



# New York DeMolay

**NY  
DeMolay  
Convention**



**Virtual Convention**

**August 12 – 13, 2020**

Congratulations to the fine young men of

# New York DeMolay

for all their great work and accomplishments

From the Officers and Brothers of



Old Town Lodge No. 908

Southampton, N.Y.





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2019-2020 State Officers

*Austin Altman, State Master Councilor*

*Michael Jordan, Deputy State Master Councilor*

*Brian Ramos, State Scribe*

*RJ Larson, Metro Region Master Councilor*

*Nick Heitmann, Lakes Region Master Councilor*

2019-2020 State and Region Sweethearts

*Pearl Draves, State Sweetheart*

*Kaitlin Piston, Four Rivers Region Sweetheart*

*Hannah Scheffer, Lakes Region Sweetheart*



*My Brothers, Advisors, Family, and Friends of NY DeMolay,*

*It is a privilege to be welcoming you to our first virtual convention! DeMolay doesn't stop.*

*It feels surreal to think that it has been a year since we last met at Camp Turk. A lot has changed since then, but I am proud that our brotherhood has continued to grow.*

*Thank you all for the unforgettable memories we have made along the way. Your support and ideas made this term successful! This year we made LeadCon a multi-day event and added a volunteer project. You wanted changes to Winterfest, we did that complete with water slides and rented out an entire arcade! In the past year, we welcomed 27 new brothers into DeMolay. We were also able to accomplish growth as a jurisdiction. We did this together, thank you my DeMolay Brothers.*

*It has been an honor sharing all of the great news that we are doing in New York DeMolay with our masonic family. This will always be a time I cherish; I hope you enjoyed this year as much as I have.*

*I want to thank Deputy State Master Councilor Michael Jordan, Lakes Region Master Councilor Br. Nick Heitmann, Metro Region Master Councilor Br. RJ Larson, State Scribe Brian Ramos, State Sweetheart Pearl Draves, Lakes Region Sweetheart, Hannah Scheffer and Four Rivers Region Sweetheart Kaitlin Piston. Thank you! To Brother MJ, best of luck next year as State Master Councilor, I pledge you my support!*

*I want to thank Dad Jeph Dais for all of the great advice he has given this past year, Dad David Schneider for his work with LeadCon, Dad Eric Evarts for his work on Winterfest, Mom Draves for her help on Convention, Mom Bartels for her work on the ad journal, and Mom Cook for her amazing mentorship of our sweethearts.*

*I also want to thank Grand Master Dad Sardone and the Grand Lodge of New York for their incredible support of DeMolay, Rainbow, and Triangle.*

*While we may not be meeting in person this year, we are keeping our fourth precept strong by meeting virtually. I hope you all enjoy what we have planned for you! Thank you again for your brotherhood, support and ideas. You inspire me every day. And remember to always Represent DeMolay!*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Austin Altman*

*50th State Master Councilor*



*To the Members, Sweethearts, Advisors and Friends of New York DeMolay,*

*This term has been quite memorable! Throughout these unprecedented times, we have encountered many challenges and it warms my heart to see that New York DeMolay has not only risen to these challenges, but is stronger than ever. We may not have been able to visit for much of this year in person, but I'm glad we were still able to stay connected.*

*To the young men of New York DeMolay, I am so proud of all the creative ways you all have continued to connect and check in on one another. I loved attending your virtual Installations and observing the innovative ways your chapters continued to honor the precepts of DeMolay.*

*Last year, in my speech, I mentioned Dad Ardenski, a man who made a tremendous impact on my life as well as many others. He was honored with the Legion of Honor last July. Although he now looks over us from above, I know he is so proud to see everyone work around the tough obstacles we have endured this year.*

*The State Charity for this year was in support of the Masonic Care Community Trellis Project, which will be used by the residents and the daycare children. This project is meaningful to me because it has long been my dream to teach young children and be a positive influence on them. Further, I believe it is very important to honor those that have lived on this Earth just a bit longer than us and blessed us with their wisdom and sacrifices. A Trellis seems a fitting gift for those who have watched over others!*

*Thank you so much to State Master Councilor, Br. Austin Altman. It has been amazing working with you this term. You are going to do great things with your future, and I cannot wait to see your love for DeMolay grow even more, if that's possible.*

*Congratulations to Deputy State Master Councilor, Br. Michael Jordan. I am beyond proud of all your accomplishments this year and I look forward to all the wonderful things you're going to do as State Master Councilor.*

*To Lakes Region Master Councilor, Nick and Four Rivers Region Master Councilor, RJ, and State Scribe, Brian, thank you for helping Austin, Michael and me plan out this awesome convention. It has been great working with you and getting to know each of you even better. I know you all have bright futures ahead.*

*A huge thank you goes out to all of our Sweethearts! Your dedication and all your efforts towards New York DeMolay this year has not gone unnoticed! Four Rivers Region Sweetheart, Kaitlin Piston and DeMolay Lakes Region Sweetheart, Hannah Scheffer, thank you so much for selling candy bars for this year's charity. You are definitely proof of what can be accomplished, regardless of the challenge! I am so proud of both of you! I wish you both the very best in everything you do, and I can't wait to see what you do next!*

*To Mom Cook, Dad Brusoe and Dad Sardone: Words cannot describe how thankful I am to have worked with you this year. You have done everything in your power to empower, encourage and guide us with gentle wisdom! Your support has been extraordinary and to say that we are grateful is an understatement.*

*Wishing you all the best, in all things!*

*Your State Sweetheart 2019-2020,*

*Pearl Draves*

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Hello to my DeMolay brothers of New York, and welcome to your annual Convention!

I wish I could be with you in person representing the 54th DeMolay Congress, but I am thankful that our DeMolay leaders have been able to come up with so many innovative ways to stay connected while allowing us to be safe, and your virtual Convention is no exception.

Before I go on, I must thank Br. Austin Altman, Miss Pearl Draves, and the entire state corps of officers for an extremely successful year that has left New York DeMolay stronger than before. Your hard work has led to positive growth in your state, an extremely successful Grand High Priest Membership Class, and a new and exciting Winterfest that has been recognized across the world of DeMolay. I know that this year didn't end the way you may have hoped, but you should be extremely proud of the work you have done.

