

NH Consistory Scottish Rite News



“We will strive to be a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to Care for our members.”

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NEW HAMPSHIRE SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Medallion Opera House | 20 Park Street, Gorham

~ Friday Tentative Program ~

Transportation Options: Drive on your own or take Motor Coach One (details to follow)
Town & Country check in
Hospitality Suite opens at 6 pm

~ Saturday Tentative Program ~

Transportation Options: Drive on your own or take Motor Coach Two (details to follow)
Town & Country check in
11:00 AM - Lunch for Brothers
12:00 PM - Brothers to Opera House
12:30 PM - 5°, *Perfect Master* Presented by Valley of Lancaster-Littleton
1:30 PM - 22°, *Prince of Libanus* Presented by Valley of Concord
3:00 PM - 32°, *Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret* Presented by NH Consistory
Short discussions will take place after the 5° & 22°
3:45 PM - Guests arrive at the Medallion Opera House
4:00 PM - Knighting Ceremony & Closing Comments
5:00 PM - Return to Hotel
5:30 PM - Social Hour
Tentative Motor Coach Two - departs Gorham (details to follow)
6:30 PM - Plated Banquet (menu to follow)
7:30 PM - Dancing

~ Sunday Program ~

Breakfast at the hotel on your own
Motor Coach One departs - details to follow

~ Saturday Guest Event ~

During the Reunion, Our Ladies and Guests are invited to join us
10:30 AM - Ladies & Guests depart via motor coach for Jackson
12:00 PM - Lunch at the Red Fox Bar & Grill with shopping to follow
3:45 PM - Arrive at the Medallion Opera House for Knighting Ceremony

Degree times are approximate and are subject to change.

To make room reservations, for all or part of the Reunion weekend, please call:
Town & Country Inn at 800/325-4386
NH Consistory Room
Rate: \$129.00/night + tax + \$3.00 service fee



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The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Nashua, State of New Hampshire, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, MA, and whose Officers are: Ill.:. **Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander**; Ill.:. **Kenneth A Clay, Jr., 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire**; Ill.:. **Richard W Elliot, 33°, Past Grand Minister of State and Past Deputy for New Hampshire**; Ill.:. **Mark C Roth, 33°, Past Grand Lit. Commander, Active Emeritus**; and Ill.:. **Robert E. Hansen, 33°, Active Emeritus.**

A Message from Donald L. Mendzela, 33°, Commander-in-Chief



Dear Brethren,

New Hampshire Consistory has had held some successful social events for all of you to have a chance to attend. I am looking for ideas on the what the next two events should be? I would like to plan one for sometime in September and another one in the beginning of December. I encourage you to email me your ideas on this. These are family events and are open to all Scottish Rite Members.

I also encourage you to attend our April Reunion at the Gorham Town Hall and Town and Country Hotel. We are planning an event full weekend starting on Friday night April 19th thru Sunday morning April 21st. You can make reservations at the Town and Country Hotel for your room stay. We have blocked off a group of rooms at a reduced rate. We will be having a Ladies program on Saturday April 20th while we confer the 5th, 22th, and 32nd degrees at the Medallion Opera House at the Gorham Town Hall.

Fraternally, Don Mendzela, Commander in Chief nhcinc@nhconsistory.com

Reunion weekend reservations can be made at:

<https://www.iotform.com/form/240574709368062>

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2024 NH Consistory

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Scholarship Applications Accepted Until April 1

Applications are being accepted for the New Hampshire Consistory's Bryant Scholarship, and the Supreme Council's Abbott Scholarship for 2024.

To be eligible for either Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, *or*
- A student directly related to a Scottish Rite Mason in the NMJ, *or* a member of a Masonic sponsored youth organization in the NMJ, who is:
 - A high school senior currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
 - A high school senior, or a graduate, or undergraduate student currently enrolled at either an accredited college or university.

