

THE YORK RITE
of
FREEMASONRY
of
THE STATE OF MISSOURI

2008



GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS



GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS



GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2008 GRAND SESSIONS
OF THE GRAND YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

- 12:00 p.m. 13th Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing (*Eagle Knoll Golf Course, Hartsburg*)
- 3:00 p.m. Early Registration (*Hotel Atrium – 6:00 p.m.*)
- 6:00 p.m. Golf Awards Banquet (*Hotel Atrium*)
- 8:00 p.m. Grand Council Ritual Committee Meeting (*Joplin Room – Board Room*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Registration – All 3 bodies (*Hotel Atrium – 10:00 a.m.*)
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC
- 8:10 a.m. Presentation & Posting of Colors, Albert Pike Camp, Heroes of '76, St. Louis Chapter No. 22, National Sojourners (*Capitol/Truman*)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of National Anthem
- 8:20 a.m. Presentation of Missouri Grand Council Officers (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
- Formal opening of the One Hundred Forty-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
- Welcoming Comments by Grand Master
- Reception of Missouri Past Grand Masters
- Reception of Missouri Regional Deputy Grand Masters
- Reception of Grand Lecturer and Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers
- Reception of Grand Representatives
- Reception of Out of State Grand Council Officers
- Reception of General Grand Council Officers
- Reception of General Grand Council Representative
- Brief presentation by General Grand Council Representative
- Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
- Reception and Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri
- Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
- Address of Grand Master
- Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address
- Report of Committee on Jurisprudence
- Resume Labor and Remaining Business
- Report of Committee on Finance
- Report of Grand Treasurer
- Reports of Grand Recorder

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008, Continued

- 10:30 a.m. Election of Officers
 Additional Committee Reports – *as needed*
 Routine Business
 Report of Election of Officers
 Acceptance of Officers
 Report of Grand Master-elect
 Report of Committee on Time and Place
- 11:15 a.m. Address of General Grand Council Officer
- 11:30 a.m. Grand Council Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m. for Awards Presentation
 and Installation of Officers
 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m. Order of the Silver Trowel (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Council Resumes Labor – Open to all
 2007-2008 Grand Council Awards Presentation
 Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Council Officers
- 5:00 p.m. Close Grand Council
 Pictures
 Dinner on your own
- 7:30 p.m. Yeomen of York (*Capitol/Truman Room*)

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Registration – Chapter and Commandery only (*Hotel Atrium – 10:00 a.m.*)
- 7:30 a.m. Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2, 3rd Annual Convocation – Open to all
 Royal Arch Masons (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:00 a.m. Presentation of Missouri Grand Chapter Officers (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
 Formal opening of the One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Convocation of
 the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
 Welcoming Comments by Grand High Priest
 Reception of Missouri Past Grand High Priests
 Reception of Missouri District Deputy Grand High Priests
 Reception of Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Lecturers
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 Address of Grand High Priest
 Report of Jurisprudence Committee
 Report of Finance Committee
 Report of Grand Treasurer
 Reports of Grand Secretary

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008, Continued

- 11:00 a.m. Election of Officers
 Additional Committee Reports – *as needed*
 Routine Business
 Report of Election of Officers
 Acceptance of Officers
 Report of Grand High Priest-elect
 Report of Committee on Time and Place
- 11:45 a.m. Address of General Grand Chapter Officer
- 12:00 p.m. Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 3:30 p.m. for Awards Presentation
 and Installation of Officers
 Lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m. Order of High Priesthood (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
- 3:30 p.m. Grand Chapter Resumes Labor – Open to all
 2007-2008 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
 Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Officers
- 5:30 p.m. Close Grand Chapter
 Pictures
- 7:00 p.m. Grand Council Officers State Dinner (*Jefferson Room*)
 Grand Commandery Officers State Dinner (*Missouri Room*)
 Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast – Open to members only (*Lincoln Room*)
- 7:00 a.m. Registration – Commandery only (*Hotel Atrium – 10:00 a.m.*)
- 8:00 a.m. Welcoming Comments by Missouri Grand Commander (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
 Formal opening of the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the
 Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri by
 Grand Commandery Officers – Open to Ladies and Guests
 Roll Call and Introduction of Grand Commandery Officers
 Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders
 Reception of Missouri Regional Grand Commanders
 Reception of Grand Representatives
 Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers
 Reception of Grand Encampment Officers
 Reception of Grand Encampment Representative
 Brief presentation by Grand Encampment Representative
 Reception and Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri
 Address of Grand Commander
 Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
- 9:00 a.m. Reconvene Grand Commandery
 Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
 Report of Jurisprudence Committee
 Report of Finance Committee

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008, Continued

- Report of Grand Treasurer
 Reports of Grand Recorder
 10:30 a.m. Election of Officers
 Additional Committee Reports – *as needed*
 Routine Business
 Report of Election of Officers
 Acceptance of Officers
 Report of Grand Commander-elect
 Report of Committee on Time and Place
 11:15 a.m. Address of Grand Encampment Officer
 11:30 a.m. Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.
 Lunch on your own
 11:45 a.m. Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting (*Joplin Room*
 – *Board Room*)
 1:00 p.m. Past Commander's Association (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
 3:00 p.m. Grand Commandery Reconvened – Open to all
 2007-2008 Awards Presentation
 Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Commandery Officers
 5:00 p.m. Call Grand Commandery from labor
 Pictures
 6:30 p.m. Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests' Reception, Banquet, and
 Entertainment (*Country/Western Theme*) – Open to all
 (*Jefferson/Missouri Room*)
 Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master, and Grand
 Commander
 Reception of Presiding Distinguished Guests

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Missouri Lodge of Research mid-year meeting and breakfast – Open to all
 Master Masons (*Jefferson/Missouri Room*)
 7:00 a.m. Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges
 8:00 a.m. Grand Commandery Asylum Drill Competition – Open to all
 (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
 1:30 p.m. Knights of the York Cross of Honour business meeting (*Capitol/Truman*
Room)
 3:30 p.m. Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Open to all Master Masons (*Capitol/Truman*
Room)
 6:30 p.m. Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation – Open to all
 (*Jefferson/Missouri Room*)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. Religious Service – Open to all (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
 9:00 a.m. Grand Officers' Breakfast – open to ALL (*retired and incoming*) Missouri
 Grand York Rite Officers, Deputy/Regional Grand Officers, Committee
 Members, Out of State Guests, and their Ladies (*Lincoln Room*)

LADIES' PROGRAM**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008**

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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

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 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Brunch (*Carnegies Room*)
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ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Harley L. Kropf, President

Richard J. Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

Lionel J. Goede, Thrice Illustrious Master

Stanton T. Brown, Recorder/Treasurer

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KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Teddie E. Harrison, Prior

Lionel J. Goede, Registrar

MISSOURI LODGE OF RESEARCH

Jon B. Broyles, Master

Ronald D. Miller, Secretary

OPENING CEREMONIES MAY 14, 2008



Grand Secretary/Recorder Sample introduces the Most Excellent Companion Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; Most Illustrious Companion Robert L. Wright, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri; and Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. Each made welcoming comments and thanked the Companions, Sir Knights, ladies and guests for their attendance.

PRESENTATION AND POSTING OF THE COLORS



Albert Pike Camp, Heroes of '76, St. Louis Chapter No. 22, National Sojourners, conducted the presentation and posting of the colors.

**13TH ANNUAL YORK RITE OF MISSOURI
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

May 13, 2008

**Eagle Knoll Golf Club
Hartsburg, Missouri**
(No picture available)

RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT

A Flight

1st Place – Jim Haddox / Jeff Smith /
Chris Lewis (66)
2nd Place – Kevin Sample / Richard
Mansfield / Loren Lloyd (73)

B Flight

1st Place – William Johnson / Len
Stella / Pat Henry (77)
2nd Place – David Wallace / Unknown
(82)

Putting Contest – Loren Lloyd
Longest Drive Contest – Chris Lewis

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

(No list of Sponsors Available at time of Printing)

FINANCIAL REPORTS**REGISTER REPORT
6/1/2006 through 5/31/2007**

INCOME		\$1,580.00
50-50 Drawing	\$130.00	
Entry Fee	\$1,105.00	
Mulligans	\$0.00	
Putting Contest	\$20.00	
Sponsorship	\$315.00	
Gift	\$10.00	
EXPENSES		\$(1,580.94)
Charity		\$(510.00)
RARA	\$(170.00)	
CMMR	\$(170.00)	
KTEF	\$(170.00)	
Trophies		\$(181.40)
Golf Fees		\$(528.00)
Dining		\$(255.00)
50-50 Cash Given		\$(65.00)
Prizes		\$(10.00)
Putting Contest		\$(10.00)
Hole Sponsor Signs		\$(21.54)
OVERALL TOTAL		\$(0.94)

**BALANCE SHEET
As of 5/31/2008****ASSETS**

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Charity Golf Tournament Checking Acct.	183.11
Balance of 2008 Tournament	11.45
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	194.56
TOTAL ASSETS	194.56

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	194.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	194.56

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Treasurer
James E. Snavelly, Chairman

**3RD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF
PALMYRA CHAPTER NO. 2
AN HISTORICAL AND RESEARCH CHAPTER**

The 3rd Annual Convocation of Palmyra Chapter No. 2 was convened at 7:30 a.m. on May 15, 2008 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, in full ritualistic form with the following officers present:

High Priest	Foster S. Crawford, PGHP
King	Ervin A. Drawing, PGHP
Scribe	Earl W. Orr, PGHP
Treasurer	Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP
Secretary	Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP
Captain of the Host	William E. Bremmeman, PGHP
Principal Sojourner	Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP
Royal Arch Captain pro tem	Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP
Master of the 3 rd Veil pro tem	José R. Palacios, PGHP
Master of the 2 nd Veil	Roy A. Welshon, Sr., PGHP
Master of the 1 st Veil	Walter W. Doyle, PGHP
Chaplain	Harley L. Kropf, PGHP
Sentinel	William B. Stephenson, Jr., PGHP

MEC Crawford thanked everyone for their attendance. He then called upon the Secretary for the reading of the minutes.

MEC Sample moved that the minutes of the 2nd Annual Convocation, as printed distributed on page 47 of the 2007 Grand York Rite Proceedings, be approved. Motion was seconded and approved.

Secretary Sample acknowledged EC Unruh's report to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri regarding membership and the approved brochures. However, they have yet to be distributed as we were waiting on the purchase of the brochure holders and printing of enough brochures to send 100 of each to each Missouri symbolic lodge. He also identified that the Grand Lodge agreed to distribute them at no cost to us in their routine mailings to the lodges. The brochure holders were purchased at a cost of \$1.00 each, they say Missouri York Rite on them, and three will be sent to each lodge for each of the three brochures. These should all be distributed during the 2008-2009 year and we hope to reap the rewards of these being available to each lodge and those in attendance.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted. (*Report may be found in Grand Treasurer's Report, Grand Chapter*)

MEC Crawford called for reports of sickness and distress. MEC Orr reported on MEC Spellman who was not doing well. MEC Stephenson reported on MEC Drawing who's lady slipped going down the stairs and broke her leg, he is home taking care of her. MEC Dingman reported on MEC Spellman's lady and MEC Maenner's lady. MEC Maenner reported that she had double pneumonia and a stroke and nearly died, but she came out of that, and two weeks ago had some cancer removed from the side of her head. But other than that, she is doing good. MEC Dingman also reported on MEC Bunnell

who's lady Loretta is continuing in poor health. Sample identified that he had spoke with lady Palacios who had broken her ankle or foot but is recovering well. The Palacios' had lost a 30-year old grandson and a new grandbaby born 2/3/08 was very ill in the hospital. MEC Palacios did volunteer to serve as an officer. Sample also reported on the loss of lady Carol Schlichter. MEC Schlichter thanked the Companions for their support during this very difficult time.

Secretary Sample reported that although the Chapter authorized in 2007 the expenditure of \$3,000.00 for the publication and distribution of the brochures, \$3,600.00 was spent for this purpose. He asked the Chapter to approve the over-expenditure. MEC Schlichter moved to approve the additional \$600.00. The motion was seconded and approved.

Sample reported on the response of PGHPs to serve as officers of Palmyra Chapter No. 2. We were short a couple of officers to fill the chairs. MECs Stephenson and Dingman volunteered to serve. Following discussion, it was determined that there would be no change needed in the line of officers for the 2008-2009 capítular year for this chapter.