My brothers, as we move forward it's important that we share DeMolay with those around us so that we may continue the growth of our order as we come out of quarantine. This year our Grand Master of DeMolay International, Dad Bohn, has chosen the theme "live DeMolay." We need to live DeMolay, everyday, in every way. If we can all do this together the young men around us will see the value of our organization and want to join us. We all know and recognize the value of comradery and courtesy. Now we must show that value to the young men around us by truly living DeMolay. I am confident that if we can take the advice of our Grand Master's theme we will see DeMolay grow rapidly. I also know that your state is very lucky to have a Grand Lodge that is extremely supportive of Masonic youth, and in no small part due to the guidance of MW Dad Bill Sardone, a past Grand Master of DeMolay International. Your Grand Lodge truly "lives DeMolay" and I am extremely thankful for the guidance and support they lend to every member of New York.

Finally, I would like to wish Br. Michael Jordan the best of luck in his new position as State Master Councilor. Michael, I had the privilege of meeting you in Kansas City and I know that you "live DeMolay." Make sure that your brethren are doing the same and I am confident that your state will have positive growth once again. If you or the members of New York ever need any assistance, Br. Seaghan and I are only a call away.

My brothers, have fun during your virtual Convention, and I can't wait to see where New York DeMolay goes!

Fraternally yours,

Br. Brett W. Grimm

54th International Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay

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Greetings Brothers of New York DeMolay,

On behalf of the DeMolay International Congress, I would like to congratulate you on a successful 2019 to 2020 year! The tales of your success have traveled far. Among them, I have heard that your jurisdiction has reached positive growth this past year. This is an important marker of a successful and hardworking jurisdiction. Your efforts on behalf of this membership goal drives the success of DeMolay on an international level. While your Convention has been digitalized due to COVID-19, I still encourage your regular and virtual attendance and to bring the levels of excitement befitting the Order.

While recent times have been difficult and perhaps unnerving in their own right, I want you to know that your leadership has been toiling on behalf of you. And with that sentiment, I would like to congratulate Br. Austin Altman for his successful term as State Master Councilor and Ms. Pearl Draves for her term as State Sweetheart. The highlights and triumphs of the year such as a redesigned Winterfest and a very potent leadcon has not been missed. Of course, DeMolay would not be the same without its philanthropy; the efforts of blood donations go directly to humanitarian aid. Be proud of what you do, and what you stand for as DeMolays of the Great State of New York.

As no thanks would be complete without mentioning the advisors that are here to support us all, I would like to extend our gratitude to Grand Master Bill Sardone and Dad Brusoe for all the help. DeMolay would not be possible without the support of all of our advisors, so thank you to each and every Mom and Dad of New York DeMolay for your devotion to the Order!

On a final note, I wish incoming State Master Councilor, Br. Michael Jordan, a successful year! We hope to see yet another year of positive growth, successful degree classes, and a great leadcon. Remember to live DeMolay, everyday, in every way!

Fraternally yours,

Seaghan A. Ennis

The 54th International Congress Secretary

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Dear DeMolays, Sweethearts, Advisors and Friends:

A song from my youth reflected on how to measure a year and loudly reminds the listener "It's time now to sing out, though the story never ends. Let's celebrate remember a year in a life of friends." What a year it has been and how lucky we are to have spent it with friends!

12 months ago, masks were something we wore at Halloween, social distancing sounded like a complicated personal relationship, and coronavirus sounded like something that happened to your eye.

The world has changed, how we do things has changed, but what has not changed is the strength of brotherhood we have in DeMolay. I could not be prouder of the incredible work that everyone has done for DeMolay this past year. I wanted to highlight just a few of the accomplishments:

**We grew!** Many of you have heard the saying "You should bring in at least two members, one to replace you and one to make our brotherhood grow." I am so proud of all of you who have helped to make that a reality for us in 2019, and have started us on the path to growth for 2020.

**We served!** From visiting residents at the Masonic Care Community, making toys for pets at the Humane Society, writing cards to those who need an uplifting note, making masks, collecting food, making care packages for front line workers, even sending cookies to your DeMolay brothers. You truly let your light shine before others!

**We earned awards!** This year we have granted the first Blue Honor Key in three years, several new Founder's Membership Award, more Representative DeMolays, and an Advisor Honor Key. These awards are tangible evidence of the work all of you have been doing to propel DeMolay forward.

**We came together!** When the Great Depression happened, DeMolay responded and kept going, when World War II happened, DeMolay responded and kept going, when the upheaval of the 1960s happened, DeMolay responded and kept going. When COVID19 happened, we zoomed, we changed our approach to events and we made things happen.

Thank you to each and every one of you who made this year a success. I want to congratulate State Master Councilor Austin T. Altman and State Sweetheart Pearl Draves on an outstanding year! They led with dignity, class and ingenuity. I look forward to the year of service & leadership of Br. Michael Jordan and know he will lead us towards another great year.

I want to express my personal gratitude to "Dad" Sardone, our first State Master Councilor and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. Grand Master Sardone has great ideas and bold vision! As a Mason, I count myself lucky to have him leading our Grand Lodge, as DeMolays we are so blessed to have his tremendous friendship and support. Truly great things happen when DeMolay and Grand Lodge work together!

As go forward in 2020-2021, lets make it a year with friends!

Your brother,



"Dad" Brusoe





The State Advisory Council for  
New York DeMolay

Wishes to extend our  
congratulations  
to the  
2019-2020  
State Executive Committee  
on an excellent year

And we look forward to working with the  
2020-2021  
State Executive Committee



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**To the Officers, Members and Advisors of New York DeMolay,**

**Each term of a State Master Councilor is different. Then we get to 2020.**

**Being able to navigate through virtual streaming, installations online, education, even initiation is a testament to your ability to adapt.**

**State Master Councilor Austin Altman's mind never stopped. In addition to working with DeMolay, Triangle and Rainbow during the "stay at home" timeframe, he also handled hundreds of cards, letters, candy and more for our own Masonic Care Community residents.**

**It was clear that Deputy State Master Councilor Michael Jordan partnered in the state's success, which tied you all together. His recent trip to DeMolay Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. was at the request of the incoming DeMolay Grand Master, Dad Bohn.**

**The Masonic Care Community needed masks. State Sweetheart Pearl Draves said "Sew? I can make them" and make them she did.**

**My thanks to Dad Peter Brusoe and his team. As Grand Master, many issues come across my desk. I am pleased to see so many positive comments about the work Dad Brusoe is doing and how he and his team of advisors care about the young men. It was an honor to dedicate an issue of our Empire State Mason to our Masonic Youth. 50 years in the making.**

**Where do we go from here? We have many choices. All choices will follow the direction of our Government and Medical Professionals.**

