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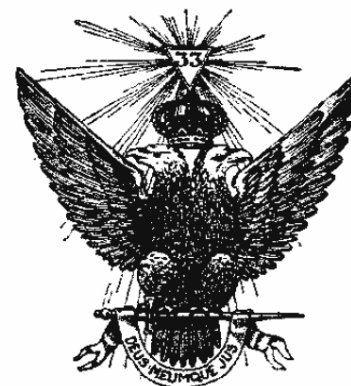
## **Fourth Annual Silver Eagle Award Banquet**

**Villa Capri Banquet Facility**

**906 North Colony Road Wallingford, Connecticut**

**Saturday, November 16, 2013**

**4:00 P.M. in the afternoon**



Ill. Edward E. Cherry, 33°  
Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut

Ill. Solomon Wallace, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Commander  
United Supreme Council  
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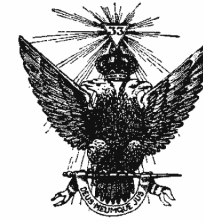
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## The History of Prince Hall Scottish Rite

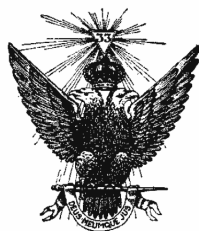
The first Scottish Rite organization among African-Americans was the African Grand Council of 1820 in Philadelphia, which was referred to as a Council of Princes of Jerusalem. This Council arose through West Indian migration, for Stephen Morin had propagated the Rite there. The organization of the King David Supreme Council grew out of conferring in Philadelphia (1850) of the 33rd Degree by Count DeSaint Laurent of the Supreme Council of Spain on David Leary, the first Black Inspector General of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite.

Scottish Rite Masonry came to Connecticut on August 20, 1892 and the New Haven Consistory No. 7 was chartered September 29, 1892 with Illustrious Robert L. Reed as its first Illustrious Commander-in-Chief. Brother Reed later served as the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction from 1897-1898. Illustrious George W. Crawford, 33° of New Haven, served as Sovereign Grand Commander from 1949 through 1965. Our present Sovereign Grand Commander is Illustrious Brother Solomon Wallace, 33°, of Queens, New York.





**Illustrious Charles L. Robinson, 33°  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
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of Connecticut, Inc.**



## CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES

Educator, Booker T. Washington said: "The individual who can do something that the world wants done will, in the end, make his or her way regardless of race"

Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons extend our sincere appreciation for the sterling leadership you continue to provide for the dreams and aspirations of all those you so passionately serve in making their way .

With grateful admiration,  
Illus. Floyd E. Bagwell, Jr.  
SGIG Emeritus

*Greetings and Salutations*

*To*

*Conn. Council of Deliberation, P.H.  
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*Distinguish Members of the community*



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*S.G.I.G. Edward E. Cherry, 33°  
Illustrious Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut*

Greetings to all, I extend to you my heartfelt and sincere welcome to our Fourth Annual Silver Eagle Awards Banquet where we, as Scottish Rite Masons, publicly honor those in our several communities around the State of Connecticut for their demonstrated contributions, and to let those awardees know that we are well aware of their contributions, and support their efforts, and recognize them with our Silver Eagle Award.

Long used as the insigne of a Scottish Rite Mason, the "Double Headed Eagle of Lagash" is the accepted emblem in the United States of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The United Supreme Council awards the 33<sup>rd</sup> as a way of honoring outstanding and selfless work performed by 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masons in the Rite. We of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation offer the Silver Eagle Award to those, who are not members of the Rite, for their outstanding and selfless work that benefit others in various ways.

I would also like to welcome Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace, 33°, the leader of all Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Jurisdiction. I am pleased and honored to welcome Illustrious Charles L. Robinson, Jr. 33°, the Most Worship Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut, Inc.

Sincerely,

*Edward E. Cherry*

Edward E. Cherry, Deputy  
for the Orient of Connecticut



**First Annual Silver Eagle Awards Dinner Program held in November 2010 in Hartford, Connecticut.** Left to right: Ill Ronald A. Thomas, MWGM, Brandon Neal, US Dept. of Transportation, SP David Carter, Keynote Speaker, Dr. Sharon J. White, Univ. Conn Stamford; Scott X Esdaile, NAACP, Justice Lubbie Harper and Ill Edward Cherry, Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut.