MEC Schlichter moved that the current sitting officers be elected without ballot, to serve this chapter for the 2008-2009 year. Motion was seconded and approved.

MEC Schlichter moved that the Treasurer and Secretary be retained in station. Motion was seconded and approved.

MEC Schlichter moved to allow the Treasurer and Secretary to transact any necessary business during the 2008-2009 year. Motion was seconded and approved.

Sample reported on a provision in the by-laws for honorary membership in Palmyra Chapter No. 2. MEC Dingman received a check for honorary membership, however that check has not been cashed as we have not developed any form of recognition process for honorary memberships. He expressed the need for someone other than the Secretary to develop that process. MEC Crawford appointed a committee to develop said process of recognition, MEC Palacios to chair, as well as MEC Welshon and MEC Schlichter. Sample asked that the committee also be tasked to develop a promotional brochure for Palmyra Chapter No. 2 which might be handed out to those with interest to join the historical chapter.

MEC Dingman suggested that he would like to recognize EC Nelson Morgan with an honorary membership in Palmyra Chapter No. 2. MEC Crawford reported that we would take the recommendation under advisement. MEC Schlichter moved to accept the nomination for honorary membership. MEC Sample moved to amend to waive the fee, seconded by MEC Schlichter. The amendment was approved, as was the motion as amended. EC Morgan thanked the Companions for the honor.

The Chapter was closed in due form at 8:25 a.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE

*One Hundred Sixty-First
Annual Convocation*

OF THE

Grand Chapter

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

State of Missouri



HELD AT
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 15, 2008 A.M. 2538





Kenneth Dean Dingman, Jr.
Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Missouri
2007-2008



2007-2008 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Front row, from left to right): Ralph E. Nolan, Donald L. Trabue, Robert E. Hardester, Kenneth D. Dingman, George L. Duncan, Kevin B. Sample, Steven C. Monrotus, and Nelson G. Morgan. *(Back row, from left to right):* John E. Schofield, Roy N. Thomas, Claude M. Eckert, Roy L. Gilkey, Calvin D. Schroff, Columbus Craft, and Fred M. Harle, Sr.

BIOGRAPHICAL

KENNETH DEAN DINGMAN, JR.
Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
2007-2008

Most Excellent Companion Kenneth Dean Dingman Jr., was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 19, 1944, to Kenneth and Alvina Dingman. After his father's return from the World War II, the family moved to Leon, Iowa. Kenneth attended school in Leon and graduated from Leon High School in 1962. In 1965 he was drafted into the United States Army and served until he was honorably discharged in 1967. Returning to Iowa, he went to work for a variety store chain. In 1969, he was united in marriage to Myra Phillips. To this union one son, Sean, was born. In 1972 he and Myra moved to Waynesville, Mo., where they have continued to live. Kenneth worked in food service at Ft. Wood and for the State Prison system. He attended college in southwest Missouri and, in 1984, began working with behavior and learning disabled classes in the Waynesville RVI school district, from which he retired in 2005.

MEC Dingman was made a Master Mason on April 12, 1982, at Waynesville, Lodge No. 375. He went on to become Master of the Lodge in 1987 and later served as Master of Rolla Lodge #213, where he is a current member. On April 13, 1984, he became a Royal Arch Mason at Lebanon Chapter No. 64. He served as Excellent High Priest of Rolla Chapter No. 32 in 1996. In 1996, he received the Lewis and Clark Award. In 1998, he was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest for Region 4, District B. In 1999, he was appointed Grand Representative of Minnesota in Missouri. MEC Dingman entered the Grand Chapter Line in 1999 as Grand Master of the 1st Veil.

MEC Dingman is a Past Illustrious Master of Rolla Council No. 39 (1998) and Past Commander of Rolla Commandary No. 59 (1998). He is a Past Sovereign Master of Mid-Missouri Council No. 291 of AMD and a Past Governor of Ray V. Denslow York Rite College No. 180 (2002). He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2003. He is currently serving as the 6th Pillar in the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priesthood, House of Lord's Tabernacle No. 72. He is the Past Excellent Chief of Cell Airne Council No. 75 Knight Masons. MEC Dingman holds the KYGCH in Missouri, and is a member of the Order of the High Priesthood in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois.

His other Masonic memberships and work include: 32nd Degree Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Columbia; St Christopher's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, White Shrine of Jerusalem, DeMolay Legion of Honor; Abou Ben Adhem Shrine and Past Rajah of South Central Shrine Club; Past Royal Patron of Amaranth along with Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Royal Court of Amaranth; Past Patron three times of Hanson Chapter No. 22, Order of Eastern Star; and the Ozark Council No. 109 Sword of Bunker Hill. MEC Dingman has received numerous other honors in his Masonic and York Rite work.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Missouri was convened at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri, with the following Grand Officers in their stations:

Kenneth D. Dingman
Robert E. Hardester
George L. Duncan
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP
Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP
Christopher C. McLemore, III
Steven C. Monrotus
Claude M. Eckert
John E. Schofield
Roy L. Gilkey
Roy N. Thomas
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Ralph E. Nolan
Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP
Fred M. Harle, Sr.

Nelson G. Morgan
Paul R. Cannon
Larry D. Wyatt, Sr.

Grand High Priest
Grand King
Grand Scribe
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary
Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Royal Arch Captain
Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Grand Historian
Grand Chaplain
Grand Chaplain
Grand Lecturer
Grand Organist
Grand Chorister
Grand Sentinel
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Grand Sentinel

RECEPTION OF 2007 – 2008 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS



Most Excellent Companion Robert W. Schlichter introduced the Grand Chapter Officers upon their entrance. Most Excellent Companion Dingman was very well received with a standing ovation, the grand honors, and escorted to the east by MEC Schlichter. He was presented with the gavel and MEC Schlichter wished for him a most enjoyable and harmonious grand convocation. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He commented that he was proud to be serving in capacity as Grand High Priest, although the year was too short. He then asked for all who were not Royal Arch Masons to please retire.

OPENING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Chapter Officers opened the One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri in full ritualistic form. Grand High Priest Stephenson welcomed everyone.

INTRODUCTION AND RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS



MEC Schlichter presented the Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Present were *(from left to right)*: William B. Stephenson, Jr. (2006-2007), Harley L. Kropf (2005-2006), Donald L. Trabue, Honorary (2005), Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2005), Walter W. Doyle (2004-2005), Delbert R. Gentry (2003-2004), Roy A. Welshon, Sr. (2002-2003), Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (2000-2001), José R. Palacios (1999-2000), Robert W. Schlichter (1998-1999), Calvin D. Schroff (1997-1998), William E. Brenneman (1995-1996), Harry O. Maenner (1994-1995), Earl W. Orr (1991-1992), Foster S. Crawford (1988-1989), E. Allen Kohler (1976-1977), and Charles A. Bottermuller (1971-1972). Following the grand honors, MEC Bottermuller *(right)* spoke on behalf of all the Past Grand High Priests. The Grand High Priest welcomed and received these Most Excellent Companions in the East. *A listing of the living Past Grand High Priests may be found in the back of the Grand Chapter Proceedings.*

HEADS OF MISSOURI BODIES



(from left to right): EC Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, 2007-2008, and EC Robert L. Wright, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, 2007-2008. Following the grand honors, MEC Dingman thanked them for the honor of serving and working with these distinguished companions, and received them in the East.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS



The above District Deputy Grand High Priests for 2007 – 2008 were presented. Pictured are *(from left to right)*: VEC Christopher C. McLemore, IV, Region 7, District B; VEC James A. Nunn, Region 7, District A; VEC David R. Vogler, Region 5; VEC Steven C. Derendinger, Region 4, District B; VEC Terry R. Struse, Region 4, District A; VEC Jack E. Timmons, Region 3, District C; VEC Steven M. Anderson, Region 3, District B; and VEC William W. Mier, Region 2, District B. The Grand High Priest thanked them all for their continued dedication and called up the craft for the grand honors after which he received them in the East.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS



The above District Deputy Grand Lecturers for 2007-2008 were presented. Pictured are *(from left to right)*: VEC Christopher C. McLemore, III, Region 7, District B; MEC Walter W. Doyle, Region 7, District A; VEC John E. Crites, Region 6; VEC Kevin E. Weaver, Region 5; VEC Russell S. Hanson, Region 4, District A; VEC Jack E. Timmons, Region 3, District C; VEC Scott S. Crawford, Region 3, District A; REC Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Region 2, District B; and MEC Delbert R. Gentry, Region 2, District A. The Grand High Priest also recognized the Grand Lecturer, and thanked them for continued efforts and received them in the East.

OUT OF STATE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



Pictured (*left*) are REC William Fairchild, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan (*left*) and REC Clayton A. Wolfe, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana (*right*).

Pictured (*right*) are EC Chris Tomlinson, Grand Captain of the Host and Personal Representative of MEC Claude L. Carpenter, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas (*left*) and MEC Clarence J. Laney, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Texas.



Pictured (*left*) VEC Warren Lee, District Deputy Grand High Priest of District 13 and Personal Representative of MEC Edwin A. Opstad, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington.

Pictured (*right*) are MEC Byron E. Hams (*left*) Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, PHA, MEC Kenneth E. Story (*center*) Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Southern Missouri (Arkansas), and MEC James N. Karnegis (*right*) Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nebraska.



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Pictured are MEC Roy A. Welshon, Sr., General Grand Chapter Ambassador to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri (*left*) and MEC Louis E. Bartrand, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington, and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the Northwest Region, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.



Pictured is MEC Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. MEC Gray was received and invited to have a seat in the east. He addressed the grand convocation briefly at this time and more fully later in the meeting.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Pictured are (from left to right) EC Ronald D. Miller – Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, EC Rocky E. Weaver – Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri; EC Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr. – Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, EC Glenn E. Means – Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri and Executive Secretary of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, and REC Ronald E. Wood, Jr. – Grand Chaplain and Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, and Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Missouri.



MEC Schlichter presents EC Bruce R. Austin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri.



Following the grand honors, MEC Dingman escorts the Grand Master of Missouri to the east where he was presented with the gavel of authority and addressed the grand convocation.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER



Good morning brethren, companions, it is good to see you all. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, brethren, companions all, it is quite an honor for me to be here, an old southeast Missouri farmer, to be here among this distinguished group of brethren. I am pleased to be here, and as I said yesterday morning, Masonry is looking up in the State of Missouri. We are slowly gaining membership, we are getting a lot of dark haired brothers in the fraternity now. Hopefully, this will go down into our appendant bodies, York Rite, Scottish Rite, all will benefit from this increase in our membership.

I've been asked many times, how is my year going and it is hard to believe that I have been Grand Master almost eight months.

Rocky is breathing down my neck real close and I notice people are paying more attention to Rocky than they are to me, but I can remember when that happened to me when I was getting ready to replace Bob Berger. I have been having an excellent year brethren. Probably one of the greatest memories I will have occurred last Saturday in Washington D.C. On May 1, my wife and I and Nick Cichiello went to the Grand Lodge of New York there in New York City, a very memorable event brethren. I had never been to New York City before, neither had my wife. Just to see that city, looking up at the tall buildings, they obviously new I was a visitor in town. That Wednesday, we left New York and went down to Washington D.C. to the World Conference of Grand

Lodges. Approximately 400 brethren were there from all over the world. We sat in this huge room, many of the brothers from other countries got up and spoke, in which case sometimes we had to wear the little ear piece to listen to the interpreter. The greatest thing which I said I will always remember occurred that Saturday morning just before it was over with. We loaded up on busses and went to the World War II Veterans Memorial which has just recently been completed there on the mall between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial. There were approximately twenty grand masters from the United States that were in attendance during this world conference. Each one of us was given a wreath, fresh flowers, a very beautiful wreath, square and compasses with the letter G in the middle, that we could carry to the respective parts of this memorial that was honoring our states. I was able to carry the wreath to the Missouri part of this World War II Veterans Memorial in honor of all the Freemasons that had served during World War II, both living and deceased. A very touching moment brethren, to realize that I was representing a living fifty-one thousand brothers in this state, not counting the fifty-year members, and to know that I was representing thousands of those brothers that had died during World War II, a very emotional moment. I shall never forget it. I think everyone present will not forget it. During that time, we of course had a chance to tour the George Washington National Memorial there in Alexandria, went through the United States Capitol, we were supposed to be able to tour the White House but they claimed that with 700 counting wives, that it was entirely too many to go through at one time, so we did not get to do that. Although I had been in the White House in previous years, it was a real big disappointment for me.

