

Report of the Committee on Activities and Testimonials
November 6, 2022 Event

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, over 100 Brethren, ladies and other guests gathered at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord in a mid-day celebration honoring our MSA recipients.

Those honored with the Meritorious Service Award By nominations from their various valleys are as follows.

Elected June 3rd, 2022 at the 99th annual communication of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation in Gorham NH.

Brother Ronald E. Carbary, 32°, MSA
Valley of Nashua

Brother Dennis A. Tuttle Jr., 32°, MSA
Valley of Concord

Brother Gary A. Ward, 32°, MSA
Valley of Concord

A social period began at 1 P.M., followed by a delicious buffet dinner of Ham, Roast Beef and Turkey with all the fixings, catered by Hart's Turkey Farm. Prior to the meal, Ill.: Brother Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., 33°, spoke briefly on each of the recipients and how proud he was of each of them and their accomplishments. Ill.: Brother Clay being unable to stay due to work commitments excused himself and left Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, to continue the program at the conclusion of the midday meal.

Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, performed the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony and presented Certificates and pins to the new recipients with brief comments from each honoree.

Other Honored guests in attendance at the November event: Ill.: Brother Kenneth A. Clay, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New Hampshire, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and Mrs. Tammy Clay; Ill.: Brother Mark C. Roth, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Lieutenant Commander, and Ill.: Brother Richard W. Elliot, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Grand Minister of State, Past Deputy for New Hampshire, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, and Mrs. Kathy Elliot; Ill.: Brother Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council and Past Deputy for New Hampshire, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, and Mrs. Jean Hansen; Ill.: Brother David S. Collins, 33°, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Colleen Collins; Ill.: Brother John E. Lobdell, 33°, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Cindy Lobdell; Ill.: Brother John F. Gordon, 33°, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Connie Gordon; Ill.: Brother C. Wayne Libby, Jr., 33°, Past Commander in Chief of New Hampshire Consistory, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Sandi Libby; Ill.: Brother Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Mrs. Barbara Sawyer; and Most Worshipful Jerome T Becker Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NH and Mrs. Donna Becker and Ill.: Brother Michael Tebbetts, Potentate of Bektash Shrine and his Lady Kat, Ill.: Brother Gary E. Roy, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory and Mrs. Beth Roy.

Ill.∴ Brother Roy presented the Notable Service award to Ill.∴ Brother Larry A Gullet 33°, for his continued support and dedication to the entire body and principles of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction
The 2023 MSA & 33rd degree Award Ceremony will again be held at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord, NH on Sunday, November 5th, 2023.

For the Committee,

John E. Lobdell, 33°, Co-Chairman
Thomas S. Lowe, 33°, Co-Chairman
Robert C. Lethbridge, 33°, M.S.A.
Donald L. Mendzela, 33°
Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A.

May 28, 2023

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and Members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

As there have been no questions or issues referred to this Committee up to this time, the members of the Committee on Constitution and Laws have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Wayne Libby Jr., 33°, M.S.A., Chairman

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Jeffery M. Brown, 33°

John A. Loven, 32°

Michael F. Ripberger, 32°, M.S.A.

Education & Leadership Development Committee

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

Our COD Workshop was once again held meeting in person. It was well attended. Under the leadership of our Deputy we had a very interesting and informative interactive meeting. The distinguished Ill. Kenneth A. Clay invited guest to provide information various topics

- Museum & Library
- Masonic Marketplace
- Global Leadership Summit
- Benjamin Franklin Award of Distinction
- 50-Year Membership Plates
- Grand Almoner's Fund
- Blue Envelope 2022
- Giving Tuesday
- CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS
- Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Fund
- Membership Stats
- First Responders Campaign
- Thursday Night at the Rite
- 2022-23 Valley of Excellence
- SRNMJ initiated 951 members this year.
- Discussion on The Valley of Portsmouth Dover Video Degree Marathon.
- An informative and engaging talk on Beekeeping was done by Brothers Peter Crouch and Jon Solomonides.

An informative and engaging talk on Beekeeping was done by Brothers Peter Crouch and Jon Solomonides. All the participants were given a memento for the day.

Illustrious Karl Bickford talked on the scholarships.

Ill Brother Elliot talked on the MSA deadline and guidelines.

Illustrious Ken Clay talked on the youth advisor of the year details.

Illustrious Brother Clay has some new thoughts on going around to promote Scottish Rite to blue lodge masons. He is also developing an officer training and procedures program.

TRAINING (SCOTTISH) RITE

Illustrious Brother Troy Patoine and Brother Andrew Bennert did a presentation on officer training, A 158 slide presentation was presented covering many different subjects. New as well as old officers we able to come away from this training with some information they didn't previously know. Members were very appreciative of this new resource they could then bring back to their respective Valleys as a thumb drive was given to each participant.

Illustrious Brother Clay also did an online orientation program for the two new Deputy Reps who were coming on board and they were also appreciative for the guidance and instruction as to their duties and responsibilities.

We have made great strides at the local level to re-engage our membership. Ken has traveled to all the Valleys to discuss and understand their concerns and limitations. NH Consistory has also helped the valleys with Membership interaction programs and incentives. We are seeing continued energy and excitement within our membership ranks. The actives have supported both Illustrious Brother Clay as well as his educational programs over the past year.

We have seen three of our valleys this year strive and be eligible for the Valley of excellence as well as the remaining two make huge strides in their percentages.

Our Deputy has supported and reinvigorated two valleys which were struggling a little and with the hard work the Officers of those Valleys, as well as his new Deputy Reps has assisted with the growth and inspiration to again be shining and active valleys in NH.

Our Deputy has traveled extensively and with his programs and dedicated leadership the membership is much more knowledgeable in our craft.

Respectfully,
Gary E. Roy, 33° MSA

REPORT OF THE MEDIA & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

III.: Commander in Chief, Members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation, and Distinguished Guests:

The primary means of Valley communication and publicity statewide is through electronic media. Secondly are Valley newsletters. This committee thanks those who've submitted articles and ideas over the past year. Our greatest need is content; not only for Valley newsletters, but also for the New Hampshire Scottish Rite website and Facebook pages. We ask our members for help in posting and publishing them.

Branding of Scottish Rite

Supreme Council has set brand standards to enhance our image to the general public, as well as to our membership with standardized Scottish Rite images.

Social media

During the pandemic, social media became a vital means of keeping members engaged. With our Supreme Council quickly taking action, New Hampshire Valleys built on this and continue to communicate with members through email blasts, electronic newsletters done by the Valleys of Concord and of Portsmouth-Dover, Facebook posts and Facebook groups. Of particular note is the Rite Ladies of New Hampshire group created by Beth Roy, wife of our Commander-in-Chief, to reach out directly to the ladies of our members.

Three of the five Valleys have actively posted to Facebook, with Nashua also posting to a separate New Hampshire Consistory page. New Hampshire Consistory also posts news items to the state website, www.nhscottishrite.org.

