26. Then with the assistance of Companion Teko A. Foly, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter RAM International, Companion Gary D. Shepard was presented with the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

Then it was the Grand Council's turn. MPGM McNeely, using his own roundup crew, presented the Knight of Ish Sodi Award to Companion Scott A. Daniels Jr of Cushing Council No. 4. Then followed the prestigious Philip J. Jones Award, which was presented to RI Grand Recorder William L. Miller II. MP General Grand Master Monty Glover took advantage of the opportunity to present an award to Wolcott Council No. 1 for its contributions to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund.

Dignitaries from the General Grands were called upon for their remarks. Companion David W. Schuler, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the Northeastern Jurisdiction was recognized first, followed by Companion Teko A. Foly, RE General Grand King, who did NOT present MEGHP Clyde Kayser with his Plaque, Pin and Certificate attesting to his year of service, but held onto it to assure that ME Clyde will actually complete his term the very next afternoon. In addition, Companion Foly led a toast to the ladies.

MPGM McNeely recognized Companion William "Sandy" Karstens, Regional Deputy General Grand Master, and special guest Companion Monty Glover, Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, who brought his greetings.

To conclude the banquet ceremonies, Companion William E. Weisert II, R.E. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter offered a Benediction at 8:30 pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was declared to be open in Ample Form by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Clyde W. Kayser II at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 3 June 2023.

MEGHP Kayser directed all present to silence their phones and advised them that the left half of their ballot was their voting card which should be retained until the end of the session.

MEGHP Kayser invited PMPGM James S. McNeely to join him and together they received the following:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**Group I CONNECTICUT APPENDANT BODIES****Connecticut Knight Crusaders of the Cross**

Companion Craig R. Nelson, Sr., Knight Crusader in the East

Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry

Companion Michael E. Seamon, Most Excellent President

Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings

Companion Michael D. Sabia, Jr., Thrice Illustrious King

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Companion Gregory K. Whitehouse, Grand Governor for Connecticut

Companion Michael E. Seamon, Deputy Grand Governor for Connecticut

Companion Charles A. McCollum, Past Grand Governor for Connecticut

Companion Richard A. Eppler, Past Grand Governor for Connecticut

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

Companion Darrin D. Silhavy, Pre-Eminent Governor, CT York Rite College 17

Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights York Cross of Honour

Companion Charles A. McCollum, Right Eminent Grand Sentinel of Convent General, KYCH

Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees

Companion Edward Varjabedian, Sovereign Master

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

Companion William L. Miller II, Chief Adept

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

Companion Charles B. Fowler, Jr. Very Eminent Preceptor

Group II VISITING GRAND CHAPTERS

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey - 1857

Companion Mark E. Megee, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of District Columbia – 1867

Companion Jean-Paul Dongmo, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Companion Fitzgerald Williams, RE Grand Treasurer

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Canada in Ontario – 1857

Companion Paraag Suchak, Grand First Principal

Grand Chapter of Maine, Royal Arch Masons - 1821

Companion Ryan J. Collins, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts - 1798

Companion Ernest A. Bean, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of New York, Royal Arch Masons – 1798

Companion Larry N. Barnard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations - 1798

Companion Christopher Ellis, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Companion Mark D. Thompson, Right Excellent Grand King

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland - 1797

Companion Robert Lumbert, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

Group III VISITING GRAND COUNCILS

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland – 1874

Companion William C. Hare, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master

Companion Robert Lumbert, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of the State of New Jersey - 1860

Companion Sean H. McNorton, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Companion Mark E. Megee, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Companion David Berger, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain

Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations - 1860

Companion Russell Lorenson, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Companion Mark D. Thompson, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of the State of Vermont - 1854

Companion David Schuler, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

The Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons of Massachusetts - 1826

Companion Manuel Ferreira III, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Companion Donald F. Valenti, Jr, Illustrious Grand Principal
Conductor
Companion Jack C. Bowden, Jr., Grand Master of Ceremonies

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York - 1823

Companion Donald Kunego, Most Illustrious Grand Master
(Acting)

Group IV - OTHER APPENDANT BODIES**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut**

Companion Edward C. Page, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Group V – THE GRANDS**General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International**

Companion Monty Glover, Most Puissant General Grand
Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Companion Charles A. McCollum, Right Puissant General
Grand Treasurer, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons
International

Companion William Karstens, IV, Northeast Regional Deputy
General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons
International

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International

Companion Teko A. Foly, Most Excellent General Grand King
Companion David W. Schuler, Most Excellent Northeast
Deputy General Grand High Priest
Companion Harold J. Kahn, Associate Grand Chaplain

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

Brother Matthew F. Griffin, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Steward, and Personal Representative of Brother Joseph J. Porco, Most Worshipful Grand Master

The gavel was tendered to Companion Foly who declined to retain it. The General Grand King was saluted with the Private Grand Honors.

RE Grand Chaplain William Weisert was called upon to offer prayer, after which MEGHP Kayser led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed by the National Anthem and O Canada.

ATTENDANCE**GRAND OFFICERS**

Clyde W. Kayser II (02,15)	M.E. Grand High Priest
Michael E. Seamon (17)	R.E. Grand King
Michael D. Sabia Jr (11)	R.E. Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum (11)	R.E. Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller II (17)	R.E. Grand Secretary
Jason R. Rieger (06)	R.E. Grand Captain of the Host
Mychael J. Scribner (15)	R.E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Gary D. Shepard (13)	R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Gerald A. Calabritto (26)	R.E. Grand Master Third Veil
Kristian Maiorino (06)	R.E. Grand Master Second Veil
Scott R. Atkins (08)	R.E. Grand Master First Veil
William E. Weisert (07)	R.E. Grand Chaplain
Greg J. Messier (06)	R.E. Grand Sentinel

David Söderberg (17)	R.E. Grand Organist
Martin Ede (02)	R.E. Grand Historian
Scott T. Sherrick (35)	R.E. Assistant Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler Jr (17)	R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary
James S. McNeely IV (17)	R.E. Assistant Grand Secretary
Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	R.E. Assistant Grand Chaplain
Paul L. Chello (44)	Grand Trustee
Matthew F. Griffin (31)	Grand Trustee
Charles D. O'Neill (11)	Grand Trustee

MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

William L. Miller, II	Bruce R. Bellmore
James C. Kleinkauf	Matthew F. Griffin
Charles A. McCollum	Charles D. O'Neill
Richard A. Eppler	Charles B. Fowler Jr, Hon
Martin Ede	Daniel M. Luft
James S. McNeely IV	

RIGHT EXCELLENT PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

Douglas D. Barnard (31)	Clyde W. Kayser, II (02)
Richard G. Barrows (09)	James C. Kleinkauf (02)
Martin Ede (02)	William L. Miller, II (17)
Richard A. Eppler (06)	Charles D. O'Neill (11)
Charles B. Fowler Jr (17)	Michael E. Seamon (17)
Matthew F. Griffin (31)	William E. Weisert II (07)

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

<u>NO.</u>	<u>HIGH PRIEST</u>	<u>KING</u>	<u>SCRIBE</u>
2	Raymond Tomlinson	# Gerardo Nero	Raul Pereles
6	Christian Schunmann	Steven Chiappalone	Mark A. Orsini
7	# Christopher Britland	William E. Weisert	# Richard L. Allen
9		Arthur Mullens-Stone	Ryan Snide
11	John A. Amarilios	# Silas Mante	Andrew Triandafilou
13	James Whitaker, Jr	Gary D. Shepard	Andrew Flasko
15	# Mychael Scribner	# Clyde W. Kayser	# John P. Glenn
17	# Eric H. Hoy	Edward Varjabedian	# Charles M. Jewart
26	John K M Ryan	Gerald A. Calabritto	Richard A. Eppler
30	Dean M. Gousse	Dale T. Cunningham	
31		Douglas D. Barnard	Frederick J. Taft

Denotes Proxy

PAST HIGH PRIESTS (Not Otherwise Listed)

John A. Birdsall (07)	Craig R. Nelson, Sr. (13)
Vincent A. Cowie (06)	William D. Passera (06)
Harold A. Elwell (06)	Harrison T. Redford (31)
Arnold S. Grot (17)	Darrin D. Silhavy (11)
Rinaldo F. Magliano (07)	Gregory K. Whitehouse (06)

DELIBERATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

MEGHP Clyde W. Kayser II extended a most cordial welcome to all companions in attendance. He then called upon Grand Secretary Miller to call the roll of the Chapters, which being done, Companion Miller reported that all 11 Chapters were represented.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, VOTED to accept the minutes of the 224th Anniversary Convocation as printed in the Proceedings.

The roll of the Past Grand High Priests was called. Those present assembled west of the Altar where they were personally greeted by MEGHP Kayser, who then led the Companions in saluting these honored Companions with the Private Grand Honors.

The Grand Secretary read regrets from several sister jurisdictions that they were unable to be with us today.

Visiting Grand High Priests and Grand First Principals were requested to assemble west of the Altar where they were greeted and then saluted with the Private Grand Honors.

Companion Ryan J. Collins, MEGHP of Maine, spoke on behalf of the visiting delegations and thanked the Companions of Connecticut for their hospitality.

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

The roll of the holders of the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service was called, and they were saluted with the applause of the Companions. Also acknowledged was Companion Gary D. Shepard who had received the Medal in Bronze at the banquet the previous evening..

Recipients of the Ephraim Kirby Meritorious Service Citation, including Companion Gerald A. Calabritto who had received it at the banquet, were asked to rise and receive the applause of the assembly.

MEGHP Kayser then delivered his report and address, which included the Necrology report by Grand Chaplain Weisert, noting in particular the passing of MEPGHP Robert G. Firzgerald.. RE Grand King Seamon referred Companion Kayser's report to the Committee on Address.

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

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

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

Companion Eric Hoy, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials reported that there were present 55 Companions eligible to vote.

ELECTIONS

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

Michael E. Seamon	Grand High Priest
Michael D. Sabia Jr	Grand King
Jason R. Rieger	Grand Scribe
Charles A. McCollum	Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller II	Grand Secretary
Matthew F. Griffin	Grand Trustee to 2026

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

FURTHER DELIBERATIONS

Companion **James S. McNeely IV**, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, brought his greetings, and then MPGM Darrin D. Silhavy brought greetings from the Cryptic Masons.

RE Grand King Seamon presented a Budget for the Fiscal Year ending 30 April 2024. and the Budget and its Implementing Resolutions were ADOPTED.

Companion Seamon then presented the reports of the Committee on Bylaws of Constituent Chapters and of the Committee on Delinquencies. On motion, VOTED to approve these reports.

Companion **Edward C. Page**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut brought his greetings to the Grand Chapter.

Companion **David W. Schuler**, RE Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter remarked upon Connecticut's long history with the General Grand Chapter and saluted Connecticut's Ephraim Kirby who was the first General Grand High Priest.

Companion **Teko A. Foly**, Right Excellent General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter International commented that we needed to take advantage of the Grand Lodge efforts to improve membership. He then presented MEGHP Kayser with his Past Grand High Priest plaque.

Companion Sabia delivered the report of the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance.

Companion McNeely then provided the report of the Committee on Educational Awards, recommending that the total \$5000 be divided evenly amongst all 14 worthy applicants. On motion, the report was APPROVED.

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

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

ME Grand High Priest elect Seamon announced the following appointments:

Mychael J. Scribner	Grand Captain of the Host
Gary D. Shepard	Grand Principal Sojourner
Gerald A. Calabritto	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Kristian M. Maiorino	Grand Master Third Veil
Scott R. Atkins	Grand Master Second Veil

Gregory K. Whitehouse	Grand Master First Veil
William E. Weisert II	Grand Chaplain
Greg J. Messier	Grand Sentinel
David E. Soderberg	Grand Organist
Martin Ede	Grand Historian
Scott T. Sherrick	Assistant Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler Jr	Assistant Grand Secretary
James S. McNeely IV	Assistant Grand Secretary
Bruce R. Bellmore	Assistant Grand Chaplain

In his final remarks, MEGHP Kayser thanked all his officers for their support during his term and discharged his committees.

The Grand Chapter was Called Off to refreshment and the Ladies were invited into the Chapter room.

INSTALLATION

The officers were installed by MEPGHP Miller with the assistance of Installing Chaplain Bellmore and Installing Marshal Fowler. Lady Linda Daugherty helped clothe MEGHP Seamon with his jewel of office.

Newly installed Grand High Priest Seamon then gave his acceptance address

Companion Charles McCollum, presented to Lady Linda Daugherty a bouquet of flowers from Connecticut York Rite College No. 17.

Companion Teko Foly, Right Excellent General Grand King offered concluding remarks.

Brother Matthew F. Griffin, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Steward, representing Brother Joseph J. Porco, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, thanked the Companions for the courtesies extended to him.

Ladies and guests were excused from the convocation, and the Grand Chapter was Called On to Labor.

Installing Officer Miller led the Companions in saluting MEGHP Seamon with the Private Grand Honors.

CLOSING

There being no further business, MEGHP Seamon declared the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter completed and adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Attest:



William L. Miller, II
Grand Secretary

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION:

The 226th Anniversary Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will be held on Saturday, 1 June 2024, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebeth Drive, Cromwell, CT. The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut will meet in Annual Assembly at 1:00 p.m. that same day and place. The Banquet in honor of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Puissant Grand Master will be on Friday evening, 31 May 2024.

OFFICER REPORTS**REPORT and ADDRESS of the GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Greetings Companions,

It is with much pleasure that I welcome you to this Two-hundredth-twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. I extend a special greeting to the Companions of my two Chapters, Franklin-Halleck Chapter No. 2 and Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15. I thank you for covering for me in my absences this past year as I fulfilled my Grand Chapter obligations.

I welcome Companion David W. Schuler, Most Excellent Northeast Regional Deputy Grand High Priest. We have known each other for many years as we have traveled through the Grand York Rite lines in Connecticut and Vermont.

I welcome Companion Teko A. Foly, Right Excellent General Grand King to this session. I have intently listened to your messages at several of the Grand Sessions I have attended. Your concerns for the future of Capitular Masonry are genuine, and I am looking forward to your August ascension to Most Excellent General Grand High Priest.

I welcome Companion and Brother Matthew F. Griffin, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Steward and personal representative of Brother Joseph J. Porco, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M of Connecticut to this session. I too have known you for several years, and I am excited to hear about the Grand Master's "Blue Wave" membership retention program and how it can be beneficial to the York Rite.

Fifteen years ago Most Excellent Companion Bruce Bellmore appointed me Eminent Grand Warder in his Grand Commandery line, and three years later he appointed me Illustrious Grand Sentinel in his Grand Council line. I progressed through those lines to serve as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2016 and Most Puissant

Grand Master in 2017. Most Excellent Companion Bellmore recommended me to Most Excellent Companion Martin Ede as a good fit for vacancy at Grand Master of the 2nd Veil in his Grand Chapter line. Today, as I address you as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is the culmination of my fifteen-year odyssey through the three York Rite Grand lines. It has been a pleasurable journey and I feel I am much better off for having taken it.

However, this has been a difficult year for Lady A.J. and me. Last year after three years of COVID-induced delays, my Lady A. J. finally was scheduled for much needed knee replacement surgeries. On March 15th her left knee was replaced and on August 9th the right one was done. Her surgeon was Dr. Robert Kennon of Orthopaedics New England, one of the foremost replacement surgeons in the Northeast. He is the son-in-law of Dr. Kristpas Keggi who was the inventor of both the knee and anterior hip replacement surgeries. Lady A. J. was initially scheduled to have her rehabilitation at the newly opened Orthopedic Rehab Center at Masonicare. However because of the fear of infections, Dr. Kennon would not release her to any rehab center, so she had to do it at home. Our two-story house was not conducive to a rapid recovery, so she did her rehabilitation at her Brother's one-story house in Wolcott. That meant for several weeks I was making two to four trips a day back and forth between the two houses to feed our cats and take her to doctor's visits and physical therapy. Thankfully we are pretty much through with the recovery process.

NECROLOGY

Years ago a Masonic Brother told me that when you had a sad or disappointing report to give it should always be preceded by either a reading of Scripture or a poem:

“Hands round, yet faithful Brotherhood,
The bright fraternal chain,
We part upon the Square below,
To meet in heaven again!

What words of precious meaning
 These words Masonic are -
 We meet upon the Level and
 We part upon the Square.”

These words are attributed to Brother Robert Morris, poet laureate and distinguished Freemason.

This year the Supreme Grand Master called to the “Chapter Above” eleven Past High Priests of Connecticut:

Franklin-Halleck 2	Peter John Alling	June 11, 2022
Keystone 6	Arthur Marion Pugh	February 26, 2023
	Robert Norman Jones	March 16, 2013
	Delbert Amos Little	April 09, 2023
	George James Cronk – PGScribe	June 21, 2022
Cyrus-Meridian 15	Frederick Burt Hudon	November 24, 2022
Housatonic 13	Robert David Sherrick	March, 03, 2023
	Edward Robert Ham	April 01, 2023
Pythagoras 17	Angelo Carlo Pedrazzini	September 18, 2022
	Robert George Fitzgerald – PGHP	January 14, 2023
Joseph Andrews 26	Jack Homer Stevens	March 20, 2023

We will now pause in our deliberations while Companion William E. Weisert II, Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, leads us in a moment of prayer for our departed Companions.

DISPENSATIONS

During the year, I issued three dispensations, numbered 579 through 581:

579 – Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 October 16, 2022

At the October 13, 2022 Stated Convocation of Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15, the Companions finding the need to relocate the Chapter to a new location voted to request a dispensation to move their paraphernalia to the new location whenever it was determined.

This request being consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, I granted the dispensation.