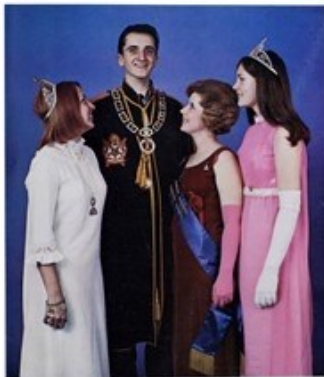
**God Bless Mother, God Bless Father, God Bless the purposes of DeMolay. God Bless the United States of America.**

**Sincerely and Fraternally.**

*Masonic Youth Issue*  
**2019**



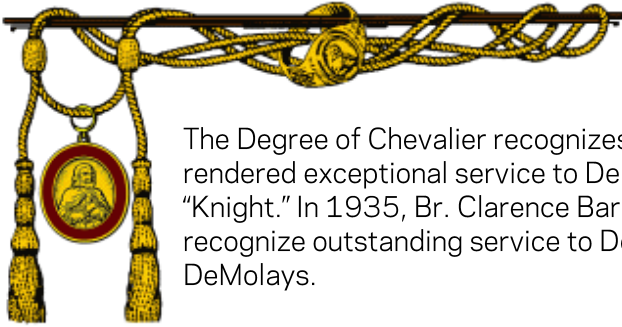
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## DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Chevalier Honorees



The Degree of Chevalier recognizes outstanding active and senior DeMolays who have rendered exceptional service to DeMolay. Chevalier is a French word translating into "Knight." In 1935, Br. Clarence Barnickle suggested to "Dad" Land the need for a way to recognize outstanding service to DeMolay, an honor that would be open to active DeMolays.

"Dad" Land thought about it and inspiration struck him. In the early days of DeMolay, Active DeMolays who served as mentors and guides for the classes of new members wore yellow pillbox type hats and were called "Chevaliers." Young men going through the degrees would look for their brothers in yellow hats and know what to do. "Dad" Land took that as an inspiration and in 1936 the degree of Chevalier was approved. "Dad" Marshall had died five years earlier and the task of writing the ritual fell to "Dad" Land. What emerged was a ceremony steeped in tradition echoing the athenian oath and the creation of a knight in the days of chivalry.

**Brian Ramos of Knickerbocker Chapter:** Br. Ramos is a Past Master Councilor of Knickerbocker Chapter. He served the chapter ably as Master Councilor introducing fun programs and exciting events. In 2019 he was tapped to provide executive leadership as Metropolitan Region Master Councilor. In 2019, he was appointed to serve New York DeMolay as the 2019-2020 State Scribe where he has ably served and advanced our communications.

**Efrain Angel Crespo:** Br. and "Dad" Crespo is a Past Master Councilor of Knickerbocker Chapter and one of the most proficient ritualists of Knickerbocker Chapter during his active tenure as a DeMolay. He has performed our public ceremonies for the benefit of a number of appendant bodies in NYC. Br. Crespo received his Blue Honor Key and signed the applications of 12 new DeMolay members. He currently serves as a member of Knickerbocker Chapter's Advisory Council and is a Fellowcraft of Jacques DeMolay Lodge UD.

**Jeffrey Calderon:** Br. and "Dad" Calderon is a Past Master Councilor of Knickerbocker Chapter. He further served as Metro Region Deputy Master Councilor. Br. Calderon hit the ground running in the Order of DeMolay, when he was active, striving to be the best ritualist as possible. He partook in a number of NY DeMolay ritual competitions and traveled around the NYC area to deliver the Flower Talk or Ceremony of Light at various masonic events. He currently serves as Chapter Advisor of Knickerbocker Chapter.

**Jorge Emilio Hernandez:** Br. Hernandez is a Past Master Councilor and sitting Master Councilor of Mohawk Valley Chapter. As Master Councilor, Br. Hernandez has worked with the chapter to support activities like the Festival of Trees, Circuses, and helped go digital during COVID19. He has worked with the State Convention Planning Committee and the social media channel.

## *DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Chevalier Honorees (continued)*

**Nathaniel Paul Heitmann:** Br. Heitmann is a Past Master Councilor of Trinity Chapter. Focusing on the Chapter, Br. Heitmann has been involved in numerous activities and events, helping with community service events, activities, and engagement in the community. Br. Heitmann has been a great helper at State Events and helping out whenever needed.

**Nicholas George Heitmann:** Br. Heitmann is a Past Master Councilor of Trinity Chapter. In 2019, Br. Heitmann was elected as the 2019-2020 Lakes Region Master Councilor. In this role, Nick has served on the State Executive Committee, helped plan a number of state events, and made countless positive contributions. Br. Heitmann hosted a number of different programs for us during COVID19 and made sure DeMolay kept moving.

**Richard A. Larson Jr. (RJ):** Br. Larson is a Past Master and sitting Master Councilor of Richmond Chapter. In 2019, Br. Larson was elected as the 2019-2020 Metropolitan Region Master Councilor. In this role he has served on the State Executive Committee, assisted in planning state events, and made numerous positive contributions. When COVID19 struck, Br. Larson was the tech whiz who set up our discord server and get us running into the virtual world.

**Robin Honeycutt:** Br. & "Dad" Honeycutt is a Past Master Councilor of Ridge Council Chapter and a current member of their Advisory Council. As Master Councilor, Br. Honeycutt did a number of programs to engage the community and helped ensure membership success. His return to the advisory council brings with it passion and energy.

## DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Cross of Honor Honorees



What qualities make a DeMolay advisor? DeMolay International had a video where they asked DeMolays to share what these qualities were. Some of the answers included someone who was "Patient," "Tolerant," "a Friend," "Quick to Praise," "Someone I can talk to," "a teacher," "a real person, trying to do right" and "a person who likes pizza."

Different words can be used to describe our outstanding adult volunteers. For 101 years, DeMolay has relied upon the generosity of spirit, caring mentorship, and appreciation for youth of our adult volunteers to make the dream of "Dad" Land a reality. The Cross of Honor was designed to recognize adults who give that precious gift of themselves to the youth in DeMolay. Please congratulate these outstanding adult workers and thank them for their service and dedication.

**Catherine Elizabeth Bartels:** "Mom" Bartels serves the youth of The Knights of Antiquity Chapter helping to mentor and guide the young men. "Mom" Bartels also has overseen the ad journal for New York DeMolay, helped to edit videos, worked with state events.

