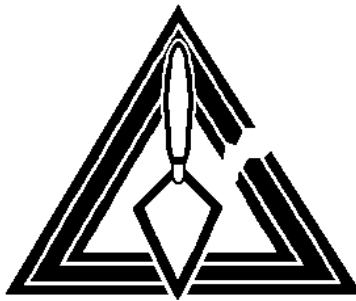


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James Staib McNeely, IV
Most Puissant Grand Master
2021-2023

JAMES STAIB McNEELY, IV

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

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

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

In May of 2001, Brother James was raised a Master Mason in Star in the East Lodge #33, in Owatonna, MN. In May 2003, he was elected and installed as Master, serving again as Master in 2006. In

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

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

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

Within Cryptic Masonry James served in various appointed positions for several years within Northfield Council. Due to the distance to Northfield Council, in 2008 James and several other companions decided to form a new council in Owatonna.

Dispensation was received in June 2008 for Ark Council, UD with James as the appointed Illustrious Master. Upon chartering in 2009 he was elected the first Illustrious Master of Ark Council #3. During this period the council quickly grew and has continued to grow every year since it was founded, with several years of double digit growth. James was also received into the Order of the Silver Trowel and progressed through the officer line and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2012/2013. Since moving to Avon, James joined Wolcott Council #1 and was elected TIM in 2014. Most Puissant Grand Master Michael Seamon appointed James as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Council in 2015 and the following year he was appointed by MPGM J. Andrew Birdsall as Grand Sentinel and subsequently progressed through the chairs. In 2017 he was awarded Connecticut's Philip J. Jones award for distinguished service. In 2021 Companion James was elected and installed as the Most Puissant Grand Master of Connecticut.

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

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

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

In the spring of 2007 James met Anne User while she was working for GE Water in Minneapolis. After a four-year courtship which saw them travel the country and world separately and together, they wed in 2011. In 2012, Anne was offered a position at United Technologies Corporation in the corporate office in Connecticut, and the McNeely's made the move and now make their home in Avon. Living in New England has provided them with a slower pace of life and unique opportunities. Winter finds them skiing in Vermont, taking in shows at the Hartford Stage, Hartford Symphony, and Connecticut Forum and snowshoeing. Summers are

spent hiking, taking in minor league baseball games, eating lobster at Abbots, listening to music at the Talcott Mountain Music Festival, and swimming. In December 2017 Anne and James traveled to China to adopt their son James “Jack.” Together Anne and James continue to travel and are always planning their next trip together as well as with family and friends, as well as chasing after their son.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A Special Assembly of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of CT was held in the apartments of Wolcott Council No. 1 in East Hartford, CT on Saturday, October 30, 2021 AD (3021 ADep) for the instruction and portrayal of the Cryptic Degrees upon worthy Royal Arch Masons.

WORK OF THE MORNING

After attendees for the day had completed their registrations, the Candidates and Companions assembled in the Dining Hall at 10:00 am for instructions pertaining to the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry with presentations by MPGM McNeely and Ill. Companion Jewart. Council Recorders and Treasurers assembled in a nearby meeting area for a review of their duties led by Grand Recorder Miller and Grand Treasurer McCollum. With the morning work completed, all enjoyed a luncheon catered by a local restaurant accompanied by a presentation by Companion Mike Butteri.

MPGM James McNeely opened the Special Assembly of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut in ample form at 1:10 pm including the Pledge of Allegiance, assisted by the Companions present and the following officers:

Deputy Illustrious Master	Michael E. Seamon, PMPGM
Prin. Conductor of Work	Darrin D. Silhavy
Captain of the Guard	William E. Weisert
Conductor	Charles A McCollum, Gr Treasurer
Assistant Recorder	Charles B Fowler Jr, PMPGM Hon
Steward	Charles M. Jewart
Sentinel	Scott R. Atkins
Chaplain	Arnold S. Grot

He recognized and introduced PMPGMs Michael E. Seamon; Charles A. McCollum, RI Grand Treasurer and RP General Grand

Treasurer; Richard A. Eppler, Clyde W. Kayser and Charles B. Fowler (Honorary). He also acknowledged Companion Daniel M. Luft, Most Excellent Grand High Priest who brought his warm fraternal greetings and those of the Grand Chapter RAM and congratulated the class on continuing their pursuit of further light.

ROYAL MASTER DEGREE

The degree team from Hamilton Council No. 9 assumed their stations, Called Off the Council of Select Masters from Labor to Refreshment, and opened the Council of Royal Masters at 1:20 pm with the following Companions serving as Officers:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Kristian Maiorino
Deputy Illustrious Master	Steve Chiappalone
Ill. Principal Conductor/Hiram Abiff	Hal Elwell
Captain of the Guard	Christian Schunmann
Conductor	Richard A. Eppler
Steward	Nick Barnes
Historical Lecture	Steve Chiappalone

The degree of Royal Master was conferred upon a class of 20 candidates (list attached) with Companion RAM John Kovach serving as Exemplar.

MPGM McNeely caused the officers of Hamilton Council to assemble west of the Altar where he introduced them and thanked them for a great job. He then declared the Council of Royal Masters closed at 2:10 pm.

A brief intermission was called to re-set the room for the next degree.

SELECT MASTER DEGREE

With all in readiness, the Candidates and Companions were called back into the Lodge room, the Select Master cast assumed their stations and called the Council On from Refreshment to Labor on the Select Master Degree at 2:40 pm.

Thrice illustrious Master	Charles M. Jewart, PTIM
Deputy Illustrious Master	Mark Agnew
Ill. Principal Conductor	James S. McNeely, MPGM
Captain of the Guard	Charles A. McCollum, PMPGM
Conductor	Darrin D. Silhavy, RIGPCW
Steward	Michael E. Seamon, PMPGM
Ahishar	Arnold S. Grot, PTIM
Apron	James S. McNeely, MPGM
Historical Lecture	Charles M. Jewart
Charge	Robert G. Fitzgerald, PTIM

The degree of Select Master was conferred by the officers upon the class of 20 candidates (list attached) with Royal Master David LaFargue serving as Exemplar.

MPGM James McNeely assumed the chair and directed the cast to assemble west of the Altar where he introduced and thanked them for their excellent work. He also welcomed the new Companions, and he thanked the Companions of Wolcott Council No. 1 for their support.

RP Grand Treasurer McCollum brought greetings and presented lapel pins from MP General Grand Master Monty Glover. He urged the Companions to support the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

MPGM McNeely then closed the Grand Council in ample form at 3:35 pm with participation of both veteran and new Royal & Select Masters encircling the altar for final prayer.

Attest:



William L. Miller, II
Grand Recorder

FESTIVAL CANDIDATES by COUNCIL
(All Council degrees taken)

WOLCOTT 01

Shane J. C. Csiki
Joseph P. Grieco
David LaFargue
Alexander T. Prague
Rodney Spooner

MONTGOMERY 02

Joe Fox
Robert Scharlack, Jr.
Ryan Snide
Kenneth Stillwell

CUSHING 04

Christopher Britland
Alder Hodge
Robert Krawic

HARMONY 08

Gary A. Tuccio, Jr.
John Vergnetti

HAMILTON 09

John Kovach
David Stewart

CRAWFORD 19

Ahmed AlAmeen
Charles A. Miller

BUEL 20

John Glenn

LEE 25

Timothy Colby

ANNUAL SESSION

After a hiatus of nearly two years due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, 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 once again held in the traditional manner in a new venue, the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, in Cromwell, Connecticut.

GRAND BANQUET

The combined Annual Banquet in honor of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Daniel M. Luft and Most Puissant Grand Master James S. McNeely IV began with a social hour at 5:30 pm followed by the Banquet at 6:30 pm. In attendance were approximately 110 Companions, guests and ladies.

ME Grand Secretary William L. Miller called the audience to rise and welcome the Head Table as they entered and were introduced. Companions Luft and McNeely each then welcomed all present, and then called upon Companion Arnold S. Grot, the Illustrious Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, for an invocation. All present then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, followed by singing the “Star Spangled Banner” and “O Canada”.

As the meal was being served, the presiding officers introduced the Head Table and various invited guests, along with the family and friends of MEGHP Luft. Called upon to speak were Sebastian Pasquera, State Master Councilor of CT DeMolay accompanied by Brian Beals, Executive Officer; Brenna Wrinn, Grand Worthy Advisor of Connecticut of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls accompanied by Anne Needham, Supreme Inspector; Linda W. Stephens, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Connecticut Order of the Eastern Star; along with Charles W. Rowland, Worthy Grand Patron; and SK William D. Passera, RE Grand Commander Knights Templar of CT, all of whom offering their congratulations and appreciations for our support.

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

ceremony to locate and present the awardee in the Banquet East. MEGHP Luft began with the Grand Chapter's Ephraim Kirby Citation for Meritorious Service Award, presented to Companion Jason R. Rieger; then with the assistance of Companion Teko A. Foly, the General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter RAM International, Companion Michael D. Sabia was presented with the General Grand Chapter Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service. MEGHP Dan, again with the help of Companion Foly, presented Dan's lady Tammy with a General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award. Rounding out the awards, and taking advantage of the presence of former CT resident MEPGHP William Lott, and visiting also as a PMIGM from Delaware, Companion Bill was presented with his 50 year pin and certificate from Grand Chapter.

Then it was the Grand Council's turn. MPGM McNeely, using his own roundup crew, presented Knight of Ish Sodi Awards to two Ill. Companions chosen for their leadership in their Councils this year: Ill. Companions Scott R. Atkins and Gail N. Smith. Then followed the prestigious Philip J. Jones Award, which this year features the rollout of the newly designed alternate to the former award style (no longer manufactured) and was presented to PMPGM Charles A. McCollum.

Dignitaries from the General Grands were called upon for their remarks. Companion David W. Schuler, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the Northeastern Jurisdiction was recognized first, followed by Companion Teko A. Foly, RE General Grand King, who presented MEGHP Daniel Luft with his Plaque, Pin and Certificate attesting to his year of service, on the promise ME Dan will complete his term the very next morning.

MPGM McNeely recognized Companion Gary G. Wyne, Executive Secretary of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International who will be providing his formal remarks at tomorrow's session.

Among final announcements for the Grand Session in the morning, the results of a 50-50 raffle taken in the course of the evening netted \$1,010 to be split between our charities, RARA and CMMRF (\$505 each).

Final remarks were offered by Brother & Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Free Accepted Masons of CT, and concluded the banquet ceremonies with the Benediction at 8:30 pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

ATTENDANCE

GRAND OFFICERS

James S. McNeely (01)	Most Puissant Grand Master
Bradley K. Cooney (08)	R.I. Dep. Puissant Grand Master
Darrin D. Silhavy (06)	R.I. Principal Conductor of
Charles A. McCollum (06)	R.I. Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller, II (01)	R.I. Grand Recorder
William E. Weisert (04)	III. Grand Captain of the Guard
Michael D. Sabia, Jr. (06)	III. Grand Conductor
Jeffery A. Flynn (01)	III. Grand Steward
Arnold S. Grot (01)	III. Grand Chaplain
Martin Ede (08)	III. Grand Historian
Charles M. Jewart (01)	III. Grand Marshal
Scott R. Atkins (08)	III. Grand Sentinel
Scott T. Sherrick (16), PGM	III. Assistant Grand Treasurer
James S. McNMeely, IV (01)	III. Assistant Grand Recorder
Charles B. Fowler, Jr (01)	III. Assistant Grand Recorder
Scott Sherrick (16), PGM	Grand Trustee
Charles D. O'Neill (06),	Grand Trustee
Paul L. Chello (19,36), PGM	Grand Trustee

PAST MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTERS

Richard G. Barrows (02)	James C. Kleinkauf (36)
Bruce R. Bellmore (08)	Charles A. McCollum (06)
Richard A. Eppler (19)	Charles D. O'Neill (06)

Charles B. Fowler (01) Hon Michael E. Seamon (01)
 Clyde W. Kayser II (08) Randy S. Stevens (19)

COUNCILS REPRESENTED – 10 of 11

Constituent Council Representatives

NO.	T.I.M.	D.I.M.	IPCW
1	# Eric Hoy	Edward Varjabedian	Michael E. Seamon
2	Gail Smith	Richard Barrows	Art Mullens-Stone
4	Greg Messier	William Weisert	Richard Allen
6	James F B Wood	Adam Odell	Silas Mante
8	NR	NR	NR
9	Christian Schunmann	Harold Elwell	
16		Gary Shepard	Craig Nelson
19	Richard A Eppler	Gerald Calabritto	
20	Mychael Scribner		
23	Thomas A Duclos	Dean M Gousse	Terrence D Mish
25	Frederick J Taft		Harrison Redford

Denotes Proxy NR Denotes not represented

PAST TIMs (Not Otherwise Listed)

John Amarilios (06)	Robert G. Fitzgerald (01)
Douglas D. Barnard (25)	William F. Lott (02)
Michael K. Butteri (25)	Daniel M. Luft (09)
Vincent A. Cowie (09)	William D. Passera (09)

DELIBERATIONS OF GRAND COUNCIL

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut was Declared Open in Ample Form by Most Puissant Grand Master James S. McNeely at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 4 June 2022. He called upon Grand Chaplain Grot to offer prayer.

The MPGM welcomed all present and announced that registration with the Committee on Credentials would close at

approximately 2:00 pm, and that the left half of the Ballot will serve as a Voting Card.

The Grand Council was then Called Off to Refreshment, and Ladies and guests were welcomed into the Assembly room. MPMG McNeely invited MEPGHP Daniel M. Luft to join him as they greeted:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Connecticut Knight Crusaders of the Cross
Companion **Craig R. Nelson**, Knight Crusader in the East

Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings
Companion **Michael E. Seamon**, Thrice Illustrious King

Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch
Masonry
Companion **Michael D. Sabia**, Most Excellent President

Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
Companion **Robert Y. Chan**, Excellent Chief

York Rite Sovereign College of North America
Companion **Charles A. McCollum**, Past Grand Governor for
Connecticut
Companion **Richard A. Eppler**, Past Grand Governor for
Connecticut
Companion **Gregory Whitehouse**, Deputy Grand Governor
for Connecticut
Companion **Steve Chiappalone**, Pre-Eminent Governor,
Connecticut York Rite College 17

Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights York Cross of Honour
Companion **Daniel M. Luft**, Eminent Prior

Nathan Hale Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees
Companion **Clyde W. Kayser, II**, Sovereign Master

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

Companion **Clyde W. Kayser II**, Very Eminent Preceptor

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

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

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of **Minnesota** – 1859

Companion **R. Sean Gardiner**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **New Jersey** - 1857

Companion **Matthew R. McCready**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

Companion **Prince D. Selvaraj**, Asst. Grand Superintendent

Grand Chapter of **Maine**, Royal Arch Masons - 1821

Companion **Timothy E. Libby**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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

Companion **Thomas X. Tsirimokos**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of **Vermont** - 1804

Companion **Roland E. Woodard**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of **New York**, Royal Arch Masons - 1798

Companion **Raymond Roche**, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

Companion **Jamie J. Kaim**, RE Grand Principal Sojourner

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of **Massachusetts** - 1798
Companion **Ernest A. Bean**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Companion **John W. Ruggles, II**, RE Grand Scribe
Companion **Robert Y. Chan**, RE Grand Royal Arch Captain

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of **Rhode Island** and
Providence Plantations - 1798
Companion **Mark D. Thompson**, RE Grand Scribe

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of **Maryland** - 1797
Companion **Robert B. Lumbert**, Most Excellent Past Grand
High Priest

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Delaware** - 1926
Companion **William F. Lott**, Past Most Illustrious Grand
Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters in the Province of
Ontario – 1924
Companion **Prince D. Selvaraj**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the **District of Columbia** –
1919
Companion **Uzo E. Chukwu**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Maryland** - 1874
Companion **Robert B. Lumbert**, Most Illustrious Past Grand
Master

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of
New Jersey - 1860
Companion **Sean H. McNorton**, Most Illustrious Grand
Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons of the State of
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations - 1860
Companion **Russell Lorensen**, Most Illustrious Grand
Master

Grand Council of **Maine** Royal & Select Masters - 1855
Companion **Timothy E. Libby**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of **Vermont** - 1854
Companion **David W. Schuler**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

The Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons of
Massachusetts- 1826
Companion **John Ruggles**, Past Deputy Grand Master
Companion **Glen M. Cunningham**, RI Grand Principal
Conductor of the Work

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of **New Hampshire** - 1823
Companion **Thomas X. Tsirimokos** , Most Illustrious Grand
Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of **New York** - 1823
Companion **John A. Gallant**, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Commandery of **Knights Templar** of Connecticut
Companion **William D. Passera**, Right Eminent Grand
Commander

General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International
Companion **Charles A. McCollum**, Right Puissant General
Grand Treasurer
Companion **Gary G. Wyne**, Executive Secretary, CMMRF

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International
Companion **Teko A. Foly**, Right Excellent General Grand
King
Companion **David W. Schuler**, Most Excellent Northeast
Deputy General Grand High Priest

Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of CT
Brother **Bruce R. Bellmore**, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Brother **Matthew F. Griffin**, Right Worshipful Grand Junior
Steward

The gavel was tendered to MWGM Bellmore who used it to seat the assembly and returned it to MPGM McNeely who then led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star Spangled Banner and O Canada.