580 – Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 November 12, 2022

At the November 10, 2022 Stated Convocation of Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15, the Companions voted to request a dispensation to hold their December 08, 2022 Stated Convocation at the Danbury Masonic Temple, 337 Main Street, Danbury, Connecticut. This dispensation was further amended for the Chapter to hold by dispensation all future Stated Convocations on the second Thursday in Danbury until a bylaws change was approved by the Grand Chapter Bylaws Committee.

581 – Columbia Chapter No. 31 February 22, 2023

At the February 03, 2023 Stated Convocation, Columbia Chapter No. 31 voted to request a dispensation to move their April 07, 2023 Stated Convocation to April 14, 2023. The reason for this request was that April 07th was Good Friday, and several of the Companions had religious commitments that evening. This request was received from Companion Patrick Kilby, Secretary, via e-mail – February 20, 2023

In April I received a request from Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2 for a dispensation to hold their annual meeting the week after their Stated Convocation, because they did not have a quorum in attendance on the regular meeting night. I verbally issued the dispensation, but upon thinking it out, I realized that it was not necessary to issue a dispensation for that reason, so I never officially issued it.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

This year I received no requests from a Companion desiring to be appointed a Grand Representative of one of our sister jurisdictions. Perusing the Grand Chapter's list of Grand Representatives, I see that there are almost fifty vacancies on the list. If there are any Companions who desire to serve as a Grand Representative, I urge them to contact the incoming Grand High Priest with their request.

One thing that I have noticed is that in some of the other jurisdictions an attempt has been made to have one Companion as the Grand Representative for both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council in a sister jurisdiction. As openings occur this arrangement should be considered for Connecticut

OUT-OF-STATE VISITATIONS

I have long held the opinion that when a Companion accepts a Grand line appointment he commits himself to two obligations; first, and foremost, to the in-state activities and secondly, to visits to sister jurisdictions. Of the two, the in-state activities are the more important. However, visitations to other states also have benefits. The amity created between the two jurisdictions is important and the friendships developed over the years are long-lasting. It is also interesting to learn of the concerns and difficulties of those other jurisdictions as well as observing different practices that could be incorporated to benefit our Chapters.

This year I was able to attend the Grand Chapter Sessions in six sister jurisdictions: Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Maine and New Hampshire. The Rhode Island Session was held the same weekend as our Grand Lodge Session, and I had other Masonic and family conflicts preventing me from attending the Grand Sessions of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. I also attended the Ohio Grand Chapter session during an October visit to my family in Ohio. Since Lady A.J. spent most of the year rehabilitating her knees, I had to attend these sessions by myself. I was courteously received everywhere I went and thoroughly enjoyed these visits. I also attended ZOOM teleconferences of the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and the Easter Service of Grand Encampment.

In September, I attended the General Grand Chapter/Council portion of the Northeastern Department Conference at Albany, New York. This session was much different than the previous ones with

an emphasis on the benefits of General Grand Council as opposed to what awards they have to offer. I enjoyed an inspiring message from Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Steven Tiner and an excellent presentation on our charity, Royal Arch Research Assistance.

IN-STATE VISITATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

This year I was received and asked to address the Annual Grand Lodge Session, the Grand Court of Amaranth and the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session. I marched with the Grand Chapter officers in the Grand Master's Day Parade and attended the Saint John's Day Worship Service at Holy Trinity National Polish Catholic Church. Family concerns prevented me from attending the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay Grand Conclave.

Over the year I attended 132 Masonic events, of which 58 were Chapter-related events. I had set a goal of making at least two visitations to each of the eleven Chapters. Unfortunately I was unable to make an official visit to either Rittenhouse Chapter 11 or Joseph Andrews-Pulaski Chapter 26 as they meet on the same night as my Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15 does. I was able to attend the Summer York Rite awards picnic in Rittenhouse Chapter 11. In addition to attending my own two Chapters 19 times, I made 25 visitations to the other Chapters in Connecticut. I witnessed two excellent degrees; a Mark Master Mason Degree in Keystone 6 and a Royal Arch Degree in Pythagoras 17. At this degree the roles of Captain of the Host and Principal Sojourner were portrayed by two Companions who were working them for the first time.

AWARDS

I received no nominations for either the Ephraim Kirby Medal or the General Grand Chapter Metal in Bronze. This was unfortunate because the Ephraim Kirby Medal should be given as a recommendation of the Companions of a Chapter. Therefore the choice of the recipients fell to me. I chose to present the Ephraim

Kirby medal to Companion Gerald Alan Calibritto, the Right Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil. It is my opinion that in addition to serving the Grand Chapter, he has been instrumental in seeing that the consolidation of Joseph Andrews Chapter 46 and Pulaski Chapter 26 has been successful.

I also chose to recommend Companion Gary David Shepard, Right Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, for the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze. I am pleased that my recommendation has been accepted. Right Excellent Companion Gary has been very visible in the Chapters this year making several visits to help Chapters to open meetings. I am certain as he continues to advance in the Grand Chapter line he will be a valuable asset for Capitular Masonry in Connecticut.

Both of these awards were presented at last night's banquet.

FIFTY-YEAR PINS

One of the privileges of a Grand High Priest is to present fifty-year service pins to qualified Companions. This year there were seven eligible Companions:

William F. Lott, PGHP	Trinity 9
Philip D. Thomas	Trinity 9
Ellis H. Paine	Trinity 9
Robert M. Hair	Rittenhouse 11
John B. Lindsay	Housatonic 13
Joseph M. Hyland	Pythagoras 17
Donald H. Pitcher	Joseph Andrews-Pulaski 26

Most Excellent Companion Lott received his fifty-year pin at last year's Annual Convocation and sadly Companion Thomas died before his could be presented. Lady A. J. and I were able to visit his daughter to give her his pin. I was also able to visit with Companion Hair at his home for his presentation. Companions Paine and Pitcher

are both residents of nursing homes and due to state visitation regulations still in place I was not able to meet with them. Thus I mailed the other four certificates and pins to the Companions.

STATE OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN CONNECTICUT

Just prior to my installation the consolidation of Franklin Chapter 2 and Halleck Chapter 44 into Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2 has left Connecticut with eleven Chapters and eleven Councils. Eight of these Chapter/Council combinations hold meetings back-to-back on the same night and the other three meet on two separate nights. One of the Chapters still holds two meetings a month.

The geographical arrangement of the Chapters in Connecticut is also interesting. Two Chapters, Trinity 9 in North Windham and Union 7 in Norwich are on the Eastern side of the state. Two Chapters, Cyrus-Meridian 15 in Danbury and Rittenhouse 11 in Norwalk are on the Western side of the State. Three Chapters, Housatonic 13 in Stratford, Joseph Andrews – Pulaski 26 in West Haven and Franklin-Halleck 2 in New Haven are along the I-95 corridor, and three Chapters, Keystone 6 in Meriden, Pythagoras 17 in East Hartford and Washington 30 in Suffield are along I-91. And finally there is one outlier, Columbia 31 in Collinsville. With this arrangement most of the state is covered, but the loss of any of the four Chapters on the Eastern or Western side of the state would leave a large area without a Chapter.

Prior to the relocation of Cyrus-Meridian 15 and its associated Council, Buel 20, from Torrington to Danbury, there was no Chapter for the Brothers in the Northwest corner of the state. Last Month Cyrus-Meridian 15 exalted six Companions who probably would not have become Royal Arch Masons without the move. Already it has reaped benefits.

I would certainly like to be able to report that all eleven Chapters are active and thriving, but I cannot. In my opinion Keystone Chapter 6 is the strongest Chapter, and by combining the Chapter with Hamilton Council 9 and Saint Elmo Commandery 9, it makes Meriden the strongest York Rite center in Connecticut.

I believe there are four levels of Chapters in Connecticut. The top level is composed of the three strongest Chapters; Keystone 6, Rittenhouse 11 and Housatonic 13 who are more than capable of functioning by themselves.

The second level consists of four Chapters; Franklin-Halleck 2, Pythagoras 17, Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26 and Columbia 31. The first three have a strong veteran base complimented by an influx of new Companions. Columbia 31 depends on their veteran members for their success. For the most part these four Chapters are able to function successfully, but there should be some level of oversight by the Grand Chapter to assure they continue to thrive.

The third tier has three Chapters; Union 7, Trinity 9 and Cyrus-Meridian 15. Union 7 has had a hard time recovering from the COVID shut down. Their ZOOM teleconferences during that period were outstanding, and they really connected with their out of state and home-bound Companions. However on returning to in-person meetings they lost that connection. They have tried to hold some hybrid meetings but this concept is hard to maintain. The Chapter appears to have a solid base of veterans, and they are trying to keep things going. A class of new candidates would do them well. Trinity 9 has had a hard time overcoming the passing of their Secretary, Right Excellent Companion Gary Littlefield. Their success is further complicated by the announcement that the replacement Secretary has recently retired and is moving to Texas. I believe this Chapter has a future, but needs encouragement to attain it. Cyrus-Meridian 15 has had to survive the move from Torrington to Danbury. The reason for this relocation was made necessary in 2022 when the Chapter was informed that the lease on the Masonic Temple building in Torrington would expire at the end of the year, and it would not be renewed. The Chapter was proactive in seeking a new home before the end of the year and relocated to Danbury in December. The building lease was actually extended after the Chapter had moved. This move resulted in the loss of several

Companions who either didn't accept the move or wouldn't travel to Danbury for meetings. However the six newly exalted Companions have all taken officer positions this year. The Chapter has also been invited to present York Rite instruction programs in several of the Lodges in Western Connecticut. It may take a couple of years but this Chapter will return to prominence.

That leaves one Chapter, Washington 30 at the fourth level. This Chapter is still able to open with some assistance and even has a relatively new High Priest. However they have not exemplified any of the degrees for several years and have had only one exaltation in the last four years. Their old-line Companions are trying to keep the Chapter going, but the lack of new Companions is making this difficult. It is probably time to consider a consolidation, possibly with Pythagoras Chapter 17.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Therefore, I have some recommendations for consideration:

- 1) That the Grand High Priest continues to monitor the status of Washington Chapter 30 and if necessary guide them to a consolidation with another Chapter.
- 2) That the Grand High Priest continue to encourage his Grand Officers to help Union Chapter 7 and Trinity Chapter 9 to continue to move toward self-sufficiency.
- 3) That the Grand Officers continue the excellent work that they did this year. Making visits to Chapters is important so that the officers can see the problems of each Chapter.

THANK YOUS

In closing, I would like to give my thank you's to a few Companions.

Bruce R. Bellmore – You started me on my trip through the York Rite Grand lines, and I was pleased to serve as Grand High Priest the same year you were Most Worshipful Grand Master of Connecticut.

William L. Miller and Charles B. Fowler Jr. – The two-headed Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. Without your guidance and concerns this would be a much more difficult position to fulfill.

Martin Ede – I was pleased that you selected me to fill the office of Grand Master of the 2nd Veil in your Grand line.

Our Past Grand High Priests – You have always been available to give good counsel and at times, to chastise or reprimand. All of the Grand Officers look to you for guidance and assistance, and you are always there to assist us. It will be with great pleasure that I will soon join your ranks.

My Grand Chapter Officers – I am so pleased with your participation this year. We were asked twice to confer the Royal Arch Degree, and those who were able to step forward with an outstanding performance.

Connecticut Capitular Masons – I thank you for the courtesies extended to me and my Grand Officers whenever we visited your Chapters. There have been times when we have been critical of your operation, but believe me, this was only done to assist you in assuring that your Chapter will be successful. We really do care about the future success of your Chapters. By being proactive rather than reactive I feel that we have prevented many problems from hindering the success of the Chapters.

Lady A. J. Kayser – Lastly but certainly not least, you are the love of my life, and I would not have undertaken this journey without your assent. You have always backed me in all my Masonic activities, and we have spent fourteen years traveling to Grand Sessions all over the East. Many of these trips have been considered our vacations. I know traveling this year would have been very trying for you, and I sincerely appreciate your accompanying me when you could. Thank you for being so understanding.

CHAPTER VISITATIONS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIESTJune 2022

- 7th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck Council 8 – Stated Dinner –
- 9th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated
- 11th - Grand Master's Day – Parade
- 12-13th- Vermont Grand Session – Killington
- 15th - Washington Chapter 30/Suffield Council 23 – Stated - MEM Degree
- 23rd - Rittenhouse Chapter 11/Washington Council 6 – Special - Awards night
- 26th - Saint John's Day Worship Service – Trinity National Polish Catholic Church - Plantsville
- 28th - Trinity Chapter 9/Montgomery Council 2 – Stated

July 2022August 2022September 2022

- 06th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck Council 8 – Stated – PM Degree
- 08th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated
- 09th - General Grand Chapter/General Grand Council Session – Albany
- 12th - Union Chapter 7/Cushing Council 4 – Stated
- 21st - Washington Chapter 30/Suffield Council 23 – Stated
- 27th - Trinity Chapter 9/Montgomery Council 2 – Stated

October 2022

- 04th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck Council 8 – Stated
- 07th - Columbia Chapter 31/Lee Council 25 – Stated
- 10th - Union Chapter 7/Cushing Council 4 – Stated
- 13th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated
- 25th - Trinity Chapter 9/Montgomery Council 2 – Stated – RA Degree

27th-28th – Massachusetts/Grand Session – Westborough

November 2022

01st - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck
Council 8 – Stated – Combined with Keystone 6 in Meriden
10th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated
11th - Housatonic Chapter 13 - Stated
23rd - Pythagoras Chapter 17 - Stated

December 2022

06th - Washington Commandery 1 – Christmas Observance
08th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated
10th - Trinity Commandery 3 – Christmas Observance
11th - Cyrene Commandery 8/Saint Elmo Commandery 9 –
Christmas Observance
13th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck
Council 8 – Special – Christmas dinner
18th - Hamilton Commandery 5 – Christmas Observance
19th - Housatonic Chapter 13 – Carol Sing

January 2023

03th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck
Council 8 – Stated
07th - Columbia Chapter 31/Lee Council 25 – Stated
09th - Union Chapter 7/Cushing Council 4 – Stated – ZOOM
12th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated

February 2023

03rd - Columbia Chapter 31/Lee Council 25 – Stated
07th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck
Council 8 – Stated
09th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated –
MMM Degree
15th - Washington Chapter 30/Suffield Council 23 – Stated
22nd - Pythagoras Chapter 17 – Stated – RA Degree

March 2023

- 03-05th - New Jersey Grand Chapter – Toms River
- 07th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck Council 8 – Stated
- 09th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated
- 10-12th- Delaware Grand Chapter - Newark
- 13th - Union Chapter 7/Cushing Council 4 – Stated – ZOOM
- 23rd - Connecticut Amaranth Grand Court – East Hartford
- 31st - Connecticut Grand Lodge – Windsor Locks

April 2023

- 07th - Franklin-Halleck Chapter 2/Harmony-Menunketuck Council 8 – Stated – No quorum
- 10th - Union Chapter 7/Cushing Council 4 - Stated
- 13th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated – PM, ME
- 20-23rd- Maine Grand York Rite Session - Bar Harbor
- 27th - Eastern Star Grand Session – Cromwell
- 29th - Anointed High Priests – East Hartford

May 2023

- 02nd - Keystone Chapter 6 – Stated – MMM
- 05th - Columbia Chapter 31/Lee Council 25 – Stated
- 08th - Union Chapter 7/Cushing Council 4 – Stated
- 11th - Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15/Buel Council 20 – Stated - RA
- 12-14th - New Hampshire Grand Chapter Session - Concord
- 17th - Washington Chapter 30/Suffield Council 23 – Stated
- 23rd - Trinity Chapter 9/Montgomery Council 2 - Stated
- 31st - Council of Anointed Kings – Meriden

June 2023

- 02-03rd - Connecticut Grand Chapter/Council Session - Cromwell

Clyde W. Kayser, II

GRAND KING

I wish to thank the Companions for the opportunity to represent our Grand Chapter as your King. I represented the Grand Chapter on Grand Masters Day and at all the York Rite meetings in East Hartford. I attended the RAM Degree in Windham with our Grand High Priest at Trinity Chapter #9 on October 25th. I attended the Christmas Observance in East Hartford and represented the Grand High Priest at the Christmas Observance for Union Chapter #7 in Preston. I attended the Milford Carol Sing on December 19 which is always a fun event. I accompanied our Most Excellent Grand High Priest to the Grand Chapter session in New Jersey on March 3&4. I attended the Grand Lodge session with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Grand Scribe; with our whole Grand Dais present, we all came out for our own Most Worshipful Bruce R. Bellmore. I attended the Memorial Service for our Past Grand High Priest Robert Fitzgerald on April 16, and I took part in the cast for the Anointed High Priests on April 29. I took part in helping Cyrus Meridian #15 in Danbury with the Grand Chapter Officers who exalted 6 new Royal Arch Masons on May 11.

Michael E. Seamon

GRAND SCRIBE

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the opportunity to serve another year in this Grand Jurisdiction. Contrary to the doubts that many see as to the growth of Capitular Masonry, and therefore to the York Rite in General; I see many pieces falling into place to develop and grow our Royal Art in a more healthy and precise manner. Now we need to feed the fire and watch it grow.

I made several visits to Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction this year, although not as formally as I had when I was an Inspecting Officer. None-the-less, I have observed more promise than despair upon my visits. Along with my own Chapters of Rittenhouse and Housatonic, I made visits to Cyrus-Meridian No. 15, which is now housed in Danbury, and assisted in the work of the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees upon 6 new candidates. I visited Pythagoras No. 17 where I also did the PM Degree. I visited Columbia No. 31, of which I conducted their formal Inspection this year. I also made visits to Washington No. 30 in Suffield. This Chapter is not in the best of health, and should, along with the Grand Chapter, begin looking into improving this situation, or potentially merge. Sometimes we don't like to hear those words, but they do need to be considered when there are no other options left.

