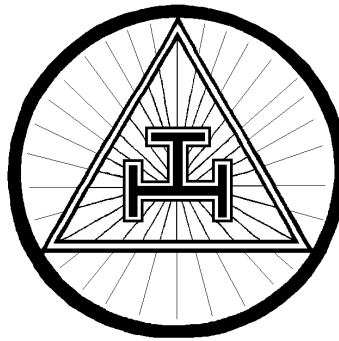


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MICHAEL DANIEL SABIA, JR.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2024-2025

MICHAEL DANIEL SABIA, JR.

Michael Daniel Sabia Jr. was born in Port Chester, NY on Sunday September 16, 1984, to Denise Marie (nee Smart) and Michael Daniel Sabia Sr. Michael moved to Greenwich in January 1985. He was educated in Greenwich Public Schools, and he attended St. Roch's Roman Catholic Church where he served as an Altar Boy. He graduated from Greenwich High School in June 2002, and he attended Norwalk Community College between September 2002 and May 2004. Michael is the father of Joel and Daniel, who reside in Stratford, Connecticut with their mother.

Michael entered Boy Scouting in September 1990 as a Tiger Cub in Pack 1 of Greenwich. He progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouting and earned his Arrow of Light in February 1995, and he crossed over into Troop 1 in March of that same year. He earned Eagle Scout: his Eagle Project involving the cleaning of trails located on the Greenwich Land Trust property surrounding Old Stone Bridge Road. His Board of Review was held on December 4, 2002. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster until 2007. Around the time Michael earned his Eagle Scout, he started to become active in the Order of the Arrow on the ceremonies team for Achewon Netopalis Lodge #427, and in 2003, was elected Vice Chief of Inductions. In 2004, Michael was elected Lodge Chief. Michael stayed in an active role in the Ceremonies until his 21st Birthday in September 2005. Michael was Cubmaster of Pack 1 from September 2007 through the end of 2008. In 2014, Michael rejoined Troop 1 as an Assistant Scoutmaster, and took over as Scoutmaster from 2015 through 2017. For his service to Scouting, Michael has been awarded the Unit Leader Award of Merit in 2016 and the District Award of Merit in 2017 from the Greenwich Council BSA. He was involved with Pack 172 in Stratford, CT, where he held the positions of Tiger Den Leader, Wolf Den Leader, Advancement Chair, Religious Emblems Coordinator, and ultimately Cubmaster until December of 2022. Michael is an Assistant Scoutmaster in his son Daniel's unit, Troop 71 in Stratford.

Michael holds an 8th Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do, 5th Degree in Taekwondo, and a 4th Degree Black Belt in Karate, as well as cross training in various other self-defense forms. He became an Assistant-Instructor in January 2001, and he received his Instructor Certification in 2008 from his teacher, Grandmaster James Lee (Jung-Hwan).

Michael began working for the Town of Greenwich Department of Parks and Recreation on June 14, 2004, first as a Park Gardener in the

Parks Division for 19 years, and currently as the Warehouse Expediter for the Division of Marine & Facility Operations. He also served on the Teamsters Local #456 Safety Committee from 2012 to 2015, and as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Safety Committee from 2013 to 2016. He became a Shop Steward in September 2019 for his bargaining unit.

Michael was a Volunteer Firefighter with Putnam Engine and Hose Company #2 in Port Chester New York from August 2004 until May 2009. From 2013 to 2016, Michael was a member Mayn Mayano Tribe #46 of the Improved Order of Redmen in Greenwich, CT. Michael is a member of the Clan Mackenzie Society through his maternal Grandfather's ancestry on the Smart side, which is a Pict of the Mackenzie Clan in Scotland.

Michael's masonic career began when he was Raised a Master Mason at Acacia Lodge No. 85 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on June 1, 2009. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021 and 2022; served as Lodge Secretary from 2014-18 and again from 2023 through the present. Michael served as Secretary of the 1st District Blue Lodge Council in 2013, and again interim in the first few months of 2017. He served as President in 2019, driving program changes to increase attendance. He served as BLC Secretary from 2020-2024. Michael began a monthly 1st District Opportunities based on the York Rite Opportunities to list all Masonic events in District 1 every month from 2019 to 2023 as part of improving Masonic awareness in the 1st District. In 2014, he was a founding member of the Actual Past Masters Association of the 1st Masonic District, and he served as its third Right Worshipful Master in 2016 and again in 2017, and he is its current Secretary. He also served as the Associate Grand Marshal of Masonic District 1C (currently 1A) from April 2015 to April 2017 with Richard E. "Digger" Odell, Past RWDD. Michael also served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as a member of the Committee on Community Action from 2013 to 2019, and he was Chairman from 2015 to 2016. Michael affiliated with Old Well St. John's Lodge No. 6 of Norwalk in 2019, and he is currently serving as Lodge Historian; and in 2023 he joined Harmony Lodge No. 67 in New Canaan where he served as Senior Deacon in 2024. He also assisted in the reforming of Lafayette Quarry No. 1 in Fairfield (Perfect Craftsman Quarry) and served as its first Secretary from 2022 to 2023. Michael was awarded the Dr. Albert E. Austin Meritorious Service Award from the Master of Acacia Lodge No. 85, W.B. David A. DiSalvo, on May 27, 2025.

Michael was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason on February 25, 2012, into Rittenhouse Chapter #11 R.A.M. at the Statewide Chapter Festival in Meriden, CT. He served as High Priest in 2016, and currently serves as Chaplain. He was conferred the Order of High Priesthood in the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests on April 30, 2016, and was elected as Most Excellent President in 2022 to serve at the 2023 Convention. In 2018, He affiliated with Housatonic Chapter #13 in Stratford where he serves as Chaplain. Michael was appointed to line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut in June 2017 by ME Comp. Martin Ede. He served as M.E. Grand High Priest for 2024-2025. Michael earned the General Grand Chapter Ritual Award in 2020, and he was awarded the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze in 2022 by M.E. Companion Daniel M. Luft.

Michael was Greeted a Select Master on March 8, 2012, at Washington Council #6 R. & S.M. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master for 2017, and currently serves as Chaplain. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in the Council of Anointed Kings of CT on May 26, 2017, and was elected Thrice Illustrious King in 2023. Michael affiliated with Paugussett Council No. 16 in Milford in 2023 and serves as their Chaplain. At the Grand Council Session in 2017, Michael was awarded the Knight of Ish Sodi Meritorious Service Award by MP Companion J. Andrew Birdsall. Michael was appointed to the line of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters in June 2020 by M.P. Comp. Martin Ede, and he is currently the Most Puissant Grand Master of Connecticut for 2025-2026.

SK Michael was Knighted March 29, 2013, in Trinity Commandery #3 K.T. He was Eminent Commander in 2018 and 2019, and now serves as Prelate. He has been armorer since 2016. In 2017, Michael affiliated with Hamilton Commandery #5 in Stratford, and served there as Eminent Commander in 2023 and 2024. Michael is currently the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut. He took his Knight Crusaders of the Cross at the Grand Commandery Session on April 14, 2018, and was elected Treasurer/Recorder in 2024. Michael was inducted into the Order of Knights Preceptor at Masonic Week in February 2024 and was a member of Sovereign Grand Preceptors Chapter and is a Charter Member and is serving as the Primus Prior of Connecticut Chapter of Knights Preceptor constituted on April 12, 2025.

He became a member of Nathan Hale Council of Allied Masonic Degrees on November 17, 2018, and he served in the line to Junior

Warden, demitting in January 2023 after becoming a Charter member of Luke A. Lockwood Council No. 583 in Norwalk, CT, and was Sovereign Master in 2024. As such, he was initiated as a 4th Grade in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord and as a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri at Masonic Week in 2024. Michael received his 32nd Degree on May 5, 2014, in Lafayette Consistory in the Valley of Bridgeport AASR NMJ. He served as Captain of the Guard of Pequonnock Chapter Rose Croix for 2017-2018 and is currently the Master of Ceremonies for DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Bridgeport. Michael is active in rolls in the various degrees put on by the Valley.

Michael became a Knight of York in Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 in 2015 and served as Pre-Eminent Governor for 2024-2025.

He became a Fratre of Connecticut College of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis on February 3, 2018, where he holds a Grade VII.

Michael was received as a Knight of the York Cross of Honour in Connecticut Priory No. 28 on January 29, 2020, where he served as Eminent Prior from April 29, 2024 to April 29, 2025

He was Knighted in Nutmeg Chapel No. 29 St. Thomas of Acon on July 16, 2022, currently serving as the 4th Working Knight.

He is also a member of Monker Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. of Norwalk since February 10, 2020, serving as Monarch in 2022 and is the Secretary since 2023. Michael is also the Clan Chief of Monker Clan No. 14 KPEC and is the High Collector in the Line of Kilted Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

Michael is also a Noble of Pyramid Shrine No. 9 A.A.O.N.M.S., joining on April 12, 2022, and is a member of the Brew Crew Unit.

Michael was initiated into Mohawk Council No. 28 of Knight Masons on October 7, 2023, and serves as the Junior Warden.

Michael was Ordained a Knight Templar Priest in Apostles Tabernacle XXVII on December 1, 2023, at Masonicare in Wallingford and is currently serving as Inner Guard.

Michael was inducted into Mayflower Conclave No. 8 of the Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors on February 8, 2024.

He was Instructed on July 13, 2024, as a member of Lenape Court No. 169 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan.

He also joined of San Jacinto #128 Order of the Swords of Bunker Hill and the Masonic Stonecutters (Member 101) at Masonic Week in February 2025.

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, Cromwell CT on 6 and 7 June 2025.

GRAND BANQUET

Following a Social Hour, the Banquet in honor of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael D. Sabia, Jr. and Most Puissant Grand Master William E. Weisert, II was held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell CT on Friday 6 June 2025.

Emcee Companion William L. Miller, II, MEPGHP called for the guests to rise at 6:30 pm to receive the Distinguished Guests to be seated at the Head Table:

REGC Steven J. Chiappalone,
REGGS Reed Fanning,
MPGM William Weisert,
MEGHP Michael Sabia, and
REDGGHP William Miller.

Each was greeted with a round of applause as he entered.

All present joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and singing one verse of the National Anthem. Grand Chaplain Edward Varjabedian then gave an Invocation.

During the course of the evening as the guests were enjoying their meals, Companions Sabia and Weisert took turns introducing speakers as follows, each of whom brought greetings from their respective organizations:

Emily Medeley, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Connecticut, accompanied by Supreme Inspector Anne Needham.

Honored Lady Judith Brod, Grand Royal Matron, Order of Amaranth in Connecticut, and Sir Knight Michael Mangano, Grand Royal Patron.

Kristian Lozada, State Master Council of Connecticut State Chapter, Order of DeMolay, accompanied by Companion Brian Beals, Executive Officer in Connecticut.

Sir Knight Steven Chiappalone, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut.

Companion Reed Fanning, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. Companion Fanning presented Sweetheart Awards to Ladies Virginia Nelson and Lori Cowie.

MPGM Weisert then presented the Knight of Ish Sodi award of the Grand Council of Connecticut to Companion Charles M. Jewart

MEGHP Sabia then called upon Companion Fanning to make the presentation of the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze to Companion Jason Regier.

Companion Fanning also then presented Companion Sabia with his plaque and pin signifying that he had completed his term as Grand High Priest, subject to the events of the morrow.

Companion Sabia drew the name of Companion Arnold Grot as the winner of the 50-50 Raffle. Companion Grot graciously turned his \$270 winnings back as a contribution to the charities. Following drawings for the various Silent Auction gift items, Companion Sabia announced that a total of \$750 had been raised to be split between Royal Arch Research Assistance and Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

Called upon for remarks, Deputy General Grand High Priest Miller presented several Connecticut souvenir items to General Grand Scribe Fanning.

Companion Fanning thanked all for the courtesies of the evening and advised the guests to "Be Kind to Everyone."

Assistant Grand Chaplain Arnold Grot closed the evening with a Benediction at 9:30 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 Michael D. Sabia, Jr. at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 7 June 2025.

MEGHP Sabia 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.

Grand Chapter was Called Off to Refreshment for the purpose of reception of the Distinguished Guests. MEGHP Sabia invited PMPGM William Weisert to join him in the East, and together they received the following:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings

Companion **Charles M. Jewart**, Thrice Illustrious King

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Companion **Gregory K. Whitehouse**, Grand Governor for CT

Companion **Michael E. Seamon**, Deputy Grand Governor

Knights York Cross of Honour

Companion **Charles A. McCollum**, Right Eminent Grand Seneschal,
Convent General

Companion **Martin Ede.**, Eminent Prior, Connecticut Priory No. 28

Allied Masonic Degrees

Companion **John A. Amarillos**, Sovereign Master, Nathan Hale
Council No. 78

Companion **Michael J. Miller.**, Sovereign Master, Lockwood
Council No. 583

Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (Masonic Rosicrucians)

Companion **William L. Miller II**, Chief Adept, Connecticut College,

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

Companion **Craig R. Nelson**, Very Eminent Preceptor

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of **Delaware** – 1869

Companion **William F. Lott**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **New Hampshire** 1818

Companion **Earl W. Cole, Sr.**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Companion **Kenneth A. Colpart, Sr.**, Right Excellent Grand King

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Massachusetts** – 1798

Companion **George L. Herbolsheimer**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

Companion **Robert W. Chan**, Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of the State of **New York** Royal Arch Masons – 1797

Companion **Raymond Roche**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Grand Representative of Connecticut

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Delaware** – 1926

Companion **William F. Lott**, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

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

Companion **Joseph Kern**, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Grand Council of **Maine** Royal & Select Masters – 1855

Companion **Reginald Page**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of **New Hampshire** – 1823

Companion **Earl W. Cole**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Companion **Kenneth A. Colpart, Sr.**, Deputy Illustrious Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of **New York** – 1823

Companion **Richard Kerimoglo**, Deputy Grand Master

Grand Commandery of **Knights Templar** of Connecticut
Companion **Steven J. Chiappalone**, Right Eminent Grand
Commander

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

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International
Companion **Reed B. Fanning**, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe
Companion **William L. Miller, II**, Right Excellent Deputy General
Grand High Priest

Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of
Connecticut
Brother **Rinaldo Magliano**, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Brother **Matthew F. Griffin**, Right Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon

The Grand Chapter was Called On to Labor, and Companion Fanning
was saluted with Private Grand Honors. MWGM Magliano was saluted
with the Grand Honors of Masonry.

RE Grand Chaplain Edward Varjabedian was called upon to offer
prayer, after which MEGHP Sabia led the Companions in the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed by the
National Anthem.

ATTENDANCE

GRAND OFFICERS

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| Michael D. Sabia, Jr. (17) | M.E. Grand High Priest |
| Jason R. Rieger (06) | R.E. Grand King |
| Mychael J. Scribner (15) | R.E. Grand Scribe |
| Charles A. McCollum (11) | R.E. Grand Treasurer |
| William L. Miller II (17) | R.E. Grand Secretary |
| Gary D. Shepard (13) | R.E. Grand Captain of the Host |
| Gerald A. Calabritto (26) | R.E. Grand Principal Sojourner |

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| Kristian Maiorino (06) | R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain |
| Gregory K. Whitehouse (06) | R.E. Grand Master Third Veil |
| James Whitaker, Jr. (13) | R.E. Grand Master Second Veil |
| Andrew J. Flasko (13) | R.E. Grand Master First Veil |
| Edward A. Varjabedian (17) | R.E. Grand Chaplain |
| Douglas J. Turcotte (26) | R.E. Grand Sentinel |
| Ashante R. McPherson (11) | 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 |
| 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

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| William L. Miller, II | Martin Ede |
| William F. Lott | Matthew F. Griffin |
| Charles A. McCollum | Michael E. Seamon |
| Clyde W. Kayser II | Charles B. Fowler Jr, Hon |
| Daniel M. Luft | |

RIGHT EXCELLENT PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

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| Douglas D. Barnard (31) | Michael E. Seamon (17) |
| Richard G. Barrows (09) | Clyde W. Kayser, II (15) |
| Martin Ede (02) | William L. Miller, II (17) |
| Charles B. Fowler Jr (17) | William F. Lott (09) |
| Matthew F. Griffin (31) | William E. Weisert, II (07) |

| CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES | | | # Denotes Proxy |
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| <u>NO</u> | <u>HIGH PRIEST</u> | <u>KING</u> | <u>SCRIBE</u> |
| 2 | Michael R. Messner | | Gerardo Nero |
| 6 | Philip J. Sharkey | Mark A. Orsini | |
| 7 | | | William E. Weisert, II |
| 9 | Ryan Snide | Greg J. Messier | Richard G. Barrows |
| 11 | | | Silas Mante |
| 13 | Michael J. Miller | Fritzner D. R. Erauda | Andrew Flasko |
| 15 | | | |
| 17 | W. Stephen Matthews | # Joseph P. Grieco, Jr. | # Eric H. Hoy |
| 26 | Douglas J. Turcotte III | Gerald A. Calabritto | John J. McManus IV |
| 30 | Mark E. Blackaby | Cory R. Rice | Dan B. Mellor |
| 31 | Douglas D. Barnard | # Frederick J. Taft | # Harrison T. Redford |

PAST HIGH PRIESTS (Not Otherwise Listed)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Richard L. Allen (07) | Arnold S. Grot (17) |
| John A. Amarilios (11) | Charles M. Jewart (17) |
| Vincent A. Cowie (06) | Craig R. Nelson, Sr. (13) |
| Scott A. Daniels, Jr (07) | Darrin D. Silhavy (11) |
| Carlos A. Gavilano (15) | |

DELIBERATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

MEGHP Michael D. Sabia, Jr. extended a most cordial welcome to all companions in attendance. He then called for a preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials: all 11 Chapters were reported to be represented.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, VOTED to accept the minutes of the 226th 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 Sabia, who then led the Companions in saluting these honored Companions with the Grand Honors.

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

The two visiting Grand High Priests were requested to assemble west of the Altar where they were greeted and then saluted with the Grand Honors.

Companion Earl Cole of New Hampshire 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.

MEGHP Sabia announced that Sweetheart Awards had been presented to Ladies Nelson and Cowie at the banquet the previous evening.

HOLDERS of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze were asked to rise, and they were saluted with the applause of the Companions. Also acknowledged was Companion Jason Rieger who had received the Medal in Bronze at the banquet the previous evening.

MEGHP Sabia summoned Companion Mark E. Blackaby to the East and presented him with the Connecticut Ephraim Kirby Meritorious Service Citation. All previous recipients were asked to rise and receive the applause of the assembly.

Companion Charles A. McCollum was acknowledged as having received the General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby Award at the banquet.

MEGHP Sabia then delivered his report and address. RE Grand King Regier referred the report to the Committee on Address.

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

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was presented by MEPGHP McCollum which included the Proposed Legislation to establish a Chapter of Research.