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

MPGM McNeely then led the Companions in saluting MWGM Bellmore with the Grand Honors of Masonry.

MPGM McNeely requested the visiting Most Puissant/Illustrious Grand Masters to assemble west of the Altar where he led the assembly in saluting them with the Private Grand Honors and presented them with Certificates of Honorary Membership in the Grand Council of Connecticut. Companion Thomas E. Libby of Maine spoke on behalf of the visitors and thanked Connecticut for the hospitality extended to them.

The Past Most Puissant Grand Masters of Connecticut were asked to gather west of the Altar as their name was called by the Assistant Grand Recorder. There they were saluted with the Private Grand Honors and thanked for their advice and counsel by MPGM McNeely.

On motion of Assistant Grand Recorder Fowler, VOTED to approve the minutes of the 202nd Anniversary Assembly of the Grand Council as printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Representatives were asked to rise to receive the applause and thanks of the Assembly for their service.

All holders of the Knight of Ish Sodi award were asked to rise, and they too were rewarded with thanks and applause.

The Assistant Grand Recorder called the roll of the holders of the Philip J. Jones Award for Distinguished Masonic Service. Each rose as his name was called, and they were warmly greeted with applause.

Companion Arnold Grot reported for the Committee on Necrology, particularly noting the passing of PMPGM Peter J. Stapleton, and led the Companions in prayer.

Because he had another engagement this day, MWGM Bruce R. Bellmore addressed the assembly with greetings and remarks, and made his exit.

Companion Hoy reported for the Committee on Credentials that there were 46 Companions present who were eligible to vote.

Companion Passera reported for the Committee on Audit, and on his motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

The Grand Treasurer delivered his report. VOTED to accept.

MPGM McNeely presented a report on the status of the funds in the custody of the Grand Trustees, noting that it is to be hoped that a complete report can be obtained soon, there having been none for two years.

The Assistant Grand Recorder presented the report of the absent Grand Recorder and moved its acceptance. So VOTED.

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

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

Sir Knight **William D. Passera**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut brought his greetings to the assembly.

ELECTIONS

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

Most Puissant Grand Master	James S. McNeely IV
R.I. Deputy Puissant Grand Master	Darrin D. Silhavy
R.I. Prin. Conductor of the Work	William E. Weisert II
R.I. Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
R.I. Grand Recorder	William L. Miller II
Grand Trustee to June 2025	Charles D. O'Neill

MPGM-elect McNeely announced the following appointments:

Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard	Michael D. Sabia, Jr
Ill. Grand Conductor	Charles M. Jewart
Ill. Grand Steward	Scott R. Atkins
Ill. Grand Sentinel	Scott Daniels
Ill. Grand Chaplain	Daniel M. Luft
Ill. Grand Historian	Martin Ede
Ill. Grand Marshal	Eric H. Hoy
Ill. Asst Grand Treasurer	Scott T. Sherrick
Ill. Asst Grand Recorder	James S. McNeely IV
Ill. Asst Grand Recorder	Charles B. Fowler Jr.
Ill. Asst Grand Chaplain	Arnold S. Grot

FURTHER DELIBERATIONS

Newly installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest **Clyde W. Kayser II** brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Companion Weisert presented the report of the Committee on Bylaws, and Companion McCollum delivered the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. Together they indicated approval of the consolidation of Menunketuck Council No. 36 with Harmony Council No. 8 to form Harmony-Menunketuck Council No. 8. VOTED to accept the reports and approve the consolidation.

Companion McNeely presented the report of the Committee on Budget and moved its adoption with the implementing resolutions. The budget and resolutions were ADOPTED.

MPGM McNeely then ordered that all other reports received but not read were to be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

MPGM McNeely offered his final remarks and discharged all his committees with thanks.

Companion **Gary Wyne**, Executive Director of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation addressed the assembly and

reported on some of the exciting new treatments of cardiovascular diseases which are being developed.

MPGM McNeely announced that the 50/50 raffle at the banquet last evening had resulted in over \$500 to be donated to CMMRF.

Companion **Charles A. McCollum**, Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, in his remarks about the General Grand Council, announced that Companion Martin Ede has been appointed General Grand Ambassador for Connecticut.

The Grand Council was then Called Off to Refreshment so that the ladies and other guests might be invited into the room for the Installation of Officers.

INSTALLATION

The new officers for 2022-2023 of The Most Puissant Grand Council of CT were installed by PMPGM Randy S. Stevens with PMPGM Martin Ede assisting as Marshal and PMPGM Eppler as Chaplain.

With the assistance of Lady Anne McNeely, a Past Most Puissant Grand Master jewel was presented to MPGM McNeely by PMPGM Michael E. Seamon.

Companion Steven Chiappalone, Pre-Eminent Governor of Connecticut York Rite College No. 17, presented flowers to Lady Anne McNeely on behalf of the College.

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

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

Installing Officer Stevens led the Companions in saluting MPGM McNeely with the Private Grand Honors.

CLOSING

There being no further business, MPGM McNeely called upon Grand Chaplain Luft for a Benediction, and declared The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut Closed in Ample Form at 3:30 pm.



Attest

Charles B. Fowler, Jr.
Assistant Grand Recorder

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 204th Anniversary Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of CT will be held in conjunction with the 224th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arch Masons of CT on Saturday, 3 June 2023, starting at 9:00 am, at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell CT.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will meet in Annual Convocation 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, 2 June 2023.

REPORTS**MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER****Companions all,**

I want to start by welcoming Most Worshipful Brother and Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; Most Excellent Companion Dan Luft, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Companion William Passera, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, and most important all of you to the 203rd annual assembly of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

Hopefully, for the last time, we can say that this has been a year unlike no other in our lifetime. While I say that, I do, recognize that this Grand Council, over her 203 years, has seen worse events and has always found a way to not only survive but thrive. After most era defining events our Grand Council has seen growth in membership and in the number of Councils. While I am not certain that we will see new Councils formed, we do need to continue to be prepared for new candidates.

Personal Thank You's:

Without the support of my wife Anne, I would not have been able to do this job. She has allowed me to miss countless meals, hours of book reading, and many bedtimes. She is my support and my sounding board. Because of the pandemic she has been able to work from home, thus, I can do this work and without her I would not be able to do any of the things in service of the Craft. You are the love of my life and I am eternally grateful. Jack, you have given me the greatest and only title that I care about and that is "Baba".

To Companions Sully, Jack, and (my) Sean Gardiner I could not have asked for better friends who always had their phone on when I called. The support and counsel, not only masonic but more importantly life and family, has been beyond anything expected. You are the family that we find along life's journey.

To the Traveling Trowelmen: Sean McNorton, John Gallant, Andy Maninos, Dave Schuler, Sandy Karstens, Roland Woodard, and last but not least Ernie Bean. We travel together, we break bread

in all its forms, including liquid, and we talk and share and we expect that we will steal ideas from each other. The love that each of you has for the ancient craft is awe inspiring. I am thankful that masonry brought us together and that by the actions of our companions we have been able to spend this point in time together.

Dan and Craig, getting to share this year and attempt to re-open our bodies has been enjoyable. Having the chance to travel throughout much of the Northeast with both of you brought many laughs. Dan, you became a great sounding board as we faced many of the same issues and because of your openness to share approaches both Chapters and Councils heard similar messages. I am glad to have shared this journey with you.

To Mike Seamon and Andy Birdsall thank you for this journey. Mike, serving as your Grand Marshal and traveling with you was a pleasure. Andy, you gave me this gift and I have truly enjoyed it. Thank you both!

State of the Grand Council and Councils:

During the past year, I have had the chance to visit every Council multiple times. I have seen good work and I have seen some things that have me very concerned. This past year we greeted 46 new companions and we saw 8 reinstated. All of our Councils were able to open regularly with the exception of one and they made the decision to consolidate. With this consolidation, we are now down to eleven Councils. If you look at the numbers, we did a great job of adding companions to our rolls but we need to do more to stop the dimits, suspensions and NPDs; if we cut that number in half, we would have seen positive growth this year. We have no control over death but we can work to give our members a reason to join, be active and stay a member. As we are completing the return to our Councils, one area that all of our Councils need to improve on is their opening and closing ritual. Even with new officers in all but one of our Councils, we should spend a little time working on the lines and close the books even if it slows down the opening and closing.

Wolcott #1 – does good work on all aspects of the ritual and the education presentations have been good for several years and has

continued to bring in new companions. While they have mostly new officers, they need to work on providing the needed training/education to encourage them to progress through the chairs for the long-term health of the Council.

Montgomery #2 – continues to bring in new candidates and there is a desire of the newer officers to do work in their assembly. We need to support their efforts to build and grow these future leaders of this Council.

Cushing #4 – needs to keep building and working. A good mix of new and old that provides stability, needs to work on ritual especially conferring degrees in house. They have talent, they just need to find confidence in themselves. They also need to work on succession planning for several key officers.

Washington #6 – continue your two-year program! They not only have new Companions but they are creating active members. Between your fellowship, degree work and educational programs you have given your companions a reason to join and stay.

Harmony-Menunketuck #8 – it seems that the change in night has been a success and allowed the Council to regularly open. Needs to continue improving ritual and education but you have a nice foundation to build off of and with the addition of Menunketuck this will only improve. Thanks to the efforts of MPC Tomlinson, meals and fellowship are strong.

Hamilton #9 – great programs, ritual, and education. They are not only drawing new members but also able to keep current companions active. They annually host the DiPasquale Surf and Turf dinner as a fundraiser for CMMRF and it is a great event. Keep up the great work!

Paugussett #16 – continues to be a successful consolidation of two Councils. The officers are involved and active. They are able to do good work, provide quality education and draw new members.

Crawford #19 – needs to complete the move to West Haven. While this Council is struggling, they are bringing in new companions who are becoming active. These new Companions need support to continue learning and improving their Council. There is a solid foundation to build on with some excellent teachers in their midst. Very optimistic that their struggles are short-term.

Buel #20 – have several short- and long-term issues. The first and most pressing will be the loss of the Masonic Temple by the end of the year and thus will be moving at some point. They continue to struggle with getting nine companions to open. They need to give members a reason to attend. Thankfully, they do continue to draw new members and have several newer officers that are still learning and improving their work.

Suffield #23 – has struggled to open at times but there is a renewed interest on the part of the companions. They have a new corps of officers that want to see the Council improve and bring in new members. There is a desire to do the work in house and spend the time working on ritual to do the best job possible. They continue to have candidates and are working to give companions reason to attend and be active.

Lee #25 – also has a renewed interest. They also have new officers and desire to build on many of the lessons that they learned during the pandemic. They continue to have great fellowship and a desire to improve their ritual to continue to attract new members. Their corned beef dinner in March continues to be one of the best events in the state.

Menunketuck #36 – after many years of struggles they have decided it was time to consolidate. The major parts were completed during the April assembly as presented earlier in this report. For a small Council they always punched above their weight and this Grand Council is better because of their labors. We are indeed grateful for the three Most Puissant Grand Masters that came from your Council during the past thirty-seven years.

While the above is my short assessment of each Council it is just that, my assessment. The effort made over the past year by the Grand Officers and even more importantly by the TIMs and individual Councils has been above expectations coming off of a global pandemic that continues to impact all of us.

Grand Officers:

This Grand Officer team has worked extremely well together. Over the last year we have met at least once a month via Zoom to hold Grand Officers meetings. These meetings have helped to develop a working relationship, help move our Councils forward, and make sure that all of the officers had an opportunity to be involved and provide input into decisions made.

Brad – your council has always been wise, timely, and appreciated. I wish you nothing but the best and am sad that you will not have the opportunity to complete this journey but I am glad that you are willing to take on a few new projects. You will always have an important place in this Grand Council regardless of how you serve.

Darrin – you have been invaluable this past year, as Brad slowed down you stepped up and took weight off my shoulders. I am thankful that you were willing to travel to all of the Councils and even represent our Grand Council when I was unable to attend an event.

Miller and McCollum – you both always encourage excellence. While many times we fall short you continue to push and help find areas to improve. I am always most grateful for the council as well as the support. At the end of the day, it is your efforts that keep our Grand Council running smoothly. There are not enough thank you's for all that you both do.

Bill, Mike, Chuck, and Scott – you spent your time in your Councils, you were in contact with them and were that point person that I asked you to be. You were never afraid to ask questions not only of your Chapters but of other Grand Officers. All four of you made this work easier and more enjoyable. Thank you for your efforts.

It is because of the work of all our Grand Officers that this year was successful. Each of you have spent countless hours working to improve the Councils across this state. You have been tireless in your efforts and have shown a willingness to do the work that needs to be done. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Presentations:

During the past year I had the opportunity to represent the Grand Council in several places including the DeMolay Golf Tournament and their Conclave, Grand Chapter of CT OES, Grand Assembly of CT Amaranth, Grand Assembly of CT Rainbow, Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery, Grand Masters Day, Triennial session of the General Grand Council, as well as several lodge presentations.

Due to the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic had on our annual assembly in 2021, I had the pleasure of presenting the Ish Sodi and Philip J. Jones awards that were announced at the 2021 annual. I also had the distinct pleasure of presenting a few companions with their fifty-year certificate and pin. From the time I was a district deputy I have always enjoyed making this presentation; these companions have labored long in the quarries and they deserve to be recognized for their dedication and longevity to our craft. Sadly, too many times these presentations are not done in our assemblies but via the mail. Our councils need to make these presentations a higher priority for their members.

Activities & Actions:

Held discussions with the Most Puissant Grand Master of the General Grand Council (GGC) regarding the potential of our Grand Council joining, per the recommendation of MPC Martin Ede last year. These discussions were beneficial for there is much understanding and agreement on both sides regarding several issues:

1. All PMPGM will be full voting members of the GGC upon our membership.
2. The GGC has no control over our honorific titles of office nor do they require that we change said titles.
3. That we would retain the ability to withdraw from membership at any time.

Held a Special Session of the Grand Council for the purpose of hosting a statewide degree festival. The day started with a training and education seminar in the morning with presentations by RI Miller and MP McCollum for the recorders and treasurers and education presentations by IC Jewart, IC Butteri, and myself. After a great lunch served by Wolcott Council, led by TIM Brian Berk and

Companion Walt Grube degrees were presented in the afternoon for 25+ candidates. The work was well done with the Royal Master Degree being conferred by Hamilton Council and the Select Master Degree being done mostly by the Grand Officers.

Consolidation of Harmony and Menunketuck Councils. These Councils started the discussion of consolidating in August 2021 with each having a committee to work on resolving any potential issues. In March MPC Kleinkauf representing Menunketuck placed calls to move the process of consolidation with Harmony Council forward. The Grand Recorder worked with both Councils and put together a road map to facilitate the process in a timely manner. In April, both Councils met in New Haven and held stated assemblies where separate votes were held to consolidate under the name of Harmony-Menunketuck Council #8 and operate under the by-laws of Harmony Council #8 with meetings to be held in New Haven on the 1st Tuesday. Upon the votes to consolidate and approval of the by-laws, elections were held and officers installed. As the by-laws committee has approved the changes as presented by Harmony-Menunketuck Council #8, I move the approval by this Grand Council of the consolidation of Harmony and Menunketuck Councils into Harmony-Menunketuck Council #8.