I made one out of State visitation in August 2022 to a York Rite Festival in New Jersey, where I observed the Royal Arch, as well as the Royal and Select Master Degrees of the Council afterward. Unfortunately, due to transportation issues, my travelling has been temporarily stymied. However, I plan on rectifying this soon to visit our sister jurisdictions in the Northeast.

With this year coming to a close, I wish to thank you all for your confidence in electing me to be Grand Scribe this past year, and I will continue to avail myself to serve Capitular Masonry, regardless of if it will be in an official capacity or not.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

GRAND TREASURER
May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

Checking Account

Balance 5/1/2022	\$ 2,351.89
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INCOME

Convocation Inc	5,399.35	
Educational Fund	0.00	
Chapter Festival	0.00	
Per Capita	13,140.00	
Reimbursement	6,321.73	
Sales	96.00	
RARA	631.00	
Other Income	100.00	
Transfer – Trustees	15,000.00	
Total Income	40,688.08	
Total Available Funds		\$43,039.97

EXPENSES

Annual Returns	2,178.00
Aprons & Jewels	690.48
Chapter Festival	0.00
Charity	0.00
Convocation	9,499.40
Convocation Gifts	3,017.75
Dues (YRCC)	0.00
Education	4,999.93
Equipment Rental	400.00
GHP Expense	2,432.09
Honorarium-Organist	0.00
Insurance	5,159.00
Misc	0.00

Meetings	0.00	
Office Supplies	104.38	
Postage	99.01	
Printing	691.08	
RAM Magazine	2,083.76	
RARA	631.00	
Salaries	4,776.20	
Storage Misc	178.00	
Taxes	983.00	
Website	400.00	
Total Expenses		38,323.08
Balance 4/30/2023		\$4,716.89

Charles A. McCollum

GRAND SECRETARY

Companions all. I am more than pleased to be back at my station this year and present my report in person, after my hiatus last year for my daughter's wedding, and with Assistant Secretary, ME Charles Fowler sitting in, to whom goes my deepest appreciation. And my gratitude doesn't stop there, as he continues to keep our database up to date and secure while we continue to transition files and records. This has afforded me more time to respond to phone and email inquiries, especially helping our new secretaries settle into their duties. On our team this year, ME James McNeely has been the liaison with the Royal Arch Magazine that goes to all Companions, RE Michael Sabia has taken on the monthly collection of Opportunities, and a shout-out to SecRec Ray Knieriem in the "Quiet Corner", my "go to" software guru.

Compared to last year's efforts to recover from COVID, it would seem we're almost there, but having peeled back the curtain of uncertainty, we see our strong Chapters returning to their pre-

COVID levels of activity and even flourishing, while our weaker Chapters are still struggling. There have been some bright spots. The physical move of Cyrus Meridian 15 back to their homestead in Danbury has reinvigorated interest in the York Rite in that region; Keystone 6 is now refueled in Meriden with Washington - Burning Bush Companions and is prosperous. And we have seen a surge in new Companions in the Stratford- Darien corridor. But not all the news is good: the merger of Halleck Chapter with Franklin Chapter in New Haven after a year, still has a way to go. And when taken together across the board, we still continue to show a net loss for the year. Go figure.

Legacy Jewels. Of my two campaigns last year, the Legacy Jewel Program for our aged Past Grands to create a living memorial - carried by a younger Past Grand, is beginning to bear a little fruit, but still has a long way to go. The need to preserve our lineage is never more shown than by the loss of 5 our York Rite Past Grands in just a two month span last winter.

Succession Planning, Another barometer of our future, is also becoming more elusive and difficult as our numbers decrease and young officers are harder and harder to find, and train.

Currently we are settling into 2 year terms for our sitting HPs, with some PHPs stepping back into the rotation from the retired ranks, and we have a couple bodies where the HP and TIM are the same – double duty. The tougher group to replace is those retiring Companions who have served decades as both the Secretary and Recorder. We are excited that we have 3 who were new last year and now are veterans, and another 2 fresh on this year already learning the ropes with the Annual Returns: Scott Atkins down in New Haven, and Art Carbonaro up in the Quiet Corner, stepping in for Ray Knieriem who is retiring and relocating out of state. But for the smaller groups, and fewer Companions to draw from, more and more consideration is being given to combining the Sec/Rec job with the Treasurer's, not unique these days, but one that requires

added controls and approval of the Companions. And of course, we still hear of old Treasurer accounts being locked when prime account holders leave us though we're making progress there as well.

Recruit From Within. We have always viewed, and continue to view, our Blue Lodges as the target rich environments for recruiting new Companions. But we have another pool we seldom if ever think about, and that is the category of Dimits and NPDs seemingly lost to us forever. The numbers tell the story (see the accompanying table). In the last decade and excluding death, Dimits and NPDs account for 70% of our losses and EXCEED the number of new Companions for whom we expend an awful lot of time and resources recruiting. On occasion a few do re-up on their own, but if we can be more pro-active in re-opening communications with our NPDs and Dimits, we stand not only to regain their experience and skill sets but spend less effort in doing so. In essence we would actually be "recruiting from within". This is not to say we don't pursue the Lodges, but we can explore CT possibles as a start. We're not going to get them all back, and it is not free, but among the more recent losses especially during COVID, there is some sentiment for a return to Masonry. Using our internal data bases, and by starting with the Chapters, we can explore those we can approach. Then the Councils, and even non-affiliated Templars and who knows, and the AASR and Shrine too that have Yorkies on their roles! A little like shopping for low mileage used cars that can still be appreciated. In fact, I would hazard a guess that EVERY Companion out there knows at least ONE former Companion-Brother (out of the decade's pool of 700 or so) he could talk to about coming back into the York Rite.

Financials on the Year. I find that working alongside Grand Treasurer Charles McCollum continues to be a seamless activity as it should be, even fun at times. As my bookend, he received this year \$ 15,000 from the Trustees, and from me, \$25,688.08 in receipts deposited for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023. On the expense side, I issued vouchers totaling \$ 38,323.08 for payment of

regular budget obligations. It is noteworthy that this year was our first return to a full-service budget after the COVID, and the tally for the Grand Session was comparable to 2019 and prior years: for the invited guests and hospitality, the net cost to the Chapter ended up being \$3694 and the Council \$3423, difference attributed to the different number of sleeping guests. And this is after all proceeds and upfront costs were borne by the Grand Chapter with the Grand Council reimbursing their share. So we're back in business, and have a new home, the Cromwell Marriott!

In closing, it has been an honor to be of continuing service to the Grand Chapter, and with your continued support, guidance and inspiration, we are always moving forward in service to all our Companions.

William L. Miller II

Membership Summary for Last Ten Years

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ending										
Exalted	32	20	39	33	30	27	22	0	49	15
Affil & Rein	10	9	11	3	98	6	7	4	18	3
Total Adds	42	29	50	36	128	33	29	4	67	1
Dimits	20	15	13	13	103	15	10	16	15	13
Involuntary	74	51	51	54	38	38	32	17	35	18
Deceased	43	54	49	28	41	36	41	48	43	29
Total Losses	137	120	113	95	182	89	83	81	93	60
Beginning	1456	1361	1269	1206	1147	1091	1035	979	876	850
Net Change	-95	-91	-63	-59	-56	-56	-54	-107	-26	-41
Ending	1361	1270	1206	1147	1091	1035	981	872	850	809

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

With post-pandemic precautions becoming lifted, Chapters throughout the state finally began to resume their labors with consistent traditional meetings instead of virtual or hybrid. Although some Chapters lost some of their key active Companions, many were able to rejuvenate their active membership.

Of the junior officers assigned to the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Kristian Maiorino provided thorough communications of his Chapter visitations and inspections and provided insight into their health and well-being.

Visitation highlights include an outstanding Royal Arch Degree performed by Pythagoras #17, and several visits to Cyrus-Meridian to support their struggling membership after recently relocating from Torrington to Danbury. Regular attendance at Keystone #6 confirms they continue to retain an active membership and perform quality ritual work.

Many Chapters throughout the state continue to struggle with ritual and attendance. These Chapters must be supported and assisted to devise a strategic plan that addresses; 1) increased active membership in order to consistently open chapter, 2) building an officer corps with proficient ritual for opening and closing, 3) creating a reliable and continuous feeder system (through relationships with Blue Lodges) to initiate new members, 4) create engaging Chapter activities and an enjoyable environment to retain and nurture active membership. A concerted, well-organized and vigilant effort must be implemented to save and strengthen these Chapters.

Jason R. Rieger

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

Inspections were performed at Rittenhouse Chapter 11 on 9 March 2023, Housatonic Chapter 13 on 13 January 2023, Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15 on 12 January 2023, and Pythagoras Chapter 17 on 26 October 2022. I am pleased to report that all Chapter reports have mark of Average and above. Along with aggregating Inspection reports, I spent time travelling and discussing Royal Arch Masonry with various Worshipful Masters in Districts 2 and Districts 3. The purpose of these discussions was to determine how the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of CT can present itself to the Blue Lodges in the area, either via presentations and/or attending meeting to discuss potential opportunities to promote and encourage new applicants. I also assisted in facilitating the transition of Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15 from Torrington to Danbury CT, along with bringing in 6 new candidates who are currently in the process of being exalted as RAM. With this new influx of candidates, I've also been able to assist in filling out another round of degrees for Cyrus-Meridian. This potentially brings the number of new members to 10. The transition of location, and the rebuilding of the membership of Cyrus-Meridian Chapter 15 is going in a positive direction that I hope will continue.

Mychael J. Scribner

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

To begin with, I wish to thank M.E. Grand High Priest Clyde W. Kayser for appointing me to be his Grand Royal Arch Captain. It was a privilege and an honor to serve you and the Grand Chapter. It gave me the opportunity to learn more about the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut as well as the individual

Chapters therein, especially those that were assigned to me. I had the opportunity to look more closely at their goals, areas of concern, membership issues, strengths and weaknesses, ritual work, community outreach, the companions themselves, and the overall commitment of them and the officers to their Chapters. Attending some the other Chapters within Connecticut that I did, gave me a broader perspective of the chapters within the Grand Chapter and what issues will need to be addressed within those individual Chapters as well as within the Grand Chapter in the future.

I teamed up with Darrin Silhavy, the R.I. Deputy Puissant Grand Master, and we traveled to several additional Chapters and Councils. This allowed me to visit half of the Chapters within the Grand Chapter. We both enjoyed the experience and the information that we gained from our efforts was priceless.

As Grand Royal Arch Captain, I was assigned Housatonic Chapter No. 13 in Stratford and Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 in Norwalk.

Housatonic Chapter No. 13 – Stratford

I was the Scribe in this Chapter and have since been elected and installed as the King. They meet on the 2nd Friday of January, March, May, September, and November. They will hold special convocations for degree work on any other 2nd Friday that is not in conflict with their regular meetings. I attended 4 out of 5 regular convocations. I missed the September meeting due to my attendance at the Northeast Department meeting in Albany, NY.

This past year, Housatonic Chapter held 5 regular convocations and one special convocation. They exalted 6 new companions. In addition, they have 7 more in various stages within the Chapter. It is the kind of challenge that every chapter should face. Throughout the year, they portrayed all four degrees from memory. They were inspected on the PM and MEM degrees, and their ritual work was excellent. The administrative areas were in good order as well. During the year, they were visited by the Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Housatonic Chapter has been sponsoring a special holiday event for decades, called the “Milford Carol Sing”. It is a fantastic program held at Christmas time and is currently hosted by Scott Sherrick. It is open to anyone and includes a meat loaf dinner after which we go upstairs to the lodge room and sing our favorite Christmas carols. During the program, in between singing Christmas carols, the heads of the various masonic bodies in Connecticut will entertain us with a song by solo, duet, or A cappella with their colleagues. It is one of those events that I look forward to every year and helps me get into the holiday spirit.

Housatonic Chapter was created through the merger of the Chapters from Stratford and Milford. Before they merged, each Chapter had to do a head count before they opened. The companions from both Chapters realized that for their survival, something had to change. The merger went very smooth, and the Companions from each Chapter felt that the new Chapter was stronger. The merger brought together several Companions from both Chapters who were strong ritualists. Housatonic Chapter also had a group of younger brothers who were the first to be exalted in the new Chapter who had a strong desire to learn ritual. To add to the comradery amongst the Companions, the Chapter also has a strong and well-organized Secretary. As a result, it is my humble opinion that Housatonic Chapter No. 13 has risen to a level of being one of the top three Chapters within the Grand Chapter.

Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 – Norwalk, CT

Rittenhouse Chapter holds their convocations on the 2nd Thursday of the month. I visited Rittenhouse Chapter and attended their convocations in October, November, December, January, February, March and April. Unfortunately, they did not have enough companions to open their September convocation. The Northeast Department was holding it’s meeting during that time, which was more than likely the reason that they did not have enough

officers and companions to open. This is a strong Chapter, however, in that the companions make a concerted effort to go to their convocations. I have seen the companions in this Chapter come together when the chips are down to rise to the next level to open their convocations. I am very proud of Rittenhouse Chapter for these efforts. A second strength which this Chapter exhibits is their interest in making education a significant and substantial part of every convocation. The EHP always makes sure that the education program is interesting and enlightening at each meeting. As a third strength of Rittenhouse Chapter, the companions are always welcoming to visitors attending their convocation and making them feel comfortable. I enjoy going to their meetings. They also have compassion for each other which I have personally seen demonstrated at their convocations.

One of the difficulties that they are currently facing is that a few of their officers are involved in Grand Chapter and Grand Council activities which sometimes requires them to be absent from the convocations. As a result, they are replaced by less seasoned companions to open the convocation. But over the long haul, I have no doubt of the resilience of these companions to learn the ritual. This is not to say that the Chapter lacks strong ritualists. There are several strong ritualists within this Chapter.

The Chapter was inspected on all points except degree work. Unfortunately, they did not have any candidates to see a degree at the time of the inspection. The Chapter did, however, portray the MEM degree at their June convocation, but unfortunately, they were not able to exalt any companions throughout the year. The difficulties that this Chapter currently faces are certainly surmountable. Like Housatonic Chapter, Rittenhouse Chapter also has a strong well-organized Secretary that stays on top of Chapter business. Consequently, it is my opinion that they rank in the top half of Chapters in the Grand Chapter and will become even better in the future.

Throughout the year, in addition to the Grand Royal Arch Captain, the Chapter also received visits from the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer.

As mentioned earlier in this report, Darrin Silhavy and I traveled together to visit additional Chapters and Councils. We visited Trinity Chapter No. 9 in North Windham, Franklin-Halleck No. 2 in New Haven, Washington Chapter No. 30 in Suffield, and Columbia Chapter No. 31 in Collinsville. We plan to continue our travels together in the coming year. I see some Chapters who hope to have enough companions to open and require their ritual book to open their Chapters. There are also Chapters who have more than enough companions to open and have their ritual memorized. I see that for the most part, that the Chapter's health and wellbeing is quite reliant on the strengths of the EHP and his expectations. But by visiting the various Chapters I get to meet new companions, learn the Chapter's strengths and weakness, offer guidance when necessary to help the chapter to move forward. I believe this effort has helped me gain so much information from these visits as well as from the discussions that Darrin and I have in the car. Essentially, there is not much downside to our efforts. It is my goal to visit all the Chapters within the Grand Chapter next year.

In my travels with Darrin, I also accompanied him and represented the Grand Chapter of RAM of Connecticut as the Grand Royal Arch Captain at Washington Commandery No. 1's Christmas Observance. Finally, but certainly not the last event I went to with Darrin, we attended the annual Robert J. DiPasquale Memorial Surf and Turf Dinner sponsored by Hamilton Council No. 9 to support the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. It was a fantastic dinner for a wonderful cause and an event that should continually be supported year after year.

I enjoyed being Grand Royal Arch Captain in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Thank you again, M.E.

Grand High Priest, for appointing me to serve in the Grand Chapter. I learned a lot and I hope I made you proud.

Gary D. Shepard

GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as Grand Master of the 3rd Veil this year. I want to thank Bill Miller, Mike Sabia, and Jim McNeely for all their good counsel during the year.

Chapters assigned to the Grand Master of the Third Veil for 2022-2023 were Cyrus- Meridian #15 in Danbury, Pythagoras # 17 in East Hartford, and Washington #30 in Suffield.

Cyrus Meridian #15

This chapter moved from Torrington to Danbury this year. This proved challenging, but they seemed comfortable in their new home. The move cost them a few members who did not want to make the trip over to Danbury. On the upside, they have gained several new companions actively getting involved and stepping into the line. MEGHP Clyde Kayser is keeping this chapter together. On my inspection, I found everything in order. They are still in the process of moving all their items from Torrington to Danbury. I see good things for this chapter in their new home.

Pythagoras # 17

This is undoubtedly one of our state's top two chapters. I had the privilege of inspecting on the MEM degree, which was like no other I have ever seen. Records and paraphernalia were in perfect order. The meeting was a well-run meeting. Bill Miller gave me a history lesson on this chapter. Their strength lies in the mix of long-time seasoned companions and an inflow of new excited companions.

Washington #30

I visited this Chapter early in the year; they did the MEM degree with the assistance of several grand chapter officers. This Chapter

has a never-say-die attitude. Most times, they struggle to get 9 to open. Dale Cunningham and Dean Gousse keep this chapter going. On my second visit to do the formal inspection, I found the records and paraphernalia in order. They did not have 9 to open, which is an ongoing problem for them, but they continue to try and find ways to increase attendance and membership. They do not wish to merge but will contact other chapters to do a degree together. This chapter wants to grow and continue. We must give this chapter any support Grand Chapter can.

During the year, I also traveled with Scott Atkins REGM 1st Veil to Union #7 and Trinity #9. I attended the meeting of Anointed High Priests and was inducted into York Rite College. I wish to thank all the chapters and companions for all the warm fraternal greetings I received during the year.

Gerald A. Calabritto

GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL

I'd first like to thank MEGHP Clyde Kayser for appointing me to this office and giving me the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter.