For information, go to www.nhscottishrite.org/Scholarships.html. Both scholarship applications may be filled out online; then printed and signed. Send the completed application to the appropriate Valley Secretary or email to admin@nhconsistory.org with all the required supporting documentation by April 1, 2024.



Council of Deliberation News

COD Holds Testimonial for new Coroneted 33°s and MSA Recipient



The Testimonial Guests of Honors are: Ill.: **Robert S. Bean, III, 33°, MSA**, with his daughter, Wendy; Ill.: **David W. Smith, 33°, MSA**, with his son Wesley and daughter Angela; Ill.: **Larry A. Sprague, 33°**, with wife Angie and Family; and MSA Recipient **Mark H. Blodgett, 32°**, with his wife Penny.

New Hampshire Council of Deliberation held the Annual Testimonial Banquet for the new recipients of the 33° and *Meritorious Service Award* (MSA) at the Bektash Shrine Center in Concord on Sunday, November 5th. Pictured above are the recipients with their family.

The Meritorious Service Award is given by the Council of Deliberation at its annual meeting. The award recognizes members for outstanding service of a Masonic character. Each Valley may recommend one member for the Award, as may New Hampshire Consistory.

Eternal Refreshment

Frederick R. Demar	Vernon Bradley French	Robert W. Lawrie, 33°, MSA
Valentine Longoria, Jr.	Alton Merrill Hopkins	Carl E. Oslund Jr.
Harold Whitehouse, Jr.	Henry W. Kawa	Michael F. Ripberger, MSA
Charles B. Norwood	Howard James Leonard	David A. Thompson Jr.
Robert M. Austin	Mark A. Marden MSA	John Topouzoglou
Kenneth G Almon	George Lincoln Miller	Irving Howard Boudle
Sheldon Krasker	Edward Amable Ranger, Jr.	Charles B. Norwood
Arden E. Niswender	Wilbur L. Ashworth	Philip Tull Struhsacker
Rolf Rodtang	Melvin L. Covey	Aldine J. Tillotson, 33°, MSA
Donald W. Valentine	Bruce B. Ellsworth	George T. Walthour
Harold Whitehouse, Jr.	John F. French V	Valentine Longoria
Robert Wilbur Devore	Peter S. Hinkley, Jr.	Paul R. White
Roland E. Farland	David W. Hodgkins	Robert M. Austin



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of these departed Brethren.

VALLEY OF LANCASTER-LITTLETON

Cast Listing for the 5th Degree, “Perfect Master”

Director Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, MSA
 Prologue..... Craig R. White, Sr.

~ Cast of Characters ~

Bezaleel..... Brian M. Cummins
 Aholiab..... Carl H. Smith
 Moses David A. Rich, 33°, MSA
 Aaron John A. Loven, MSA
 Nadab..... Robert J. Paradis, Jr.
 Abihu..... David C. Howe
 Eleazar Thomas G. Duessen
 Ithamar David S. Collins, 33°, MSA
 Mishael Craig R. White, Sr.
 Elzaphan..... Mark H. Blodgett, MSA

STORYLINE: The 5th degree focuses on Masonic honor. In this degree, two sons of Aaron, corrupted by greed and ambition, allow the sacred flame to extinguish. The 5th degree teaches us to conduct all of our actions with honesty and trustworthiness, which are the cornerstones of the foundation of honor.

PHILOSOPHY: Trustworthiness is more valuable than life and is the basis of Masonic honor.

CORE VALUES: Reverence for God, Justice & Integrity.