While we were there, there were there, I could tell, a lot of old World War II veterans, many of them in wheel chairs, that were visiting this memorial too, probably for the first time, probably the only time they will be able to see it. You could see some of them with tears in their eyes, no telling what kind of stories they could tell, what they went through, the buddies they had lost, you could almost just read their facial expressions. That will be one of the most memorable things I can look back on during my year as Grand Master.

It has been a fantastic year. Everywhere I have traveled I have been warmly received, I felt like I was a member of every lodge that I have attended. It has been a fantastic year – been a few bobbles along the way, but you know when you get fifty-one thousand members, there are going to be some brothers that sometimes forget their obligations and they have to be in some cases sternly reminded. But 99% of my year so far has been ceremonial, has been great.

I appreciate being here, have been warmly received, I am a member of the York Rite. Unfortunately I am not active in it, I think if I got active in one more thing my wife would probably kick me out of the house. In fact, I come in now and sometimes she says “who are you?”, but that goes with the job of Grand Master and as you go through the advancing line

Thank you very much brethren and good wishes to each one of you. Thank you.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported that there were a constitutional number of Chapters and representatives present to hold a grand convocation.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Companions, the agenda calls for election of officers to take place at 11 o'clock, however there is a piece of legislation which we need to act upon prior to the election of officers.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article II, Grand Officers, Section 6. Who are eligible?*, be amended by striking the words "except Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel and Grand Organist" and adding the word "dais" after the word "elected".

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: Any Companion shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter who is, at the time of election or appointment, a Past High Priest, or a High Priest, and a member of this Grand Chapter, except Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel and Grand Organist, who shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, provided that not more than one elected officer may be a member of the same Chapter.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: Any Companion shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter who is, at the time of election or appointment, a Past High Priest, or a High Priest, and a member of this Grand Chapter, who shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, provided that not more than one elected dais officer may be a member of the same Chapter.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The law as is currently written will not allow eligible companions who belong to the same chapter as the grand treasurer, grand secretary, or grand historian to be considered for the advancing line. Additionally, as the Grand Chapter of Missouri continues to loose subordinate chapters and membership, the population of eligible companions willing and able to serve the grand chapter as a grand officer are becoming fewer in number. This provision, if adopted, will restrict but not prohibit members of the same chapter from being considered for grand officer positions.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MEC Dingman called for the election of officers and sealed the doors. He additionally appointed the District Deputy Grand High Priests as tellers, VEC Russell S. Hanson as chair.

Grand High Priest Dinigman asked for and received permission from the tellers to continue with the conduct of business in their absence.

VEC Hanson reported that there were 141 ballots cast, 140 were valid. There were 140 votes to advance the line. There was an election of the Grand Historian, Ronald E. Wood, Jr., with 122 votes. There was not an election for Grand Master of the 1st Veil. The four top candidates were Loren Lloyd with 61, Todd Schulze with 17, Tom Truman with 12, and John Siscel with 12.

Following a second ballot, Loren D. Lloyd was elected with 75 of the 124 votes cast.

MEC Dingman thanked the tellers for service and discharged them. He then called upon each of the newly elected officers, all of which accepted their elections.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri,

On this occasion of our One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Convocation, I am pleased to greet you in the place representing a tabernacle erected by our ancient brethren near the ruins of King Solomon's Temple.

The Grand Chapter is most honored to extend our warmest fraternal greetings to our visiting distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions and to welcome you all to the "Show Me" state of Missouri.

It also affords me great pleasure to greet my distinguished predecessors, the Past Grand High Priests, who have given much of their time to this great fraternity.

To the grand officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, and District Deputy Grand Lecturers, thank you for your time and hard work in keeping this ship on course.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bruce R. Austin, welcome Companion. I thank you and the Grand Lodge for all the courtesies and accommodations shown my Lady Myra and I during the Grand Lodge session.

A special thanks to my traveling companion Nelson G. Morgan, the young man at the door, with drawn sword. He is a real Mason and mentor, if we could just follow his example.

To the Most Excellent Wife, Lady Myra, thank you for putting up with me for thirty nine years and for being my secretary, driver, hostess and love. I could never have made it without you.

To my Companions, this is an opportunity I have long sought. I do not really know how to tell you in words thank you for your support. The road is rough and rugged, but we are sustained by the Great I AM. We may be few in numbers, but we need to extend a fraternal hand to all of our Brothers and the whole of mankind.

I am concerned with what I have seen happening. More and more in Chapters I have seen Companions who did not get their own way, become angry with other Companions. Many of our new members are not returning to our fold because of this attitude. We, as Royal Arch Masons, need to be mentors to our new members and mentor them through the Lodge and Chapter. We have become so accustomed to one Companion being in charge of all the bodies in the name of unity that we are losing the spirit of fraternity and our identity.

I have been to many meetings called for the purpose of training leaders. We have many leaders, shakers and movers who have set their sights on Washington, and I don't mean Brother George. They have experience in keeping much inattention among the Craft at home. Companions, we do not need leaders so much as we need followers from which leaders will come. We need to build our base to keep from falling into ruins. We

need to change if we are to survive. The Temple is in disarray. Let us descend into the ruins and consult the Book of the Law. Remember the stone cast aside by the workmen became the head of the comer.

NECROLOGY

One by one they pass away, the brothers of our adoption, the companions of our choice. In my father's house are many mansions. I have gone to prepare a place for you. One of those mansions is now occupied by my companion and very good friend, Excellent Companion Harold C. Mace or as he insisted that we call him (a.k.a. Guffrey Jones). Harold would do anything in the Lodge without being asked or without the hope of fee or reward. We need more companions like him. He is probably trying to sell a Packard or Studebaker to the Lord! Let our prayers go out to all the families who have lost loved ones.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Very Excellent Companion Ralph E. Nolan, Grand Chaplain

We have already been told what the Lord requires of us, "To do what is right, to love mercy and walk humbly with your God." Today as we gather at this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, we are reminded once again of what is required of us by the Supreme High Priest. During this past year He has again summoned 175 of our companions by name to the place he has prepared for each of us in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Among the names called early in 2008 was Carol Schlichter wife of our Past Grand High Priest Robert Schlichter.

Those who have gone before have left a pathway for us to follow as we follow what the Lord requires of each of us. That pathway has been taken by many companions as the years have come and gone and each new Grand Chapter year brings with it the challenges which we must build upon, so that those who have labored before did not work in vain. Let those who still labor in the Chapters do so with the same zeal and commitment of those who have walked the pathway before so that our craft will prosper and the pathway will lead others who follow to a better future. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote, "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done. God's ways are as hard to discern as the pathways of the wind, and as mysterious as a tiny baby being formed in a mother's womb. Be sure to stay busy and plant a variety of crops, for you never know which will grow—perhaps they all will." Ecclesiastes 11:4-6 (NLT)

Prayer

O Lord, we bless the name of all those who have entered into their rest, and reached the Promised Land where they now see you face to face. Give us the grace to follow in their footsteps, as they followed in the footsteps of those who went before them. Give us the living the strength to live up to those principles and tasks that you have laid before us. May we continue to do what is right, to love mercy, and walk humbly with you each step of the days you have given to us. Continue to give us the hope of the larger life beyond until we hear our name called and respond as have our departed companions. Amen.

Hymn music after prayer



Companion	Chapter	Born	Died
Adams, Ray	Oriental Chapter No. 78	1/9/1915	9/8/2007
Anthony, Elvin Arthur	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	12/6/1925	6/21/2007
Austin, Farris Lee	Springfield Chapter No. 15	3/20/1928	6/17/2007
Ayre, Edwin Miles	Springfield Chapter No. 15	2/15/1915	7/19/2007
Blaylock, Cecil O.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	7/7/1912	11/17/2007
Blue, Clifford Basil	Putnam Chapter No. 123	4/28/1925	2/2/2007
Boelsen, Otto W.	Lexington Chapter No. 10	2/17/1914	11/29/2007
Bowles, Louis Edwin	Lexington Chapter No. 10	10/30/1914	1/15/2007
Boyer, Robert J.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1928	1/23/2007
Brazeal, Charles Michael	Vincil Chapter No. 110	10/8/1951	9/5/2007
Brown, Cleve Allan	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	11/11/1920	1/23/2007
Brueggemann, Paul Gregory	Vincil Chapter No. 110	2/21/1955	4/19/2007
Buckman, Ivan R.	Marceline Chapter No. 118	11/29/1930	4/18/2007
Burner, Charles Lee	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	11/4/1917	3/5/2007
Bush, George William	Springfield Chapter No. 15	9/26/1913	10/5/2007
Callaway, Robert F.	Bethany Chapter No. 80	1/1/1932	9/30/2007
Carlson, Richard E.	Grandview Chapter No. 145	10/26/1930	1/22/2007
Cockriel, James Robert	Weston Chapter No. 4	1/1/1923	5/16/2007
Coleman, Harry Pence	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	1/1/1921	11/17/2007
Connell, Clarence	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1946	12/25/2007
Conner, Wilbur George	Columbia Chapter No. 17	11/9/1924	9/29/2007
Cooley, A. C.	Greenfield Chapter No. 38	8/25/1943	2/28/2007
Coonce, Melvin D.	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1945	1/12/2007
Corbin, Joseph Bernard	Grandview Chapter No. 145	11/13/1922	7/9/2007
Cornelius, Herbert Allen	Springfield Chapter No. 15	5/4/1929	8/22/2007
Couch, James Roscoe	Liberty Chapter No. 3	3/24/1923	9/25/2007
Cox, Charles R.	Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137	6/12/1939	5/8/2007
Craycraft, Jackie Lee	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	8/26/1940	1/8/2007
Cutler, Charles C.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	2/4/1917	9/24/2007
Davidson, William Lusk	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	10/21/1919	1/7/2007
Davis, Sr., Jack Gaylon	Grandview Chapter No. 145	12/28/1919	12/28/2007
Davis, Lloyd	George F. Gouley Chapter No. 90	1/1/1920	6/10/2007
Davis, Thomas Charles	Mexico Chapter No. 27	6/4/1957	5/25/2007
Decker, Harry Ezra	Liberty Chapter No. 3	1/22/1922	4/22/2007
Declue, John Philip	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	1/1/1930	12/1/2007
Deeker, Marvin W.	Triune Chapter No. 93	3/15/1926	4/22/2007