This past year I tried to visit the Chapters I was assigned to regularly. I feel it's important to get to know your Chapters as best you can and the Companions in the Chapters to know me. In my travels I've gotten to know many new Companions and further build friendships with the brothers I've already known.

I performed two inspections, one for Keystone Chapter No. 6 and one for Franklin-Halleck Chapter No. 2. I did not perform the inspection for Joseph Andrews-Pulaski Chapter No. 26. They scheduled a Special Convocation for a degree the same night my lodge was doing a Master Mason degree. Fortunately, Companion

Gerry Calabritto volunteered to do the inspection for me. I'd like to thank Gerry for doing this.

Keystone is a very strong Chapter and has a well renowned reputation in this grand jurisdiction. It's also my mother Chapter so it's hard to do the inspection unbiased or try to offer advice to the officers. Nonetheless, I made a couple suggestions which were taken well, and I'm happy to say the members are not content to rest on their laurels but are always working to improve.

Franklin-Halleck Chapter is doing ok. They struggle sometimes to get 9 needed to open but most times they get just enough. There are still some loose ends after the merger with Franklin and Halleck Chapters that haven't been resolved yet. My hope is they'll get resolved soon.

Joseph Andrews-Pulaski Chapter is also doing ok. On one of my visitations, they held a program honoring their Past High Priests. This program was well received by the Companions present. They have several newer Companions getting involved in the Chapter, and I hope this trend continues for them.

In May 2023 I had the opportunity to take part in a Royal Arch Degree for Cyrus-Meridian Chapter which is now meeting in Danbury. The cast for the degree consisted of mostly Grand Chapter Officers. The Danbury Masonic Temple has a very nice downstairs area with a kitchen, dining tables, lounge, and cigar room. There were 6 Companions exalted to Royal Arch that night.

In closing I'd like to say that I'm happy to serve the Grand Chapter, and I look forward to moving up to 3rd Veil.

Kristian Maiorino

GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL

This was my first time serving the Grand Chapter of CT. I would like to thank our Grand High Priest Clyde Kayser for appointing me to this position. I would also like to thank our Past Grand High Priest Dan Luft for the words of wisdom and encouragement that have helped me through the year. I would also like to thank my traveling companion RE GM 2nd Veil, Gerald Calabritto for taking the long rides to do my inspections. There were great conversations on those rides, and I look forward to continuing that bond. This has been an incredibly busy year for me. The highlight of my year was in the very beginning. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Annual Convocation and Assembly due to a conflict with a family event. However, when I was finally installed as a Grand line Officer for both Chapter and Council, I was escorted into the room by the Grand Master, Rev. and Brother Bruce R. Bellmore. He happens to be in my Chapter and Council, and also happened to be there that evening. It was a great night indeed!

My first Inspection was at Trinity Chapter # 9 up in North Windham. They conferred the Royal Arch Degree. They needed some help from Grand Chapter to fill positions, but it turned out to be a great evening anyway. The Companions there are always welcoming, and it is a pleasure to visit them. I was able to make it up there again, and it is clearly noticeable they are working hard to fill the chairs, and to get the newer guys involved. They have a plan in place to get their membership numbers up. They will be working with other Chapters to get their degree work done. They will be working on future plans of having an Assistant Secretary. These are a great bunch of guys, and I look forward to visiting them in the future to see the progress they will make.

My other inspection was at Union 7, in Preston. Unfortunately, there was no degree performed. They opened on a hybrid / Zoom meeting due to some inclement weather that evening. The

Companions at Union 7 were very welcoming. I felt like I was at my own Chapter and Council. There was an incident that evening with a Cowan trying to gain entrance to the building. The Companions quickly turned the man away. This brought up some great discussion on how to better secure the West Gate. Some of the other discussions of the evening were reaching out to our Blue Lodges, and giving presentations on York Rite. It seems as though many brothers are not informed of York Rite Masonry, and don't understand the significance of these degrees. All in all, it was a great night with these Companions. I look forward to visiting them again in the future, and to assist them in any way I can.

Some of the things I have learned along my journey were this, York rite numbers are very low. Many Chapters and Councils struggle to open and perform good degree work. Getting the word out to our Blue Lodge Brothers is imperative. Educational programs and presentations, as well as word of mouth will certainly help us out. Another interesting thing I found out was that many of our brothers who practice religions other than Christianity are under the assumption that Commandery must be taken as well. It is my opinion that we potentially lose out on some good candidates.

I look forward to serving the Grand Chapter, and helping it grow to what it once was.

Scott R. Atkins

GRAND TRUSTEES

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

RBC Wealth Management

Opening Balance 5/1/22

\$805,156.64

Dividends	\$17,901.96	
Interest	2,397.41	
Capital Gains	3,740.09	
Fees	(9,409.26)	
Transfers to checking	(15,000.00)	
Value Change (+/-)	<u>(2,924.08)</u>	
Closing Balance 4/30/23		\$801,862.76

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

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

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

GRAND HISTORIAN

Greetings Companions,

As I discussed in my Grand Council Historian report, as we return to our usual busy Masonic schedules we should be looking at our history afresh. Many lodges are having work days to clear out the cobwebs of the last two years. As Companions, we should be there helping so that our history does not go amiss. Some brothers make assumptions that nobody knows what that is or that nobody cares about a history that they themselves have not taken time to

learn. We need to be present, as “well-informed brethren”, to not only protect our history but to educate our non-York Rite brothers on the benefits of Chapter and Council. Numbers of Master Masons may be declining in the state, but there are still literally thousands who have not been shown the knowledge and philosophy that we have to offer in Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.

If we look at our early history, we can see that York Rite degrees were considered essential even before our Grand Bodies were formed. In looking at New Haven in the 1790s, Hiram Lodge #1 was essentially three lodges: The Lodge at New Haven/Hiram (conferring the first two degrees, The Master’s Lodge (conferring the third degree) and The Mark Masters Lodge (conferring at least the Mark degree, later becoming Franklin Chapter). Other Chapters formed this way, as is still common in England, out of lodge brothers seeking further light in Freemasonry. These brothers laid the foundation for our York Rite. We owe it to them to make sure that our individual Chapter’s history is not lost. Do not forget, your Grand Chapter officers are here to help and I as Grand Historian more so. Do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have or how to preserve your history.

As noted in the Mark Master Charge: “The situation to which you are now promoted will draw upon you, not only the scrutinizing eyes of the world at large, but also of your brethren on whom this degree of Masonry has not been conferred; all will be justified in expecting your conduct and behavior to be such as may with safety be imitated”. Also from the Most Excellent Master: “It is one of your duties, as a Most Excellent Master, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason; and I need not remind you of the impossibility of complying with this Obligation without possessing an accurate acquaintance with the lectures of each degree”. And finally, a reflective reading of your Obligation as a Royal Arch Mason is strongly encouraged.

I hope this finds you, my Companions, well and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Martin Ede

COMMITTEE REPORTS**COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS**

Your Committee on Address respectfully reports and recommends the following:

That so much of the Address relating to Official Acts and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

That so much of the Address relating to Recommendations be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that this Grand Chapter extend its thanks and appreciation to Most Excellent Companion Clyde W. Kayser II for his contributions in promoting Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut.

Richard A. Eppler, Ch
Charles A. McCollum
William L. Miller II

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

The Annual Convocation of the 225th Grand RAM of CT was held in conjunction with the Grand Council of CT RSM on June 2nd and 3rd at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Cromwell, CT. A combined Grand Banquet was held Friday evening, and joint sessions held on Saturday, with the Grand Council in the morning, followed by the Grand Chapter after lunch in the afternoon in accord with the protocols set forth for the “odd year”. Ladies programs

were hosted by Lady Anne McNeely of the Grand Council in the morning and by Lady A.J. Kayser of the Grand Chapter in the afternoon in parallel with the grand sessions. A joint reception of distinguished guests was held after lunch, as listed earlier in these proceedings.

Clyde W. Kayser, Ch.
William L. Miller
Michael E. Seamon
James S. McNeely, IV

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Grand Trustees and Grand Secretary records and finds the current information, report and records provided, to be accurate and consistent with documentation previously filed. However, the review of the Treasurer's records was completed at Grand Session, and we found them also to be accurate and consistent with the other records provided. It is therefore my recommendation as Chairman of this Committee to accept this report, and with my thanks to the Committee for their assistance, diligence and commitment.

Mychael J. Scribner, Ch
Kristian M. Maiorino
Gerald A. Calabritto

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

See the report and address of MEGHP Kayser.

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
FYE 04.30.24**

Taxable Members 3.31.23	730		691
INCOME	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Budget
Annual Convocation	5,000.00	5,399.35	5,000.00
Reimb Insurance (RSM,KT)	4,000.00	2,819.43	3,000.00
Reimb RS Web, Archive	77.50	79.00	79.50
Per Capita - \$18/Member	13,140.00	13,140.00	12,468.00
Sales (Rituals)	300.00	96.00	300.00
RARA in (over pmts '22)	126.00	631.00	72.00
Reimburse - Annual RS	2,000.00	3,423.30	2,000.00
Xfer fm Trustees	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Other Income - Fines, Don	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total Income	34,743.50	40,688.08	34,305.50
Cash on Hand 5.1.22	2,351.89	2,351.89	4,716.89
TOTAL AVAILABLE	37,095.39	43,039.97	37,706.39
EXPENSES			
Annual Convocation	6,500.00	9,499.40	6,500.00
Hospitality, Gifts Food, etc	1,000.00	3017.75	1,000.00
Aprons Jewels (GHP Apron)	653.28	653.28	653.28
(GHP Jewel)	300.00	0.00	300.00
(Engraving)	30.00	0.00	60.00
(Badges)	70.00	37.20	70.00
Capitular Education	200.00	0.00	200.00
Dues YRCC	125.00	0.00	0.00
Education Assist Grants	5,000.00	4,999.93	5,000.00
Equip Rental (GrSec Office)	400.00	400.00	400.00
Genl Grand Assessment \$3	2,200.00	2,226.00	2,200.00

Grand High Priest Travel	2,200.00	2,178.00	3,500.00
Insurance - 3 bodies	6,700.00	4,661.00	5,000.00
Insurance -Ofc Liability	527.00	498.00	498.00
Meetings	200.00	0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	0.00	150.00
Postage	150.00	99.01	150.00
Printing	750.00	691.08	750.00
RA Magazine	2,100.00	2,083.76	2,100.00
RARA (overpmts + raffle)	126.00	631.00	72.00
Salaries	5,200.00	4,776.20	5,200.00
Storage (NE Archives & New Haven)	55.00	178.00	84.00
Supplies	200.00	104.38	200.00
Taxes (Employer,Med,UI)	950.00	983.00	1,000.00
Web Page	400.00	400.0	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	36,186.28	38,323.08	35,687.28
BALANCES 4.30.24	909.11	4,716.89	2,019.11

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING 2023-2024 BUDGET

Be it resolved:

That the proposed budget of \$35,687.28 be adopted.

That each Chapter pay to the Grand Secretary the Per Capita of \$20.00 for each member on the rolls on 31 March 2024 in accord with requirements and exemptions set forth in the Law. **This is a \$2.00 increase.**

The Grand Treasurer is authorized after 30 April 2024 to expend funds at the same rate as in this budget until the budget for the next fiscal year shall have been approved.

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

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

That the Grand Trustees transfer \$1,500.00 each year into a “Triennial Fund” for the purpose of covering travel to the General Grand Chapter Triennial for the dais officers of Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Treasurer open a separate account for these funds.

Michael E. Seamon, Ch
Charles D. O’Neill
Charles A. McCollum

William L. Miller
Gregory K. Whitehouse

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

The Committee on Bylaws has received 2 requests for bylaw changes. The first was from Pythagoras Chapter #17 which permits the Chapter meeting on the night before Thanksgiving to be suspended, as this has been a problem in the past as many Companions travel at this time. The next request was from Cyrus-Meridian Chapter #15 which allows for the change in their meeting place from Torrington to Danbury; it also has some minor house

keeping removing the title “Most” from the Officers listing, as this was changed by the Grand chapter in 2021.

However, in the course of reviewing status of all our bylaws, 2 other sets from a few short years ago, may or may not have been fully approved at that time. These bylaws were from Housatonic Chapter #13 and Rittenhouse Chapter #11, which being a little stale, noticed they also contained the titles of “Most” Excellent. And so, we have had these minor housekeeping issues handled and after a final review, they are approved. This Committee has reviewed and approved all the requests we have received.

Michael E. Seamon, Ch
 Michael D. Sabia Jr.
 Jason R. Rieger

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The following is a summary of the attendance of registrants to the Grand Chapter of CT on 3 June 2023 that establishes the member delegates eligible for voting:

Grand Officers	18
Chapters Represented (out of 11)	11
Grand Officers	18
Past Grand High Priests	11
Past Grand Custodians	12
Past High Priests	40
High Priests	6

High Priest Proxies	3
Kings	8
King Proxies	3
Scribes	7
Scribe Proxies	3
Total number of voting delegates	55

Eric H. Hoy, Ch
Martin Ede
Scott R. Atkins

COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENCIES

The Committee Reports that at the time of the writing of this report, there are no delinquencies to report. Hopefully this will remain the case up to and through Grand Session.

Michael E. Seamon, Ch
Michael D. Sabia Jr.
Jason R. Rieger

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

This year we received thirteen applications for awards from deserving students. All have glowing recommendations and thus far have been successful in their educational endeavors. Each of these

students have been involved in volunteer work both on campus and in their communities with several of them being active in Rainbow. Each of them deserves our support as much as possible. Each one has chosen a career path that is of benefit to our future. We as a committee wish that we had more funds available to improve the amount that is given to each of these students.

The recommendation of this committee is for all fourteen to each receive a three-hundred-fifty-seven dollar award (\$357.00) from this Grand Chapter:

Sophia Patterson	So	Sacred Heart	Physical Therapy
Lisa Flynn	Gr	Univ Hartford	Business
Alexandra Fitzgerald	Gr	UNC – Charlotte	Music & Spanish Education
Emma Hall	Gr	Virginia Tech	Urban Planning
Calleigh Carter	Fr	Southern CT SU	Special Education
Genevieve Grube	Sr	Central Conn SU	Elementary Education
Sydney Sherrick	Sr	Central Conn SU	Social Work
Vivienne Grube	Fr	University of Hartford	Cinema
Evan Grube	Fr	UMass-Lowell	Computer Science
Claire Murphy-Petri	So	Hampshire College	Interdisciplinary
Melanie Sherrick	So	Pratt Institute	Film

Maxwell Baez	So	Univ New Hampshire	Business
Eiland Brockett	Fr	Kings College	Nursing
Mason Affricano	Fr	Worcester Poly Tech	Robotics Engineering

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

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Your Committee on Insurance wishes to report that in May and June of 2022, this time last year, our senior Chairman for our collective York Rite Insurance for many years, MEPGHP Robert Fitzgerald was actively and successfully negotiating new policies for our benefit. There are two parts to our coverage: an Umbrella policy for all our York Rite based on our distribution of members around the state, and a Liability policy for our Grand Officers. Careful examination of our Umbrella coverage revealed a rider for our members when they attend meetings using a rental car, not a frequent nor even likely occurrence, and elimination of this risk as well as other corrections, resulted in an almost 30% reduction in our shared premium. The Liability policy was also structured for a 3-year fixed rate, with a small but realizable savings as well. Renewals of coverages and rates are anticipated for this June for comparable premiums.

But while ME Bob was continuing to move into full retirement, all our York Rite was surprised to learn that in January of this year,

as the result of an unexpected illness, the GAU called ME Bob to that far distant country from whence he will never return. The Committee mourns his loss and yet embraces his legacy of knowledge and hard work left behind for us to build upon. His life of service can be found in the Necrology Report of our proceedings.

William L. Miller II, RAM
Scott T. Sherrick, RSM
Vincent A. Cowie, KT

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

The Committee has reviewed the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Clyde W. Kayser, II, and recommends its publication in the Proceedings of the 225th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

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

Dispensations and Appointments

Dispensations 579 through 581 have been reviewed by the Committee and are consistent with Grand Chapter Law and practice.

His appointments are within his authority and are also consistent with the Law and practice.

Pending Legislation

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

Committee Report Summary

We commend the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Clyde W. Kayser, II, for his service to the York Rite, especially during his 15 years as a Grand Officer in the several bodies. His efforts to promote the work of the York Rite and to

assist the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies of Connecticut will have a positive effect on the York Rite for years to come.

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch
Charles A. McCollum

James S. McNeely

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

It is with sadness that we report on the passing of 29 of our Companions to that great Celestial Chapter above including:

<p>ROBERT GEORGE FITZGERALD Born 16 April 1935 Exalted in Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 9 November 1984 Most Excellent High Priest 1989, 1997, 1998 Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2004 Died 14 January 2023</p>

Deceased Past High Priests

Peter John Alling	Halleck 44	06.11.22
George James Cronk (Past Grand Scribe)	Rittenhouse 11	06.21.22
Robert George Fitzgerald (PGHP)	Pythagoras-Welles 17	01.14.23

Angelo Carlo Pedrazzini	Pythagoras-Welles 17	09.18.22
Frederick Burt Hudon	Meridian 15	11.24.22
Robert David Sherrick	Milford 49	03.03.23
Robert Norman Jones	Keystone 06	03.16.23
Arthur Marion Pugh	Keystone 06	02.26.23
Jack Homer Stevens	Joseph Andrews 26	03.20.23
Edward Robert Ham	Housatonic 13	04.01.23
Delbert A. Little	Keystone 06	04.07.23

Let us Pray:

Heavenly father, the supreme architect of the universe, we humbly ask of you to receive those companions who have knocked upon your door and that you welcome them with the blessings of your divine eternity. These are your humble servants who have served you and all of us in the days that they were able to walk on this earthly place. The celestial lodge above is now the place where our departed companions can rejoice in the brotherhood they share. Let us all rejoice in the memories and lasting impressions that those companions have left us with.