BeAFreemason.org

Supreme Council, in conjunction with the Southern Jurisdiction and Shriners unveiled a new website, www.BeAFreemason.org, to be a central point of online information about Freemasonry, and how to join. This follows Supreme Council's "Not Just A Man, A Mason." marketing campaign that was made available at no charge for Grand Lodges and local Masonic Lodges to use. Material is available at www.notjustaman.org, and has been used by Valleys and individual members on Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, and on websites.

Journey On

Supreme Council followed up on the *Be A Freemason* campaign by creating *Journey On*, promoting Scottish Rite to Freemasons. They have created support media to be used by Valleys.

Email campaigns

Over the past year, New Hampshire Consistory emailed 42 targeted messages to its members, and an additional 22 email campaigns, where follow-up emails were sent to members who hadn't responded to the initial message. Open and response rates exceed the average rate of emails sent by businesses.

Emailing continues to miss one-third of our members, as they have either no email address or one that's invalid, have an internet service provider (ISP) that blocks our emails from being received, or the member opted-out from receiving our emails.

Website

The state website, nhscottishrite.org, has now been in use for a couple years. While the format is cleaner and less cluttered-looking than the former site, we will regularly review it to ensure it is easy to navigate and has eye appeal.

The website is used in conjunction with our email announcements to members. Members who use the email's one-button click to RSVP, has his reply recorded and is usually brought to a page on the website; acknowledging his reply. The website also has information pages for members, such as the Council of Deliberation Proceedings.

Web pages visited

In the last year, the website received just under 4,300 unique visits, which is about the same as the previous year. For each of those visits, an average of 1.8 page views took place. These numbers are skewed, as some of our web pages are used with our email campaigns to thank members for their response. The most activity took place in April, when scholarship applications are due, followed by November when the Testimonial and Fall Reunion occur. Visitors to the site are most often referred by major search engines (Google, DuckDuckGo, and Bing), with a small amount from Facebook, followed by nhrainbow.org and nhconsistory.com.

Recent site activity shows that the most visited pages are:

1. Home page
2. Valley of Concord page
3. Valley of Portsmouth-Dover page
4. Valley page (describing the five Valleys in NH)
5. Valley of Nashua page

In conclusion, we continue to ask all Committees, Valley Officers, and Valley Membership Committee members to assist us by providing photos of Scottish Rite events, as well as press releases for distribution to newspapers and other media outlets. We invite all to share observations and suggestions for bettering all our communication with members and with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman
Jeffrey M. Brown, 33°
Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.
Nicholas C. Martel, 33°
Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

**New Hampshire Scottish Rite
Council of Deliberation
Membership Development Committee
Annual Report
June 3, 2023**

INTRODUCTION

For the past several years, the Membership Development Committee has concentrated its efforts on identifying areas where the valleys could reverse the membership slide that has been going on for too many years: Rejuvenate the Valleys, Recruit New Members, Retain New Members and Conduct Masonic Service Projects.

The COVID-19 pandemic slowed efforts to find workable solutions for our membership problems. Still, with the end of the pandemic, the committee can now turn its attention to just one area: Rejuvenate the Valleys. Before we look at future efforts, we can see where we are today and where we have been before.

2022 ANNUAL RETURN DETAIL INFORMATION

Count at the beginning of the year	1077		
Additions		Losses	
Initiations	14	Deceased	52
Affiliations	6	Suspensions	9
Restorations	9	Discharges	4
Total Additions	29	Demits	12
		Total Losses	77
Count at the end of the Year	1029		

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PAST 75 YEARS

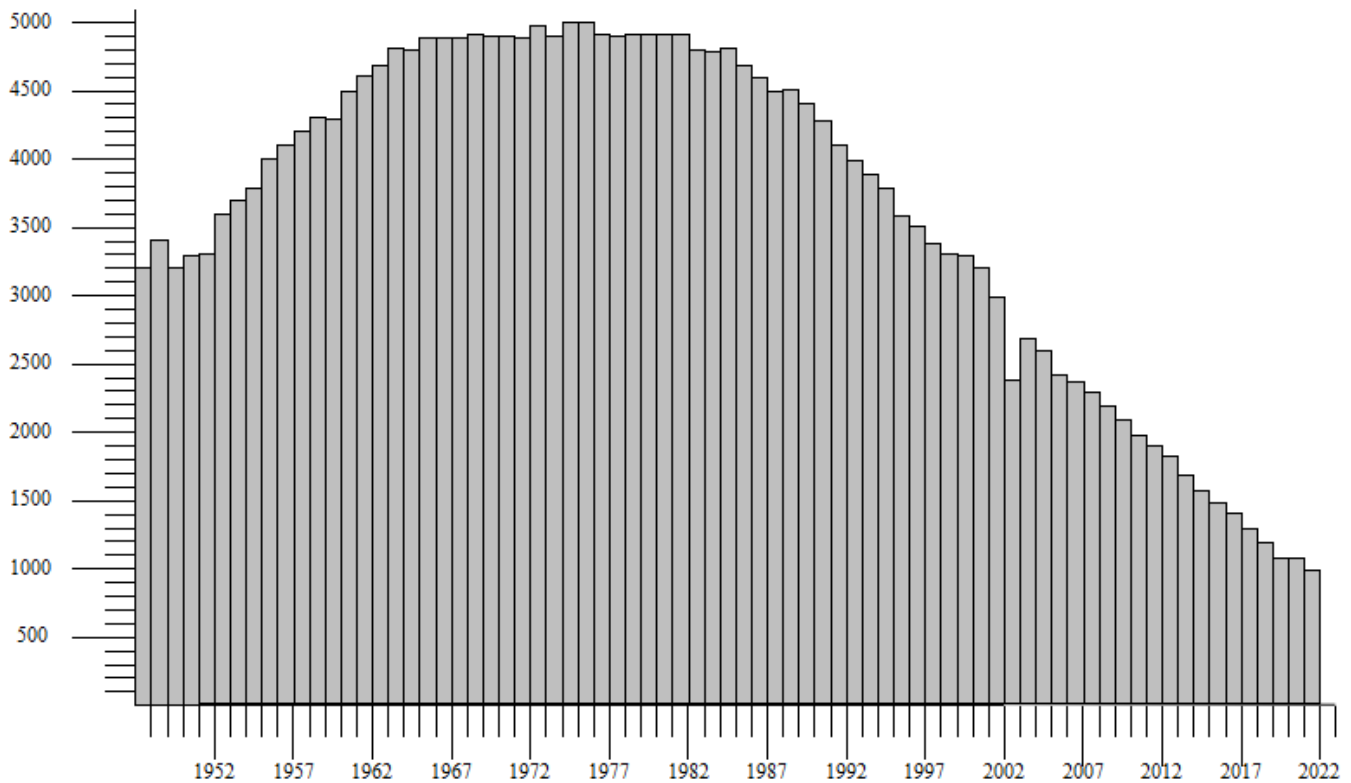
No one who has been a member of the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire for 10 or more years has to be told we are in some tough times. And there is little solace in knowing the Scottish Rite in every state is seeing the same tough times.