Companion Barry Belardinelli reported for the Committee on Credentials that there were present 47 voting delegates, and that 32 votes would constitute the 2/3 majority required to pass the legislation.

On motion of Companion McCollum to adopt the proposed addition of Section 217 to the Laws of the Grand Chapter, the legislation was APPROVED. See the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence for the text of the legislation. Said report was APPROVED.

Companion Gregory Whitehouse, 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.

The Necrology report was presented by RE Grand Chaplain Varjabedian, noting in particular the passing of MEPGHP John Mellor and Andrew G. Weimann II. The report concluded with prayer.

ELECTIONS

MEPGHP William L. Miller, II, reporting for the Committee on Nominations recommended the following slate of officers:

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| Jason R. Rieger | Grand High Priest |
| Mychael J. Scribner | Grand King |
| Gary D. Shepard | Grand Scribe |
| Charles A. McCollum | Grand Treasurer |
| William L. Miller II | Grand Secretary |
| Paul L. Chello | Grand Trustee to 2028 |

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

Most Excellent Grand High Priest elect Regier announced the following appointments:

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| Gerald A. Calabritto | Grand Captain of the Host |
| Kristian M. Maiorino | Grand Principal Sojourner |
| Gregory K. Whitehouse | Grand Royal Arch Captain |
| James Whitaker | Grand Master Third Veil |
| Andrew J. Flasko | Grand Master Second Veil |
| Douglas J. Turcotte | Grand Master First Veil |

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| Joseph R. Krusienski | Grand Chaplain |
| Darrin D. Silhavy | Grand Sentinel |
| Ashante R. McPherson | Grand Organist |
| Martin Ede | Grand Historian |
| Scott T. Sherrick | Assistant Grand Treasurer |
| Charles B. Fowler Jr | Assistant Grand Secretary |
| William E. Weisert, II | Assistant Grand Chaplain |

FURTHER DELIBERATIONS

Companion **William E. Weisert**, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut, brought his greetings.

Companion Whitehouse reported for the Committee on Bylaws that the proposed bylaws of the Chapter of Research had been reviewed and recommended approval of same. The report was APPROVED.

RE Grand King Regier presented a Budget for the Fiscal Year ending 30 April 2026, and the Budget and its Implementing Resolutions were ADOPTED.

Companion Silhavy reported for the Committee on Educational Awards that five young people would be awarded \$1000 each to pursue higher education. The report was APPROVED.

Companion Regier presented the reports of both the Committee on Delinquencies and the Committee on Welfare of Chapters. On motion, VOTED to approve these reports.

MEGHP Sabia ordered that all committee reports not read be printed in the Proceedings. He thanked his grand officers for their support and discharged all his committees effective with the Installation of Officers.

The Grand Chapter was Called Off to Refreshment for the Installation of Officers.

INSTALLATION

MEGHP Sabia surrendered the gavel to Installing Officer Charles A. McCollum, who was assisted by Installing Marshal Daniel M. Luft and Installing Chaplain Michael D. Sabia.

The Officers were installed in regular form. Companion William L. Miller presented newly installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jason R. Rieger with his GHP apron.

After presenting his Lady Julie with a bouquet of flowers, MEGHP Rieger offered the following remarks:

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS

I'd like to give my sincere thanks to this very special Installation team – who have been tremendous role models and mentors to me over the years – Chuck McCollum and Danny Luft, and special thanks to Michael Sabia for jumping in last minute for Bruce Bellmore – THANK YOU!

I know everyone's had a long day, so I will try to be brief. I feel extremely honored to serve as Grand High Priest for this jurisdiction. I've been able to learn quite a bit over the past seven years serving as a Grand Chapter Officer by observing many dedicated and talented Companions among us. Our Grand Chapter is incredibly blessed with Companions that go above and beyond, day after day and year after year for the good of Capitular Masonry. I'd like to thank our out-going Grand High Priest Michael D. Sabia Jr. as well as the Past Grand's that came before, for the foundation they built. I will endeavor to do my best to contribute to that good, true, and square work.

The list of people I am extremely thankful and indebted to is too long to read here, but I'd like to at least name a few. First of course is my wife Julie who has supported me in my Masonic career throughout the years with so much patience and understanding. And my amazing three children Amanda, Dominic and Anthony who were dragged into Lodge rooms for various events from a very early age.

Many thanks to our Grand Secretary for continuous guidance and so much hard work behind the scenes. Few realize how much is done behind

the curtains by the Grand Secretary and the Asst Grand Secretary to make this event happen.

I want to especially thank the Companions of Keystone Chapter where there is a very special bond and fellowship and especially some of my early mentors there; Dick Smail, Del Little, Bob Gilgore, Art Pugh, Bobby DiPasquale, Richard Eppler, Danny Luft, Bruce Padula, Myron Reed and Father Joe Krusienski. It was quite a crew!

I am so grateful to have an All Star team of Grand Chapter Officers who are dedicated and enthusiastic for the ensuing year! I am confident we're going to have a championship season with this group!

Thank you once again for this privilege, and I look forward to seeing everyone in my travels. God Bless.

Companion **Steven J. Chiappalone**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut brought his greetings to the Grand Chapter.

Companion **Reed B. Fanning**, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter International commented that we needed to take advantage of the Grand Lodge efforts to improve membership. He thanked the Connecticut companions for their generous donations to Royal Arch Research Assistance, and closed by admonishing all to "Be Kind to Each Other."

Companion Scott Sargeant presented to MEPGHP Sabia a Past Grand High Priest jewel which had belonged to Luke Lockwood, a luminary from Connecticut's past.

Brother Rinaldo Magliano, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, thanked the Companions for the courtesies extended to him.

The ladies and guests were excused, and the Grand Chapter was Called On to Labor.

CLOSING

There being no further business, MEGHP Regier declared the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter completed and Closed in Ample Form at 12:00 pm.

Attest:



William L. Miller, II
Grand Secretary

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION:

The 228th Anniversary Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will be held on Saturday, 6 June 2026, starting at 8:30 am, 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 pm that same day and place. The Banquet in honor of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Puissant Grand Master will be on Friday evening, 5 June 2026.

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

Companions:

It is a pleasure that we find ourselves again together here to conclude another Capitular year, it being the 227th year since the founding of our Grand Chapter. It has truly been an honor to serve you, and I did so with my best intentions and love of our Royal Craft. As I now prepare to pass the Breastplate of my authority to my successor, it becomes my duty to share all that transpired during my term of office.

State of the Rite

It is with regret that more could not be done during my term of office, as one year is not enough time to do anything of a significant amount of work. I also received disfavor from some administrative officers who felt any if not all of my proposed changes went against the "status quo" and would be more work for them. There is no truth to this belief, as proper use of our committees would spread the burden to its proper place. The time for "status quo" is long over. We need to make our Chapters places of learning, emphasizing excellent programs to enrich their members and giving them more to bring back and enhance their Lodges.

Ritual needs to be done as well as we do within our Lodges. We do not give the effort to our York Rite that we do elsewhere, and unfortunately it shows in the number of Brothers joining. We will not keep our candidates for long if we give them lackluster degrees. Every Chapter should use ritual casts, whether they have all the parts, or work together with other Chapters to give the best degrees possible for our candidates. The Lodge and the Chapter being so intertwined with each other, a proper use of our faculties will only better the experience not only in our Chapters, but also be brought back to our Lodges.

We must be prepared for those Brothers seeking to gain further Light. We will be left behind if we do not change the manner in which we operate, while adhering strongly to our values and our landmarks which set our Great Society apart from the rest. Lest we find ourselves as the Grand Chapter RAM and York Rite Bodies of New England in the next 10 or so years and lose our independence. I hope I never see this happen.

But there is still hope at the end of the tunnel. I am happy to say that I have removed the probationary status on Washington Chapter No. 30 in

Suffield, and while far yet still is their journey of improvement, they have made great strides this year to improve themselves from becoming non-existent.

Several other Chapters still have problems being able to open or do the work properly without open books, while a few are great stories of success bringing new members and educating them accordingly. Long range planning and working together congruently as a team will set us on the path to success. But we cannot wait any longer to make changes that help us to grow again in a positive direction.

Fundraising

A stash of 100th and 200th Anniversary coins were in a box in our storage in New Haven, which I had decided to sell this year for raising money to Royal Arch Research Assistance. Along with this, we planned to hold basket drawing and raffles at our Grand Convocation to split the proceeds between both of our group's charities for this year. As of this writing, no final amount was established by the sales, and I will make a verbal acknowledgement at our Grand Convocation of the total amount of all our donations.

Awards

This year I took advantage of what General Grand Chapter had at their disposal and recommended several awards to very deserving persons. Right Excellent Companion Jason Rieger was my choice for the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze, and I thank him for seconding and supporting me this year, and his continued service to our Royal Craft over the course of his tenure in this Grand Chapter.

I also recommended for the General Grand Chapter's Ephraim (eh-Frahm) Kirby Award our Most Excellent Companion Charles McCollum. There is no award that can measure his continued service to this Craft which he does without any hope of fee or reward.

I also wished to acknowledge our "adopted" ladies this year, Lori Cowie and Ginny Nelson, without whom this Grand Convocation would not have been as great for our visiting ladies and guests. As such, I recommended them both for the General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award. I hope they see we truly appreciated all their hard work, which

they also perform because of their love for and attachment to this esteemed group. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Within our jurisdiction, we also have our own distinguished award, also named for Ephraim Kirby (EE-Frahm) and as I received no nominations from constituent Chapters, I made a proposal to the Committee members and have decided to give this award to Excellent Companion Mark Blackaby. He has by far exceeded my expectations on leading the Chapter in Suffield to gain membership and move in the right direction. While the work is not complete, I believe in acknowledging those who give an outstanding effort while also encouraging them to continue to do the work in the future.

2024 Ritual Changes

I received a lot of kickback during my term from some regarding the ritual changes enacted in 2024 at the Annual Grand Convocation. As this report was presented by the Ritual Committee and was motioned, seconded, and approved by vote to accept the report along with proposed changes being made, Jurisprudence found that the changes were legally approved. I thereafter put forth the task of finding a new printer to the Ritual Committee to price out new ritual books. It is understood that it takes time, so I chose not to enforce the changes during my term, and once the ritual books are completed, I should hope the Chapters will be able to implement the approved 2024 Ritual and my successor enforce said changes.

Dispensations

I granted one dispensation as of this writing and have one planned to be given following submission of this writing. Subsequent dispensations, if they arise between now and the Convocation will be submitted for review as they arrive.

No. 583 - Dispensation was granted to Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15 to move its Stated Convocations from the second Thursdays of the month to the third Thursdays of the month through the end of my term of office.

No. 584 - Dispensation to be granted to form a Chapter of Research in this Grand Jurisdiction, so preparations could be made for their potential Chartering at the Grand Convocation following the vote to enact the law change allowing for such a body on a permanent basis. I am proud to state that there has been much satisfaction among the Craft for the want of a Chapter dedicated to researching our Royal Arch.

Recommendations

I make the following recommendations to our next Grand High Priest:

1. That an award be created to improve the Masonic intercourse of our Companions, akin to the Perfect Ashlar Award, encouraging them to travel and improve themselves in our Royal Craft. Engagement will improve our future membership by giving them goals to accomplish and making them active members of our rite.
2. That this Grand Chapter move our membership records and systems over to one of the modern systems utilized by jurisdictions, making reporting of membership much easier for our secretaries (i.e. like Grandview or MMS) and even perhaps be of use as Grandview is to our members in the Lodges to have necessary information easily accessible at the touch of a button.
3. That our Chapter of Research, if voted in the affirmative to be created on a permanent basis at our Session, be charged with the duty of compiling educational materials, historical information, and anything which can be used to the improvement of programs for our Chapters in Connecticut.
4. That the Grand High Priest continue to include travel reimbursement to our Grand King and Grand Scribe to encourage visitation out of state prior to assuming the Grand East. Meeting our contemporaries allows for healthy exchange of ideas, and creation of great friendships that I feel is too late to begin once in the office of Grand High Priest. These should be established much sooner to make a lasting impact on our Craft.
5. That our Grand Chapter Officers meet, as our Grand Lodge has been doing, along with the officers in the other Grand Bodies to form a long-range agenda to grow our York Rite to greater heights within our fraternity. We have so much to offer if we buckle down and improve how we communicate our message to the Craft. But the same old "we never did it that way" needs to stop. Let us relearn how to display our relevance to today's Craft by developing a course of action together.
6. While the elimination of the festivals was necessary at its time to attempt to strengthen Chapters to do their own work, I have come to the realization that what I would reference as a "half-Festival" may be necessary to assist in conferring the two larger Degrees, the Most

Excellent Master and the Holy Royal Arch. This does not discourage smaller or weaker Chapters from working together amongst themselves to put together these Degrees, or the Chapters which are doing well from conferring their own Degrees. This could place focus on our Chapters improving the work of the first two degrees.

The Mark Master Mason Degree should be compulsory for every Chapter in this State to perform in the most dignified manner on their own. This should be a minimum requirement, in my opinion, to be a Chapter in good standing, as the inability to learn this one degree as a body shows no desire or want of existing as a Chapter. As the Lodge has a duty to make Masons, the Chapter has a duty to exalt Royal Arch Masons. I implore my successor to find the balance and seek to improve our ritual standing within Connecticut.

7. And finally, much as is done in the Lodge, and other bodies of our Craft, we really should have a membership certificate made for those candidates who complete their Royal Arch Degree. While the purpose of joining is the search for Light without the hope of fee or reward, it makes it more meaningful for our members when they are presented their new certificate following their exaltation.

Gratitude

I cannot say that this year would have gone well enough without the aid from many distinguished individuals. I wholeheartedly thank Ladies Lori and Ginny for taking up the mantle of service to help make this a memorable and successful session. To my family for encouraging me to be the best I can be and driving me to succeed in all my endeavors throughout my life.

To Gary Shepard, who has taken his duties above and beyond to be my Travel-Companion throughout the year, and keep me in check.

To Chuck McCollum for all your guidance and wisdom. While we do not always share the same way of accomplishing our goals, your perspective always aids in rendering my decisions in a more balanced way. To Bruce Bellmore, for our esteemed friendship and mentorship. To Bill Miller, for bearing with me through our language barrier as his Engineering mind and my analytical processes never translate into something understandable.

To all the friends I have made on my journeys throughout the North East, I thank you for the memories made and the fun we had. To the

members of Rittenhouse and Housatonic Chapters, I thank you for your support throughout my tenure in the Grand Chapter.

And finally, every Companion of the Royal Arch in Connecticut: keep searching for that Light that shines within, so that you may spread it to the rest of humanity! While our modes of recognition are not for the profane, our teachings and lessons are meant for the world. So, improve yourselves and share your discoveries to your Brothers and Sisters that we may one day live in a much better world together.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

GRAND KING

It was an honor and pleasure to serve this Grand jurisdiction as Grand King this past year. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the Chapters and there were many highlights. Joseph Andrews-Pulaski conferred a Royal Arch Degree for the first time in quite some time, Cyrus-Meridian put through a squad of much needed new Companions, and Washington Chapter's renewed efforts to revitalize their Chapter has been inspiring. Keystone has continued to exhibit quality ritual, and the fellowship at every Chapter visited has been heart-warming. Chapters that continue to struggle have dedicated Companions focused on improving the overall health of their Chapters. These Chapters need the support and assistance of the Grand Chapter as well as neighboring Chapters as they endeavor to bolster their membership and rebuild strength.

In addition to Chapter visitations, it was an honor to attend other events as well. The New England York Rite Conference in Albany NY was very educational and full of fellowship. I highly recommend all our Companions to consider attending, especially Grand Chapter Officers and Chapter Officers. I was grateful to attend the Commandery Christmas Observance in Preston. It was well executed and quite moving. Attending Rainbow's grand session was certainly a memorable event as those young people are truly amazing and are an inspiration to see grow. Attending the Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests is another

special event that I would urge all our Past High Priests to support and attend.

My observations and recommendations remain the same from year to year. There are two main pillars critical to the health and well-being of Royal Arch Masonry in CT, and for any Masonic institution for that matter. The first is recruitment and a steady flow of new membership. The flow of new membership can only be achieved through promotion and awareness of the good works of the Royal Arch throughout the fraternity, but especially through a concerted focus on relationship building with the Blue Lodges proximate to the Chapter. The second pillar is maintaining an ample active membership and membership retention. Maintaining an active membership and retention of membership in general is dependent upon the quality of the Chapter meetings. The quality of the meetings is most directly influenced by quality ritual, fun programs, enjoyable refreshment, and genuine fellowship and comradery. These are the components of a Masonic evening worthy of our Companions' time and support.

I believe it's fair to say that these observations and recommendations are generally well known and obvious to all - no epiphanies here. Although our greatest challenges are obvious and the solutions equally obvious, the roads to those solutions are rough and rugged. These are not easy fixes. These initiatives require vigilance, resources, support and most especially - fervency and zeal! Annual initiatives and continuous efforts must be made a formal and structured focus supported by programs and resources. Perhaps new standing committees with strategic goals in these key areas should be considered to ensure efforts are continuous, consistent, and well placed.

Despite the challenges ahead, I am very encouraged by the many dedicated and extraordinary Royal Arch Masons throughout the state, and I have no doubt that this sublime institution of Masonry will find a path to thrive.

Jason R. Rieger

GRAND SCRIBE

I would again like to thank the Companions for the privilege of serving this year as Grand Scribe. It was an enjoyable experience. I have had the opportunity to visit several Chapters across the state including my own. I also had the opportunity to visit the Annual Session of the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and New York and was received at the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

My plan for my time as Grand King is to visit more Chapters to get a better understanding of the state of Royal Arch Masonry across the State. I hope to bring forward several proposals that would increase communication between the Chapters and promote Education and Leadership Classes. This is to increase new membership and to encourage the newer Companions in the current role they have and to support them in their further masonic career.

