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**WILLIAM E. WEISERT, II**  
**Most Puissant Grand Master**  
**2024**

**WILLIAM EDWARD WEISERT, II**

William Edward Weisert, II was born on 3 January 1951 in Boston MA, the first-born of William E. Weisert & Marion Irene (nee Vickery) Weisert. His father was a naval officer, and his mother taught piano, with him as one of her pupils. William graduated from Waterford High School in 1969. He enlisted in the Air Force and served as a foreign language specialist, then the Connecticut National Guard as a helicopter inspector.

In 1966, upon joining DeMolay, he discovered that his father and paternal grandfather was a Mason. He served as Master Councilor of New London Chapter in 1969, and later as an Assistant Dad and Ritual Advisor.

He graduated from St. Joseph's College in North Windham ME in 1974 with a double major in History and French, and a double minor in Math and Business Administration. He later was ordained a priest with monastic vows in the Order of the Holy Nativity.

His work experience was primarily in the retail sector. He was first employed Caldor Stores, rising to Department Manager, then by RadioShack for almost 20 years, becoming a Senior Store Manager. Then he joined RiteAid as a Shift Supervisor and photo developer.

Brother Weisert served as Worshipful Master of Brainard Lodge No. 102 six times, including two terms as Master of Bayview Lodge No. 120, now part of Brainard, and is also a member of Oxoboxo Lodge No. 16 and Philosophic Lodge of Research. He has been Chaplain of most of these lodges;

He is a member of the Valley of Norwich, AASR, where he has participated in several degrees, and is a member of Sphinx Shriners, serving as President of Bedouin Shrine Club, and Commander and Chaplain of the Legion of Honor.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Union Chapter No. 7 on 23 February 2002 and served as High Priest in 2004 and 2021. He served the Grand Chapter as a Grand Custodian, and later as Grand Chaplain.

Greeted in Cushing Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters on 16 March 2002, he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2003 and 2022. He was appointed to the Grand Council officer line in 2018.

He is also a Past Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 6, K.T. and is currently Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

### ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut and The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters were once again held in the traditional manner in the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebeth Drive, in Cromwell, Connecticut on 6 and 7 June 2025.

### GRAND BANQUET

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assistant Grand Chaplain Arnold Grot closed the evening with a Benediction at 9:30 pm.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### ATTENDANCE

#### GRAND OFFICERS

William E. Weisert (04)	Most Puissant Grand Master
Michael D. Sabia, Jr. (06)	R.I. Dep. Puissant Grand Master
Charles M. Jewart (01)	R.I. Prin. Conductor of Work
Charles A. McCollum (06)	R.I. Grand Treasurer
William L. Miller, II (01)	R.I. Grand Recorder
Scott R. Atkins (08)	Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard
Scott A. Daniels, Jr (04)	Ill. Grand Conductor
Eric H. Hoy (01)	Ill. Grand Steward

Daniel M. Luft (09)	III. Grand Sentinel
Ryan Snide (02)	III. Grand Marshal
Martin Ede (08)	III. Grand Historian
Edward A. Varjabedian (01)	III. Grand Chaplain
<del>Scott T. Sherrick (16) Sherrick</del>	III. Assistant Grand Treasurer
Charles B. Fowler, Jr (01) Hon	III. Assistant Grand Recorder
Arnold S. Grot (01)	III. Assistant Grand Chaplain
<del>Bruce R. Bellmore (08)</del>	III. Assistant Grand Chaplain
<del>Charles D O'Neill (06)</del>	Grand Trustee
<del>Paul L. Chello (19,36)</del>	Grand Trustee
Scott T. Sherrick (16)	Grand Trustee

**PAST MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTERS**

Richard G. Barrows (02)	Charles B. Fowler (01) Hon
Charles A. McCollum (06)	Martin Ede (08)
Michael E. Seamon (01)	Darrin D. Silhavy (06)
Clyde W. Kayser II (08)	

**COUNCILS REPRESENTED – 11 of 11****Constituent Council Representatives**

# Denotes Proxy

NO.	T.I.M.	D.I.M.	IPCW
1	Eric H. Hoy	John R. Ranney	# Steven Matthews
2	Ryan J. Snide	Richard G. Barrows	Greg J. Messier
4			Richard L. Allen
6	Silas Mante	Barry Belardinelli	
8		Gerardo Nero	John A. Vergnetti
9	Mark A. Orsini		Francis Barnes
16	Andrew Flasko	# Fritzner Erauda	
19	Gerald A. Calabritto	Douglas J. Turcotte	# John K. M. Ryan
20	Carlos A. Gavilano	Robert J. Bruce	
23	Mark E. Blackaby	Cory R. Rice	# Dan Mellor
25	Richard D. Corey	# Frederick J. Taft	Harrison T. Redford

**PAST TIMs (Not Otherwise Listed)**

John A. Amarilios (06)	Michael Messner (06)
Douglas D. Barnard (25)	Michael J. Miller (16)
John W. Braddock (09)	Craig R. Nelson, Sr. (16)
Vincent A. Cowie (09)	Jason R. Rieger (09)
Matthew F. Griffin (09)	Michael J. Scribner (20)
William F. Lott (12)	Gary D. Shepard (16)
Kristian M. Maiorino (09)	

**DELIBERATIONS OF GRAND COUNCIL**

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut was opened in ample form by Most Puissant Grand Master William E. Weisert at 9:00 am on Saturday, 7 June 2025. Illustrious Grand Chaplain Varjabedian offered prayer, and MPGM Weisert led the Companions in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and singing the National Anthem.

The MPGM welcomed all present and announced that registration with the Committee on Credentials would close at approximately 10:00 am, and that the left half of the Ballot will serve as a Voting Card.

He then asked the visiting Most Illustrious Grand Masters to rise and led the Companions in saluting MIGM Reginald Page of Maine and MIGM Ernest A. Cole of New Hampshire with the Private Grand Honors. Companion Page thanked the Connecticut Companions for the courtesies extended to him and Companion Cole.

Brother Rinaldo Magliano, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Connecticut was saluted with the Grand Honors. The gavel was tendered to MWGM Magliano who used it to seat the assembly and returned it to MPGM Weisert.

The Past Most Puissant Grand Masters of Connecticut were asked to gather west of the Altar. There they were saluted with the Private Grand Honors and thanked for their advice and counsel by MPGM Weisert.

On motion of the Grand Recorder, VOTED to approve the minutes of the 205<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly as printed in the Proceedings.

Companion Scott A. Daniels was summoned to the East and presented with the Philip J. Jones Award for Distinguished Masonic Service. The former recipients rose, and they were warmly greeted with applause.

Companion Ryan J. Snide was presented with the Knight of Ish Sodi Award. All holders of the Knight of Ish Sodi award were asked to rise,

including Companion Charles M. Jewart who had received the award the previous evening. They were rewarded with thanks and applause.

Companions serving as Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions were asked to rise, thanked for their service and greeted with applause.

MPGM Weisert surrendered the gavel to RIDPGM Michael D. Sabia, Jr. and delivered his Report and Address.

Companion Sabia ordered the report to be referred to the Committee on Address of the M. P. Grand Master, then returned the gavel.

MPGM Weisert then called upon Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael D. Sabia, Jr. who brought greetings from the Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

Reporting for the Committee on Address was Chairman PMPGM Kayser. On motion, the report was ACCEPTED.

Grand Treasurer McCollum gave his report which was, on his motion, ACCEPTED.

The report of the Grand Recorder, William L. Miller II was ACCEPTED.

PMPGM Seamon reported for the Committee on Audit that all was in order. The report was ACCEPTED.

PMPGM Kayser delivered a verbal report for the Committee on Address, which was ACCEPTED.

Grand Chaplain Varjabedian presented the report of the Committee on Necrology, closing with a prayer for the departed.

Sir Knight Steven J. Chiappalone, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut brought his greetings to the assembly.

Companion Hoy reported for the Committee on Credentials that there were 56 Companions present who were eligible to vote.

## ELECTIONS

PMPGM Kayser, reporting for the Committee on Nominations, recommended the below listed slate of officers. After asking three times for further nominations, there being none, and ascertaining that they will accept the office, MPGM Weisert declared the following nominees **ELECTED**:

Most Puissant Grand Master	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
R.I. Deputy Puissant Grand Master	Charles M. Jewart
R.I. Prin. Conductor of the Work	Scott R. Atkins
R.I. Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum

R.I. Grand Recorder	William L. Miller II
Grand Trustee to June 2028	Charles D. O'Neill

MPGM-elect Sabia announced the following appointments:

Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard	Scott A. Daniels, Jr
Ill. Grand Conductor	Eric H. Hoy
Ill. Grand Marshal	Daniel M. Luft
Ill. Grand Steward	Ryan J. Snide
Ill. Grand Sentinel	Michael J. Miller
Ill. Grand Chaplain	Edward A. Varjabedian
Ill. Grand Historian	Martin Ede
Ill. Grand Organist	Ashante McPherson
Ill. Asst Grand Treasurer	Scott T. Sherrick
Ill. Asst Grand Recorder	Charles B. Fowler Jr.
Ill. Asst Grand Chaplain	William E. Weisert, II
Ill. Asst Grand Chaplain	Bruce R. Bellmore
Ill. Assoc. Grand Marshal	Gary D. Shepard

Companion Sabia presented a proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 April 2026. On his motion, the Budget and Implementing Resolutions were ADOPTED.

Companion Weisert presented the report of the Committee on Delinquencies, which was ACCEPTED.

PMPGM McCollum delivered the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. No new legislation had been proposed. The report was ACCEPTED.

MPGM Weisert ordered that all remaining committee reports would be received and printed in the Proceedings.

In his final remarks, MPGM Weisert thanked all for the honor bestowed upon him, and discharged his committees with thanks.

Companion Mark Orsini, TIM of Hamilton Council No. 9 presented a check in the amount of \$1,018 for CMMRF, representing the proceeds from their Robert J. DiPasquale dinner.

MPGM Weisert then called upon Brother Rinaldo Magliano, Most Worshipful Grand Master for his remarks. Brother Magliano thanked the Grand Council for the courtesies extended to him and urged the Companions to work to increase membership in Masonry.

**INSTALLATION**

The new officers for 2025-2026 of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of CT were installed by PMPGM Charles A. McCollum with PMPGM Martin Ede assisting as Marshal and PMPGM Darrin D. Silhavy as Chaplain.

Companion McCollum then led the companions in saluting newly installed Most Puissant Grand Master Michael D. Sabia, Jr. with the Private Grand Honors, after which he was presented with the gavel of authority.

Immediate Past MPGM Weisert was presented with his PMPGM jewel.

**CLOSING**

There being no further business, MPGM Sabia called upon Grand Chaplain Varjabedian for a Benediction, and declared The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut Closed in Ample Form.



Attest

William L. Miller, II  
Grand Recorder

**NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

The 207<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of CT will be held in conjunction with the 227<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arch Masons of CT on Saturday, 6 June 2026, starting at 1:00 pm, at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebeth Drive, Cromwell CT.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut will meet in Annual Convocation at 8:30 am that same day and place.

The Banquet in honor of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Puissant Grand Master will be on Friday evening, 5 June 2026, also at the same place.

**REPORTS****REPORT AND ADDRESS OF THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER**

Starting in the usual manner, let me thank you, my Companions, for entrusting me with the Grand Council this year. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Most Puissant Grand Master, and I thank each of you for your support and help! Most importantly, I'd like to thank C.: Charles McCollum and C.: William Miller for your support and for keeping me on the straight and narrow as it were!

To my officers, it has been a pleasure to know that you were there when I needed you on top of fulfilling your other duties in the various bodies to which we all belong. Perhaps someday, there will be sufficient workers in the vineyards that we all can take on a slightly lesser role and specialize more in that role. But that comes to membership, which I will deal with later.

Being unmarried, actually celibate, I had no hostess nor wife to help me in the work of the year. My special thanks to Virginia Nelson for agreeing to be adopted as my hostess and coordinator for the assembly and all that she has done! Craig, thanks for sharing her with me for this project. The support from both of you has been invaluable. Again, my utmost thanks!

Several state assemblies were not attended as other obligations arose. I refer specifically to New York Grand Council. The most important reason for missing this one is the passing of C.: & Sir Knight Arthur Mullens-Stone. I felt it more important to be with his family, brothers and Companions at his services which occurred the same weekend as New York. My apologies to the Companions of New York.

I referred to membership earlier in this missive and now will talk about it. Council membership continues to remain a problem. While some Councils have grown, most still struggle with getting 9 Companions to attend, thus being able to open on a consistent basis. I am encouraged with the Councils that have grown and continue to do good work in the quarries. They should be working with any neighboring and struggling Council to build them, as should the Grand Council officers; that should be without saying! The Grand Council is here to support and help, and we can't exist without strong Councils there to support us and be the backbone of our portion of the Masonic Fraternity. We owe it to our predecessors and our future to keep this great institution alive and healthy, not on life-support.