**Second Annual Silver Eagle Awards Dinner held in Hartford, November 2011** Left to right: Ill Edward Cherry, Ct State Rep Larry Butler, Justice Lubbie Harper, Keynote Speaker, Ms. Jacqueline Butler, Community Activist; Charles Tisdale, Jr. Exec. Director, ABCD of Bridgeport; Curtis L. Robinson, Philanthropist and MWGM Ronald Thomas.



**CT Council of Deliberation's Third Annual Silver Eagle Awards Winners** Illustrious Deputy Edward Cherry, second from left along with MW Deputy Grand Master Ellis Simpson and the Silver Eagle Award winners for 2013. Left to right: James E Rawlings, Branch President of the Greater New Haven NAACP; far right Philanthropist Carlton L Highsmith and VP of the Board of Quinnipiac University; to the right of Mr. Highsmith is Dr. Ulysses B Hammond, VP of Administration of Connecticut College.



Wishing much success to

The Commanders of the Rite, Orient of Connecticut,

S.G.I.G Edward E. Cherry, 33°  
Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut

ILL. Anthony Dawson, 33°  
President, Commanders of the Rite

The Silver Eagle Award Committee,

ILL. Sirs,

The Silver Eagle Awardees

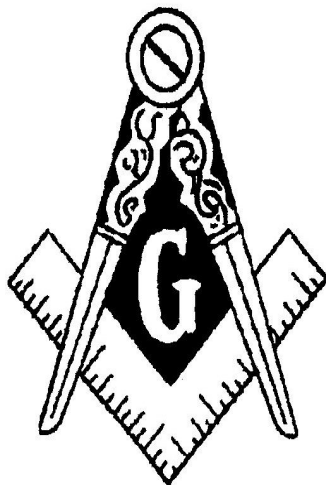
"May The Grand Architect of the Universe"  
continue to bless our Orient,  
our Members, our Families and our Friends.



ILL. Arnold L. Holmes, 33°  
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Greetings,

Welcome to our fourth Annual Silver Eagle Award Dinner, sponsored by the Commanders of the Rite Orient of Connecticut Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masonry of CT under the Leadership of Illustrious Deputy of the Orient Edward E. Cherry 33°.

At this event, we will be honoring distinguish persons who have made contributions throughout the State of Connecticut. We would like to thank them for their service.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed their time and efforts in making this event a success.

Fraternally,

Ill Roland Cockfield 33°  
Vice President of Hartford Consistory #80  
Chairman





**Programme**

G.I.G. Rodney Cohen, 33°

Member of the Commanders of the Rite  
Master of Ceremonies

**Processional**

Ill. Arnold Holmes, 33°

Past President of the Commanders of the Rite

**Invocation**

Illustrious and Reverend Thomas Mallory, 33°

Ill. Grand Prior

**Words of Welcome**

Ill. Anthony Dawson, 33°

President, Commanders of the Rite

**DINNER**

**Silver Eagle Presentations**

SGIG Edward E. Cherry, 33°

Deputy for the Orient of Connecticut

Mr. Keith Kountz

Dr. Stephen W. Hoag

Mrs. Toni N. Harp

**Remarks**

**The Benediction**

Illustrious and Reverend Thomas Mallory, 33°

# **"Congratulations to the Silver Eagle Award Honorees"**



## **Ill. Reginald Mayo, 33°**



Keith Kountz, News Anchor—Channel 8



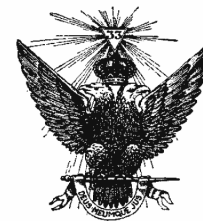
Kountz first came to News Channel 8 in 1987 as a reporter. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to Weekend Anchor. In 1994 he became co-anchor of Connecticut's top rated early morning newscast "Good Morning Connecticut at 5am" and "Good Morning Connecticut at 6am". Kountz also co-anchored News Channel 8 at noon. In 1998, Kountz left Connecticut to become a main anchor at WJXX in Jacksonville, Florida.

"I'm so thrilled to be back", says Keith. "Connecticut is like home to me. I love the area, my family loves the area and being back is a dream come true". He goes on to say "the people of News Channel 8 are like family. I've known Ann, Mel and Geoff for over a decade. They're more than co-workers, they're friends and they make the work environment that much better".

While at WTNH, Kountz received acclaim for his news series called "Who We Are", which focused on individuals, organizations and issues important to minorities throughout the state. He also hosted "Wednesday's Child", a weekly series that featured children in need of adoption. As a part of the greater New Haven community for more than 13 years, Keith has worked closely with a variety of charities. Some of these include the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Big Brothers / Big Sisters and the Boys and Girls Club.