Companion	Chapter	Born	Died
Denton, Gus R.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	3/14/1917	3/14/2007
Detmer, Sr., Carl Arthur	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	10/10/1935	11/6/2007
Durham, Albert Duey	Moberly Chapter No. 79	4/5/1921	11/2/2007
Earnest, William Henry	Triune Chapter No. 93	8/2/1932	11/30/2007
Elder, James	George F. Gouley Chapter No. 90	1/1/1928	12/31/2007
Elder, Mathew C.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	5/14/1930	4/3/2007
Eschmann, Raymond Albert	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	9/28/1930	8/27/2007
Everett, Lee Roy	Vincil Chapter No. 110	12/3/1921	1/10/2007
Fellers, Fred L.	Lexington Chapter No. 10	10/4/1922	11/29/2007
Ferrell, John F.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	1/1/1919	1/7/2007
Flanegin, Paul Gene	Independence Chapter No. 12	7/6/1925	6/22/2007
Fleetwood, George E.	Tyrian Chapter No. 52	3/24/1920	10/23/2007
Foley, Sanford Wiley	Trenton Chapter No. 66	9/8/1925	10/19/2007
Froesel, Denver Charles	Keystone Chapter No. 146	11/25/1923	9/8/2007
Gallman, Sr., Joseph L.	St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	1/21/1926	3/22/2007
Gillman, Harland E.	Nevada Chapter No. 56	7/9/1918	8/31/2007
Golitko, George Richard	Orient Chapter No. 102	2/1/1915	7/29/2007
Gooch, George Polan	Kansas City Chapter No. 28	6/30/1916	5/10/2007
Goode, Paul Andrew	Liberty Chapter No. 3	12/27/1943	2/16/2007
Gowin, Bob Eugene	Independence Chapter No. 12	11/19/1926	4/2/2007
Grable, Frank	Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137	10/21/1917	7/4/2007
Grable, James Dewey	Wilson Chapter No. 75	9/24/1924	11/7/2007
Gwinn, Abner	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	12/9/1902	9/6/2007
Hagerman, Delmar P.	Vincil Chapter No. 110	10/3/1918	2/27/2007
Hammontree, Charles Eugene	Vincil Chapter No. 110	6/14/1947	6/20/2007
Hanson, Stanley Wade	Joplin Chapter No. 91	11/3/1927	2/28/2007
Harris, John William	Oriental Chapter No. 78	7/27/1924	9/23/2007
Harrison, Truell M.	Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137	7/27/1932	2/2/2007
Hatfield, Edsel A.	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	1/2/1919	7/5/2007
Hayes, Jr., Jesse	Oriental Chapter No. 78	2/27/1921	2/9/2007
Hazelrigg, Jr., Frank W.	Mexico Chapter No. 27	10/3/1922	10/30/2007
Hazen, Chester H.	East Gate Chapter No. 136	1/1/1923	8/29/2007
Heath, William Wahna	Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148	5/13/1924	12/13/2007
Hegg, Herbert John	St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	4/10/1921	6/9/2007
Heines, Harry O.	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	4/29/1923	9/4/2007
Heins, Louis H.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	2/9/1932	7/29/2007
Helm, Herbie C.	Tyrian Chapter No. 52	7/29/1929	11/2/2007
Henderson, Richard Alvin	Keystone Chapter No. 146	6/16/1944	4/28/2007
Hersh, Paul V.	Springfield Chapter No. 15	1/9/1927	8/28/2007
Hinkley, Jr., Edwin D.	East Gate Chapter No. 136	8/22/1925	10/16/2007
Hirth, Theodore Albert	Lexington Chapter No. 10	10/10/1918	10/19/2007
Hobbs, Vernon	East Gate Chapter No. 136	1/1/1923	3/14/2007
Hodges, Kenneth H.	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	3/4/1945	6/22/2007
Hoffman, Jr., Frank Henry	Trenton Chapter No. 66	7/24/1917	6/24/2007
Hoffmann, Fred Marlin	Macon Chapter No. 22	10/9/1934	9/13/2007
Hooper, James M.	Uel Chapter No. 129	5/21/1925	3/12/2007
Houck, Elmer T.	Tyrian Chapter No. 52	1/14/1916	6/13/2007
Hull, Bruce Parker	Weston Chapter No. 4	1/1/1916	3/31/2007
Johnson, Monroe C.	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	5/8/1922	5/16/2007
Johnson, Richard C.	Orient Chapter No. 102	1/1/1924	6/1/2007
Johnson, Samuel B.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	2/15/1922	1/7/2007
Jones, Charles L.	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	11/9/1936	10/3/2007
Jones, Fonnies W.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	9/7/1912	9/10/2007

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Kellett, Donald E.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	8/8/1931	5/1/2007
Kelly, Ward W.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	11/18/1920	11/21/2007
Kershner, Robert Franklin	George F. Gouley Chapter No. 90	1/17/1926	12/3/2007
King, George Awbra	Marceline Chapter No. 118	5/16/1917	5/3/2007
Kirby, Oney E.	Hannibal Chapter No. 7	1/1/1916	9/17/2007
Lademann, Larry Dale	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1947	6/28/2007
Lamm, George Henry	Columbia Chapter No. 17	10/30/1921	4/11/2007
Lamm, Jr., Henry Herman	Columbia Chapter No. 17	6/3/1940	11/4/2007
Landers, David A.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1930	9/14/2007
Lane, Marvin W.	Lexington Chapter No. 10	9/8/1915	2/19/2007
Lange, John Walter	Clinton Chapter No. 73	12/1/1929	7/2/2007
Latimer, Herbert Stanley	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	9/12/1919	11/20/2007
Leaderbrand, Glenn H.	Keystone Chapter No. 146	11/10/1920	1/27/2007
Linscott, Donald E.	Marceline Chapter No. 118	5/19/1929	5/1/2007
Livingston, Orville L.	Orient Chapter No. 102	7/19/1930	11/20/2007
Loch, Robert E.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	3/12/1921	6/23/2007
Long, David H.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1924	7/6/2007
Long, Robert Edward	Columbia Chapter No. 17	5/26/1912	10/12/2007
Lutjen, Jr., James E.	Independence Chapter No. 12	11/19/1944	6/15/2007
Macdougall, Gerold Duane	William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139	1/1/1924	7/25/2007
Mallonee, Charles W.	Springfield Chapter No. 15	11/28/1933	6/8/2007
Maness, Donald Sterling	Springfield Chapter No. 15	5/30/1917	6/9/2007
Martin, William Frances	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	2/19/1919	8/5/2007
Mcdonald, Billie Bob	Bolivar Chapter No. 5	12/26/1934	3/5/2007
Mckinney, Thomas Hal	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	7/10/1954	10/23/2007
McLaughlin, Lyle V.	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	9/7/1922	10/31/2007
Means, Marshall W.	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	2/26/1915	2/15/2007
Melson, Jr., George Norton	Mexico Chapter No. 27	1/18/1919	12/18/2007
Milican, Sr., Hobert Ray	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	1/1/1919	9/14/2007
Monday, Sr., Carroll Eugene	Springfield Chapter No. 15	12/27/1919	1/24/2007
Montgomery, Clark Ireson	Bolivar Chapter No. 5	9/2/1930	9/1/2007
Moody, Harold Gene	William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139	11/13/1938	2/4/2007
Morris, Perry H.	Uel Chapter No. 129	7/10/1918	5/7/2007
Moulthrop, Roscoe Emmett	Bethany Chapter No. 80	1/1/1913	4/15/2007
Neuenkirk, Paul C.	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	10/11/1917	3/30/2007
Newgard, Donald L.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1938	4/23/2007
Newman, Robert David	Grandview Chapter No. 145	7/18/1923	9/11/2007
Null, Paul Eugene	Rolla Chapter No. 32	5/17/1924	7/3/2007
Ott, Maynard L.	Lone Star Chapter No. 30	11/7/1938	1/6/2007
Parcell, Roy B.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	5/19/1922	4/16/2007
Payne, Philip Eugene	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	10/27/1935	11/25/2007
Phillips, Vaughn Dawson	East Gate Chapter No. 136	1/29/1915	5/20/2007
Picraux, Theodore J.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1932	4/2/2007
Pitcher, Joe M.	Grandview Chapter No. 145	5/8/1921	9/10/2007
Poecker, Edward P.	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1912	7/15/2007
Probst, William Riley	Greenfield Chapter No. 38	10/26/1920	8/23/2007
Radford, George William	George F. Gouley Chapter No. 90	12/24/1926	9/1/2007
Ramsey, Richard Dale	Macon Chapter No. 22	9/3/1934	3/17/2007
Ray, Sr., Walter Breuer	Rolla Chapter No. 32	1/26/1924	9/30/2007
Rhodes, Arthur Junior	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	10/6/1929	4/13/2007
Rice, Charles L.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	11/24/1937	8/14/2007
Ripley, Maurice Milan	Nevada Chapter No. 56	2/9/1920	8/24/2007
Roberson, Bobby Gene	Rolla Chapter No. 32	12/22/1932	12/22/2007

Companion	Chapter	Born	Died
Roberts, Jack Edward	Independence Chapter No. 12	4/8/1927	4/23/2007
Robinson, Clyde Leo	Springfield Chapter No. 15	10/21/1915	11/5/2007
Rose, Rondal Gene	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	2/1/1944	1/10/2007
Schlichter, Albert J.	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	1/9/1914	2/15/2007
Scott, Lando Edwin	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	7/6/1920	7/18/2007
Scott, Jr., William R.	Mexico Chapter No. 27	1/20/1919	7/12/2007
Sevits, Harold Leon	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	5/6/1926	12/13/2007
Sevits, William Lee	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	12/8/1921	2/22/2007
Shepard, Willie Norman	Wilson Chapter No. 75	9/9/1910	5/18/2007
Short, Harold Dale	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	10/16/1922	8/31/2007
Shulse, William Henry	Ralls Chapter No. 55	7/1/1936	2/8/2007
Sibley, Ronald L.	Nevada Chapter No. 56	9/20/1923	9/18/2007
Simpson, Robert Erwin	Vincil Chapter No. 110	11/4/1918	2/26/2007
Smith, Donald Dean	Marceline Chapter No. 118	9/15/1941	8/9/2007
Smith, George Henry	Rolla Chapter No. 32	10/10/1941	7/5/2007
Sneiderman, Herman Edward	Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137	7/29/1915	1/14/2007
Spangler, Max H.	Moberly Chapter No. 79	1/1/1914	6/6/2007
Spargo, William G.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	5/9/1925	6/28/2007
Sutterer, Raymond Donald	Oriental Chapter No. 78	9/10/1926	1/31/2007
Tarbet, William Edward	Shelbina Chapter No. 99	11/21/1913	9/17/2007
Tarvin, Emil Lindy	Liberty Chapter No. 3	3/29/1928	7/30/2007
Taylor, Charles Dick	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	3/12/1925	2/14/2007
Thomas, Leroyce E.	Bethany Chapter No. 80	8/24/1939	4/25/2007
Thompson, Norman W.	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	3/25/1927	9/14/2007
Thornburgh, Alfred Bryan	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	9/1/1935	7/6/2007
Thrower, A. C.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	1/1/1913	4/29/2007
Treadway, Jr., Harold C.	Rolla Chapter No. 32	8/7/1943	3/9/2007
Troutman, Howard Beach	Independence Chapter No. 12	8/6/1927	4/24/2007
Turnbo, Kinnie Albert	Oriental Chapter No. 78	7/8/1920	9/1/2007
Viles, Darel Dean	Bolivar Chapter No. 5	7/30/1929	1/21/2007
Vollmer, Robert Gustove	St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	8/18/1928	10/5/2007
Webster, Walter O.	Joplin Chapter No. 91	6/5/1921	3/28/2007
Wells, Sterling A.	Lebanon Chapter No. 64	5/9/1920	7/7/2007
Wetzel, John E.	Pike Chapter No. 86	1/1/1921	10/10/2007
Wiese, Oscar F.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	8/3/1911	7/19/2007
Wilfong, Lawrence E.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	4/26/1922	10/30/2007
Wilkins, James R.	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	10/11/1929	2/6/2007
Wilkins, Norman Gene	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/29/1921	8/6/2007
Wilkinson, Olen Odell	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	10/2/1917	12/13/2007
Wilson, Elrod Pierce	Liberty Chapter No. 3	12/27/1930	5/17/2007
Wilson, Eugene A.	George F. Gouley Chapter No. 90	1/1/1912	4/7/2007
Wilson, Ura Otis	Marceline Chapter No. 118	3/16/1915	12/31/2007
Wood, James M.	Joplin Chapter No. 91	12/20/1923	12/1/2007
Woodward, Owen L.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	8/3/1918	12/6/2007
Zink, August Lee	Rolla Chapter No. 32	4/24/1930	10/16/2007
Zumalt, Ronald L.	Tyrian Chapter No. 52	7/26/1954	8/29/2007

SURETY BOND

I have received from my predecessor the official bonds and will turn them over to my successor in office.