**Mark Alvarado:** "Dad" Alvarado serves the young men of Mohawk Valley Chapter currently as their chairman, and has served as Chapter Advisor, Awards Advisor, Ritual Advisor, you name it he has done it. "Dad" Alvarado has worked for DeMolay professionally both in Kansas City and here in New York, and served on the Ohio DeMolay Leaders of Excellence Conference. "Dad" Alvarado is the guy who gets things done. Need a DJ? He's there. Need someone to help with an event? He's there. Need someone to help you with a ritual part? He's there.

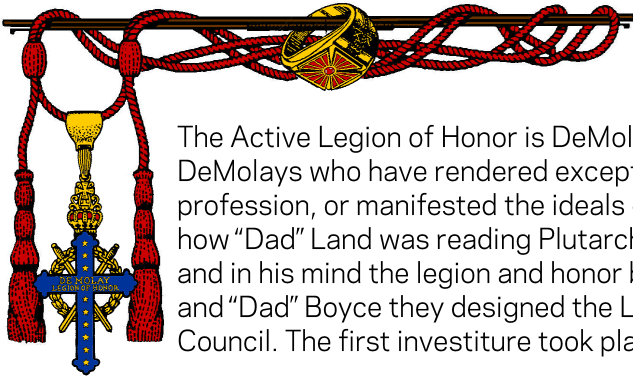
**Paul D. Levin:** "Dad" Levin serves the youth of Washington Chapter as an advisor. He has served as Chapter Advisor and Chapter Chairman. He has mentored the young men of Washington Chapter in various projects including food drives, litter abatement projects, fun activities and attending numerous state events.

**Stephanie Lynn Cook:** "Mom" Cook has served as a sweetheart advisor in a number of different capacities and currently serves as State Sweetheart Director, a role she has held under three different Executive Officers/ Personal Representatives. In addition to being a mentor to the youth of DeMolay she serves as an advisor for Triangle.

**Tomas Fernandez:** "Dad" Fernandez serves the youth of St. Andrew's Chapter as their chapter advisor. In this position, he has worked with them on service projects including supporting the local soup kitchen, fun social activities, and athletic events.

**Veronica Altman:** "Mom" Altman serves the youth of Knickerbocker and Knights Templar Chapters. She has worked on a number of different projects and activities and helped the young men with their Leadership Correspondence Course materials. In addition to being a mentor to the youth of DeMolay, "Mom" Altman volunteers with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

## DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Active Legion of Honor Honorees



The Active Legion of Honor is DeMolay's way of recognizing outstanding Senior DeMolays who have rendered exceptional service to humanity, excelled in their chosen profession, or manifested the ideals of our order in their daily actions. Hi Dad! recounts how "Dad" Land was reading Plutarch's Lives and read about the immortal 10th Legion, and in his mind the legion and honor became synonymous. Working with "Dad" Marshall and "Dad" Boyce they designed the Legion of Honor and was approved by the Supreme Council. The first investiture took place on May 28, 1926 upon 15 men aged 20-25.

Some things have changed in ninety-four years. You need to now be 25 years old to be eligible and the ceremony is public. One thing has not. When we look to the Legion of Honor, we want to show our Active DeMolays, men that they can emulate, men who when they were young knelt and take upon themselves the obligation of being a better son, a better friend, and a better person.

Our state is so vast and our alumni ranks rather large that some names may be unfamiliar. Below you will find a very brief vignette of each of this year's Active Legion of Honor honorees. It is hard to capture in a few brief sentences all of the great work these outstanding men have done, and will continue to do.

**R. Scott Birge Sr.:** Br. Birge empowered student leaders. Br. Birge has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of students in his professional work in higher education. Starting in 1975, until his retirement in 2019, he worked for the University At Albany's Division of Student Affairs. Holding various positions, he eventually became the manager of the University's Campus Center. This role included supporting student activities, events, working with elected student government leaders, and ensuring the evolving needs of the campus community including overseeing the expansion of the campus center. In his free time, he plays the bass drum from the Great Dane Pep Band.

**Joshua Patrick Burke:** Br. Burke is a whiz at audio-visual work. A passion of his since high school, Br. Burke has translated that into a professional career in Event Management for CMLav. Josh's hard work and dedication has been critical to the success of numerous corporate and non-profit events. His skills and positive attitude have had a tremendous impact on his clients' success and helping their messages and meetings to be so successful.

**Justin Patrick Cook:** Br. Cook is passionate about the performing arts. Br. Cook worked with the Albany Symphony Orchestra on special projects including the Shift Festival sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Symphony performance along the Erie Canal in honor of the canal's bicentennial. As publication manager for the Empire State Youth Orchestra, Br. Cook empowers young musicians. Br. Cook volunteers with the Freedom Park in Scotia and hosts the Scotia Relay for Life. Currently Br. Cook serves as a trustee for the Village of Scotia. Our DeMolays know Br. Justin for his epic DJing at many state conventions.

**Jephthah Gerard Dais:** Br. Dais by day guides investments, in his free time he invests and guides youth. Br. Dais is in the financial services field and currently serves as both COO and CFO for a capital management company in New York City. In this role, Br. Dais contributes to the success of his organization's clients and employees. He also ensures rigorous compliance with US financial laws and regulations. Br. Dais currently serves as State Chapter Advisor for New York DeMolay helping to mentor and guide the State Officers, plan events, and encourage their growth as leaders. Br. Dais is also the chairman of Knickerbocker Chapter and is currently the charter Master of Jacques DeMolay Lodge UD.

## *DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Active Legion of Honor Honorees (continued)*

**Kent Arthur Dorney:** Br. Dorney saves lives and empowers others to save lives. He is active in the emergency medical field. Br. Dorney has worked for a number of different EMT/EMS services in Western New York. This includes service on the first Mercy Flight Crew, working in the Tactical Paramedical Response team to care for police officers who had been wounded. He developed and designed the Field Training Officer Program. This program has become a national model and is employed by EMT/EMS organizations around the country. In his decades of service he has saved literally thousands of lives, and provided critical training to help others save lives.

**Patrick Thomas Filiberto:** Br. Filiberto makes a family owned small business thrive. He is the head chef at Shorty's Southside in Amsterdam, NY. Shorty's Southside is an Amsterdam institution, famous for its prime rib, Italian classics, soups, and American traditional food. Br. Filiberto's culinary skills makes this a destination for those traveling to the Mohawk Valley Gateway Bridge, as well as a local favorite among Amsterdammers. His work has benefited the small business community in Montgomery County, and helped to have a positive economic impact in the City of Amsterdam

**Stephen M. Genthner:** Br. Genthner is a healer. A Doctor of Chiropractic with his own practice in Olde Towne Chiropractic in Portsmouth, VA. Br. Genthner makes sure that people are well cared for and have the health they need. His patients turn to him for his compassion and expertise in chiropractic. In addition to direct patient care, Br. Genthner hosts a number of educational seminars and classes on chiropractic and volunteers his time in his local community.