Father, we ask that you bless the loved ones and families who remain here as we await the day of salvation, and we can all be together once again. All of this we ask in your holy and gracious name, Amen.

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

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Companion Bellmore verbally reported for the committee and recommended the following nominees:

Grand High Priest	Michael E. Seamon
Grand King	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
Grand Scribe	Jason R. Rieger
Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
Grand Secretary	William L. Miller, II
Grand Trustee for 3 years	Matthew F. Griffin

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch
 William L. Miller II
 Charles D. O'Neill

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY

Most all of our Chapters throughout the state have, at one time or other, struggled with gaining members, with having sufficient resources for ritual work, and with creating steady attendance. Those which have regular communications with their Companions for programs, activities and ritual work prosper better than those which are lacking. In similar fashion, those which are in close contact with their area Blue Lodges also fare better in getting new prospects.

In general, any Chapter, or group for that matter, may benefit from a strategic plan that addresses how best to increase active membership, turn these gains into new officers, train them in the ritual, and create engaging programs and activities to attract their members to meetings and events. Then it remains to advertise and implement the resultant plans. This process can be used by even the weakest of our groups to establish a platform for recovery and build upon it.

Jason R. Rieger, Ch
Kristian Maiorino
Scott R. Atkins

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

This Committee has not recommended any changes to the Ritual for this year.

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch
Michael E. Seamon
Charles A. McCollum

COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut funds Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc. through the voluntary contributions of its Companions and the efforts of its Chapters. As of March 31, 2023, the Companions of Connecticut have donated a total of \$45,031.92 to Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc. since its inception. The total donated in 2022 was \$1379.00. This year the donations through March 31, 2023 total \$1,150.00.

Paul L. Chello, Ch
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
James C. Kleinkauf

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

While we are just about now totally out of the Pandemic, many of our Chapters are struggling to get nine to open, and are having trouble opening, or doing ritual without open books. No one wants any further consolidations of some of these Chapters as the geographical gaps between Chapters is not beneficial to anyone. So, we need to support these Chapters and encourage them to work toward improving their officer lines and membership rolls. This is tough work, but we have some dedicated hard-working companions who love York Rite and wish to see it thrive. Our Chapters need leaders and new members. Let's encourage our new members and officers to attend the Northeast Department Leadership Training conferences. We need also to continue to give thought to succession planning. Some of our members suffer from burnout at times.

Michael E. Seamon, Ch
Jason R. Rieger

Michael D. Sabia Jr.
William L. Miller II

CHAPTER RETURNS

All Chapters are at recess in July and August. The address indicated is the Masonic Hall where the Chapter meets unless otherwise noted. All Chapters hold their Annual Meeting on the first Stated Convocation in April. Membership figures are for year ending March 31, 2023. Officers listed are for 2023-2024 Capitular year.

***HIRAM 1** was originally chartered as Hiram Chapter to work in Newtown by Washington Chapter in the City of New York on 29 April 1791. Charter revoked by order of Grand High Priest on 26 February 2021.*

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS AT LARGE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

Robert C. Corrigan
George F. Hanlon

C. David Hull
Stearns Poor Jr

FRANKLIN-HALLECK 02

Originally chartered as **Franklin** Chapter to work in New Haven by Washington Chapter in New York City. Name changed to **Franklin-Halleck 02** upon consolidation with **Halleck 44** on 5 April 2022.

Chartered May 20, 1795
Membership 67
EIN 23-7119330

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
1st Tue, 7:30 PM
No Phone

OFFICERS

EHP	Raymond G Tomlinson	PS	Bruce R. Bellmore
EK	Albert R. R. Johnson	RAC	John A. Vegnetti
ES	Raul A. Pereles	3V	Gerardo Nero
TRES	Bruce R. Bellmore	2V	Richard Zarnetske
SEC	Scott R. Atkins	1V	Martin Ede
COH	Michael R. Messner	Sent	
CHAP	Bruce R. Bellmore	ORG	Willis E. Copeland, Jr

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Scott R. Atkins	2020,21	George A. W. Nousiainen	92,93
Bruce Bellmore	1984,2003,11	John A. Radziunas	2015,16
Martin Ede	2005,06,14,18,19	Peter M. Sloan	2009,10
Cedric J. Jacobson	2017	Raymond G. Tomlinson	
James C. Kleinkauf	2022		2001,02,08,12,13

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS HALLECK 44

Paul L. Chello		Donald C. Sause	1986-88,95,96
	86,91,94,99,00,09,19-21	William Schuck	1972-74
Matthew R. Dymarczyk		Jonathan R. Trotta	12,13,15,16
	11,14,17,18	Paul B. Whitman	1989,90
James C. Kleinkauf	2001,02,10		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Carleton V. Erickson	William Schuck
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimitted	Tye Edward Zimerle
NPD	
No Lodge	
Deceased	Walter F. Corbiere II, Paul Kenneth Edman, Peter John Alling, Richard E. Montelius

*Solomon's Chapter No. 3 was originally chartered March 15, 1796 to work in Derby by Washington Chapter in New York City. Became Solomon 3 upon organization of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Consolidated with **Baldwin** 13 on October 14, 1994.*

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

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

KEYSTONE 06

Chapter records date from 1783. First chartered on March 15, 1796 as **Washington Chapter** in Middletown by Washington Chapter in New York City. Assigned No. 6 when the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was organized. Renamed **Burning Bush-Washington 6** upon consolidation with **Burning Bush 29** on November 30, 1997 and relocated to Deep River. Returned to Middletown in 2008. Consolidated with **Keystone 27** on 5 June 2021 to become **Keystone 6**, located in Meriden.

Instituted September 5, 1783
Membership 135
EIN 23-7119347

35 Pleasant Street, Meriden
1st Tue, 7:00 PM
203-980-9929

OFFICERS

EHP	Christian F. Schunmann	PS	John W. Braddock
EK	Steven J. Chiappalone	RAC	Philip J Sharkey III
ES	Mark A. Orsini	3V	Steven E. Blake
TRES	Gregory Whitehouse	2V	Mitchell Kostich
SEC	Jason R. Rieger	1V	John J. Kovacs
COH	Francis P. Barnes	SENT	Anthony Maisano
CHAP	Joseph R. Krusienski	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Kristian M. Maiorino	2021	Harold A. Elwell	2022
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIEST—BURNING BUSH-WASHINGTON 06

Vincent A. Cowie	1984	Jean P. Maheu	2008,2015,16
Francis C. DiStefano	2007	Raymond E. Moore	2019,20
Lloyd D. Drager, Jr.	1999	Herbert J. Olson	2009,17,18
Robert S. Johnson	91,98,01,03	William D. Passera	1997

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS —KEYSTONE 27

Thomas E. Grace	2019	Bruce Padula	2010,11,18
Robert J. Knowles	2003,04	Lee J. Page	1989
Joseph R. Krusienski	2012,13	Stuart D. Purvis	1967,68,74,75
Delbert A. Little	1997,98	Jason R. Rieger	2014,15
Daniel M. Luft	2006-09	John A. Smith	1964,65
Kristian M. Maiorino	2020	Gregory K. Whitehouse	2017
Richard I. McKee	1974,75		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Rodney M. Beebe	Ronald D. Hansen
Myron R. Bernstein	Alfred Lechner
William R. Brackett	Richard I. McKee
Robert P. Carver	David F. Putnam
Dennis L. Elkins	Charles A. Rogers
Thomas E. Fanning Jr	Stephen P. Shapiro
Robert F. Fiala	Donald J. Sperry
Thomas E. Grace	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Aaron Jansen, Thomas Mark Lewoc Sr, Blaise Riccio, Timothy Vendetti, Anthony D. Polzella
Affiliated	Mitchell Kostich
Reinstated	
Dimit	Robert Paul Carver, Matthew Davis Matsil, Randy Anthony Dickey
NPD	Joseph Paoli, Geoffrey Stowell
No Lodge	Keith Allen Cymbala, Peter Harrison LaBella, Timothy John Hickman
Deceased	Arthur Marion Pugh, Robert Norman Jones, Martin Jude Macary, David Frank Putnam

UNION 7

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

Chartered September 1, 1801	15 Route 165, Preston
Membership 38	2nd Mon, 7:30 PM
EIN 06-6045654	860-889-4195

OFFICERS

EHP	Robert G. Krawic	PS	Richard L. Allen
EK	Scott A. Daniels Jr	RAC	Rinaldo Magliano
ES	William E. Weisert II	3V	Charles R. Hugh
TRES	John A. Birdsall	2V	
SEC	John A. Birdsall	1V	Christopher A Britland
COH		SENT	Michael J Tranchida
CHAP	William E. Weisert II	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – UNION 7

Richard L. Allen	14,15,17,18,19	Scott A. Daniels Jr	2021,22
J. Andrew Birdsall	2005,12,13	James M. Haskins	
John A. Birdsall	1988,89		1998,00,10,11,20

Arthur E. Richards 1996 William E. Weisert II 2004,21

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – BENEVOLENCE 4

Charles A. Duke 1989 Alan K. Spear 1976

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Edward R. Baier	Alan K. Spear
Charles Crosle	Carleton H. Landers
John B. Currier Jr	Marshall O. Townsend
Charles T. Hall	C. Alanson Vars Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimit	
NPD	Carl Chester Heinrich
No Lodge	
Deceased	Richard Davis

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

TRINITY 9

Constituted May 19, 1808

375 Boston Post Road (Route 6), North Windham

Membership 57

4th Tue, 7:30 PM

EIN 23-7119334

No Phone

OFFICERS

EHP	Gregory J. Messier	PS	Gail N. Smith
EK	Arthur L Mullens-Stone	RAC	Chad Dufault
ES	Ryan J. Snide	3V	
TRES	J. Arthur Carbonaro	2V	
SEC	J. Arthur Carbonaro	1V	
COH	Thomas E. Schiebel	SEN	
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – TRINITY 09

Richard G. Barrows	1996	Gail N. Smith	1978,79,85,22
Lynn A. Kelsey	1997	John Mike Wolf	13-15,18,19
Kenneth W. Marvin	2017,21		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – WARREN-PUTNAM 12

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – ORIENT 42

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – ADONIRAM 18

Rodney I. Gray Sr	1974	Thomas E. Schiebel	
Donald G. Poehnert	1967	80,82,94,98,02-09	
Russell A. Schiebel	83,84,99-01		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Other Chapters

James E. Hammitt (51)	1997		
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Lawrence Becker	Gerald H. Hall
Edward O. Clark Sr	Robert D. Hayes
Rodney I Gray Sr	Wayne Kuhnly

Roger G. Lord
 Kenneth W. Marvin
 Robert J. Nearine
 Donald G. Poehnert
 Richard T. Purchase

William Senk Jr
 George S. Shaw Jr
 Gail N. Smith
 Frank R. Tomlinson
 Roger K. Wilson

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Chad Dufault

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit Ron G. Ireland, Richard Beals Leeman, Albert Llanes

NPD

No Lodge

Deceased Philip Demetre Thomas

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

RITTENHOUSE 11

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

5 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk

Membership 64

2nd Thu, 7:30 PM

EIN 23-7119335

203-655-2140

OFFICERS

EHP	John A. Amarilios	PS	Adam Odell
EK	James F. B. Wood	RAC	Mark S. Agnew
ES	Andrew Triandafilou	3V	Brett M. Altman
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	2V	Barry F. Belardinelli

SEC	Charles A. McCollum	1V	Michael Jachimczyk
COH	Silas Mante	Sent	
CHAP	Michael D. Sabia Jr	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - RITTENHOUSE 11

John A. Amarilios	2022	Michael D. Sabia Jr	2016
James J. Fahy	2012,13	Darrin D. Silhavy	2018,19
Charles deM. O'Neill		Peter R. Smyth	2020,21
	2008,09,11,17	Lloyd R. Sturges Jr	2015

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIEST – HIRAM 01

Richard G. Hubert 1988

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - WASHINGTON 24

Roland H. Gardner Jr 1992

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - EUREKA 23

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - OUSATONIC 33

James A. Backus 1994-96

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit Felix A. Lugo

NPD Derek Taylor D'Ambra, Arthur William Davies, Daniel Griffin, Andrew R. Melillo, Thomas L. Nins, Benito L. Vazquez

No Lodge

Deceased

Ernest Albert Holomany Jr, George James Cronk

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

HOUSATONIC 13

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

Chartered October 21, 1813

3960 Main Street, Stratford

Membership 150

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

EIN

203-377-0110

OFFICERS

EHP	James Whitaker Jr	PS	Fritzner Erauda
EK	Gary D. Shepard	RAC	Joseph Soto
ES	Andrew Flasko	3V	Jonathan G. DeBaun
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	2V	
SEC	Charles A. McCollum	1V	
COH	Michael J. Miller	SEN	Richard P. Smeland Jr
CHAP	Michael D. Sabia Jr	ORG	Richard A. Kassay

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Edward R. Ham

2017

Gary D. Shepard

2020

Craig R. Nelson Sr 2018,19,21,22

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Baldwin 13

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Milford 49

Anthony E. Cirella	2001	Thomas R. Richards	1969
Ernest A. Dubois	2004	Scott T. Sherrick	1999,2013
Kenneth E. Fears	1988	Richard V. Travis	1986
Robert W. Harriman	1998	James H. Tweedie	1997
Robert L. Jess	1989	James Whitaker Jr	2016
Richard A. Korab	2014,15	Richard S. Zwiebel	
Dennis B. Mattison	1983	1996	

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

James P. Edgett	Dennis B. Mattison
Robert D. Emslie	Thomas R. Richards
Louis R. Forsell	James J. Sarzynski
Eugene H. Haaf	Winthrop S. Smith Sr
Kenneth B. Hawkins Sr	John Trantales
Richard H. Hilt	Jack C. von der Heide
Roland D. Kamens	Royal B. Wells
Irving Lieff	Evan M. Winters

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Jason Joseph Czar, Raymond J. Dolyak, John P. Mizzone, Christopher Stephen James Jennings, Travis Keith Bain, Jason Cedor
Affiliated	Stephen Theodore Saxton, John Anthony Vergnetti
Reinstated	
Dimitted	David William Liedlich
NPD	Christopher Michael Holms, Frederick William Holzbaaur, Gary Francis Jacopian
No Lodge	Glenn E. Mate
Deceased	Robert David Sherrick, Donald Steven Sabo, Hjalmar Sigfrid Norell Jr, David Wesley Knecht, Anthony Paul Giunta Jr

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

CYRUS-MERIDIAN 15

Chartered October 20, 1814 as Meridian 15 to work in Canaan. Charter revoked May 9, 1839 and restored May 11, 1848. Name changed to Cyrus-Meridian 15 upon consolidation with Cyrus 45 on 31 March 2006 and relocated to Torrington. Moved to Danbury in 2022.

Chartered October 20, 1814
Membership 47
EIN 23-7119337

337 Main St, Danbury
2nd Thu, 7:30 PM
No Phone

OFFICERS

EHP	Carlos A. Gavilano	PS	John P. Glenn II
EK	Robert S. Bruce	RAC	Jason Mendez
ES	Matthew K. Kuhr	3V	Zachary M. Dall
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser II	2V	Robert J. Bruce
SEC	Clyde W. Kayser II	1V	Joe Iavasile
COH	Mychael J. Scribner	SEN	
CHAP	Clyde W. Kayser II	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS -MERIDIAN 15

John J. Badeen	2007,08	Carlos A. Gavilano	2022
B. Earl Canfield	2012,13,16,17	Ian Jones	2020
Richard D. Corey	2021	Mychael J Scribner	2014,15,18,19

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – MERIDIAN 15

Peter B. Keefe	85-87	Mark L. Prelli	1999-01
Danny A. Camp	2005	Andrew G. Weimann II	1996-98

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS 45

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – GRANITE 36

Edward J. Candee	1972	Dale E. Sweet	1962
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Kevin Kiernan Donovan
Affiliated	
Reinstated	
Dimitted	
NPD	
No Lodge	
Deceased	Frederick Burt Hudon

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

PYTHAGORAS 17

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

Constituted October 2, 1817
 Membership 105
 EIN 23-7119339

784 Main Street, East Hartford
 2nd & 4th Wed, 7:30 PM
 No Phone

OFFICERS

EHP	Jeffery A. Flynn	PS	David S. LaFargue
EK	Edward Varjabedian	RAC	Walter Grube
ES	W. Stephen Matthews	3V	John R. Ranney
TRES	Charles B. Fowler, Jr	2V	Joseph P. Grieco, Jr
SEC	William L. Miller, II	1V	William A. G.
COH	Eric H. Hoy	SEN	Rodney A. Spooner
CHAP	Michael E. Seamon	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS 17

David C. Abrames	2005,06	James S. McNeely IV	2016
Jeffery A. Flynn	2019,22	Stephen D. Piner	1977,82-84
Todd M. Gianetti	2000	Richard L. Sawyers	2012-14
Arnold S. Grot	2011,15	T. Donovan Scroggs	2007,08
Richard A. Incorvati	2002	Michael E. Seamon	2010,18
Charles M. Jewart	2020,21		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - WEST HARTFORD 53

James H. Campbell 1982

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS WELLES 17

Fred E. Anderson	1991	William L. Miller II	1988
Charles B. Fowler Jr	1986		

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - DELTA 51

Robert W. Ferguson	1964	Carl G. Palmberg	1995
James E. Hammitt	1997		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Roger S. Ather	John K. Jepson
Kenneth A. Barrett	Stephen D. Piner
Carlton R. Csiki	M. Robert Reynolds
Robert W. Ferguson	Joseph P. Vollrath Jr
Leon F. Gardiner	James S. York

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted	Henry Marvin Peacock Jr
Reinstated	Christopher D. Ramsey
Affiliated	
Dimit	
No Lodge	
NPD	
Deceased	Eugene Russell Wildes, Robert George Fitzgerald, Angelo Carlo Pedrazzini, Alexander James Matthew Sr

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOSEPH ANDREWS - PULASKI 26

Originally chartered as **Pulaski 26** to work in Fair Haven, relocated to North Branford in 1996, and then to Branford in 2003. Consolidated with **Joseph Andrews 46** on 31 March 2020 to become **Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26** working in West Haven.