From time to time, we recognize those workers in the vineyard who performed with great diligence and without seeking any reward for their efforts. These Companions are the best examples of the servants of the whole and deservedly receive their rewards. Together with the MEGHP, Michael Sabia, and the then REGC, Harold Elwell, we revived the James R. Case award this year, after lapsing since 2019, and awarded said plaque to C. Edward Varjabedian, for his unswerving efforts to support all things in his offices in all three Grand Bodies and in his general efforts in support of Freemasonry in general and the York rite In particular. Also to be awarded, so keep it quiet, are the Knight of Ish Sodi and the Philip J. Jones awards. These nominations were requested of the Awards committee, as no nominations were forthcoming from the Companions. Those nominated were Charles Jewart and Scott Daniels, their accomplishments and efforts will be cited on their certificates. As MPGM, I have an additional award of the Knight of Ish Sodi, and that will go to my Grand Marshal, C. Ryan Snide, for his untiring efforts to keep alive the York Rite bodies in Windham and also the mutual support of both the Windham and Preston bodies, all this in addition to his other duties to his blue lodge, and his work with Patchaug State Forest and his own business. Small wonder he remains in such shape; fat can't grow on a moving body. These awards will be presented during our Grand Session in June and must be kept quiet until then.

There are several recommendations I would put forward at this time:

First, that the use of hybrid and zoom meetings be allowed to continue but their use be lessened as Councils get their numbers increased. I would rather have the Councils meeting in this format, than not at all.

Second, that Councils be encouraged to work within their geographical areas with other Councils to strengthen each other, such as is being done with some success in the eastern part of our jurisdiction.

Third, that while preserving the distinct customs of each Council, the greater use of the current ritual, but not the books, be encouraged in each Council. We should be able to perform without the books, but I realize that will come with time as our new Companions get into the quarries.

Fourth, that, despite the considerable knowledge my probable successor in office, if elected, has acquired, I do NOT recommend the rearranging of the line, as this will only confuse the issue. This is not the time for this, and his successor, if elected, may return to the current line structure. This will only serve to disrupt the situation and could make matters worse. If a change in the progressive line is necessary or even required let it be proposed and studied first.

I believe the state of our rite is strengthening and growing. We will grow with greater outreach to our Blue Lodges. There are several great presentations available and they should be used. Bring the Light of the York Rite into the Blue Lodges and you never know where the next Companions will appear. Whet their appetites for more knowledge, more light. If they see it, they will come, to borrow and change a movie line. The future is in our hands, and the new workers in the vineyards must be found and prepared to take over from us, the old timers, when it is their turn to lead and grow. But as we are the current and they the future, we should be ready to always answer, encourage, and teach. That is how we will survive and grow. Never miss an opportunity to talk York Rite, the Scottish Rite does it, why not us? Use the presentations, answer any questions that might arise, within reason, and, I would suggest, ask the local WMs if you might attend their lodge in York Rite regalia;-questions will arise and become an informal opportunity. But don't do it on degree night, especially the EA-too much going on for the poor candidates.

I had the chance to present three 50-year pins and certificates in state this year, one has been accomplished in his Council, thank you Chuck, for arranging this opportunity. The second had to be mailed as the recipient is too ill to receive visitors or leave his home, so I mailed him his pin, certificate, together with a congratulatory letter from myself. The third was to be presented in Wallingford as soon as it can be arranged. Unfortunately, the Supreme Grand Master called him home before the presentation could be accomplished. My thanks to C.: William Miller for handling the out-of-state 50-year pins, a total of 6 this year.

I only issued one Dispensation this term, # 2024-01, specifically a blanket for the whole jurisdiction to send candidates to the Tri-State festival held in Rhode Island, there to receive the two degrees and the esoteric part of the Super Excellent Master. The other requests for dispensations were not acted upon as the TIMs have within themselves the power to call-on a special, even on their regular communications to open a special at an early time for a specific purpose and no other, and with proper notification to their membership and any interested parties, and those being the cases, no dispensations were needed.

I would highlight one further accomplishment this year; specifically the condition of one Council who hadn't even fulfilled their obligation of four meetings per year for the previous two years. I was presented with the prospect of yanking a charter as my first act as MPGM and that made me uncomfortable. Therefore, in consultation with MEGHP, we decided on a different course, and Jurisprudence ultimately agreed, letters were issued to

the Chapter and Council in Suffield that they had until December of 2024 to get their numbers up and prove that they wanted their bodies to continue and grow. Under the monitorship of duly appointed grand officers, they rose to the challenge and are viable Chapter and Council. The Letter of the Law is always reliable, but sometimes we get good results with some creativity and thinking outside of the box! I am grateful that the Charter is solid and am pleased to say that I have been invited to install the new officers for 2025-26 and I see a great future for this Council and the northern part of our jurisdiction. Thank you to all the Companions of Suffield Council for proving my faith in you and my confidence in your continued growth and success! Amen!

Again, let me thank you all for electing me as your Most Puissant Grand Master for this year. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the Grand Council of Connecticut, hopefully to the best of my abilities. You be the judge. I love you all, my Brothers and Companions, and will continue to serve you however you wish, and as long as God gives me breath and strength to do so.

May God bless you all and your families; may He be gracious unto you, and may our York Rite continue to grow and flourish.

I remain, yours in His service and in service to you,

William E. Weisert

### **Grand Masters Travels**

On 8 June 2024, traveled to Wallingford to participate in the Grand Masters' Day celebration. Linking up with MEGHP Mike Sabia, we journeyed north to Killington, VT to attend their Grand session, we made it in time to attend the Council session and the banquet. On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, we attended the celebrations for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, a very interesting program, good info and good humour, the cider was delicious

On Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, I traveled to Preston to visit Cushing Council # 4 to present the officers of said council the challenge coins from PMPGM Darrin Silhavy's challenge, that of opening & closing sans ritual books, of course it is also my 1<sup>st</sup> attendance there as MPGM.

On Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, I traveled to Norwalk to visit Washington # 6 to finish with the immediate PMPGM his challenge with the presentation of his challenge coins in the company of the Ill. Grand Marshal Ryan Snide. Comp. Darrin should close the Council in due & ample form by my request.

On Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, I traveled to Suffield to visit Washington # 30 & Suffield # 23, to deliver the declaration of Probation to this Council, together with the MEGHP Sabia doing the same for the Chapter.

On Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, I traveled to Portsmouth, RI for a degree festival of the M.:I.: Grand Council of RI & Providence Plantations, together with the M.:I.: Grand Council of Massachusetts, with the M.:P.: Grand Council of CT for all three Cryptic Masonic degrees. 21 candidates were exalted, 3 from CT; this will not be the only happening-we have already been invited to next year's in MA.

On Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, I traveled to Plantsville, CT to attend the Mass in honor of St. John the Baptist at the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church; Fr. Joe Krusienski was the celebrant. As always, a great meal afterward was had by all, yours truly giving the Blessing before the meal. Thank you, Fr. Joe and the wonderful people of Holy Trinity, for hosting this event every year!

On Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, I journeyed to West Haven to observe and participate in the Royal Master degree on 4 candidates as portrayed by Crawford Council.

On Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, I journeyed to UNH to attend the opening of DeMolay Conclave and to deliver the \$500. donation to CT State DeMolay.

On Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, I journeyed to Moosup to participate in the annual V-J Day, with the Brothers and Companions, together with MWGM Ed Page. Good food, Good parade, a good time to celebrate patriotism. Moosup is the only city in the USA who still celebrates this historic event.

On Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, I journeyed to North Windham to participate in the celebration of life for ESK & Comp. & Bro. Arthur Mullens-Stone, who suddenly and regretfully passed away at age 51 from a heart attack. His passing will leave a large hole in the York Rite & Blue lodges in that area. His passing negated my journey to Albany for their Grand Session. Appropriate apologies were forwarded to the Grand Council of New York for my absence, as I felt my place was with the Companions & Brethren in North Windham.

On Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, I journeyed to East Hartford to attend the monthly meeting of Wolcott Council for a fraternal visit. Due to the absence of the TIM, Eric Hoy-(his Mother had died), and at the request of those present, I assumed the East, opening and closing in ample form, and conducted the business meeting.

On Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, I journeyed to Danbury to attend Buel Council for a fraternal visit and to break bread with the Companions, (we had pizza). There was an insufficient number of Companions present to properly open. So we held an informal Chapter of Instruction and answered any questions that the Companions present needed to be answered. Not a wasted meeting, though a very long drive.

On Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, I journeyed to Suffield for a wellness visit and to witness the MMM & VPM degrees for the Chapter, also had a very delightful dinner before the degrees. I am encouraged for the future of the Chapter & Council given the enthusiasm for the Companions. The cutoff has NOT been changed.

On Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, I journeyed to North Windham to break bread with the Companions and to check on the condition and energy levels after the loss of Comp Art Mullens-Stone. Both Chapter & Council were opened with 9 Companions present. A very serious conversation was done in an at-ease environment. The Companions are committed to keeping their bodies alive and will not hesitate to ask for help with new petitioning members' degrees. These bodies have some work but the Companions are committed to success.

On Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, I journeyed to Berlin, CT., for the 145<sup>th</sup> Council of Deliberation for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of CT. Good discussion, good plans, excellent brotherhood and a marvelous banquet was had by all. The heads of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council & Grand Commandery were properly received, with the representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of CT.

On Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, I traveled Meriden, CT for the Super Excellent Master degree. This was portrayed by a team of ritualists from the Super Excellent Masters Council of CT. Yours truly was the Class Marshal for a class of 7 Companions. We happily shared a lunch of meat loaf and mac.& cheese.

On Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, I journeyed to Crawford Council for the Royal Master Degree and some delicious food. A very good evening of brotherhood and some good ritual work.

On Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, I journeyed to Suffield to attend a meeting of the Suffield Council, sort of a wellness check. Council was opened by the officers of said Council with only one fill-in. The companions' commitment to saving their Council is evident, and I will continue to encourage their success without relaxing the vigilance currently in place.

On Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to Meriden to participate in the Christmas Observance of Cyrene & St. Elmo Commanderies and enjoy a very fine potluck supper. It was a very delightful evening, well worth the journey.

On Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to Preston for the joint Christmas Observance of Palestine # 6 & St. John # 11 Commanderies. Also, an induction was performed on two candidates for the Crusaders of Palestine, REGC Harold Elwell & ESK Rinaldo Magliano, with an in memoriam for ESK Arthur Mullens-Stone.

On Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to Darien to participate in the Christmas Observance of Trinity # 3 and enjoyed a great ceremony and a wonderful meal, and good companionship as well.

On Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to Stratford to participate in the Christmas Observance of Hamilton # 5. Beautiful ceremony, interesting singing. -Enjoyed Silent Night played on the guitar, just like it was introduced in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. A very interesting evening!

On Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to Milford for the annual Carol Sing w/dinner. Loved the meatloaf, all three pieces, good mashed potatoes, veggies and iced tea. The Carol sing was well-led and an interesting experience. Sorry I missed last year, due to illness, might not miss this happening again!

On Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to East Hartford to participate in the annual Christmas Observance of the York Rite bodies therein. A marvelous program, good food-a wonderful evening.

On Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, I traveled to Wakefield, RI to attend the Christmas Observance of Narragansett Commandery. I had been invited to attend as the MPGM, but was requested to be in uniform as Grand Prelate, which is what I did. I was received as MPGM and gave greetings as both for my responsorial toast. Excellent food, good wine and good fun, & a chance to reunite with old friends.

On Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, I traveled to East Hartford to visit Wolcott Council for the Royal & Select Master degrees on a class of 10 candidates. The work was wonderful and the work was well received by the candidates. Well worth the trip, & great seeing a good size class across several councils.

On Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, I traveled to North Windham for a fraternal visit. Both Chapter & Council were opened in hybrid form, and a delicious dinner was served after. A good amount of work was actually accomplished.

On Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, I journeyed to Collinsville for a fraternal visit with Lee # 25. They opened in good form and properly received me as MPGM. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with them.

On Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, I traveled to West Haven for the Select Master degree as performed by Crawford Council, good degree work. I was properly received as MPGM and invited to close in ample form. As there were present new Select Masters, the Council was closed by the officers in full form. Good evening was had by all.

On Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, I traveled to North Windham for a fraternal visit with Montgomery Council # 2. The Council was opened in hybrid form and much business was conducted. I gave proper greetings and closed the Council in modified hybrid/ample form with a closing blessing.

On Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, I traveled to Meriden for the annual Pasquale Memorial Dinner as sponsored by Hamilton # 9. I do love a good steak w/shrimp, especially with horseradish and sour cream. The raffle raised a good deal of money for CMMRF, even to include the entirety of the 50/50 raffle. Good job and thanks for a wonderful evening.

On Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, I traveled to Meriden to visit Hamilton # 9 for dinner, to observe the Select Master degree and their annual inspection. At the insistence of the inspecting officer, Daniel Luft, Grand Sentinel, I was received with him and two PMPGMs, Clyde Kayser and Richard Eppler. The officers of said Council did a good job with the degree work and the opening and closing of the Council. Though invited to close in ample form, I reminded the TIM that they had a new Select Master and it was their inspection, therefore the officers had to close.

On Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, I traveled to Trumbull to attend the Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls at their invitation to give remarks and make a donation for their projects. I was properly received and gave appropriate remarks, together with the donation. The girls were having a good time!

On Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, I traveled to Suffield Council for a fraternal visit and to break bread with the Companions. A marvelous dinner of salmon & rice pilaf was served and enjoyed by. The Council was opened with no substitute officers taking part, all members of Suffield Council in fact, and closed in ample form by yours truly. My remarks were delivered during the Chapter meeting, stepped down to MMM so that two new Companions could be present and hear same. I cannot say how proud I am of the Companions in their effort to keep both Chapter & Council open, and the work will continue.