**Scott David Harris:** Br. Harris is a gifted chef and educator. Working with students at a local high school in Tonawanda NY, Br. Harris brings the best out of his students in the culinary field. He combines his love of cooking and his love of teaching together to make a positive impact on the lives of his students.

**Philip Andrew Hazard:** Br. Hazard is a modern day Cincinnatus. Br. Hazard went to serve our country in the United States Airforce during the War on Terror. After his honorable discharge, Br. Hazard worked in a civilian role for the United States abroad. After serving our country, he returned back to the States studying and teaching history. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Florida State University.

**Matthew F. Howard:** Br. Howard is there for others. An advisor with Ridge Council DeMolay he has served in different roles on the advisory council and currently chapter advisor. Through DeMolay he helps to prepare the next generation of leaders. Br. Howard also sets an example by his regular volunteer work at the local foodbank and work with his church. He is a person others turn to move things, build things, garden and make people smile.

**Rodney A. Maine Jr.:** Br. Maine empowers seniors. Working for the Tompkins County Office of the Aging, Br. Maine enables to age in place, be aware of services provided by Tompkins County as well as the State Of New York. Br. Maine interacts with thousands of seniors each year and is well regarded for his knowledge and his caring attitude.

**Thomas J Richard Perry:** Br. Perry is a master teacher. He helps to educate the next generation of students at the Syracuse Academy of Science Charter School. Br. Perry is an engaging teacher who goes the extra mile to make sure that students succeed. Br. Perry is an active advisor for New York DeMolay. "Dad" Perry is currently serving as Assistant State Chapter Advisor, Assistant Director of Ritual and an advisor for Trinity Chapter.



## *DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Active Legion of Honor Honorees (continued)*

**Andrew Owen Roberts:** Br. Roberts brings history alive to his students at Newark Valley Senior High School with his passion for American History. In addition to serving as a teacher, Br. Roberts serves as Department Chair. In this role he oversees budgets, regents examinations, grading schedules, and ensuring that in-classroom curriculum aligns with the state standards. Previous to his work at Newark Valley Senior High School, Br. Roberts taught social studies at Clinton Central Schools..

**Christopher Jordan Roberts:** Br. Roberts manifests the DeMolay ideal of courtesy through his professional work with the senior care. Br. Roberts is currently the Vice President of Operations for Revolution Healthcare Management. In this role, Br. Roberts ensures that residents in two skilled nursing facilities receive the health care and love they deserve. Previous to that, he worked as an administrator at several other skilled nursing facilities.

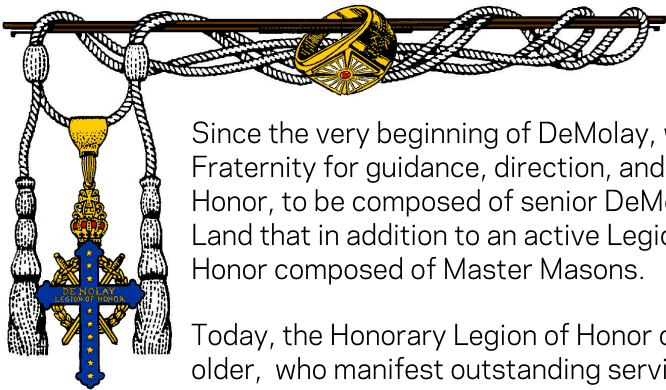
**Eric K. Romano:** Br. Romano ensures all children have a great education. Br. Romano currently serves as Principal of Ralph H. McNulty Elementary School for the Greater Amsterdam School District. Upon his appointment, Dr. Nellie Bush, School Board President, said of him "He has been successful building relationships and developing a deep appreciation and respect for the community that we serve, Additionally, his background in special education and his experience working with students, families, and staff make him an ideal fit for the position.", Br. Romano served as Assistant Principal at Marie Curie Elementary School in Amsterdam, and a Special Education Teacher for the Fonda-Fultonville School District.

**David S. Schneider:** Br. Schneider prepares the next generation. Br. Schneider is a retired educator, having made the difference in lives of thousands of students. In the classroom Br. Schneider was known for his engagement and caring approach for his students. Br. Schneider is an active advisor for New York DeMolay, having served as District Deputy for the Four Rivers Region and State Education Director. Br. Schneider helped to revamp our Representative DeMolay Process and has done outstanding work for New York DeMolay.

**Brian D. Singer:** Br. Singer is a tireless advocate for youth programs. A Senior DeMolay from Kenmore Chapter, Br. Singer continued his fraternal experience in lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter. Currently serving as the Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, Br. Singer has worked to confer the York Rite Tribune for DeMolay and the Order of Deborah for Rainbow and Triangle. In addition to that, his outstanding service to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has advanced work with the Masonic Medical Research Institute, and a strengthening of Capitular Masonry here in the Empire State.

**Joseph F. Zimmerman:** Br. Zimmerman explains democracy. Br. Zimmerman is a world famous scholar of American Politics with a focus on Federalism and state and Local Government. Having earned his PhD at Syracuse University, Br. Zimmerman's academic home has been the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Br. Zimmerman is the author of over 49 scholarly books. Originally hailing from New Hampshire, Br. Zimmerman resides in Delmar.

## DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Honorary Legion of Honor Honorees



Since the very beginning of DeMolay, we have relied upon Masons and the Masonic Fraternity for guidance, direction, and strength. As DeMolay was creating the Legion of Honor, to be composed of senior DeMolays, "Dad" Charles Boyce suggested to "Dad" Land that in addition to an active Legion of Honor, there should be an honorary Legion of Honor composed of Master Masons.

Today, the Honorary Legion of Honor consists of Master Masons at least 30 years or older, who manifest outstanding service to humanity, or excellence in their professional field, service in fraternal life, and personify the ideals of DeMolay. Each of them, as Master Masons, have many titles. In Masonry, we know the greatest and best title a man can have is to be called "Brother." Here in DeMolay the honorific we use is "Dad" as it denotes mentorship and friendship to youth.

Owing to the size of our great state some of the names may not be familiar to you. We want to give you a taste of the work of our honorees and have provided a brief description. These vignettes do not do justice to the outstanding class of honorees but give you a flavor for their outstanding service. Each of them we can proudly point to as being an example of the way to live one's life.