Mychael Scribner

GRAND TREASURER
May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

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| Balance 5/1/2024 | 662.44 |
| INCOME | |
| Convocation Inc | 4858.00 |
| Educational Fund | 0.00 |
| Chapter Festival | 0.00 |
| Per Capita | 13,388.00 |
| Reimbursement | 4,585.99 |
| Sales | 160.00 |
| RARA | 921.00 |
| Other Income | 829.66 |
| Transfer - Trustees | 15,000.00 |
| Total Income | 39,742.65 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS | |
| | 40,405.09 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Annual Returns | 1,989.00 |
| Aprons & Jewels | 1,682.6 |
| Chapter Festival | 0.00 |
| Charity | 0.00 |
| Convocation | 8,351.58 |
| Convocation Gifts | 1,860.25 |
| Dues (YRCC) | 0.00 |
| Education | 4,640.00 |
| Equipment Rental | 400.00 |
| GHP Expense | 2,420.79 |
| GK Expense | 563.60 |
| GS Expense | 504.62 |
| Honorarium-Organist | 0.00 |
| Insurance | 5,300.00 |
| Misc | 200.00 |
| Meetings | 0.00 |

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| Office Supplies | 115.04 |
| Postage | 119.56 |
| Printing | 738.86 |
| RAM Magazine | 1,911.89 |
| RARA | 821.00 |
| Salaries | 5,200.00 |
| Storage Misc | 59.00 |
| Taxes | 504.40 |
| Website | 400.00 |
| Total Expenses | 37,782.19 |
| Voided check from 2023 | 357.00 |
| Balance 4/30/2025 | 2,622.90 |
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Charles A. McCollum

GRAND SECRETARY

Companions all. Together again, from my vantage point, I continue to be amazed at how fast the days and weeks go by, and that is only possible with the aid of our Assistant Recorder, our Honorary PGHP Charles Fowler, my friend, mentor and Brother, but also YOUR manager par excellence of all your York Rite Chapter and Council data and “**The Data Base**”, actually “**His**” Data Base. When it comes time for annual returns, I gave up trying to out-wiggle him on various member’s circumstances, but take them on faith since his findings tend to be spot on and make a few bucks on the side for our charities when he detects an over-payment, and yes, collections for stray errors on the other side, but no more than absolutely required. So from that vantage point, everything would seem to be in good shape, well sort of.

Our Membership and the Sisyphus Challenge

Just like all modern organizations these days, and our fraternal groups notwithstanding, membership continues to be an uphill battle, just ask the expert, Sisyphus. But looking at the 10-year trend table (below), we're happy to see that the net loss this year was lower at -18 and could be a trend looking only at the last 3 years, and if the lower death rate continues. Obviously, we can't let the rock roll back upon us, but need to keep pushing upward or risk falling behind only to start over next year.

And it's not just the work for new Exaltations, but to keep the other losses minimal. Your HP and Secretary can make a difference BEFORE giving up and letting dimits and NPDs sneak by us. It is a HP duty to screen and contact NPDs before reporting them (per Section 308 of Chapter Law). And we may think we can't do much for Lodge losses, but here again, when a Brother (and Companion) appears on the Lodge dimit/npd radar, contact him and talk him back from the ledge. Losing a Lodge Companion-SK, means losing the York Rite and more, given all his other Masonic connections. We already did the work for these Brother-Companions, let's not waste it, and maybe, just maybe, next year, Sisyphus will hail us from the top of his mountain!

Officer Woes

If the regular corps is fragile, then any continuity or even longevity in key officer slots is also tough. From Chapter to Chapter, and there are some exceptions, we are still trying to create or train or bribe Treasurers, Secretaries and even Trustees. It is becoming more common especially in the smaller bodies, for the Secretary/Recorder to also serve as Treasurer, and in both Chapter and Council. ONE PERSON DOING SIX JOBS! Just as recently as last year, in East Harford we had a PHP Companion (nameless) who was repeating a dais chair, also serving as Treasurer and also Trustee AND on the Hall Association. Out and about the state, last year we had TWO hopefuls for Secretaries/Recorders to replace two multi-year over-due retirees – this job apparently did not fit into the plans of these newbies. One retiree is back on the job to replace his Padewan, and in the other, a long term member has stepped up from the sidelines to replace that one. And the worst of it ??? We don't know where the newbies went.

Completing the Annual returns is another bug-a-boo and symptom of our leadership dilemmas. We haven't yet reached perfection, in fact, far from a zero error rate. April is hard on everyone to complete the year, we

get that, but like the IRS, the report is an annual duty (Section 110 of the Grand Chapter Law); it can't be treated as a surprise ! Filling the form as the year proceeds leaves only one month to close the member files and report new officers, but it is still a PITA.

But here's the real failure and that is for the HP who is RESPONSIBLE to see that his officers carry out their prescribed duties, and assure the deadlines are met and correct content of the reports. Our MEGHP and his assigned Committees are also seemingly unused resources in all this.

Succession Planning and Lack Thereof

By now, this has become my ***FAVORITE*** issue. This symptom, i.e. lack of adequate planning for the future, is like a pot boiling just below the radar, and experience has shown that when it occurs, it is, sadly, too late and very laborious and even costly to come back from. Cases in point - over the last 5 years we have had 5 Secretary/Recorder multi-year veterans die in the chair, and another 5 retire. Worse yet, using the Sec/Rec model, without adding in Treasurer/Trustee duties; that is 20 jobs to replace. Obviously we need Companions to serve the common good. An employment ad might read: ***“Volunteers needed: office skills required, attention to details, good attendance, takes direction, serve as group mother, and no benefits although the summers have no meetings. Pencil supplied.”***

As priorities go, we cannot stress enough that all Treasurer/Trustee accounts have multiple signers, as these often are not that active and when left alone, bite us. My best example was a savings account with a non-trivial balance which could not be accessed as both signers had died.

Taking a broader view, our ritual crews are also on the verge of collapse and many bodies are trying to adapt with their resources at hand, and do what we can with what we have, including reaching out to nearby Companions, and reading the parts. The answer often heard is that once we get younger new members they will take on the ritual and management jobs. So I ask, how is that working out ??? Rest assured, I am paying attention and do help when called upon.

Financials on the Year

I must also applaud my “book end”, your Grand Treasurer Charles McCollum, who continues his due-diligence with me and on your behalf. For Chapter operations he received this year \$ 10,000 from the Trustees, and from me, \$22,982.16 in cash receipts from the \$20 per-capita fees and other monies deposited, including a pass thru of \$ 72 to RARA. So we ended fiscal year, April 30, 2025 with \$ 662.44. The general level of cash flow exceeds Council because Grand Chapter, out of convenience and bookkeeping, is the initial repository covering all the YR related endeavors, such as session costs and insurance, and to be reimbursed by the Council and Commandery for their share. The Cromwell Marriott continues to be our home joint tenant in common with Council, for its outstanding service and value for our events.

In closing, it has been an honor to be of continuing service to the Grand Council, and your needs, whatever or whenever they come to my attention.

William L. Miller

Chapter Membership Summary for Last Ten Years

| Year Ending | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Exalted | 39 | 33 | 30 | 27 | 22 | 0 | 49 | 15 | 24 | 26 |
| Affil & Rein | 11 | 3 | 98 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| Total Adds | 50 | 36 | 128 | 33 | 29 | 4 | 67 | 19 | 34 | 31 |
| Dimits | 13 | 13 | 103 | 15 | 10 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 |
| Involuntary | 51 | 54 | 38 | 38 | 32 | 17 | 35 | 18 | 22 | 17 |
| Deceased | 49 | 28 | 41 | 36 | 41 | 48 | 43 | 29 | 36 | 23 |
| Total Losses | 113 | 95 | 182 | 89 | 83 | 81 | 93 | 60 | 69 | 49 |
| Beginning | 1269 | 1206 | 1147 | 1091 | 1035 | 979 | 876 | 850 | 809 | 774 |
| Net Change | -63 | -59 | -56 | -56 | -54 | -107 | -26 | -41 | -35 | -18 |
| Ending | 1206 | 1147 | 1091 | 1035 | 981 | 872 | 850 | 809 | 774 | 756 |

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

I would like to thank M.E. Grand High Priest Michael D. Sabia, Jr. for appointing me this past year as your Grand Captain of the Host in the

Grand Chapter officer line. It was an honor and privilege to serve you in this capacity. I hope I met and exceeded your expectations.

There are eleven constituent chapters. Each chapter has its own concerns with respect to their strengths, weaknesses, goals, membership issues, ritual work, community outreach, and overall commitment of the companions and officers to their chapter.

The chapters were divided into three groups based on the amount of attention I felt they needed. I hesitate to put them into different groups because I don't want anyone including the chapters themselves to feel any restrictions on themselves as a constituent chapter. They all have the potential to become outstanding. The categories are as such: Superior Chapters, Average Chapters – running adequately but require a little less help, and lastly Chapters that are struggling and require the most attention immediately.

Superior Chapters

Keystone 6, Housatonic 13, Pythagoras 17

These chapters open, close, and do degrees by memory. They always have enough to open. They run their meetings well. They have regular education programs as part of their meeting. All of their officers for the most part attend their meetings. They have good officer lines. They bring in candidates regularly. They need the least amount of help. The companions from the chapters in the other two categories described below would, I believe, benefit from visiting these three chapters.

Average Chapters

Rittenhouse 11, Joseph Andrews-Pulaski 26, Columbia 31

These three chapters can open and close with a little aid of the ritual book.

Rittenhouse 11 – This chapter's biggest concern is that they are not bringing in candidates. They brought in one candidate over the last two years. Their junior officers struggle the more with ritual. The newly elected High Priest, however, is striving to open and close without relying on the ritual book. I know they will succeed in this because of their commitment to it. They do have a core of companions that go regularly to the meetings. They usually have enough to open. However, on occasion, some of the regular companions who serve in other grand

officer lines, and have other responsibilities on a meeting night, may cause the chapter to have less companions than necessary to open, but this usually does not happen. They always manage to open for the most part. Because they don't do degree work on a regular basis, they are rusty on ritual, but they have some good ritualists, and their officer line is solid. I'm confident that they can make it happen. Their greatest strength, however, is the educational programs. They are the best in the state.

Joseph Andrews-Pulaski 26 is a growing chapter. The comradery among their companions is unique. Of the three chapters in this category, they do the most degree work. They need a little aid with their degrees, and they do seek it. They will bring their candidates to other chapters so that they can advance to become RAM's. They have two companions that are in the grand officer line. Their HP is solid. He runs very good meetings, and they have educational programs. They try to stay close to their community by making donations and getting involved in community activities. They are doing everything they have to, to grow their chapter.

Columbia 31 has similar problems to Rittenhouse 11. Like Rittenhouse they haven't brought in any candidates in a long time. The chapter is in Collinsville, a small community in the northwest part of Connecticut. The chapter is composed of a group of older companions. I think most of them are over the age of 65 and older. In my travels there, I've seen only one companion of middle age. It is the same group of companions who take turns being High Priest for two years, drop down to Excellent King for two years and then back up the HP for two more years. The current HP told me at their most recent meeting that no one wants to go up through the line. He "sort of suggested" about folding. However, I don't know how serious he was about it. The chapter, like Joseph Andrews-Pulaski 26, also has a unique comradery among the companions not necessarily seen in other chapters within the state. Most of the officers can open and close without the aid of a ritual book. Like other chapters most of the trouble with ritual is within the veils. The HP runs a very good meeting. He is very efficient and gets things done. They are very accommodating to me. The big event of the year for them is their St. Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage dinner. They have a speaker attending who gives a wonderful talk. They raise funds which go to organizations within Collinsville. At the last meeting there was talk of doing an open house in November and to invite potential candidates. Unfortunately, they are struggling.

Struggling Chapters

Franklin-Halleck, Union, Trinity, Cyrus-Meriden, Washington.

These five chapters are struggling in one way or another more so than the other constituent chapters within the Grand Chapter.

Franklin-Halleck 2 in New Haven is now bringing in new candidates. They are in transition. They are slowly growing the number of companions, which is the number one priority. However, they rely on the ritual book a large percentage of the time to open, close and portray degrees. They seem to always want to cut corners. To become a better chapter, however, they must do better ritual work.

Union 7 and Trinity 9 are close to each other in the northeast corner of Connecticut. However, between the two of them they have a total of 81 members. According to the 2024 Proceedings, neither chapter exalted any candidates last year. Scott Daniels and Art Carbonaro are doing the best they can to keep both chapters going. They both help each other out WHEN they portray degrees. Some of the companions have talked briefly about merging, but at this point in time, they don't want to discuss it. I would recommend merging only if BOTH CHAPTERS WANTED TO DO IT. I believe one of the advantages of merging would be that they wouldn't have to count the number of companions present at each meeting in order to open the chapter. Their weak spot is that they are not bringing many candidates. As a result, they are not doing the degree work, and not opening as much as they could. Their strength is that they have solid companions, which gives them great potential. I would recommend that each chapter get together separately to discuss where they are today and where they want to be in five years. The issue of merging with each other should be part of the discussion. By having a serious discussion, they would be able to set a direction forward, set some attainable goals and determine a way to achieve them.

Cyrus-Meridian 15 has come a long way from where it was a year ago. This chapter exalted six candidates (as did Franklin-Halleck 2) which is more than any other chapter in the Grand Chapter. The Grand Scribe Mychael Scribner and PGHP Clyde Kayser, both being companions in this chapter, have been working diligently to bring Cyrus-Meriden back up to speed. They have brought in all of the new companions as well as

all of the older companions for the last five years. It has been a challenge for them, but they are succeeding in this task. In my opinion, the chapter could use three or four more companions to get them up to the next level. They have a sensible plan to bring in more candidates. That should be and is their number one priority. They still have to count companions who are there for their conclave. Unfortunately, because the new companions are taking on leadership positions, they do not have the ritual down. They have to rely on the book for the opening, closing, and ritual work. It is of great benefit to the newer companions in chapter though, to watch companion Clyde perform his parts in the ritual. However, a few of the newer companions are committed to learning ritual. I have confidence in this chapter that they will be back, but it may take a bit longer than Myke and Clyde believe.

Washington 30 is making its way back as well. They have been in trouble for multiple years. Within the Grand Chapter, this chapter has the least number of companions at eighteen. In past years, they rarely had enough companions to open a conclave each month. They were very close to losing their charter this year. For what they had to overcome this year, I wasn't sure they could do it because it all rested on the companions and officers of the chapter to get it done. However, the incoming High Priest Mark Blackaby was determined to not let that happen. He had enough companions showing up each month in order to open and portray some degrees. He had seven or eight of his own companions along with enough visitors to open their conclaves. Their ritual was naturally rusty, and they had to rely on the book to open and do degree work. Their greatest accomplishment, however, was that they opened their conclave every month. According to last year's proceedings they did not exalt any new candidates. However, they brought in a number of companions this past year in which I can see great leadership potential. Another thing that they added to their meetings was a dinner beforehand. I never knew that the Excellent King Cory Rice was such a gourmet chef. He prepared some meals which were rather tasty and fit for a king. At the beginning of last year, this chapter was hanging by a thread. However, Mark Blackaby has done an outstanding job of turning this chapter around. They are developing a solid line of officers and hopefully will continue to exalt more candidates this coming year. They must however, continue to move in the direction that they are headed in to get to the next level.

MEGHP Michael Sabia, I really enjoyed our rides together to all the constituent chapters throughout the state. I also began to get a better understanding of the work you are involved in, as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. From my perspective, you did an outstanding job in helping me face the future. Thank you very much for your excellent advice and for the opportunity you gave me. I learned a tremendous amount this year because of my travels with you. As Grand High Priest, you accomplished more than you realize.

Gary D. Shepard

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

This year, the state was divided into two zones for oversight and inspection of the chapters. Zone A included the following chapters. Franklin-Halleck, Trinity, Joseph Andrews-Pulaski, Keystone, Union, and Columbia. The duties were divided between our Grand Sentinel, Douglas Turcotte, and our Grand Master of the First Veil, Andrew Flasko. I would like to personally thank them for the outstanding job they did this year in working with the chapters in Zone A.

The overall health of the chapters in Zone A is strong, with only 2 needing a little help and guidance. They perform good ritual work, with Keystone performing exemplary work. There is a brotherhood across the zone, with chapters working together to confer degrees.

Columbia can use help in growing its membership as the older members are keeping this chapter alive, and an influx of new members would help them continue to thrive.

We should keep a close eye on Union and, as a Grand Chapter, provide them with whatever they need to succeed as a chapter.

Again, I would like to commend Doug Turcotte and Andrew Flasko for all their efforts this year on behalf of our Grand Chapter

Gerald A. Calabritto

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

I'd first like to thank MEGHP Michael Sabia 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 hadn't previously visited. This included Columbia Chapter No. 31 in Collinsville, Housatonic Chapter No. 13 in Stratford, and Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 in Norwalk. As I progress in the Grand Chapter line, I feel it's important to visit all the Chapters in the state.

During this past year I had the opportunity to attend a Mark Master Degree at Washington Chapter No. 30. I was pleased to see the Chapter putting in the effort to pull off the degree after struggling for some time. On the night I visited Housatonic Chapter they conferred the Mark Master degree on a whopping 13 candidates.

I've assisted with the process of getting the new ritual books prepared. I took some time to read through but everything all should be in order. Hopefully we will see the new books soon.

I've seen many Chapters struggle to get the "9" in attendance needed to open Chapter and do any work. It's disappointing to see this, and I know the Companions in these Chapters feel frustrated. We as the Grand Chapter do step in to help out where we can, but I feel we must do more.

In closing I'd like to say that I'm happy to serve the Grand Chapter and I look forward to continuing onward.

Kristian Maiorino

GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL

This was my second year serving the Grand Chapter of CT. I would like to thank Grand High Priest Michael D Sabia Jr. for appointing me. I attended various chapter meetings in Connecticut with other members of the Grand Chapter, most often traveling with Kristian Maiorino, the R.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain, and I am thankful for his support.

I visited Housatonic Chapter No. 13 on 3 occasions including March of 2025 for their inspection and annual meeting. They had fourteen candidates for the M.E.M., and all aspects of the degree were very well presented; in fact, it was one of the best M.E.M degrees I have ever

witnessed. All the degree ritual was done from memory with both old and new companions participating in the degree. All the officers are working together to make this chapter stronger each year. They have a brief masonic education item at each meeting. The secretary is well organized; their records are well maintained and complete and the business portion of their meetings is managed in a very efficient manner. The companions at Housatonic Chapter No. 13 are working hard to continually improve themselves, and they offer an incredibly positive, welcoming, and educational experience to both new candidates and existing companions.

I was able to visit with Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 during the year, but due to family conflicts in my schedule I was not able to complete their formal inspection. They are a friendly and welcoming chapter and are working hard to improve and strengthen themselves. They continue to make masonic education an important part of each meeting. They are working to build up and improve the officer line. The EHP and Secretary keep the meetings well organized, and all their records are complete and well maintained.

I was asked by R.E. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, James Whitaker, due to conflicts in his schedule, to handle the inspection at Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15, but, unfortunately, due to last minute family issues that arose, I was unable to fulfill his request, and I offer my sincerest apology.

I have enjoyed serving the Grand Chapter this year, and I look forward to helping it strengthen all of the chapters in Connecticut.

Gregory K. Whitehouse

GRAND MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL

I would like to thank our MEGHP Michael D. Sabia Jr. for appointing me to the Grand Chapter Line. I also would like to thank GM3V Gregory K. Whitehouse for helping me with the inspection of Cyrus-Meridian Chapter #15.

I visited Cyrus-Meridian Chapter #15 three times this year. If it was not for a change to their meeting, it would have been more. They were able to open but needed visitors. Unfortunately, due to scheduling issues, an inspection was not conducted for this year.