On Tuesday, the 8th of April, I journeyed to Milford, to Paugussett Council with several other Grand Council officers to celebrate the 50-year anniversary for Comp. Howard Hartin, also celebrating his 50 years as a member of the Chapter. Presentations were made by both the MEGHP, Comp. Michael Sabia and myself, pins and certificates from both Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

On Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, I traveled to Windsor as the guest of the MW Grand Lodge of CT to represent the Cryptic Masons of CT. A very good session with many attendees from various bodies and jurisdictions, a good time was had by all.

On Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, I traveled to Cromwell as the guest of the Grand Commandery KT of CT, as their guest for the 198<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the same body, though I am also Grand Prelate of said body. The weekend was very well done and all enjoyed good camaraderie, and brotherly love. I returned home on the 13<sup>th</sup>, via my church to pick up palms, it being Palm Sunday.

On Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, I traveled to Meriden for the meeting of CT Priory, KYCH with dinner. An excellent evening with good friends and Brothers in the quarries!

On Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, I traveled to East Hartford for the Annual Meeting and degree of CT Council of Anointed High Priests, seven new High Priests were anointed and set apart. I was also installed as Ex. Steward of the body. Good food, good degree, good shopping at the "boutique" of masonic paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, I traveled to Moosup to participate in a York Rite Presentation and discussion led by WB Chris Britland, well presented. Followed by dinner of shrimp scampi, garden salad & garlic bread and a stated communication of Moosup # 113 -- a good evening overall, well attended a few good questions as time allowed.

On Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, I traveled to Norwalk for a fraternal visit with Washington # 6, and to hear a good educational program presented by the TIM. Well done and thoroughly enjoyable, well worth the trip. I closed with the ample form at the invitation of the TIM.

On Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, I traveled to Suffield to attend the joint installation of both Washington Chapter # 30 & Suffield Council # 23, and for a delicious dinner. This was the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of the members, with both bodies having a full line, some old-timers and some new-comers to the line. Bravo!

On Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, I traveled to Windham for dinner, venison stroganoff, and good fellowship, & a fraternal visit. Two candidates arrived

to receive the Mark Master Degree in Trinity Chapter # 9, with the assistance of either the Grand Chapter or York Rite College. There being insufficient Companions present to open, and no additional arrived from either other body, the candidates shared fellowship. Montgomery Council # 2, also unable to open, same reasons, met in executive session to review the proposed new by-laws. The degrees were re-scheduled for June.

On Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, I traveled to Cromwell to meet with Mike & Bill for final arrangements with the hotel for the session on June 6. All arrangements have been finalized without Mike's presence, he didn't show.

On Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, I traveled to Meriden for the Council of Anointed Kings meeting, with dinner and degree, also annual meeting. Good meal, fellowship and a fun evening.

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

I report to you on what I have done over this last year in my capacity as Deputy Puissant Grand Master. As I was also the Grand High Priest for Royal Arch concurrent with this position, I was able, when called upon, to represent our Most Puissant in certain functions, such as at the York Rite in Maine, Eastern Star and Amaranth. I am happy to report that I made travels throughout the "edited" Northeastern Region, as although our Grand Council does not hold membership in General Grand Council, we do share territorial regions with them as far as usual travelling to meet with our contemporaries.

While travelling is a key feature, it does not preclude the necessity of our presence needed here at home. It is with that in mind that I relay this important feature to our Grand Officers, that a proper long-term plan should be formed and implemented to improve the health of Cryptic Masonry, and therefore the entirety of the York Rite within our great State of Connecticut. While plans do not always work, not setting forth a path of goals to achieve sets us up for failure.

And, in this day and age, we must show our relevance to our Brothers in the Blue Lodge. We have a rich history and various teachings that are so valuable to our Craft that we must improve how we inculcate them in our Councils, by steadily improving our ritual, removing our dependence on the books and expanding our knowledge through a well put together education of the values and principles within the degrees.

I wish to thank our Most Puissant Grand Master for our travels and the fun we had this year in our capacities. It was truly a pleasure, even with our different personalities and styles. I thank all the Companions of Connecticut for their confidence put in me to serve this jurisdiction throughout my tenure in office. It has truly been an honor to serve you.

Michael D. Sabia Jr.

### GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

As the Cryptic Year comes to a close I am happy to report that the Suffield Council #23 (as well as Washington Chapter #30) have successfully managed to pull themselves back from the brink of being dissolved or forced to merge. I was appointed by the Most Puissant Grand Master to be his eyes and ears for the year with respect to Suffield Council #23 and was able to see their efforts up close. They have brought in several new Companions with more in waiting, allowing themselves to not require Grand Line Officers or other Councils to assist them in opening. Their meetings all include excellent meals before the meeting as well as interesting education topics which are things all Councils should strive to include to increase and maintain membership.

Now that my watchful eye is not required in Suffield, I am looking forward to traveling around the various Councils as I prepare myself for the 2026-2027 Cryptic year.

Charles M. Jewart

### GRAND TREASURER 5/1/2024 THRU 4/30/2025

Balance in account 5/1/2024		\$ 3,810.23
<b>INCOME</b>		
CMMRF In	\$ 1,065.00	
Per Capita	8,880.00	
Other Income	0	
Sales	174.00	
Transfer from Trustees	5,000.00	

	Total Income		15,119.00
	TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$ 18,929.23
	<b>EXPENSE</b>		
	Annual Assembly	1,579.13	
	Gifts	1,389.61	
	Aprons & Jewels	57.17	
	CMMRF Donation	1,065.00	
	DeMolay/Rainbow	1,000.00	
	Gratuity Organist	0.00	
	Insurance	2,049.70	
	Miscellaneous	18.20	
	MPGM Travel	3,200.00	
	Office Equipment Rental	400.00	
	Postage	118.67	
	Printing	1,314.04	
	Salary Recorder	2,800.00	
	Salary Treasurer	800.00	
	Storage	29.50	
	Supplies	41.27	
	Taxes	336.60	
	Website	350.00	
	YRCC	0.00	
	Total Expenses		\$ 16,548.89
	Balance in account 04/30/2025		\$ 2,380.34

Charles A. McCollum

**GRAND RECORDER**

Companions all. Together again, from my vantage point, I continue to be amazed at how fast the days and weeks go by, and that is only possible with the aid of our Assistant Recorder, our Honorary PMP Charles Fowler, my friend, mentor and Brother, but also YOUR manager par excellence of all your York Rite Chapter and Council data and “**The Data Base**”, actually “**His**” Data Base. When it comes time for annual returns, I gave up trying to out-wiggle him on various member’s circumstances, but take them on faith since his findings tend to be spot on and make a few bucks on the side

for our charities when he detects an over-payment, and yes, collections for stray errors on the other side, but no more than absolutely required. So from that vantage point, everything would seem to be in good shape, well sorta.

### **Our Membership and the Sisyphus Challenge**

Just like all modern organizations these days, and our fraternal groups notwithstanding, membership continues to be an uphill battle, just ask the expert, Sisyphus. But looking at the 10-year trend table (below), we're happy to see that the net loss this year was a mere 12, the best (lowest net) in decades, with a lower death rate a major contributor. Obviously, we can't let the rock roll back upon us, but need to keep pushing upward or risk falling behind only to start over next year.

And it's not just the work for new Greetings, but to keep the other losses minimal. Your TIM and Recorder can make a difference BEFORE giving up and letting dimits and NPDs sneak by. It should be a TIM duty to screen and contact NPDs before reporting them (see Section 307 of Grand Council Law). And we may think we can't do much for Lodge losses, but here again, when a Brother (and Companion) appears on the Lodge dimit/npd radar, contact him and talk him back from the ledge. Losing a Lodge Companion-SK, means losing the York Rite and more, given all his other Masonic connections. We already did the work for these Brother-Companions, let's not waste it, and maybe, just maybe, next year, Sisyphus will hail us from the top of his mountain !

### **Officer Woes**

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

Completing the Annual returns is another bug-a-boo and symptom of our leadership dilemmas. We haven't yet reached perfection, in fact, far

from a zero error rate. April is hard on everyone to complete the year, we get that, but like the IRS, the report is an annual duty (Section 104 of the Grand Council Law); it can't be treated as a surprise ! Filling the form as the year proceeds leaves only one month to close the member files and report new officers but it is still a PITA.

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

#### **Succession Planning and Lack Thereof**

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

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

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

### Financials on the Year

I must also applaud my “book end”, your Grand Treasurer Charles McCollum, who continues his due-diligence with me and on your behalf. For Council operations he received this year \$ 5,000 from the Trustees, and from me, \$10,119.00 in cash receipts from the \$15 per-capita fees and other monies deposited, including a pass thru of \$1,065 to CMMRF. So we ended fiscal year, April 30, 2025 with \$2,380.34. The general level of cash flow is much less than Chapter, as Council reimburses Grand Chapter for their portion of common things such as their session costs and insurance. The Cromwell Marriott continues to be our home joint tenant in common with Chapter, for its outstanding service and value for our events.

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

William L. Miller, II

### Council Membership Summary for Last Ten Years

Year Ending	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Greeted	24	37	31	23	17	1	46	16	19	27
Affil & Rein	6	6	89	3	33	4	12	3	10	2
<b>Total Adds</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
Dimits	8	9	97	6	37	4	11	8	7	6
Involuntary	45	54	43	28	34	19	35	18	22	16
Deceased	26	23	31	22	26	42	33	23	27	19
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Beginning</b>	1008	959	916	865	835	788	728	707	677	652
<b>Net Change</b>	-49	-43	-51	-30	-47	-60	-21	-30	-27	-12
<b>Ending</b>	959	916	865	835	788	728	<b>707</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>640</b>

### GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

It was an incredible honor to have served as the Illustrious Captain of the Guard for the Grand Council of CT. this year. I had the pleasure to visit some great Councils and see some incredible Degree work. I was also able to attend a 50 year pin presentation, which I found to be extra special, as this was the first one I was able to attend. I would have liked to visit more Councils, but due to other commitments I was limited on how many I saw.

Although some Degree work was exceptional, there were some that were not. I think it is important that we, as Officers, continue to encourage

our Councils to strive to achieve better work. I also believe that, as Grand Council Officers, we should portray ourselves as “there to help” and not to be there to discipline or chastise. In my travels over the years, I found that some Companions get nervous on inspection night, and sometimes this affects degree work. By having a positive approach, we can help all of our Councils do great work that we can all be proud of.

I am excited to see many Councils bringing in new Companions and looking forward to watching our Councils continue to grow. I believe the future of Cryptic Masonry is heading in the right direction, and I look forward to helping our Craft grow in any way that I can.

Scott R. Atkins

### **GRAND CONDUCTOR**

No report received from Companion Scott Daniels.

### **GRAND STEWARD**

It was an honor to serve the Grand Council this past year as Ill. Grand Steward. During the year, I had the opportunity to officially visit 2 Councils for their Annual Inspection: Montgomery Council #2 and Cushing Council #4

Each of these was in company with MPGM Weisert. Cushing Council was unable to open that evening due to insufficient attendance, but their books were in good order, and I believe that they are making good progress with bringing in new Companions. Montgomery Council is in good health.

I further served On the Credentials committee for the Grand Session.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this Grand Council, and look forward to continuing to travel to the Councils and help in any way I can to assist.

Eric H. Hoy

### GRAND SENTINEL

No report received from Companion Daniel Luft.

### GRAND HISTORIAN

As I have listened to ritual through our degrees, it has become clear that we need to focus on our education and to look at expanding the programs and ideas we can use. A good starting point, as I have mentioned previously, is the Cryptic Masonry Education Course from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International (together with Piers Vaughan' Capitulat Development Course for Chapter), together with the education resources available through their website.

But let us not forget the humble dictionary that you can have by your side as you read your ritual. Let us not forget that in order to memorize ritual, the first thing to do is to be able to understand what you are saying. A good dictionary is a starting point (Webster or the Concise Oxford English Dictionary), together with a good Bible and concordance.

With these, we can begin to better understand our ritual and its nuances.

For example, how many of you have looked at the passages and context for the pages the Bible is opened on for each degree. For the RM, we open it on Deuteronomy 31:24-26 - here Moses discusses writing a Book of the Law and depositing it in the Ark of the Covenant. In the SM, we open it on I Kings 7:48-50 where Solomon makes the various vessels of the Temple as we find out in the degree. Looking at the context of the readings - at least the whole chapter - will bring more clarity to the degrees.

We also need to look at the wording of our rituals, so we understand the meaning and nuances of the ritual. Roots of the words can also help. We may know the meaning of the word, but understanding the roots of the word can add to their meaning and give an insight into what was written in the early to mid 1800s. For example: we say that our candidates must have "wrought suitable specimens of their work"; "wrought" means "of metals beaten out or shaped by hammering, made in a specified way (Oxford Dictionary of Current English, Third Edition 2001). Other words' meanings can also help - "stupendous" is extremely impressive, to be wondered at; "Without the least equivocation" - equivocation means the "use of language that can be understood in more than one way in order to avoid the truth" (Oxford 2001); "secret evasion" - with evasion meaning "avoid giving a direct answer" (Oxford 2001).