VISITATIONS

A complete list of my travels and visits is on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

APPOINTMENTS

It was my pleasure this year to appoint the following Very Excellent Companions as officers of our Grand Chapter for the 2007-2008 capitular year. They were:

Ralph E. Nolan	Grand Chaplain
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Grand Chaplain
	Grand Chorister
Fred M. Harle, Sr.	Grand Organist
Nelson G. Morgan	Grand Sentinel
Paul R. Cannon	Grand Sentinel
Columbus Craft	Grand Sentinel
Harold C. Mace	Grand Sentinel
Larry D. Waytt, Sr.	Grand Sentinel
Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP	Grand Lecturer
Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.	DDGHP, Region 1, District A
Darrell A. Wilham	DDGHP, Region 1, District B
Dan Daniel	DDGHP, Region 2, District A
William W. Mier	DDGHP, Region 2, District B
Ronald L. Barrett	DDGHP, Region 3, District A
Steven M. Anderson	DDGHP, Region 3, District B
Jack E. Timmons	DDGHP, Region 3, District C
Terry R. Struse	DDGHP, Region 4, District A
Stephen C. Derendinger	DDGHP, Region 4, District B
David R. Vogler	DDGHP, Region 5
Alfred L. Mason	DDGHP, Region 6
James A. Nunn	DDGHP, Region 7, District A
Christopher C. McLemore, IV	DDGHP, Region 7, District B
David A. Lloyd	DDGL, Region 1, District A
Arthur E. Carlson	DDGL, Region 1, District B
Delbert R. Gentry, PGHP	DDGL, Region 2, District A
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	DDGL, Region 2, District B
Scott S. Crawford	DDGL, Region 3, District A
Forrest G. Lowe	DDGL, Region 3, District B
Jack E. Timmons	DDGL, Region 3, District C
Russell S. Hanson	DDGL, Region 4, District A
William C. Woolsey	DDGL, Region 4, District B
Kevin E. Weaver	DDGL, Region 5
John E. Crites	DDGL, Region 6
Walter W. Doyle, PGHP	DDGL, Region 7, District A
C.C. McLemore, III	DDGL, Region 7, District B

EDICTS

Edict No. 1, June 7, 2007

All Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, will heretofore report and send to the Grand Secretary any and all funds for charitable contributions, donations, or bequests, so that documentation will be maintained for Missouri to receive credit and the recognition we deserve. All checks shall be issued to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated use. This also will aid in the record keeping for charitable organizations under 501 of the IRS Code.

Edict No. 2, June 7, 2007

Each Chapter Secretary shall include on their dues notice to every member of each Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri a line item for voluntary contributions to Royal Arch Research Assistance in the amount of \$3.65. For each member contribution of \$3.65 to RARA, the subordinate Secretary shall affix to that member's dues card a "Penny-a-Day" sticker available from the Grand Secretary. Said contributions shall be collected and forwarded to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2008.

Edict No. 3, June 7, 2007

All Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Missouri are granted a blanket dispensation to hold joint convocations, one with the other, and permission to move their normal meeting place to the meeting place of the visited Chapter for the purpose of Official Visits of either the District Deputy Grand High Priest, District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Grand Lecturer, or the Grand High Priest, or York Rite Festivals, and may go into any Symbolic Lodge in their region to confer degrees where a Chapter does not exist upon written approval from that Lodge. When such joint convocations occur, the membership of each Chapter must be notified in advance per their Chapter by-laws. It will not be necessary to obtain a separate dispensation each time any of these events may occur, however, it is necessary that the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be informed in advance of these events. This edict shall remain in effect until a new Grand High Priest shall be elected and installed into office.

Edict No. 4, June 7, 2007

Each High Priest, while presiding over a Missouri Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, shall be covered. The Grand Chapter Ritual Committee will provide written guidance as well as through the District Deputy Grand Lecturers as to when the High Priest may remove his hat or recover at appropriate times during the conferral of the ritual.

Suggested Performance (not an edict)

I am requesting that an appropriate verse from the Book of the Law be read at each convocation by any designated Companion. I would also ask to have music used during the meetings and degree work. And, I am encouraging each Chapter to visit Lodges in their area for the purpose of explaining the Royal Arch Masonry as part of the Lodge. This should be done with proper inquiries of the Master of the Lodge as per the request of the Grand Master at our last Grand Convocation.

DISPENSATIONS**Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61 – June 8, 2007**

Approved the request of Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61 to Remove their Chapter to Criterion Lodge No. 586 in Alba, Missouri due to the sale of the Lodge in Carthage. Should you not find a home before June 1, 2008, please resubmit your request to continue this Removal at that time.

It is our understanding that there is no 911 addressing for this lodge although it physically resides at the corner of Short and Orchard Street with a mailing address of P.O. Box 304.

Springfield Chapter No. 15 – August 6, 2007

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri is of the understanding that on June 25, 2007, Springfield Chapter No. 15 held a special election to fill the vacancies of four offices. Since we do not know if this is a violation of Section 108 of Grand Chapter law, the Grand High Priest and Jurisprudence Committee have determined that this was not approved and accomplished in accordance with Grand Chapter law whereby approval was received by the Grand High Priest prior to the initiation of the process.

Most Excellent Companion Kenneth D. Dingman, Grand High Priest, herein heals Springfield Chapter No. 15 for failure to follow Grand Chapter law, namely by receiving a dispensation to hold a special election.

Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 – August 6, 2007

Issued a Temporary Dispensation for Jefferson City Chapter No. 34, whose home is in/with Jefferson Lodge No. 43, and whose home has been vacated due to the sale of the building by Jefferson Lodge No. 43 (or Temple Board), is granted a “temporary dispensation” for the removal of their regular meeting places to that of Capital Shrine Club, 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, Missouri, for as long a period as the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri allows Jefferson Lodge No. 43 to meet in the same said location.

Cope Stone Chapter No. 33 – August 7, 2007

Approved the Removal of Cope Stone Chapter No. 33 back to DeSoto Lodge, physically located at 3rd and Boyd Street, DeSoto, Missouri.

William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139 – August 10, 2007

The Grand High Priest did, with the concurrence of Grand Chapter Jurisprudence, grant your request for dispensation to hold a special election and installation at your next regular convocation on September 4, 2007 as the Chapter was unable to hold an election at its regular time due to a lack of a quorum.

Greenfield Chapter No. 38 – September 7, 2007

Approved request for special dispensation for Greenfield Chapter No. 38 to hold a special election on October 3, 2007 to fill a vacancy due to the death of one of their officers.

BY-LAWS

I have *approved* the following by-laws changes this year.

August 8, 2007 – Oriental Chapter No. 78

Article V, Dues, Section 2 – By sticking the words “One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)” and substituting the words “Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)” and to strike the words “Life Member-Perpetual Member” and substituting the words “Endowed Member”.

As amended, Section 2 would read: Any Companion of Oriental Chapter may, by payment of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) become and Endowed Member and be forever exempt from payment of dues to this Chapter. (Amended 1994, 2003, and 2007)

Oriental Chapter No. 78 – September 10, 2007

Article V, Dues, Section 1 – changing \$7.50 (seven dollars and fifty cents) to \$12.50 (twelve dollars and fifty cents).

Greenfield Chapter No. 38 – January 28, 2008

Article II, Section 2 – Officers will be elected and installed at the first Wednesday of April meeting.

Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 – February 7, 2008

Article IV. Duties of Officers, Section 5. The Secretary shall have charge of all the papers and Archives of this Chapter. He shall keep regular records of the proceedings of the Chapter, receive all moneys due the Chapter, pay them over immediately to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and report at the next stated meeting the amount received, and from whom received. At the stated meeting, preceding the regular meeting in December, in each year, he shall notify each companion, in writing; of the amount of his arrearages. He shall make out all returns, certificates and notices that are required to be made out or given, and attend to such other duties as are prescribed by the Grand Chapter; for which services he shall be entitled to the sum of one dollar per capita, per annum, for each member in good standing, as shown by the preceding Grand Chapter Annual Report.

Article VII, Dues. Section 1. The dues of each member of this Chapter shall be Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per annum, payable annually, before the last day in December. Any Companion that has purchased a Life Membership through the Grand Chapter, for this chapter, shall be exempt from paying dues.

Article VII, Dues. Add Section 2. In conformity with the privilege set out in Section 163 of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, any member of Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 who has been a Royal Arch Mason in good standing for 50 years or more shall be exempt from paying dues.

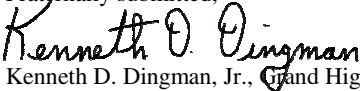
TIME CAPSULE

December 9, 2007, I visited the site of the deposit and marker in Branson, Mo. As cold winds and fog were in abundance, I did not take a picture. The obelisk is in good condition, but is in a precarious position of encroachment by big oil. We do need to make it more visible and improve the security of the site.

CLOSING REMARKS

Time flies when you are having fun and visiting with your companions. With the price set forth by the greedy oil barons, and the health problems exacerbated by the insurance barons, I did not get as far down the path as I would have liked. I missed the Dedication of the Masonic Museum and one area meeting because of ice. I missed one area meeting because of sickness and other meetings due to high water. Maybe I will get to see you all next go-round, the Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise. I have enjoyed this time as your Grand High Priest, thank you for your attention and your assistance. Honor all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God.

Fraternally submitted,



Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr., Grand High Priest, 2007-2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: Having heard the address of Most Excellent Companion Kenneth D. Dingman, I commend him for his devotion to the York Rite of Missouri and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in particular. His decisions concerning by-law changes, dispositions, and edicts, have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. Surety bonds and Charity items have been sent to the Finance Committee. I feel he has discharged his duties of his office with due diligence. I commend him for his actions during the years he advanced through the Grand Line. His recommendations are referred to his successor in office. I wish for him and his Lady Myra, all of the best in the future, and look forward to him joining the Past Grand High Priests, as our Junior Past Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

William B. Stephenson, Jr., PGHP, Chairman

Motion made and seconded to approve the address, Motion Approved, May 15, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

The jurisprudence committee of this Grand Chapter would like to thank Most Excellent Companion, Kenneth Dingman, for asking us to serve. We have reviewed the actions of the Grand High Priest in regards to edicts issued, dispensations granted, by-laws changes approved for the subordinate chapters and all other matters pertaining to his responsibilities acted on by him. In reference to everything except Edict No. 4, it is our opinion that the Grand High Priest has acted within the realm of his responsibility and authority for this year.

In reference to Edict No. 4, issued on June 7, 2007 by Most Excellent Companion Dingman which states:

“Each High Priest, while presiding over a Missouri Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, shall be covered. The Grand Chapter Ritual Committee will provide written guidance as well as through the District Deputy Grand Lecturers as to when the High Priest may remove his hat or recover at appropriate times during the conferral of the ritual.”

The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri finds that the second sentence of the stated edict is not in order nor within the powers and duties of the Grand High Priest to modify the adopted ritual of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri without the consensus of the Grand Chapter, and we therefore recommend that this sentence be stricken from the record.”

Most Excellent Companion, Kenneth Dingman is to be commended for the tough stands he had to take concerning problems that arose. He has served this Grand Chapter with utmost dedication to his office. For this dedication to this Grand Chapter we would recommend the approval of this report with a standing ovation and a hearty applause.

Fraternally submitted,
Stanton J. Brown
John W. Sissel

Robert R. Anderson
Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

Passed without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article II, Grand Officers, Section 8, Elections.*, be amended by replacing the words “at ten o'clock of the second day of the convocation unless a one day convocation be held, in which case the elections shall be held on the first day at eleven o'clock” with the words “at an hour to be announced in the official notice”.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The election of officers of this Grand Chapter shall be held at each annual convocation at ten o'clock of the second day of the convocation unless a one day convocation be held, in which case the elections shall be held on the first day at eleven o'clock.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ: The election of officers of this Grand Chapter shall be held at each annual convocation at an hour to be announced in the official notice.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: From year to year, based on the continuously changing format of the annual convocation, the time for the election of officers must be flexible with that format, insomuch as it does not require an edict of the Grand High Priest to change the election time to meet the needs of the annual convocation format.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114
Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article II, Grand Officers, Section 11. Titles.,* be amended by replacing the words “The honorary title of the other Grand Officers is “Excellent” with “The honorary title of the other Grand Officers outlined above, District Deputy Grand High Priests, District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and any Companion having held one of those offices is “Very Excellent”.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: The honorary title of the Grand High Priest is “Most Excellent”, and the official title is “Grand High Priest”. The honorary title of a Past Grand High Priest is “Most Excellent”, and the official title is “Past Grand High Priest”. The honorary title of the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary is “Right Excellent”. Their official titles are Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary respectively. One who has served a full term as a grand officer is entitled to prefix the word “Past” to the title acquired. The honorary title of the other Grand Officers is “Excellent”.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: The honorary title of the Grand High Priest is “Most Excellent”, and the official title is “Grand High Priest”. The honorary title of a Past Grand High Priest is “Most Excellent”, and the official title is “Past Grand High Priest”. The honorary title of the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary is “Right Excellent”. Their official titles are Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary respectively. One who has served a full term as a grand officer is entitled to prefix the word “Past” to the title acquired. The honorary title of the other Grand Officers outlined above, District Deputy Grand High Priests, District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and any Companion having held one of those offices is “Very Excellent”.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: MEC William B. Stephenson performed an honorable act, following the lead of MIC Stanton T. Brown in the Grand Council, by issuing an edict which showed honor and respect to those appointed officers who serve the Grand Chapter without hope of fee or reward. However, the uncertainty of a Grand High Priest reissuing the aforementioned edict causes undue confusion among the craft.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114
Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article III, section 17, Official Decisions,* be amended by rewording it in its entirety.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: He may render official decisions which shall be effective until the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter and if approved by a majority vote of the Grand Chapter they become the law of the Grand Chapter.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ: He may render edicts and official decisions which will be in effect until the next convocation of the Grand Chapter and will expire with the completion of the installation of his successor, unless, the

edicts/official decisions are presented individually and approved by a majority of the members present at the Grand Chapter convocation; it shall then become law of the Grand Chapter.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To eliminate confusion concerning edicts and official decisions. At this time there isn't any statements concerning when an edict or official decision ends. In the past we have accepted the preliminary proceedings and the Grand High Priest address, which means we have hundreds of edicts and official decisions that are law that are not being adhered to. This will eliminate any unnecessary edicts/official decisions that should be on the books today.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article X, Standing Committees, Section 46. Standing Committees. Paragraph G., Place of Annual Convocation*, be amended by replacing the words "Place of Annual Convocation" with "Time and Place".