I visited Washington Chapter #30 three times this year. It was great to see that Chapter grow. Two of my three visits, they had enough of their own Companions to open. They still have work to do but they are moving forward in the right direction. Inspection was conducted.

I visited Pythagoras Chapter #17 two times this year. This is a very strong Chapter. They were able to open with at least ten of their own Companions. Inspection was conducted.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Chapter this year, and I look forward to helping it strengthen all of the chapters in Connecticut.

James Whitaker, Jr.

GRAND MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL

I would first thank Grand High Priest Michael Sabia for appointing me as Grand Master of the First Veil. This was my first year serving the Grand Chapter, and I tried to attend as many meetings for each of my chapters as much as possible. I made it to quite a few meetings of each of my assigned chapters and experienced great fellowship at each one.

The first chapter I attended was Trinity #9 in N Windham where I was met with warm fraternal greetings. They were not able to open until our inspection, but you can tell they have a bunch of truly dedicated guys who really want the chapter to grow. We need to help them out from other chapters to be able to bring some new blood into the chapter.

My next chapter I visited was Joseph Andrews Pulaski #26 in West Haven where I was also met very warmly and enjoyed my time there very much. During my inspection they performed an excellent Most Excellent Master degree. They are very strong and will continue to grow and get even stronger with more new companions joining their core group.

My time attending Franklin Halleck #2 in New Haven was always welcoming and warm, and during my inspection they performed an excellent Mark Master and Past Master Degree with their own candidates

and candidates from Joseph Andrews-Pulaski. All of the companions in attendance witnessed a flawless rendition of the Mark Master historical lecture by companion Mike Miller from Housatonic Chapter.

Overall this was a very productive year for each of the chapters and I hope they will all continue to grow and thrive. I look forward to attending other chapters while serving as a Grand Chapter officer and help those chapters in any way possible.

Andrew J. Flasko

GRAND SENTINEL

I am pleased to submit my report as Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, detailing my visits to subordinate chapters.

I had the privilege of visiting Keystone Chapter No. 6 on multiple occasions. This chapter exemplifies the finest qualities of Royal Arch Masonry. Their brotherhood is strong, their ritual work is commendable, and their dedication to the Craft is evident in every aspect of their operations. Keystone Chapter serves as a model of excellence, and I look forward to their continued success.

I also visited Columbia Chapter No. 31, where I was warmly welcomed. The companions there exhibit a genuine sense of fellowship and commitment to the principles of our order. However, the chapter is composed primarily of older members and would greatly benefit from an influx of new companions to ensure its vitality moving forward. I encourage the Grand Chapter to consider ways to support Columbia Chapter in their efforts to attract and engage new members.

Regrettably, I was unable to establish contact with Union Chapter No. 7 during this period. As such, I am unable to provide an assessment of their current status. I will continue to make efforts to connect with them and report on their condition in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Grand Sentinel. I remain committed to supporting our chapters and promoting the growth and strength of Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut.

Douglas Turcotte

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.

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| Opening Balance 5/1/24 | \$ 870,125.41 |
| Dividends | 21,005.19 |
| Interest | 2,212.96 |
| Capital Gain | 10,391.43 |
| Fees | --11,493.68 |
| Transfers to checking | --15,000.00 |
| Value Change (+/-) | \$ 97,522.31 |
| Balance 4/30/25 | \$ 974,763.62 |

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

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

GRAND HISTORIAN

Light from the Sanctuary of the Royal Arch

As we come to the end of another Capitular year, we again come to reflect on our heritage. As our number of Chapters declines, we again must look at what we are in a danger of losing. As I have touched upon in previous reports, we need to make sure we lose nothing of value to ourselves and to and for future Companions. As Chapters move or lose buildings, or merge, the amount of material we have collected needs to be sorted through thoroughly.

We know how much “stuff” we have collected over the decades (if not longer), and we need to make sure that all of it is properly inventoried. An inventory should be done at least every few years. I have heard of Masonic bodies that have moved and have discovered rooms or storerooms, or some area in a dimly lit back area of a Lodge building that many didn’t know were there. In these areas can be records, minute books, Mark books, and a whole host of paraphernalia that is just sitting there waiting to be discovered.

Using the New Haven Temple as an example, there are storerooms that no one has actively been in for years. I remember a number of years ago I found lodge records in a storeroom where they should not have been (including receipts and lodge programs from the mid 1800s) and told the secretary about them. He said that maybe I should leave them there as the previous secretary and historian must have left them there for a reason. I, being Master, decided to remove them, sort them out, and partially catalog them. Since then the secretary and historian have both passed away. If I had not looked into this storeroom while checking something else, these records may still be lying there waiting to be found. This is true of many Masonic bodies.

My Scottish Rite Valley had no firm idea where our original charter was. Both the longtime secretary and historian had both passed, and we needed to find it. Luckily, I had an idea and was able to find the storage area in a walk-in safe and fortunate enough to have keys that would open the locked cabinets (by the way - do you know where your Chapter’s

charter is?). The title at the beginning of this report illustrates that this can happen on a small scale. Day Spring Lodge unfortunately had to sell its building this spring. As we cleaned stuff out, we made an effort to go through what we had and try to find new homes for books, paraphernalia, and furniture. The title was from a book found in a locked bookcase that probably had not been looked at in decades. "*Light from the Sanctuary of the Royal Arch*" by Charles Albert Snodgrass (MEPGHP of Tennessee) was published in 1951. It is quite an interesting book looking at the symbolism of the Royal Arch. Had it not been for pure luck and a series of interesting circumstances over the past year, this book of interesting Royal Arch lore may have remained lost or shuffled into another bookcase never to be read, or lost altogether.

Hopefully, this will instill the importance of truly looking at what you have in storage (or in a safe - there is still one safe in New Haven that we don't have the combination for or record of who used it, for example). Also the need for a regular, written inventory that is made available to the Companions and passed to new secretaries and historians. As always, as Grand Historian I am available to check and assess what you may have. Also, with the proposed formation of a Chapter of Research for the State, we will have more resources to help and maintain the great history we have in our Chapters and Grand Chapter. I hope the Companions will give this proposal serious thought - Freemasonry is by its very nature educational and esoteric, and the more effort and study we put in the more we will all get out of it,

Martin Ede

COMMITTEE REPORTS**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 State of the Rite 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.

Your committee commends Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael D. Sabia, Jr. for the way and manner in which he performed the duties of his office. We thank him also for the efficient manner in handling the 227th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

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

Charles D. O'Neill, Ch
Charles A. McCollum
William L. Miller, II

ARRANGEMENTS

No report submitted by Chairman Sabia.

AUDIT

Your Committee on Audit has reviewed the books of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Trustees is pleased to report for the period May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. We find all the records to be in good order and well kept. We commend the Trustees, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer for their continued dedication and service to our Grand Chapter.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter in this capacity. The Committee therefore unanimously moves acceptance of this report.

Gregory K. Whitehouse-Ch
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
Edward A. Varjibedian

AWARDS

Your committee recommends presentation of the following Awards for the Capitular Year 2024-2025:

The Ephraim Kirby Citation of Connecticut to Companion Mark E. Blackaby for his work in Washington Chapter No. 30 in Suffield, and as a further incentive to continue this great achievement;

The General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award in Bronze to Right Excellent Companion Jason R. Rieger for his exemplary service to the Royal Arch in Connecticut;

The General Grand Chapter Ephraim Kirby Award to Charles A. McCollum for his exemplary service to the Royal Arch and Freemasonry regardless of his station, well beyond the duties given and without any hope of fee or reward;

The Royal Arch Sweetheart Award to two outstanding Ladies, Lori Cowie and Virginia Nelson. Their love and work have both made this session everything it needed to be and more.

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch
William L. Miller II
Jason R. Rieger
Gerald A. Calabritto

**BUDGET AND FINANCE
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| Taxable Members | 666 | | 647 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| INCOME | 2024-25 Budget | 2024-25 Actual | 2025-26 Budget |
| Annual Convocation | 5000 | 4858.00 | 5000 |
| Reimb Insurance (SM, KT) | 3000 | 2927.36 | 3000 |
| Reimb RS Web, Archive | 79 | 79.50 | 80 |
| Per Capita - \$20/member | 13320 | 13388.00 | 12940 |
| Sales (Rituals) | 100 | 160.00 | 150 |
| RARA in (over pmts) | 40 | 921.00 | 300 |
| Reimburse - Annual RS | 3000 | 1579.13 | 2000 |
| Xfer fm Trustees | 17500 | 15000.00 | 17500 |
| Other Income - Fines, Don | 200 | 829.66 | 500 |
| Total Income | 42239 | 39742.65 | 41470 |
| Beginning Cash on Hand | 662 | 662.44 | 2623 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE | 42901 | 40405.09 | 44093 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Annual Convocation | 8000 | 8351.58 | 8250 |
| Hospitality, (Gifts, Food) | 3000 | 1660.25 | 2000 |
| Aprons Jewels: (GHP Apron) | 520 | 1178.50 | 500 |
| One Ofc Apron Special Order | 500 | 360.01 | 0 |
| (GHP Jewel) | 300 | 0 | 300 |
| (Engraving) | 100 | 40.00 | 50 |
| (Badges) | 100 | 104.09 | 100 |
| Capitular Education | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Donation – Rainbow | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| Donation - DeMolay | 0 | 0 | 500 |

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| Dues YRCC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Education Assist Grants | 5000 | 4997.00 | 6000 |
| Equip Rental (GrSec Office) | 400 | 400.00 | 400 |
| Genl Grand Assessment \$3 | 2000 | 1989.00 | 1950 |
| Grand High Priest Travel | 2000 | 2420.79 | 2500 |
| Grand King Travel | 1000 | 563.60 | 1000 |
| Grand Scribe Travel | 1000 | 504.62 | 1000 |
| Triennium per 23' Budget Resolution | 1500 | 0 | 1500 |
| Gratuity - Grand Organist | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| Insurance - 3 Bodies | 4800 | 4802.00 | 4800 |
| Insurance - Ofc Liability | 498 | 498.00 | 498 |
| Meetings | 200 | 0 | 400 |
| Miscellaneous | 100 | 400.00 | 100 |
| Correction Neg Debit Scholarship Check | 0 | 357.00 | 0 |
| Postage | 200 | 119.56 | 200 |
| Printing | 900 | 738.86 | 900 |
| Printing New Rituals | 1000 | 0 | 1000 |
| RA Magazine | 2000 | 1911.89 | 1900 |
| RARA (overpmts + raffle) | 40 | 821.00 | 300 |
| Salaries | 5200 | 4776.20 | 5200 |
| Storage (NE Archives & New Haven) | 178 | 59.00 | 59 |
| Supplies | 200 | 115.04 | 200 |
| Taxes (Employer, Med, UI) | 1000 | 928.20 | 1000 |
| Web Page | 400 | 400.00 | 400 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 42436 | 38496.19 | 43607 |
| YEAR END BALANCES | 465 | 2622.90 | 3109 |

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING 2025-2026 BUDGET

Be it resolved:

That the proposed budget of \$43,607.00 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 2026 in accord with requirements and exemptions set forth in the Law. **This is no increase.**

That the Grand Treasurer is authorized after 30 April 2025 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.

That 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.

That the amount designated in the budget as Grand King and Grand Scribe Travel is intended for reimbursement to the Grand King and Scribe 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.

That 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 continue to 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

Jason R. Rieger, Ch
Charles A. McCollum
Paul L. Chello
William L. Miller
Mychael J. Scribner
Gary D. Shepard

BYLAWS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Chairman Whitehouse gave a verbal report indicating that the bylaws of the proposed Chapter of Research had been reviewed and recommended approval.

Gregory K. Whitehouse, Ch
James Whitaker, Jr.
Andrew J. Flasko

CREDENTIALS

The following is a summary of the attendance of registrants to the Grand Chapter of CT on 7 June 2025 that establishes the member delegates eligible for voting:

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| Grand Officers | 16 |
| Chapters Represented (out of 11) | 10 |
| Past Grand High Priests | 8 |
| Past Grand Custodians | 10 |
| Past High Priests | 31 |
| High Priests | 8 |
| High Priest Proxies | 0 |
| Kings | 5 |
| King Proxies | 2 |
| Scribes | 7 |
| Scribe Proxies | 2 |
| Total number of voting delegates | 47 |
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Barry Belardinelli, Ch
John A. Amarilios

DELINQUENCIES

Grand Chapter Law defines the duties of the Committee on Delinquencies as; "To meet with representatives of those Chapters referred to this Committee; to review the reason for such delinquency; to recommend appropriate action to the Grand High Priest within 60 days of receipt of the referral. The Committee may recommend a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars."

The Committee on Delinquencies received one recommendation from the Assistant Grand Secretary for a modest fine to be imposed on Union Chapter #7 for failing to file the required monthly reports for a period of three months for the fourth time this year. It was further recommended that if they failed to file the March reports timely and the annual return, that the maximum fine be imposed. Neither the March report nor the annual return were returned timely.

A committee member as well as the Grand Secretary and Grand High Priest had conversations with the Chapter Secretary. All felt that there were extenuating circumstances at play, and that no fines should be imposed at this time. The Grand High Priest further stated that if the Committee recommended a fine be imposed, he would not enforce that recommendation.

Although the Committee is not recommending a fine to be imposed, it recommends that the Chapter create and communicate a plan that addresses the issue of the delinquency reporting and identifies where support may be needed to achieve compliance.

Jason R. Rieger, Ch
Mychael J. Scribner
Gary D. Shepard

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

The Royal Arch Committee on Educational Awards convened on Monday, April 28, 2025, to review the 17 applications submitted for this year's awards. We were directed to limit the number of Award recipients to five. In accordance with this decision, each of the five selected individuals will receive \$1,000.

At my request, an additional committee member, Companion Andrew Flasko, was appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to assist in the application review. This decision was made because both Companion Flasko and I had family members among the applicants. We each recused ourselves only from evaluating our respective relatives' applications, but we participated in the review and discussion of all other candidates.

Selecting only five recipients from the pool of 17 highly qualified applicants was a difficult task. Each applicant demonstrated excellent academic achievements and significant contributions to their work, family, and/or community. We are confident that all of the applicants will continue to contribute strongly to our society in the future.

The following individuals have been selected as recipients of the 2025 Royal Arch Educational Awards:

Ashley Memmott – Plans to attend either the University of Bridgeport or Springfield College to pursue a degree in sports management

Heidi Patterson – American College of Education, pursuing a graduate degree in special education

Sophia Patterson – Sacred Heart University, pursuing a degree in exercise science

Taylor Batterton – Sacred Heart University, pursuing a degree business in business management

Thomas J. Silhavy – Maine Maritime Academy, pursuing a degree in marine engineering technology with a minor in nuclear power

Additionally, due to the limited number of available awards and the large pool of qualified candidates, we discussed recommending that the incoming Grand High Priest increase the total funding to \$6,000. This adjustment would allow for six awards to be given, thereby benefiting even more deserving individuals.

We also discussed creating a page on our Grand Chapter website to accept online donations to the educational award fund, as well as exploring options for making these contributions tax deductible. Another idea that was brought up was the possibility of awarding a pin to donors in recognition of their contribution. While no action has been taken on these discussion points, we take these suggestions seriously and will continue to consider recommendations for future years.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the applicants and are proud of their accomplishments. We wish them all the best in their continued educational journeys and look forward to their future success.

Darrin D. Silhavy, Ch
William L. Greene
Scott T. Sherrick
Andrew Flasko

INSURANCE

Your Committee on Insurance is pleased to report that “no news, is good news”, at least for now for our various coverages. We have been given the advance proposal for our Liability and \$1M Umbrella by Philadelphia which shows no increase in premium for the same coverages renewing June 1 covering our whole York Rite, with a similar expectation for renewal of our Director and Officer (D&O) coverages by Hanover separately for each body. For the D&O, we anticipate another multi-year fixed-premium package for our Chapter & Council (Commandery is separate, being on a different business year.)

It is comforting that unlike the ads on TV, our underwriters really do not have any animal mascots we need worry about, cute as they may be, but we do have a new agent helping us, Olga, from the same insurance brokerage as David Landau who has provided us with the excellent front-line service going back to Bob Fitzgerald. As she learns more about us, your Committee hopes she will also be more understanding of our needs, which apart from basic coverages for our active members who are

resident in or near CT. As our numbers slowly decline, we really do not need extra coverages for rental cars, terrorism, and various cyber risks. We may be fortunate this year, continuing in the shadow legacy of Bob Fitzgerald, but we'll need to keep watch as our needs change against a backdrop of future new concerns by the insurance industry.

William L. Miller, Ch (RA)
Randy Stevens (RS)
Vincent Cowie (KT)

JURISPRUDENCE

Your Committee has reviewed the Report and Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Michael D. Sabia, Jr., and recommends its publication in the Proceedings of this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Dispensations

Dispensation 583 issued by MEGHP Sabia has been reviewed. The committee finds that it is within his prerogatives and is consistent with Grand Chapter Law and practice and should be approved. We note that there was no requirement for a by-law change to make this permanent and that the dispensation ends today, meaning that the Chapter must go back to its regular date, unless a new dispensation is issued by the incoming MEGHP or a by-law change has been submitted and is approved at this session.

Dispensation 584 is “to be issued” per the report of the MPGHP. As his term ends today, he will have no opportunity to issue it. If he has issued it, we were not informed.

Official Acts

MEGHP Sabia has removed the probation placed on Washington Chapter No. 30. As this Chapter has made significant improvements we concur with this removal.

Pending Legislation

The following addition to the Law is hereby proposed and presented for consideration and action by the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation on 7 June 2025.

Section 217. Chapter of Research

There shall be a Chapter of Research under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter which shall exist for limited purposes, and which shall have officers and conduct their affairs as described in their bylaws, which bylaws are subject to approval of the Grand Chapter. This Research Chapter shall operate at the will and pleasure of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and may charge such dues and fees as they may deem necessary.

Membership in this Chapter of Research is limited to Royal Arch Masons who are members of a regularly Constituted Royal Arch Chapter under the authority of a Grand Chapter recognized by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. The Research Chapter shall not be subject to per capita or be required to make reports to the Grand Secretary, but shall provide him with a copy of the minutes of their annual meeting. It shall not have voting privileges in the Grand Chapter.

The Committee recommends that this addition be adopted.

The Committee commends Most Excellent Companion Michael D. Sabia, Jr. for his efforts this year on behalf of the Grand Chapter and Capitular Masonry.

Charles A. McCollum, Ch
Bruce R. Bellmore
Randy S. Stevens

NECROLOGY

Almighty God, the giver of life and the director of our journey, we praise you today for giving us the companionship of these departed Excellent Companions.