Chartered May 13, 1852
 Membership 56
 EIN 23-7119345

263 Center Street, West Haven
 2nd Thu, 7:30 PM
 No Phone

OFFICERS

EHP	John K. M. Ryan	PS	William K. Barr
EK	Gerald A. Calabritto	RAC	Peter T. Cianelli
ES	Richard A. Eppler	3V	Joseph F. McVety, Jr
TRES	Alan M. Friedman Jr	2V	Christopher Belous
SEC	William C. Lang	1V	Gerardo Nero
COH	Douglas J Tourcotte III	SEN	
CHAP	Dennis J. Frosolone	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Gerald A. Calabritto	2020,21	John K. M. Ryan	2022
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - Pulaski 26

Leonard H. Bucher	1981,09,10	Earl F. Korngiebel	
Peter T. Cianelli	2019	1994,96,07,08,13,14,17,18	
Anthony J. DelGrego	2011,12	Randy S. Stevens	1999
Richard A. Eppler	1988	Charles F. Warfield	1998

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - Joseph Andrews 46

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leonard H. Bucher

Frank W. Colton

Richard A. Eppler

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimit

NPD

William Grant Rose, John Celotto

No Lodge

Deceased

Jack Homer Stevens, Paul Wendell Hunt, Gilbert John Hunter

*Keystone 27 – Chartered 12 May 1853 to work in Meriden. Consolidated with **Burning Bush-Washington 6** on 5 June 2021 to become **Keystone No. 6**.*

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

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

WASHINGTON 30

Chartered May 8, 1866
 Membership 20
 EIN 23-7119348

150 Bridge Street, Suffield
 3rd Wed, 7:30 PM
 No Phone

OFFICERS

EHP	Dean M. Gousse	PS	Mark E. Blackaby
EK	Dale T. Cunningham	RAC	Terrence D. Mish
ES	Mark D. Winne	3V	Kevin C. Zorda
TRES	Mark D. Winne	2V	John H. LeDoux
SEC	Dale T. Cunningham	1V	Thomas A. Duclos
COH	Cory R. Rice	SEN	Russell L. Scull
CHAP		ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

Bruce E. Allbee	2005,06	Charles A. Lizotte	2001-04
Dale T. Cunningham	2017,18	Terrence D. Mish	2015,16
Thomas A. Duclos	2019-21	Howard Wm Orr	1986,87
Dean M. Gousse	2022	Russell L. Scull	2012,13

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted John H. LeDoux
 Reinstated
 Affiliated
 Dimit
 NPD Polean Kelvin Ware, Chester Maurice DeGray, Eugene
 Eric Miller
 Deceased

COLUMBIA 31

Chartered May 8, 1866
 Membership 66
 EIN 23-7119349

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

OFFICERS

EHP	Charles D. Weiss	PS	G. Randall Hornaday
EK	Douglas D. Barnard	RAC	Charles A. Rowland
ES	Frederick J. Taft	3V	George H. Redford II
TRES	Chester I. Russell	2V	Thomas H. Garcia Sr
SEC	Patrick M. Kilby	1V	Ronald C. Baker
COH	Harrison T. Redford	SEN	Brian E. Beals
CHAP	Michael K. Butteri	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - COLUMBIA 31

Douglas D. Barnard	George H. Redford, II	1999
91,04,07-10,12,13,15,18-21	Harrison T. Redford	1990,95
Brian E. Beals	Chester I. Russell	1998,02,03
2016,17	Thomas A. Transue	1996
William F. Carroll	1992	
William S. Hart Sr	1975,76	Charles D. Weiss
Edmund Holcombe Jr	1959	2022
Richard R. Jones	2011	

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PEQUABUCK-GIDDINGS 32

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Ronald C. Baker	William S. Hart
George H. Wells	Edmund C. Holcombe Jr
Robert W. Brummett	Morton N. Katz
Leland D. Cobb Jr	Harrison T. Redford
Richard H. Groth	Laurence R. Smith Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted

Reinstated

Affiliated

Dimit Theodore Hasty

NPD

No Lodge

Deceased Horton Wells Holcombe, Charles Arthur Haworth,
Harold F. Wheeler Jr, James Robert Hindman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Halleck 44 was constituted October 3, 1883 to work in Madison. Consolidated on 5 April 2022 with **Franklin 02** to form **Franklin-Halleck 02**.

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

Joseph Andrews 46 was constituted July 1, 1897 to work in West Haven. Consolidated with **Pulaski 26** to form **Joseph Andrews - Pulaski 26** on 31 March 2020.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>ABSTRACT OF CHAPTER RETURNS</u>													
Chapter No.	0	2 *	6	7	9	11	13	15	17	26	30	31	Totals
A. Members 4-1-22	4	72	141	40	60	73	152	47	107	61	22	71	850
Exalted			5	1	1	6	1	1	1			1	15
Affiliated & Transfers			1			2							3
Reinstated							1						1
B. Tot Gains	0	6	0	1	0	0	8	1	2	0	1	0	19
Dimit Chapter	1	3		3	1	1					3	1	13
NPD Chapter		2	1		6	3				2			14
Dimit or NPD Lodge		3				1							4
Deceased	4	4	1	1	2	5	1	1	4	3		4	29
C. Tot Losses	5	12	2	4	9	10	1	4	4	5	3	5	60
Net Change B-C		-5	-6	-2	-3	-9	-2	0	-2	-5	-2	-5	-41
D. Members 3-31-23	4	67	135	38	57	64	150	47	105	56	20	66	809
Dual Members		1	1		1	1	5	1	3				13
50 Year Members	4	3	14	7	17	6	16	4	11	4	3	10	101
Rest Homes, MHC, etc			1	2				1	2				6
E. Total Exempt	4	4	15	8	20	7	21	5	15	6	3	10	120
F. Per Capita Taxable	0	63	120	30	37	57	129	42	90	50	17	56	691

- Franklin 02 and Halleck 44 consolidated to become Franklin-Halleck 44.

GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. OF CONNECTICUT

EIN 06-6039295

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

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Stephen T. Hosmer (06)	1798-1799	Middletown
William Judd (06)	1800-1801	Middletown
No Record	1802-1803	
Samuel Bellamy (02)	1804-1805	New Haven
John Mix (06,17)	1807	Farmington
John N. Watrous (05)	1808-1816	Colchester
John M. Gannett (06,17)	1817	Hartford
Lyman Law (07)	1817-1822	New London
Laban Smith (02)	1823-1824	New Haven
Elizur Goodrich (17)	1825	Hartford
Thomas Hubbard (12)	1826-1827	Pomfret
William H. Jones (02)	1828-1830	New Haven
Andrew Harris (09)	1831-1832	Windham
Asa Child (04)	1833	Norwich
Ingoldsby W. Crawford (18)	1834-1836	New London
William H. Ellis (020)	1837-1841	New Haven
Horace Goodwin, 2 nd (17)	1842-1845	Hartford
Benoni A. Shepherd (17)	1846-1847	Hartford
William E. Sanford (02)	1848-1849	New Haven
George Giddings (17)	1850-1852	Hartford
Cyrus Goodell (17)	1853-1854	Hartford
Isaac Coe (12)	1855-1856	Killingly

David Clark (17)	1857-1858	Hartford
Samuel Tripp (17)	1859	Hartford
Frederick J. Calhoun (02)	1860	New Haven
Nathan Dikeman, Jr. (36)	1861-1862	Waterbury
Asa Smith (24)	1863-1864	Norwalk
Luke A. Lockwood (11)	1864-1866	Riverside
James L. Gould (13)	1867-1868	Bridgeport
John H. Barlow (03)	1869-1870	Derby
Charles W. Stearns (06)	1871	Middletown
William W. Lee (27)	1872-1873	Meriden
Edmund Tweedy (23)	1874-1875	Danbury
Henry W. Coye (18)	1876-1877	Rockville
Dwight Waugh (11)	1878-1879	Stamford
Dwight Phelps (15)	1880	Winsted
Charles W. Skiff (02)	1881	New Haven
James H. Welch (23)	1882	Danbury
John S. Castle (36)	1883	Waterbury
Chester Tilden (09)	1884	Willimantic
James W. McCormick (30)	1885-1886	Windsor
Reuben H. Tucker (35)	1887	Ansonia
Augustus E. Blakeslee (31)	1888	Thomaston
John O. Rowland (26)	1889	New Haven
Gilbert L. Hewitt (04)	1890	Norwich
Charles H. Cheseboro (12)	1891	Putnam
Henry H. Green (12)	1892	Danielson
Samuel Bassett (25)	1893	New Britain
Isaiah Baker, Jr (17)	1894	Hartford
James R. Post (29)	1895	Essex
Samuel S. Lamb (36)	1896	Thomaston
Isaac F. Stidman (25)	1897	New Britain
Harvey S. Abel (42)	1898	Stafford Springs
Wesley U. Pearne (06)	1899	Middletown
John L. Hill (04)	1900	Norwich
James Callum (36)	1901	Waterbury
Edgar W. Latham (30)	1902	Suffield
Frank W. Beardsley (03)	1903	Shelton
Stephen P. Goodsell (15)	1904	Winsted

Joseph R. Johnson (29)	1905	Essex
George N. Delap (29)	1906	Hartford
Samuel H. Huntington (24)	1907	Norwalk
George A. Kies (04)	1908	Norwich
Charles A. Farnham (31)	1909	Collinsville
Eugene H. Hall (27)	1910	Meriden
George R. Morris (07)	1911	New London
W. Jerome Bissell (16)	1912	Litchfield
Louis L. Beach (32)	1913	Bristol
Horace W. Eddy (25)	1914	New Britain
Harry S. Pearsons (13)	1915	Bridgeport
Burton L. Tuttle (26)	1916	New Haven
Edward W. Avery (09)	1917	South Windham
William R. Keavaneu (36)	1918	Waterbury
Ernest F. Sweeny (15)	1919	Winsted
Henry R. Tisdale (07)	1920	New London
Edgar B. Ellis (13)	1921	Bridgeport
Arthur N. Nash (28)	1922	Pawcatuck
F. Ward DeKlyn (23)	1923	Danbury
William O. Shelley (17)	1924	Hartford
William Bowers (02)	1925	New Haven
Elbert L. Darbie (12)	1926	Danielson
Edward A. Klatte (47)	1927	Seymour
Colin S. Buell (07)	1928	New London
Lewis C. Hull (45)	1929	Torrington
Arthur F. Lewis (27)	1930	Wallingford
Clinton G. Nichols (17)	1931	Hartford
George C. Devaul (27)	1932	Meriden
Robert G. Collins (52)	1933	Greenwich
William L. Cort (26)	1934	New Haven
John C. Stanley (13)	1935	Bridgeport
C. Percival Bard (42)	1936	Stafford Springs
Bliss W. Clark (25)	1937	New Britain
Frederick W. Edgerton (07)	1938	New London
Richard Hughes (45)	1939	Torrington
Eugene H. Ellis (36)	1940	Naugatuck
J. Fred Porteous (06)	1941	Middletown
Walter L. Taft (17)	1942	Hartford

John E. Pierpont (02)	1943	New Haven
John F. Pickles (51)	1944	Manchester
Walter Berger (13)	1945	Bridgeport
Russell W. Potter (09)	1946	Willimantic
Bertram F. Bruce (07)	1947	New London
Herbert R. Trolle (11)	1948	Stamford
James W. Burhoe (36)	1949	Waterbury
William M. Wyman (04)	1950	Norwich
Philip J. Jones (17)	1951	West Hartford
Arthur W. Hansen (26)	1952	New Haven
Hayden L. Griswold, Sr (51)	1953	Manchester
Gerald D. Huenerberg (13)	1954	Trumbull
Paul D. Collier (31)	1955	Collinsville
Thomas Bell (12)	1956	Putnam
Kenneth E. Ericson (12)	1957	Bristol
Pearson E. Dolbeare (07)	1958	New London
Charles J. Fairhurst (24)	1959	West Redding
Davis S. Roger (33)	1960	New Milford
George E. Anderson (06)	1961	Middletown
Lawrence G. Farwell (17)	1962	Simsbury
Iver A. Erickson (02)	1963	New Haven
Russell E. Rose (46)	1964	West Haven
Wolcott S. Bissell (17)	1965	West Hartford
Charles A. White (07)	1966	Waterford
Jay C. Van Coevering (38)	1967	East Norwalk
William E. Piercey (29)	1968	East Hampton
Stanley H. Steiner (51)	1969	Manchester
Carl L. Cummings (26)	1970	New Haven
Cecil H. Grand (36)	1971	Naugatuck
Edmund L. Stoddard (02)	1972	Guilford
Richard L. Smail (02)	1973	Yalesville
Bertil T. Ostman (17)	1974	Wethersfield
Herman G. Goldbeck (49)	1975	Milford
James L. Koonce (07) Hon	1975	New London
Carl J. DelVecchio (11,13)	1976	Stamford
Snold W. Wenzel (17,29)	1977	Wethersfield
Thomas C. Miller (21)	1978	Noank

Russell D. Ramette (17)	1979	West Hartford
James G. Cummings (17)	1980	East Hartford
Frederick H. York, Jr (42)	1981	Stafford Springs
John E. Foster (13)	1982	Bridgeport
Lewis E. Miner (18)	1983	Rockville
Lawrence P. Urban (49)	1984	Milford
Carl Schultz, Sr (06,29)	1985	Colchester
Arthur J. McKinney (17)	1986	East Hartford
Ernest J. Smith (51)	1987	Coventry
William F. Lott (42)	1988	Storrs
John G. McKechnie (21)	1989	Mystic
Rodney I. Gray, Sr (18)	1990	Rockville
Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	1991	New Haven
Herbert R. Olson (31)	1992	Unionville
Stephen D. Piner (17,51)	1993	East Hartford
Frank W. McNally (12)	1994	Putnam
Edward W. Studwell (04)	1995	Groton
Emil G. Lido (51)	1996	Manchester
Herbert R. Schilke (01,23)	1997	Waterbury
Donald C. Murray (02)	1998	Wallingford
Andrew G. Weimann, II (45)	1999	Harwinton
Matthew F. Griffin (32)	2000	Bristol
William L. Greene (42)	2001	Coventry
George D. Maharan (18)	2002	Rockville
Charles C. Maxson (07)	2003	Mystic
Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	2004	East Hartford
Charles A. McCollum (11,23)	2005	Ridgefield
Carl E. Aspland (32)	2006	Bristol
William K. Barr (46)	2007	West Haven
Kenneth N. Hall (18)	2008	Storrs
John Mellor (13)	2009	Stratford
Paul L. Chello (44)	2010	Guilford
Danny A. Camp (15)	2011	Bridgeport
William L. Miller, II (17)	2012	East Granby
James A. Backus (11) Hon	2012	Brookfield
David C. Abrames (17)	2013	Enfield
Charles D. O'Neill (11)	2014	Danbury
Richard A. Eppler (27)	2015	Cheshire

Martin Ede (02)	2016-2017	Bethany
James S. McNeely, IV (17)	2018	Avon
Charles B. Fowler, Jr (17) Hon	2018	Windsor
James C. Kleinkauf (44)	2019	Guilford
Jeffery A. Flynn (17)	2020	Clinton
Daniel M. Luft (06)	2021	Preston
Clyde W. Kayser, II (02,15)	2022	Waterbury

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN GOLD**

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

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

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN SILVER**

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

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

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

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

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

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE**

The General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze is presented to a Royal Arch Mason for meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry other than holding Masonic Office as a Past Grand High Priest or as a Grand Chapter Officer. Only one such medal may be presented each year in each jurisdiction affiliated with the General Grand Chapter. The recipient is selected each year by the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction.

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

William McKenzie (01)	1952	Herbert R. Olson 31)	1995
George C. Meehan (24)	1953	John G. McKechnie (4)	1996
George O. Ellis (39)	1956	Ernest J. Smith (51)	1997
Frederick W. Hummel (52)	1957	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.(17)	1998
James R. Case (9)	1958	Douglas A. Gray(02)	1999
Harold S. Case (15)	1959	Frank W. McNally(12)	2000
Cecil H. Grant (39)	1960	George Kelaita (32)	2001
Frederick S. Knibloe (33)	1961	Gary A. Littlefield (09)	2002
F. Alton Clark (39)	1963	Donald E. Robinson (26)	2004
Benjamin B. Crocker (17)	1967	Robert J. Knowles (27)	2005
Earl B. Atwater (40)	1971	Charles D. O'Neill (23)	2006
Walter Brown (42)	1975	Ronald C. Baker (31)	2007
Morton S. Naurison (42)	1977	Anthony Pipitone (13)	2008
Russell E. Camp (42)	1979	Leo H. Lohrman (13)	2010
Joel D. Adkins (7)	1980	Bruce R. Bellmore (02)	2011
Emerson C. Reed (17)	1981	Andrew G Weimann (15)	2012
Gunnar F. Lundquist (27)	1982	Paul L. Chello (44)	2013
Harold A. Svendberg (13)	1983	Charles C Maxson (07)	2014
Laurence G. Farwell (17)	1984	Charles A McCollum (11)	2015
William E. Piercey (29)	1986	Arthur M. Pugh (27)	2016
Roscoe C. G. German (33)	1988	Clyde W. Kayser II (02)	2017
Gilbert L. Gooden (12)	1989	James S. McNeely IV (17)	2018
Robert A. Colbourn (26)	1990	Kenneth W. Marvin (09)	2019

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Andrew J. Muccianti (18)	1991	William L. Miller II (17)	2020
William F. Orrell (49)	1992	Robert G. Fitzgerald (17)	2021
Gail N. Smith (09)	1993	Michael D. Sabia, Jr (11)	2022
William F. Lott (42)	1994		

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GARY DEAN SHEPARD
General Grand Chapter RAM Intl
Bronze Medal Award

Gary Dean Shepard was born on October 20, 1952, in St. Albans, Vermont. His father was Harley G. Shepard, MD of Burlington, VT, and his mother, Adelaide (Parent) Shepard, was from Richmond, VT. Shortly after being born, his father moved the family from St. Albans to Bristol, VT where his father began practicing medicine. By the time Gary was five years old, his father decided to leave his private practice to enter occupational medicine. The family moved to Bridgewater, NJ where Gary and his four other brothers grew up. He graduated from Bridgewater-Raritan High School in 1970. He went back to his native Vermont roots to attend the University of Vermont where he studied zoology and graduated in 1974.