Still, it is important to see where we were in the past so we can set realistic goals for the future. The committee selected a 75-year period to highlight since there are few members remaining whose membership predates 1948.

The following table shows the membership for the past 75 years and how many members we lost or gained during that period.

Year	Members	Plus/Minus	Year	Members	Plus/Minus	Year	Members	Plus/Minus
1948	3245	---	1973	4853	65	1998	3362	-77
1949	3403	158	1974	4847	-6	1999	3262	-100
1950	3155	-248	1975	4853	6	2000	3247	-15
1951	3297	142	1976	4867	14	2001	3162	-85
1952	3419	122	1977	4793	-74	2002	3008	-154
1953	3562	143	1978	4789	-4	2003	2392	-616
1954	3715	153	1979	4780	-9	2004	2730	338
1955	3826	111	1980	4791	11	2005	2553	-177
1956	3990	164	1981	4766	-25	2006	2447	-106
1957	4087	97	1982	4772	6	2007	2384	-63
1958	4218	131	1983	4721	-51	2008	2295	-89
1959	4268	50	1984	4691	-30	2009	2239	-56
1960	4331	63	1985	4667	-24	2010	2142	-97
1961	4464	133	1986	4621	-46	2011	2002	-140
1962	4555	91	1987	4527	-94	2012	1858	-144
1963	4660	105	1988	4461	-66	2013	1777	-81
1964	4789	129	1989	4452	-9	2014	1662	-115
1965	4786	-3	1990	4308	-144	2015	1593	-69
1966	4936	150	1991	4212	-96	2016	1497	-96
1967	4861	-75	1992	4131	-81	2017	1362	-135
1968	4833	-28	1993	4037	-94	2018	1291	-71
1969	4813	-20	1994	3899	-138	2019	1201	-90
1970	4830	17	1995	3751	-148	2020	1127	-74
1971	4793	-37	1996	3572	-179	2021	1077	-50
1972	4788	-5	1997	3439	-133	2022	1029	-48

The following chart illustrates the above information, but a graphic representation may better show how the decline has steepened during the past four decades.



We should note that during the heydays of the 60s, 70s, and 80s, a large number of those joining the Scottish Rite were passing through to join the Shrine. Despite that, all the Scottish Rite had to do was keep 10 percent of the new members active in the valleys to make the Rite a success. When you have a membership close to 5,000, that 10 percent means 500 active Scottish Rite members.

That changed in the year 2000 when the Shrine dropped the requirement that its members had to be in either York or Scottish Rite. The Shrine was seeing a decrease in its membership which prompted the change.

For the Scottish Rite of New Hampshire, however, the slide started in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The change in the Shrine membership regulation did not really have much to do with it, except for making the slide a bit worse. Our experience simply reflects a general downward pressure on membership experienced across the Fraternity.

It is doubtful the Scottish Rite will return to the heady times in the late 1970s. But we have a lot to offer today’s Master Masons.

**THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX
(Or: No, We Haven’t Always Done It That Way)**

A few years ago, then Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. John W. McNaughton, told the story of his recent visit to the Valley of Indianapolis. He said when he first started speaking he asked a question, “Who is the most important person in the room?”

He added he could see everyone in the room looking around, sizing up just who is present. Without waiting for an answer, McNaughton simply stated, “The most important person in the room is the brother you are sitting next to!”

This is a way of expressing what could be called a Scottish Rite ideal – we have to focus our efforts on the members who are sitting on the sidelines.

Ill. Bro. Harry S. Truman, who received the 33rd Degree from the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction on October 19, 1945 (making him the only U.S. president to be so honored) summed up a different way of looking at the sidelines.

On his last night as president, a reporter asked him how he felt now that he was stepping down. Truman replied that in the United States, the elected officers are the servants and the people are actually the masters. “So, I’m not stepping down, I’m stepping up and I thank you for the promotion!”

Again, it's the brethren on the sidelines who are the most important. The message here is simple. We should be offering programs for the members that can give them interesting experiences or things they cannot get elsewhere.

An excellent example of thinking outside the box is the degree marathon put on by the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover. It is a simple idea that was well received by the members, both those who are members of the valley and those from around the state and even those from outside the state. This is something other valleys could try.

Large-Scale Events

We can use large-scale events as a way to bring attention to the activities of one or more valleys. Again, this is offering the members an activity that is either unique or marketed in a way that makes it big

For example, the Valley of Nashua is sponsoring a cookout in August (August 12 to be exact) at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown. The cookout includes a performance of the 16th Degree, which features a feast.

The valley selected Allenstown for the event because it is more central to the other valleys in the state. It's the Valley of Nashua's intent to make it accessible to as many New Hampshire Scottish Rite members as possible. It appears to be working because there are volunteers from across the state to participate in the degree.

There are any number of possible activities that the Scottish Rite could sponsor. These are multi-valley-type activities.

- *The Rite Stuff* – A formal dinner-dance for members of the Scottish and York rites. This brings the two groups together for the benefit of both and also serves as a way to honor the ladies and thank them for allowing us to do what we do.
- *Ladies' Nights* – Similar to *The Rite Stuff*, except it is more regional and is an activity we can open to Masonic lodges. Again, it is a formal dinner-dance and a night to honor the ladies.

Veterans' Night – It is always great to recognize everyone who served our country in the military in both peace and war. This can be far more than a word of recognition at a stated meeting or reunion. It could be a major thank-you event, complete with a dinner and a speaker from one of our military services. And when honoring veterans, don't forget a great many women have and are serving their country.

This would be an excellent opportunity to partner with other groups under the Masonic umbrella. For example, a Scottish Rite valley can partner with the York Rite, a blue lodge, or even an Eastern Star

chapter. It is also an excellent opportunity to gain some community notice. It is always a good idea to reach beyond the valley when planning events. This type of activity can help convince someone to take the plunge and apply for membership

Small-Scale Events

While large events are exciting to work on and be a part of, small events are also appealing. Bowling nights, movie nights, and small social gatherings have an appeal as well.

They can be easy to plan and having a few small events for a limited number of people can be an excellent way to regenerate a valley and build Scottish Rite friendships.

Affinity Groups

A movement that is gaining some traction in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is the formation of Affinity Groups. These are small groups that are usually centered on a shared interest. For example, brothers who are avid golfers get together to play golf. One group, which has eight members, plays golf every Wednesday morning. Since they are all retired it makes it easy.

Valleys can encourage its members to find others with similar interests.

The Rite Ladies Of New Hampshire

A recent and most positive innovation for the Scottish Rite of New Hampshire is the formation of The Rite Ladies of New Hampshire, a group for the ladies of Scottish Rite members. Providing activities for the ladies has been ongoing for a number of years, starting with inviting the ladies to join us at the annual Consistory degree day in April. Trips and activities were planned for the ladies while Scottish Rite members were watching degrees.