JOHN MELLOR

**Born - April 28, 1933 in Guilford, CT
 Raised in St. Johns Lodge No. 8
 Exalted in Baldwin Chapter No. 54 – October 14, 1983
 High Priest Baldwin 13 – 1988, 1989, 2002, 2003
 Most Excellent Grand High Priest – 2009
 Died April 3, 2024**

ANDREW GUSTAVE WEIMANN, II

**Born – June 2, 1943 in Torrington, CT
 Raised in Seneca Lodge No. 55
 Exalted in Cyrus Chapter No. 45 – February 28, 1975
 High Priest – 1988, 1989, 1995
 Affiliated with Cyrus-Meridian Chapter No. 15
 August 1, 1994
 High Priest – 1996, 1997, 1998
 Most Excellent Grand High Priest – 1999
 Died – October 22, 2024**

Past High Priests (as of 31 March 2025)

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| John Mellor (PGHP) | Housatonic 13 | 4/03/24 |
| Kenneth Eugene Fears | Housatonic 13 | 4/14/24 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Robert Stewart Johnson | Keystone 06 | 4/20/24 |
| James Howard Campbell | Pythagoras 17 | 5/18/24 |
| Raymond Edward Moore | Keystone 06 | 8/17/24 |
| Andrew G. Weimann (PGHP) | Cyrus-Meridian 15 | 10/22/24 |
| | | |

They have been called before us, but have left a heritage for us to live by. Strengthen each of us that we can be favorable to the challenge which has been left to us. Keep the goal ever before us until the day of success and triumph arrives. Thank you, God.

Edward A. Varjabedian, Ch
 Bruce R. Bellmore
 Eric H. Hoy
 Arnold S. Grot

NOMINATIONS

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

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand High Priest | Jason R. Rieger |
| Grand King | Mychael J. Scribner |
| Grand Scribe | Gary D. Shepard |
| Grand Treasurer | Charles A. McCollum |
| Grand Secretary | William L. Miller, II |
| Grand Trustee for 3 years | Paul L. Chello |

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

PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY

No report was submitted by Chairman Scribner.

RITUAL

This year, the Ritual Committee was primarily tasked with the printing of a new round of ritual books, per the order of our MEGHP. With some miscommunication and meeting with several printers we managed to identify a printer and had 100 copies of our new ritual book printed. I would like to personally thank Companions Kristian Maiorino for his efforts in editing the new manuscript, Michael Sabia for applying those edits, and Charles McCollum for his guidance.

The Ritual Committee has no recommended changes for our Approved Ritual this term.

Throughout our travels to various Chapters this term, we attempted to take stock of the work being done around the state as it pertains to ritual proficiency. While we have several Chapters doing great work, we still have a few that rely on working directly out of the book. And others still working the older versions of our ritual. We realize that change in our ritual can be difficult, but we would like to encourage everyone to put a little more effort forward. To help facilitate this, it is our recommendation that the Grand Chapter coordinate training sessions for the specific purpose of working our rituals and degrees.

Mychael J. Scribner, Ch
Charles A. McCollum
Kristian M. Maiorino

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

No report received from Chairman Rieger.

WELFARE OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter Law defines the duties of The Committee on Welfare of Constituent Chapters as; "To Examine and review the reports from the Constituent Chapters; to investigate and report significant trends and aspects to the Grand Chapter; to recommend constructive actions to individual Chapters and to the Grand High Priest and/or Grand Chapter when deemed advisable; and to supervise and assist in the consolidation of Chapters when necessary."

Reports from Constituent Chapters (or lack thereof), Chapter inspection reports completed by Grand Officers, observations from Chapter visitations and feedback from Grand Chapter Officers and Companions throughout the state were reviewed.

There are currently eleven Chapters in the state. Three could be described as strong and exhibit the ability to consistently open, perform ritual with proficiency, and hold high quality convocations. Three other Chapters are able to open most of the time, and are working on improving ritual proficiency and to increase their membership and/or active membership. Five of the eleven Chapters in the state cannot consistently open Chapter or perform quality ritual, and have inadequate active membership to hold high quality convocations and Chapter operations. At least one Chapter has been holding "hybrid virtual meetings". With five of eleven Chapters suffering with these challenges, it certainly constitutes a trend and requires a concerted effort to address. The Grand Captain of the Host submitted a very comprehensive and detailed report of all the Chapters based on visitations, and the Grand King's report included recommendations to address these struggles.

Although the challenges facing many of our Chapters is concerning, it has been observed by many that ALL Chapters have exhibited genuine fellowship, camaraderie, and a true and bright Masonic spirit with a strong desire to grow and succeed. That spirit combined with organized initiatives of support, promotion, and resources can lead to stronger Chapters and brighter days ahead.

Jason R. Rieger, Ch
Mychael J. Scribner
Gary D. Shepard

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, 2025. Officers listed are for 2025-2026 Capitular year.

***HIRAM 01** 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

Stearns Poor Jr

C. David Hull

Deceased

George F. Hanlon

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

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven

Membership 63

1st Tue, 7:30 PM

EIN 23-7119330

No Phone

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|----------------------|-----|------------------------|
| EHP | Michael R. Messner | PS | John A. Vergnetti |
| EK | Raul A. Pereles | RAC | Andy Garcia |
| ES | Gerardo Nero | 3V | Timothy Buteau |
| TRES | Albert R. R. Johnson | 2V | Sultan Slack, III |
| SEC | Scott R. Atkins | 1V | Christopher Cunningham |

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COH Willard J. Fleming, Jr. SEN Richard F. E. Zarnetske
CHAP Martin Ede ORG

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Scott R. Atkins | 2020,21 | Cedric J. Jacobson | 2017 |
| Bruce Bellmore | 1984,2003,11 | Albert R. R. Johnson | 2024 |
| Martin Ede | | George A. W. Nousiainen | 92,93 |
| 2005,06,14,18,19 | | Peter M. Sloan | 2009,10 |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS HALLECK 44

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Paul L. Chello | | Jonathan R. Trotta | 12,13,15,16 |
| 86,91,94,99,00,09,19-21 | | | |
| Matthew R. Dymarczyk | | | |
| 11,14,17,18 | | | |

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

| | | | |
|---------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Roger R. Cole | 06 | Clinton T. Potter | 13 |
| Gerardo Nero | 26 | | |

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Paul L. Chello | Carleton V. Erickson |
|----------------|----------------------|

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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| Dimitted | Raymond George Tomlinson, Michael James, Calderone, John Anthony Radziunas, |
| NPD | Brendan Walter McGann |
| No Lodge | Robert Neil Smith Jr, George A Mudry V |

***SOLOMON'S 03** 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 04** 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 05** 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 30 November 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 128
EIN 23-7119347

35 Pleasant Street, Meriden
1st Tue, 7:00 PM

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------|
| EHP | Philip J. Sharkey III | PS | John W. Braddock |
| EK | Mark A. Orsini | RAC | Mitchell Kostich |
| ES | Daniel M. Luft | 3V | Steven E. Blake |
| TRES | Gregory Whitehouse | 2V | Anthony D. Polzella |
| SEC | Jason R. Rieger | 1V | John J. Kovacs |
| COH | Francis P. Barnes | SENT | Anthony Maisano III |
| CHA | Joseph R. Krusienski | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| Steven J. Chiappalone | 2024 | Kristian M. Maiorino | 2021 |
| Harold A. Elwell | 2022 | Christian F. Schunmann | 2023 |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIEST—BURNING BUSH-WASHINGTON 06

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|
| Vincent A. Cowie | 1984 | Herbert J. Olson | 2009,17,18 |
| Lloyd D. Drager, Jr. | 1999 | William D. Passera | 1997 |
| Jean P. Maheu | 2008,2015,16 | | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS —KEYSTONE 27

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|
| Thomas E. Grace | 2019 | Kristian M. Maiorino | 2020 |
| Robert J. Knowles | 2003,04 | Bruce Padula | 2010,11,18 |
| Joseph R. Krusienski | 2012,13 | Jason R. Rieger | 2014,15 |
| Daniel M. Luft | 2006-09 | Gregory K. Whitehouse | 2017 |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS—LOCKWOOD 48

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Richard I. McKee | 1974,75 |
|------------------|---------|

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Richard A. Eppler | 26 |
|-------------------|----|

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
|------------|---|
| Exalted | Anthony Daniel Vlahos Jr |
| Affiliated | Eddie Albert Toledo |
| Dimit | Charles Amos Seagrave |
| NPD | William Sterling August Celata Jr, Harry E Needham III |
| No Lodge | Kristofer John Lefebvre |
| Deceased | Robert Stewart Johnson, Randolph Almond Nielsen, Richard Raymond Washburn, Everett William Spencer Jr, Raymond Edward Moore, Joseph Raymond Bonola, William Richard Brackett |

UNION 07

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 27 | 2nd Mon, 7:30 PM |
| EIN 06-6045654 | 860-889-4195 |

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|------------------------|------|---------------------|
| EHP | Christopher A Britland | PS | Richard L. Allen |
| EK | Robert G. Krawic | RAC | |
| ES | William E. Weisert II | 3V | |
| TRES | Scott A. Daniels Jr | 2V | |
| SEC | Scott A. Daniels Jr | 1V | Joshua D. McDonnold |
| COH | James M. Haskins | SENT | Michael J Tranchida |
| CHA | | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – UNION 7

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Richard L. Allen | 2014,15,17-19 | Robert G. Krawic | 2023,24 |
| J. Andrew Birdsall | 2005,12,13 | Arthur E. Richards | 1996 |
| Scott A. Daniels Jr | 2021,22 | William E. Weisert II | 2004,21 |
| James M. Haskins | 98,00,10,11,20 | | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – BENEVOLENCE 4

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|---------------|------|
| Charles A. Duke | 1989 | Alan K. Spear | 1976 |
|-----------------|------|---------------|------|

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Charles T. Hall | Marshall O. Townsend |
| Alan K. Spear | |

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAPTER NO.

None

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
|----------|---------------|
| Dimit | Ian Sharpe |
| No Lodge | Mark A Sciola |

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 09

Constituted May 19, 1808

| | |
|----------------|--|
| | 375 Boston Post Road (Route 6), North Windham |
| Membership 53 | 4 th Tue except 1 st Thu in Dec, 7:30 PM |
| EIN 23-7119334 | No Phone |

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|
| EHP | Ryan J. Snide | PS | Gail N. Smith |
| EK | Gregory J. Messier | RAC | William L. Nagel |
| ES | Richard G. Barrows | 3V | Kenneth D. Stilwell |
| TRES | J. Arthur Carbonaro | 2V | John W. Richmond |
| SEC | J. Arthur Carbonaro | 1V | Chad Dufault |
| COH | Thomas E. Schiebel | SEN | Paul L. Watson |
| CHAP | William E. Weisert II | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – TRINITY 09

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| Richard G. Barrows | 1996 | Gregory J. Messier | 2024 |
| Lynn A. Kelsey | 1997 | Gail N. Smith | 1978,79,85,22 |
| Kenneth W. Marvin | 2017,21 | John Mike Wolf | 13-15,18,19 |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – WARREN-PUTNAM 12

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – ORIENT 42

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – ADONIRAM 18

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – DELTA 51

| | | | |
|------------------|------|--|--|
| James E. Hammitt | 1997 | | |
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DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

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| John P. Glenn II | 15 |
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edward O. Clark Sr | Donald G. Poehnert |
| Rodney I Gray Sr | Richard T. Purchase |
| Gerald H. Hall | Russell A. Schiebel |
| Robert D. Hayes | Thomas E. Schiebel |
| Wayne Kuhnly | William Senk Jr |
| Roger G. Lord | George S. Shaw Jr |
| William F. Lott | Gail N. Smith |
| Kenneth W. Marvin | Frank R. Tomlinson |
| Ellis H. Paine | |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
|------------|--|
| Exalted | William Lewis Nagel, John William Richmond |
| Reinstated | Mark Alan Ciechowski |
| Deceased | Lawrence Becker, Arthur Leon Mullens-Stone |

***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.

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| Membership 55 | 5 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk |
| EIN 23-7119335 | 2 nd Thu, 7:30 PM |
| | 203-655-2140 |

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| EHP | James F. B. Wood | PS | Brett Altman |
| EK | Andrew Triandafilou | RAC | Barry F. Belardinelli |
| ES | Silas Mante | 3V | Michael Jachimczyk |

| | | | |
|------|---------------------|------|-----------------|
| TRES | Charles A. McCollum | 2V | |
| SEC | Charles A. McCollum | 1V | |
| COH | Mark S. Agnew | Sent | Harding M. Dies |
| CHAP | Michael D. Sabia Jr | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - RITTENHOUSE 11

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------|
| John A. Amarilios | 2022,23 | Darrin D. Silhavy | 2018,19 |
| James J. Fahy | 2012,13 | Peter R. Smyth | 2020,21 |
| Charles D. O'Neill | 08,09,11,17 | Lloyd R. Sturges Jr | 2015 |
| Michael D. Sabia Jr | 2016 | James F. B. Wood | 2024 |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – HIRAM 01

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Richard G. Hubert | 1988 |
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - WASHINGTON 24

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Roland H. Gardner Jr | 1992 |
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - EUREKA 23

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

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - OUSATONIC 33

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| James A. Backus | 1994-96 |
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DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

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| R. Scott Sargeant | 13 |
|-------------------|----|

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Carl W. Bjork | Earl R. Katan |
| Richard H. Conklin | Donald W. Sargeant |
| Robert M. Hair | |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
|----------|--------------------------|
| Exalted | James Charles Peters |
| No Lodge | Panagiotis Jordanopolous |

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 144

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

EIN

203-377-0110

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| EHP | Michael J. Miller | PS | Joseph Soto |
| EK | Fritzner D. R. Erauda | RAC | Kurt Wischow |
| ES | Andrew Flasko | 3V | Craig R. Nelson Sr |
| TRES | Charles A. McCollum | 2V | Christian Lutin |
| SEC | Charles A. McCollum | 1V | Alexander C. |
| COH | Jonathan G. DeBaun | SEN | Richard P. Smeland Jr |
| CHAP | Michael D. Sabia Jr | ORG | Richard A. Kassay |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|------|
| Andrew Flasko | 2024 | Gary D. Shepard | 2020 |
| Craig R. Nelson Sr | 2018,19,21,22 | James Whitaker Jr | 2023 |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – Baldwin 13

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Robert J. Cascone | 2011-13 | Wayne N. Saunders |
| Daniel Galloza | 2014,15 | 2001 |

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 L. Jess | 1989 | James H. Tweedie | 1997 |
| Richard A. Korab | 2014,15 | James Whitaker Jr | 2016 |
| Dennis B. Mattison | 1983 | Richard S. Zwiebel | 1996 |

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

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| Charles A. McCollum | 11 | Stephen T. Saxton | 02 |
| Michael D. Sabia Jr | 11 | John A. Vergnetti | 02 |

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Troy S. Adcox | John B. Lindsay |
| James P. Edgett | Dennis B. Mattison |
| Robert D. Emslie | Thomas R. Richards |
| Louis R. Forsell | Howard F. Ryan Jr |
| Eugene H. Haaf | Zoltan Sabo |
| Harvey J. Hartin | Wayne N. Saunders |
| Kenneth B. Hawkins Sr | Winthrop S. Smith Sr |
| Richard H. Hilt | John Trantales |
| Roland D. Kamens | Joseph F. Turechek Jr |
| Frank C. Kaminski | Jack C. von der Heide |
| Bruce L. Kosowsky | Royal B. Wells |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
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| Exalted | Alexander Christian Campana, Marcelo Cirino, Jean Lubert Constant, Alexander J DeFranzo, Daryl Lminggio, Christian Lutin, Lawrence Zollo |
| Dimitted | Dennis P Parkinson |
| Deceased | Kenneth Eugene Fears, John Mellor, Frank Clark Woodruff Rogers, Evan Morris Winters |

HAMILTON 14 was chartered October 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 39
EIN 23-7119337

337 Main St, Danbury
3rd Thu, 7:30 PM
No Phone

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|--------------------|-----|---------------------|
| EHP | John P. Glenn II | PS | Matthew K. Kuhr |
| EK | Francis Baba | RAC | Mychael J. Scribner |
| ES | Gregory Mead | 3V | Zachary M. Dall |
| TRES | Clyde W. Sabia II | 2V | Robert J. Bruce |
| SEC | Clyde W. Sabia II | 1V | Robert S. Bruce |
| COH | Carlos A. Gavilano | SEN | Jason Mendez |
| CHAP | Clyde W. Sabia II | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS -MERIDIAN 15

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| John J. Badeen | 2007,08 | John P. Glenn II | 2024 |
| B. Earl Canfield | 2012,13,16,17 | Mychael Scribner | 2014,15,18,19 |
| Carlos A. Gavilano | 2022,23 | | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – MERIDIAN 15

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Danny A. Camp | 2005 |
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ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – CYRUS 45

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Danny A. Camp | 1999,00 |
|---------------|---------|

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS – GRANITE 36

| | | | |
|------------------|------|---------------|------|
| Edward J. Candee | 1972 | Dale E. Sweet | 1962 |
|------------------|------|---------------|------|

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

Clyde W. Kayser II 02

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Edward J. Candee

James H. Ravenscroft

Calvin A. Hoadley

Dale E. Sweet

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Francis Baba, Gregory Mead

Affiliated

Reinstated

Dimitted Peter Benjamin Keefe

NPD John Raynor Anderson, Ejahama Elijah Todman,

Richard Douglas Cosgrove Jr, John E Feinson, Joseph James Porco

No Lodge

Deceased Paul George Chipko, John Raymond Whitbeck Jr,
Andrew Gustave Weimann II, William Smith Hall Jr*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

784 Main Street, East Hartford

Membership 103

2 & 4 Wed except Thanksgiving Eve & June by vote, 7:30 PM

EIN 23-7119339

No Phone

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|
| EHP | W. Stephen Matthews | PS | Eric H. Hoy |
| EK | Jeffery A. Flynn | RAC | Walter Grube |
| ES | David S. LaFargue | 3V | John R. Ranney |
| TRES | Charles B. Fowler, Jr | 2V | Donald A. Wills |
| SEC | William L. Miller, II | 1V | Arnold S. Grot |
| COH | Joseph P. Grieco, Jr | SEN | |
| CHAP | Michael D. Sabia, Jr. | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - PYTHAGORAS 17

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|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| David C. Abrames | 2005,06 | Charles M. Jewart | 2020,21 |
| Jeffery A. Flynn | 2019,22,23 | James S. McNeely IV | 2016 |
| Todd M. Gianetti | 2000 | Stephen D. Piner | 1977,82-84 |
| Arnold S. Grot | 2011,15 | Richard L. Sawyers | 2012-14 |
| Eric H. Hoy | 2024 | T. Donovan Scroggs | 2007,08 |
| Richard A. Incorvati | 2002 | Michael E. Seamon | 2010,18 |

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

| | | | |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| James E. Hammitt | 1997 | Carl G. Palmberg | 1995 |
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DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