Some words we think we know may have other meanings – “repaired” also means “to go to a place” (Oxford 2001) and shows the interesting complexity of the English language as the same modern spelled word can have different meanings and roots, in this case from a French root. As we can see, a quick use of a dictionary for all of our rituals in various bodies can be a great help in understanding what we are saying when we deliver ritual.

Another resource is Google or other search engines on the Internet. So long as we follow up and check references, Google can help us understand some of the ritual nuances. We mention a number of Old Testament names and things, but do we truly understand what they are and where they came from? “Bathkoll” comes from Bath Kol which translates in Hebrew to “daughter of a voice” and is defined as the heavenly voice heard by humans often used to proclaim God’s will or judgement (Google 3/26/25). Shekinah is the glory of divine presence, the presence of God in a place, dwelling or setting (Google 3/26/25).

One of the interesting words that I looked up was “omer”, it is a measure as we can see from the ritual, but how much is it? Looking up omer, we find that it is an ancient Hebrew measurement that is a tenth of an ephah. With closer research, an omer is a dry measure equivalent to 10 dry cups or a volume of about 2.3 liters, or 43.2 average sized eggs (Google 3/26/25) - How many of the little pots we use in the ritual could fit 2.3 liters? Not many at all, I think.

So as we go through ritual, make sure you do your homework. Hopefully this becomes a home work you enjoy doing as the ritual becomes more alive and relatable to you. Coupled with the use of the education course book and other resources, the ritual should never become a dry recitation to get through, but a living, relevant, esoteric message for you and your soul.

Wishing you the best in your esoteric studies with a glass of your favorite beverage by your side,

Martin Ede

### **GRAND TRUSTEES**

The trustees for the year 2024-2025 are happy to report some good news.

Our balance as of May 1, 2024 was \$194,756.95. During the year we received on our investments \$41,595.58 and transferred to the Grand

Treasurer \$5,000.00 on January 6, 2025 leaving a balance on April 30, 2025 of \$231,352.53. This past year we realized an increase of approximately 21 % on our investments.

Our investments are with RBC Wealth Management (which is the same company that the Grand Chapter uses) and are a combination of cash and cash alternatives, equity, mixed assets and real assets.

I would like to thank the other trustees, Charles O'Neill and Paul Chello for their assistance.

Scott T. Sherrick, Ch  
Charles D. O'Neill  
Paul L. Chello

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****ADDRESS OF THE MPGM**

A verbal report was given by Companion Clyde Kayser.

**AUDIT**

We have audited on 3 June 2025 the records of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and found them to be in balance and order. The records have been found to be within the guidelines of the Standard Accounting Procedures.

Receipts:	\$ 15,119.00
Expenditures:	\$ 16 548.89
Net Loss	\$--1,429.89

We did see that the following tax forms have been filed with both the Federal and State Governments: 990, 944, 940, UC5, W-2 & W-3.

**Cash Account Breakdown:**

Balance May 1, 2024	\$ 3,810.23
Income to April 30, 2025	\$ 15,119.00
Expenditures To April 30, 2025	\$ 16 548.89
Balance on April 30, 2025	\$ 2,380.34

We recommend that the financial records of both the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer be accepted as reported and printed in the Proceedings of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut.

William D. Passera, Ch\  
Randy S. Stevens  
Michael E. Seamon

**AWARDS**

See the Report and Address of MPGM Weisert.

**BUDGET  
FYE 04.30.26**

<b>Taxable Membership</b>	592		578
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	2024-2025	2024-2025	2025-2026
Grand Council Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
Per Capita - Members x \$15	8,880.00	8,880.00	<b>8,670.00</b>
Other Income (Fines)	0.00	174.00	<b>0.00</b>
CMMRF (Over pmts + raffle)	60.00	1,065.00	<b>60.00</b>
Sales (Rituals, Bicent Jewels)	200.00	174.00	<b>200.00</b>
Xfer from Trustees	5,500.00	5,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>
Total Income	14,640.00	15,119.00	<b>18,930.00</b>
Cash on Hand 5.1.25	3,810.23	3,810.23	<b>2,380.34</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	18,450.23	18,929.23	<b>21,310.34</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Annual Assembly	3,000.00	1,579.13	<b>3,000.00</b>
Hospitality, Gifts, Food, etc	1,000.00	1,389.61	<b>1,000.00</b>
MPGM Apron	0.00	0.00	<b>550.00</b>
Officer Apron Grand Marshal	0.00	0.00	<b>500.00</b>
New Jewel Set for Officers	0.00	0.00	<b>600.00</b>
PMPGM Jewel- legacies help	250.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Ish Sodi Jewel -new supplier	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
(Engraving)	60.00	35.00	<b>60.00</b>
(Badges)	60.00	22.17	<b>60.00</b>
CMMRF (from donations)	60.00	1,065.00	<b>60.00</b>
Gratuity Organist	0.00	0.00	<b>100.00</b>

Insurance-Council Share	1,600.00	1,567.70	<b>1,600.00</b>
Officer Liability	482.00	482.00	<b>482.00</b>
Miscellaneous (Donations)	250.00	0.00	<b>250.00</b>
MPGM Travel Allowance	3,200.00	3,200.00	<b>3,000.00</b>
DPGM Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
GPCW Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
Office Equip Rental	400.00	400.00	<b>400.00</b>
Postage	150.00	118.67	<b>150.00</b>
Printing(proceedings, rituals,etc)	1,000.00	1,314.04	<b>1,000.00</b>
Salary Recorder	2,800.00	2,571.80	<b>2,800.00</b>
Salary Treasurer	800.00	734.80	<b>800.00</b>
Storage (New Haven & NH Archives)	149.00	29.50	<b>30.00</b>
Supplies	150.00	41.27	<b>50.00</b>
Tax (Employer-SS,Med,UI)	375.00	648.20	<b>650.00</b>
Training & Festivals (contingency)	500.00	0.00	<b>100.00</b>
Youth (DeMolay,Rainbow)	1,000.00	1,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
Dues YRCC	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Web Page	350.00	350.00	<b>350.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$17,636.00	\$16,548.89	<b>\$20,592.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$814.23	<b>\$2,380.34</b>	<b>\$718.34</b>

### BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR 2025-2026

**Be it resolved:**

That the proposed budget of \$20,592.00 be adopted. That each Council pay to the Grand Recorder the Per Capita of \$15.00 for each member on the rolls on 31 March 2026 in accord with requirements and exemptions set forth in the Law. **This is no increase.**

The Grand Treasurer is authorized after 30 April 2026 to expend funds at the same rate as in this budget until the budget for the next fiscal year shall have been approved.

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

That the amounts designated in the budget as Most Puissant Grand Master (MPGM), Deputy Puissant Grand Master (DPGM) and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (GPCW) Travel Reimbursement are intended for reimbursement to those Grand Officers to offset the cost of visiting Annual Convocations of Grand Councils in the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada, as well as the Northeastern York Rite Conference. Receipts or other supporting data must be presented to the Grand Recorder to obtain reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement shall be at the rate of \$0.57 per mile for out of state travel for automobile travel, plus tolls and parking.

William E. Weisert, II  
Charles A. McCollum  
William L. Miller, II  
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.

**BY-LAWS**

After conferring with the committee members, it was found that no Councils have submitted any By-Law changes for this term.

Upon further review of the previous year there were no changes that were leftover.

It is the conclusion of the Committee that this report be submitted with nothing pending

Scott R. Atkins, Ch  
Charles M. Jewart  
Daniel M. Luft

**CREDENTIALS**

Grand Officers	14
Councils Represented (out of 11)	11

Past Most Puissant Grand Masters	7
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters	37
Thrice Illustrious Masters	9
Thrice Illustrious Master Proxies	0
Deputy Illustrious Masters	7
Deputy Illustrious Master Proxies	2
Ill Principal Conductors of the Work	5
Ill Principal Conductor Proxies	3
Total voting delegates	56

Eric H. Hoy, Ch  
 Scott A. Daniels, Jr.  
 Daniel M. Luft  
 Arnold S. Grot

### DELINQUENCIES

No report received from Companion Weisert.

### INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

### **MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE**

The Committee has reviewed the Official Acts of the Most Puissant Grand Master, William E. Weisert, II, and recommends their publication in the Proceedings of the 206<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Connecticut.

#### **Decisions**

The Most Puissant Grand Master sent a letter to the York Rite bodies in Suffield outlining requirements necessary to retain their charters. While this was good advice and had a positive impact, it is beyond the authority of the Most Puissant Grand Master to set requirements for a Royal Arch Chapter. This decision, therefore, is not approved.

#### **Dispensations**

Dispensation 2024-1 is within the prerogatives of the Most Puissant Grand Master and is approved.

#### **Pending Legislation**

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

#### **Committee Report Summary**

The Committee commends our Most Puissant Grand Master, Companion William E. Weisert, II, for his dedication and devotion to this Grand Council, and for his efforts to assist the Councils that are struggling. We wish him all the best in the years to come.

Bruce R. Bellmore, Ch  
Bradley K. Cooney  
Charles A. McCollum

**NECROLOGY**

Almighty Father, the giver of life and the director of our journey, we praise you today for giving us companionship with 19 departed brethren, including these members of our Grand Council. They have been called on before us, but have left a heritage for us to live by. Strengthen each of us that we can be favorable to the challenge which has been left to us. Keep the goal ever before us until the day of success and triumph arrives. Thank you for the privilege of being fraternally blessed by our brethren.

**ANDREW GUSTAVE WEIMANN, II**  
**Born 2 June 1943**  
**Greeted 10 November 1990**  
**Buel Council No. 20**  
**Thrice Illustrious Master**  
**1994 & 1995**  
**Most Puissant Grand Master 2008**  
**Died October 22, 2024**

**Deceased Past Thrice Illustrious Masters**

<b>John Mellor</b>	<b>Paugussett 16</b>	<b>04.03.24</b>
<b>Kenneth Eugene Fears</b>	<b>Paugussett 16</b>	<b>04.13.24</b>
<b>Andrew Gustave Weimann, II, PMPGM</b>	<b>Buel 20</b>	<b>10.22.24</b>

Let us give our attention to our Assistant Grand Chaplain Arnold S. Grot as he leads us in prayer.

Gracious God, we pray that you grant these Companions entrance into the land of light and joy in the fellowship of your saints. Rest them among those who have gratified you from the beginning. Enable us to have learned from the good works of all of them so that we may fulfill our mission as Masons, establishing us in good deeds through the grace of your love.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, forbearing and compassionate, have mercy through your love as Creator upon the souls of your servants who are at rest in the temple not made with hands. Remember them on the

great day when you come with your kingdom. Make them worthy of your mercy, expiation and forgiveness of all sin, rank and glorify them among the saints at your right hand, for you are Lord and Creator of all, the judge of the living and the dead. Rest the souls of these your faithful servants who have departed us on the abode of the just.

Amen.

Edward A. Varjabedian, Ch  
Bruce R. Bellmore  
William L. Miller, II

**NOMINATIONS**

Companion Kayser gave a verbal report for the Committee on Nominations and recommended election of the following Companions:

Most Puissant Grand Master	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.
RI Deputy Puissant Grand Master	Charles M. Jewart
RI Gr. Principal Conductor of the Work	Scott R. Atkins
RI Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
RI Grand Recorder	William L. Miller, II
Grand Trustee to 2028	Paul L. Chello

**PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY**

It is unfortunate that not much was able to be accomplished within this special committee of Program & Publicity. The recommendation of this committee is to improve our outreach in social media and other mediums to improve membership in our Councils, as well as the York Rite overall. This is highly tied in with Long Range planning, I we feel their work should have some overlap between each other going forward.

We wish to thank our M.P. Grand Master for allowing us to serve this year.

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch  
Scott R. Atkins  
Scott Daniels, Jr  
Charles M. Jewart

**RITUAL**

The Committee on Ritual for this Grand Council for 2024-2025 is pleased to report no changes were made this year, and that the only actions taken on our behalf by the Grand Recorder was the distribution of the pronunciation guide accepted at our last session, and restocking ritual books approved after last year's session.

We wish to thank our M.P. Grand Master for allowing us to serve this year.

Michael D. Sabia Jr., Ch  
Clyde W. Kayser, II  
William E. Weisert, II

**TRI-STATE FESTIVAL**

We were unable to hold a Tri-State Festival this spring due to multiple conflicts with dates between the three jurisdictions. We are hoping to get it scheduled this fall, with Connecticut hosting.

As this is becoming more and more difficult, it may be time to focus on our own SEM Council doing the Degree in state as required by our by-laws rather than trying to do it as part of this festival.