VALLEY OF CONCORD

Cast Listing for the 22nd Degree, “Prince of Libanus”

Director Donald L. Mendzela, 33°
 Co-Director David S. Collins, 33°, MSA
 Prologue..... Roger F. Retzke, 33°

~ Cast of Characters ~

Master Workman John E. Glover
 1st Workman (SW) Craig M. Shippee
 2nd Workman (JW)..... Andrew J. Bennert
 Master of Ceremonies Albert J. Flateau, Jr.
 Captain of the Guard John E. Lobdell, 33°
 Largo Corey M. Gee
 Workmen
 Stentato..... Donald C. Gray
 Marcato Robert Muretta, Jr.
 Allegro Richard C. Pickwick
 Fortissimo..... Wilmer J. Nemchick
 Presto Benjamin Feldman, HGA
 Worker Matthew W. Richards
 Chaplain Gary E. Roy, 33°, MSA
 Candidate..... Matthew H. Heath

STORYLINE: The 22nd degree emphasizes the value of a good work ethic. In this degree, a brother is introduced to wood cutters who test his willingness to put aside his rank and status.

PHILOSOPHY: Honest work is honorable and noble in the sight of God and man.

CORE VALUES: Service to Humanity.



NH CONSISTORY VALLEY OF NASHUA

32° Sublime “Prince of the Royal Secret” - ”Spes Mea in Deo Est”

Directors Gary E. Roy, 33°, MSA & Mark C. Roth, 33°

~ Ceremonial Section ~

Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Mendzela, 33°

1st Lieutenant Commander Jerome T. Becker, 33°, MSA

2nd Lieutenant Commander David A. Rich, 33°, MSA

Orator David S. Collins, 33°, MSA

Master of ceremonies James H. Lawrence, III

Hospitaller John E. Lobdell, 33°

Chancellor John T. Solomonides

Hospitaler Alan D. Lugg, 33°

Engineer & Seneschal Troy A. Patoine, 33°

Color Bearer W. David Akridge

Standard Bearer Peter D. Crouch

Captain of the Guard Scott R. Borthwick, 33°

Worshipful Master Ancient Craft Masonry.... John E. Glover

Lodge of Perfection

Thrice Potent Master David R. Walters

Prince of Jerusalem

Sovereign Prince Glenn “Bud” A. Ruhl

Chapter of Rose Croix

Most Wise Master..... John Loven, MSA

Knight Kadosh..... Eric C. Thing

Constans Andrew J. Bennert



STORYLINE: The 32nd degree, the final degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, dramatically teaches us to choose between personal advancement and service to humanity. We learn to look for the good in all and make allowances for others’ shortcomings. Genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem, and charity.

PHILOSOPHY: The degree represents the victory of the spiritual over the human in man.

CORE VALUES: Devotion to Country & Service to Humanity.



Milestones

Happy Birthday!

Joseph F. Berthiaume—103 Laurence M. Brownell—102 David J. Bailey Jr, 33°, MSA—95 Donald D. Clement—95
 Ronald H. Ford—90 Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, MSA—90 Earl S. Prolman—90 David E. Ross—90
 Frank B. Freeland Jr—85 George A. Langwasser—85 Harry C. Merrow—85 Richard K. Parker Jr—85
 James E. Ryan, MSA—85 Andrew Christie Jr—80 John F. Gordon, 33° - 80 Raymond R. Howard—80
 Thomas A. Murray Sr—80 Frank E. Northrup Sr—80

Congratulations to these Brothers who are recognized for reaching membership milestones in their Scottish Rite Journey in January, February, & March.

60 years - Nathan R. Clifford

55 years - James L. Custer, Richard D. Tompkins

50 years - Richard F. Bean, Lennox B. Henderson, II, 33°, Jeremy J. Sawyer, 33°, Paul R. White

45 years - James L. Biron, Michael T. Gray, Robert G. Hatfield, 33°, Peter M. Keating, William H. Keyser, Curtis G. Wormwood

40 years - Richard A. Crossmon, Michael R. Eaton, Peter J. Moulton, Panos A. Pitsas, 33°, MSA,

35 years— William T. Burke, Martin W. Curtis, MSA,

30 years - Homer A. Johnson, Scott K. Johnson, Robert M. MacLean, Jr., James E. Rose, Wayne K. Tilton