Before working in New Haven, Keith served in a similar capacity at WIXT-TV in Syracuse, New York. He has also worked at WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georgia and WPDE-TV in Florence, South Carolina. Keith has been the recipient of more than 40 civic and professional awards, including the Greater New Haven NAACP Media Award (2000), the Greater New Haven 40 Under 40 Award (1997) and LIN Television's "Circle of Excellence" award.

An avid golfer, Keith and his wife Dawn are the parents of two daughters.



*The Connecticut Prince Hall  
Commanders of the Rite  
of the Connecticut  
Council of Deliberation  
thank you for attending our  
Fourth Annual  
Silver Eagle Award Banquet*

**Illustrious James A. Hodge, Jr.**

**Commander-in-Chief**

**New Haven Consistory #7**

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Fraternally the Officers and Members of

New Haven Consistory #7

Ill. James A. Hodge Jr. 33° Commander-in-Chief

Ill. Webb Hallman 33°, 1st Lt.

Ill. Anthony Dawson 33°, 2nd Lt.

**Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you—  
not because they are nice, but because you are. (Author Unknown)**

- ◆ In 1998, Stephen was asked to lead a bold effort to create and develop the first statewide assessment program for career and technical education. All states by federal statute were required to begin similar assessment programs, but Connecticut was one of only five states that created statewide assessment programs that still exist. Currently the Connecticut Statewide CTE Assessment Program is regarded as the most comprehensive system of its type in the nation. It is the only state CTE assessment program in the country that includes the contextual application of academic competencies; fully administered on line for all Connecticut secondary schools testing approximately 9, 500 students annually.
- ◆ In 2006 following many years of research, he designed the Developing Tomorrow's Professionals (DTP) program, a comprehensive approach to education application and achievement for Black and Latino young men. The DTP, a ground breaking program designed to prepare young men for a 4-year college education leading to degree achievement and the selection of a professional pathway includes the development of measured academic skill sets (i.e., critical thinking, speaking and writing), continuous wrap around mentoring, assessment and follow-up. In the 7 years the DTP has been in existence, young men have graduated their respective high schools and matriculated to such universities as Howard, Yale, Brown, Cornell, Air Force Academy, University of Connecticut, our state universities and many others.
- ◆ In 2008, Dr. Hoag was recognized as the recipient of the national Olivo Award given to one person each year for leadership and creativity in student assessment by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute.
- ◆ Dr. Hoag has been a high school & college football coach for over 30 years and in 1997 was honored as Assistant Coach of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association.
- ◆ Stephen was honored by the Wallingford Education Foundation as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2008.
- ◆ AUTHOR—Dr. Hoag's book, A SON'S HANDBOOK. "Bringing Up Mother with Alzheimer's / Dementia", published by Guidepost is scheduled for release in December 2013.
- ◆ Stephen is blessed by his wife Gina and twin daughters, Kathleen and Maureen. Stephen gives all credit for these blessings to his walk with God.

## Dr. Stephen Hoag



◆ A graduate of Lyman Hall High School, Stephen is one of the most creative and inspirational educators in Connecticut.

◆ While an undergraduate at Central Connecticut State University, Stephen was elected National President of DECA in 1973, earning Presidential recognition for his work across the country on the national Bicentennial program.

- ◆ Beginning his career in education in 1974 while serving as a marketing teacher at Norristown Area High School in Pennsylvania, he led his 1976 marketing program / DECA Chapter to the National Championship that included twelve #1 ranked student marketing projects and performances in Pennsylvania and three #1 national student champions. In 1977 he wrote and produced the second of two student performed musicals. "Decades of Diamonds" that won national acclaim from educators and performing artists with a show schedule that included appearances in nine different states. In 1977 Stephen was honored as the Greater Philadelphia Teacher of the Year.
- ◆ Recruited to the Connecticut State Department of Education in 1977 to create a statewide student organization, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (currently known as SkillsUSA). Within ten years VICA became the largest career and technical education student organization in Connecticut, creating occupational skill centered technical committees in 14 professional trade areas. Membership included over 120 Connecticut companies, labor unions and professional organizations. He served as State VICA Director for 19 years.
- ◆ In addition to his duties with VICA, in 1991 he assumed the same state leadership post for the student organization of DECA (marketing education students). In 1994 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was added to his state department of education assignments and Technology Student Association (TSA) in 1996. All these organizations were administered concurrently statewide by Dr. Hoag until 1997.