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

## 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 2025. Officers listed are those for the 2025-2026 year.

### WOLCOTT 01

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

No Phone

7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue

EIN 06-6046618

Membership 85

#### OFFICERS

TIM	Joseph P. Grieco Jr	CG	Brian J. Berk
DIM	John R. Ranney	COND	Walter Grube
IPCW	Jeffery A. Flynn	STEW	Arnold S. Grot
TRES	Michael E. Seamon	SENT	Tad J. Bistor
REC	Eric H. Hoy	CHAP	Michael E. Seamon

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

David C. Abrames	2005,09,10	James S. McNeely, IV	2014
Brian J. Berk	2021	William L. Miller II	1993,97
Jeffery A. Flynn	2022,23	Stephen D. Piner	78
Charles B. Fowler Jr	1990	Richard L. Sawyers	2012,13,16
Arnold S. Grot	2019	Michael E. Seamon	07,18
Eric H. Hoy	2020,24	T. Donovan Scroggs	2011
Charles M. Jewart	2017	Francis G. Way	2015
William A. G. Mackey	2006,08		



TRES	J. Arthur Carbonaro	SENT	Gail N. Smith
REC	J. Arthur Carbonaro	CHAP	William E Weisert II

ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS – MONTGOMERY 02

Richard G. Barrows	2006,07,08	Gregory J. Messier	2022,23
Donald F. Gladding	99,00	Gail N. Smith	2019-21
Kenneth W. Marvin		Ryan J. Snide	2024
64-68,80,81,83-89,14,15,18		J. Mike Wolf	2016,17

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		

DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.

John P. Glenn II	20
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FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

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

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Greeted: William Lewis Nagel, John William Richmond  
 Deceased: Arthur Leon Mullens-Stone

*MYSTIC 3 was 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 04**

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 Route 165, Preston  
2nd Monday 7:30 pm  
Membership 26

860-908-8515  
EIN 23-7123376

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Robert Krawic	CG	J. Andrew Pedro, II
DIM	Christopher A. Britland	COND	Joshua .McDonnold
IPCW	Richard L. Allen	STEW	
TRES	Scott A. Daniels Jr	SENT	Michael J. Tranchida
REC	Scott A. Daniels Jr	CHAP	

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – MYSTIC 3**

C. A. Duke 93 Alan K. Spear 76

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – CUSHING 4**

Richard L. Allen 2017,18,20 Scott A. Daniels Jr 2014,15,21  
J. Andrew Birdsall 2004,11,13 James M. Haskins  
Christopher A. Britland 2023,24 06,08-10,12,16,19  
Karl R. Crandall 53 William E. Weisert II 2003,22

**DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.**

None

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Charles T. Hall Alan K. Spear

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

None

*WATROUS 5 was established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross to work in Colchester on 17 March 1818. Charter was revoked 9 May 1839.*

**WASHINGTON 06**

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  
 Membership 49

203-655-2140  
 EIN 06-6049931

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Silas Mante	CG	Mark S. Agnew
DIM	Barry F. Belardinelli Jr	COND	James F. B. Wood
IPCW	Brett M. Altman	STEW	Michael Jachimczyk
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	SENT	Harding Dies
REC	Charles A. McCollum	CHAP	Michael D. Sabia Jr

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILL. MASTERS - WASHINGTON 06**

John A. Amarilios	2021	Charles D. O'Neill	2007,12
James J. Fahy	2010,11	Michael D. Sabia Jr	2017
Roland H. Gardner Jr	1989	Darrin D. Silhavy	2016
Silas Mante	2024	Peter R. Smyth	2018,19
Richard E. Odell	2015	Lloyd R. Sturges, Jr.	2014
		James F. B. Wood	2022,23

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS - WOOSTER 28**

Charles A. McCollum	01-03,09	Charles D. O'Neill	98-00,04
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**DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.**

None

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Donald W. Sargeant

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Greeted:      James Charles Peters

No Lodge:     Panagiotis Jordanopolous

***CROSS 7 was established in Kent by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 27 April 1818. Charter was revoked on 9 May 1839.***

**HARMONY MENUNKETUCK 08**

Established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 16 Oct 1818 to work in New Haven. Name changed to **Harmony-Menunketuck** upon consolidation with **Menunketuck 36** on 5 April 2022.

285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven  
1st Tue after RA Chapter 02  
Membership 59

No Phone  
EIN 23-7123377

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Albert R. R. Johnson	CG	Andy Garcia
DIM	Gerardo Nero	COND	Timothy R. Buteau
IPCW	John A. Vergnetti	STEW	Sultan Stack
TRES	Bruce R. Bellmore	SENT	Richard Zarnetske
REC	Scott R. Atkins	CHAP	Martin Ede

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Scott R. Atkins	2022	Michael R. Messner	2024
Bruce R. Bellmore	82,83,88	Geo. A W Nousiainen	2001,02
Bradley K. Cooney	2009,10	Raul A. Pereles	2023
Martin Ede	2003,04,18,19	Wilfred C. Rompe, III	2013
Cedric J. Jacobson	2017	Peter M. Sloan	2011,12
Clyde W. Kayser, II	93,96		

**ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS -- MENUNKETUCK 36**

Paul L. Chello	Matthew R. Dymarczyk	2015,16
92,93,01,02,05,06,08,10,19-21	Jonathan R. Trotta	2017,18

**DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.**

Gerardo Nero	19	Clyde W. Kayser II	20
Roger R. Cole	22	Frank W. Colton	09

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Paul L. Chello	Carleton V. Erickson
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**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Dimitted: Raymond George Tomlinson, John Anthony Radziunas  
 NPD: Brendan Walker McGann  
 No Lodge: Robert Neil Smith Jr, George A Mudry V

**HAMILTON 09**

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 203-980-9929  
 7:00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue EIN 23-7123382  
 Membership 108

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Mark A. Orsini	CG	Mitchell Kostick
DIM	Christian Schunmann	COND	Anthony D. Polzella
IPCW	Francis Barnes	STEW	John H. Kovach
TRES	John W. Braddock	SENT	Anthony Maisano
REC	Kristian M. Maiorino	CHAP	Richard A. Eppler

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Steven J. Chiappalone 2020,21 Jason R. Rieger 2024  
 Harold A. Elwell 2023 Christian F. Schunmann 2022

**ACTIVE PAST T. I. MASTERS HAMILTON 22**

John W. Braddock 2015,16 Daniel M. Luft 2015,16  
 Keith A. Cymbala 1982,83 Kristian M. Maiorino 2017,18  
 Richard A. Eppler 2007 Richard I. McKee 1977  
 Robert J. Knowles 2002,03 Bruce Padula 2012,13  
 Joseph R. Krusienski 1981

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – COLUMBIA 09**

Vincent A. Cowie 1997 Herbert J. Olson 2009,15,16  
 Lloyd Drager 2018,19 William D. Passera 1996

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

Matthew F. Griffin 1988,89 Roger B. Thorin 1990,91  
 Bruce V. Thorin 1995

DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.

Richard A. Eppler 19

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert W. Brummett

Frank W. Colton

Thomas E. Grace

Richard I. McKee

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Greeted: Eddie Albert Toledo, Anthony Daniel Vlahos Jr

Reinstated: Gordon Ray Hallberg

NPD: Joshua Dummitt, Thomas Accuosti, William Sterling  
Augustus Celata

No Chap: Harry E Needham III

Deceased: Robert Stewart Johnson, Richard Raymond Washburn,  
Everett William Spencer Jr, Raymond Edward Moore,  
Joseph Raymond Bonola, Richard Henry Groth

**COLUMBIA 09** was 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** was 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** was established by warrant from Jeremy Ladd Cross on 22 Feb 1819 to work in Newtown. Charter was revoked on 10 May 1849.

**ADAMS 12** was chartered by the Grand Council on 13 May 1825 to work in Litchfield. Revoked 14 May 1840.

**TYRIAN 13** was chartered on 13 May 1825 to work in Washington. Revoked 9 May 1839.

*ADONIRAM 14* was 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* was 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 12 December 2017 and relocated to Milford.

59 Broad Street, Milford  
 7:30 pm on 2nd Tue in Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec                      EIN 82-3394752  
 Membership 134

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Andrew Flasko	CG	Fritzner DR Erauda
DIM	Kurt Wischow	COND	Michael J. Miller
IPCW	Joseph Soto	STEW	Jonathan G DeBaun
TRES	Charles A. McCollum	SENT	Richard P. Smeland
REC	Charles A. McCollum	CHAP	Ernest A. Dubois

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Richard A. Kassay	2017,18	Gary D. Shepard	2023
Michael J. Miller	2024	James Whitaker	2021,22
Craig R. Nelson Sr	2019,20		

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS – Jerusalem 16**

LeRoy Beavers	80	Wayne N. Saunders	2002,03
Robert J. Cascone	2007,08	Gary D. Shepard	2016
Daniel Galloza	2015	George E. Sears	89
Maurice J. Heim	2009,10		

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	Scott T. Sherrick	95
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr	76	Frederick A. Traut	96
Stephen T. Hill	2009-13	Richard V. Travis	85
Dennis B. Mattison	81	James Whitaker Jr	2016,21

DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.

Charles A. McCollum	06	Stephen T. Saxton	08
Michael D. Sabia Jr	06	John A. Vergnetti	08

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

James P. Edgett	Dennis B. Mattison
Harvey J. Hartin	Thomas R. Richards
Kenneth B. Hawkins Sr	Howard F. Ryan Jr
Richard H. Hilt	Wayne N. Saunders
Frank C. Kaminski	John Trantales
John B. Lindsay	Joseph F. Turechek Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Greeted:	Alexander Christian Campana, Marcelo Cirino, Jean Lubert Constant, Alexander J DeFranzo, Craig J Scianna, Christian Lutin, Lawrence J Zollo, Daryl Lminggio
Dimitted:	Dennis Paul Parkinson
Deceased:	Kenneth Eugene Fears, John Mellor, Frank Clark Woodruff Rogers

**WASHINGTON 17** was chartered on 10 May 1849 to work in Norwalk.  
Revoked 7 May 1883.

**JERUSALEM 18** was 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, to Branford in 2003, and to West Haven in 2022.

263 Center Street, West Haven  
 7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu  
 Membership 42

No Phone  
 EIN 06-6055661

OFFICERS

TIM	Gerald A. Calabritto	CG	John J. McManus IV
DIM	Douglas J. Turcotte III	COND	Louis G. Fappiano
IPCW	Peter T. Cianelli	STEW	Dennis J. Frosolone
TRES	Alan M. Friedman Jr	SENT	John H. Kelley
REC	Joseph Viola Jr	CHAP	William C. Lang

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

William K. Barr	2004,05	Richard A. Eppler	2022
Leonard H. Bucher	85	89,95,01,09,10,13,14,17,18	
Paul L. Chello	80	Earl F. Korngiebel Jr	
Peter T. Cianelli	2023,24	02,11,12,15,16,19-21	
Willis E. Copeland Jr	93	Randy S. Stevens	97

DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.

None

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leonard H. Bucher  
 Paul L. Chello  
 Willis E. Copeland Jr  
 Richard A. Eppler

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Greeted: Richard Xavier Biela Sr, Joshua Charles Dwyer, William A. Stokes, Joseph Viola Jr  
 NPD: James Matthew Copeland, Charles Avery Miller III

**BUEL 20**

Chartered 12 May 1853 to work in Litchfield. Relocated to Torrington in 2011 and to Danbury in 2022.

337 Main Street, Danbury  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thu after Cyrus-Meridian 15  
Membership 30

No Phone  
EIN 23-7123381

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Carlos A. Gavilano	CG	Robert S. Bruce
DIM	Robert J. Bruce	COND	John P. Glenn II
IPCW	Zachary M. Dall	STEW	Mychael J. Scribner
TRES	Clyde W. Kayser II	SENT	Matthew K. Kuhr
REC	Clyde W. Kayser II	CHAP	Clyde W. Kayser II

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Joseph M. Albanese	2021	Mychael Scribner	16,17,19,22,23
John J. Badeen	2009,10	James R. Shaw	2001
Danny A. Camp	96,97,02	Philip H. Sterns	74,75
Edward J. Candee	71	Charles W. Yohe	86-88
Carlos A. Gavilano	2024		

**DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.**

None

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Dale E. Sweet

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Dimitted: Alfred Paul Chapin IV  
NPD: Richard Douglas Cosgrove Jr, George Stephen Greytak,  
John E Feinson  
Deceased: Paul George Chipko, John Raymond Whitbeck Jr,  
Andrew Gustave Weimann II, Mark Leonard Prelli, John  
Milton Van Kirk

***WATERBURY 21** was 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.*

***HAMILTON 22*** was chartered on 12 May 1857 to work in Meriden. Name changed to ***Hamilton 09*** upon consolidation with ***Columbia 09***.

***MONROE 23, ST. CLAIR 24 and PONTIAC 25.*** Three Councils were chartered 12 May 1857 to work in Detroit, St. Clair and Pontiac, Michigan respectively. Later in 1857, these three Councils formed the Grand Council of Michigan, thus removing themselves from the rolls of the Grand Council of Connecticut, which re-used their numbers.

**SUFFIELD 23**

Chartered on 9 May 1870 to work in Suffield.