**Carl John Klossner:** "Dad" Klossner is a long time educator and public school administrator. He has served the students in the Waterford, Remsen, and the Adirondack School Districts. Well known for being an advocate for student success, his professional life stands as a stalwart for the bulwark of the schools books. In addition to his professional service, "Dad" Klossner is an active Mason and currently serving as District Deputy Grand Master for the Oneida district and Commander in Chief of the Valley of Utica, AASR.

**David John Menegon:** "Dad" Menegon leads the oldest organized after school activity in the history of the United States, the Knickerbocker Grays. Starting in 1881, The Knickerbocker Grays have provided young people in New York City the opportunity to learn drills, develop leadership skills, confidence and history, all the while having fun. In addition to his work with the Grays, "Dad" Menegon serves as the Grand Senior Deacon for the Grand Lodge of New York and is active in the North Star training program.

**E. Oscar Alleyne:** "Dad" Alleyne is an epidemiologist, and currently serving as the Chief Program Officer at the National Association of County and City Health Officials in Washington, DC. In this role, "Dad" Alleyne works with 3,000 local health departments in sharing information, best practices and critical updates. During the COVID outbreak, "Dad" Alleyne could be seen on major news networks and in print media helping to educate the public and share best practices. He previously worked for the Rockland County Public Health Department where he was critical in developing response plans for West Nile and Anthrax.

**Ellsworth Jack Simpson:** "Dad" Simpson has been a tireless worker for DeMolay. Working to re-establish St. Andrew's Chapter in the late 1990s and move it to Amsterdam, "Dad" Simpson has been an adult volunteer who has shaped and molded the young men of St. Andrew's for decades and has positively contributed to his community and his lodge.

**George Filippidis:** "Dad" Filippidis makes sure that no child goes without a gift during the Christmas season. For the past several years, "Dad" Filippidis has organized the annual Grand Lodge of New York Toys for Tots benefit and toy drive that has resulted in so many toys for children in the State of New York.

## *DeMolay International Announces the following 2020 Honorary Legion of Honor Honorees (continued)*

**Jason P. Sheridan:** “Dad” Sheridan is a tireless worker in the quarries of Freemasonry. If you have seen a crystal clear, focused and well done picture of a Masonic or DeMolay event chances are it was “Dad” Sheridan. “Dad” Sheridan spends countless hours documenting events and providing brothers and friends with pictures of the good times that we all have together. “Dad” Sheridan is currently serving as the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In this role, he has helped to advance Capitular Masonry here in the Empire State, worked with the Masonic Medical Research Institute, and supported youth programs and initiatives. He holds himself and his companions to high standards.

**Mark W. Heitmann:** “Dad” Heitmann helps people who are ailing. Working as a Multimodality Tech, “Dad” Heitmann helps the person, provides critical tests, and helps to get them on the way to being healthy. “Dad” Heitmann is an advisor for Trinity Chapter, serves as Lakes Region District Deputy and is active with the Order of the Eastern Star. He has been a tremendous help with guiding New York DeMolay.

**Pasquale Imbimbo:** “Dad” Imbimbo is a retired police officer from Florida where he helped serve and protect the people of the everglade state. Currently working as a private investigator, “Dad” Imbimbo helps in the legal profession. He also designed and runs “The Guarding the West Gate” a program that helps to verify background checks of applicants to the Masonic Fraternity. He also keeps bees, make maple syrup and runs a small business.

**Philip Chandler:** “Dad” Chandler provides futures for people looking to better themselves. For years, “Dad” Chandler managed the Alternatives to Incarceration Program for Oneida County. Through this program, people were able to develop skillets, rebuild their lives and become productive members of society. His compassion and dedication made a transformative impact on the lives of so many. In the fraternal world, he serves as the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons for the State of New York. In this role, he provides executive leadership to the thousands of Cryptic Masons across New York, and promotes their work in heart and vascular heart to make a healthier world.

**Scott D. Peat:** “Dad” Peat is a builder of men and buildings. A trained carpenter, “Dad” Peat built thousands of structures, trained other carpenters and helped to make New York City what it is today. “Dad” Peat currently serves as the Grand Standard Bearer for the Grand Lodge of New York. In this role he has helped to organize public processions, promote programs of the Grand Lodge and ensure the growth and success of the Masonic Fraternity.

**Victor L. Mann:** “Dad” Mann helps to provide for dental care for all children. “Dad” Mann helped to transform Azim Grotto into one of the premier Grottos in the world. Through new programming, activities, and a renewed focus on brotherhood, Azim has really been the fraternity that friendship built. “Dad” Mann currently serves as the Grand Venerable Prophet for the Supreme Council of the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm and their mission to provide dental care for children who may have special needs.



# *Hats off to our Graduates Middle School*



**John (Jack) Ferretti**  
Wantagh Chapter  
Nesaquake Middle School



**Dominick Licata**  
The Knights of Antiquity Chapter  
Sagamore Middle School



**Raven Santos**  
Knickerbocker Chapter  
Frank Sansiverski Intermediate School.



*Hats off to our Graduates  
High School*



**Austin Altman, SMC**  
Knickerbocker Chapter  
Abeka Academy



**Alexander Dinizio**  
The Knights of Antiquity Chapter  
Riverhead High School



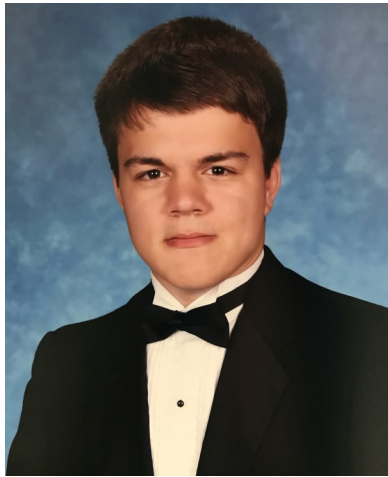
**Nathan Heitmann**  
Trinity Chapter  
Paul V. Moore High School



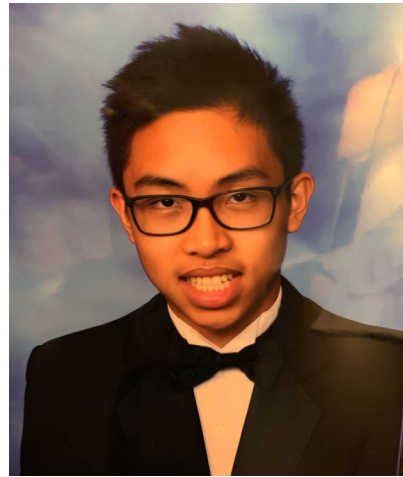
**Nicholas Heitmann**  
Trinity Chapter  
Paul V. Moore High School