During those years in New Jersey, Gary developed a few different interests. From his mother, he became interested in music. To begin with, he took piano lessons for a couple of years. In the fourth grade he took up the trumpet, which was more to his liking, and played it through high school. He was involved in the orchestra, the concert band, the marching band, and the dance band.

Gary was active in the Boy Scout program beginning as a Cub Scout, progressing until he, and his four brothers, became Eagle Scouts. Gary became a member of the Order of the Arrow, and he was also invited to the BSA National Camp School, which then qualified him to be a waterfront director for the 1977 national jamboree in Idaho.

Gary learned to swim at a young age, and competitive swimming soon became a large part of his life. Gary earned three varsity letters at the high school level and four at University of Vermont. He became a lifeguard and was also involved in teaching swimming

lessons to younger children. The most satisfying experience for Gary, however, was in coaching competitive swimmers.

Although Gary grew up in New Jersey, he started his professional career in Boston in 1977, and he still considers Boston his home. He started as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Geigy Pharmaceuticals. During his travels throughout Boston, eastern Massachusetts, and southern New Hampshire, Gary met a lovely young lady, Janet Casale, with a beautiful smile from Brighton, Massachusetts. They were married four years later. They bought a small parcel of land in Brookline NH and built a home on it where they lived for six years. During that time, their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, was born.

Gary began expressing interest in becoming a Mason around the age of nineteen. After graduating from college and becoming eligible to join, his plate was full with other activities and interests. It wasn't until he was 43 and had relocated to Connecticut that he suddenly realized that he had not become a Mason yet.

He finally petitioned Ashlar Aspetuck Lodge No. 142, and his Masonic career began on September 18, 1995 when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. On November 8, 1995, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and was soon asked if he wanted to join the officer line. Five years later, in 2000, Gary became Worshipful Master. In 2016 Gary affiliated with Daytime Lodge No. 144 and served as Worshipful Master in 2017. Throughout his Masonic career, he served in other positions where needed.

Gary became a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Bridgeport in 1997. In addition to completing four Passports, he has also taken part as a cast member in most of the degrees. He was Thrice Potent Master of Dewitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Sovereign Prince of Washington Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Most Wise Master of Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix. He was honored to receive the Illustrious Arthur M. Brown, 33rd, Meritorious Service Award at the 2007 annual meeting. From 2006 to 2022, Gary served on the Valley of Bridgeport Executive Committee. He was Chairman of

the Family Life Committee from 2013 to 2022 where he helped organize over a hundred fellowship programs for the Valley and Consistory. Currently, Gary is on the Valley of Bridgeport Colonial Fellow Craft Degree team that performs the FC degree for blue lodges in Connecticut.

In December 2010, Companion Gary was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Baldwin Chapter No. 13 in Stratford, CT. In 2016 he was elected Excellent High Priest. He received the Order of High Priesthood that same year from the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests. When Baldwin Chapter merged with Milford Chapter to become Housatonic Chapter No. 13, Gary was on the committee which implemented the plan that saw a very successful merger of two Chapters into a new and better Chapter. In 2019, Most Excellent Grand High Priest James C. Kleinkauf appointed Gary as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. He currently serves as Grand Principal Sojourner and as chairman of the Grand Chapter Audit Committee.

Gary is also a member of Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons; Connecticut York Rite College No. 17; Connecticut Priory No. 28 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour; and Monker Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.

On June 14, 1997, Gary became a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He was a member of the Omar Shrine Club and is currently a member of the Legion of Honor. In 2017, he was elected to Dimaryp Court of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Gary was greeted as a Select Master in Jerusalem Council No. 16 in early 2011. He advanced through the officer line and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2016, when he also received the Order of the Silver Trowel. Currently he is serving as TIM in Paugussett Council No. 16.

Gary was knighted on Good Friday of 2011 in Hamilton Commandery No. 5. He was installed as Eminent Commander and

served from 2017 to 2019. Gary became a Knight Crusader of the Cross shortly after he was installed as Commander, and currently serves as Knight Crusader of the West.

In 2020, the Northeast Department Commander, Stuart Drost, recommended Gary to receive the Knight Commander of the Temple.

**EPHRAIM KIRBY CITATION
FOR DISTINGUISHED MASONIC SERVICE**

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

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

The Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service is awarded for:

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

The award consists of a certificate or citation of meritorious service together with a suitable emblem of same and is presented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter or other suitable

occasion by the Grand High Priest or by a Companion designated by the Grand High Priest.

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

William F. Boerum (13)	1945	John S. Griffiths (42)	1971
John T. Pierce (2)	1945	Charles R. Ende (49)	1971
Robert H. Prutting (17)	1945	Dominic A. Rinaldi (39)	1972
George E. Close (11)	1946	Lyle T. Neddow (51)	1972
Forrest R. Cutler (7)	1949	Alfred B. Sahlin (54)	1973
Frederick G. Comstock (29)	1949	Charles W. Phelps (9)	1974
Edward E. King (50)	1949	Carl Ritter (49)	1975
William R. Trevethan (35)	1951	Jacques Schmidli (33)	1975
Frederick F. Hollowbush (26)	1952	Morton S. Naurison (42)	1976
Walter E. E. Barton (46)	1954	John L. Faulkins (13)	1976
Claude H. Dunbar (13)	1954	Webster Culver (17)	1980
Leslie E. Watson (46)	1955	Frederick J. Ganung (24)	1980
Robert G. Jordan (53)	1955	George R. Smith (2)	1980
Samuel Taft (6)	1956	Howard R. Baker (12)	1981
John A. Leakin (13)	1956	Ferdinand D. Lewis (51)	1981
John A. Begley (2)	1959	Charles K. Lynn (51)	1981
Percy B. Chase (21)	1959	Arthur L. Shumway (2)	1981
William P. Rose (29)	1961	William Summers Jr (6)	1981
William A. Foster Sr (42)	1961	Robert J. Campbell (1)	1982
George J. Fowle (54)	1961	George Kelaita (32)	1982
Louis W. Howe (50)	1962	Herbert R. Olson (31)	1982
John H. McClure (17)	1963	Andrew J. Muccianti (18)	1982
Jacob N. Wolodansky (2)	1964	Edward P. Stannard (46)	1982
Roger H. Green (7)	1966	Grady L. Pearson (51)	1983
Harold A. Svendberg (13)	1966	Donald G. Poehnert (18)	1983
Leonard A. Caldwell Sr (45)	1967	William A. Allen (2)	1983
James M. Gordon (17)	1967	George F. Dean (18)	1984
L. Thomas Lauridsen (49)	1967	Albert T. Heavisides (51)	1984
William C. Bray (51)	1968	Charles D. Munich (13)	1984
Laurence P. Scofield (11)	1968	Frank B. Wagner (46)	1984
Frederick R. Williams (2)	1969	Ralph G. Broderick (49)	1984
John S. Michelson (13)	1969	Arthur F. Simpson (49)	1985
Walter B. Davis Sr (39)	1969	Robert A. Colbourn (26)	1985
Rowland M. Beach (24)	1971	Wilder J. Greeley (2)	1985
Robert C. Sismore (7)	1971	Albert H. Getchell (26)	1986
Arthur W. Hudson (54)	1971	Ronald L. Miller (9)	1986

Norman R. Strong (18)	1986	Frederick W. Berggren (4)	1995
Charles J. Memmott Jr (46)	1986	Charles B Fowler Jr (17)	1995
William MacMillan (1)	1986	William L. Miller II (17)	1995
George H. Griffing (17)	1987	Arthur M. Pugh (27)	1995
Arthur K. Kandetzki (46)	1987	Walter L. Whitman (17)	1995
Edgar R. Lumb (13)	1987	Reginald Abbott (17)	1996
John J. Mari (46)	1987	John A. Birdsall (7)	1996
Bernard T. Wright (23)	1987	William G. Bryce (17)	1996
Matthew J. Banach (30)	1988	Richard E. Larcom (26)	1996
Melvin F. Boomer (51)	1988	Joseph J. Perno (49)	1996
Kenneth W. Marvin (12)	1988	Edwin F. Dingus (26)	1997
Thomas M Maxwell (1,23)	1988	Charles A. Domin (7)	1997
Frank O. Miner (26)	1988	Richard R. Miller (1)	1997
Warren M. Brainard (17)	1989	Gail N. Smith (9)	1997
Edward Nordstrom (17)	1989	Edward W. Studwell (4)	1998
John Normington (09)	1989	Patrick H. DeCesare (13)	1998
Shailer Christensen (29)	1989	John H. Goodrich, Jr (26)	1998
William Whay (46)	1989	John G. Radeach (26)	1998
Roger D. Alling (44)	1990	David C. Toomey (17)	1998
Leslie C. Noyes (17)	1990	Amos E. Jennings (33)	1999
William F. Orrell (49)	1990	Clyde W. Kayser II (2,45)	1999
James F. Quarz (26)	1990	Carl G. Palmberg (17)	1999
Earl J. Fitzpatrick (26)	1991	James H. Tweedie (49)	1999
William A. Gough (24)	1991	Kenneth R. Whitman (18)	1999
Russell A. Schiebel (18)	1991	William K. Barr (46)	2000
Bard C. Teigen (30)	1991	Stanley T. House (6)	2000
Delmar W. Ward (25)	1991	George C. Perry (1, 23)	2000
John H. Goodrich, Sr. (26)	1992	Clarence E. Schiebel (18)	2000
Joseph P. Grevalsky (31)	1992	Scott T. Sherrick (49)	2000
George W. Hatfield (06)	1992	Anthony Pipitone (13)	2001
William F. Norton (44)	1992	Wesley H. Alexander (26)	2001
Elmer E. Stone (51)	1992	Alan Marc Brown (49)	2001
Timothy D. Clark (11)	1993	James R. Shaw (15)	2001
Sidney W. Isenberg (46)	1993	Douglas A. Gray (02)	2002
Neil Paterson (51)	1993	James W. Currier (09)	2002
Donald E. Robinson (26)	1993	Thurman P. Sharples Jr (12)	2002
Robert D. Sherrick (49)	1993	Sheldon L. Edwards Sr (DE2)	2002
Richard A. Eppler (26)	1994	Edward R. Ham (13)	2003
Emil G. Olsson Jr (2)	1994	Edward Schoenrock (17)	2003
George C. Venter (2)	1994	Thomas E. Schiebel (18)	2003

Jack H. Stevens (26)	2003	Earl F. Korngiebel (26)	2012
Clifford H. Drost Jr (13)	2004	Peter M. Sloan (44)	2012
Randy S. Stevens (26)	2004	Raymond Tomlinson (02)	2013
Danny A. Camp (15)	2004	William C. Lang (46)	2013
Harold H. Tomlinson (02)	2005	T. Donovan Scroggs (17)	2014
Charles R. Nielsen (17)	2005	Daniel M. Luft (27)	2014
Leland F. McElrath (46)	2005	Darrin D. Silhavy (11)	2015
Bruce A. Rumford (49)	2005	Bruce Padula (27)	2015
Edward S. Eby (07)	2006	Robert J. Cascone (13)	2016
Michael B. Dodge (09)	2006	Delbert A. Little (27)	2016
George J. Cronk (11)	2006	James S. McNeely IV (17)	2017
George A. W. Nousiainen (02)	2007	Douglas D. Barnard (31)	2017
Nicholas G. Hackett (26)	2007	Richard R. Jones (31)	2017
David C. Abrames (17)	2008	Allyn Willner (46)	2019
Leo H. Lohrman (13)	2009	Paul L. Chello (44)	2020
Robert J. Knowles (27)	2010	Craig R. Nelson, Sr (13)	2020
Martin Ede (02)	2011	Dale T. Cunningham (30)	2021
Peter J. Stapleton (44)	2011	Jason R. Rieger (06)	2022
James A. Backus (11)	2012		

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GERALD ALAN CALABRITTO

Joseph Andrews – Pulaski 26

GERALD ALAN CALABRITTO
Ephraim Kirby Citation

Gerald "Jerry" Calabritto was born September 3, 1950, in New Haven, CT. He attended New Haven Public Schools graduating in 1968 from Wilbur Cross High School. He attended Gateway Community College and the University of New Haven. He worked for Search Computer Systems traveling the country as a Senior Field Service engineer repairing IBM mainframe computers. He then obtained his Series 7 financial services license and opened a brokerage firm in New Havens Maritime Center. In 1995 he was appointed a Deputy Sheriff by then High Sheriff Henry Healy and currently still serves in that position as a Connecticut State Marshal.

The most important things to Jerry are his family, his Nieces, Lisa Liscio, Danielle Marcella and Cassandra Marcella his great nieces. Angelina, Mia, Courtney, Luciana who is Jerry's God Daughter, and his great great nephew Hector. And his sister Gail.

In 1977 Jerry moved to West Haven and got involved in the community. He was president of the West Haven Young Democrats, President of the West Haven Jaycees, and served in several statewide offices for the Connecticut Jaycees. He was a member of the Democratic Town Committee and had leadership roles in several citywide and state elections over the years. Jerry was elected to the West Haven Board of Education and served for 25 years, five as its Vice Chairman and ten years as its chairman under five different superintendents. He was commissioner of the Shore Haven Junior Baseball League for ten years. He coached girls Ice Hockey and Softball and traveled with a girls ice hockey team to an international tournament in Sweden. He is a West Haven Italian America Association member and serves as a director and assistant treasurer.

Jerry was raised as a Master Mason in Annawon Lodge No. 115 in West Haven on 22 May 2000. He has served as their treasurer from 1/1/2010 to date. He was made an honorary past master of

Annawon Lodge in 2022. He has been a member of the Temple Building Association for over 15 years and has been its chairman for

the last nine years. He is currently treasurer of the Annawon Lodge Fellowcraft Club. He is also a member of St. Johns Lodge No. 2, the 8th oldest lodge in the U.S.A., and serves as its treasurer. He is currently a member of the Masonic Temple Association for the Masonic Temple in New Haven.

Jerry was Exalted in Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46 on 8 March 2001 and served as its High Priest in 2019 and 2020. Then with the assistance of Peter Cianelli and Richard Eppler, they merged Pulaski Chapter No. 26 with Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46 creating Joseph Andrews-Pulaski Chapter No. 26 meeting in West Haven. Jerry served as Excellent High Priest of that Chapter in 2021 and 2022. He is currently their Excellent King. The order of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry was bestowed on him in 2021. Jerry was inducted into Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 in 2023. He was appointed to the Grand Line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut in 2020 and currently is R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Companion Jerry was received and greeted in Crawford Council No. 19 R&SM on 24 February 2001. He is currently serving as Deputy Illustrious Master.

Jerry was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2 on 13 April 2001 and is its Treasurer.

Jerry is a member of Scottish Rite Bodies and Lafayette Consistory in the Valley of New Haven.

Jerry also serves as a Supreme Council District Deputy for Grottos International. He is a member of Bela, Syria, and Hejaz Grottos.

Jerry feels all this would not be possible except for two companions who he cannot thank enough. John Ryan talked him into Royal Arch Masonry and Grotto; thank you, my brother and friend: and James McNeely, MEGHP at the time, who sat and whispered good counsel into his ear that night when he was deciding if he would become the High Priest of Joseph Andrews No. 46. Thank you, my brother and friend.

THE JAMES ROYAL CASE AWARD

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

The Committee has not been active since 2016.

Previous recipients of this prestigious award are as follows:

James Royal Case	1986	Anthony Pipitone	2002
Howard R. Baker	1987	Louis A. Kaufmann	2003
Russell L. Benjamin	1988	Walter L. Whitman	2004
Warren J. Dennison	1989	James S. Demko	2005
Andrew J. Muccianti	1990	Leslie C. Noyes	2006
Kenneth W. Marvin	1991	Robert J. Cascone	2007
William A. Bonney, Sr.	1992	Edward Schoenrock	2008
John Radeach	1993	Donald E. Robinson	2009
Matthew J. Banach	1994	Irving Lieff	2010
Arthur H. Carlstrom	1995	James J. Fahy	2011
Wilder J. Greeley	1996	Donald C. Sause	2012
Willis E. Copeland, Jr.	1997	Richard Odell	2013
Robert S. Johnson	1998	William L. Miller II	2014
Stanley T. House	1999	James A. Backus	2015
Edward Nordstrom	2000	Charles T. Hall	2016
Douglas A. Gray	2001	Arnold S. Grot	2019
* Deceased			



MICHAEL E. SEAMON
Grand High Priest
2023

MICHAEL EUGENE SEAMON

Michael Eugene Seamon was born in 1956 to Frederick and Clara Seamon, in Hartford, CT. Mike is one of 4 boys, his brother Timothy resides with his family in North Carolina, his brother Stephen lives in New Hampshire with his wife, and his brother David resides in Moodus, CT. Mike discovered and met His older half-brother John Jacko and Linda Jacko, his half-sister in 2018. Mike organized with the help of his Aunt Marlene Bailey a reunion, and all the siblings and their families had a chance to get together.