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: G. Place of Annual Convocation

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: G. Time and Place

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Chapter has not referred to this committee as anything except Time and Place for many years, and is in conflict with the title of said committee outlined in *Article X, Standing Committees, Section 47, Paragraph G. The Committee on Time and Place of Annual Convocation*.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article X, Standing Committees, Section 47. Standing Committees. Paragraph G., The Committee on Time and Place of Annual Convocation*, be amended by striking the title words "of Annual Convocation".

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: The Committee on Time and Place of Annual Convocation

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: The Committee on Time and Place

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Chapter has not referred to this committee as anything except Time and Place for many years, and the description of the duties of said committee outline the parameters of that committee, it need not be duplicated in the title.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114
Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXVII, Rituals, Section 220, Receipts for Ritual.* be repealed in its entirety.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: A file of ritual receipts will be maintained by each chapter Secretary.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Chapter Secretaries have not had control of the distribution of rituals for many years and cannot be held accountable for the distribution of those rituals.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114
Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXVII, Rituals, Section 222, Receipts Filed.* be repealed in its entirety.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: The Grand Secretary shall maintain a file of the distribution of rituals to the chapters.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Secretary has not had control of the distribution of rituals for many years and cannot be held accountable for the distribution of those rituals. The Grand Secretary's office does account for the sales of said rituals as a supply item.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114
Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XVIII, Dues, Section 164, Endowed Membership, Paragraph K.* be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the current paragraph: "However, should a holder of an endowed certificate be reinstated in his endowed Chapter, his certificate will automatically be restored and his endowed membership returned to active status as before the suspension or expulsion."

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: Holders of Endowed Membership Certificates are subject to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons of Missouri and loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his Endowed Membership and any claim to any fees paid for such Endowed Membership, but the chapter of which he was a member shall continue to receive income from such funds.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: Holders of Endowed Membership Certificates are subject to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri and loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his Endowed Membership and any claim to any fees paid for such Endowed Membership, but the chapter of which he was a member shall continue to receive income from such funds. However, should a holder of an endowed certificate be reinstated in his endowed Chapter, his certificate will automatically be restored and his endowed membership returned to active status as before the suspension or expulsion.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To automatically restore a previously suspended or expelled endowed member to an active endowed status and restore his endowment membership certificate after his reinstatement in his endowed Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

PROPOSED STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Standing Resolution No. 6:

Whereas, All Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, will heretofore report and send to the Grand Secretary any and all funds for charitable contributions, donations, or bequests, so that documentation will be maintained for Missouri to receive credit and the recognition we deserve. All checks shall be issued to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated use. This also will aid in the record keeping charitable organizations under 501 of the IRS Code.

Proposed Standing Resolution Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

Standing Resolution No. 7:

Whereas, Each Chapter Secretary shall include on their dues notice to every member of each Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri a line item for voluntary contributions to Royal Arch Research Assistance in the amount of \$3.65. For each member contribution of \$3.65 to RARA, the subordinate Secretary shall affix to that member's dues card a "Penny-a-day" sticker available from the Grand Secretary. Said contributions shall be collected and forwarded to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, prior to Grand Session.

Proposed Standing Resolution Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

Standing Resolution No. 8:

Whereas, All Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Missouri are granted a blanket dispensation to hold joint convocations, one with the other, and permission to move their normal meeting place to the meeting place of the visited Chapter for the purpose of Official Visits of either the District Deputy Grand High Priest, District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Grand Lecturer, or the Grand High Priest, or York Rite Festivals, and may go into any Symbolic Lodge in their region to confer degrees where a Chapter does not exist upon written approval from that Lodge. When such joint convocations occur, the membership of each Chapter must be notified in advance per their Chapter by-laws. It will not be necessary to obtain a separate dispensation each time any of these events may occur, however, it is necessary that the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be informed in advance of these events.

Proposed Standing Resolution Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: These are to take the place of Edicts No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 so each Grand High Priest does not have to reissue these edicts each year.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

Walter W. Doyle, PHP, Vincil Chapter No. 110

Standing Resolution No. 9:

Whereas, Most Excellent Companion James M. Williams is a strong, resolute, and reliable York Rite Mason, and

Whereas, Most Excellent Companion Williams has, over many decades, demonstrated his love for the Royal Arch, and

Whereas, Most Excellent Companion Williams was elected by his fellow companions to serve as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for the Capitular year 1985-1986, and

Whereas, Most Excellent Companion Williams is well beloved by all of his companions, and

Whereas, the General Grand Chapter honored Most Excellent Companion Williams for his many services with one of its highest decorations, and

Whereas, Most Excellent Companion Williams was elected as Grand Historian of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and served with distinction in that post for a number of years, and

Whereas, he has, with regret, retired from that post,

Be It Therefore Resolved, that Most Excellent Companion James M. Williams be recognized by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for all time as Grand Historian Emeritus with all the rights and prerogatives thereunto appertaining.

Proposed Standing Resolution Approved without Discussion, May 15, 2008

Fraternally Submitted,

John W. Siscoel
Robert R. Anderson, Jr.

Stanton T. Brown
Walter W. Doyle, Chairman
Chapter Jurisprudence Committee

Approval of Report as a whole: Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, Passed without Discussion, May 15, 2008.

Correction to the numbering of the Standing Resolutions above presented. The above standing resolutions were presented in order of No.'s 1 thru 4, however, due to the following documented standing resolutions, the above numbered standing resolutions were renumbered from 6 thru 9 as directed by the Jurisprudence Committee, and these Standing Resolutions will be printed as an addendum to the Grand Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, corrected annually, and distributed to the state.

**Standing Resolution No. 1
Adopted May 14, 2004**

Be It Resolved That, the funds of the Retirement Fund be disbursed to a newly created reserved fund in its entirety, still protected under section 501(c)(10) of the IRS Code. And, from which only the annual earned interest and dividends may be used for general fund purposes.

**Standing Resolution No. 2
Adopted May 14, 2004**

Palmyra Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons

Historical

Palmyra Chapter No. 2, R.A.M. received its original charter from the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, September 14, 1838. A second charter was granted from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Missouri, in 1848.

Palmyra Chapter No.2, R.A.M. was one of the organizing chapters of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Missouri.

Palmyra Chapter has been in a state of disarray for several years. Because of its historical significance, we feel it must be preserved.

Proposal

It is proposed that Palmyra Chapter No. 2, R.A.M. be given a research and an educational function. We propose that it become a storehouse for Royal Arch and York Rite educational material to be distributed to Master Masons in the State of Missouri. The educational material would include not only printed papers but also videos and films. It could also be a source of historical documents (old charters, seals and other pertinent files). Another valuable application would be a provision for Royal Arch references such as the Denslow collections of books and pamphlets and for other collections written by other Missouri Masonic authors.

A possible home for this material might be within the proposed Library of the Missouri Lodge of Research to be located in Columbia.

It is also proposed that a governing body of Palmyra Chapter No. 2 be composed of the Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Missouri. A line of succession would start with the current senior Past Grand High Priest.

Committee members would also be selected from that pool of senior Past Grand High Priests. The current Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary could function in their respective capacities to provide administrative expertise.

An annual meeting hour could be at a time during the Grand Chapter session. A separate account would be established by the Grand Treasurer for Palmyra Chapter No. 2. Current members would be grandfathered in a current dues structure. New members will be: 23 Past Grand High Priests, to become Life Members of Palmyra Chapter No. 2 at cost of the Grand Chapter; current Grand High Priest, life membership paid by the Grand Chapter of Missouri upon his taking office; Honorary Memberships to be sold for \$50.00; Life Memberships to be sold for \$500.00. Current cost to Grand Chapter would be \$12,000.00.

Membership will receive quarterly newsletter, certificate of membership, and a dues card. Life Members will receive one time issue of credit card style dues card with picture and current Grand Chapter title. Replacement cards will be charged at cost.

Details of operation and precise functions remain to be developed.

Request

It is urged that the Grand Chapter membership consider this proposal and join us in creating a living memorial in behalf of those who founded and served Palmyra Chapter during the past 166 years.

Standing Resolution No. 3

Adopted May 14, 2004

Whereas, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Masons of the State of Missouri, PHA has existed in the State of Missouri since 1872, having initially been chartered by the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction, and does profess to adhere to Masonic principles and ideas similar to those of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri,

And Whereas, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri has existed in the State of Missouri since 1846,

And Whereas, each of the said Grand Chapters desire to remain autonomous within its Jurisdiction and to operate hereafter with its own Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers, Constitution, By-Laws, Ritual, Rules and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, and Membership,

And Whereas, both Grand Chapters desire to fraternally recognize the other as a duly constituted Masonic Grand Chapter,

And Whereas, this resolution will not become effective until approved by each Grand Chapter at their respective Annual Sessions,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that it is mutually agreed that we will dwell together in Peace and Harmony; each Grand Chapter does hereafter extend Fraternal Recognition to the other as a duly constituted Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and do, in the true spirit of Love, Peace, and Unity hereby accord to the other rights of Visitation in Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters, wheresoever assembled, subject always to the Rights, Powers, and Authority of the Grand High Priests and the High Priests of the Subordinate Chapters to preside over their respective Grand Chapters and Chapters.

Standing Resolution No. 4**Adopted May 20, 2005**

Whereas the Companion whose name appears below has served this Grand Chapter with integrity, distinction, and honor, and

Whereas his expertise in his adopted profession is above reproach, and

Whereas his leadership in his adopted role has provided much needed guidance to his post as well as to this grand body and its individual members, and

Whereas this Companion has dedicated a great deal of his own personal time and life to this grand body, and

Whereas this individual has dedicated a goodly portion of his personal resources to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri without remuneration or just compensation, and

Whereas neither the Constitution or the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter contain any provision for such an honor,

Therefore, per Article VIII, Powers and duties of the Grand Chapter, Section 1.9 of the Constitution, and Article II, Grand Officers, Section 11, Titles, and Article III, Powers and Duties of the Grand High Priest, Section 25, Miscellaneous Powers of the Grand Chapter, I proposed that Right Excellent Companion Kevin B. Sample be elevated to the Rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. I furthermore propose that he be invested with the Honorary Title of Most Excellent Companion and be entitled to all the rights and privileges attached thereto.

Standing Resolution No. 5**Adopted May 20, 2005**

Whereas the Companion whose name appears below has served this Grand Chapter with integrity, distinction, and honor, and

Whereas his expertise in his adopted profession is above reproach, and

Whereas his leadership in his adopted role has provided much needed guidance to his post as well as to this grand body and its individual members, and

Whereas this Companion has dedicated a great deal of his own personal time and life to this grand body, and

Whereas this individual has dedicated a goodly portion of his personal resources to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri without remuneration or just compensation, and

Whereas neither the Constitution or the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter contain any provision for such an honor,

Therefore, per Article VIII, Powers and duties of the Grand Chapter, Section 1.9 of the Constitution, and Article II, Grand Officers, Section 11, Titles, and Article III, Powers and Duties of the Grand High Priest, Section 25, Miscellaneous Powers of the Grand Chapter, I proposed that Right Excellent Companion Donald L. Trabue be elevated to the Rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. I furthermore propose that he be invested with the Honorary Title of Most Excellent Companion and be entitled to all the rights and privileges attached thereto.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

We have a critical financial situation facing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of our state. We are projecting a shortfall of revenues to cover expenses for the current year, as well as a shortfall for the 2008-09 year. This shortfall is a result of declining membership without an increase in per capita dues. From 2002 until this year our membership, who are paying the full per capita, has decreased from 6,169 down to 3675. This reduction of 2494 members paying the current \$7.50 per capita, equates to a decline of \$18,705 per year in revenues and results in an expected deficit of \$12,549.55 for this fiscal year and an expected shortfall of \$11,335.43 for 2008-09. The 2008-09 expected deficit would increase with a further decline in membership. Based on our recent history, we can forecast a loss of ten percent of our membership or approximately 370 members.