The group was formalized by Beth Roy, the wife of then Commander-in-Chief Gary Roy. Under her leadership, the group expanded its activities beyond once a year, making it an integral part of the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire.

WHAT ARE WE SELLING?

When we are talking to Master Masons about the advantages of joining the Scottish Rite, we have to know what is attractive about the Rite. In effect, we have to know what we are selling.

A number of years ago, Ill. Bro. Mark Roth, then an active member and not yet the Deputy, gave a talk at a Council of Deliberation workshop. He spoke on Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He said men join the Fraternity, and by extension the Scottish Rite, for one or more of those reasons.

He said some come for the lessons we learn through the degrees – Truth. He said others join because of the charity work we do – Relief. Some join for the comradery we experience every time we come together – Brotherly Love.

That is what we are selling – an extension of the tenets we learn about in our Blue Lodges. Our opportunities for the exercise of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are expanded to a far larger population.

THE WORLD’S BEST-KEPT SECRET

It is often said Freemasonry is the world’s best-kept secret. Today, the Fraternity in the United States is donating to charity about \$2 million a day. When you add the rest of the world, that number jumps to \$3 million.

We have to establish a real social media presence so the good deeds of the Fraternity are not unnoticed by the general public. We can attract men to the Fraternity and, by extension, to the Scottish Rite.

Newspaper readership studies agree that photographs are the most important part of any story, be it in professional media or in social media. Photographs are what attract readers to stories.

As a result, the Membership Development Committee will be offering a seminar to the valleys to help members take more interesting photographs with an eye toward attracting more readers to our stories. The seminar is a rewrite of a seminar the committee chairman offered some 20 years ago: *How to Take Pictures People May Actually Look At*. He teaches some of the techniques news photographers use when they shoot pictures. The seminar should be available to the valleys in the Fall.

ANOTHER OFFER

In addition to conducting a seminar on photography, the Chairman of the Membership Development Committee will be available to discuss ideas and plans with the valleys concerning their efforts to rejuvenate the valleys and increase attendance at valley events.

Also, the valley representative to the Membership Development Committee will be on hand to help coordinate activities and help find resources to help ensure valley projects are as successful as possible. Working together, we can see a bright future for the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Thompson
Chairman

For the Membership Development Committee:

Karl H. Bickford III

David A. Rich

Panos A. Pitsas

Mark E. Ciarametaro

John F. Bartoszak Sr.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF NECROLOGY

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of
New Hampshire Council of Deliberation

IN MEMORIAM

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Illustrious George E. McAvoy, 33°

Date of 33° - September 24, 1991

Past Thrice Potent Master of North Star Lodge of Perfection of Lancaster-Littleton

Past Sovereign Prince of Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Lancaster-Littleton

Past Most Wise Master of Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix of Lancaster-Littleton

Born: July 19, 1920

Died: June 10, 2022

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Illustrious Andrew F. Hirst, 33°

Received the 33° from the Valley of Okinawa and Guam, Southern Jurisdiction in 2006

Past Thrice Potent Master of Ineffable Lodge of Perfection of Portsmouth-Dover

Born: May 19, 1933

Died: July 23, 2022

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Brother David E. Kinson

Past Sovereign Prince of Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Keene

Born: March 18, 1937

Died: September 24, 2022

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Illustrious Ronald E. Metcalf, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - August 27, 2007

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 1, 2002

Past Most Wise Master of New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix of Portsmouth-Dover

Born: May 10, 1937

Died: October 16, 2022

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Illustrious Richard F. Doble, 33°, M.S.A.

Date of 33° - September 29, 1992

Received the Meritorious Service Award June 1, 1991

Past Thrice Potent Master of Keene Lodge of Perfection of Keene

Past Sovereign Prince of Keene Council, Princes of Jerusalem of Keene

Past Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory of Nashua

Born: August 21, 1936

Died: February 20, 2023

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Porter, 33°, Chairman

Jeffrey M. Brown, 33°

Edward N. Lewis, 33°, M.S.A.

Nicholas C. Martel, 33°

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, M.S.A.

Edward M. Waible, 32°

Report of the Committee on Scholarships 2023

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

The Supreme Council has provided New Hampshire with \$7,300.00 for Leon M. Abbott Scholarships this year. The Committee on Scholarships has met and recommend the following student to be recipients this year:

LEON M. ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR	COLLEGE ATTENDING
1. Lauren E. Vincent Durham, NH	\$4,000.00	Junior	Liberty College Lynchburg, VA
2. Sarah L. Putnam Walpole, NH	\$3,300.00	Senior	New England College Henniker. NH

The Committee would like to recognize Ill. Br. Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A. his 25 years of service to the Committee. He will be retiring from the committee this year.

This past year we invited the recipients to receive their scholarships in person at the Council of Deliberation meeting in Nashua. I am pleased to say that most of them were able to be there along with their families.

We received about the same number of applicants as we have in the recent past and continue to recommend the promotion of the Scottish Rite Scholarship programs at all of our official functions.

Respectfully submitted,

Ill. Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman
Ill. Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, M.S.A.
Ill. Troy A. Patoine, 33°
Ill. Roderick M. MacDonald, 33°
Br. Mark H. Blodgett, 32°

In addition, New Hampshire Consistory has provided \$16,000.00 for the William E. Bryant Scholarships this year and the Commander-in-Chief of NH Consistory has asked me to include the resulting awards in this report.

WILLIAM E. BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR	COLLEGE ATTENDING
1. Hannah L. Vincent Durham, NH	\$2,700.00	Graduate Student	Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA
2. Ryan D. Ciarametaro Boscawen, NH	\$2,300.00	Freshman	University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
3. Abigail J. Dickson Deerfield, NH	\$2,000.00	Freshman	Smith College Northampton, MA
4. Amanda M. Gordon Nottingham, NH	\$2,000.00	Sophomore	Suffolk University Boston, MA
5. Evan E. Petersen Londonderry, NH	\$1,500.00	Freshman	University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
6. Zachariah G. Wilson Barrington, NH	\$1,500.00	Junior	University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
7. Liam G. Bilodeau Barrington, NH	\$1,000.00	Junior	Southern New Hampshire University Manchester, NH
8. Alexandra V. Elliot Northwood, NH	\$1,000.00	Sophomore	Florida Southern College Lakeland, FL
9. Elizabeth F. Akridge Dover, NH	\$1,000.00	Sophomore	Great Bay Community College Portsmouth, NH
10. Shea D. Cooney Berlin, NH	\$1,000.00	Freshman	White Mountain Community College Berlin, NH