Installation of the TIM of Cushing Council was held during an extraordinary meeting of the Grand Council during the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. Due to the scheduled installation of officers being held during Holy Week the TIM-elect, Ill. Companion and Rev. Bill Weisert, would not have been available to be installed prior to the end of April and past the deadline to submit the annual report of Cushing Council in accordance with our Grand Council Law. After discussing with the members of Cushing present (7) as well as Grand Council officers present and two members of our jurisprudence committee the decision was made to install the TIM-elect at that place and time with all other officers to be installed within the apartments of Cushing Council at the regular time.

Dispensations Granted:

2021-1 Crawford Council – requested to change time and place to meet with Joseph Andrews/Pulaski Chapter in West Haven on the 2nd Thursday. This is a continuation of dispensation 2020-1. Dispensation granted conditional on the Council working to change their bylaws and set to expire on 30 September 2021.

2021-1a Crawford Council – as the Council has started efforts to change their bylaws the dispensation 2021-1 is extended.

2021-2 Menunketuck Council – requested to change time and place to meet with Crawford Council in West Haven on the 2nd Thursday. This is a continuation of dispensation 2019-01. Dispensation granted conditional on the Council working to either change their bylaws or consolidate and set to expire on 30 November 2021.

2021-3 Harmony Council – requested to change time and day to meet with Franklin Chapter #2 on the 1st Tuesday.

2021-4 Menunketuck Council – requested to change time and place to hold a joint meeting with Harmony Council on 5 April 2022 for the purpose of consolidation with Harmony Council.

Dispensations Not Granted:

Cushing – requested to change the date of the February stated assembly from 14 February to Sunday 13 February to avoid Valentine's Day conflicts. Did not grant due to Assembly being cancelled due to a multiday Nor'easter.

Decisions Made:

Appointment of Illustrious Companion Charles Jewart to replace IC Jeff Flynn after he resigned from office as Grand Steward.

Suspended the jewel of the Treasurer of Crawford Council due to irregularities within the handling of Council accounts on 12 November 2021 and instructed that the Asst. Treasurer fulfill the duties until further notice. At the same time, I instructed Grand Treasurer McCollum and Companions Atkins and Calabritto to perform an investigation including a financial review of the previous four years.

Instructed the Grand Recorder to work with a new provider for the Philip J. Jones medal and due to minimum order quantities, to procure a twenty-five-year supply. This decision was made due to the closure of the previous supplier and that the Grand Recorders office currently does not have any on hand.

Recommendations:

To form an Educational Committee – under the direction of a newly created Grand Council Education Officer. The purpose of which is to develop educational programs for our Councils and Companions.

That the Grand Council develop a new website. This recommendation is made to help increase the usability of our site with a developer that is able and willing to provide a structure that will limit the amount of spam/phishing emails that are being received by our Companions.

That every Council appoint an Assistant Treasurer and/or Recorder and that every Council have at least two authorized signers on all Council accounts. This is to help provide continuity and help with succession as well as to protect the Council if tragedy occurs.

That the Grand Council continue discussions regarding our joining of the General Grand Council.

Awards Committee – that Section 401 of the Laws of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut be changed as follows:

Section 401. PHILIP J. JONES MEDAL. The Philip J. Jones Distinguished Service Award Medal shall be a jewel on which is represented a broken triangle, enameled in purple, on which is a trowel, and with a wreath around the triangle. The triangle shall be suspended from two (2) bars **or by bar and ribbon**, the upper bar having the word "CONNECTICUT" and the lower bar **or upon the reverse side of the jewel** the name of the recipient engraved thereon. The medal shall be accompanied by an appropriate citation.

This change is recommended as it will allow for the Awards committee and the Grand Recorders office to have flexibility in the continued procurement and production of a suitable award in the coming years.

That the Grand Council hold training seminars during this next year to continue teaching our council officers their duties and responsibilities with a primary focus on the five elected officers.

That the Ritual Committee looks at changes to staging of the Select Master to provide better viewing for Companions on the sidelines. Also, that they consider a change to the second section of the Select Master to have the Guards receive the words and signs prior to advancing to the ninth arch; these signs and words are taught in the first section and are meant to be the signs and words to advance to the ninth arch.

Travels and Visitations:

Over the last year I have had the pleasure to represent this Grand Council in eleven states plus Western Canada, at the annual sessions of the Sovereign York Rite College, Knight York Cross of Honor, the Northeast and the East Central Regional Conference, and the first session of the General Grand Council. I was not able to attend the Grand sessions of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and District of Columbia nor any of the Atlantic Provinces. Over the last year, I travelled many miles, plus several flights, on behalf of the Grand Council. Those miles include the above mentioned and forty-two Council visits with at least two visits to every Council, if you allow me to count the Milford Carol sing

James S. McNeely IV

DEPUTY PUISSANT GRAND MASTER

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve over the past year with this illustrious group of officers. My only regret is that I have not been able to serve them, and this Grand Council, better. I have been able to participate in our virtual meetings, and have contributed to the public events to the best of my ability – from home.

My present circumstances prevent me from attending our Grand Session, and from serving this Grand Council as a line officer in the coming year. I have agreed to serve in a capacity requested by our

Most Puissant Grand Master, and am grateful for the opportunity to do so. My heartfelt thanks to the MPGM James McNeely and to the incoming DPGM Darrin Silhavy for offering to step-up and continue to serve this Grand Council for the ensuing year.

Our Grand Council is in good hands.

Bradley K. Cooney

PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

It was my pleasure to serve our M.P. Grand Council as Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work. Our R.I. Grand Recorder, William L. Miller II, recently sent a communication where he coined a new acronym, CES (COVID emergence syndrome). What a perfect way to characterize this year's activities of the M.P. Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Connecticut. Our Council year began with many virtual meetings. As the year progressed, our Councils slowly emerged where we are operating in a typical fashion. Some of the highlights for me included representing the Grand Council at the reception of the Grand Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls of Connecticut, attending the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner sponsored by the York Rite bodies in Collinsville, and attending the Grand Council sessions in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

I had the pleasure of visiting many of our Councils virtually and in-person toward the latter half of the year. I also assisted in the conferral of degrees in several Councils. Although some Councils continue to struggle, we have others that are thriving. What I found to be most rewarding is watching the progression of line officers over the past few years. Their regular attendance, proficiency, and educational programs offered evidence of their improvement. It is also terrific to see Councils encouraging our newest members to take roles as officers and/or participate in degree conferral.

In the future, I hope each of our Councils will continue to deliver educational programs on Cryptic Masonry. If you need topics for

discussion, I recommend starting in two places. First, each Council has a copy of Robert Davis's Cryptic Masonry Education Course. These books were distributed to all TIMs by PMPGM Charles O'Neil in 2019-2020. Second, I encourage you to look for information on the website of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Although we are not members of the General Grand Council, copies of their cryptic newsletters are available to the public on their website under resources. Each of these newsletters has a section devoted to a topic on Cryptic Masonry. This could be used as an additional source for your educational programming. Remember, many of our Companions joined our bodies to receive further light; we cannot be remiss in our duty to provide this guidance.

Finally, I thank each companion, whether a Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or a Companion within our Councils, for your assistance in helping me to become a better leader. I especially thank Most Puissant Companion James S. McNeely IV for his support and guidance. With everyone's help, I look forward to continuing to help maintain and build Cryptic Masonry in Connecticut.

Darrin D. Silhavy

**GRAND TREASURER
5/1/2021 THRU 4/30/2022**

Balance in account 5/1/2021 \$10,617.23

INCOME

Bicentennial	755.00	
CMMRF In	120.00	
Per Capita	9,945.00	
Other Income	495.00	
Sales	308.00	
Transfer from Trustees	0.00	
Total Income		\$11,623.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$22,240.23

EXPENSE

Bicentennial	0.00
Annual Assembly	0.00
Gifts	0.00
Aprons & Jewels	1,856.13
CMMRF Donation	120.00
DeMolay/Rainbow	1,000.00
Gratuity Organist	0.00
Insurance	2,802.28
Miscellaneous	703.38
MPGM Travel	3,232.25
Office Equipment Rental	400.00
Printing & Postage	912.70
Salary Recorder	2,800.00
Salary Treasurer	800.00

Storage & Supplies	94.35
Taxes	329.95
Website	350.00
YRCC	0.00
Total Expenses	\$15,401.04
Balance in account 04/30/2022	\$6,839.19

Charles A. McCollum

GRAND RECORDER

Companions all.

I must first ask you to excuse my tardiness this morning. As fate would have it, I was needed down state attending my daughter's wedding. And so, I enlisted once again the support of our Assistant Grand Recorder Chuck Fowler for a temporary re-call to active duty, and with that my deepest gratitude. If my preparations have been successful, all he will have had to do is supervise; and if not, I'm sure he'd know how to fix it.

Apart from the challenge to return to some state of pre-COVID normalcy, this last year has been a continuation of transitioning into this job. My main focus has been to work toward conversion of Grand Council files into an easier-to-use electronic platform at each stage of the year, but we're not done yet. Asst. Rec. Chuck has been most helpful and understanding in this process.

Our Councils have been coming back on-line, and it is becoming more apparent that my crusade last year for Succession Planning is taking root, as Councils have begun to integrate younger Companions into their operations, on the dais and for their admin duties as veteran Recorders retire, shoring up access to treasuries, and with veteran PTIMs taking on advisor roles from a different dais chair so as not to violate the "two years in a row" rule. To this we add the infusion of new Companions from the two festivals, showing an eagerness to be of help. This is particularly important

for the smaller Councils who still struggle but are determined to remain viable, and taken overall, a good sign for the future of our York Rite. We have also taken “Succession Planning” to the streets, by engaging the Courtyard Marriott to be our new home for our York Rite sessions, with the April Templar weekend a success, and similar expectations for this our first June gathering since 2019.

My newest campaign, borne from management of our resources for honoring service of our Grand’s and those in the quarries, is preservation of the artifacts we give them as symbols of their service. The pantry of jewels for Past Grand’s has all but dried up, and despite our policy for heirs to return them, this is rarely the case these days, until they show up on EBay so we can buy it back, paying twice. Therefore, rather than wait until the end, wouldn’t it be nice for a Past Grand to honor a younger Companion with his jewel while living, as a testimony to both. There have been a few who have signed up for this, what I call my “Legacy Program” but there are still many jewels out there. This endeavor goes beyond being a nice gesture: we face the high cost and irreplaceable nature of these gold infused items, making new sources of jewels necessary, more readily available and affordable. This is made worse by the decline in specialty craft jewelers whom we relied upon for repairs and refurbishments, even simple engraving services. As a case in point, with the original manufacturer now defunct, we are rolling out a new jewel for the Philip Jones Award, similar in many respects but preserving the style of the former design, and much more affordable such that a quantity purchase will save about \$12,000 over the next 25 years.

Our team approach to the “Office of Recorder” kept up with the critical chores, though a return to the “Opportunities” maybe was a bit premature....as our activities emerged more and more from the COVID darkness like mushrooms, we couldn’t shake the uncertainties enough for accurate planning. Hopefully this next year will bear more fruit as we become more routine again. Our member data base, on the other hand, remains intact as ever with Chuck guarding the portal, and doggedly monitoring the York Rite life of each of our members through our reporting system. Council-wise, we also had all returns filed on time with no fines necessary,

attributed to the steady work of our Council Recorders. Thank you all.

This brings me to the real story of our year. First we saw heightened activity in the fall surrounding two festivals that exalted and greeted the backlog of petitioners from the COVID era. This renewed interest continued through the rest of the year in the larger Councils, cleaning out our cache of rituals. (Not to fear, we're fully restocked now.) As grateful as we are for these results, we still had to face the grim realities of an ever-aging membership we cannot control (deaths 33), but higher than expected losses for dimits and NPDs (46), were surprising, and maybe with some blame to the economy. As a result, our additions (58) were overcome and we have a net loss of 21 on the year. Comparatively, this is a lot better than recent years, but shows how important that festival was despite its critics. We end the end the year with 707 members on our rolls. (As a further note, the Councils trends follow those of our Chapters, but Councils have always traditionally had fewer Companions to start with.)

I have had the continued pleasure to work alongside Grand Treasurer Charles McCollum, to whom I have turned over \$11,623.00 in receipts gathered in and deposited for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022, consisting mostly of per-capita from Councils, but without any infusions from our Grand Trustees. On the expense side, I issued vouchers totaling \$15,671.41 for payment of regular budget obligations.

In closing, it has been an honor to be of continuing service to the Grand Council and with your continued support, guidance and inspiration, we are moving forward.

William L. Miller II

Membership Summary for Last Ten Years

Year Ending	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Greeted	76	47	18	24	37	31	23	17	1	46
Affil& Rein	10	6	12	6	6	89	3	33	4	12
Total Adds	86	53	30	30	43	120	26	50	5	58
Dimits	19	12	11	8	9	97	6	37	4	11
Involuntary	40	62	49	45	54	43	28	34	19	35
Deceased	30	29	41	26	23	31	22	26	42	33
Tot Losses	89	103	101	79	86	171	56	97	65	79
Beginning	1137	1135	1078	1008	959	916	865	835	788	728
Net Change	-3	-50	-71	-49	-43	-51	-30	-47	-60	-21
Ending	1134	1085	1007	959	916	865	835	788	728	707

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

It has been a pleasure to serve this year as your Grand Captain of the Guard, and to serve our Grand Council and the Most Puissant Grand Master. Thank you all for the reception I have been given whenever I have visited your Councils.

Although I have not visited all the Councils this year due to various reasons, some personal, and beyond my normal duties for visitations, I have been honored to have undertaken certain extra duties when called upon by either the MPGM or the Councils

themselves. I look forward to continuing serving the Grand Council and the several Councils as the years progress

My normally scheduled inspections were performed in an orderly and generally timely manner, and I did undertake to do one extra to assist the assigned officer to relieve his conflict. My other responsibility will be covered in a separate report.

Thank you for your support and hospitality. Remember I am here to serve and support you, my Companions, in your Councils and I the Grand Council as well.

William E. Weisert II

GRAND CONDUCTOR

I first would like to thank you all for being given the opportunity to serve as an Officer in this august body of Freemasonry, as it has truly been an honor. This year has been quite eventful, to say the least. This has been the first full year where Councils have had the opportunity to meet in person through an entire calendar year.

I made a trip with several Companions to portray the Select Master Degree at the Tri-State Cryptic Festival on Saturday October 9, 2021 in Saugerties, New York. On Saturday October 30, 2021, although I was unable to be present, I helped to put together the cast for the Royal and Select Master Degrees at a Cryptic Festival held at York Masons Hall in East Hartford, Connecticut.

As far as visitations are concerned, I was assigned to Wolcott #1 in East Hartford, Buel #20 in Torrington and Suffield #23 in Suffield. I made a fraternal visit to Wolcott #1 in October, and made my official Inspection on March 29th, 2022. I made several fraternal visits to Suffield #23 throughout the year, some of which they were unable to open, unfortunately. However, at their April Assembly, they were able to open and new Officers were duly installed by the MPGM, Companion James McNeely. Due to time constraints, however, I was unable to make a visitation, to my dismay, up to Torrington. I asked Ill. Companion Scott Atkins to make the

Inspection this year in my place, as the date planned by them fell on my first visitation out of State.

On that note, the first weekend of March was when I attended the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Sessions of New Jersey. Being my first time making an out of State visit, it was an extremely wonderful time, and I was well received with the Connecticut Delegation.

I again thank you all for the opportunity to serve, and if given the opportunity to continue in the future, it would be an honor.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

GRAND STEWARD

Companions,

My year as Grand Steward has been a short one as I was formally installed just before the Council Festival (before having been the Grand Marshal).

As Grand Marshal I was responsible for putting together a Table Council program to provide to the Councils for future use as we continue to come out of COVID protocols. I was also tasked with re-doing the Council Inspection form for use by the inspecting officers.

During my time as Grand Steward I was part of the Council Festival where it was my honor to confer the Select Master degree on the class in East Hartford. Additionally, I presented a talk where I connected how what we do in our professional and personal lives can help us as we progress in running masonic bodies which was well received.

I attended and marched with the rest of the Grand York Rite bodies in Grand Masters' Day.