*Hats off to our Graduates  
High School*



**RJ Larson, Metro RMC**  
Richmond Chapter  
Monsignor Farrell High School



**Luigi S. Razon**  
Knickerbocker Chapter  
Lynbrook Senior High School



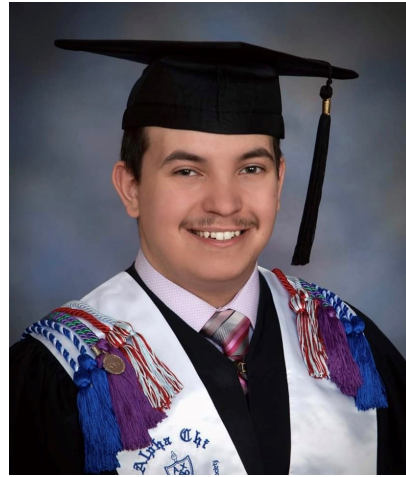
**Tucker Woychuk**  
The Knights of Antiquity Chapter  
Riverhead High School



# *Hats off to our Graduates College*



**“Dad” Zachary Williams**  
**Past State Master Councilor**  
The George Washington University  
B. S. Biomedical Engineering



**“Dad” Phillip S. Hurkala**  
**Past State Scribe**  
Dominican College  
Bachelor of Arts, Social Sciences



**“Dad” Thomas Perry**  
**Past State Master Councilor**  
SUNY Oswego  
Masters of Science in Education.

Congratulations to

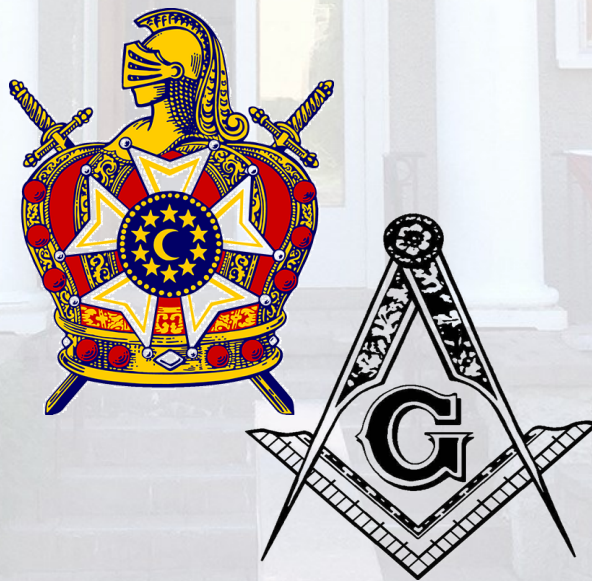
# New York DeMolay

for all your great work and accomplishments  
this past year.

The Officers and Brothers of

## Sconondoa Sherrill Lodge #814

wish the Officers of 2020-2021 all the best  
for a successful year.





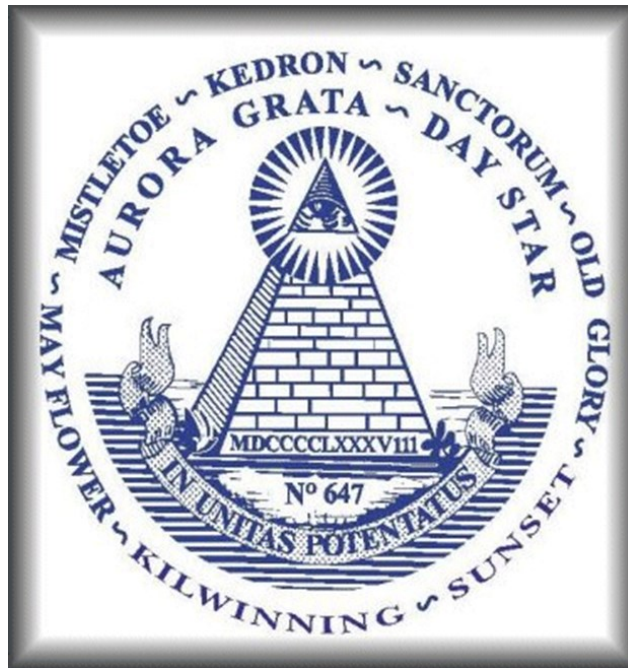
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*Congratulations  
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State Master Councilor  
on a successful term*



*R.: W.: Nathan Lipper  
Trustee of the  
Masonic Hall and Home*

*Our brethren wish all the best for the  
DeMolay State Convention 2020*



*Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647 F. & A.M.*

*W.: Walter R. Leong, Master*

*Bro. Joseph Pagan, Senior Warden*

*V.: W.: Victor Escorbores, Acting Junior Warden*

*In memory of our beloved late brethren*

*W.: David M. MacKay*

*Bro. Thomas Thorkildsen*

*Bro. Herbert L. Wallstedt*

*Bro. Michael Tomasino*

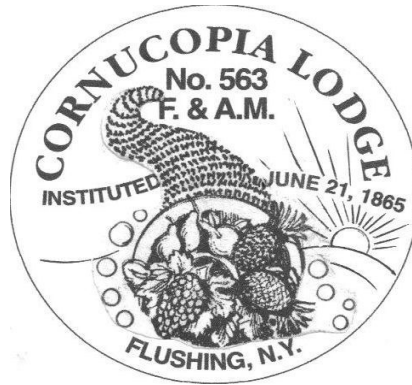


Congratulations to the Brothers, Advisors,  
Sweethearts and Friends of New York DeMolay  
on an outstanding year!

Thank you State Master Councilor Austin and  
State Sweetheart Pearl for your leadership and  
service, good luck to Br. Michael Jordan on your  
year of Leadership and Service!