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|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Dale T. Cunningham | 30 | Richard L. Sawyers | 18 |
|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Kenneth A. Barrett | Stephen D. Piner |
| Carlton R. Csiki | Joseph P. Vollrath Jr |
| Leon F. Gardiner | James S. York |
| Joseph M. Hyland | Anderson H. Zeidler |
| John K. Jepson | |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
|------------|---|
| Exalted | Robert Conrad Dodge, Tad James Bistor, Sam S F Caligiuri, Craig A Buckley, David Larsen |
| Affiliated | Duane Lee Mason |
| No Lodge | A Neal Forte |
| Deceased | James Howard Campbell, Martin Robert Reynolds, George Ronald Zack, |

***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 | Douglas J Turcotte III | PS | Joshua Dwyer |
| EK | Gerald A. Calabritto | RAC | Peter T. Cianelli |
| ES | John J. McManus IV | 3V | Dennis J. Frosolone |
| TRES | Alan M. Friedman Jr | 2V | John H. Kelley |
| SEC | Joseph Viola Jr | 1V | Louis G. Fappiano |
| COH | Gerardo Nero | SEN | Joseph F. McVety Jr |
| CHAP | William C. Lang | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|------|
| Gerald A. Calabritto | 2020,21 | Douglas J. Turcotte III | 2024 |
| John K. M. Ryan | 2022,23 | | |

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 F. Bucher | Willis E. Copeland Jr |
| Frank W. Colton | Richard A. Eppler |

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

None

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
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| Exalted | Joseph Viola, Raymond Calvin Wrightington Jr, Richard Max Cordero, Joshua Charles Dwyer, William A Stokes |
| NPD | James Matthew Copeland, Charles Avery Miller III |

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 22
EIN 23-7119348

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

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|
| EHP | Mark E. Blackaby | PS | Thomas A. Duclos |
| EK | Cory R. Rice | RAC | Fred M. Purdue |
| ES | Daniel Mellor | 3V | John H. LeDoux |
| TRES | Mark D. Winne | 2V | Dale T. Cunningham |
| SEC | Dale T. Cunningham | 1V | |
| COH | Kwong Nuey | SEN | Henry Syphers |
| CHAP | | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| Mark E. Blackaby | 2024 | Charles A. Lizotte | 2001-04 |
| Dale T. Cunningham | 2017,18 | Terrence D. Mish | 2015,16 |
| Thomas A. Duclos | 2019,20,21 | Howard Wm Orr | 1986,87 |
| Dean M. Gousse | 2022,23 | Russell L. Scull | 2012,13 |

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

None

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Exalted Henry Syphers, Fred M Purdue, Kwong Nuey
 Reinstated Rohit Persaud Sukhram

COLUMBIA 31

Chartered May 8, 1866 123 River Road, Rt. 179, Collinsville
 Membership 63 1st Fri, 7:30 pm
 EIN 23-7119349 860-693-8762

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------|---------------------|-----|----------------------|
| EHP | Douglas D. Barnard | PS | |
| EK | Charles D. Weiss | RAC | Richard D. Corey |
| ES | G. Randal Hornaday | 3V | George H. Redford II |
| TRES | Frederick J. Taft | 2V | Thomas H. Garcia Sr |
| SEC | Chester I. Russell | 1V | Ronald C. Baker |
| COH | Harrison T. Redford | SEN | Brian E. Beals |
| CHAP | | ORG | |

ACTIVE PAST HIGH PRIESTS - COLUMBIA 31

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|
| Douglas D. Barnard | | Richard R. Jones | 2011 |
| 91,04,07-10,12,13,15,18-21,24 | | George H. Redford, II | 1999 |
| Brian E. Beals | 2016,17 | Harrison T. Redford | 1990,95 |
| William F. Carroll | 1992 | Chester I. Russell | 1998,02,03 |
| William S. Hart Sr | 1975,76 | Thomas A. Transue | 1996 |
| Edmund Holcombe Jr | 1959 | Charles D. Weiss | 2022,23 |

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 |

DUAL MEMBERS/CHAP NO.

None

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Ronald C. Baker | Edmund C. Holcombe Jr |
| George H. Wells | Harrison T. Redford |
| Robert W. Brummett | Laurence R. Smith Jr |
| Leland D. Cobb Jr | |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

| | |
|------------|---|
| Affiliated | Fred William Rosenbaum |
| Dimit | Ian Jones |
| NPD | Peter Normand Wack |
| No Lodge | Charles Alvin Rowland |
| Deceased | Morton Norris Katz, Richard Henry Groth |

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 3 October 3 1883 to work in Madison. Consolidated on 5 April 2022 with **Franklin 2** to form **Franklin-Halleck 2**.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABSTRACT OF CHAPTER RETURNS

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| Chapter No. | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 26 | 30 | 31 | Totals |
| Members 4-1-24 | 4 | 69 | 137 | 29 | 52 | 55 | 142 | 47 | 101 | 53 | 18 | 67 | 774 |
| Exalted | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 26 |
| Affiliated & Transfers | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 3 |
| Reinstated | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| TOT GAINS | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 31 |
| Dimit Chapter | | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 9 |
| NPD Chapter | | 1 | 2 | | | | | 5 | | 2 | | | 11 |
| Dimit or NPD Lodge | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 6 |
| Deceased | 1 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 23 |
| TOT LOSSES | 1 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 2 | | 5 | 49 |
| Net Chang | -1 | -6 | -9 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -8 | 2 | 3 | 4 | -4 | -18 |
| Members 3-31-25 | 3 | 63 | 128 | 27 | 53 | 55 | 144 | 39 | 103 | 56 | 22 | 63 | 756 |
| Dual Exempt | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | | 13 |
| 50 Year Exempt | 3 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 17 | 5 | 22 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 91 |
| Rest Home Exempt | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 5 |
| TOTAL EXEMPT | 3 | 5 | 13 | 3 | 18 | 7 | 26 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 109 |
| PER CAPITA TAX BASE | 0 | 58 | 115 | 24 | 35 | 48 | 118 | 34 | 90 | 50 | 19 | 56 | 647 |

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 | Samuel Tripp (17) | 1859 |
| William Judd (06) | 1800 | Frederick Calhoun (02) | 1860 |
| No Record | 1802 | Nathan Dikeman (36) | 1861 |
| Samuel Bellamy (02) | 1804 | Asa Smith (24) | 1863 |
| John Mix (06,17) | 1807 | Luke A. Lockwood (11) | 1864 |
| John N. Watrous (05) | 1808 | James L. Gould (13) | 1867 |
| John M. Gannett (06,17) | 1817 | John H. Barlow (03) | 1869 |
| Lyman Law (07) | 1817 | Charles W. Stearns (06) | 1871 |
| Laban Smith (02) | 1823 | William W. Lee (27) | 1872 |
| Elizur Goodrich (17) | 1825 | Edmund Tweedy (23) | 1874 |
| Thomas Hubbard (12) | 1826 | Henry W. Coye (18) | 1876 |
| William H. Jones (02) | 1828 | Dwight Waugh (11) | 1878 |
| Andrew Harris (09) | 1831 | Dwight Phelps (15) | 1880 |
| Asa Child (04) | 1833 | Charles W. Skiff (02) | 1881 |
| Ingoldsby Crawford (18) | 1834 | James H. Welch (23) | 1882 |
| William H. Ellis (02) | 1837 | John S. Castle (36) | 1883 |
| Horace Goodwin 2 nd (17) | 1842 | Chester Tilden (09) | 1884 |
| Benoni A. Shepherd (17) | 1846 | James McCormick (30) | 1885 |
| William E. Sanford (02) | 1848 | Reuben H. Tucker (35) | 1887 |
| George Giddings (17) | 1850 | Augustus Blakeslee (31) | 1888 |
| Cyrus Goodell (17) | 1853 | John O. Rowland (26) | 1889 |
| Isaac Coe (12) | 1855 | Gilbert L. Hewitt (04) | 1890 |
| David Clark (17) | 1857 | Charles Chesebro (12) | 1891 |

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|--------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Henry H. Green (12) | 1892 | William L. Cort (26) | 1934 |
| Samuel Bassett (25) | 1893 | John C. Stanley (13) | 1935 |
| Isaiah Baker, Jr (17) | 1894 | C. Percival Bard (42) | 1936 |
| James R. Post (29) | 1895 | Bliss W. Clark (25) | 1937 |
| Samuel S. Lamb (36) | 1896 | Frederick Edgerton (07) | 1938 |
| Isaac F. Stidman (25) | 1897 | Richard Hughes (45) | 1939 |
| Harvey S. Abel (42) | 1898 | Eugene H. Ellis (36) | 1940 |
| Wesley U. Pearne (06) | 1899 | J. Fred Porteous (06) | 1941 |
| John L. Hill (04) | 1900 | Walter L. Taft (17) | 1942 |
| James Callum (36) | 1901 | John E. Pierpont (02) | 1943 |
| Edgar W. Latham (30) | 1902 | John F. Pickles (51) | 1944 |
| Frank W. Beardsley (03) | 1903 | Walter Berger (13) | 1945 |
| Stephen P. Goodsell (15) | 1904 | Russell W. Potter (09) | 1946 |
| Joseph R. Johnson (29) | 1905 | Bertram F. Bruce (07) | 1947 |
| George N. Delap (29) | 1906 | Herbert R. Trolle (11) | 1948 |
| Samuel Huntington (24) | 1907 | James W. Burhoe (36) | 1949 |
| George A. Kies (04) | 1908 | William M. Wyman (04) | 1950 |
| Charles A. Farnham (31) | 1909 | Philip J. Jones (17) | 1951 |
| Eugene H. Hall (27) | 1910 | Arthur W. Hansen (26) | 1952 |
| George R. Morris (07) | 1911 | Hayden L. Griswold (51) | 1953 |
| W. Jerome Bissell (16) | 1912 | Gerald Huenerberg (13) | 1954 |
| Louis L. Beach (32) | 1913 | Paul D. Collier (31) | 1955 |
| Horace W. Eddy (25) | 1914 | Thomas Bell (12) | 1956 |
| Harry S. Pearsons (13) | 1915 | Kenneth E. Ericson (12) | 1957 |
| Burton L. Tuttle (26) | 1916 | Pearson E. Dolbeare (07) | 1958 |
| Edward W. Avery (09) | 1917 | Charles J. Fairhurst (24) | 1959 |
| William Keavaney (36) | 1918 | Davis S. Roger (33) | 1960 |
| Ernest F. Sweeny (15) | 1919 | George E. Anderson (06) | 1961 |
| Henry R. Tisdale (07) | 1920 | Lawrence Farwell (17) | 1962 |
| Edgar B. Ellis (13) | 1921 | Iver A. Erickson (02) | 1963 |
| Arthur N. Nash (28) | 1922 | Russell E. Rose (46) | 1964 |
| F. Ward DeKlyn (23) | 1923 | Wolcott S. Bissell (17) | 1965 |
| William O. Shelley (17) | 1924 | Charles A. White (07) | 1966 |
| William Bowers (02) | 1925 | Jay Van Coevering (38) | 1967 |
| Elbert L. Darbie (12) | 1926 | William E. Piercey (29) | 1968 |
| Edward A. Klatte (47) | 1927 | Stanley H. Steiner (51) | 1969 |
| Colin S. Buell (07) | 1928 | Carl L. Cummings (26) | 1970 |
| Lewis C. Hull (45) | 1929 | Cecil H. Grand (36) | 1971 |
| Arthur F. Lewis (27) | 1930 | Edmund Stoddard (02) | 1972 |
| Clinton G. Nichols (17) | 1931 | Richard L. Smail (02) | 1973 |
| George C. Devaul (27) | 1932 | Bertil T. Ostman (17) | 1974 |
| Robert G. Collins (52) | 1933 | Herman Goldbeck (49) | 1975 |

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|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| James Koonce (07) Hon | 1975 | William L. Greene (42) | 2001 |
| Carl DeVecchio (11,13) | 1976 | George D. Maharan (18) | 2002 |
| Arnold Wenzel (17,29) | 1977 | Charles C. Maxson (07) | 2003 |
| Thomas C. Miller (21) | 1978 | Robert G. Fitzgerald (17) | 2004 |
| Russell D. Ramette (17) | 1979 | Charles McCollum (11) | 2005 |
| James Cummings (17) | 1980 | Carl E. Aspland (32) | 2006 |
| Frederick York, Jr (42) | 1981 | William K. Barr (46) | 2007 |
| John E. Foster (13) | 1982 | Kenneth N. Hall (18) | 2008 |
| Lewis E. Miner (18) | 1983 | John Mellor (13) | 2009 |
| Lawrence P. Urban (49) | 1984 | Paul L. Chello (44) | 2010 |
| Carl Schultz, Sr (06,29) | 1985 | Danny A. Camp (15) | 2011 |
| Arthur J. McKinney (17) | 1986 | William L. Miller, II (17) | 2012 |
| Ernest J. Smith (51) | 1987 | James Backus (11) Hon | 2012 |
| William F. Lott (42) | 1988 | David C. Abrames (17) | 2013 |
| John G. McKechnie (21) | 1989 | Charles D. O'Neill (11) | 2014 |
| Rodney I. Gray, Sr (18) | 1990 | Richard A. Eppler (27) | 2015 |
| Bruce R. Bellmore (02) | 1991 | Martin Ede (02) | 2016 |
| Herbert R. Olson (31) | 1992 | James McNeely, IV (17) | 2018 |
| Stephen D. Piner (17,51) | 1993 | Charles Fowler (17) Hon | 2018 |
| Frank W. McNally (12) | 1994 | James C. Kleinkauf (44) | 2019 |
| Edward Studwell (04) | 1995 | Jeffery A. Flynn (17) | 2020 |
| Emil G. Lido (51) | 1996 | Daniel M. Luft (06) | 2021 |
| Herbert Schilke (01,23) | 1997 | Clyde W. Kayser (02,15) | 2022 |
| Donald C. Murray (02) | 1998 | Michael E. Seamon (17) | 2023 |
| Andrew G. Weimann (45) | 1999 | Michael D. Sabia, Jr. (11) | 2024 |
| Matthew F. Griffin (32) | 2000 | | |

Bold indicates Active

**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, -1991.

Companion **Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17)**, -2011.

Companion **James S. McNeely, IV (17)**, -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 are as follows: **(Bold indicates Active)**

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| William McKenzie (01) | 1952 | William F. Lott (42) | 1994 |
| George C. Meehan (24) | 1953 | Herbert R. Olsen (31) | 1995 |
| George O. Ellis (39) | 1956 | John G. McKechnie (04) | 1996 |
| Frederick Hummel (52) | 1957 | Ernest J. Smith (51) | 1997 |
| James R. Case (09) | 1958 | Charles B. Fowler, Jr (17) | 1998 |
| Harold S. Case (15) | 1959 | Douglas A. Gray (02) | 1999 |
| Cecil H. Grant (39) | 1960 | Frank W. McNally (12) | 2000 |
| Frederick S. Knibloe (33) | 1961 | George Kelaita (12) | 2001 |
| F. Alton Clark (39) | 1963 | Gary A. Littlefield (09) | 2002 |
| Benjamin B. Crocker (17) | 1967 | Donald E. Robinson (26) | 2004 |
| Earl B. Atwater (40) | 1971 | Robert J. Knowles (27) | 2005 |
| Walter Brown (42) | 1975 | Charles D. O'Neill (23) | 2006 |
| Morton S. Naurison (42) | 1977 | Ronald C. Baker (31) | 2007 |
| Russell E. Camp (42) | 1979 | Anthony Pipitone (3) | 2008 |
| Joel D. Adkins (07) | 1980 | Leo H. Lohrman (13) | 2010 |
| Emerson C. Reed (17) | 1981 | Bruce R. Bellmore (02) | 2011 |
| Gunnar F. Lundquist (27) | 1982 | Andrew G. Weimann II (15) | 2012 |
| Harold A. Svendberg (13) | 1983 | Paul L. Chello (44) | 2013 |
| Laurence G. Farwell (17) | 1984 | Charles C. Maxson (07) | 2014 |
| William E. Piercey (29) | 1986 | Charles A. McCollum (11) | 2015 |
| Roscoe C. G. German (33) | 1988 | Arthur M. Pugh (27) | 2016 |
| Gilbert L. Gooden (12) | 1989 | Clyde W. Kayser II (02) | 2017 |
| Robert A. Colbourn (26) | 1990 | James S. McNeely IV (17) | 2018 |
| Andrew J. Mucciante (18) | 1991 | Kenneth W. Marvin (09) | 2019 |
| William F. Orrell (49) | 1992 | William L. Miller II (17) | 2020 |
| Gail N. Smith (09) | 1993 | Robert G. Fitzgerald (17) | 2021 |

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JASON R. RIEGER

Keystone Chapter No. 06

See biography of newly installed Grand High Priest Jason R. Rieger.

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD**

The General Grand Chapter established its Ephraim Kirby Award in 2020 to recognize extraordinary Companions who have attained past presiding rank in their Grand York Rite bodies (Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery), and who have then gone on to continue their work and commitment to service far beyond the term of their office and the normal boundaries of dedication.

It had not previously been presented to any Connecticut Companion.

2025

**CHARLES ANDREW McCOLLUM
Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11**

Charles Andrew McCollum was born on September 3, 1962 in Cheverly MD to Charles J. and Evelyn (Daigle) McCollum. At age three, his family moved to Sabetha KS where they resided until Chuck was ten, when they moved to Newburyport MA. Chuck attended Newburyport public schools, graduating from Newburyport High School in 1980 (35 years after his father had graduated from the same high school and 28 years before his youngest son did the same). While in high school, Chuck enlisted in the Army National Guard, taking basic training at Fort Dix NJ immediately after graduation. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Salem State College and an ROTC commission as a second lieutenant in the National Guard.

After graduation, Chuck entered active duty in the U.S. Army. He took his basic infantry officer and airborne training at Ft. Benning GA and was assigned to the Berlin Brigade in Germany. While in Berlin, his first son, Sean was born. Chuck and family left Berlin in January 1989, only months before the wall came down. Their next duty station was Ft. Lee VA where Chuck took his advanced officer training and Parachute Rigger training, followed by assignment to the XVIII Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg NC, where his second son, Kevin, was born. While at Ft. Bragg, Chuck was deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Storm, and to Florida following Hurricane Andrew.

Chuck left the army in 1993 and took a job as a sales representative for Philip Morris in the Stamford CT area. He advanced to Unit Manager and was assigned to Harlem, in New York City. He left Philip Morris in 1997 and was employed as the Church Administrator for the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan CT until September 2016. He is now the VP of Operations for CoActiv Medical Business Systems. After being introduced by Scott Sherrick in 2007, and following a whirlwind courtship, Chuck married the love of his life, the former Beth Ruskin in June of 2008.

Chuck is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is active in his church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, lay reader, greeter, usher, sound technician, Chair of the Stewardship Committee and Treasurer.