Respectfully Submitted,

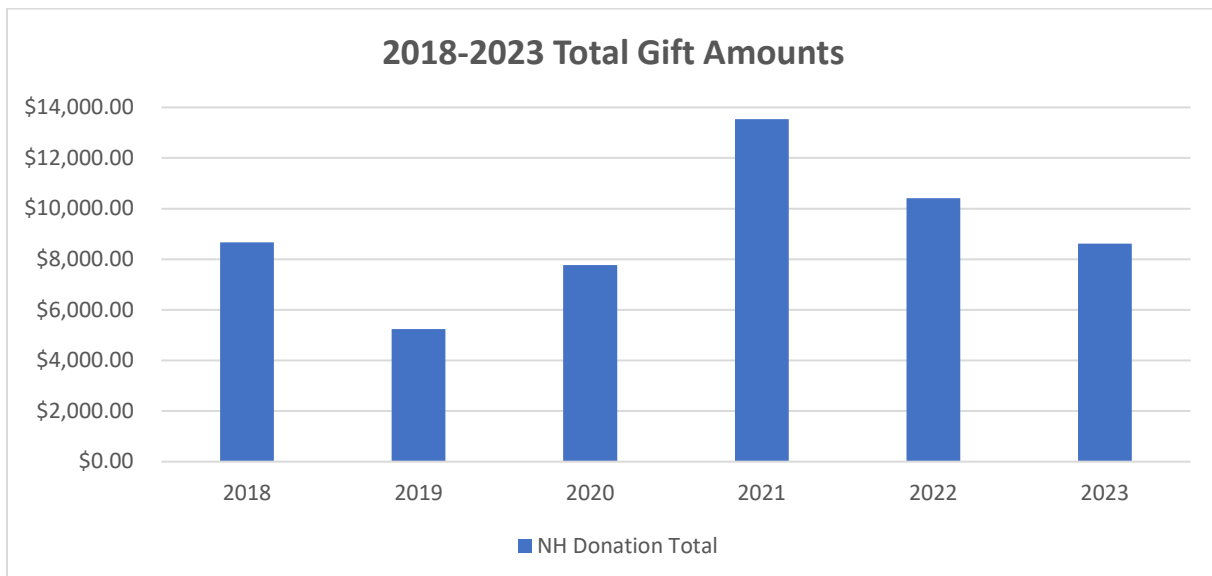
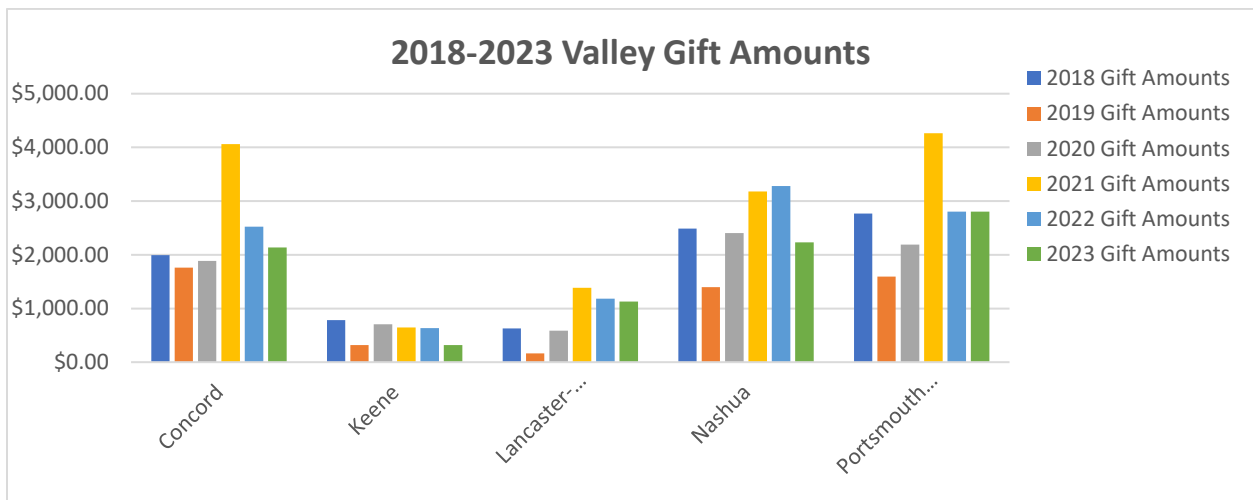
- III. Gary E. Roy, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman
- III. Donald L. Mendzela, 33°
- III. Jerome T. Becker, 33°
- III. David A. Rich, 33°, M.S.A.
- III. David S. Collins, 33°, M.S.A., P.G.M.

Supreme Council Charities

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Members, and Guests of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

The Supreme Council Charities include the Children’s Dyslexia Centers, Inc., The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library, The Leon M. Abbott Scholarships, and the Grand Almoners Fund along with the White Flower Society as well as the Membership Education Fund.

Every year Scottish Rite in our Northern Masonic Jurisdiction appeals to its members in an overall all-encompassing fundraiser called The Blue Envelope Appeal. This appeal is very important to our Supreme Council Charities, but it is also important to New Hampshire. The amount of money New Hampshire has available for Leon M. Abbott scholarships is determined through a formula including the number of contributions and the dollar amount contributed.



I continue to be amazed by the generosity of Scottish Rite Masons in New Hampshire. According to the statistics provided, at the end of the appeal for Valley awards (January 31, 2023) New Hampshire had 15.29% of their members participating. This percentage is slightly down from the previous year but New Hampshire Scottish Rite members continue to support the Blue Envelope Appeal. Once again, the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton led all New Hampshire Valleys with 20.43% member participation.

Your generous contributions continue to support the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships, both New Hampshire Children's Dyslexia Centers, the Scottish Rite Museum and Library, the Grand Almoners fund, and the White Flower Society. Each of these charities are very important to our organization and can continue with your support.

Let's continue this progress into 2023!

Respectfully Submitted

Peter D. Crouch

John M. Bys

Roland N. Petersen

Mark A. Weir

Youth Committee

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Members, and Guests of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation:

Over the past year, our youth groups have been full force getting back together and moving forward from distant and virtual gatherings. Meetings and fun events have been numerous. These young people are enjoying the bonds that have been missed these last few years and are running full speed ahead to regain that. Along with working on those bonds, they've been making great strides with growing their local assemblies and chapters. Some are looking to maintain as older member age out, while others are looking to grow their very young and energetic assemblies and chapters.

Last July, NH Rainbow's Caitlyn Edwards concluded her year as Grand Worthy Advisor. She did a fantastic job and worked with the Jr. GEC to create a mentorship program for the girls that has continued throughout the current year. Along with the fun of mentorship group challenges, Jacqueline Desrosiers, the current Grand Worthy Advisor, is celebrating everything Disney. With this love of all that is Disney, we've been reminded to honor the past and traditions while thinking forward and outside the box.

Over the past year, the girls have gotten creative with various membership and fundraising activities. The Charity Ball was brought back this year with the addition of a Ball Queen and King. Many assemblies have been working outdoors in nature by cleaning up around the lodges and planting flowers as well as vegetable gardens in raised garden beds. Some still love the indoors with roller skating parties and princess tea parties. As the year starts to conclude with Homecoming in a few weeks and Grand Assembly not far behind at the end of June, these young ladies show no signs of slowing down as they think forward and grow the organization.