## Congratulations to the Honorees of the Coveted Silver Eagle Award

**"May your Exemplary Leadership  
qualities Continue to grow"**

**From**



**ILL. Commander in- Chief Alfred B. Grady, Jr. 33°  
And the  
Officers and Members of Hartford Consistory No. 80  
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## Senator Toni Nathaniel Harp

Mayor Elect: City of New Haven, Connecticut



Senator Toni N. Harp is serving her eleventh consecutive term representing the 10th Senatorial District and its residents. Her district includes western New Haven and northern West Haven. She was reappointed to lead the budget-writing Appropriations Committee for a sixth consecutive term; she is also the vice-chair of the legislature's Aging Committee. Senator Harp also serves on the influential Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee and the Legislative Management Committee.

On November 5, 2013, Senator Harp was elected to the high office of Mayor of the City of New Haven, Connecticut. In this position she will be the first woman so elected and the second African American to hold this high position.

This year, Senator Harp is particularly pleased by full implementation of her Raise the Age juvenile justice initiative, which, "transformed a previously wasteful, punitive, ineffective and often abusive juvenile justice system into a national model—at no additional cost to the taxpayers," according to Washington's Justice Policy Institute.

Throughout her tenure, Senator Harp has prioritized many initiatives important to her constituents, including managed care reform, providing insurance for uninsured children, raising the minimum wage, advocating economic development for cities, encouraging an early detection system for child abuse, prohibiting drive-through deliveries, supporting truancy court and ensuring the safety of children in child care. Senator Harp has worked hard to bring state resources to local small businesses and to open the legislative process to constituents.

Her standing has been recognized by numerous groups, associations and organizations: the American Lung Association of Connecticut presented her with a Breath of Life Award; it had previously named her Legislator of the Year for her leadership in the areas of public health and lung health. End Hunger Connecticut! Commended her for efforts to redistribute food and get it onto the plates of those who struggle to afford it, and she also received a Legislative Award from the Connecticut Psychological Association for her leading role in maintaining access to mental/behavioral health services for state residents.

Senator Harp was a recipient of the 2007 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service in the category Outstanding State Senator. This award was established by the American Medical Association and is one of the most prestigious forms of recognition for outstanding public service in the advancement of public health.

She received an annual Legislative Award from Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc. for her 'unfailing' support and assistance on behalf of legislation to help sexual assault victims, survivors and their families. She has also been active in efforts to reform Connecticut's corrections system and has spoken many times before corrections and probation officers.

## Senator Toni Nathaniel Harp

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In 2000, Senator Harp received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Connecticut Psychiatrists Society. She has also been selected by the New Haven County Silver Shields to receive the Dedicated Service Award. The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics presenter her with its annual award. She has been named Woman of the Year Award from the African-American Affairs Commission. She was also named 2000 Family Legislator of the Year by the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies for her extraordinary efforts to strengthen families in our state. She received the Clarence Daniel Advocacy Award from the Connecticut AIDS Residents Coalition. Senator Harp received the Women's Advocacy Award from the Connecticut Women's Consortium and she was honored by Children in Placement — CT/CASA (CIP) for her contribution to a better life for Connecticut's abused and neglected children.

In 1999, the Connecticut Chapter of the NAACP selected Senator Harp to receive its Clarence Mitchell Political Action Award. She was cited for her outstanding leadership in a number of issues, including manager care reform, the increase in the minimum wage, economic development for cities and making insurance coverage available to uninsured children, among others. Also in 1999, Senator Harp received the Phoebe Bennett Award from the Connecticut Association of Mental Health Clinics for Children.

In 1998, she was selected by the Council of State Governments for its prestigious Toll Fellowship Program. In 1997, Senator Harp was named Legislator of the Year by the Connecticut Psychological Association for her work on managed care legislation. In 1996, many groups honored her, including her peers in the Connecticut State Senate in a bi-annual recognition ceremony at the Old State House when she was named "the Conscience of the Senate." She was also honored by the U.S. Congress as the 1996 Woman of the Year from Connecticut's Third Congressional District for "her achievements and contributions in public service and the advancement of women's issues."

In 1995, she was awarded citations by the National Association of Social Workers, the Connecticut Association for Human Services, the New Haven Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated. She was also honored as one of New Haven Business' 20 Noteworthy Women. Senator Harp received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois and a Master of Environmental Design from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

She is a member of Links, Inc., the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, a public service sorority and the Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Senator Harp has lived in New Haven for more than 25 years and is currently employed as the Homeless Service Director at the Hill Health Center. She is the proud mother of three children—Djana, Jamil and Matthew.