Brother Chuck's Masonic career began in Massachusetts, where he was raised in March 1984 by his future father-in-law in Warren Lodge of Amesbury MA. He was appointed Junior Deacon that year but entered active duty before he could progress through the line. While on active duty, he visited lodges in several jurisdictions and continued to study ritual work. After leaving the army and settling in Ridgefield CT, he affiliated with Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, serving as Worshipful Master in 1997 and 1998. He affiliated as a dual member with Union Lodge No. 40 in 1998, serving as Worshipful Master in 2001. He has also served as Secretary of Jerusalem Lodge and Treasurer of Union Lodge. He is a Past President, Past Secretary and Past Treasurer of the 1st Masonic District Blue Lodge Council, as well as Past Treasurer of the Ridgefield Masonic Temple Association. He is also a Past President of the Danbury Craftsman Service Club. He affiliated with Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 in 2023 and was elected Secretary, where he continues to serve. In the Grand Lodge, he has served as Associate Grand Marshal of District 1A from 1995-1997 and again in 2003, on the Wooster Day Committee, the Membership and Retention Committee, and as Chairman of the District 1 CHIP Committee. He was served the Grand Lodge again as a District Deputy in 2013 and 2014. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Austria near Connecticut. He also served on the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Directors from 2007-2011.

In the Royal Arch, Companion Chuck was exalted in Washington Chapter No. 24 in Norwalk in 1995, and later affiliated with Eureka Chapter No. 23, where he served as High Priest in 1999, 2000, 2004 and

2008. He affiliated as a dual member with Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11 in 2005 and serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. Chuck was installed as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut in June of 2005. In addition, he is Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland near Connecticut. He has served on the numerous Grand Chapter Committees including Credentials, Awards, Program & Publicity, Ritual, Welfare of Chapters, Annual Convocation & Banquet, Jurisprudence, and Budget & Finance. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 2001 and was appointed to the Anointed High Priest officer line in 2002, advancing to become Excellent President in 2007. He was elected and installed Grand Treasurer in 2015. He was awarded the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Service and the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel in 2015. In 2017 he affiliated with the newly consolidated Housatonic Chapter No. 13 and was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Companion Chuck was greeted in Wooster Council No. 28 in Danbury in 1996, where he served as the Thrice Illustrious Master from 2001 through 2004, and again in 2009. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2002 was appointed to the officer line in 2009, and advanced to Thrice Illustrious King of Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings in 2014. He was elected Recorder of that Council in 2024. He affiliated as a dual member with Washington Council No. 6 in 2005 and currently serves as the Recorder/Treasurer. He received the Knight of Ish Sodi award in 2006. He was appointed to the Grand Council line in 2007, and progressed through the line to become Most Puissant Grand Master in 2013 and again in 2014. He serves as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of South Carolina near Connecticut. He was elected and installed Grand Treasurer in 2015. In 2017 he affiliated with the newly consolidated Paugussett Council No. 16 and was elected Recorder/Treasurer. In 2022 he received the highest award of the Grand Council of Connecticut, its Philip J. Jones Medal.

He was appointed Assistant Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the Northeast Region of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International in 2016. He then served as Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the Northeast for the 2017-2020 Triennial. Companion Chuck was elected General Grand Treasurer at the 2020 Triennial session and re-elected at the 2023 Triennial. He has been greeted a Companion of the

Secret Vault and has received the General Grand Council Columbian Award.

Sir Knight Chuck was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3 in Norwalk in 1997, and later affiliated with Crusader Commandery No. 10 in Danbury, where he served as Eminent Commander from 2001 to 2007. He affiliated as a dual member with Stamford-Clinton Commandery (now Trinity Commandery) No. 3 in 2005 and is currently the Recorder/Treasurer. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri near Connecticut as well as Massachusetts/Rhode Island. He served as the Drill Captain of the Grand Commandery Drill Team which competed at the Grand Encampment Triennial at Houston, Texas. He has served on the Grand Commandery committees on Prince Hall Relations, Off Probation, Tactics, and Long-Range Planning. In 2008 SK Chuck was appointed Grand Inspector for the Grand Commandery and in 2009 he was also appointed Grand Warder. He was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor at the 2011 Grand Conclave. He also served on the York Rite Coordinating Committee, where he was the Treasurer. In 2017 he affiliated with Hamilton Commandery No. 5 and served as Eminent Commander in 2021 and 2022. He is currently serving as Treasurer. He was elected and installed as Grand Treasurer in 2022. He led the effort to get Connecticut Chapter of Knights Preceptor chartered in 2025 and was installed as the founding Recorder.

After serving on the degree team of Connecticut York Rite College No. 17 for several years, Companion Knight Chuck was invited to join the College. He served as the coordinator of the Symbolic Lodge Degree Teams from 1998 to 2008 and was the Director of the Ritual Cast for the Order of Knight of York from 1998 through 2004. In 2001 he was awarded the York Rite Sovereign College Service Award for his efforts. During his time on the cast, where he normally filled the Master's station, he raised in excess of 30 new Master Masons. He was appointed to the officer line of the College in 2004 and progressed to serve as Governor in 2008. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2007. In 2010 CK Chuck was appointed Deputy Grand Governor for Connecticut of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He was reappointed to this office in 2012. He was appointed and installed as Grand Governor for Connecticut in 2014 and was reappointed in 2016. He currently serves on the Sovereign College Degree Team for the Order of the Purple Cross.

Chuck is also a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Waterbury and the Valley of Bridgeport where he served for many years in the ritual cast for most of the degrees. He has served as the Thrice Potent Master of Doric Lodge of Perfection, Sovereign Prince of Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem and as Most Wise Master of Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix. He also served as the Chairman of the Valley of Waterbury Executive Committee. He served on the Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center in Waterbury from 2013 to 2018, where he was the Treasurer. Chuck was installed as the Treasurer for the Valley of Waterbury in 2008, serving until 2023. He received the Illustrious Arthur M. Brown, 33^o Meritorious Service Award at the 2009 Council of Deliberation meeting. He was appointed to the Lafayette Consistory line in 2012 but withdrew in 2018. He was elected a Trustee for the Consistory in 2013. At the Supreme Council session in 2015 Chuck was coroneted a 33^o Mason.

Chuck is a member of Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons and was appointed to the officer line in 2007, advancing to become Excellent Chief in 2012. He is currently the Scribe. He was invited to join Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees and Connecticut College, SRICF in 2009 and has served in both officer lines, including as Sovereign Master in the AMD in 2014. He was honored with the Grade VIII in 2024 and elected as Celebrant of Connecticut College SRICF in 2025. He was instrumental in the forming of Luke A. Lockwood Council of the AMD and installed as the founding Secretary in 2022. He was invited to join Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of York Cross of Honour in 2011 and joined the officer line in 2012, serving as Prior in 2017. He was elected Registrar in 2018, where he continues to serve. He served as the Personal Representative for District 2 from 2019-22 when he was elected and installed as the Grand Sentinel of Convent General. He was advanced to Grand Seneschal at the 2024 Convent General Session. Chuck was received into Apostles Tabernacle XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 2013 and served as the Preceptor for 2020 and 2021. He became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 2018. He was instructed in Potomac Court No. 107, Masonic Order of Athelstan in 2015 and affiliated with Lenape Court No. 169 in 2023.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT
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:

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| William F. Boerum (13) | 1945 | George E. Close (11) | 1946 |
| John T. Pierce (2) | 1945 | Forrest R. Cutler (7) | 1949 |
| Robert H. Prutting (17) | 1945 | Frederick G. Comstock (29) | 1949 |

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| Edward E. King (50) | 1949 | Webster Culver (17) | 1980 |
| William R. Trevethan (35) | 1951 | Frederick J. Ganung (24) | 1980 |
| Frederick F. Hollowbush (26) | 1952 | George R. Smith (2) | 1980 |
| Walter E. E. Barton (46) | 1954 | Howard R. Baker (12) | 1981 |
| Claude H. Dunbar (13) | 1954 | Ferdinand D. Lewis (51) | 1981 |
| Leslie E. Watson (46) | 1955 | Charles K. Lynn (51) | 1981 |
| Robert G. Jordan (53) | 1955 | Arthur L. Shumway (2) | 1981 |
| Samuel Taft (6) | 1956 | William Summers Jr (6) | 1981 |
| John A. Leakin (13) | 1956 | Robert J. Campbell (1) | 1982 |
| John A. Begley (2) | 1959 | George Kelaita (32) | 1982 |
| Percy B. Chase (21) | 1959 | Herbert R. Olson (31) | 1982 |
| William P. Rose (29) | 1961 | Andrew J. Muccianti (18) | 1982 |
| William A. Foster, Sr. (42) | 1961 | Edward P. Stannard (46) | 1982 |
| George J. Fowle (54) | 1961 | Grady L. Pearson (51) | 1983 |
| Louis W. Howe (50) | 1962 | Donald G. Poehnert (18) | 1983 |
| John H. McClure (17) | 1963 | William A. Allen (2) | 1983 |
| Jacob N. Wolodansky (2) | 1964 | George F. Dean (18) | 1984 |
| Roger H. Green (7) | 1966 | Albert T. Heavisides (51) | 1984 |
| Harold A. Svendberg (13) | 1966 | Charles D. Munich (13) | 1984 |
| Leonard A. Caldwell Sr (45) | 1967 | Frank B. Wagner (46) | 1984 |
| James M. Gordon (17) | 1967 | Ralph G. Broderick (49) | 1984 |
| L. Thomas Lauridsen (49) | 1967 | Arthur F. Simpson (49) | 1985 |
| William C. Bray (51) | 1968 | Robert A. Colbourn (26) | 1985 |
| Laurence P. Scofield (11) | 1968 | Wilder J. Greeley (2) | 1985 |
| Frederick R. Williams (2) | 1969 | Albert H. Getchell (26) | 1986 |
| John S. Michelson (13) | 1969 | Ronald L. Miller (9) | 1986 |
| Walter B. Davis Sr (39) | 1969 | Norman R. Strong (18) | 1986 |
| Rowland M. Beach (24) | 1971 | Charles J. Memmott Jr (46) | 1986 |
| Robert C. Sismore (7) | 1971 | William MacMillan (1) | 1986 |
| Arthur W. Hudson (54) | 1971 | George H. Griffing (17) | 1987 |
| John S. Griffiths (42) | 1971 | Arthur K. Kandetzki (46) | 1987 |
| Charles R. Ende (49) | 1971 | Edgar R. Lumb (13) | 1987 |
| Dominic A. Rinaldi (39) | 1972 | John J. Mari (46) | 1987 |
| Lyle T. Neddow (51) | 1972 | Bernard T. Wright (23) | 1987 |
| Alfred B. Sahlin (54) | 1973 | Matthew J. Banach (30) | 1988 |
| Charles W. Phelps (9) | 1974 | Melvin F. Boomer (51) | 1988 |
| Carl Ritter (49) | 1975 | Kenneth W. Marvin (12) | 1988 |
| Jacques Schmidli (33) | 1975 | Thomas M Maxwell (1,23) | 1988 |
| Morton S. Naurison (42) | 1976 | Frank O. Miner (26) | 1988 |
| John L. Faulkins (13) | 1976 | Warren M. Brainard (17) | 1989 |

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| Edward Nordstrom (17) | 1989 | John H. Goodrich, Jr (26) | 1998 |
| John Normington (09) | 1989 | John G. Radeach (26) | 1998 |
| Shailer Christensen (29) | 1989 | David C. Toomey (17) | 1998 |
| William Whay (46) | 1989 | Amos E. Jennings (33) | 1999 |
| Roger D. Alling (44) | 1990 | Clyde W. Kayser, II (2,45) | 1999 |
| Leslie C. Noyes (17) | 1990 | Carl G. Palmberg (17) | 1999 |
| William F. Orrell (49) | 1990 | James H. Tweedie (49) | 1999 |
| James F. Quarz (26) | 1990 | Kenneth R. Whitman (18) | 1999 |
| Earl J. Fitzpatrick (26) | 1991 | William K. Barr (46) | 2000 |
| William A. Gough (24) | 1991 | Stanley T. House (6) | 2000 |
| Russell A. Schiebel (18) | 1991 | George C. Perry (1, 23) | 2000 |
| Bard C. Teigen (30) | 1991 | Clarence E. Schiebel (18) | 2000 |
| Delmar W. Ward (25) | 1991 | Scott T. Sherrick (49) | 2000 |
| John H. Goodrich, Sr. (26) | 1992 | Anthony Pipitone (13) | 2001 |
| Joseph P. Grevalsky (31) | 1992 | Wesley H. Alexander (26) | 2001 |
| George W. Hatfield (06) | 1992 | Alan Marc Brown (49) | 2001 |
| William F. Norton (44) | 1992 | James R. Shaw (15) | 2001 |
| Elmer E. Stone (51) | 1992 | Douglas A. Gray (02) | 2002 |
| Timothy D. Clark (11) | 1993 | James W. Currier (09) | 2002 |
| Sidney W. Isenberg (46) | 1993 | Thurman P. Sharples Jr (12) | 2002 |
| Neil Paterson (51) | 1993 | Sheldon L. Edwards Sr (DE2) | 2002 |
| Donald E. Robinson (26) | 1993 | Edward R. Ham (13) | 2003 |
| Robert D. Sherrick (49) | 1993 | Edward Schoenrock (17) | 2003 |
| Richard A. Eppler (26) | 1994 | Thomas E. Schiebel (18) | 2003 |
| Emil G. Olsson Jr (2) | 1994 | Jack H. Stevens (26) | 2003 |
| George C. Venter (2) | 1994 | Clifford H. Drost Jr (13) | 2004 |
| Frederick W. Berggren (4) | 1995 | Randy S. Stevens (26) | 2004 |
| Charles B Fowler Jr (17) | 1995 | Danny A. Camp (15) | 2004 |
| William L. Miller II (17) | 1995 | Harold H. Tomlinson (02) | 2005 |
| Arthur M. Pugh (27) | 1995 | Charles R. Nielsen (17) | 2005 |
| Walter L. Whitman (17) | 1995 | Leland F. McElrath (46) | 2005 |
| Reginald Abbott (17) | 1996 | Bruce A. Rumford (49) | 2005 |
| John A. Birdsall (7) | 1996 | Edward S. Eby (07) | 2006 |
| William G. Bryce (17) | 1996 | Michael B. Dodge (09) | 2006 |
| Richard E. Larcom (26) | 1996 | George J. Cronk (11) | 2006 |
| Joseph J. Perno (49) | 1996 | George A W Nousiainen (02) | 2007 |
| Edwin F. Dingus (26) | 1997 | Nicholas G. Hackett (26) | 2007 |
| Charles A. Domin (7) | 1997 | David C. Abrames (17) | 2008 |
| Richard R. Miller (1) | 1997 | Leo H. Lohrman (13) | 2009 |
| Gail N. Smith (9) | 1997 | Robert J. Knowles (27) | 2010 |
| Edward W. Studwell (4) | 1998 | Martin Ede (02) | 2011 |
| Patrick H. DeCesare (13) | 1998 | Peter J. Stapleton (44) | 2011 |

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| James A. Backus (11) | 2012 | James S. McNeely IV (17) | 2017 |
| Earl F. Korngiebel (26) | 2012 | Douglas D. Barnard (31) | 2017 |
| Peter M. Sloan (44) | 2012 | Richard R. Jones (31) | 2017 |
| Raymond G. Tomlinson (02) | 2013 | Allyn Willner (46) | 2019 |
| William C. Lang (46) | 2013 | Paul L. Chello (44) | 2020 |
| T. Donovan Scroggs (17) | 2014 | Craig R. Nelson, Sr (13) | 2020 |
| Daniel M. Luft (27) | 2014 | Dale T. Cunningham (30) | 2021 |
| Darrin D. Silhavy (11) | 2015 | Jason R. Rieger (06) | 2022 |
| Bruce Padula (27) | 2015 | Gerald A. Calabritto (26) | 2023 |
| Robert J. Cascone (13) | 2016 | Scott A. Daniels Jr (07) | 2024 |
| Delbert A. Little (27) | 2016 | | |

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MARK EDWARD BLACKABY
Washington Chapter No. 30

MARK EDWARD BLACKABY
Ephraim Kirby Citation

Born in Stone, Staffordshire, England in 1977, Mark Edward Blackaby came to the United States with his family in 1982. He became an American citizen in the early 1990s and has since called the Town of Suffield CT home. Mark was brought up in the traditions of the West Suffield Congregational Church. As a youngster, he was active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and as a teenager, he became a volunteer EMT with the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association. Over the years, Mark continued his civic service activities by volunteering with the Good Neighbors Sharing food bank program and serving on the Board of Directors for Pauline's Stock Pot Soup Kitchen in East Windsor. He also served as Chairman of the Suffield Zoning Board of Appeals and as a member of the Suffield Social Services Commission.

Mark graduated from Suffield High School in 1995, earned a dual degree in Chemistry and Biology from the University of Hartford in 2000, and received his Juris Doctor from Western New England University School of Law in 2003. He is now a practicing attorney for his own law firm.

Mark's Masonic journey began in Composite Lodge No. 28 where he served as Master in 2015 and is currently Secretary. Within the Scottish Rite, Valley of Hartford, he served three terms as Thrice Potent Master of Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection (2018-2020 and 2022-2023).

In the York Rite, Mark served as High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons for the 2024-2025 term and continues to serve in that capacity for 2025-2026. He likewise currently serves as Thrice Illustrious Master of Suffield Council No. 23, Royal & Select Masters for both the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms. He is also a Past Commander of Washington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

Mark is an active member of the Suffield Sportsmen's Club. When not in lodge or in the courtroom, he is an avid hiker, backpacker, and kayaker. He has already paddled roughly two-thirds of the Connecticut River and plans to complete it section by section. Future plans also include a second Appalachian Trail attempt and continued section hikes of Vermont's Long Trail. Mark's other hobbies are photography, motorcycling, classic cars, meditation, reading and vigorous exercise.

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 committee was inactive from 2020 to 2024, but in 2025 convened to select a recipient. Previous recipients of this prestigious award are as follows:

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

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EDWARD A. VARJABEDIAN

EDWARD ANTHONY VARJABEDIAN
James Royal Case Award

Edward Anthony Varjabedian, was born in Hartford in 1947, to Anthony and Rosemarie Varjabedian. His father became a Mason in LaFayette Lodge No. 100 in 1956. Ed graduated from Bulkeley High School in Hartford. In August of 1967, he joined the US Army and became a pharmacy specialist. He served a year in Vietnam and was honorably discharged from the Army in August of 1970. After leaving the military he attended University of Connecticut, pursuing a degree in microbiology. That is where he met Gail Mazzamaro, a young energetic pharmacy student, whom he married in February of 1977. They have a son Steven and a daughter Lauren.