Last July, NH DeMolay's Alex Newbury concluded his term as State Master Councilor. He did a great job throughout his term supporting the chapters and representing NH DeMolay. Billy Cook was installed and has been very active around the state. The young men have enjoyed getting together for games, axe throwing, and pizza nights. They've enjoyed outdoor activities, like mini-golf and climbing trees.

The young men have also held special degrees and ceremonies throughout the year. Last February, with the help of Rhode Island and Maine brothers, the young men initiated a new member and bestowed Dad David Collins as an Honorary DeMolay. Coming up fast and furious is their yearly conclave to be held the beginning of June.

If you have the opportunity to go to a Youth Event, Go! A statistic was shared at Grand Lodge by Dad Art Stauff, that roughly 80% of DeMolay boys join the Masonic fraternity at some point in their lives. It might not be right when they reach the age, but eventually they return to our amazing organizations. Support the future of our country and our organizations and see what these amazing young women and men are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome T. Becker, Chairman

Jeffrey L. Brown

C. Wayne Libby, Jr.

Karl R. Olson

David A. Rich

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
 REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FY 2022-2023

FOR THE PERIOD June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Cash on hand June 1, 2022

TD Bank, Checking Account \$7,495.62

		Budgeted	Actual
INCOME	Testimonial	\$5,000.00	\$2,606.42
	Valley Due	\$7,740.00	\$7426.00
	Voided Ck# 177 \$250.00		
	Sale of MSA Ladies Pins		
Total Income		\$12,740.00	\$10,282.42

Sub-Total \$17,778.04

EXPENSES	Testimonial	\$5,000.00	\$3,403.91
	Annual Meal	\$800.00	\$444.33
	Workshop lunch/breakfast	\$600.00	\$709.96
	Donations Youth	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00
	Children's Dyslexia Centers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	MSA	\$500.00	\$863.99
	Printing and Postage	\$600.00	\$12.00
	Program Expenses	\$2,740.00	\$516.98
	Secretary Stipend	\$500.00	\$.00
Total Expenses		\$12,740.00	\$8,201.17

Cash on hand on May 31, 2023

TB Bank Checking Account \$9,576.87

James M. Triacca, 33°, MSA, Treasurer

REPORT OF EDWARD JONES
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Acct Balance May 16, 2022	\$46,466.09
Sub total	\$46,466.09
Acct Bal May 29, 2023	\$47,075.16
Acct Increase	+\$609.07

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Triacca, 33^o, MSA, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HOSPITALER

May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023

Account Balance May 1, 2022	\$5,225.54
Interest for the year	\$2.14
Total on Hand May 1, 2022	<u>\$5,227.68</u>

Disbursements: None

Balance May 1, 2023	<u>\$5,227.68</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

James M. Triacca, 33^o, MSA, Hospitaler

Valley of Portsmouth-Dover Annual Report

May 7th was the start of a new guard in the VPD. After suffering several years for lack of leadership David Akridge, Roderick MacDonald and John Bartoszak began to steer the valley in a new direction. This began at the VPD Annual meeting on May 7, 2022 when the new board of directors was elected into office.

Throughout the year Valley's Presiding officers continued to hold our planning sessions on the second Wednesday of every month. More than planning these were managing meetings with a goal of keeping the valley on track.

On May 31, 2022, the presiding officers introduced themselves to the valley at the first Valley Dine-A-Round at Wild Willy's in Rochester. This event is a holdover from the District 5 Dine around started at Federal Lodge No5. We had 30 or more members, friends, and family join us for this event including members from other valleys.

June 3, 2022, at the NH Council of Deliberation, the presiding officers got a stark wakeup call when hearing all the good things happening in the jurisdiction, and the Valley of Portsmouth Dover not being mentioned once. We were determined this was not going to happen twice.

June 4, 2022 Several of the members of the valley attended NH's Masonic Con in Manchester, NH. A few of the presiding officers manned the states Scottish Rite table, helping to spread information on AASR.

On August 6, 2022 The Valley of Portsmouth Dover held an official Installation of Officers. The evening included a Banquet and a well-attended Ladies Program hosted by Andrea Bartoszak.

August 17, 2022 once again put on our Seafood Dinner at Brown's Lobster Pound & Fireworks Cruise. Due to weather the Fireworks Cruise was cancelled by the fleet. We had about 20 members show up for the dinner.

In August, rehearsals are starting for the 28th degree and seems like they are failing to produce cast members. This issue might be a byproduct of the lack of interest and leadership from the past few years. Later as the issue got to a critical point, we had to call in NH Deputy Ken Clay and Commander in Chief Gary Roy to assist in managing the degree. Through their leadership and a lot of hard work the valley was ready in time to put on an excellent degree at the November 5th Joint Valley Reunion.

The Valley held a small reunion and membership orientation on September 29, 2022. The 4th & 30th degrees were presented as a digital degree, and the Membership orientation and education was presented live. We had a good turnout for the event, and we could start to see the spark that we were looking for.

October 23, 2022 the valley boarded the Hobo Dinner Train in Meredith, NH for an afternoon family fun and fellowship. We had a small turnout for the event and know that we need to publicize the event better going forward.

November 5, 2022 the NH Joint Valley reunion was held at the Valley of Portsmouth Dover. Over a hundred brothers attended the reunion. Several brothers traveled from Maine and Massachusetts. By all accounts the reunion went very well and was considered to be a success. A Lady's program was planned by the Valley and took the ladies from Portsmouth to the Currier Museum in Manchester, NH. They enjoyed playing Bingo on the bus and were treated to lunch at the museum. It was at this event that the scheme for a Video Marathon was hatched. Plans started formulating here.

On January 8, 2023 the valley hosted a Post Holiday Family Gathering at Pinz in Portsmouth. Once again, our turnout was not as large as we would have hoped for. It seems a big part of the issue is

communications. We started to think more about how we can make adjustments to this. The first thing was to create a new Facebook Group and share many times to get people interested in the group.

January 19, 2023, the Valley held a Rite on the Road in Rochester's Humane Lodge No. 21. This event was also a "Thursday Night at the Rite" which featured the premier of the new 20th degree. The dinner for the event was itself a joint event with Rochester's OES chapter. There was a little crossover and we picked up a couple new members from this event.

January 26, 2023, per our bylaws and constitution the VPD held a Joint Meeting Executive Committee and Stated meeting. The budget was set for the upcoming year.

On February 25, 2023, the valley held the first Video Degree Marathon. This event brought more than 75 brothers from 7 jurisdictions and started 5 brothers on their AASR journey. Seven digital degrees were presented. Each degree was followed by a discussion on the degree, and an educational piece on the Pathways program. Awards were given out for the brother that traveled the furthest to get there (Ohio) and the valley that had the most members present (Valley of Portland, Me). The date was set for the next Digital Degree Marathon.