Mike's father, Fred, was a car salesman for Williams Ford in West Hartford and moved the family with some regularity. Michael attended various schools, all within Connecticut, and graduated from Glastonbury High School in 1974. Mike lettered in Football, and Indoor and Outdoor Track. In his senior year, Mike lost his Mother to cancer. In September of 1974 he enrolled in A.I. Prince Technical School in an Oil Heat Post Graduate course. After 1 year of a 2-year course, Mike was allowed by his teacher, Mr. Boris Lashenka, to take the final exam and passed with a score of 97.

In 1975, Mike started his working life at Didato's Oil Service in Middletown, as a Serviceman. In 1976, Mike was married. In 1977, Mike's father died unexpectedly at the age of 46, and his two youngest brothers moved in with the newlyweds. In 1978, Mike was blessed with a son, Daniel F. Seamon. In 1978 Mike took a job with Comfort Facilities in Rocky Hill. He then returned to the oil business in 1979 at C.B. Stone Inc. in Middletown. In 1980 Mike was lured to the General Oil Company in East Hartford, by Aaron Cook. Mike then moved his family to East Hartford. After 1 year, he began his Career at the East Hartford Housing Authority as a Maintenance Mechanic and served as the Union Executive Board Representative to AFSCME Local #1174. He held that position for 10 years until 1996, when he was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor. In 2000, he was made a Housing Inspector and performed all the public and Section 8 Housing inspections until his retirement in 2007. After a short-lived retirement of 10 months, Mike took a job at Konover Commercial Property Management and

presently works at 450 Columbus Boulevard in Hartford, a state-owned property.

Mike's Masonic life started in 1990 when he was raised a Master Mason in Hartford Lodge #88, which met in Newington at that time. He immediately entered the line as Senior Steward and became Master in 1996, and again in 1999 and 2005. Mike's Lodge moved to Wethersfield, East Hartford and then to South Windsor where it merged with Oriental Evergreen Lodge #114 and is now known as Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88. Mike received the Master's Achievement Award twice and the Trestle Board of Excellence. He was one of the Masons who started the Child ID program, known as "CHIP" in South Windsor. In 2005, as Master he brought the "CHIP" program into every Elementary School in South Windsor.

Mike served as the District Deputy of Masonic District 6A and 6B in 2003 -2004. He is Past President of the 6th District Blue Lodge Council and Past President of the Past District Deputies Association. Mike has served on the Grand Lodge "Rules and Regulations Committee" and the "Strategic Planning Committee".

He became a member of Scottish Rite in the Hartford Valley in 2004 and has taken various parts in many degrees. He is known for his portrayal of George Washington in the new 4th degree, and he is currently the Junior Warden in "The Lodge of Perfection".

Mike is a Past High Priest of Pythagoras Chapter #17 RAM and served a second term as High Priest in 2018. In 2018 the phone rang and Mike was asked by the then Grand High Priest James S. McNeely to fill a void in the Grand Chapter line.

He is a member of Wolcott Council #1 and served a second term as TIM in 2018. He received the Knight of Ish Sodi award from the Grand Council in 2010, and was asked by James Kleinkauf to join the Grand Council Line in 2010. He served as Most Puissant Grand Master in 2015. In 2018 Mike joined the progressive line in the Order of the Silver Trowel in Stratford, CT.

Mike is a Past Prior of the "Knight of York Cross of Honour" Priory #28 of Connecticut, he is also the Fifth Pillar in the "Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests ". Mike is a Past Excellent Chief of "Mohawk Council of Knight Masons".

He is a Past Commander of Washington Commandery #1. Mike is also a member of Devalois Commandery on the Isle of Vinal Haven in Maine. In 2011 he was asked by the REGC, Leonard Bucher, to join the Grand Commandery Line as the Grand Sentinel, and was shortly installed as the “Grand Inspector” and performed that duty for 3 years. In 2015 Mike received the “Knights Templar Cross of Honor” from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Mike was installed as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Connecticut in April of 2019.

Mike is a Past Governor of Connecticut York Rite College #17, and is currently the Deputy Grand Governor of York Rite Sovereign College for Connecticut. In August of 2022 Mike Received the “Order of the Purple Cross” in Kansas City from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Mike was a communicant of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Manchester from 1998-2018 where he served as the Church School Superintendent and followed that by joining the choir because of a need for singers. In 2019 Mike became a communicant of Grace Episcopal Church in Windsor, when he moved from Manchester to Rocky Hill. At Grace Episcopal he feels at home with the friends he found there. Mike is an avid fisherman and hunter. In 1992 he received a trophy from the State of Vermont for having taken that year’s largest buck.

Mike enjoys spending as much time as possible with his 23-year-old Grandson Bryan Anthony.

Mike met his Lady Linda in 2011. She has been his Love and Support in all his endeavors, traveling with him in and out of State for both his term as Most Puissant Grand Master and throughout the years as he has worked his way up the Grand Commandery Line, and in 2019-2020 as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut. Linda’s family has welcomed Mike with open arms into their family. Linda and Mike enjoy time with the new additions to the family, her Grand Children Maddison and Aiden.

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

I wish to Thank; Brother & Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother & Companion Charles B. Fowler Jr., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, and Brother & Companion William Lindsey Miller II, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest! This is an honor to have you three here and even more so! To have had you install me today! Thank You!!!

And before I get in trouble! I want to thank my Lady Linda for being here! And for your Love and the support you have given me on this Journey we have shared! I Love you!

I want to thank the person responsible for this!! Blame him - James Staib McNeeley IV for plugging me into this Line in 2019!!! I want to thank Clyde and AJ for being with Linda and me on so many trips through the years! As we went round and round the Northeast!!

I want to thank Brother and Sir Knight, Edward C. Page, the REGC and R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of CT for being here. I look forward to traveling with you to our sister Jurisdictions this year!

I want to thank Brother and Sir Knight Matthew Griffin, R.W. Grand Sr. Steward of the Grand Lodge of CT for being here as a representative of Brother Joseph Porco, MWGM of CT.

I want to thank my Companions from Pythagoras Chapter #17; You Companions are my Touch Stone!! It always a pleasure to be home with you at Pythagoras #17. Bill, thanks again for holding us together!! Please excuse the times I may be absent this year! And remember I am with you always!

I want to thank the Companions who have agreed to be my Grand Officers this year! Let's have fun and improve Capitular Masonry in CT!

Don't forget Grand Masters' Day next Saturday, the 10th! We assemble in the lower lot at the Home and hospital at 9:30 in Tux and White Jackets, with Jewels and aprons.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
2023-2024**



L to R: Martin Ede, William Miller, Gregory Whitehouse, Mychael Scribner, Charles McCollum, Michael Sabia, Michael Seamon, Jason Rieger, Gary Shepard, Gerald Calabritto, William Weisert, Charles Fowler, Scott Atkins, Kristian Maiorino.

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R.E. Grand Scribe

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R. E. Grand Treasurer

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

174th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 174th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry was held in the apartments of the York Masons Hall at 784 Main Street in East Hartford, CT on April 29, 2023, A.D., 3936 A. Beo.

The Convention was called to order at 9:30 am by Excellent President Michael D. Sabia, Jr. with the assistance of his officers in their respective stations:

Michael D. Sabia (11)	Excellent President
Michael E. Seamon (17)	Excellent Vice President
Daniel M. Luft (06)	Excellent Chaplain
William L Miller, PP (17)	Excellent Treasurer Recorder
Thomas A. Duclos (30)	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Arnold S. Grot (17)	Excellent Conductor
Gregory Whitehouse (06)	Excellent Herald
Harold Elwell (06)	Excellent Steward
Gary D. Shepard (13)	Excellent Steward PT
John Amarillos (11)	Excellent Sentinel
Charles M Jewart (17)	Excellent Sentinel PT

After an opening prayer and pledge of allegiance and National Anthem, Excellent President Mike welcomed the 20 Companion AHPs, and after some brief words on inspiration began the primary work of the morning by calling upon Rec. Bill for the list of Candidates. Three certificates had been submitted, which were read

and nominated by Rec. Bill, and elected by the AHPs present to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Scott A. Daniels, Jr.	Union No. 7
Robert G. Krawic	Union No. 7
Christian F. Schunmann	Keystone No. 6

The officers then proceeded to anoint, consecrate and set apart these Ex. Companions to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in RAM. Each was in turn personally congratulated and presented with his Bible and lifetime membership card by EP Mike. EP Mike then thanked his officers, and the Pro-tems, Ex Companions Gary Shepard and Charles Jewart for filling in the all-important bookends.

EP Mike then continued with the business of the Convention, beginning with recognition of the distinguished Companions from the related bodies of Masonry who were present:

Starting with the **Most Puissant Grand Council**, were PMPGM's Richard Barrows, Michael Seamon, Clyde Kayser, James Kleinkauf and Charles Fowler (Hon) along with officers Bill Miller (GrRec), Chuck Jewart (Conductor), and Daniel Luft (Chaplain). Senior officer present was Charles Jewart who offered WFG from MPMGM James McNeely and the Grand Council of R&SM.

From the **Grand Commandery**, nestled among the REPGCs Charles Fowler, Clyde Kayser, William Miller and Craig Nelson, was senior officer SK Christian Schunmann, Em. Grand Standard Bearer, who likewise brought WFG from REGC Edward Page and the Grand Commandery KT of CT.

The **Grand Chapter** was obviously the most represented, and EP Mike invited MEGHP Clyde to assemble his crew west of the Altar and be summarily introduced: REGK Michael Seamon, REGS Michael Sabia, GRSEC and PGHP William Miller, GrCOH Jason R. Rieger, Grand RAC Gary Shepard, RE3V Gerald Calabritto and along with MEPGHPs Charles Fowler (Hon), Daniel Luft and James Kleinkauf.

EP Mike then invited MEGHP Clyde to the East, and upon citing AHP loyalty to the Grand Chapter, tendered his gavel. Upon

receiving it, ME Clyde acknowledged the allegiance of the CT Convention of AHP and returned the gavel. EP then led the Companions in Private Grand Honors and seated the Companions.

Finally from the **Grand Lodge**, though difficult to believe, active officers present were scant, but amidst a goodly collection of Past DD's and a lone Past Grand Master Charles Fowler, RWB Tom Duclos stood in representation of MWGM Joseph Porco and extended WFG therefrom.

Then acknowledged were the Past Ex. Presidents of the Convention: Clyde Kayser, William Miller, Richard Barrows, and Jason Rieger.

EP Mike called upon Rec. Bill for the rest of the morning's business.

For our traditional bragging rights, it turned out that only one Companion was present to claim both age groups: Charles Fowler (anointed 1986) and again Charles for age (1937).

Continuing, with no errors or omissions cited of any serious consequence, the Minutes of the 173rd Convention would stand as printed in the 2022 Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Tres-Rec. Bill presented his report of our last year ending March 31, 2023 which had been reviewed by AHP Charles Fowler, acting auditor. Our membership actually ended up with a net gain on ONE, yes, no typo, Una, Eins, Eun, despite regular losses by death. Financially, we've been doing well as our AHP Companions continue to be most generous. Bill's report was adopted upon motion (The full financial and membership report appears at the rear of these minutes.)

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

<u>Deceased Past High Priests</u>	<u>(as of 31 March 2023)</u>	
George James Cronk Past Grand Scribe	Rittenhouse 11	06.21.22
Peter John Alling	Halleck 44	06.11.22

Angelo Carlo Pedrazzini	Pythagoras-Welles 17	09.18.22
Robert George Fitzgerald Past Grand High Priest	Pythagoras 17	01.14.23
Frederick Burt Hudon	Meridian 15	11.24.22
Robert David Sherrick	Milford 49	03.03.23
Robert Norman Jones	Keystone 06	03.16.23
Arthur Marion Pugh	Keystone 06	02.26.23
Jack Homer Stevens	Joseph Andrews 26	03.20.23
Edward Robert Ham	Housatonic 13	04.01.23
Delbert A. Little	Keystone 06	04.07.23

On motion asked for by EP Mike, the Companion AHPs VOTED the standard honoraria for the Tres-Rec (\$150) and other usual and customary expenses of the Convention. As for charity, the standard \$300 was split between RARA and MCF, moved by Pres. Mike and so voted.

A report from the Nominations Committee was next which cited usual advancement of officers except for the Excellent Sentinel. No further nominations being presented, Pres. Mike moved the slate be adopted and one ballot cast. The motion was adopted and the new officers became, after accepting their new roles:

Michael E. Seamon (17)	Most Excellent President
Daniel M. Luft (06)	Excellent Vice President
Thomas A. Duclos (30)	Excellent Chaplain
William L. Miller (17)	Excellent Treasurer-Recorder
Arnold S. Grot (17)	Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Gregory Whitehouse (06)	Excellent Conductor
Harold Elwell (06)	Excellent Herald
John Amarilios (11)	Excellent Steward
Charles M. Jewart	Excellent Sentinel

EP-elect Michael Seamon (too many “Mikes”) first made his appointment to the line, Charles Jewart who accepted, and then asked Ex. PP William Miller to be his Installing Officer, assisted by Ex. Charles Fowler as Marshal and PP Clyde to be Chaplain. Officers were assembled, given their obligations and charges and took their new stations, with proclamation made by the Marshal.

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

The “new EP Mike” thanked his officers for their assistance today, and the Installing Team. Then, as his first official duty, “new” Ex. Pres. Michael presented “old” now Past President Michael (Sabia) with his jewel for his service, prompting a round of applause.

The last piece of regular business was the date for our next Convention. Rec. Bill noted the 4th Saturday in April 2024 would conflict with Grand Maine, and suggested moving our date to Saturday, May 4th, subject to YMH availability, which was agreed upon.

With the Sentinel “Sentinelng” the arrival of the caterer at any moment, “new” Pres. Mike called for final remarks from MEGHP Clyde who began with WFG from the Grand Chapter and appreciation for the courtesies of the morning. He applauded PP Mike Sabia for his excellent ritual, and reminded the Companions of the June 3rd Grand Chapter session. He then offered an interesting anecdote. When attending Grand OES, he was asked to give a report on our charity: bottom line being COPD, and consequently the OES voted a donation! He also asked for prayers for Hon APGHP James Backus, hospitalized with back issues.

“New” Pres. Mike then proceeded to close the Convention, new officers doing their new jobs. The Companions adjourned at 11:30 for an Italian repast in the dining hall, and the latest shopping experience at the “boutique”. Final report?? Food’s here!!



Attest:

William L. Miller, MEPGHP,
Treasurer-Recorder

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER-RECORDER

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Membership

At the close of our last year on 31 March 2022, our membership was reported at 152. At the last Annual Convention on April 30, 2022, 11 new members were anointed, but in the course of the year, the Grand Architect of the Universe summoned to his side 10 of our Excellent Companions, for a net gain of 1 such that our membership now stands at 153.

Financial

Receipts (Webster Acct Checking)		
	Dinners	\$405.00
	Donations	815.00
	Fees for Order	240.00
	Sale of Jewels & Boutique	340.00
	Total Receipts	\$1,800.00
Disbursements (Checking)		
	Donation to MCF of CT	250.00
	Donation to RARA (new)	50.00
	Honoraria	175.00
	Dinners	378.51
	Office Supplies, Expenses, Jewels, Bibles	335.66
	Postage	116.00
	Printing	0.00
	Miscellaneous – Rent	50.00
	Total Disbursements	\$1,355.17
	Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$454.83
	Balance April 1, 2022	\$4,288.34
	Balance March 31, 2023	\$4,733.17

Respectfully submitted,



William L. Miller II, PGHP

Treasurer-Recorder

29 April 2023

Reviewed by Charles B. Fowler, Jr.

Date: 4/17/2023

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Gail N. Smith	09	1987	Martin Ede	02	2014
James P. Keaveny	04	1992	David C. Abrames	15	2015
Kenneth W. Marvin	12	1993	Richard A. Eppler	27	2016
William L. Greene	42	1997	Richard R. Jones	31	2017
Clyde W. Kayser, II	45	1999	J. Andrew Birdsall	07	2018
William L. Miller, II	17	2004	James S. McNeely, IV	17	2019
Richard G. Barrows	09	2005	Jason R. Rieger	06	2020
Charles A McCollum	23	2007	Jason R. Rieger	06	2021
Andrew G Weimann II	15	2011	Michael D. Sabia, Jr	06	2022

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1 April 2022 through 31 March 2023

Martin Ede	02	James S. McNeely	17
James Kleinkauf	02,44	William L Miller	17
Jonathan Trotta	02,44	Stephen D. PIner	17
Scott Daniels	07	Richard L. Sawyers	17
Robert B. Krawic	07	Michael E. Seamon	17
Alan K. Spear	07	Gerald Calabritto	26
William Weisert	07	Robert Gunderson	26
Robert D. Hayes	09,12	Richard A. Eppler	26,27
Donald Gladding	09	Robert N. Jones	06
William F. Lott	09	Bruce Padula	06,27
John Wolfe	09	Jason Rieger	06,27
Gail N. Smith	09	Thomas Grace	06
Thomas Schiebel	09,18	Daniel M. Luft	06
William R. Dieckler	11	Gregory Whitehouse	06
Michael D. Sabia	11	John Ryan	06
Ernest DuBois	11,49	Christian Schunmann	06
Robert L. Jess	13,49	Dale Cunningham	30
Craig Nelson	13	Thomas Duclos	30
Robert Harriman	13,49	Russell Scull	30
Gary D. Shepard	13	Matthew Griffin	31
Richard V. Travis	13,49	Bruce Thorin	31
Dale E. Sweet	15,45	Douglas Barnard	31
Clyde W. Kayser	15	Roger Thorin	31
David C. Abrames	17	Richard R. Jones	31