Due to other conflicts I was only able to attend Cushing Council #4, where I attended several meetings as they re-opened and inspected their Council.

I also attended and participated in the Order of the Silver Trowel where we greeted several new companions having ascended to the position of Thrice Illustrious Master.

I look forward to continuing the work with the Grand Council line the next several years as well as expanding my travels.

Charles M. Jewart

GRAND HISTORIAN

Greetings Companions,

As we move forward through another year, having reopened after the current pandemic, brothers, companions and the public are stretching forth from this strange hibernation-like period. Now Freemasonry is coming to the fore again. Brothers and Companions are rediscovering their Lodges, Councils and buildings anew and more history is being found and recorded. Just from my lodge, I have recently had two academic requests for information and help in researching brothers of my lodge from our founder of David Wooster to newly raised clergy travelling through the Pacific to the Sandwich Islands in 1822. If requests similar to this are made to you as a Lodge, Chapter, Council, etc., do not pass them by. They are the perfect opportunity to bring the Fraternity to the attention of the public, and, even if a little late in responding, like me, the researchers are very appreciative that a brother replies to them.

If you are unsure of how much information to give out or are unsure of the purpose of the request, do not hesitate to contact me, your Grand Historian, for any help or advice I can give. We should be never so private/secret that we clam up when the public asks us a question. There are always well-informed brethren to ready to help. Given the continuing growth of social media and interest, as I have noted before, we should always plan to be one step ahead of what questions come our way. As noted in the Fellowcraft degree: “The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends to so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly

recommended to your consideration”; and from the Entered Apprentice charge: “At your leisure hours, that you may improve yourself in Masonic Knowledge, you are to converse with well-informed brethren...”.

You may ask what information is to be kept private/secret. The barebones of most Masonic writers is that the specifics of the grips, words, due guards and signs should be kept private (though any decent search on the internet or good library/Amazon will show that these have been exposed for hundreds of year). But any historical or general Masonic history and philosophy should be available to serious researchers and writers if only to be able to counter the internet and assorted conspiracy theories.

I hope that you are all well and if you have any queries, your Grand officers are there for you,

Martin Ede

Report Regarding Grand Trustees 2022

We have not received a full report from the Grand Trustees since 2018 at which time our balance with Fidelity Investments was just over \$161k. As of February 2019, we stopped receiving information regarding our accounts at which time the accounts held \$157,888. At the time of our last full report the funds were split 51% stocks, 44% bonds, and 5% short-term investments. Since that last statement in February 2019, we have had no further information, and the trustees were very up-front of that fact in their reports to this body in both 2020 and 2021.

After being installed last June the goal for the Trustees was to regain access to the accounts and provide this Grand Council with a report. After a very long year with a lot of hard work on the part of Bill Miller, Paul Chello, and Scott Sherrick we are finally able to report that a full report of the Trustees will be possible and that our current trustees will once again have access to the accounts. I am grateful for all of the former Trustees that took the time to answer the phone when I called in our attempt to complete this task.

Based on the hard work of Scott Sherrick we do know that the Fidelity Investment accounts, as of 31 March 2022, had \$197,833.

I look forward to the continued efforts of our Grand Trustees to provide a full report with this additional information.

James S. McNeely IV

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

The committee on Address of the Most Puissant Grand Master reports the following:

That so much as refers to the dispensations and Official acts of the Most Puissant Grand Master have been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That any recommendations of the Most Puissant Grand Master be referred to the incoming Grand Master and Officers.

The Committee on address wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the commitment, energy, and leadership of our Most Puissant Grand Master. We also recognize with much satisfaction the way our Most Puissant Grand Master has represented our Grand Council far and wide, both in State and out of our State.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Grand Council commends James S. McNeely IV our Most Puissant Grand Master, and his lady Anne for their loyal support and outstanding service to this Grand Council.

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

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

The audit was completed on May 20, 2022. The records of both the Treasurer and Recorder for the fiscal year April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022 were reviewed and found accurate. The records have been found to be within the guidelines of Standard Accounting Procedures.

Receipts: \$ 11,623.00 Three deposits were made for the year.
Expenditures \$ 15,401.04 Vouchers: 2101- 2137 issued & paid.
Net Loss (\$ 3,778.04)

We did see that the following tax forms have been filed with both the Federal and State Governments: 990, 944, 940, UC5 & W-3.

Cash Account Breakdown:

Balance April 1, 2021	\$ 11,617.23
Income To March 31, 2022	\$ 11623.00
Expenses To March 31, 2022	\$ <u>15,401.04</u>
Balance March 31, 2022	\$ <u>6,839.19</u>

We recommend that the financial records of both the Recorder and Treasurer be accepted as reported and be printed in the Proceedings of The Grand Royal & Selected Masters of Connecticut Report.

William D. Passera, Ch
Scott R. Atkins
Daniel Luft
Richard L. Sawyers

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

This year we were blessed to have received several nominations for the Knight of Ish Sodi Award. It is the recommendation of your committee to honor the following Companions with the Knight of Ish Sodi Award for meritorious service:

Scott R. Atkins	Harmony Council #8
Gail N. Smith	Montgomery Chapter #2

At the request of the M.P. Grand Master, we as a committee wholeheartedly and unanimously support the selection of Most Puissant Companion Charles A. McCollum to be honored with the Philip J. Jones Distinguished Service Medal.

James S. McNeely, Ch	Richard L. Allen
Bradley K. Cooney	William L Miller
John W. Braddock	Martin Ede

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET
Fiscal Year Ending 30 April 2023

Taxable Membership	663		649
INCOME	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Grand Council Festival	0.00	495	0.00
Per Capita - Members x \$15	9945	9945	9735
Other Income (GRA Xfers in)	200	0.00	0.00
CMMRF	120	120	105
Sales (Rituals, Bicent Jewels)	200	1063	200
Xfer from Trustees	0.00	0.00	2500
Total Income	10465	11623	12540
Cash on Hand 5.1.21	10626	10617	6839
TOTAL AVAILABLE	21091	22240	19379
EXPENSES			
Annual Assembly ('19 share 2600)	2000	0.00	2000
Hospitality, Gifts Food, etc	1000	0.00	1000
Aprons & Jewels (MPGM Apron)	1500	399	0
PMPGM Jewel- legacies needed		39	250
PJJ Jewel - bus closed; new style		1264	0
(Engraving)		30	60
(Badges)		124	60
CMMRF (from donations)	120	120	105
Gratuity Organist	100	0.00	0
Insurance - Council Share	2200	2289	2113
Officer Liability	513	513	513
Miscellaneous (Donations)	250	0.00	250
(Xfers to GRA)		0.00	0
MPGM Travel Allowance	3000	3232.25	3000
Office Equip Rental	400	400	400
Postage	150	112	150
Printing	400	800.52	500
Salary Recorder	2800	2575	2800
Salary Treasurer	800	736	800
Storage (NE Archives)	30	28	28

Supplies	100	67	100
Tax (Employer-SS,Med,UI)	600	656	700
Training & Festivals (contingency)	1000	666	1000
Youth (DeMolay,Rainbow)	1000	1000	1000
Dues YRCC	125	0.00	125
Web Page	350	350	350
TOTAL EXPENSE	18438	15401	17304
ENDING BALANCE	2653	6839	2076

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022-2023

Be it resolved:

That the proposed budget of \$17,303.50 be adopted.

That each Council pay to the Grand Recorder the Per Capita of \$15.00 for each member on the rolls on 31 March 2023 in accord with requirements and exemptions set forth in the Constitution and Law. **This is no increase.**

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

That the Grand Treasurer is authorized after 30 April 2023 to expend funds at the same rate as in this budget until the budget for the next fiscal year shall have been approved.

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

James S. McNeely, Ch.
William L. Miller

Charles A. McCollum
Darrin D. Silhavy

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS

The Grand Council By-Laws Committee has been called into session twice, via e-mail, to review proposed by-laws.

First, we reviewed the proposed by-laws of Crawford Council and after carefully reviewing same, we discovered certain concerns that we felt needed to be addressed by the Council. These by-laws were subsequently returned to the Council for revision addressing our concerns. They have not been returned to the committee as of this writing. The concerns of the committee are as follows:

Art. 1 sec.1-strike everything after the 1st sentence. As written, it limits the power of the Master to set his own trestle board and it also limits the ability of the Master & the Council to have any flexibility in their scheduling of activities;

Art. 1 sec. 2-strike everything after the comma following the zip code. The Council does not have the freedom to become a roving Council. If there is a need to move location, due & timely notice with a dispensation is necessary;

Art. 6 sec 1-curretnly reads that “A candidate upon receiving the Super Excellent Master degree...” needs to be changed to Select Master degree. The Select Master degree is the mandatory terminal degree of this Grand Council and has been for 10+ years, this correction needs to be made to comply with Grand Council Law.

Secondly, we reviewed the proposed by-laws of Harmony-Menunketuck Council. There being no concerns with the by-laws as presented, we have submitted them to be approved by the Most Puissant Grand Master and The Most Puissant Grand Council at the next Grand Session on 4 June of this year.

Thank you for allowing us to serve the Grand Council in this way. We will be pleased to support the Grand Council in all its efforts.

William E. Weisert II, Ch
Jeffrey A. Flynn
Charles M. Jewart

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Grand Officers	10
Councils Represented (out of 11) (Buel No. 20 Absent)	10
Past Most Puissant Grand Masters	11
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters	34
Thrice Illustrious Masters	8
Thrice Illustrious Master Proxies	1
Deputy Illustrious Masters	7
Deputy Illustrious Master Proxies	1
Ill Principal Conductors of the Work	8
Ill Principal Conductor Proxies	1
Total voting delegates	46

Eric H. Hoy, Ch
 Walter Grube
 John Ranney

COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENCIES

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

Bradley K. Cooney, Ch
 Scott Sherrick
 Darrin D. Silhavy

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

A complete overview of the current policies of insurance pertaining to the Grand York Rite bodies of CT may be found in the Joint Committee report rendered last year, which is in the published proceedings.

In order to make renewal activity simpler, the Primary and Umbrella policies of the Philadelphia Insurance Company were extended to expire on June 24. June 24 is also the inception date of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Directors and Officers policy which was authorized in 2021. Having these renewal dates “in sync” makes handling the renewal negotiations easier.

Since (as of this writing - May 20) we have not received any 60 day notice of non-renewal intentions, we are expecting to have the renewal terms available within the next month. For the renewal of these policies (both CGL and D&O), prevailing market conditions will determine what the actual premium dollars will be. This is something we cannot control. It is subject to adjustment based on our up-to-date meeting location information and up-to-date membership count. As membership has declined somewhat, these changes should not have a potential for increasing the final premium calculation.

We recommend that the renewal be finalized with the same insurance carriers. If “prevailing market conditions” turn out to be outlandish, we will have the coming year to seek alternatives.

Robert G. Fitzgerald, RAM
Scott T. Sherrick, RSM
Vincent A. Cowie, KT

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

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

Grand Representatives

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

Dispensations

2021-01 – Crawford Council

Dispensation issued to change the time and place of their meeting to meet with Joseph Andrews/Pulaski Chapter on the 2nd Thursday.

2021-01a – Crawford Council

Dispensation of 2021-01 extended as the Council has begun efforts to change their bylaws.

2021-02 Menunketuck Council

Dispensation to change time and place to meet with Crawford Council on the 2nd Thursday.

2021-03 – Harmony Council

Dispensation given to meet with Franklin Chapter on the 1st Tuesday.

2021-04 – Menunketuck Council

Dispensation given to meet with Harmony Council for the purpose of consolidating.

All of these dispensations were made in accordance with the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Council, and the granting of them is within the prerogatives of the Most Puissant Grand Master.

Decisions

The appointment of IC Charles Jewart to replace IC Jeff Flynn while necessary, it should be noted that an installed officer cannot

resign and therefore the appointment of Jewart should have been to fill a vacancy and not as a replacement.

The remaining two decisions were within the prerogatives of the MPGM.

Proposed Legislation

Legislation was presented to change Section 401 Philip J. Jones Medal. The change was in proper form. MPGM McNeely would like the legislation to lay over until next year for vote.

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

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

The committee moves and seconds that this report be accepted and that all recommendations herein contained be approved.

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

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Time marches on, and we have assembled to complete another year in the history of the Grand Council, and to install the officers for the ensuing year. Let us pause briefly in our ceremony to commemorate the departure of our Companions to that land where all are equal

“O Lord, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.”

John Henry Newman

Thrice Illustrious Masters

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u> (Year TIM)	<u>Died</u>
Carl Edwin Aspland, Jr	Ionic-Doric 33 (1996, 97,98)	18 April 2021
James Vincent Cesario	Crawford 19 (1992)	6 May 2020
Robert L. Kilgore	Hamilton 09 (1986, 89)	2 July 2021
Sumner Earl Hopkins	Hamilton 09 (1990, 91)	25 January 2022

As we gather here, we remember the 35 Companions of Constituent Councils who have laid down the working tools of life and journeyed to that undiscovered country this past year, especially our worthy Companion Peter J. Stapleton who served as Most Puissant Grand Master in 2006.

PETER JOHN STAPLETON

Born 17 May 1942

Greeted 7 October 1982

in Columbia Council No. 19, R.&S.M.

Thrice Illustrious Master

1986 & 2007

in Menunketuck 36

Most Puissant Grand Master 2006

Died 27 June 2021

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

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

Amen

Arnold S. Grot, Ch
William E. Weisert, II
Edward A. Varjabedian

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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

MPGM	James S. McNeely, IV
RIDPGM	Darrin D. Silhavy
RIGPCW	William E. Weisert II
RIGTreas	Charles A. McCollum, PMPGM
RIGSecy	William L. Miller. II
Trustee for 3 years	Charles D. O'Neill, PMPGM

Martin Ede, Ch
Michael E. Seamon
Charles D. O'Neill

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

The ritual committee this year did not received any additions or changes to the ritual.

We do note that there was a new printing of the current ritual during the year.

Charles D. O'Neill, Ch
Martin Ede
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

A group session was held at the York Masons Hall in East Hartford on October 30, 2021. All interested members and officers attended. PMPGM William L. Miller IV and Charles A. McCollum delivered presentations for all recorders and treasures. Additional programming was provided by Charles Jewart and James S. McNeely IV.

Darrin D. Silhavy, Ch
Bradley K. Cooney
Charles M. Jewart
Scott R. Atkins

COMMITTEE ON TRI-STATE FESTIVAL

We were finally able to hold a Tri-State Festival which was hosted by the Grand Council of New York on October 9, 2021, in Saugerties, NY.

Connecticut portrayed the Select Master Degree with a cast predominantly from Washington Council No. 6 in Norwalk. While Connecticut did not have any candidates, other than a couple for the

Super Excellent Master Degree, portrayed by NY, there were over 30 candidates for the RM and SM Degrees.

The 2022 Tri-State Festival will be hosted by Massachusetts at a date to be determined, sometime in the fall.

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

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COORDINATION

No Report received from the Committee.

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

Returns of Active Councils and Record of Expired Councils

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

Note: All Councils are recessed in July and August. All Councils meet in the Masonic Hall at the address shown unless otherwise noted. Membership figures are for year ending 31 March 2022. Officers listed are those for the 2022-2023 year.