25 years - John M. Bys, MSA, Louis M. Corson, William N. Herrick, Alan C. Johnson, Thomas H. Johnson, Jr., Thomas G. LaBerge, MSA, Nicholas C. Martel, 33°, Jason H. Sanderson, Ronald N. Wentworth

20 years - Samuel J. Boudle, Sr, Gordon C. Kendall, Gordon G.C. Kendall, Robert “Buster” A. Marzinzik, Robert E. Murphy, Donald H. Wheeler, Don D. Zappone

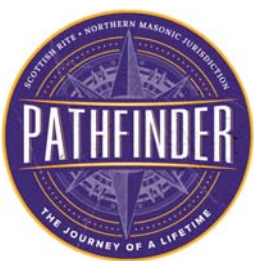
15 years - Jonathan A. Austin, Richard W. Cooper, Peter D. Crouch, Randy A. Dickey, Robert A. Downing, Howard J. Krebs, Paul T. Sullivan

10 years - Paul G. Bielawski , Albert G. Henson, Albert H. Henson, Daniel R. Hotchkiss, 33°, Jon S. Nichols, Edward R. Sisson

5 years - W. David Akridge, Geoffrey D. Allen, David W. Baylor, Daniel H. Hanson, Richard A. Mitchell, Robert M. Panit

Pathfinder—What is It?

By **W. David Akridge**, Pathfinder Advisory Board member



Have you heard about this thing called Pathfinder being talked about? Here is an opportunity to learn more about this program available to you.

What is Pathfinder? Quite simply it is a means to further your Masonic Journey. Our Supreme Council has developed a program that allows you yet another path for your Scottish Rite Masonic experience.

What will I achieve? You will, for sure, achieve a better Scottish Rite experience and likely a richer personal Masonic experience.

Is it hard? No, you have a series of 5 Waypoints. Each has many choices, called Mile Markers. Choose any six Mile Markers to complete a Waypoint.

Learn more about this program launched in April 2022, at www.nhscottishrite.org/pathfinder.html

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN LOUDON

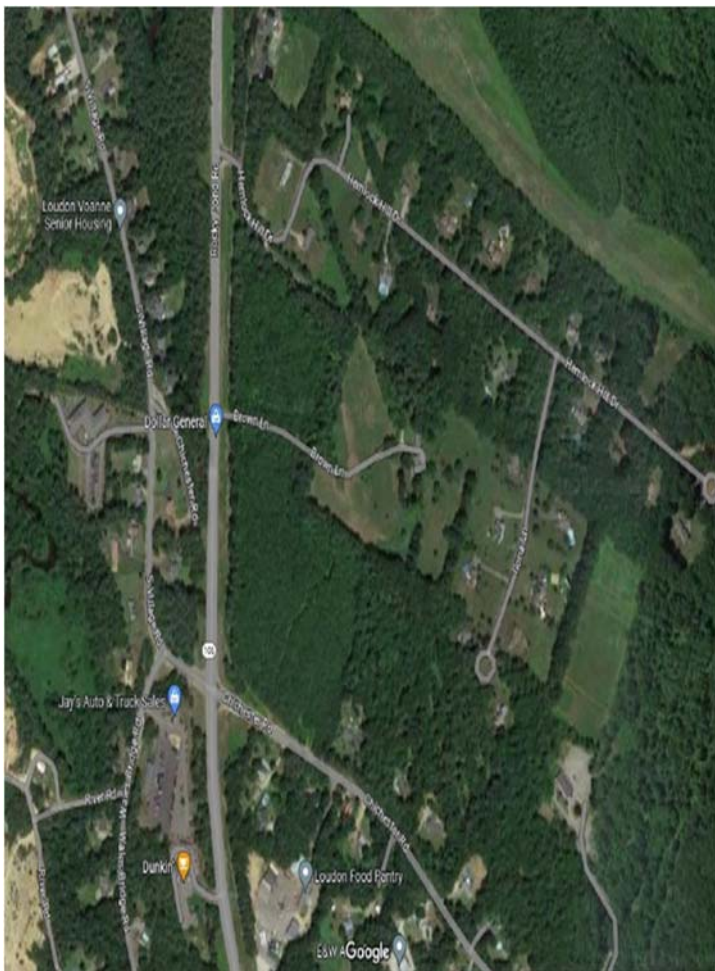
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS SIGNING THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH LAND