April 5, 2023, The Valley hosted another Dine A Round at Newick's Lobster Pound on Dover Point. A well-attended event with door prizes.

April 16, 2023, the valley met in Portsmouth to put on a "Brother to Brother" outreach Day. Every brother in the valley was called. Some needed to be emailed as their phone was no longer connected. Others needed to have a letter emailed in order to make contact.

April 19, 2023, the valley hosted a Rite on the Road and Watch Party at Federal Lodge No5 in Dover. Around 10 brothers were in attendance. An excellent conversation followed the watch party.

April 22, 2023, the valley had a presence at the NH Consistory's 32° Spring Reunion at Merrimack Valley High School. Several brothers had active supporting roles as well as a couple cast roles. Several brothers received their 32° at this reunion.

May 6, 2023 Valley Annual Meeting

Membership Report

Annual meeting 2022 350 Members

Annual Meeting 2023 342 Members

New/Restored 14 members

Deaths 19 Members

Demits 3 Members

Faithfully Submitted By

John F Bartoszak Sr

Thrice Potent Master

Valley of Portsmouth Dover

Deputy Representative's Report
Valley of Nashua
2022-2023

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. This is my report on the Valley of Nashua for the years 2022-2023.

It has again been my honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative during the past year. Emerging out of the grips of COVID 19, I am pleased to report that the Valley has weathered the storm and emerged as vibrant and active as ever. It has been so good to be back with our Brethren in person again rehearsing for and presenting degrees.

While the Valley was relatively quiet during the fall of 2022 a group of us did participate in a joint Valley degree with the Valleys of Lowell and The Valley of the Merrimack. We did performances of the 14° in Lowell on November 4th and at our own Joint Valley Reunion in Portsmouth the next day.

In December I was asked to direct the 17° with another cast made up of members from Nashua, Lowell and Valley of the Merrimack. The performance was in Lowell on January 6, 2023.

It was right at that time that we began rehearsals for the 10° in the Valley of Nashua which Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection performed on February 6th under the direction of Ill. Br. Larry D. Gullett, 33° and Ill. Br. Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A.

The next endeavor in the Valley was the presentation of the "Feast of the Paschal Lamb". St. George Chapter of Rose Croix did the performance on Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 in Nashua under the direction of myself and Ill Br. Donald L. Mendzela, 33°.

Finally, Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection participated in our annual reunion at Merrimack Valley High School by presenting the 8° under the direction of myself and Ill. Br. Jerome T. Becker, 33°, M.S.A. Several members of the Valley of Nashua participated in the presentation of the 32°.

Many other degrees were presented as videos during our various reunions, well as, three watch parties that were held as part of the Thursday Night at the Rite program. Through all of this we brought in 14 new members.

For Masonic Honors our Valley has been fortunate to have several distinguished Brothers who have been recognized for outstanding service. Some of them I failed to put in last year's report so I am including them now: Roger J. Pellerin, 33°, M.S.A. received the Daniel Tompkins award, Roger W. Gaskill 33°, M.S.A. received the Sovereign Grand Commanders Medal, Robert S. Bean, Ill, M.S.A. and David W. Smith, M.S.A. were both elected to receive the 33° in Louisville this summer, Michael S. Henry, 32° and Ronald E. Carbary, 32° received the M.S.A. award, Larry D. Gullett, 33° and Robert G. Bianchi, 33°, M.S.A. received the Notable service Award, and Samuel Varjabedian relieved the Youth Advisor of the Year award. I am so proud of these most distinguished Brothers.

I was pleased to present the Scottish Rite Americanism award to JROTC Cadet Lotti Emery at Manchester High School West and Cadet Amelia Hernandez Pinkerton Academy in May of 2022. I have presented the awards again this year at the same two schools to Cadet Derrick Dixon at Manchester West and Cadet Malachy Crowell at Pinkerton Academy.

The Valley has held several other events during the year including meeting at restaurants, Whiskey tasting, local service events, Night at the Palace, and the Over the Edge program that was very successful in raising funds for our Dyslexia Center.

I wish to thank the staff in the office for their support during the past year. They have been there every time that I needed help with something.

Lastly, I am very proud of our Executive Committee it has met regularly and has planned events well into the future. They have committed themselves to seeing that the Valley is well run and I am very pleased to report that our Valley has qualified for the Valley of Excellence Award this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

III. Karl H. Bickford, III, 33°, M.S.A.
Deputy's Representative
Valley of Nashua

Deputy Representative's Report
Valley of Concord
2022-2023

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and members of New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. This is my report on the Valley of Concord for the years 2022-2023. It has again been my privilege to serve as your Deputy's Representative during this past year. Overall I believe the Valley of Concord has been active and vibrant, and we have made positive strides in keeping the valley active for our members and attractive for potential new members.

Throughout the course of the year, VOC was able to bring in several new members, including through the "Rite on the Road" program. Through this program, degrees were brought out to various Blue Lodges, making it more convenient for all to attend a Scottish Rite Degree in their home lodge.

During the 2022 year, VOC sent several of our members to the Global Leadership Program hosted by Supreme Council in Lexington. The VOC made contributions to NH Learning Centers, and was appreciative to receive \$1000.00 from Consistory to go towards our Almoners Fund. During the Fall of 2022, VOC embarked on a "brother to brother" calling endeavor, reaching out to brothers/members that we had not heard from in a while, to check on their well-being and let them know we care about them. Multiple positive conversations occurred, and brothers who had not been to meetings or events in a long time were offered assistance to get to these events. In full candor- this initiative is an area VOC could make improvements to. Although some calls were made, the initiative was not carried through to 100% fidelity to the purpose. Moving forward we will review this initiative and brainstorm how we can implement more effectively in the future.

Worth noting- in the Summer of 2022, a brother who had moved to Arizona reached out and asked for assistance for his son who was recovering from an illness and surgery. Several brothers from VOC ventured out to this man's home and spent a morning and early afternoon assisting with a major clean up project that would not have been possible without the assistance. This was a great example of Masonic charity and caring for our brethren through service and compassion. Alan Lugg is to be commended for spearheading this effort, and all who helped are to be commended for volunteering their time without hesitation to help someone in need.

Our leadership has provided various enrichment programs and activities for our members, and both to show membership appreciation for current Scottish Rite membership as well as promotion to Blue Lodge Members who might be interested in joining Scottish Rite. VOC participated in a training for officers on April 15th designed to assist upcoming body heads with organizing their bodies and planning for officer positions and degrees. This event was held at Concord Lodge and conducted by Brother Troy Patoine. In addition, the Valley has offered several "Tech Trainings" throughout the year, offering brothers some instruction on the use of

technology to share information, promote Masonic activities, and keep up to date with Scottish Rite happenings in general.