The Officers and Members of  
Friendship Chapter #17  
Order of the Eastern Star

# ***CORNUCOPIA LODGE # 563***



The Brothers of Cornucopia want to  
Congratulate

## **NEW YORK STATE ORDER OF DEMOLAY**

### Officers

Master	Jerome Ranjitsingh	Treasurer:	Robert Olmo
Sr. Warden:	William Morales	Secretary:	Marino Cesarini
Jr. Warden:	Matthew DeMaria	Steward:	Anthony Ruggiero
Sr. Deacon:	Richard Araya	Steward:	Jose A. Escalante
Jr. Deacon:	Steven Ikeguchi	Marshal:	Rodney Artis
Sr. MC:	Rajiv Syed	Tiler:	Nicholas Isabella
Jr. MC:	Walter Brant	Chaplin:	Tony Perry

Trustees: Robert Servidio   John McKoy   Tony Perry



Queensboro Lodge No.892

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*2019-2020 Officers*

<i>W.: Mitchell E. Gold.....</i>	<i>Master</i>
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<i>R.: W.: Richard T. Schulz.....</i>	<i>Secretary Emeritus</i>
<i>W.: Josue Ledres.....</i>	<i>Senior Deacon</i>
<i>Brother Jai R. Seepersad.....</i>	<i>Junior Deacon</i>
<i>Brother George Goulandris.....</i>	<i>Senior Master of Ceremony</i>
<i>Brother Jonathan Santos.....</i>	<i>Junior Master of Ceremony</i>
<i>W.: Philip Bianco.....</i>	<i>Steward</i>
<i>Brother Roopesh Gayadin.....</i>	<i>Steward</i>
<i>Brother Edward Rasa.....</i>	<i>Steward</i>
<i>Brother Ricardo Santos.....</i>	<i>Steward</i>
<i>W.: John A. Licato.....</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>
<i>W.: Albert G. Dittmer, DSA.....</i>	<i>Marshal</i>
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<i>W.: Philip Bianco.....</i>	<i>Mentor</i>
<i>R.: W.: Stewart C. McCloud II.....</i>	<i>Ritual Director</i>
<i>R.: W.: Stewart C. McCloud II.....</i>	<i>Success Coach</i>

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*W.: John Licato-2022 W.: Fernando Suarez -2022 W.: Frederick G. Gattner, Sr.-Emeritus*

*Best Wishes to New York DeMolay  
on your Virtual State Convention*

*Congratulations to  
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*Congratulations to all the honorees of the  
2020 DeMolay International Honors Class  
Your continued support of our youth is  
greatly appreciated*



*R.: W.: George Filippidis  
Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home*





**TO THE MEMBERS AND ADVISORS OF  
NEW YORK DEMOLAY  
HAVE A WONDERFUL STATE CONVENTION  
FROM THE BROTHERS OF  
AMITYVILLE LODGE NO.977**



# New York DeMolay's Past State Sweethearts

Jane Hoke	1968-1969	Melanie Clark Kowalick	1994-1995
Carol Carson	1969-1970	Sarah Limbach Alfano	1995-1996
Kathy Monnell	1970-1971	Marianne Howard-Tyree	1996-1997
Denise Brisson	1971-1972	Cindy Butcher –Burns	1997-1998
Valerie Schultz	1972-1973	Hillary Kenney-Johnson	1998-1999
Jane Tracey	1973-1974	Amanda McFaul	1999-2000
Lendel Davis	1974-1975	Jan Marie Kubicek	2000-2001
Marie Madlon-Simmons	1975-1976	Jennifer Coconato	2001-2002
Barbara Kempkes	1976-1977	Stephanie L. Pelham-Cook	2002-2003
Sandra J. Maheu	1977-1978	Jennifer M. Heller-Shoop	2003-2004
Lori A. Hess	1978-1979	Karen R. Walenta	2004-2005
Carol A. Winstanley-George	1979-1980	Katherine M. Brownell	2005-2006
Diane E. Goodfellow-Northrup	1980-1981	Allison N. Glassman	2006-2007
Susan S. Wolcott	1981-1982	Kristina Brandt	2007-2008
Linda A. Palmer-Mirizio	1982-1983	Melissa Glassman	2008-2009
Deborah L. Ericson MacLean	1983-1984	Katie Heller-Day	2009-2010
Laura L. Runkle-Ferretti	1984-1985	Stephanie Mosso	2010-2011
Tristian Nagel D'Angelo	1985-1986	Callie Trutschel	2011-2012
Lara DeLaMater	1986-1987	Ally Callaghan	2012-2013
Stephanie A. Melissinos-Piston	1987-1988	Tory Sharon	2013-2014
Kimberly Woodruff Ziegler	1988-1989	Krista Wright	2014-2015
Keri Katt Brock	1989-1990	Dawn Mirando	2015-2016
Beth Ann Griffin– Anthony	1990-1991	Sapphire Patterson	2016-2017
Marie Limbach	1991-1992	Mary Margaret Spencer	2017-2018
Jennifer Ralston-Collins	1992-1993	Megan Williams	2018-2019
Robin Kelly	1993-1994	Pearl Draves	2019-2020



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## EMPIRE STATE

William M. Sardone	1968-1969	David W. Schucker	1994-1995
Richard E. Ticknor	1969-1970	Charles P. Tyree, Jr.	1995-1996
Barry S. Ronner	1970-1971	Jamie T. Toolan	1996-1997
*James H. Stillwell	1971-1972	Matthew O. Tyree	1997-1998
Robert M. Krayenvenger	1972-1973	Peter Malfatti	1998-1999
George W. Markham	1973-1974	Matthew L. Whitaker	1999-2001
Michael D. Fallacaro	1974-1975	Daniel Clark	Honorary
Robert M. Schvey	1975-1976	Peter W. Brusoe	2001-2002
Lon M. Hofstein	1976-1977	Nels R. Solberg	2002-2003
Wayne D. Peterson	1977-1978	Joshua R. Brusoe	2003-2005
*Erik S. Bunes	1978-1979	Justin P. Cook	2005-2006
David M. Rowe	1979-1980	Nathaniel J. Liberty	2006-2007
Gregg E. Maslak	1980-1981	Christopher J. Roberts	2007-2008
Andrew D. Ellis	1981-1982	Brian Bidnick	2008-2009
Jeffrey E. McMorris	1982-1983	Andrew O. Roberts	2009-2010
Michael L. Young, II	1983-1984	Michael A. Hernandez	2010-2011
Thomas L. Ericson	1984-1985	William M. Koller	2011-2012
Richard R. Reeves	1985-1986	David Celentano	2012-2013
Robert S. Kinnin	1986-1987	Thomas Perry	2013-2014
Arthur I. Williams	1987-1988	C. Tyler Henderson	2014-2015
Daryl G. Hoffmann	1988-1989	Zachary E. Williams	2015-2016
Daniel J. Linstruth	1989-1990	Kevin E. Bartels	2016-2017
Trevor F. Hettesheimer	1990-1991	Peter K. Stokke, Jr.	2017-2018
Michael K. Howard	1991-1992	Samuel Levin	2018-2019
Brian W. Howard	1992-1993	Austin Altman	2019-2020
Roger H. Pelham, II	1993-1994		