150 Bridge Street, Suffield  
7:30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed  
Membership 21

860-668-2053  
EIN 23-7216223

**OFFICERS**

TIM	Mark E. Blackaby	CG	John H. LeDoux
DIM	Cory R. Rice	COND	Dale T. Cunningham
IPCW	Kwong Nuey	STEW	Thomas A. Duclos
TRES	Mark D. Winne	SENT	Henry Syphers
REC	Dale T. Cunningham	CHAP	Fred M. Purdue

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Brian C. Baeder	2012	Dean M. Gousse	2023
Mark E. Blackaby	2024	Nelson C. Hallas	1975
Dale Cunningham	15,16,19-21	Charles A. Lizotte	2005,06
C. Thomas Curtis	1973,74	Terrence D. Mish	1996-99
Thomas A. Duclos	2017,18	Russell L. Scull	2009-11

DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.  
None

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Robert M. Haff

Nelson C. Hallas

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Greeted: John H LeDoux, Henry Syphers, Fred M Purdue, Kwong Nuey

Reinstated: Rohit Persaud Sukhram

***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** was 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

8:00 pm on 1st Fri in Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May EIN 06-6066086  
Membership 51

OFFICERS

TIM	Richard D. Corey	CG	George H. Redford
DIM	G. Randal Hornaday	COND	Brian E. Beals
IPCW	Harrison T. Redford	STEW	Ronald C. Baker
TRES	Frederick J. Taft	SENT	Charles D. Weiss
REC	Chester I. Russell	CHAP	

ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Douglas Barnard	93,09,13,14,17	Richard R. Jones Jr	2010,11
Brian E. Beals	2015,18	Eugene F. Miller	78
Michael K. Butteri	2019-21	Harrison T. Redford	86,88,03,04
William F. Carroll	91	George H. Redford	99
Leland D. Cobb Jr	75	Chester I. Russell	98,07,08
Richard D. Corey	2024	Frederick J. Taft	2023
Edmund C. Holcombe Jr	58	Thomas A. Transue	97

DUAL MEMBERS/COUN NO.

Matthew F. Griffin 09

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Leland D. Cobb Jr

Edmund C. Holcombe, Jr

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Greeted: Frederick W Rosenbaum

Dimitted: Ian Jones

No Lodge: Charles Alvin Rowland

NPD: Peter Normand Wack

***UNION 27** was 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** was chartered 9 May 1865 to work in Danbury. Consolidated into **Washington 06** in Darien on 7 January 2010.*

***WEBB 29** was 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** was 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** was chartered 8 May 1866 to work in Pawcatuck (Stonington). Revoked 7 May 1877.*

***TYRIAN 31** was chartered 12 May 1868 to work in Winsted. Revoked 30 May 1976.*

***TEMPLE 32** was chartered 11 May 1896 to work in Southington. Consolidated 12 April 1966 with **Hamilton 22**.*

***IONIC-DORIC 33** was 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** was chartered on 4 June 1919 to work in West Haven. Revoked 30 March 1983.*

***ADAM SATTIG 35** was chartered 22 Oct 1949 to work in Milford. Consolidated on December 12, 2017 with **Jerusalem 16** to become **Paugussett 16**.*

***MENUNKETUCK 36** was chartered 1 Jun 1985 to work in Guilford. Relocated to Madison in 2003. Consolidated with **Harmony 08** on 5 April 2022.*

<u>ABSTRACT OF COUNCIL RETURNS</u>																								
Council No.	1	2	4	6	8	9	16	19	20	23	25	Totals												
<b>A. Members 4-1-24</b>	86	34	26	49	64	115	130	40	39	16	53	652												
Greeted	5	2	1	1	2	8	4	4	4	4	1	27												
Affiliated & Transfer												0												
Reinstated					1					1		2												
<b>B. Total Gains</b>	5	2	1	1	3	8	4	4	5	1		29												
Dimit Council	1			2		1		1	1		1	6												
NPD Council				1	3		2	3	1		1	10												
No Lodge or Chapter	1		1	2	1						1	6												
Deceased	4	1			6	3	5					19												
<b>C. Total Losses</b>	6	1	1	1	5	10	4	2	9	3		41												
Net Change	-1	1	0	0	-5	-7	4	2	-9	5	-2	-12												
<b>D. Members 3-31-25</b>	85	35	26	49	59	108	134	42	30	21	51	640												
Dual Members	1	1			4	1	4				1	12												
50 Year Members	7	6	2	1	2	4	12	4	1	2	2	43												
Rest Homes, MHC	2	1	1	1				2				7												
<b>E. Total Exempt</b>	10	8	3	2	6	5	16	6	1	2	3	62												
<b>F. Per Capita Taxable</b>	75	27	23	47	53	103	118	36	29	19	48	578												

### MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTERS

**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.

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

**Bold indicates Active.**

Lyman Law (4)	1819	James L. Gould (16)	1864-65
Thomas H. Cushing (4)	1820-21	Eli S. Quintard (8)	1866
Laban Smith (8)	1822-23	William W. Lee (22)	1867
Elizur Goodrich, Jr. (5)	1824	Stephen T. Bartlett (16)	1868
John L. Lewis (9)	1825	Edmund Tweedy (28)	1869
Noah A. Phelps (1)	1826	Charles W. Stearns (9)	1870-71
I. W. Crawford (2)	1827-30	Henry W. Coye (14)	1872
Andrew Harris (10)	1831	I. W. Carpenter (3)	1873
William H. Ellis (8)	1832-33	John H. Barlow (27)	1874
Joshua A. Jewett (1)	1834	Fred H. Waldron (8)	1875
Horace Goodwin (1)	1835-38	William Freeston (24)	1876
Nahum Flagg (9)	1839-40	Dwight Phelps (31)	1877
Lucius Tyler (3)	1841-44	Arthur R Blakeslee (27)	1878
Benoni A. Shepard (1)	1845-46	Abram Heaton (16)	1879
David Clark (1)	1847-48	John O. Rowland (19)	1880
Chauncy Burgess (3)	1849-50	Chester Tilden (10)	1881
Cyrus Goodell (1)	1851-52	Dwight Waugh (6)	1882
Francois Turner (8)	1853-54	Burton G. Bryan (21)	1883
Alexander Hamilton (16)	1855-56	Alexander Shumway (20)	1884
William L. Brewer (3)	1857	Job F. Seamans (2)	1885
George F. Daskam (15)	1858	Frank G. Bassett (27)	1886
George Stancliff (9)	1859	James H. Welsh (28)	1887
Howard B. Ensign (8)	1860	John P. Weir (22)	1888
Willis J. Goodsell (1)	1861	Samuel Bassett (27)	1889
William R. Higby (16)	1862-63	George A. Kies (3)	1890

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Atherton L. Barnes (9)	1891	T. Frank Cassidy (1)	1926
Thomas J. Gill (1)	1892	Frederick A. Beebe (4)	1927
William H. Parmelee (25)	1893	Arthur H. Parker (24)	1928
Frank W Trowbridge (21)	1894	Arthur L. Clark (9)	1929
I. F. Stidman (24)	1895	Robert R. Houston (6)	1930
Edward E. West (22)	1896	George G. Platt (19)	1931
Reuben H. Tucker (27)	1897	Charles A. Hallock (28)	1932
Edgar W. Latham (23)	1898	Frederick R. Coles (1)	1933
Stephen J. Lyon (25)	1899	Clarence G. Brooks (4)	1934
Henry O. Canfield (16)	1900	Harry E. Scheuy (24)	1935
Albert S. Comstock (3)	1901	Willis P. Fraser (33)	1936
Joseph S. Stokes (22)	1902	William E. Parker (16)	1937
Charles A. Jones (1)	1903	Harry F. Brown (9)	1938
Edward E. Fuller (14)	1904	Russell W. Potter (10)	1939
Charles B. Chapman (3)	1905	Frederick Marggraff (21)	1940
John H. Pearce (8)	1906	Philip J. Jones (1)	1941
George E. Melius (16)	1907	Lawrence G. Drescher (3)	1942
Stephen P. Goodsell (31)	1908	Samuel C. Cannon (9)	1943
Edward J. Pooley (22)	1909	William E. Jackson (22)	1944
Thomas W. Morgan (1)	1910	Herbert E. Warner (6)	1945
Oliver D. L. Burrows (4)	1911	Charles N. Baxter (19)	1946
Philip N. Sunderland (28)	1912	Joseph M. Hall (28)	1947
Burton H. Strickland (19)	1913	William E. Hamner (1)	1948
William C. Twombly (6)	1914	Frederick W Edgerton (4)	1949
William O. Shelley (1)	1915	Robert J. Boyce (14)	1950
E. Allen Bidwell (3)	1916	Edward R. Hunt (16)	1951
Thomas M. Barnes (16)	1917	Edward M. White (23)	1952
Henry H. Bradley (19)	1918	Louis Wenzel (21)	1953
F. Ward DeKlyn (28)	1919	Harold D. Smith (34)	1954
Norman C. Stevens (1)	1920	Wolcott S. Bissell (1)	1955
Edward B. Alling (24)	1921	William M. Wyman (3)	1956
T. Lurelle Guild (6)	1922	Newie S. Rowe (33)	1957
George G. Beers (16)	1923	Mathias VanAltena (31)	1958
Daniel H. Gladding (8)	1924	Ernest F. Lofgren (6)	1959
Frederick H. Gerlach (28)	1925	George R. Schenk (8)	1960

E. Kenneth Wilson (1)	1961	Robert D. Sherrick (35)	1995
Pierson E. Dolbeare (4)	1962	Richard L. Smail (14,22)	1996
J. Homer Hawkins (10)	1963	Thurman P. Sharples (2)	1997
William L. Corves (22)	1964	<b>Richard A. Eppler (19)</b>	1998
Calvin S. Smith (9)	1965	Ernest J. Smith (14)	1999
Edward L. DeAlmo (19)	1966	<b>Paul L. Chello (19,36)</b>	2000
Irving B. Millen (1)	1967	Robert L. Hodgson (3)	2001
Robert H. Trask (3)	1968	Sivert R. Jacobson (25)	2002
Lawrence W. Wright (2)	1969	<b>Randy S. Stevens (19)</b>	2003
Fred C. Eppler (1)	1970	<b>Richard G. Barrows (10)</b>	2004
Henry F. Gerke (6)	1971	<b>Scott T. Sherrick (35)</b>	2005
Leo H. Lohrman (16,28)	1972	Peter J. Stapleton (36)	2006
Melvin E. Gibbs (22)	1973	Raymond Tomlinson (8)	2007
David Wainwright (1)	1974	Andrew G. Weimann (20)	2008
Stanley H. Steiner (14)	1975	<b>Randy S. Stevens (19)</b>	2009
Ralph C. Channel (6)	1976	<b>James C. Kleinkauf (36)</b>	2010
Lawrence P. Urban (35)	1977	<b>Bruce R. Bellmore (08)</b>	2011
Robert J. Campbell (28)	1978	Edward R. Ham (16)	2012
Gentry J. Cooke, Sr. (29)	1979	<b>Charles A McCollum (06)</b>	2013
Charles L. Lincoln Sr (1)	1980	<b>Charles A McCollum (06)</b>	2014
Charles K. Lynn (14)	1981	<b>Michael E. Seamon (01)</b>	2015
Earl J. Fitzpatrick (19)	1982	<b>J. Andrew Birdsall (04)</b>	2016
Arthur B. Maybeck (27)	1983	<b>Clyde W. Kayser (08,20)</b>	2017
Irving W. Wilber (20)	1984	<b>Charles D. O'Neill (06)</b>	2018
Charles L. Lincoln Jr (1)	1985	<b>C. B. Fowler Jr (01), Hon</b>	2018
Arthur R. Bossé (14)	1986	<b>Charles D. O'Neill (06)</b>	2019
Herbert R. Olson (25)	1987	<b>Martin Ede (08)</b>	2020
Arthur L. Shumway (8)	1988	<b>James S. McNeely (01)</b>	2021
William F. Orrell (35)	1989	<b>James S. McNeely (01)</b>	2022
<b>Edward Choate (19) IL</b>	1989	<b>Darrin D. Silhavy (06)</b>	2023
Richard A. Egner (10)	1990	<b>William E Weisert (04)</b>	2024
<b>Thomas Maxwell (06)</b>	1991		
Wayne Wormstedt (14)	1992		
<b>James P. Keaveny (03)</b>	1993		
Richard E. Larcom (19)	1994		

**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. Schenck	Harmony 8
1974	Irving E. Partridge	Wolcott 1
1975	Wolcott S. Bissell	Wolcott 1
1976	Russell D. Ramette	Wolcott 1
1977	James R. Case	Wooster 28
1978	Arthur F. Simpson	Adam Sattig 35
1979	Leo H. Lohrman II	Wooster 28
1980	Fred C. Eppler	Doric 24
1981	David Wainwright	Wolcott 1
1982	William M. Wyman	Franklin 3
1983	William L. Corves	Hamilton 22
1984	Charles K. Lynn	Adoniram 14
1985	Gentry J. Cooke, Sr	Mystic 29
1987	Robert J. Campbell	Wooster 28
1988	<b>Charles W. Yohe</b>	Buel 20
1989	Carl Schultz, Sr	Columbia 9
1990	Herbert R. Olson	Lee 25
1991	Richard L. Smail	Adoniram 14
1992	Elmer E. Stone	Adoniram 14
1993	William F. Orrell	Adam Sattig 35
1994	Richard E. Larcom	Crawford 19
1995	Warren J. Dennison	Washington 6
1996	<b>Kenneth W. Marvin</b>	Montgomery 2
1997	Arthur R. Bosse	Adoniram 14
1998	John A. Birdsall	Cushing 4
1999	Kenneth A. Wright	Crawford 19
2000	Bard C. Teigen	Suffield 23
2001	<b>Richard A. Eppler</b>	Crawford 19
2002	<b>Charles B. Fowler, Jr</b>	Wolcott 1
2003	F. Laurence Lindblad	Ionic-Doric 33
2004	Robert A. Colbourn	Crawford 19
2005	Michael Robinson	Adoniram 14
2006	Wesley H. Alexander	Crawford 19

2007	Donald W. Reddick	Menunketuck 36
2008	<b>Chester I. Russell</b>	Lee 25
2009	Robert D. Sherrick	Adam Sattig 35
2010	<b>Bruce R. Bellmore</b>	Franklin 2
2011	<b>Paul L. Chello</b>	Halleck 44
2012	Edward R. Ham	Jerusalem 16
2013	<b>Charles D. O'Neill</b>	Washington 6
2014	<b>Clyde W. Kayser, II</b>	Buel 20
2015	Jack H. Stevens	Crawford 19
2016	<b>James C. Kleinkauf</b>	Menunketuck 36
2017	<b>Darrin D. Silhavy, IV</b>	Wolcott 1
2018	Gary A. Littlefield	Montgomery 2
2021	<b>Richard L. Allen</b>	Cushing 4
2022	<b>Charles A. McCollum</b>	Paugussett 16
2023	<b>William L. Miller, II</b>	Wolcott 01
2024	<b>William C. Lang</b>	Crawford 19

**Bold** indicates Active Members

2025

**SCOTT A. DANIELS, JR.**  
**Cushing Council No. 04**

**SCOTT ADRIAN DANIELS, JR.**

## Philip J. Jones Award

Scott Adrian Daniels, Jr. was born January 13, 1980 in Oswego, New York to parents Scott A. Daniels, Sr. and Della Daniels (Durfey), the first child in a family of two. He attended Fulton City schools in Fulton NY, graduating in 1998.