WOLCOTT 1

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

York Masons Hall, 784 Main Street, East Hartford
7:30 pm on 2nd Tue

No Phone
EIN 06-6046618

OFFICERS

TIM	Jeffery A. Flvnn	CG	Brian J. Berk
DIM	Edward A. Variabedian	COND	Walter Grube
IPCW	Michael E. Seamon	STEW	Arnold S. Grot
TRES	Michael E. Seamon	SENT	Rodnev A. Spooner
REC	Eric H. Hov	CHAP	John R. Rannev
INT	Joseph P. Grieco Jr	ORG	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - WOLCOTT 01

David C. Abrames	2005,09,10	Charles M. Jewart	2017
Brian J. Berk	2021	William A. G. Mackey	2006,08
Robert G. Fitzgerald	88	James S. McNeely IV	2014
Charles B. Fowler Jr	90	William L. Miller II	93,97
Arnold S. Grot	2019	Stephen D. Piner	78
Eric H. Hoy	2020	Angelo C. Pedrazzini	94,98

Richard L. Sawyers	2012,13,16	T. Donovan Scroggs	2011
Michael E. Seamon	07,18	Francis G. Way	2015

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - ADONIRAM 14

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Roger S. Ather	Stephen D. Piner
Kenneth A. Barrett	Donald G. Poehnert
Lawrence Becker	M Robert Reynolds
Edward O. Clark	William Senk Jr
Robert W. Ferguson	George F. Wales
Rodney I Gray Sr	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 94

Greeted: Joseph P Grieco, David S LaFargue, Alexander Timothy Prague, Rodney A Spooner, Shane J C Csiki, Christopher J Gness, Melvin E Johnson

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted:

No Lodge:

No Chapter: James Thomas Devanney

NPD:

Deceased: Arthur Norman Johnson, Daniel George, Robert Conrad Nordstrom, Walter Channing Schiller, Robert John Gresham, Samuel Gene Blonstein

MONTGOMERY 2

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in Ashford on 14 Feb 1818. In 1837, granted permission to hold future assemblies as a majority of the members shall determine. In 1839, entered as Woodstock; in 1843 as Pomfret; in 1847 again in Ashford; in 1849, authorized to hold future assemblies at the same place where Warren Chapter shall meet. In

1851 it was at Killingly; in 1862 at Woodstock; in 1863 at Killingly; and in 1881 at Danielson (now Brooklyn).

375 Boston Post Road (Route 6), North Windham No Phone
 7:30 pm on 4th Tue in Sep, Oct, Nov, Mar, Apr, May EIN 23-7123374

OFFICERS

TIM	Gregory J. Messier	CG	Gail N. Smith
DIM	Richard G. Barrows	COND	Ryan Snide Jr
IPCW	Arthur Mullens-Stone	STEW	Kenneth D. Stilwell
TRES	J Arthur Carbonaro	SENT	
REC	Raymond C. Knieriem	CHAP	

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS – MONTGOMERY 02

Richard G. Barrows	2006,07,08	Gail N. Smith	2019-21
Donald F. Gladding	99,00	J. Mike Wolf	2016,17
Kenneth W. Marvin	64-68,80,81,83-89,14,15,18		

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS – OLIVE BRANCH 10

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 37

Greeted: Robert Scharlack, Kenneth Dean Stilwell, Ryan Snide Jr,
 Joe Terrian Fox
 Affiliated: John Prentis Glenn
 Reinstated:

No Lodge: Jason Michael Akana, Kenneth Alan Richards
 No Chap: Michael Matthew Akana, Cary William Bentley, Richard Wesley Fahs II, Paul Allen Masters, John Scott Rhoads, Eugene Anthony Roure Jr, Kenneth Edward Hamilton, Theodore Charles Volkert

Dimitted:
 NPD:
 Died: Irvin Roy Daubert, Gregory Jonathan Marsh

MYSTIC 3

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

CUSHING 4

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

15 RT 165, Preston
 2nd Mon after RA Chapter 07

860-908-8515
 EIN 23-7123376

OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – MYSTIC 3

C. A. Duke

93 Alan K. Spear

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ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – CUSHING 4

Richard L. Allen	2017,18,20	Scott A. Daniels Jr	2014,15,21
John A. Birdsall	94,95	James M. Haskins	
J. Andrew Birdsall	2004,11,13		06,08-10,12,16,19
Karl R. Crandall	53	William E. Weisert II	2003

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Charles T. Hall	Alan K. Spear
Carlton H. Landers, Jr.	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 30

Greeted:	Christopher A Britland, Adler W Hodge
Affiliated:	
Reinstated:	
Dimitted:	Christopher C Janik, John George Boras
No Lodg:	
No Chap:	
NPD:	
Deceased:	Richard Charles Patterson, Karl Raymond Crandall, Lealand Baldwin Bishop, Fred Lyons Ruble, John George Grossomanidies

WATROUS 5

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

WASHINGTON 6

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

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

203-655-2140
EIN 06-6049931

OFFICERS

TIM	James F. B. Wood	CG	Barry F. Belardinelli Jr
DIM	Adam Odell	COND	Brett M. Altman

IPCW	Silas Mante	STEW	Mark S. Agnew
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	SENT	
REC	Charles A. McCollum	CHAP	Michael D. Sabia Jr

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS - WASHINGTON 06

John A. Amarilios	2021	James C. Robinson	1987
James J. Fahy	2010,11	Michael D. Sabia Jr	2017
Roland H. Gardner Jr	1989	Darrin D. Silhavy	2016
Richard E. Odell	2015	Peter R. Smyth	2018,19
Charles D. O'Neill	2007,12	Lloyd R. Sturges, Jr.	2014

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - WOOSTER 28

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Irving Lieff

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 64

Greeted:	Kyle Philip Weimar Sr, Brett M Altman, Harding Mogridge Dies, Eduardo J Lopez-Reyes, Barry G Belardinelli Jr, Ashante R McPherson
Affiliated:	Raymond Roche, Mark Sanford Agnew
Reinstated:	Rubens Jose Leite
Dimitted:	Daniel William Michaels, David Kimmins
No Lodge:	
No Chapter:	Ronald James Masi, Steven M Hudson
NPD:	
Deceased:	Mark J Stumacher

CROSS 7

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

HARMONY 8

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

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
1st Tue after RA Chapter 02

No Phone
EIN 23-7123377

OFFICERS

TIM	Scott R. Atkins	CG	Albert R. R. Johnson
DIM	Raul A. Pereles	COND	Richard F. E. Zarnetske
IPCW	Paul L. Chello	STEW	Michael R. Messner
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser, II	SENT	Bruce R. Bellmore
REC	Clyde W. Kayser, II	CHAP	Clyde W. Kayser, II

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Bruce R. Bellmore	82,83,88	John A. Radziunas	2014,16
Bradley K. Cooney	2009,10	Wilfred C. Rompe, III	2013
Martin Ede	2003,04,18,19	Peter M. Sloan	2011,12
Cedric J. Jacobson	2017	Raymond G Tomlinson	97,98,20,21
Clyde W. Kayser, II	93,96		
George A. W. Nousiainen	2001,02		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Carleton V. Erickson

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 49

Greeted: Gary Anthony Tuccio Jr, John Anthony Vergnetti,
Alexander Pasquale Colaiacovo, Jerry Gruenbaum

Affiliated:

Reinstated

Dimitted: Michael James Calderon

No Lodge:

No Chap:

NPD: Ryan Christopher Norstrom, Paul George Speranza

Deceased: Donald Davis Taylor

HAMILTON 9

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

35 Pleasant Street, Meriden
7:30 pm on 2nd Tue

203-980-9929
EIN 23-7123382

OFFICERS

TIM	Christian F. Schunmann	CG	Francis Barnes
DIM	Harold A. Elwell	COND	Mark A. Orsini
IPCW	Jason R. Rieger	STEW	Lorenzo P. Gaudioso
TRES	John W. Braddock	SENT	Anthony Maisano
REC	Kristian M. Maiorino	CHAP	Richard A. Eppler

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Steven J. Chiappalone 2021

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – HAMILTON 22

John W. Braddock	2015,15	Daniel M. Luft	2016-17
Keith A. Cymbala	82,83	Kristian M. Maiorino	2018,19
Richard A. Eppler	2007	Richard I. McKee	77
Robert J. Knowles	2002,03	Bruce Padula	2012-13
Joseph R. Krusienski	81	Arthur M. Pugh	87,88
Delbert A. Little	94-96,2000,09,09		

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – COLUMBIA 09

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

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS – IONIC-DORIC 33

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

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert W. Brumett	Thomas A. Grace
Robert P. Carver	Richard H. Groth
Frank W. Colton	Richard I. McKee
David F. Putnam	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES Year End Membership: 117

Greeted:	John H Kovach, David Stewart, Carl Henry Anderson, Jason K Gadue
Affiliated:	
Reinstated:	Mark Joseph Fiderio, Shane DuFresne
Dimitted:	Boyd Earl Canfield Jr, Alfred James Chapman, Robert A Voghel
No Lodge:	
No Chap:	
NPD:	Matthew Davis Matsil, Geoffrey William Stowell
Deceased:	Henry Albert Dyson, John Wenzel Krisak, Robert Lionel Kilgore, James T Pandolfo, Sumner Earl Hopkins, Edward Schilke Jr

COLUMBIA 9

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

OLIVE BRANCH 10

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

HIRAM 11

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

ADAMS 12

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

TYRIAN 13

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

ADONIRAM 14

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

CLINTON 15

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

PAUGUSSETT 16

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

59 Broad Street, Milford
7:30 pm on 2nd Tue in Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec

203-874-9888
EIN 82-3394752

OFFICERS

TIM	James Whitaker	CG	Andrew Flasko
DIM	Gary D. Shepard	COND	Kurt Wischow
IPCW	Craig R. Nelson Sr	STEW	Joseph Soto
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	SENT	Richard P. Smeland Jr
REC	Charles A. McCollum	CHAP	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Richard A. Kassay	2017,18	James Whitaker	2021
Craig R. Nelson Sr	2019,20		

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – Jerusalem 16

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

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – Adam Sattig 35

Anthony E. Cirella	98	Dennis S. McNamara	94
Frederick N. Chidester	99	Thomas R. Richards	70
Ernest A. Dubois	2006	Robert D. Sherrick	88
Kenneth E. Fears	87	Scott T. Sherrick	95
Robert W. Harriman	2001,03	Frederick A. Traut	96
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr	76	Richard V. Travis	85
Stephen T. Hill	2009-13	James Whitaker Jr	2016,21
Dennis B. Mattison	81		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

	Year End Membership 139
Greeted:	Benjamin Morgan Clark, Jonathan G DeBaun, Joseph S Lengyel, Craig Grannan, Roger K Kuhn Jr, Jeffrey Joseph

Scepanski, Joseph Soto, Gabriel Zayas, Rafael Faria Hamoy, Pedro Garcia II

Affiliated: Daniel William Nichols

Reinstated: Robert Gregory Womack, David Vincent Papp, Clinton Todd Potter, Michael George Nowlin, David William Liedlich

Dimitted: Bruce Alan Rumford, Mark Sanford Agnew

No Lodge: Prez Palmer

No Chap: David Livingstone Simpson Jr, Robert Walter McCulloch, Stephen John Andresen, Peter Wilson Dolce, James Andrew Gulalo, Alan Marc Brown, Charles Joseph Ferraro, Maurice John Heim, Norberto Medina, John Edward Miles, Eugene Ott, Alcides Maria Rios, Darryl Theodore Zebrowski

NPD:

Deceased: Daniel P DePalma, Alfred Eldon Benjamin, James Blaine Aiken Sr, Richard Edmond Ruot, Allyn Willner

WASHINGTON 17

Chartered on 10 May 1849 to work in Norwalk. Revoked 7 May 1883.

JERUSALEM 18

Chartered on 10 May 1849 to work in Ridgefield. Revoked 9 May 1866.

CRAWFORD 19

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

8 Eades Street, Branford
7:30 pm on 4th Wed, except 2nd Wed Nov, Dec

No Phone
EIN 06-6055661

OFFICERS

TIM	Richard A. Eppler	CG	Douglas J. Turcotte III
DIM	Gerald A. Calabritto	COND	Joseph F. McVety Jr
IPCW	Peter J. Cianelli	STEW	Christopher R. Belous

TRES Alan M. Friedman Jr SENT Gerardo Nero
 REC William C. Lang CHAP Dennis J. Frosolone

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

William K. Barr	2004,05	89,95,01,09,10,13,14,17,18
Leonard H. Bucher	85	Earl F. Korngiebel Jr
Paul L. Chello	80	02,11,12,15,16,19-21
Willis E. Copeland Jr	93	Jack H. Stevens 99,07,08
Richard A. Eppler		Randy S. Stevens 97

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leonard H. Bucher	Richard A. Eppler
Paul L. Chello	Donald H. Pitcher

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 44

Greeted: Ahmed Tareq Jawad Al Ameen, Charles Avery Miller III,
 Douglas Joseph Turcotte III, Gerardo Nero, Christopher
 R Belous, Dennis J Frosolone, Joseph F McVety Jr

Reinstated:

Affiliated:

Dimitted:

No Lodg:

No Chap:

NPD:

Deceased: James Vincent Cesario, Allyn Willner

BUEL 20

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

26 Water St, Torrington
 2nd Thu after Cyrus-Meridian 15

No Phone
 EIN 23-7123381

OFFICERS

TIM	Mychael J. Scribner	CG	Andrew G. Weimann II
DIM	Richard D. Corey	COND	John P. Glenn II

IPCW	Carlos A. Gavilano	STEW	Ian Jones
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser II	SENT	Richard A. Weimann
REC	Clyde W. Kayser II	CHAP	Clyde W. Kayser II

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Joseph M. Albanese		Ian Jones	2018
2021		Mychael J. Scribner	2016,17,19
John J. Badeen	2009,10	James R. Shaw	2001
Danny A. Camp	96,97,02	Philip H. Sterns	74,75
Edward J. Candee	71	Andrew G. Weimann II	94,95
Richard D. Corey	2011-13	Charles W. Yohe	86-88
Richard D. Cosgrove, Jr	98,99		
George S. Greytak	2020		

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Dale E. Sweet

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 39

Greeted: John Prentiss Glenn II
 Affiliated:
 Reinstate:
 Dimitted: Scott Alan Rosengrant
 No Lodg:
 No Chap:
 NPD: Brian V Adams
 Deceased: Carl Edwin Aspland Jr, Robert Clarence Seymour

WATERBURY 21

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

WASHINGTON 22, PENNELL 23 AND ORIENTAL 24

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

MONROE 23, ST. CLAIR 24 and PONTIAC 25

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

SUFFIELD 23

Chartered on 9 May 1870 to work in Suffield.

150 Bridge Street, Suffield
7:30 pm 3rd Wed

860-668-2053
EIN 23-7216223

OFFICERS

TIM	Thomas A. Duclos	CG	Mark E. Blackaby
DIM	Dean M. Gousse	COND	Cory R. Rice
IPCW	Terrence D. Mish	STEW	Kevin C. Zorda
TRES	Mark D. Winne	SENT	Russell L. Scull
REC	Dale T. Cunningham	CHAP	Rohit P. Sukhram

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Bruce E. Allbee	2002-04	Nelson C. Hallas	1975
Brian C. Baeder	2012	Charles A. Lizotte	2005,06
Dale Cunningham	15,16,19-21	Terrence D. Mish	1996-99
C. Thomas Curtis	1973,74	Russell L. Scull	2009-11
Thomas A. Duclos	2017,18	Rohit P. Sukhram	2013,14

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert M. Haff	Nelson C. Hallas
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 19

Greeted:
Affiliated:
Reinstated:
Dimitted:
No Lodge:
No Chap:

NPD:

Deceased:

ADONIRAM 24

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

DORIC 24

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

LEE 25

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

123 River Road, Collinsville 860-693-8762
7:30 pm on 1st Fri in Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May EIN 06-6066086

OFFICERS

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

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Douglas D. Barnard	Frederick Hudon	63,64
93,09,13,14,17	Richard R. Jones Jr	2010,11
Brian E. Beals	Eugene F. Miller	78
2015,18	Harrison T. Redford	86,88,03,04
Michael K. Butteri	2019-21	George H. Redford
William F. Carroll	91	99
Leland D. Cobb Jr	75	Chester I. Russell
William S. Hart	73	98,07,08
Edmund C. Holcombe Jr	58	Thomas A. Transue
		97

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leland D. Cobb Jr

William S. Hart

Edmund C. Holcombe, Jr

Horton W. Holcombe

Harold F. Wheeler, Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership: 54

Greeted: Eric J Hagadorn

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Dimitted:

No Lodge: Andrew Pryor

No Chap:

NPD:

Deceased: Walter Lyman Michaels, Frederick Harrison Platt, Alfred
Richard Kirschner, Benjamin Chandler RyderUNION 27

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

WOOSTER 28

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

WEBB 29

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

MYSTIC 29

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

HOWARD 30

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

TYRIAN 31

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

TEMPLE 32

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

IONIC-DORIC 33

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

ORANGE 34

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

ADAM SATTIG 35

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

MENUNKETUCK 36

Chartered 1 Jun 1985 to work in Guilford. Relocated to Madison in 2003. Consolidated with Harmony 08 on 5 April 2022, thus no annual meeting was held.