- It is getting increasingly harder to find venues to put on degrees.
- Privacy of performing degrees as schools have cameras.
- Shipping costumes and props is expensive and burdensome.
- Expansion of NH Consistory outreach to its membership.
- Consistory needs the ability to schedule events without restriction.
- Reinvestment of real-estate proceeds for portfolio diversification.
- A future building can be established for Consistory Degrees and meetings.
- Sufficient parking for events held. Parking has been a deterrent to participation.

TIMELINE

- ✓ Survey of land, Title search.
- ✓ Meet with Town of Loudon Zoning requires Special Exemption.
- ✓ Vote of Membership to Purchase. Draft plans for building.
- ✓ Meet with Town of Loudon Planning.
- Site Work and Construction.



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2024 NH Scottish Rite Calendar		
March	02 VC- Reunion 4°, 10°, 15°	
	03 VC- Loudon Museum & Lunch	
	14 VC- Thursday Night at the Rite, 7°	
	14 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua	
	15 VC- Feast of the Valley. All Welcome.	
	18 COD— Deputy Rep Meeting	
	19 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast	
	22 VC- Calling Party	
	22 VPD- Membership Meeting	
	23 VLL + C – Reunion 5° & 10°	
	24 VC- Feast of the Paschal Lamb	
	28 VC- Thursday Night at the Rite, 14°	
	April	7 VPD– Dine Around Tour-Portsmouth Lodge
		11 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
11 VC- Thursday Night at the Rite, 20°		
14 VPD- Fun day at Pin-z		
15 VC- Executive Meeting		
16 LC– Board of Governors-Seacoast		
19 C- Gorham Town & Country Hospitality		
May	20 C- 5°, 22°, 32° in Gorham	
	21 VPD- Dine Around Tour Alton Lodge. All Welcome.	
	25 VC- Thursday Night at the Rite, 19°	
	26 VPD- Membership Meeting	
	03 VC- Annual Meeting	
	04 VPD- Annual Meeting	
	09 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua	
	11 LC- SLC Run to Read	
	13 VN- Reunion 15°	
	20 COD— Deputy Rep Meeting	
21 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast		
28 VN- Annual Meeting		
29 VLL- Annual Meeting		

2024 NH Scottish Rite Calendar	
June	01 COD- Keene
	09 VPD– Dine Around Tour-Wolfeboro
	13 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
	18 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast
	25 C- Over the Edge-Manchester
July	28 VPD- Membership Meeting
	11 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
	15 COD— Deputy Rep Meeting
	16 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast
	19 VC- Feast of the Valley. All Welcome.
	21 VC– Rite on the Road-Boscawen
August	26 VPD– Membership Meeting
	27 VC- Picnic-Concord
	02 VPD- Executive Committee and Stated Meeting
	08 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
	20 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast
Sept	23 VPD- Membership Meeting
	12 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
	16 COD— Deputy Rep Meeting
	17 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast
Oct	17 VN- Stated Meeting
	27 VPD- Membership Meeting
	07 VN- Reunion 6°
	10 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
	15 LC- Board of Governors-Seacoast
Nov	25 VPD- Membership Meeting
	02 All Valleys Joint Reunion-Portsmouth
	03 COD- Testimonial-Concord
	14 LC- Board of Governors-Nashua
18 COD— Deputy Rep Meeting	

C- Consistory; COD- Council of Deliberation; LC- Learning Centers; SC- Supreme Council; VC-Valley of Concord; VK- Valley of Keene; VLL- Valley of Lancaster-Littleton; VN- Valley of Nashua; VPD- Valley of Portsmouth-Dover