Scott joined the United States Navy in 1998 where he honorably served until October 2020, advancing to Electronics Navigation Submarine Qualified Chief Petty Officer. After his Navy career he commenced work for Curtiss-Wright 901D, a defense solution company.

He settled down into family life with Lady Amanda as his bride, and mother to his 3 children, Lillian, Madeline and Brooklyn. His hobbies and interests include many sports when not being involved with his children's activities, which include being a Rainbow DAD and a Softball coach.

Masonically, Scott was raised in Somerset - St. James Lodge No. 34, later serving as an officer. He began his York Rite journey with the degrees of the Royal Arch on February 28, 2009 in Union Chapter No. 7 and advanced through the chairs to serve as High Priest in 2022. He joined the Cryptic Rite in Cushing Council No. 4, taking his Royal and Select Master Degrees on March 9, 2013, followed quickly by a jump into the East to serve as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2014, 2015 and again in 2021. He completed his York Rite training with the Templar Orders in Palestine Commandery No. 11, being knighted March 29, 2013. He later served as Eminent Commander in 2021.

Scott is also active in other parts of the Masonic family, having served as an Advisory Board member for International Order of Rainbow for Girls since 2021, and also Treasurer. He received the Grand Cross of Color award in 2023 for his dedicated service to IORG.

He was appointed to the office of Grand Sentinel in 2022, and currently serves as Grand Conductor.

**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 (**Bold indicates Active**):

- |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1973                             | M. Manning, Olive Branch 10      |
| Charles Simonson, Wolcott 1      |                                  |
| Robert Fletcher, Olive Branch 10 | 1978                             |
| Charles K. Lynn, Adoniram 14     | Arthur J. McKinney, Wolcott 1    |
| Edward A. Breed, Mystic 29       | John W. Ogden, Washington 6      |
| Harold F. Brooks, Orange 34      | Matthew J. Banach, Suffield 23   |
|                                  | Charles P. Winchell, Doric 24    |
|                                  | Carroll F. Lewis, Adam Sattig 35 |
| 1974                             |                                  |
| David Wainwright, Wolcott 1      | 1979                             |
| Grady L. Pearson, Adoniram 14    | <b>Ken Marvin, Montgomery 2</b>  |
| Cecil H. Grant, Waterbury 21     | Roscoe C. German, Buel 20        |
| Burton F. Harrington, Lee 25     | Henry A. Phillips, Lee 25        |
| Harry C. Walter, Wooster 28      | Russell L. Benjamin, Mystic 29   |
|                                  | Herbert G. Shaw, Orange 34       |
| 1975                             |                                  |
| Webster Culver, Wolcott 1        | 1980                             |
| Harold Staiger, Adoniram 14      | Carl Schultz, Sr., Columbia 9    |
| John E. Foster, Jerusalem 16     | Bern. Church, Olive Branch 10    |
| Robert E. Cushman, Mystic 29     | Thomas W. Blowen, Suffield 23    |
| J Normington, Montgomery 2       | William A. Bonney, Doric 24      |
|                                  | Sterling Mills, Adam Sattig 35   |
| 1976                             |                                  |
| Lewis E. Miner, Adoniram 14      | 1981                             |
| Theodore F. Risley, Buel 20      | Charles Lincoln, Sr., Wolcott 1  |
| Robert L. Murray, Mystic 29      | John E. Knauer, Cushing 4        |
| Arthur K. Kandetzki, Orange 34   | <b>Rodney Gray, Adoniram 14</b>  |
| Thomas Lauridsen, A. Sattig 35   | John D. Mutch, Jerusalem 16      |
|                                  | Gunnar Lundquist, Hamilton 22    |
| 1977                             |                                  |
| Burton W. Robinson, Franklin 3   | 1982                             |
| Edmund H. Smith, Jerusalem 16    | Charles Schroeder, Harmony 8     |
| George H. Sackett, Crawford 19   | Robert Colbourn, Crawford 19     |
| John S. Patten, Hamilton 22      | John L. Faulkins, Jerusalem 16   |
| Harry Schanck, Washington 6      |                                  |

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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  
**Scott R. Atkins, Harmony 08**  
**Gail N. Smith, Montgomery 02**

2023  
**Mark A. Orsini     Harmony 08**  
**Scott A Daniels Jr   Cushing 04**

2024  
**Steve Chiappalone – Hamilton 05**  
**Gary D Shepard – Housatonic 13**

**2025**

**Charles M. Jewart**  
**Wolcott 01**

**Ryan J. Snide**  
**Montgomery 02**

**CHARLES M. JEWART**  
**Knight of Ish Sodi**

Charles Milford Jewart was born on April 6, 1982 and is the eldest child of John and MaryAnne Jewart. He is the father of three (AmyAnne, Lillian, Thomas). In his youth he was active in Boy Scouts and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on April 6, 1998. He attended the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering where he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with a certificate in Photonics (2004), a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering with a focus in Electronics (2006) and a PhD in Electrical Engineering with a concentration in Devices (2011). He was a National Science Foundation IGERT Fellow (2008-2011) and held visiting research stays at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia (2007) as well as PUC-RIO in Rio de Janeiro (2010). In his academic career he published 20 peer-reviewed articles and currently has 600+ total citations.

A resident of Enfield, Charles moved to Connecticut in 2012 to work in optical modulator design at JDS Uniphase for which he was awarded three US Patents. He is currently employed by General Dynamics Electric Boat as a Principal Engineer.

He was Raised a Master Mason on October 2, 2004 in Centennial Lodge No. 544 located in Carnegie PA. The next year he was exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in St. Claire Chapter No. 300, and in 2006 he received the Order of the Temple in Chartiers Commandery No. 78, also in Carnegie.

In Connecticut he is a Past Master of Composite Lodge No. 28 of Suffield (2022), a two time Past High Priest of Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 (2020,-2021), a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Wolcott Council No. 1 (2017) and a Past Commander of Washington Commandery No. 1 (2019). He is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Hartford AASR (2023) and has seen all of the degrees in the NMJ.

Charles is a Rainbow Dad at New Britain Assembly No. 6 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, with AmyAnne and Lillian currently serving as Grand Representatives.

He is the current Excellent Chief of Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons and is a member of the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17. He is also a member of Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honour as well as the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon. He is currently the Thrice Illustrious King of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings.

He was the Monarch of Syria Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. of Suffield (2024) where he was responsible for reconstituting the Grotto after decades of darkness. He is currently the Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar of Nutmeg Forrest No. 116. He is also a member of Sphinx Shriners and a member of the Motor Patrol.

Charles was appointed as Ill. Grand Marshal of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal & Select Masons of Connecticut in 2021 and has advanced through the Grand Line, currently Deputy Puissant Grand Master.

**RYAN J. SNIDE  
Knight of Ish Sodi**

Ryan J. Snide was born to Lisa and Dennis Snide of Griswold CT. He attended Griswold Public Schools for grade school and Norwich Regional Vocational Technical High School, where he studied Plumbing and Heating graduating in 2001. Ryan opened his own business, Anything Plumbing in 2005, and he became a father to his son Ian that same year. In 2018 Ryan started Friends of Pachaug Forest as President and later became President of Friends of Connecticut State Parks in 2023

Ryan was Raised in Moosup Lodge No. 113 in 2019. He was exalted and became a member of Trinity Chapter No. 9 on October 2, 2021 and shortly thereafter was greeted in Montgomery Council No. 2 on October 30, 2021. He was knighted in St John's Commandery No. 11 in 2023.

He served Montgomery Council at Thrice Illustrious Master in 2024 and 2025 and also Trinity Chapter as High Priest in 2025. Ryan is also a proud Branded Member of the CT Widows Sons motorcycle club.

**THE JAMES ROYAL CASE AWARD**

In 1986, the York Rite Coordinating Committee, which is composed of the dais officers of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, established the James Royal Case Award for outstanding service to Masonry and to the York Rite in particular.

The committee was inactive from 2020 to 2024, but in 2025 convened to select a recipient. Previous recipients of this prestigious award are as follows (**Bold indicates Active**)::

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

2025

**EDWARD A. VARJABEDIAN**

**EDWARD ANTHONY VARJABEDIAN**  
**James Royal Case Award**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**MICHAEL D. SABIA, JR.**  
**Most Puissant Grand Master**  
**2025**

**MICHAEL DANIEL SABIA, JR.**

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

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

Michael holds a 7th Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do, 5th Degree in Taekwondo, and a 4th Degree Black Belt in Karate, as well as cross training in various other self-defense forms. He became an Assistant-Instructor in January 2001, and he received his Instructor Certification in 2008 from his teacher, James Lee (Jung Hwan).

Michael began working for the Town of Greenwich Department of Parks and Recreation on June 14, 2004, first as a Park Gardener in the Parks Division for 19 years, and currently as the Warehouse Expediter for

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

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

Michael's masonic career began when he was Raised a Master Mason at Acacia Lodge No. 85 on June 1, 2009. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021 and 2022; served as Lodge Secretary from 2014-18 and again from 2023 through the present. Michael served as Secretary of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Blue Lodge Council in 2013 and again interim in the first few months of 2017. He served as President in 2019, driving program changes to increase attendance. He served as BLC Secretary from 2020-2024. Michael began a monthly 1<sup>st</sup> District Opportunities based on the York Rite Opportunities to list all Masonic events in District 1 every month from 2019 to 2023 as part of improving Masonic awareness in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. In 2014, he was a founding member of the Actual Past Masters Association of the 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District, and he served as its third Right Worshipful Master in 2016 and again in 2017, and is currently Secretary. He also served as the Associate Grand Marshal of Masonic District 1C (currently 1A) from April 2015 to April 2017 with Richard E. "Digger" Odell, Past RWDD. Michael also served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as a member of the Committee on Community Action from 2013 to 2019, and he was Chairman from 2015 to 2016.

Michael affiliated with Old Well St. John's Lodge No. 6 of Norwalk in 2019, and he is currently serving as Lodge Historian; and in 2023 he joined Harmony Lodge No. 67 in New Canaan where he served as Senior Deacon in 2024. He also assisted in the reforming of Lafayette Quarry No. 1 in Fairfield (Perfect Craftsman Quarry) and served as its first Secretary from 2022 to 2023. Michael was awarded the Dr. Albert E. Austin Meritorious Service Award of Acacia Lodge No. 85 on May 27, 2025.

Michael was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason on February 25, 2012 in Rittenhouse Chapter #11 at the Statewide Chapter Festival in Meriden, CT. He served as High Priest in 2016, and currently serves as Chaplain.

He was conferred the Order of High Priesthood in the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests on April 30, 2016, and was elected as Most Excellent President in 2022 to serve at the 2023 Convention. In 2018, he affiliated with Housatonic Chapter #13 in Stratford where he serves as Chaplain. Michael was appointed to the line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut in June 2017 and served as M.E. Grand High Priest for 2024-2025. He earned the General Grand Chapter Ritual Award in 2020, and he was awarded the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze in 2022.

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

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

Michael became a member of Nathan Hale Council of Allied Masonic Degrees on November 17, 2018, and he served in the line to Junior Warden, dimitting in January 2023 after becoming a Charter member of Luke A. Lockwood Council No. 583 in Norwalk CT, and was Sovereign Master in 2024. As such, he was initiated as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord and as a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri.