Ed was employed by McNeil Pharmaceutical. In 1980, he earned a Master's Degree in Management from the Hartford Graduate Center. In 1984 he was offered a position with another company as a Director, organizing joint ventures, third party corporations, with groups of physicians, hospitals and pharmacies. Shortly after, he was promoted to National Sales Manager of Health Technology Company, specializing in medical products. However, personal scheduling and family obligations required him to begin working for himself selling disposable medical supplies. He received a license from the state of Connecticut as a nursing home administrator. In 2002, he was employed as Adjunct Professor at the University of New Haven, teaching Healthcare Financial Management to MBA students. He retired in 2011 as a nursing home administrator at 63 years old.

As a young man, Ed was ordained a Sub-deacon in the Armenian Apostolic Church. In 1987, he was ordained as a full deacon and in 1989 through 1992 was the "Deacon in Charge" of his Church. In 1992 he was elevated to the honorary rank of Archdeacon.

Ed joined Charter Oak Chapter, Order of DeMolay, eventually becoming Master Councilor in 1965. In 1967, he was honored with the honorary Degree of Chevalier. That same year 1970 was raised to the degree of a Master Mason.

On November 20, 1970, Ed was raised a Master Mason in Lafayette Lodge No. 100. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1982 and became a member of both Norwich and Hartford Valleys.

Ed joined the York Rite in East Hartford in 2011: Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, Wolcott Council No. 1, and Washington Commandery No. 1, and served as an officer in each. He then affiliated with Cyrene Commandery

No. 8 and served as Commander for three years. In 2019 he was assigned as Grand Prelate for the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and is currently Grand Captain General. In 2019, Ed received the Knight Commander of the Temple award from the Grand Encampment.

Ed is a Grade VII member of Connecticut College, Societas Rosicruicana In Civitatibus Foederatis, and a Past Sovereign Master of Nathan Hale Council No. 78 of the Allied Masonic Degrees. He is an officer in Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons, a member of Hartford Chapter No. 56, National Sojourners, and of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America. He was a member of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross and now belongs to the Connecticut Chapter of Knight Preceptors. In 2024 he was invited to become a member of Apostles Tabernacle No. XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

In 2025, Ed was honored by the three heads of the York Rite in Connecticut with the James Royal Case Award.



JASON RAFFAELE RIEGER
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2025-2026

JASON R. RIEGER

Jason Raffaele Rieger was born on April 9, 1972 in New Haven. He was the second of three children to the late Norman W. Rieger Sr. and Maureen Vicinanza Rieger. He grew up in Wallingford, and attended Middlesex College and Southern CT State University. He served in the United States Army National Guard in the Army Intelligence Corps and was honorably discharged as a non-commissioned officer. He began his career in the senior living sector of healthcare at Masonicare and worked there for 30 years. He is currently the administrator at a local assisted living community. He and his wife Julie reside in Wallingford where they raised their three children, Amanda, Dominic, and Anthony. They are also the proud grandparents of grandsons Thomas and Lucas.

Jason was raised a Master Mason in Compass Lodge No. 9 on November 19, 2001 by the Caledonians degree team with R. Stanley Harrison presiding in the East. He was appointed Senior Steward at the next meeting and has held office in the lodge every year since. He currently serves as Historian and Trustee. He served as Worshipful Master in 2006. He is past president and secretary of the Compass Past Master's Association and has served as the Secretary of the Wallingford Temple Corporation for many years. He was awarded the Raymond H. Sutterlin Award for Excellence in 2017; Compass Lodge's highest award. He was a charter member of Ashlar Lodge No. 332. He served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of CT as District Deputy for six terms from 2007-2013.

Jason began his York Rite journey in Meriden in 2007 when he joined Keystone Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons in 2007 and where he served two terms as Excellent High Priest in 2014 and 2015. He is a member of St. Elmo's Commandery No. 9 and Hamilton Council No. 9 where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2024. He is also a member of the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17.

He currently serves as Secretary of Keystone Chapter. He was appointed to the officer line of the CT Anointed High Priests and served as Excellent President for two terms from 2020-2022. He was appointed to the officer line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 2018, and at the 2022 annual Convocation, he was awarded the Ephraim Kirby Citation for Distinguished Masonic Service, and in 2025 he was presented with the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze.

He was elected and installed Grand High Priest in 2025.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2025-2026



L to R: Standing: Martin Ede, Gerald Calabritto, William Weisert, James Whitaker, Kristian Maiorino, Gregory Whitehouse, Andrew Flasko, Douglas Turcotte, Darrin Silhavy, Charles Fowler.

Seated: Charles McCollum, Mychael Scribner, Jason Rieger, Gary Shepard, William Miller

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| Grand High Priest | Jason R. Rieger (06) |
| Grand King | Mychael J. Scribner (15) |
| Grand Scribe | Gary D. Shepard (13) |
| Grand Treasurer | Charles A. McCollum (11) |
| Grand Secretary | William L. Miller, II (17) |
| Grand Captain of the Host | Gerald A. Calabritto (26) |
| Grand Principal Sojourner | Kristian M. Maiorino (06) |
| Grand Royal Arch Captain | Gregory K. Whitehouse (06) |
| Grand Master 3 rd Veil | James Whitaker, Jr. (13) |
| Grand Master 2 nd Veil | Andrew J. Flasko (13) |
| Grand Master 1 st Veil | Douglas J. Turcotte, III (26) |
| Grand Sentinel | Darrin D. Silhavy (13) |
| Grand Chaplain | Joseph R. Krusienski (06) |
| Grand Organist | Ashante R. McPherson (11) |
| Grand Historian | Martin Ede (02) |

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| Assistant Grand Treasurer | Scott T. Sherrick (13) |
| Assistant Grand Secretary | Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17) |
| Assistant Grand Chaplain | William E. Weisert, II (04) |
| Past Grand King | Richard L. Sawyers (09,17) |
| Past Grand King | James A. Backus (11) |
| Grand Secretary Emeritus | Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (17) |
| Grand Organist Emeritus | Willis E. Copeland, Jr. (26) |
| Editor Emeritus, RA Mag Sup | James A. Backus (11) |

GRAND TRUSTEES

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| Term Expires 2026 | Matthew F. Griffin (31) |
| Term Expires 2027 | Charles D. O'Neill (11) |
| Term Expires 2028 | Paul L. Chello (02) |

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Arrangements – Grand Session

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| Jason R. Rieger, Ch | 203-317-1667 |
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Budget and Finance

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Bylaws of Constituent Chapters

Gregory K. Whitehouse, Ch 203-909-1027
James Whitaker, Jr Andrew J. Flasko

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Eric H. Hoy, Ch 860-202-6348
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RAM - William L. Miller,II, Ch 860-716-0004
R&SM – Randy S. Stevens KT - Vincent A. Cowie

Joint Session (set up) for Chapter

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| <u>JURISDICTION</u> | <u>REPRESENTATIVE</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ALABAMA | Bruce R Bellmore |
| CALIFORNIA | Wilfred C Rompe |
| COLORADO | David C Abrames |
| DELAWARE | James Kleinkauf |
| ENGLAND & WALES (Mark Lodge) | Russell Schiebel |
| FINLAND | Geo. Nousiainen |
| INDIANA | Clyde W. Kayser II |
| IRELAND | Charles McCollum |
| MARYLAND | Richard A. Eppler |
| MASSACHUSETTS | William L Greene |
| MICHIGAN | Geo. Nousiainen |
| MINNESOTA | James S McNeely |
| MISSISSIPPI | Thomas Maxwell |
| NEW SO WALES | Brian C. Hatch |
| NEW YORK | Wayne Saunders |
| NEW ZEALAND | Matthew Griffin |
| NORTH DAKOTA | Richard V. Travis |
| NOVA SCOTIA | William Weisert |
| ONTARIO | Robert J Knowles |
| PENNSYLVANIA | William F. Lott |
| SASKATCHEWAN | George Greytak |
| SCOTLAND | James McNeely |
| SO. CAROLINA | Harrison Redford |
| TEXAS | Thomas Maxwell |
| VERMONT | Daniel M. Luft |
| VIRGINIA | Vincent A. Cowie |
| WASHINGTON | Charles B Fowler Jr |
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Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry

176th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 176th 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 May 3rd, 2025 A.D., 3938 A. Beo. The Convention was called to order at 9:30 am by Excellent President Daniel M. Luft with the assistance of his officers in their respective stations:

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| Daniel M. Luft (06) | Most Excellent President |
| Thomas A. Duclos (30) | Excellent Vice President |
| Arnold S. Grot (17) | Excellent Chaplain |
| William L Miller, PP (17) | Excellent Treasurer Recorder |
| Gregory Whitehouse (06) | Excellent Master of Ceremonies |
| Harold Elwell (06) | Excellent Conductor |
| John Amarilios (11) | Excellent Herald |
| Charles M. Jewart (17) | Excellent Steward |
| William E. Weisert (09) | Excellent Sentinel |

After an opening prayer & pledge of allegiance, Excellent President Dan welcomed the Companion AHPs, and after some brief words on inspiration, began the primary work of the morning by calling upon Rec. Bill for a list of Candidates: seven 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.

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| Albert R. R. Johnson | Franklin-Halleck 02 |
| Michael M. Messner | Franklin-Halleck 02 |
| Philip J. Sharkey, III | Keystone 06 |
| Ryan J. Snide | Trinity 09 |
| Michael J. Miller | Housatonic 13 |
| W. Stephen Matthews | Pythagoras 17 |
| Charles D. Weiss | Columbia 31 |

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 personalized Bible

and lifetime membership card by EP Dan. EP Dan then thanked his officers and other helpers on the morning.

EP Dan then continued with the business of the Convention, beginning with recognition of the heads or senior officers from the related bodies of Masonry who were present, bringing their respective fraternal greetings. (Their subordinate officers were not individually introduced but listed here for their attendance.)

From the **Most Puissant Grand Council**, beginning with MPGM William E. Weisert. (Attending were PMPGMs Richard Barrows, Martin Ede, Charles McCollum (also GrTres), Michael Sabia, and Charles Fowler(Hon) along with other officers; William Miller (RIGrRec), Charles Jewart (RIPCW), Eric Hoy (Ill. Steward), Ryan Snide (Ill. Marshal) and Arnold Grot (Ill. Asst Chaplain).

From the **Grand Commandery**, with our newest REGC attending to other duties, our newest "Past" REGC Harold Elwell offered his greetings and regrets. Present were REPGCs Charles Fowler, William Miller, Charles McCollum, Craig Nelson, Michael Sabia, and assorted junior officers Martin Ede, Eric Hoy, Michael Messner, Daniel Luft, Gary Shepard, Michael Sabia, William Weisert.

Calling up the **Grand Chapter**, MEGHP Michael Sabia and his officers assembled "in-situ" and included REGK Jason Rieger, REGS Mychael Scribner, GrTres and PGHP Charles McCollum, GrSec and PGHP William Miller, COH Gary Shepard, RAC Kristian Maiorino, GM3V Gregory Whitehouse, with the other MEPGHPs Charles Fowler (hon), Daniel Luft (presiding), Matt Griffin, Martin Ede, and Michael Sabia.

EP Dan recognized what few leaders were present from the **AASR** (names only, their affiliations omitted for clarity and correctness): Hal Elwell, Michael Sabia, Martin Ede.

Finally from the **Grand Lodge**, the usual scant bunch with greetings offered by RW Matt Griffin on behalf of MWGM Rinaldo Magliano, along with Past MWGM Charles Fowler and a small collection of a few DD's and Marshals, past or present.

Then acknowledged were the Past Ex. Presidents of the Convention: William Miller, Richard Barrows, Charles McCollum, Martin Ede, Richard Eppler, Jason Rieger, Michael Sabia, and Michael Sabia.

Moving onto the rest of the business, with occasional aid from Rec. Bill, EP Dan inquired as to the age holders, with the usual annual suspects Charles Fowler (anointed 1986) and again Richard Eppler for age (born 1934).

Continuing, with no errors or omissions cited of any serious consequence, the minutes of the 175th Convention would stand as printed in the 2024 Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Called upon, Tres-Rec. Bill presented his report of our last year ending March 31, 2025 which had been reviewed by AHP Charles Fowler. Our membership tally despite anointing 8 last year, saw 6 deaths and 6 other losses, leaving us with 138. Financially, we did better, starting with \$5,044, taking in \$1160, spending \$1,116, for a \$43 gain. Bill's reports were adopted upon motion. (The full financial and membership report appears at the rear of these minutes.)

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

Deceased Past High Priests
(as of 31 March 2025)

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| John Mellor (PGHP) | Housatonic 13 | 4/03/24 |
| Kenneth Eugene Fears | Housatonic 13 | 4/14/24 |
| Robert Stewart Johnson | Keystone 06 | 4/20/24 |
| James Howard Campbell | Pythagoras 17 | 5/18/24 |
| Raymond Edward Moore | Keystone 06 | 8/17/24 |
| Andrew G. Weimann, II (PGHP) | Cyrus-Meridian 15 | 10/22/24 |

On motion asked for by EP Dan, the Companion AHPs VOTED the standard honoraria for the Tres-Rec (\$150) and other usual and customary expenses of the Convention; Rec Bill added \$25 for our Sentinel who was actually present at his post. As for charity, the standard \$300 was split between RARA and MCF, moved and so voted.

A report from Rec. Bill on behalf of the Nominations Committee was for the present officers to advance one chair, excluding TresRec who doesn't advance, with a Sentinel to be appointed by Ex. VP Tom Duclos. No further nominations being presented, the Committee moved the slate be adopted and one ballot cast. The new MEP Tom added his selection for Sentinel, being Steve Matthews. who accepted the appointment. Results were as follows:

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| Thomas A. Duclos (30) | Most Excellent President |
| Arnold S. Grot (17) | Excellent Vice President |

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| Gregory Whitehouse (06) | Excellent Chaplain |
| William L. Miller (17) | Excellent Treasurer-Recorder |
| Harold Elwell (06) | Excellent Master of Ceremonies |
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| Charles Jewart (17) | Excellent Herald |
| William E. Weisert, II (09) | Excellent Steward |
| W. Stephen Matthews (17) | Excellent Sentinel |

EP-elect Thomas then asked Ex. PP William Miller to be his Installing Officer, assisted by our newest Past Ex. Pres. Danuel Luft to assist with the Marshalling. The Officers were assembled, given their obligations and charges and took their new stations, and proclamation was made by the Marshal.

New EP Tom thanked his officers for their assistance today, and the Installing Team. To complete the morning, with the aid of Ex. Pres. Tom, Rec. Bill presented Past Pres Daniel with his jewel for his service, prompting a round of applause.

As a last piece of regular business, setting the date for our next Convention. Rec. Bill suggested the 1st Saturday in May, which would be May 2nd, 2026 at our usual time, subject to YMH availability and any serious ceremonial conflicts with “Grand” Maine, which target was agreed upon.

With the Sentinel “Sentinel” at his post and the arrival of the caterer at any moment, “new” Pres. Thomas led his new officers in the full closing ceremonies.

The Companions adjourned at 11:30 for an Italian repast in the dining hall, and the latest shopping experience at the “boutique”.



Attest:

William L. Miller, II
MEPGHP, Treasurer-Recorder

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER-RECORDER

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Membership

At the close of our last year on 31 March 2024 our membership was reported at 142. At the last Annual Convention on 4 May 2024, 8 new members were anointed, but in the course of the year, the Grand Architect of the Universe summoned to His side 6 of our Excellent Companions, and 6 more were lost by NPD/Dimit from Chapter/Lodge for a net loss of 4, such that our membership now stands at 138.

Financial

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| Receipts (Webster Acct Checking) | | |
| | Dinners | \$360.00 |
| | Donations | 355.00 |
| | Fees for Order | 240.00 |
| | Sale of Jewels & Boutique | 205.00 |
| | Total Receipts | \$1,160.00 |
| Disbursements (Checking) | | |
| | Donation to MCF of CT | 150.00 |
| | Donation to RARA (new) | 150.00 |
| | Honoraria | 150.00 |
| | Dinners | 349.39 |
| | Office Supplies, Expenses, Jewels, Bibles | 173.01 |
| | Postage | 97.80 |
| | Printing – Checks, Engraving | 94.50 |
| | Miscellaneous – Rent | 50.00 |
| | Total Disbursements | \$1,116.90 |
| | Excess of receipts over disbursements | \$43.10 |
| | Balance April 1, 2024 | \$5044.88 |
| | Balance March 31, 2025 | \$5,087.98 |



William L. Miller II
Treasurer-Recorder

Reviewed by Charles B. Fowler, Jr.

Date: 5/3/2025

ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

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|-----------------------|----|------|----------------------|----|------|
| Stephen D. Piner | 17 | 1982 | Martin Ede | 02 | 2014 |
| Gail N. Smith | 09 | 1987 | 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 | James S McNeely, IV | 17 | 2019 |
| William L. Miller, II | 17 | 2004 | Jason R. Rieger | 06 | 2020 |
| Richard G. Barrows | 09 | 2005 | Jason R. Rieger | 06 | 2021 |
| Charles A McCollum | 23 | 2007 | Michael D. Sabia, Jr | 06 | 2022 |
| Charles D. O'Neill | 11 | 2012 | Michael E. Seamon | 17 | 2023 |
| J. Andrew Birdsall | 07 | 2018 | Daniel M. Luft | 06 | 2024 |

DONATIONS**1 April 2024 through 31 March 2025**

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| Martin Ede | 02 | Clyde W. Kayser II | 15 |
| George Nousiainen | 02 | Dale E. Sweet | 15 |
| Jonathan Trotta | 02 | Eric H. Hoy | 17 |
| Thomas Grace | 06 | David C. Abrames | 17 |
| Daniel M. Luft | 06 | William L Miller | 17 |
| Kristian Maiorino | 06 | Stephen D. Piner | 17 |
| Bruce Padula | 06 | Charles B. Fowler | 17 |
| Jason Regier | 06 | Arnold S. Grot | 17 |
| Gregory Whitehouse | 06 | Charles Jewart | 17 |
| Alan K. Spear | 07 | T. Donovan Scrotts | 17 |
| William Weisert | 07 | Michael E. Seamon | 17 |
| Donald Gladding | 09 | Richard A. Eppler | 26 |
| John Amarilios | 11 | Robert Gunderson | 26 |
| Ernest DuBois | 11 | Charles Lizotte | 30 |
| Andrew Flasko | 11 | Dale Cunningham | 30 |
| Michael D. Sabia, Jr. | 11 | Thomas Duclos | 30 |
| Robert L. Jess | 13 | Richard Corey | 31 |
| Charles A McCollum | 13 | Matthew Griffin | 31 |
| Craig Nelson | 13 | Russell Scull | 30 |
| Gary D. Shepard | 13 | Roger Thorin | 31 |
| Darrin Silhavy | 13 | Bruce Thorin | 31 |
| John J. Badeen | 15 | | |