The VOC has continued our monthly “Feast of the Valley” where all members and their families are invited to monthly meals at local area restaurants. These meals have served as time to get together and connect with other members, and enjoy some fraternal camaraderie. At one such “Feast of the Valley” the VOC competed in a friendly yet spirited “Wing Challenge” with Tucker Lodge from Valley of Portsmouth Dover. Our TPM has done a tremendous job promoting this monthly event and varying the locations to as to make it more convenient for members to attend. We would like to recognize and applaud his efforts, in particular with the online newsletter sent out regularly to promote VOC events as well as Scottish Rite activities in general.

Also in November, the VOC hosted a Turkey Dinner for all members and their families to attend. This was held the Sunday before Thanksgiving and by all accounts was well attended. Several brothers who could not attend the dinner did assist with prepping food items on the Saturday before.

On Friday, November 25th, of 2022, the VOC once again participated in the annual **Concord Christmas Tree Lighting Event**. We had members volunteer to stand at a table and hand out free hot cocoa to the public throughout the evening, as well as share information about Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general. This event was well attended and served as a great opportunity to provide some positive info to the public about what our organization is all about, as well as the many worthwhile charities we support.

Throughout the course of the year, the VOC Executive Committee has met regularly to discuss the direction of the valley, membership recruitment and retention, upcoming events, and the like. The Executive Committee made decisions on how to utilize the monetary supports from Consistory for Member Appreciation, recruitment and retention. This included various events to be planned as well as the purchasing of VOC attire for members participating in our degrees.

The Valley did plan a special member appreciation and recruitment event which would have included a magic show, performed by local magician Andrew Pinard as well as a luncheon. Unfortunately, this event had to be canceled due to low sign ups, however, it is the hope of valley leadership to attempt to reschedule this event at a later date that will prove more convenient for members to attend. The event was open to all Scottish Rite members and their families as well as any and all Blue Lodge members who might want to experience some of what Scottish Rite has to offer.

On Feb 11, 2023, VOC hosted a **COD** workshop for state-wide Scottish Rite leadership. This was an information packed workshop that included info on upcoming Scottish Rite events, trends in Scottish Rite membership, the Journey On program, and other items relevant to Scottish Rite. The event also included a special fascinating enrichment presentation on

beekeeping, complete with samples of honey given out to all members! The Valley will once again host the COD event on June 3rd of 2023.

VOC planned and rehearsed for a presentation of the **4th and 14th degrees** in March of 2023. Unfortunately, these degrees had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, and there simply was not a date that worked for all necessary participants. That said, the valley worked hard to overcome this obstacle by offering several "Thursday Night at the Rite" events where the degrees were available to be viewed to new members who needed to view them to be eligible to partake in the presentation of the 32nd degree at the annual state-wide reunion, held on April 22, 2023. In addition, VOC held a very successful **18th Degree** on April 3rd, 2023. This was well attended and included a class of 8 candidates where were initiated into Rose Croix by seeing that degree program.

On Friday May 5th, VOC held our annual meeting to elect and install the officers for the upcoming year. By all accounts this meeting was productive and well attended, and a dinner was served to all members, as well as a ladies' program to provide enrichment for member's wives during the business meeting.

On June 3rd VOC will be hosting a Fisher Cats game as a member and family event. Hoping for good weather, and the event should prove to be a good time for all with some Masonic camaraderie.

In conclusion, it has been a productive year for VOC, and we hope to grow the various positive trends and initiatives begun and continued throughout this past year into the coming years. We would like to heartily thank Scottish Rite Leadership for supporting and attending our events and degrees! We would like to thank Consistory for the support, particularly the additional funds towards member recruitment and appreciation. It has been an exciting time as we are (thankfully) on the other side of the Covid epidemic, and there seems to be a new enthusiasm and joy in getting back to in-person meetings and events!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D Ciarametaro, 32°, MSA, PTPM, PMWM
Deputy's Representative
Valley of Concord

Deputy Representative's Report
Valley of Lancaster-Littleton
2022 – 2023

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and members of the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation. This is my report on the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton for the years 2022- 2023.

I have had the honor to serve as your Deputy's Representative during this past year and I am proud to say that the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton, even with a few setbacks, have continued to push forward promoting Scottish Rite throughout New Hampshire.

On June 11, 2022, our Brothers from the NMJ of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite presented the Benjamin Franklin Award to Worshipful Master Steven A. Brooks, the Worshipful Master of Evening Star Lodge #37 and their members for 200 years of Masonic History. This award was presented during the rededication ceremony and we were proud to be part of this historic event.

On August 6, 2022 several members of our Valley attended a picnic held in Stark NH. Brothers and their wife's and friends gathered together on the hottest day of the year to talk, sip cool drinks and have a hearty meal.

On September 7, 2022 our valley held a planning meeting setting up rehearsal schedules for upcoming degrees.

Our Valley was to perform the 5th Degree on October 8, 2022 however, several members of our cast and crew ended up with COVID and without a cast, we had to cancel the performance. This little set back did not discourage us very long, because on November 5th 2022, we gathered up our props and headed to Portsmouth NH where we performed the 5th degree in front of over 100 Brothers of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. This was a great day for all our Valleys.

On December 1, 2022 our Brothers again joined forces with the members and guests of North Star Lodge #8 for their 225 years of Masonic Service Celebration. During their rededication ceremony, Our Valley presented the Benjamin Franklin award to Worshipful Master Lance Miller and members of North Star Lodge #8 for this historic event.

On January 7, 2023 we held a planning meeting to discuss rehearsal schedules to perform the 4th Degree for the Valley of Concord's reunion scheduled for March 4 2023. Also Brother David A. Rich 33°, MSA and Brother David A Evans Brown received their Gold Passports during a morning Master Mason Degree at Gorham Sabatis Lodge #73.

Our Valley continues to use the grant money received from New Hampshire Consistory in the promotion of Scottish Rite in our Blue Lodges. On February 5, 2023 we provided a meal for our Blue Lodges members and families for their combined installation. We also provide a few promotional Scottish Rite videos and gave a presentation on some of the history of Scottish Rite and some of the degrees core of values.

On March 4, 2023 New Hampshire was hit with the worst storm of the season. The Valley of Concord, due to safety concerns, canceled the reunion. The Valley of Lancaster-Littleton again

did not get to perform as scheduled. Several attempts to reschedule the degree performance were made, but a date could not be worked out.

On March 24, 2023 our Valley gathered together again to perform the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. Several members and guest were treated to the Masonic Ceremony followed by a meal of Lamb or Chicken and great discussions. During this ceremony, Brother Dennis A. Sheridan 33°, MSA received his 2nd Gold Passport.

We have continued usage of our Valley News Letters, and we have now sent 6 news letters to our Valley Members keeping them updated on our Valley and what is going on with specific programs for Scottish Rite. We have increased our points in pursuit of the Valley of Excellence challenge and I am proud to say that the Valley members, our Actives and Deputy have provided positive comments with our content and information.

On May 3, 2023 our Valley held its annual meeting to select new leadership and plan our installation. The installation is currently planned for May 24, 2023 at the Lancaster Masonic Temple.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. John Loven, 32°, MSA
Deputy's Representative