Michael received his 32nd Degree on May 5, 2014, in Lafayette Consistory in the Valley of Bridgeport AASR NMJ. He served as Captain

of the Guard of Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix for 2017-2018 and is currently the Master of Ceremonies for DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Bridgeport. Michael is active in roles in the various degrees put on by the Valley.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025 – 2026



**Standing L to R:** Ashante McPherson, Michael Miller, William Weisert, Scott Daniels, Eric Hoy, Edward Varjabedian, Ryan Snide, Charles Fowler, Martin Ede, Daniel Luft

**Seated:** Charles McCollum, Charles Jewart, Michael Sabia, Scott Atkins, William Miller

Most Puissant Grand Master	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	(06)
Deputy Puissant Grand Master	Charles M. Jewart	(01)
Grand Principal Conductor of Work	Scott R. Atkins	(08)
Grand Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum	(06)
Grand Recorder	William L. Miller, II	(01)
Grand Captain of the Guard	Scott A. Daniels, Jr.	(04)
Grand Conductor	Eric H. Hoy	(01)
Grand Marshal	Daniel M. Luft	(09)
Grand Steward	Ryan J. Snide	(02)
Grand Sentinel	Michael J. Miller	(16)
Grand Chaplain	Edward A Varjabedian	(01)
Grand Organist	Ashante McPherson	(06)
Grand Historian	Martin Ede	(08)
Assistant Grand Chaplain	William E. Weisert, II	(01)
Assistant Grand Chaplain	Bruce R. Bellmore	(08)
Associate Grand Marshal	Gary D. Shepard	(16)

Grand Recorder Emer. & Assist	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	(01)
Assistant Grand Treasurer	Scott T. Sherrick	(16)
Grand Trustee to 2026	Paul L. Chello	(19)
Grand Trustee to 2027	Scott T. Sherrick	(16)
Grand Trustee to 2028	Charles D. O'Neill	(06)

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Mark Orsini	

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

### ANNUAL ASSEMBLY – 2025

The Annual Assembly of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings was held in the apartments of Hamilton Council No. 9 at the Masonic Hall in Meriden, Connecticut on Thursday May 29, 2025.

#### OFFICERS PRESENT

Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	Thrice Ill. King
Charles M. Jewart	Thrice Ill. Prince of the West
Gary Shepard	Ill. Prince of the South
Charles A. McCollum, PTIK	Thrice Ill. Scribe-Treasurer
Kristian Maiorino	Thrice Ill. Chaplain
Eric Hoy	Thrice Ill. Prince of the Court
Harold Elwell	Thrice Ill. Steward
Michael Miller	Thrice Ill. Sentinel

Following a supper, the Assembly was opened in form by Thrice Illustrious King Craig R. Nelson, Sr. at 7:30 p.m. Prayer was offered by Thrice Illustrious Chaplain Kristian Maiorino, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. There were 22 Companions present, all of whom were welcomed by the Thrice Illustrious King.

The Scribe/Treasurer presented four (4) 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 P. Grieco	1
Albert R.R. Johnson	8
Mark Orsini	9
Andrew Flasko	16

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

Prologue	Richard A. Eppler
Adonijah	Michael Miller
Joab	Martin Ede
Abiathar	John W. Braddock

Zadok	Kristian Maiorino
Beniah	Michael E. Seamon
Nathan	Richard G. Barrows
Adoniram	Clyde W. Kayser II
Ahiah	Charles M. Jewart
Abijah	Eric Hoy
Messenger	William Weisert
Solomon (Exemplars)	
King David	Bruce R. Bellmore
Director	Charles McCollum

Director McCollum introduced the Cast and thanked them for a job well done. They were greeted with a hearty round of applause. Thrice Illustrious King Craig R. Nelson, Sr. presented each candidate with his membership card.

The TIK welcomed and recognized the Past Thrice Illustrious Kings: Companions Bruce R. Bellmore, Richard A. Eppler, Charles A. McCollum, Clyde W. Kayser II, Michael E. Seamon and Michael D. Sabia, Jr.

Companion William E. Weisert, II, Most Puissant Grand Master of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was recognized. Other dignitaries of the Grand Council accompanying him were:

Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	R. Ill. Deputy Puissant Grand Master
Charles M. Jewart	R. Ill. Grand Prin. Conductor of the Work
Richard A. Eppler	PMPGM
Richard G. Barrows	PMPGM
Bruce R. Bellmore	PMPGM and Asst. Grand Chaplain
Charles A. McCollum	PMPGM, and Grand Treasurer
Michael E. Seamon	PMPGM
Clyde W. Kayser III	PMPGM
Martin Ede	PMPGM and Grand Historian
Darrin D. Silhavy	PMPGM
Eric H. Hoy, III.	Grand Steward
Ryan J. Snide, III.	Grand Marshal
Arnold S. Grot III.	Assistant Grand Chaplain

Most Puissant Grand Master Weisert was conducted to the East and accorded the Private Grand Honors.

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

Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	ME Grand High Priest
Jason Rieger	RE Grand King
Bruce R. Bellmore	MEPGHP and Asst. Grand Chaplain
Charles A. McCollum	MEPGHP and Grand Treasurer
Richard A. Eppler	MEPGHP
Martin Ede	MEPGHP and Grand Historian
Clyde W. Kayser, II	MEPGHP
Michael E. Seamon	MEPGHP
Gary D. Shepard	RE Grand Captain of the Host
Kristian M. Maiorino	RE Grand Royal Arch Captain
Andrew Flasko	RE Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil
Richard G. Barrows	RE Past Grand Custodian

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

Charles A. McCollum	REPGC and Grand Treasurer
William E. Weisert, II	Em. Grand Prelate
Bruce R. Bellmore	RE PGC and Associate Grand Prelate
Clyde W. Kayser,	REPGC
Michael E. Seamon	REPGC
Harold A. Elwell	REPGC
Gary D. Shepard	Em. Grand Warder
Darrin D. Silhavy	Em. Grand Inspector
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	Em. Grand Sentinel

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

Richard A. Eppler	Past Grand Governor, and Past Grand Herald
Charles A. McCollum	Past Grand Governor
Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	Governor #17
Daniel M. Luft	Deputy Governor #17
Kristian M. Maiorino	Chancellor #17
Bruce R. Bellmore	Past Governor #17
Clyde W. Kayser II	Past Governor #17
Richard G. Barrows	Past Governor #17
Martin Ede	Past Governor #17
Michael E. Seamon	Past Governor #17
Darrin Silhavy	Past Governor #17

Dignitaries of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. present were:

Bruce R. Bellmore                  Most Worshipful Past Grand Master  
Several Past District Deputies and Past Assoc. Grand Marshals

The Scribe-Treasurer reported that the minutes of the last Assembly were printed in the Grand Council Proceedings. They were, on motion, accepted without reading.

It was moved, seconded and APPROVED to grant one hundred dollars (\$100) to the T. I. Scribe-Treasurer as an honorarium, to pay one hundred sixty-one and 25/100 (\$161.25) to Harold Elwell for dinner, to pay eighty-three and 45/100 (\$83.45) to Darrin Silhavy for beverages and to pay one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Meriden Masonic Temple Foundation for building use.

It was moved, seconded and APPROVED 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.

It was moved, seconded and APPROVED 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 his report. It was moved, seconded and APPROVED to accept the report.

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

<b>John Mellor</b>	<b>Paugussett #16</b>	<b>April 3, 2024</b>
<b>Kenneth E. Fears</b>	<b>Paugussett #16</b>	<b>April 13, 2024</b>
<b>Andrew G. Weimann, II PMPGM</b>		
	<b>Buel #20</b>	<b>October 22, 2024</b>

The Thrice III. King then asked for the report of the Committee on Nominations for the Officers for 2025-2026, which was presented by Companion Charles McCollum, as follows:

Thrice Illustrious King	Charles M. Jewart
T. I. Prince of the West	Gary Shepard
T. I. Prince of the South	Kristian M. Maiorino
T. I. Scribe-Treasurer	Charles A. McCollum
T. I. Chaplain	Eric H. Hoy
T. I. Prince of the Court	Harold Elwell

T. I. Steward

Michael Miller

T. I. Sentinel

William E. Wiesert, II


There being no additional nominations after three requests, it was moved, seconded and APPROVED that the Scribe-Treasurer cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

The officers present were duly installed by T. I. Companion Charles A. McCollum with the assistance of Bruce Bellmore and Michael Sabia.

T.I. Scribe-Treasurer McCollum announced that the next meeting will be in Meriden on May 29, 2026. Thrice Illustrious King Charles M. Jewart 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 William E. Weisert, II for his remarks.

T.I. King Jewart then closed the Council at 9:00 PM.

Attest:



Charles A. McCollum, PTIK, PMPGM  
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 2025 shows three Thrice Illustrious Companions having passed on to the other shore. In addition, five Three Illustrious Companions are no longer members of their constituent councils.

At our last Annual Meeting on May 30, 2024 eight new members received the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master and joined our ranks.

As of 31 March 2025, there were approximately 128 members of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings.

Respectfully Submitted



Charles A. McCollum, PMPGM  
Scribe-Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report**  
April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

BALANCE April 1, 2024		\$ 9,209.88
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Dinners	\$ 450.00	
Contributions	\$ 150.00	
Initiation Fees	\$ 120.00	
Interest	\$ 0.95	
Silver Trowel Sales, misc.	\$ 51.55	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$772.50</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Charity	\$ 200.00	
Honoraria	\$ 100.00	
Postage	\$ 100.00	
Printing	\$ 124.06	
Dinners	\$ 214.89	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT</b>		<b>\$738.95</b>
BALANCE March 31, 2025		\$ 9,176.33

**ACTIVE PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS KINGS**

Rodney I. Gray	1982	Robert J. Cascone	2015
Stephen D. Piner	1983	Joseph R. Krusienski	2016
Gail N. Smith	1987	Charles D. O'Neill	2018
Bruce R. Bellmore	1991	Clyde W. Kayser, II	2019,-2020
Kenneth W. Marvin	2000	Daniel M. Luft	2021
Richard A. Eppler	2004	Michael E. Seamon	2022
Paul L. Chello	2008	Michael D. Sabia, Jr.	2023
Randy S. Stevens	2009	Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	2024
Robert J. Knowles	2010		
Charles A. McCollum	2014		

## Connecticut Council Of Super Excellent Masters

An Assembly of Connecticut Council of Super Excellent Masters was held on 5 October 2024 in the apartments of Hamilton Council No. 09 in Meriden. Officers present were:

TIM	Michael D. Sabia, Jr	DIM	Harold A. Elwell
IPC	James C. Kleinkauf	Rec	Charles A. McCollum

TIM Sabia opened a Council of Super Excellent Masters at 1:00 pm. There were 21 Companions present.

The Degree of Super Excellent Master was conferred on the following candidates: Duane Mason, from Wolcott No. 1; Brett Altman from Washington No. 6; Mitchell Kostich, Anthony Polzella, and Blaise Riccio from Hamilton No. 9; and James Whitaker and Fritzner Erauda from Paugussett No. 16. The cast list is attached to these minutes.

TIM Sabia recognized the Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Connecticut Council, Charles A. McCollum.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Assembly were accepted as printed in the Grand Council Proceedings.

The following dignitaries from the Grand Chapter were recognized: Michael Sabia, GHP; Charles McCollum, PGHP and Grand Treasurer; Gary D. Shepard, Grand CoH; Gerald Calabritto, Grand PS; Kristian Maiorino, Grand RAC; James Whitaker, GM2V; Martin Ede, PGHP and Grand Historian; and Richard Eppler, PGHP.

The following dignitaries from the Grand Commandery were recognized: Harold Elwell, Grand Commander; Steven J. Chiappalone, Deputy Grand Commander; James Whitaker, Grand Captain General; Christian Schunmann, Grand Junior Warden; Charles A. McCollum, PGC and Grand Treasurer; Vincent A. Cowie, PGC, PNEDC, and Grand Recorder; William E. Weisert, Grand Prelate; Michael E. Seamon, PGC and Grand Inspector; Gary D. Shepard, Grand Sentinel; and Martin Ede, Grand Historiographer.

The following visiting dignitaries were recognized: Earl Cole, RI Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of New Hampshire.


Most Puissant Grand Master William E. Weisert and the following officers were recognized: Michael D. Sabia, Jr. DPGM; Charles Jewart, Grand IPC; Charles McCollum, PMPGM and Grand Treasurer; Martin

Ede, PMPGM and Grand Historian; and PMPGMs Richard Eppler, Michael Seamon and Darrin Silhavy. MPGM Weisert was offered Grand Honors and presented with the gavel, which he returned.

It was announced that the next Annual Assembly of the Council will be held during a break in the Grand Council Annual Assembly.

There being no further business to come before the Council, TIM Sabia asked the MPGM for his remarks. He gave a brief history lesson on the background of the Degree, including the original name of Zedekiah. TIM Sabia then closed the Council in Form at 2:35 pm.

Attest:

  
Charles A. McCollum  
Recorder

Class Marshal	William Weisert
Reader	Chuck McCollum
Recorder	Chuck McCollum
Gedeliah	Michael Sabia
1st Keeper	Hal Elwell
2nd Keeper	James Kleinkauf
3rd Keeper	Martin Ede
Herald	Christian Schunmann
Zedekiah	Kristian Maiorino
Johilus	Steve Chiappalone
Coniah	Mark Agnew
Seriah	Mike Seamon
Sons	Anthony Maisano
Hananiah	Darrin Silhavy
Jeremiah	Chuck McCollum
Joab	Chuck Jewart
Nebuchadnezzar	Randy Stevens
Executioner	Gerry Calabritto
Nebuzaradan	Christian Schunmann
Ezekiel	Chuck McCollum