EIN 22-3221128

OFFICERS -- None

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Peter J. Alling	99,00	92,93,01,02,05,06,08,10,19-21
Paul L. Chello		Matthew R. Dymarczyk 2015,16

James Kleinkauf	03,04,09,13,14	William Schuck	85
Donald C. Sause	90,91	Jonathan R. Trotta	2017,18

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Paul L. Chello	William Schuck
Frank W. Colton	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Year End Membership 21

Greeted:
Affiliated:
Reinstate:
Dimit:
No Chap:
No Lodge:
NPD:
Deceased: Peter John Stapleton

		<u>ABSTRACT OF COUNCIL RETURNS</u>																Totals
Council No.		1	2	4	6	8	9	16	19	20	23	25	36					
A. Members 4-1-21		94	44	35	60	49	122	144	39	42	19	58	22					728
Greeted		7	4	2	6	4	4	10	7	1		1						46
Affiliated & Transfer		1			2			1										4
Reinstated					1		2	5										8
B. Total Gains		7	5	2	9	4	6	16	7	1	0	1	0					58
Dimit Council				2	2	1	3	2		1								11
NPD Council		1				2	2			1								6
No Lodge or Chapter			10		2			14				1						27
Deceased		6	2	5	1	1	6	5	2	2		4	1					35
C. Total Losses		7	12	7	5	4	11	21	2	4	0	5	1					79
Net Change B-C		0	-7	-5	4	0	-5	-5	5	-3	0	-4	-1					-21
D. Members 3-31-22		94	37	30	64	49	117	139	44	39	19	54	21					707
Dual Members		2	1			1	2	2					3					11
50 Year Members		10	5	3	1	1	7	4	4	1	2	5	1					44
Rest Homes, MHC		1	1					1										3
E. Total Exempt		13	7	3	1	2	9	6	5	1	2	5	4					58
F. Per Capita Taxable		81	30	27	63	47	108	133	39	38	17	49	17					649

D=A+B-C, F=D-E

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

MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTERS

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

Lyman Law (4)	1819	Eli S. Quintard (8)	1866
Thomas H. Cushing (4)	1820	William W. Lee (22)	1867
Laban Smith (8)	1822	Stephen T. Bartlett (16)	1868
Elizur Goodrich, Jr. (5)	1824	Edmund Tweedy (28)	1869
John L. Lewis (9)	1825	Charles W. Stearns (9)	1870
Noah A. Phelps (1)	1826	Henry W. Cove (14)	1872
I. W. Crawford (2)	1827	I. W. Carpenter (3)	1873
Andrew Harris (10)	1831	John H. Barlow (27)	1874
William H. Ellis (8)	1832	Fred H. Waldron (8)	1875
Joshua A. Jewett (1)	1834	William Freeston (24)	1876
Horace Goodwin (1)	1835	Dwight Phelps (31)	1877
Nahum Flagg (9)	1839	Arthur R Blakeslee (27)	1878
Lucius Tyler (3)	1841	Abram Heaton (16)	1879
Benoni A. Shepard (1)	1845	John O. Rowland (19)	1880
David Clark (1)	1847	Chester Tilden (10)	1881
Chauncy Burgess (3)	1849	Dwight Waugh (6)	1882
Cyrus Goodell (1)	1851	Burton G. Bryan (21)	1883
Francois Turner (8)	1853	Alexander Shumway (20)	1884
Alexander Hamilton (16)	1855	Job F. Seamans (2)	1885
William L. Brewer (3)	1857	Frank G. Bassett (27)	1886
George F. Daskam (15)	1858	James H. Welsh (28)	1887
George Stancliff (9)	1859	John P. Weir (22)	1888
Howard B. Ensign (8)	1860	Samuel Bassett (27)	1889
Willis J. Goodsell (1)	1861	George A. Kies (3)	1890
William R. Higby (16)	1862	Atherton L. Barnes (9)	1891
James L. Gould (16)	1864	Thomas J. Gill (1)	1892

William H. Parmelee (25)	1893	Robert R. Houston (6)	1930
Frank W. Trowbridge (21)	1894	George G. Platt (19)	1931
I. F. Stidman (24)	1895	Charles A. Hallock (28)	1932
Edward E. West (22)	1896	Frederick R. Coles (1)	1933
Reuben H. Tucker (27)	1897	Clarence G. Brooks (4)	1934
Edgar W. Latham (23)	1898	Harry E. Scheuy (24)	1935
Stephen J. Lyon (25)	1899	Willis P. Fraser (33)	1936
Henry O. Canfield (16)	1900	William E. Parker (16)	1937
Albert S. Comstock (3)	1901	Harry F. Brown (9)	1938
Joseph S. Stokes (22)	1902	Russell W. Potter (10)	1939
Charles A. Jones (1)	1903	Frederick Marggraff (21)	1940
Edward E. Fuller (14)	1904	Philip J. Jones (1)	1941
Charles B. Chapman (3)	1905	Lawrence G. Drescher (3)	1942
John H. Pearce (8)	1906	Samuel C. Cannon (9)	1943
George E. Melius (16)	1907	William E. Jackson (22)	1944
Stephen P. Goodsell (31)	1908	Herbert E. Warner (6)	1945
Edward J. Pooley (22)	1909	Charles N. Baxter (19)	1946
Thomas W. Morgan (1)	1910	Joseph M. Hall (28)	1947
Oliver D. L. Burrows (4)	1911	William E. Hamner (1)	1948
Philip N. Sunderland (28)	1912	Frederick W. Edgerton (4)	1949
Burton H. Strickland (19)	1913	Robert J. Boyce (14)	1950
William C. Twombly (6)	1914	Edward R. Hunt (16)	1951
William O. Shelley (1)	1915	Edward M. White (23)	1952
E. Allen Bidwell (3)	1916	Louis Wenzel (21)	1953
Thomas M. Barnes (16)	1917	Harold D. Smith (34)	1954
Henry H. Bradley (19)	1918	Wolcott S. Bissell (1)	1955
F. Ward DeKlyn (28)	1919	William M. Wyman (3)	1956
Norman C. Stevens (1)	1920	Newie S. Rowe (33)	1957
Edward B. Alling (24)	1921	Mathias VanAltena (31)	1958
T. Lurette Guild (6)	1922	Ernest F. Lofgren (6)	1959
George G. Beers (16)	1923	George R. Schenk (8)	1960
Daniel H. Gladding (8)	1924	E. Kenneth Wilson (1)	1961
Frederick H. Gerlach (28)	1925	Pierson E. Dolbeare (4)	1962
T. Frank Cassidy (1)	1926	J. Homer Hawkins (10)	1963
Frederick A. Beebe (4)	1927	William L. Corves (22)	1964
Arthur H. Parker (24)	1928	Calvin S. Smith (9)	1965
Arthur L. Clark (9)	1929	Edward L. DeAlmo (19)	1966

Irving B. Millen (1)	1967	Richard E. Larcom (19)	1994
Robert H. Trask (3)	1968	Robert D. Sherrick (35)	1995
Lawrence W. Wright (2)	1969	Richard L. Smail (14,22)	1996
Fred C. Eppler (1)	1970	Thurman P. Sharples (2)	1997
Henry F. Gerke (6)	1971	Richard A. Eppler (19)	1998
Leo H. Lohrman (16,28)	1972	Ernest J. Smith (14)	1999
Melvin E. Gibbs (22)	1973	Paul L. Chello (19,36)	2000
David Wainwright (1)	1974	Robert L. Hodgson (3)	2001
Stanley H. Steiner (14)	1975	Sivert R. Jacobson (25)	2002
Ralph C. Channel (6)	1976	Randy S. Stevens (19)	2003
Lawrence P. Urban (35)	1977	Richard G. Barrows (10)	2004
Robert J. Campbell (28)	1978	Scott T. Sherrick (35)	2005
Gentry J. Cooke, Sr. (29)	1979	Peter J. Stapleton (36)	2006
Charles . Lincoln, Sr. (1)	1980	Raymond Tomlinson (8)	2007
Charles K. Lynn (14)	1981	Andrew G. Weimann	2008
Earl J. Fitzpatrick (19)	1982	Randy S. Stevens (19)	2009
Arthur B. Maybeck (27)	1983	James C. Kleinkauf (36)	2010
Irving W. Wilber (20)	1984	Bruce R. Bellmore (08)	2011
Charles L. Lincoln, Jr (1)	1985	Edward R. Ham (16)	2012
Arthur R. Bossé (14)	1986	Charles A McCollum	2013
Herbert R. Olson (25)	1987	Charles A McCollum	2014
Arthur L. Shumway (8)	1988	Michael E. Seamon (01)	2015
William F. Orrell (35)	1989	J. Andrew Birdsall (04)	2016
Richard A. Egner (10)	1990	Clyde W. Kayser (08,20)	2017
Thomas M. Maxwell (28)	1991	Charles D. O'Neill (06)	2018
Wayne Wormstedt (14)	1992	Charles D. O'Neill (06)	2019
James P. Keaveny (3)	1993	Martin Ede (08)	2020
		Martin Ede (08)	2021

**PHILIP J. JONES
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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

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

1997	Arthur R. Bossé +	Adoniram 14
1998	John A. Birdsall	Cushing 4
1999	Kenneth A. Wright	Crawford 19
2000	Bard C. Teigen	Suffield 23
2001	Richard A. Eppler	Crawford 19
2002	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Wolcott 1
2003	F. Laurence Lindblad	Ionic-Doric 33
2004	Robert A. Colbourn	Crawford 19
2005	Michael Robinson +	Adoniram 14
2006	Wesley H. Alexander	Crawford 19
2007	Donald W. Reddick	Menunketuck 36
2008	Chester I. Russell	Lee 25
2009	Robert D. Sherrick	Adam Sattig 35
2010	Bruce R. Bellmore	Franklin 02
2011	Paul L. Chello	Halleck 44
2012	Edward R. Ham	Jerusalem 16
2013	Charles D. O'Neill	Washington 06
2014	Clyde W. Kayser, II	Buel 20
2015	Jack H. Stevens	Crawford 19
2016	James C. Kleinkauf	Menunketuck 36
2017	James S. McNeely IV	Wolcott 01
2018	Gary A. Littlefield	Montgomery 02
2021	Richard L. Allen	Cushing 04

+ Denotes Dimitted

2022

Charles Andrew McCollum
Paugussett Council No. 16

CHARLES ANDREW MCCOLLUM

Philip J. Jones Award

Charles Andrew McCollum was born on September 3, 1962 in Cheverly, Maryland to Charles J. and Evelyn (Daigle) McCollum. At age three, his family moved to Sabetha, Kansas where they resided until Chuck was ten, when they moved to Newburyport, Massachusetts. 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 BS degree in Business Administration from Salem State College and an ROTC commission as a second lieutenant in the National Guard.

After graduation, he 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, then 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. 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.

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, Massachusetts. He was appointed Junior Deacon, 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 #49, serving as Worshipful Master in 1997 and 1998. He affiliated as a dual member with Union Lodge #40 in 1998, serving as Worshipful Master in 2001. He has also served as Secretary of Jerusalem Lodge #49 and Treasurer of Union Lodge #40. 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. 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 appointed a District Deputy in 2013 and reappointed in 2014 by MW Simon LaPlace. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Austria near Connecticut. Chuck served on the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Directors from 2007-2011.

In the Royal Arch, Companion Chuck was exalted in Washington Chapter #24 in Norwalk in 1995, and later affiliated with Eureka Chapter #23, where he served as High Priest in 1999, 2000, 2004 and 2008. He affiliated as a dual member with Rittenhouse Chapter #11 in 2005 and serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. He 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 numerous Grand Chapter Committees including the Credentials Committee, Awards Committee, Program & Publicity Committee, Ritual Committee, Welfare of Chapters Committee,

Annual Convocation & Banquet Committee, Jurisprudence Committee, and Budget & Finance Committee. He received the order of High Priesthood in 2001 and was appointed to the Convention of Anointed High Priests 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 #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 and was appointed to the Council of Anointed Kings officer line in 2009, advancing to serve as Thrice Illustrious King in 2014. He affiliated as a dual member with Washington Council #6 in 2005 and currently serves as the Recorder/Treasurer. He received the Knight of Ish Sodi award from MPGM Scott Sherrick in 2006. He was appointed to the Grand Council line in 2007 by MPGM Ray Tomlinson, progressing 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 Philip J. Jones Medal from MPGM James McNeely.

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. 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 #3 in Norwalk in 1997, and later affiliated with Crusader Commandery #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) #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 TX. He has served on the Grand Commandery Prince Hall Relations Committee, the Off Probation Committee, the Tactics Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee. 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 Knight Templar Cross of Honor by REGC Jack Stevens 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 has served as Eminent Commander since 2021.

After serving on the degree team of Connecticut York Rite College #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 Companion Knight Chuck was appointed Deputy Grand Governor for Connecticut for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, and 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 where he serves 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. He received the Illustrious Arthur M. Brown, 33rd 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 as a 33rd Degree Mason.

Chuck is a member of Mohawk Council #28 Knight Masons and was appointed to the officer line in 2007, advancing to become Excellent Chief in 2012. 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. 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 appointed as the Personal Representative for District 2 in 2019 and continues in that position. Chuck was received into Apostles Tabernacle XVIII 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.

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.

**KNIGHT OF ISH SODI
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

The Knight of Ish-Sodi Award was established by the Grand Council to recognize meritorious service to Cryptic Freemasonry. The award consists of a distinctive pin. Currently, no more than one may be awarded annually per thousand members or fraction thereof, plus one at the discretion of the Most Puissant Grand Master.

Following are the recipients of this honor:

1973

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

1974

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

1975

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

1976

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

1977

Burton W. Robinson, Franklin 3
Edmund H. Smith, Jerusalem 16

George H. Sackett, Crawford 19
John S. Patten, Hamilton 22
Harry Schanck, Washington 6
M. Manning, Olive Branch 10

1978

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

1979

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

1980

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

1981

Charles Lincoln, Sr., Wolcott 1
John E. Knauer, Cushing 4
Rodney Gray, Adoniram 14
John D. Mutch, Jerusalem 16

Gunnar Lundquist, Hamilton 22

1982

Charles Schroeder, Harmony 8

Robert Colbourn, Crawford 19

John L. Faulkins, Jerusalem 16

William S. Hart, Lee 25

F. Laurence Lindblad, Ionic 33

Thomas F. Peterson, Union 27

1983

George LaPut, Sr., Cushing 4

Melvin F. Boomer, Adoniram 14

Warren Crane, Buel 20

Richard E. Larcom, Crawford 19

Bernard Wright, Wooster 28

1984

Bertil Rahr, Buel 20

George Hubbard, A. Sattig 35

Albert H. Getchell, Crawford 19

Sheldon C. Marshall, Wolcott 1

David McFalls, Hamilton 22

1985

Bernard J. Burke, Cushing 4

Charles Phelps, Olive Branch 10

George Tarket, Jr., Waterbury 21

Robert E. Giaouque, Suffield 23

Lester A. Culver, Sr., Mystic 29

1986

Richard J. Schlayer, Harmony 8

Herbert Bachelder, Franklin 3

Dennis Elkins, Columbia 9

Elmer E. Stone, Adoniram 14

Kenneth B. Watts, Waterbury 21

1987

Larry Wright, Montgomery 2

Franklin E. Robinson, Franklin 3

John G. McKechnie, Mystic 29

James F. Quarz, Crawford 19

Will. Schuck, Menunketuck 36

1988

Martin Berkman, Jerusalem 16

Leland D. Cobb, Lee 25

Gilbert L. Gooden, Franklin 3

George Griffing, Adoniram 14

Theodore King, Adam Sattig 35

1989

Kenneth W. Gray, Jr., Cushing 4

Wilder J. Greeley, Harmony 8

Arthur B. Maybeck, Union 27

Edward Studwell, Mystic 29

1990

Harold E. Basson, Franklin 3

Adrien F. Adam, Jr., Lee 25

John Goodrich, Sr., Crawford 19

Mark A D Flores, Mystic 29

1991

Gary Littlefield, Olive Branch 10

Leo H. Lohrman II, Jerusalem 16

Edward Nordstrom, Wolcott 1

Joseph J. Perno, Adam Sattig 35

Bard C. Teigen, Suffield 23

1992

Reginald Abbott, Wolcott 1

William Orrell, Adam Sattig 35

Donald Robinson, Crawford 19

Robert Sherrick, A. Sattig 35

1993

Bruce R. Bellmore, Harmony 8

Arthur Bossé, Adoniram 14

Richard Egner, Olive Branch 10

Charles B. Fowler, Wolcott 1

John G. Radeach, Crawford 19

1994

Howard Baker, Montgomery 2
 George Kelaita, Ionic-Doric 33
 Leroy Oldack Jr, Adam Sattig 35
 Emil G. Olsson Jr, Harmony 8
Arthur M. Pugh, Hamilton 22

1995

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

1996

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

1997

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

1998

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

1999

T. Sharples, Montgomery 2
 Wesley Alexander, Crawford 19
Randy Stevens, Crawford 19
 Herbert R. Olson, Lee 25
Frederick Traut, A. Sattig 35

2000

Charles Gyure, Olive Branch 10

Kenneth N. Hall, Adoniram 14

John Mellor, Jerusalem 16
Harrison T. Redford, Lee 25
Scott Sherrick, Adam Sattig 35

2001

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

2002

James P. Keaveny, Mystic 3
 Charles C. Maxson, Mystic 3
 Edward S. Eby, Cushing 4
Geo. Nousiainen, Harmony 8
R. Barrows, Olive Branch 10

2003

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

2004

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

2005

Harold Tomlinson, Harmony 8
 Sebastian Gordon, Adoniram 14

2006

George Cronk, Washington 6
Ray Tomlinson, Harmony 8
 Ernest Dimmock, Adoniram 14
Chas. McCollum, Wooster 28
Bruce Rumford, A. Sattig 35
 Peter Stapleton, Menunketuck 36

2007

David C. Abrames, Wolcott 01
Robert DiPasquale, Hamilton 22
J. Kleinkauf, Menunketuck 36
Ed Schoenrock, Adoniram 14

2008

Charles D. O'Neill, Wooster 28
Richard Eppler, Crawford 19
Martin Ede, Harmony 08

2009

Robert Fitzgerald, Wolcott 01
William L. Miller, Wolcott 01
Robert Nordstrom, Wolcott 01
Carl E. Aspland, Buel 20
Jorje Baujin, Buel 20

2010

William K. Barr, Crawford 19

2011

Michael Seamon, Wolcott 01
Bradley Cooney, Harmony 08
Peter M. Sloan, Harmony 08
Delbert A. Little, Hamilton 22

2013

Anthony Pipitone, Jerusalem 16
Leonard Bucher, Crawford 19

2014

Richard Odell, Washington 06
Richard Sawyers, Wolcott 01

2015

Lloyd Sturges, Washington 06

2016

J Andrew Birdsall, Cushing 04
David Söderberg, Wolcott 01
James McNeely IV, Wolcott 01

2017

Michael Sabia, Washington 06
Richard L. Allen, Cushing 04

2018

Brian E. Beals, Lee 25

2019

John Braddock, Hamilton 22
Stuart K. Drost, Paugussett 16

2021

Dale Cunningham, Suffield 23
Michael K. Butteri, Lee 25

2022 Recipients

Scott Russell Atkins
Harmony 8

Gail Nelson Smith
Montgomery 2

SCOTT RUSSELL ATKINS
Knight of Ish Sodi

Scott Russell Atkins was born on August 21, 1971 in Bridgeport, CT to Russell and Marion Atkins. He currently lives with his wife, Kathleen of 22 years, in West Haven, CT. They have a son, Brandon, who was born in 2001.

Scott graduated from Masuk High School in Monroe, CT. He worked many construction and mechanic jobs until 1995, when he got his commercial driver's license. He became a heavy duty wrecker operator performing towing and recovery. Scott then decided to follow in his father's footsteps and return to the construction industry. He worked for a paving and excavating contractor taking on all tasks of the job from heavy haul driver to equipment operator, eventually becoming a foreman.

After leaving the paving company, Scott was hired with Metro North Commuter Railroad in 2009 where he completed the Signal Phase Training Program becoming a Signal Maintainer in 2011. In the fall of 2014, Scott became an Assistant Signal Inspector at the Signal Tower in New Rochelle, NY. He is currently an Assistant Signal Foreman for Signal Construction headquartered in Bridgeport, CT where he installs and tests all aspects of railroad signaling.

Scott was a Little League baseball coach as well as a Pop Warner football coach for his son's teams. Some of his hobbies include fly fishing and hunting. He was a competitive archer winning many tournaments and competed at state level. Scott also enjoys golf.

Scott was raised as a Master Mason on September 23, 2010 in Hiram Lodge #1 in New Haven, working his way through the line becoming Worshipful Master in 2022. Scott is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge of Research becoming Master in 2021. He is also affiliated with Trumbull Lodge #22.

Scott received his Royal Arch on September 5, 2017 in Franklin Chapter #2 in New Haven, serving as High Priest in 2021 and 2022. Scott joined the Grand Chapter line in 2022 as Grand Master of the

First Veil. Scott received his Royal and Select degree in Harmony #8 on November 14, 2017 and serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2022. He joined the Grand Council line in 2021 as Illustrious Grand Sentinel. Scott was knighted on March 18, 2018 in New Haven Commandery Number 2 where he serves as a dais officer. Scott was elected into the Connecticut York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

In the Scottish Rite, Scott received his 32nd degree on May 7, 2018 in the Valley of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Valley of New Haven where he serves in the officer line.

Scott is a Knight Mason with Mohawk Council 28. He is an Honorary DeMolay with Auvergne DeMolay Chapter. Scott is also a Prophet with Hejaz Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R in Wallingford.

GAIL NELSON SMITH
Knight of Ish Sodi

Gail Nelson Smith was born in Windham, Connecticut on September 8, 1937 to Gail Linnell and Harriet Potter Smith. He attended public schools and has lived in Windham most of his life. He was appointed a Connecticut State Policeman on October 8, 1962 and on April 1, 1989 he retired after having served twenty seven years. His last assignment was at the Connecticut Correctional Institution in Somers where he served as liaison. Gail has been a member of the First Congregational Church of Windham for most of his life and is a life member of the Windham Center Volunteer Fire Department and the Elks Lodge No. 1706 of Danielson, Connecticut. He and his wife Susan joined their families totaling seven children.

Brother Gail first joined the Masonic family in 1954 by becoming a member of Corinthian Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He later became an honorary member of Martin J. Allen Priory, DeMolay Order of Knighthood. He was raised a Master Mason in Eastern Star Lodge No. 44 on November 16, 1966 and served as Worshipful Master in 1973. He was appointed a District Deputy in 1981 and reappointed in 1982. In 1983 he was appointed as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and in 1989 he was elected and installed to the highest office Connecticut Freemasonry has to offer, Grand Master of Masons. Gail was again later elected and installed April 2016 to serve a second term as Grand Master, becoming only the second Grand Master to serve a non-consecutive term. And then just two years later, MWB Gail served as Worthy Grand Patron of CT Order of the Eastern Star.

Companion Gail was exalted in Trinity Chapter 9, Royal Arch Masons, in December 1967 and served as High Priest in 1978, 1979 and 1985, and stepping up again in 2022. He is also a Past President of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry. In 1993, Gail was awarded the General Grand

Chapter Medal in Bronze, and further recognized for his service with the Ephraim Kirby Award in 1997 from the Grand Chapter of CT.

He was received and greeted in Olive Branch Council No. 10, Royal and Select Masters in March 1968 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1979, 1980 and 1983, and again 2019, 2020 and 2021. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1980 and later served as Thrice Illustrious King of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Companion Smith was knighted in St Johns Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar on January 20, 1969 and served as Eminent Commander in 1974. In 1984 he was elected and installed as Grand Commander of Connecticut.

In the Scottish Rite, Brother Gail served for two years as Commander in Chief of Connecticut Consistory of the Valley of Norwich and has received the Scottish Rite's highest honor, the 33rd Degree, and later served as Active Emeritus. His other Masonic affiliations include the Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; St, Andrews Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; Connecticut Hi-Twelve Degree Team; Connecticut York Rite College No. 17; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Radiant Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star; Sphinx Temple AAONMS and the Sphinx Moslem Shrine Club; Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons; and the Royal Order of Scotland.

York Rite Masonry in Windham would be in a large void if it were not for Gail N. Smith. His devotion to Craft Masonry, the Scottish Rite and York Rite Masonry and countless appendant bodies is exemplary. For his dedicated service to the Craft throughout his Masonic career, returning after 36 years, to once again serve Montgomery Council of Royal and Select Masters as TIM for 3-years, Companion Gail was awarded CT's distinguished Knight of Ish Sodi Service Award June 3, 2022.

JAMES ROYAL CASE AWARD

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

The Committee has unfortunately been inactive for the last several years.

Previous recipients of this prestigious award are as follows:

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

Installation Address of the M.P. Grand Master 2022-2023

It truly is a blessing to have the opportunity to continue to serve this Grand Council. I am looking forward to working with this team of Grand Officers to continue the work of moving our Councils forward. Yet, I am saddened that I am up here for a second year, I truly wish that it was Brad, but I am thankful for his support and willingness to work in the background during this upcoming year.

This past year we worked to rebuild the Rite and get our Councils moving forward. Our newly installed Grand Officers have been working over the past several months to continue to better define that path forward. We will do this by encouraging open events by the Councils, training seminars to help not only the officers but all Companions, increased and improved educational activities, and improved communication which includes the resumption of Opportunities.

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

If you need a ritual for the Festive Board/Table Council we have one written and ready for your use. If you need a speaker or educational presentations our new Grand Council Education Officer and Committee are ready to help. We need all of our Councils to be successful and we are willing to be of service to help you.

All of these events and activities are geared to helping our Councils with their membership, not only from a recruitment stand point, but also with retention. While we cannot control the involuntary membership losses we can work to retain and re-engage our current members as well give those that have left via dimit or NPD a reason to rejoin. I encourage every Council to reach out to Companions that have either dimitted or were dropped NPD and

invite them to an open event of the Council or even to a festive board or an educational event. Offer them a reason to rejoin and a clear path to do so.

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

Until I see you down the road...

James S. McNeely IV

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2018	Charles B. Fowler, Jr. (01), Muff, Honorary	860-688-8799
2020	Martin Ede (08)	203-393-9724
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GRAND COUNCIL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A Special Assembly of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was opened at 12:35 pm on 9 April 2022 in the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut by Most Puissant Grand Master James Staib McNeely IV, with the assistance of the following Companions:

Charles A. McCollum, PMPGM, RI Grand Treasurer

William E. Weisert III, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Bruce R. Bellmore, PMPGM

Richard L. Allen, PTIM

Scott R. Atkins, Illustrious Grand Sentinel

Scott A. Daniels Jr, PTIM

John A. Birdsall, PTIM

Rinaldo F. Magliano Jr

Michael D. Sabia Jr, Illustrious Grand Conductor

An opening prayer was offered by Illustrious Companion Weisert.

MPGM McNeely then declared a Special Assembly of Cushing Council No. 4 to be open and proceeded to install Companion William E. Weisert II as Thrice Illustrious Master of Cushing Council, he having been elected as such at the preceding Annual Meeting of Cushing Council.

Serving as Installing Marshal, Companion Sabia made the official proclamation.

MPGM McNeely then closed Cushing Council No. 4 simultaneously with the Grand Council in Ample Form at 12:45 pm.

Attest:

/s/ Michael D. Sabia Jr
Acting Grand Recorder

CT COUNCIL OF SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS

Report of the Tri-State Festival

We were finally able to hold a Tri-State Festival which was hosted by the Grand Council of New York on October 9, 2021, in Saugerties, NY.

Connecticut portrayed the Select Master Degree with a cast predominantly from Washington Council No. 6 in Norwalk. While Connecticut did not have any candidates, other than a couple for the Super Excellent Master Degree, portrayed by NY, there were over 30 candidates for the RM and SM Degrees.

The 2022 Tri-State Festival will be hosted by Massachusetts at a date to be determined, sometime in the fall.

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

Stated Assembly of CT Council of Super Excellent Masters

New Haven Masonic Temple, Saturday, May 7, 2022

At a Stated Assembly of Connecticut Council of Super Excellent Masters held on the above date, with the following officers present:

Charles A. McCollum.,	TIM
Harold Elwell.	DIM
James Kleinkauf,	IPCW
Richard Eppler,	REC

There were present 18 members and 22 candidates

TIM Charles McCollum opened Connecticut Council of SEM in form at 1:30 PM at the Apartments of Harmony Council in New Haven.

Following the portrayal of the Degree of Super Excellent Master, TIM McCollum convened the Annual Assembly. He

presented his report which was moved, seconded and accepted. A slate of the following officers for the upcoming year was presented by RI Companion Darrin Silhavy: TIM – James McNeely, DIM – Harold Elwell, IPC – James Kleinkauf and Recorder – Charles McCollum. TIM McCollum asked three times for additional nominations and on receiving none, he declared nominations closed and directed the Recorder to cast one ballot for slate, which was done.

TIM McCollum declared the Annual Assembly closed and asked for Joys and Concerns. There were none presented. He then asked for additional business and there was none. He recognized the following dignitaries present: From the Grand Chapter, MEGHP Daniel Luft, and from the Grand Commandery, Harold Elwell, Grand Captain General.

There were no visiting out of state Grand Council officers to recognize. TIM McCollum asked all PMPGMs to arise and recognized them: Randy Stevens, Richard Eppler, Clyde Kayser, James Kleinkauf, Michael Seamon and himself. He then recognized the MPGM James McNeely, who introduced his officers in attendance and brought the warm fraternal greetings of the Grand Council. There was no representative from the Grand Lodge.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the cast for the Degree resumed their stations and the Council was closed per the ritual at 3:20PM.

Attest:

Charles A. McCollum, TIM

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

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - 2021

The Annual Assembly of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings was held in the apartments of Hamilton Council No. 9 at the Masonic Hall, Meriden, CT on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Thrice Illustrious King	Clyde W. Kayser II
T.I. Prince of the West	Charles M. Jewart
T.I. Prince of the South	Daniel M. Luft
T.I. Scribe-Treasurer	Richard A. Eppler
T.I. Chaplain	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
T.I. Prince of the Court	Michael E. Seamon
T.I. Steward	Richard D. Corey
T.I. Sentinel	Craig R. Nelson, Sr.

The Assembly was opened in form by Thrice Illustrious King Clyde W. Kayser II at 7:30 PM. Prayer was offered by Thrice Illustrious Chaplain Michael D. Sabia, Jr., and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. There were approximately 16 Companions present, who were welcomed by the Thrice Illustrious King.

The Scribe-Treasurer presented five (5) proposals for new membership. Upon unanimous vote, the following Companions were elected to receive the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master (Order of the Silver Trowel)

Joseph M. Albanese	20
John A. Amarillios	6
Brian J. Berk	1
Steven J. Chiappalone	9
Eric H. Hoy	1

The Companions above were present to receive the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master, which was then conferred in full dramatic form on them by the following Ritual Cast:

Prologue, and Director	Richard A. Eppler
Adonijah	Paul L. Chello
Joab	Martin Ede
Abiathar	Robert D. Sherrick
Zadok	Kristian M. Maiorino
Beniah	Michael E. Seamon
Nathan	Richard G. Barrows
King's Messenger	Gary D. Shepherd
Adoniram	Clyde W. Kayser II
Ahiah	Charles M. Jewart
Abijah	Ian Jones
Solomon (Exemplars)	Eric H. Hoy/Steven J. Chiappalone
King David	Bruce R. Bellmore

Director Richard A. Eppler introduced the Cast and thanked them for a job well done. They were greeted with a hearty round of applause. Thrice Illustrious King Clyde W. Kayser II presented each candidate with his membership card.

The TIK welcomed and recognized the Past Thrice Illustrious Kings, Illustrious Companions Bruce R. Bellmore, Richard A. Eppler, Paul L. Chello, and Richard G. Barrows.

Companion Clyde W. Kayser II received Most Puissant Companion James S. McNeely, IV who recognized the dignitaries of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal And Select Masters of Connecticut:

James S. McNeely IV	MP Grand Master
Robert D. Sherrick	Past MP Grand Master
Richard A. Eppler	Past MP Grand Master
Richard G. Barrows	Past MP Grand Master
Bruce R. Bellmore	Past MP Grand Master,

Scott T. Sherrick	Past MP Grand Master
Clyde W. Kayser II	Past MP Grand Master
Martin Ede	Past MP Grand Master
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Past MP Grand Master (Hon)
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	Ill. Grand Conductor
Arnold S. Grot	Ill. Grand Chaplain
Charles M. Jewart	Ill Grand Marshal

Dignitaries of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons present were:

Daniel M. Luft	M.E. Grand High Priest
Clyde W. Kayser II	R.E. Grand King
Michael E. Seamon	R.E. Grand Scribe
Bruce R. Bellmore	M.E. Past Grand High Priest
Richard A. Eppler	M.E. Past Grand High Priest
Martin Ede	M.E. Past Grand High Priest
James S. McNeely IV	M.E. Past Grand High Priest
Charles B. Fowler, Jr	M.E. Past Grand High Priest (Hon)
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	R.E. Grand Captain of the Host
Gary D. Shephard	R.E. Grand Master Third Veil
Kristian M. Maiorino	R.E. Grand Master First Veil
Scott T. Sherrick	Assistant Grand Treasurer
Richard G. Barrows	R.E. Past Grand Custodian

Dignitaries of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar present were:

Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	R. Em. Grand Commander
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Bruce R. Bellmore	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Clyde W. Kayser II	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Michael E. Seamon	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
James S. McNeely IV	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Richard A. Eppler	Em. Past Grand Inspector

Dignitaries of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America present were:

Richard A. Eppler Rt. Pre-Eminently Distinguished Past
Grand Governor and Past Grand Herald

Paul L. Chello Rt. Pre-Eminently Distinguished Past
Grand Governor

Charles B. Fowler, Jr. Past Pre-Eminent Gov CT YRC 17

Clyde W. Kayser II Past Pre-Eminent Gov CT YRC 17

Richard G. Barrows Past Pre-Eminent Gov CT YRC 17

Dignitaries of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Cpresent were:

Bruce R. Bellmore R. W. Deputy Grand Master

Charles B. Fowler, Jr. M. W. Past Grand Master

The Scribe-Treasurer reported that the minutes of the last Assembly were printed in the Grand Council Proceedings. On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, VOTED to approve the minutes of the last Assembly.

On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Arnold S. Grot, VOTED to donate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. On motion of Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, seconded by Companion James S. McNeely IV, VOTED to grant one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the T.I. Scribe-Treasurer as an honorarium.

On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Clyde W. Kayser II, VOTED to authorize the Scribe/Treasurer to pay the usual bills of the Council, such as for printing, postage, and suppers. The Scribe/Treasurer noted the decline in the amount received each year as donations, which has now fallen below the needs of our operations.

The Scribe-Treasurer presented the report of the Scribe-Treasurer. On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Clyde W. Kayser II VOTED to approve the report.

The Chaplain, Companion Michael D. Sabia, Jr. read the Necrology and led the Companions in prayer for our departed Companions.

Arthur Henry Carlstrom	Buel 20	05/08/2020
James Vincent Cesario	Hamilton 9	05/06/2020
James William Currier	Montgomery 2	04/22/2020
Leonard Francis D'Amico	Buel 20	04/30/2020
James Joseph Fahy	Washington 6	06/10/2020
Douglas Allen Gray	Harmony 8	06/06/2020
Edward Durkee Perrine Gross, Jr.	Lee 25	10/13/2020
Sivert Raymond Jacobson, PMPGM	Lee 25	07/20/2020
Arthur Joseph McKinney	Wolcott 1	09/29/2020
Anthony Pipitone	Paugussett 16	10/09/2020
Robert L. Kilgore	Hamilton 9	07/02/2021
Richard George Sagan, Sr.	Hamilton 9	09/03/2020
Bard Clark Teigen	Suffield 23	07/07/2020

The Thrice Illustrious King then asked for the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was presented by Companion Richard A. Eppler, as follows:

Thrice Illustrious King	Daniel M. Luft
T.I. Prince of the West	Michael E. Seamon
T.I. Prince of the South	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
T.I. Scribe-Treasurer	Richard A. Eppler

It was moved by Companion Bruce R. Bellmore, seconded by Companion Steven J. Chiappalone, and carried, that the Nominating Committee report be accepted, and the Scribe cast one ballot for the slate:

T.I. King elect Daniel M. Luft announced the following appointments:

T.I. Chaplain	Craig R. Nelson, Sr.
T.I. Prince of the Court	Charles M. Jewart
T.I. Steward	Richard Corey
T.I. Sentinel	Steven J. Chiappalone

The officers present were installed by T.I. Companion Richard A. Eppler, assisted by Companion Bruce R. Bellmore as Marshal.

T.I. Companion Daniel M. Luft announced that the next meeting will be on May 31, 2022. The location will be announced. He then congratulated everyone on the work of the day, the new officers, and the recipients of the Order of the Silver Trowel. He then called on Most Puissant Grand Master James S. McNeely IV, and Deputy Grand Master Bruce R. Bellmore for final remarks. He then closed the Council at 9:35 PM.

Richard A. Eppler
Scribe-Treasurer

SCRIBE-TREASURER'S REPORT

Inasmuch as the Constituent Councils report only annually as of March 31 to the Grand Council, the records of the Council of Anointed Kings must of necessity reflect the same date of currency. The Necrology Report for the year ending March 31, 2019 shows six Thrice Illustrious Companions having passed to the other shore.

At our last in-person Meeting on May 29, 2019, five new members received the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master and joined our ranks. As of March 31, 2021, there were approximately 140 members of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings.

Richard A. Eppler
Scribe-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT
April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Balance April 1, 2020		\$ 8700.40
RECEIPTS		
Donations	\$ 185.00	
Interest	\$ 3.40	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 188.40
DISBURSEMENTS		
Charity	\$ 200.00	
Honorarium	\$ 100.00	
Silver Trowels	\$ 125.50	
Printing	<u>\$ 128.50</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 554.00
 BALANCE March 31, 2021		 \$ 8334.80

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS KINGS

Rodney I. Gray	1982	Randy S. Stevens	2009
Stephen D. Piner	1983	Robert J. Knowles	2010
Gail N. Smith	1987	Delbert A. Little	2012
Bruce R. Bellmore	1991	Charles McCollum	2014
Edward R. Ham	1992	Robert J. Cascone	2015
John Mellor	1995	Joseph Krusienski	2016
Kenneth W. Marvin	2000	Charles McCollum	2018
Richard A. Eppler	2003	Clyde W. Kayser	2019
Paul L. Chello	2008	Clyde W. Kayser	2020

DONATIONS

Charles A. McCollum	6	Richard Eppler	9,19
Bruce Thorin	22	Leland D. Cobb	25

Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings
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OFFICERS PRESENT

Daniel M. Luft	Thrice Ill. King
Michael E. Seamon	T.I. Prince of the West
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	T.I. Prince of the South
Richard A. Eppler, PTIK	T.I. Scribe-Treasurer
Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	T.I. Chaplain
Charles M. Jewart	T.I. Prince of the Court
Richard Corey	T.I. Steward
Steven J. Chaippalone	T.I. Sentinel

Following a supper catered by Tops Market the Assembly was opened in form by Thrice Illustrious King Daniel M. Luft at 7:30 p.m. Prayer was offered by Thrice Illustrious Chaplain Craig Nelson, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. There were approximately 23 Companions present, all of whom were welcomed by the Thrice Illustrious King.

The Scribe/Treasurer presented five (5) proposals for new membership. Upon unanimous vote, the following Companions were elected to receive the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master (Order of the Silver Trowel).

Jeffrey A. Flynn	1	Frederick J. Taft	25
Gregory J. Messier	2	James F. B. Wood	6
Christian Schunmann	9		

The Companions above were present to receive the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master, which was then conferred in full dramatic form on them by the following Ritual cast.

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Adonijah	Paul L. Chello
Joab	Martin Ede
Abiathar	John W. Braddock
Zadok	Richard A. Eppler
Beniah	Michael K. Seamon
Nathan	Richard G. Barrows
Adoniram	Clyde W. Kayser II
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Solomon (Exemplar)	Christian F. Schunmann
King David	Bruce R. Bellmore
Richard A. Eppler	Director

Director Richard A. Eppler introduced the Cast and thanked them for a job well done. They were greeted with a hearty round of applause. Thrice Illustrious King Daniel M. Luft presented each candidate with his membership card.

The TIK welcomed and recognized the Past Thrice Illustrious Kings, Illustrious Companions Bruce R. Bellmore, Richard A. Eppler, Paul L. Chello, Robert J. Knowles, Charles A. McCollum, and Clyde W. Kayser II.

Companion James S. McNeely IV, Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was received West of the altar. Other dignitaries of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters accompanying him were:

Richard A. Eppler	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Paul L. Chello	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Richard G. Barrows	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Bruce R. Bellmore	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Charles A. McCollum	PMPGM, and Grand Treasurer
Michael E. Seamon	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Clyde W. Kayser II	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Martin Ede	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	Ill. Grand Conductor
Charles M. Jewart	Ill. Grand Marshal
Jeffrey A. Flynn	Ill. Grand Steward
Arnold S. Grot	Ill. Grand Chaplain

Most Puissant Companion James S. McNeely IV was accorded the private Grand Honors, and invited to a seat in the East.

Dignitaries of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons present were:

Daniel M. Luft	M. Ex. Grand High Priest
Clyde W. Kayser II	R.Ex. Grand King
Michael E. Seamon	R. Ex. Grand Scribe
Bruce R. Bellmore	M. Ex. Past Grand High priest
Matthew F. Griffin	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
Charles A. McCollum	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
Paul L. Chello	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
Richard A. Eppler	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
Martin Ede	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
James S. McNeely	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
Jeffrey A. Flynn	M. Ex. Past Grand High Priest
Richard L. Sawyers	R. Ex. Past Grand King
Robert J. Knowles	R. Ex. Past Grand Principal Soj
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	R. Ex. Grand Captain of the Host
Gregory J. Messier	R. Ex. Grand Sentinel
Richard G. Barrows	R. Ex. Past Grand Custodian

Dignitaries of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut present were:

Bruce R. Bellmore	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Paul L. Chello	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Michael E. Seamon	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Clyde W. Kayser	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Charles A. McCollum	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
James S. McNeely IV	R. Em. Past Grand Commander
Christian F. Schunmann	R. Em. Grand Warder
Richard G, Barrows	Em. Past Grand Standard Bearer
Richard A. Eppler	Em. Past Grand Inspector

Dignitaries of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America present were:

Richard A. Eppler Rt. Pre-Eminently Distinguished
Past Grand Governor, and Past Grand Herald

Paul L. Chello Past Grand Governor	Rt. Pre-Eminently Distinguished
Charles A. McCollum Past Grand Governor	Rt. Pre-Eminently Distinguished
Steven J. Chiappalone	Pre-Eminent Governor #17
Clyde W. Kayser II	Past Governor #17
Richard G. Barrows	Past Governor #17
Robert Knowles	Past Governor #17
Michael E. Seamon	Past Governor #17
Bruce R. Bellmore	Past Governor #17
Daniel M. Luft	Senechal #17

Dignitaries of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut present were:

Bruce R. Bellmore	Most Worshipful Grand Master
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The Scribe-Treasurer reported that the minutes of the last Assembly will be printed in the Grand Council Proceedings. On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Bruce R. Bellmore to approve the minutes of the last Assembly without reading.

On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, with seconded, VOTED to donate one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, and one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. On motion of Companion James F. McNeely IV, seconded by Companion Delbert A. Little, VOTED to grant one hundred dollars (\$100) to the T. I. Scribe-Treasurer as an honorarium.

On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Michael Sabia, Jr., VOTED to authorize the T. I. Scribe-Treasurer to pay the usual bills of the Council, such as for printing, postage and suppers.

The Scribe-Treasurer presented the report of the Scribe-Treasurer. On motion of Companion Richard A. Eppler, seconded by Companion Michael Sabia, Jr, VOTED to approve the report.

The Scribe read the Necrology and the Chaplain led the Companions in prayer for our departed Companions.

Carl Edwin Aspland, Jr.	Ionic-Doric 33	04/18/2021
James Vincent Cesario	Crawford 19	05/06/2020

Robert L. Kilgore, PTIK	Hamilton 9	07/02/2021
Sumner Earl Hopkins	Hamilton 9	01/25/2022
Peter John Stapleto	Menunketuck 36	06/27/2021

The Thrice III. King then asked for the report of the Committee on Nominations for the Officers for 2022-2023, which was presented by Companion Richard A. Eppler, as follows:

Thrice Illustrious King	Michael E. Seamon
T. I. Prince of the West	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
T. I. Prince of the South	Craig R. Nelson, Sr,
T. I. Scribe-Treasurer	Richard A. Eppler

After three calls for further nominations, the T.I. King declared the nominations closed. Companion Daniel M. Luft moved, seconded by Companion Richard A. Eppler and carried that the Nominating Committee Report be accepted, and the Scribe cast one unanimous ballot for the slate.

T.I. King-elect Michael E. Seamon announced the following appointments:

T. I. Chaplain	Charles M. Jewart
T. I. Prince of the Court	Richard D. Corey
T. I. Steward	Steven J, Chiappalone
T. I. Sentinel	Eric H. Hoy

The officers present were duly installed by T. I. Companion Charles A, McCollum.

T. I. King Michael E. Seamon announced that the next meeting will be in Meriden on May 31, 2023. T. I. King Michael E. Seamon then congratulated everyone on the work of the day, the new Officers, and the recipients of the Order of the Silver Trowel. He then called on Most Puissant Grand Master James S. McNeely IV for his remarks. Then Companion Michael E. Seamon closed the Council at 9:20 PM.

Richard A. Eppler
Scribe-Treasurer

SCRIBE-TREASURER'S REPORT

Inasmuch as the Constituent Councils report only annually as of 31 March to the Grand Council, the records of the Council of Anointed Kings must of necessity reflect the same date of currency. The Necrology Report for the year ending 31 March 2021 shows five Thrice Illustrious Companions having passed on to the other shore. In addition, two Thrice Illustrious Companions are no longer members of the Most Puissant Grand Council.

At our last Annual Meeting on July 13, 2021 five new members received the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master and joined our ranks.

As of 31 March 2022, there were approximately 140 members of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings.

Richard A. Eppler
Scribe-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Balance April 1, 2021 \$ 8334.80

RECEIPTS:

Dinners	\$ 0.00	
Donations	\$ 435.00	
Initiation Fees	\$ 75.00	
Interest	\$ 2.04	
Silver Trowel Sales	\$ 40.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 552.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Charity	\$ 200.00
Honoraria	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 85.35
Printing	\$ 47.54
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00
Dinners	\$ 0.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 432.79
BALANCE March 31, 2022	\$ 8254.05

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS KINGS

Rodney I. Gray	1982	Randy S. Stevens	2009
Stephen D. Piner	1983	Robert J. Knowles	2010
Gail N. Smith	1987	Delbert A. Little	2012
Bruce R. Bellmore	1991	Charles McCollum	2014
Edward R. Ham	1992	Robert J. Cascone	2015
John Mellor	1995	Joseph Krusienski	2016
Kenneth W. Marvin	2000	Charles McCollum	2018
Richard A. Eppler	2003	Clyde W. Kayser	2019
Paul L. Chello	2008	Clyde W. Kayser	2020
		Daniel M. Luft	2021

DONATIONS

4-1-2021 to 3-31-2022

David C. Abrames	01	Richard Sagan	09
Charles A. Lizotte	01	Bruce Thorin	09
William L Miller, II	01	Roger Thorin	09
John Birdsall	04	Ernest DuBois	16
Charles A McCollum	06	Kenneth Hawkins	16
Clyde W. Kayser, II	8,20	Robert Sherrick	16
John Braddock	9	Randy S. Stevens	19
Richard A Eppler	9,19	Richard Corey	20
Kristian Maiorino	09	Andrew Weimann	20
Arthur M. Pugh	09		