We recommend an increase in the per capita from \$7.50 to \$12.50 in order to achieve a balance budget. This increase would apply to only those current members who are assessed \$7.50. It would not apply to those whose dues are being remitted and are currently at the \$2.00 per capita level. The \$2.00 per capita would be dropped under this proposal. We have considered other methods of raising revenues but believe that this is the best alternative to implement. In order to meet our immediate needs we are recommending that this change be effective January 1, 2009.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article IX, Revenues of the Grand Chapter, Section 40, Annual Dues, of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, be amended by deleting “seven dollars and fifty cents” and substituting “twelve dollars and fifty cents,” to read as follows:

Section 40 Annual Dues. Every chartered Chapter shall annually pay to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Chapter, Twelve dollars and fifty cents per capita for each member borne on the rolls of the Chapter on the 31st day of May following the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, plus the per capita of the General Grand Chapter. This amendment also provides for the removal of the per capita for all members whose dues have been remitted by Subordinate Chapters. (*Amended April 25, 1981, Amended April 30, 1983, Amended April 27, 1989, Amended May 3, 1997, Amended May 17, 2002, Amended May 19, 2006*)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide sufficient income to operate within a balanced budget, where expenses make the current dues insufficient.

Fraternally submitted,

Roy N. Thomas, PHP, Grandview Chapter No. 145

Roy L. Gilkey, PHP, Lebanon Chapter No. 64

Steven C. Monrotus, PHP, Uel Chapter No. 129

George L. Duncan, PHP, Liberty Chapter No. 3

Kenneth D. Dingman, PHP, Rolla Chapter No. 32

Robert E. Hardester, PHP, Keystone Chapter No. 146, Chairman, Committee on Finance

There was discussion from the floor, some illegible on the recordings, but the original proposal was amended to change "Twelve" to "twelve", change "May" to "December", change "following" to "preceding", and remove the following wording "This amendment also provides for the removal of the per capita for all members whose dues have been remitted by Subordinate Chapters." as it is not part of the original law, simply a clarification of the results of passing said amendment. The amendments as presented were approved following further discussion. The proposal as amended will read:

Section 40 Annual Dues. Every chartered Chapter shall annually pay to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Chapter, twelve dollars and fifty cents per capita for each member borne on the rolls of the Chapter on the 31st day of December preceding the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, plus the per capita of the General Grand Chapter. (Amended April 25, 1981, Amended April 30, 1983, Amended April 27, 1989, Amended May 3, 1997, Amended May 17, 2002, Amended May 19, 2006)

Proposed Legislation Approved as Amended, May 15, 2008

Following is the proposed budget for 2008-2009:

Income

Per Capita, Membership 3,675 @ \$7.95	\$29,216.25
Per Capita, Remitted Membership, 600 @ \$2.00	1,200.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,250.00
Exaltation Fees, 100 @ \$10.00	1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income	
Interest	748.82
Earnings	1,835.00
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 36,500.07

Salaries and Allowances

Grand High Priest Expense	3,500.00
Grand Treasurer	1,000.00
Grand Secretary	9,000.00
Clerical Assistant	8,000.00
Employment Taxes	1,200.00
Annual Convocation	1,500.00
Auditor	150.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (4,250 @ \$0.45)	1,912.50
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00
Grand Officer Expense	750.00
Insurance	500.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00
Office Expenses	2,500.00
Office Rent	<u>2,340.00</u>

Past Grand High Priest Jewel	400.00
Postage	750.00
Printing of Proceedings	3,200.00
Royal Arch Magazine	5,750.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00
Ritual Committee	150.00
Storage Rent	1,200.00
Triennial Fund (4,900 @ \$0.07)	<u>343.00</u>
Total	\$ 47,445.50
 Total Income	 \$ 36,500.07
Total Salaries and Allowances	<u>\$ 47,445.50</u>
Balance	<u>\$(10,945.43)</u>

Fraternally submitted,
 Robert E. Hardester, Chairman
 C.C. McLemore, III
 Claude M. Eckert
 Roy L. Gilkey

George L. Duncan
 Steven C. Monrotus
 John E. Schofield

Proposed Budget as presented Passed without Discussion, May 15, 2008

TIME CALLED

The Grand High Priest identified that we had exhausted the time allowed for the presentation of committee reports and suggested that he would entertain a motion to adopt the balance of the reports for printing in the grand proceedings pending review by the grand officers and necessary corrections. It was so moved and seconded. The motion was approved without discussion.

During the 2007-2008 Grand York Rite year, the Grand Secretary/Recorder convinced the grand officers of all three bodies that we owed the membership and all committees the opportunity to present all committee reports on the floor in order that they could be officially acted upon by the membership. It was decided that during the 2008 grand sessions, all committee reports would be presented as such. Thus, the reports were not pre-printed and distributed as has become customary. It is truly unfortunate and regrettable that due to the ever increased pressure to reduce time schedules with which to run a grand session, that time does not exist for proper presentations.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City, Ararat Temple Investment Account at Commerce Bank, Investor Services at Central

Bank, and American Balanced Fund with Premier Bank. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges. Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 44 of the By-Laws is being utilized (Ararat Temple Investment Account at Commerce Bank, Investor Services at Central Bank, and American Balanced Fund with Premier Bank). Based on previous ledgers, general fund receipts and expenditures are being projected on a monthly basis, so as to keep investments at the highest practical level for the longest practical time frame.

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 78,480.32
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 41,445.38	
Interest Earned	1,037.17	
Decrease in Market Value (Investors Services)	(5,585.60)	
Decrease in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>(232.43)</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 36,664.52	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #58915 - #1672 thru 1740	\$ 6,948.15	
Jefferson Act. #74544 - #2071 thru 2255	43,645.16	
Jefferson Act. #74325 - #1190 thru 1206	1,517.98	
Jefferson Act. #463929 – Debits	<u>2,762.28</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 54,873.57	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts:		<u>(\$18,209.05)</u>
Balance, General Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 60,271.27

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #58915, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 504.27	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	189.54	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	167.34	
Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	4,280.99	
Business Investment Act., Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	5,125.84	
C.D. #5629, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 1/27/09	11,432.47	
C.D. #5630, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 1/27/09	11,232.29	
Investors Services (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	27,138.53	
Total Assets, General Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 60,271.27

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$127,952.53
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 4,139.66	
Increase in Market Value, etc. (Commerce Bank Special Act.)	287.33	
Decrease in Market Value (American Balanced Fund)	<u>(530.85)</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 3,876.14	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>3,876.14</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), May 31, 2008		\$131,828.67

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 10,062.84	
C.D. #234114, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 2/3/09	42,265.03	
C.D. #235151, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/29/09	20,000.00	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00(Market Value)	11,551.95	
American Balanced Fund (thru Premier Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	<u>47,948.85</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), May 31, 2008		\$131,828.67

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 96,071.87
Receipts: Memberships (9)	\$ 3,040.00	
Voided Distribution Checks	40.92	
Interest Earned	2,595.99	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>142.38</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 5,819.29	
Disbursements:	\$ 4,532.68	
Note: Distribution Retained in Fund – Deceased Members	239.34	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>1,286.61</u>
Balance, Life Membership Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 97,358.48

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,134.72	
Business Investment Act. #217751, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	1,251.81	
CD #12099, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.76%, Matures 8/14/08	20,586.40	
C.D. #7604, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.00%, Matures 12/5/08	9,538.44	
C.D. #5532, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 1/2/09	17,725.98	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>47,121.13</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 97,358.48

FOUNDATION FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$133,001.79
Receipts: Interest earned	\$ 7,385.61	
Disbursements to Charities	\$ 6,000.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>1,385.61</u>
Balance, Foundation Account, May 31, 2008		\$134,387.40

Statement of Assets – Foundation Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,830.84	
Business Investment Act. #217751, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	487.24	
C.D. #116957, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.51%, Matures 8/6/08	28,239.19	
C.D. #12098, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.76%, Matures 8/14/08	20,960.14	
C.D. #8413, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 5.26%, Matures 10/8/08	34,610.08	
C.D. #7702, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 5.26%, Matures 10/11/08	14,412.27	
C.D. #5531, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 1/12/09	<u>33,847.64</u>	
Total Assets, Foundation Account, May 31, 2008		\$134,387.40

RITUAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 6,343.29
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 610.00	
Interest Earned	<u>149.92</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 759.92	
Total Disbursements (Transferred to Supply Fund)	\$ 7,103.21	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>(\$ 6,343.29)</u>
Balance, Ritual Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 0.00

CAPITAL ASSETS FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 748.81
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 17.78	
Disbursements: (Transferred to Supply Fund)	\$ 766.59	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		<u>(\$ 748.81)</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 0.00

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TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 383.52
Receipts: From General Fund	\$ 346.92	
Interest Earned	<u>10.44</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 357.36	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 357.36</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 740.88

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 740.88	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 740.88

PALMYRA FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 15,241.38
Receipts: Transferred From General Fund	\$ 500.00	
Interest Earned	386.88	
Endowed Membership Returns	11.34	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>16.69</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 914.91	
Disbursements:	\$ 3,725.31	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		<u>(\$ 2,811.40)</u>
Balance, Palmyra Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 12,430.98

Statement of Assets – Palmyra Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,339.78	
C.D. #1106233620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 5/24/09	5,568.54	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>5,522.65</u>	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 12,430.97

SUPPLY FUND


Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 0.00
Receipts: From Grand Secretary, Etc.	\$ 850.65	
Transferred From General Fund	390.00	
Transferred From General Fund (Software Development)	1,200.00	
Transferred From Capital Assets Fund	766.59	
Transferred From Ritual Fund	7,103.21	
Interest	<u>19.79</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 10,330.24	
Disbursements:	\$ 545.22	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 9,785.02</u>
Balance, Supply Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 9,785.02

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 9,785.02	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 9,785.02

Total Assets, All Funds, May 31, 2008 **\$446,802.69**

Fraternally submitted,


Donald L. Trabue, Grand Treasurer

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY**SUMMARY**

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

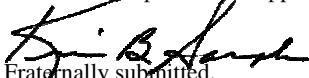
Companions, as of May 1, 2008, we are still awaiting the annual returns of St. Charles Chapter No. 1, Hannibal Chapter No. 7 (three years deficient), Macon Chapter No. 2, Lone Star Chapter No. 30 (two years deficient), Oriental Chapter No. 78, Pike Chapter No. 86, Marceline Chapter No. 118 (three years deficient), and William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139.

It is now very clear that simply giving chapters additional time to complete their annual returns is not alleviating the problem with failures to file by various chapters. In January, we issued a letter to the membership of Marceline Chapter No. 118, advising them of the Grand Chapter's intent to arrest the charter, giving them the opportunity to transfer their membership to other chapters. We asked for a response by March 1, 2008. Of the estimated 81 members of that chapter, Companion Paul D. Payne requested transfer to Caldwell Chapter No. 53, Companion Phillip R. Fisher requested a dimit, Companion Nathan Walker requested a transfer to Caldwell Chapter No. 53, Orville H. Patten requested transfer to Jefferson City Chapter No. 34, and Companion Bruce Matejovsky requested transfer to Caldwell Chapter No. 53. No other members responded. With the approval of the Grand Chapter, we will supervise the transfer of those concerned, and suspend the rest for non-payment of dues.

During the reporting year, January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007, Lamar Chapter No. 101 consolidated with Nevada Chapter No. 56 on January 1, 2007.

The reports on Chapter audits and bonds can be found in the tabular statements of the Chapters. Of the Chapters reporting, two failed to submit an audit or submitted an incomplete audit: Bethany No. 80 and Joplin No. 91 (no seal).

This was quite an eventful year. Joyce and I thank all the officers and members of the Grand Chapter for the opportunity to work with and serve each of you.



Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP, Grand Secretary

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Grand Secretary Sample acknowledged the usual communications from other grand jurisdictions who extended to the Grand High Priest their regrets for not being in attendance, but all wished him a successful grand session and congratulated him on a successful year. From our Past Grand High Priests, we heard from MEC Drawing whose lady had fallen and broke her leg and was home tending to her, and we heard from MEC Palacios who had lost a 30-year old grandson and a new grandson born 2/3/08 was very ill and in the hospital.

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Chapters		53
Number of Members, December 31, 2006		5234
Number Exalted	85	
Number Affiliated	56	
Number Reinstated	40	
Total Gains		181
Number Dimitted	79	
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	1	
Number Suspended By Chapter NPD	179	
Number Suspended by Lodge	5	
Number Expelled	0	
Number Died	190	
Total Losses		454
Total Members, December 31, 2007		4961
Net Loss	273	

CERTIFICATES**2007-2008 Chapter 25-year Certificates Issued**

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Newberry, Orville W.	East Gate	51	07-Nov-81	05-Jun-07
Rockhill, Howard Wesley	Labanon	56	15-Nov-57	12-Sep-07
Stout, James E.	Labanon	56	12-Nov-77	12-Sep-07
Applegate, David Truly	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Back, Donald King	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Brazeal, Charles Michael	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Doyle, Walter Wesley	Zabud	25	06-Nov-82	21-Sep-07
Gill, Jack Robert	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Guccione, Joseph A.	Zabud	25	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Harle, Jr., Fred Milton	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Haslip, Bill D.	Zabud	25	01-Dec-81	21-Sep-07
Kirkpatrick, Harry William	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Linhart, Ronald Gene	Zabud	25	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Mauck, William Lacy	Zabud	25	15-Aug-81	21-Sep-07
Melton, Joe D.	Zabud	25	06-Nov-82	21-Sep-07
Moore, Larry Wayne	Zabud	25	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Powell, Don Lee	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Sloane, Gary Busby	Zabud	25	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Steelman, Jerry Francis	Zabud	25	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Teghtmyer, Donald Lee	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Terry, Ronald Lee	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Wright, Malcolm Lloyd	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Bray, Robert Harris	Centralia	34	08-Mar-75	26-Nov-07
Detherow, Bob L.	Zabud	25	14-Nov-64	10-Dec-07
Gibbons, James Joseph	Zabud	25	24-May-75	05-Mar-08
Thompson, Terry Lynn	Lexington	10	09-Apr-83	28-Mar-08

2007-2008 Chapter 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Dodds, James R.	Lebanon	64	14-Mar-57	25-Jun-07
Jeans, George W.	Lebanon	64	18-Aug-55	25-Jun-07
Miller, Joe D.	Lebanon	64	14-Mar-57	25-Jun-07
Salveter, Drura L.	Lebanon	64	14-Mar-57	25-Jun-07
Wells, Sterling A.	Lebanon	64	14-Mar-57	25-Jun-07
Greening, William Glenn	Shelbina	99	18-Apr-52	02-Sep-07
White, Jr., Charles Stevenson	Shelbina	99	09-Nov-54	02-Sep-07
Daume, Melbert Earl	Wilson	75	31-Aug-57	07-Sep-07
Black, Donald Eugene	Uel	129	12-Mar-57	17-Sep-07
Cole, Eugene Maurice	Uel	129	11-Jun-57	17-Sep-07
Horn, Charles Wilburn	Uel	129	12-Mar-57	17-Sep-07
Beshears, Charles Max	Springfield	15	11-May-56	21-Sep-07
Deskin, Lee Charles	Springfield	15	12-Oct-54	21-Sep-07
Doss, Dicky Edward	Springfield	15	22-Jun-57	21-Sep-07
Howell, Math Dooley	Springfield	15	13-Jul-55	21-Sep-07
Kolar, Marion	Springfield	15	01-Apr-55	21-Sep-07
Leidy, Harry Lee	Springfield	15	09-Dec-54	21-Sep-07
Lipscomb, Jack Allen	Springfield	15	10-Nov-54	21-Sep-07
Lutz, Walter Oscar	Springfield	15	13-Apr-55	21-Sep-07
Prier, Fred D.	Springfield	15	17-Oct-56	21-Sep-07
Rice, Jr., Edwin Cook	Springfield	15	14-May-55	21-Sep-07
Stracke, Robert William	Springfield	15	18-Mar-54	21-Sep-07
Tracy, Ceborn Lewis	Springfield	15	15-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Wagner, John Edward	Springfield	15	28-Jan-53	21-Sep-07
Westfall, William Buchanan	Springfield	15	16-Oct-53	21-Sep-07
Wiley, Dan Hendrix	Springfield	15	14-Mar-57	21-Sep-07
Williams, William Mac	Springfield	15	09-Apr-53	21-Sep-07
Lotspeich, James E.	Wyoming	43	10-Jun-57	24-Sep-07
Snyder, Richard O.	Lexington	10	22-Oct-57	27-Sep-07
Boyer, Eugene Travis	Triune	93	4-Jun-57	12-Oct-07
Robinson, Gail Wilburn	Triune	93	19-Nov-57	12-Oct-07
Coil, Richard Wayne	Mexico	27	08-Oct-57	01-Nov-07
Rockhill, Howard Wesley	Lebanon	64	13-Nov-57	01-Nov-07
Talbert, Lloyd	Mexico	27	12-Nov-57	01-Nov-07
Newman, Robert David	Grandview	145	04-Oct-57	19-Nov-07
Farmer, Truman Noel	Greenfield	38	30-Jan-56	03-Dec-07
Fitzpatrick, Jr., Lack Allen	Greenfield	38	15-Nov-57	03-Dec-07
Estes, Jr., John Frank	Cope Stone	33	02-Dec-57	19-Dec-07
Miller, Louis William	Uel	129	13-Dec-57	26-Dec-07
Cook, Lawrence Paul	California	58	15-Nov-57	17-Jan-08
Elliott, James W.	Lexington	10	19-Mar-58	28-Mar-08
O'Dell, Jr., William Harold	Lexington	10	12-May-58	28-Mar-08
Skelton, Jr., Ike Newton	Lexington	10	1-Apr-58	28-Mar-08
McCartney, Francis Ford	Hannibal	7	3/28/1958	28-Mar-08
McAlister, Robert J.	Wilson	75	09-Apr-58	16-Apr-08
Hornback, Paul	Meridian Sun	61	27-Feb-53	09-May-08
Hennessy, Richard D.	Hannibal	7	14-May-58	09-May-08

2007-2008 GRAND CHAPTER RECAPITULATION

Income	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
Per Capita, Membership, 3,867 @ \$7.95	\$30,742.62	\$28,613.67	(\$2,128.98)
Per Capita, Remitted Members, 545 @ \$2.00	1,090.00	1,269.00	179.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,052.00	2,046.79	(5.21)
Exaltation Fees, 75 @ \$10.00	1,000.00	860.00	(140.00)
Interest on Investments	4,050.00	9,045.62	4,995.62
General Fund Special Acct. Interest	7,280.00		(7,280.00)
Miscellaneous	250.00	164.23	(85.77)
Total	46,464.65	41,999.31	(4,465.34)
Salaries and Allowances	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
Grand High Priest Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00	-
Grand Secretary	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
Clerical Assistant	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Employment Taxes	1,200.00	1,183.01	16.99
Annual Convocation	2,250.00	2,799.08	(549.08)
Auditor	150.00	27.31	122.69
Capital Asset Fund	390.00	390.00	-
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (5,277 @ \$0.45)	2,374.65	1,997.10	377.55
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00	500.00	-
Grand Officer Expense	500.00	1,272.47	(772.47)
Insurance	150.00	231.63	(81.63)
Membership Software Development	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Miscellaneous	250.00	-	250.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00	2,614.85	(114.85)
Office Expenses	2,500.00	2,569.73	(69.73)
Office Rent	2,340.00	2,340.00	-
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	350.00	364.58	(14.58)
Postage	1,000.00	734.63	265.37
Printing of Proceedings	3,000.00	2,605.98	394.02
Royal Arch Magazine	5,750.00	5,669.45	80.55
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00	50.00	-
Ritual Committee	150.00	-	150.00
Storage Rent	950.00	1,123.20	(173.20)
Triennial Fund (5,027 @ \$0.07)	351.89	346.92	698.81
Total	46,906.54	46,326.10	580.44
Total Income	46,464.65	41,999.31	(4,465.34)
Total Salaries and Allowances	46,906.54	46,326.10	580.44
Balance / Overall Difference	(441.89)	(4,326.79)	(3,884.90)

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Secretary moved that the proceedings of the 2007 Annual Convocation be approved as printed and distributed with any necessary corrections to be printed in the 2008 proceedings.

Motion was seconded and Approved, May 15, 2008

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2007

No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	High Priest	King
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles	May 14, 2004	23-7526764	Eugene E. Moser	Michael J. Marino
2	Palmyra	at large	September 14, 1848	23-7526765	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drawing
3	Liberty	Liberty	October 16, 1847	43-0968049	Robert A. Duncan	George R. Johnson
4	Weston	Weston	October 16, 1847	23-7526767	Ralph P. Bunnell	Charles D. Wood
5	Bolivar	Bolivar	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	George I. Carson	Jeffrey F. Boyce
7	Hannibal	Hannibal	May 24, 1861	23-7526769	Michael Shulse	Benny Swan
10	Lexington	Lexington	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	Gentry E. Slone	Delmar E. Dothage
12	Independence	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	William G. Snyder	Arthur S. Miller
14	Mitchell	St. Joseph	May 23, 1849	23-7526774	Daryl L. Price	Elbert Turner, Jr.
15	Springfield	Springfield	May 16, 1851	44-0443935	Eldon L. Cobb	Henry A. McClure
17	Columbia	Columbia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	Jeffrey A. Keevil	C. Brent Stewart
18	Sedalia	Sedalia	October 10, 1867	23-7526777	Bret E. Manuel	Frank H. Taylor
22	Macon	Macon	May 23, 1854	23-7526780	Ronald L. Perkins	David A. Hutton
25	Bellefontaine	Hazelwood	May 23, 1856	23-7526781	Harry C. Reed	Larry D. Ross
26	DeMolay	Warrensburg	October 10, 1867	23-7526782	Michael E. Sutton	Bennie L. Winnie
27	Mexico	Mexico	May 22, 1858	43-0728998	James Mosley	Phillip J. Moody
28	Kansas City	Kansas City	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	Michael Lundeen	Roy N. Thomas
30*	Lone Star	Chillicothe	May 19, 1859	23-7192094		
32	Rolla	Rolla	May 24, 1866	23-7137509	Bernard A. McIntyre	Larry W. Beck
33	Cope Stone	DeSoto	October 4, 1877	23-7526785	Lyle Bryant	Bob W. Miller
34	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	May 24, 1866	23-7382601	Larry D. Wyatt, Sr.	Harold F. Coots
38	Greenfield	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7137510	Richard E. Sprengle	David A. Smothers
43	Wyoming	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	Farrell D. Sexson	Glen R. Osborn
52	Tyrian	Neosho	October 7, 1869	23-7189747	Jimmie Mitchell	Rodney L. Mitchell
53	Caldwell	Kirksville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	Charles E. Cooper	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.
55	Ralls	Center	October 6, 1870	23-7526795	Robert F. Ford	Vacant
56	Nevada	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	Charles E. Morlan	John S. Barclay
58	California	California	October 6, 1870	23-7526797	Breck Summerford	George Shelly
61	Meridian Sun	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799	Christopher C. McLemore, III	David W. Jones
64	Lebanon	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.	Larry R. Clemens
66	Trenton	Trenton	October 6, 1870	23-7526801	Delbert Gentry	Robert McVay
75	Wilson	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	Charles M. Huey	Ronald L. Beasley
78	Oriental	Webster Groves	October 9, 1873	43-0443570	Robert R. Buren	Wayne R. Williams, Jr.
79	Moberly	Moberly	October 9, 1873	23-7526811	James V. Rockenfield	Max L. Borron
80	Bethany	Bethany	October 9, 1873	23-7526812	James Gibbany	Charles Bunch
86	Pike	Louisiana	October 7, 1875	23-7137511	Kenneth Ward	Lawrence T. Strode
90	George Frank Gouley	Appleton City	October 10, 1878	23-7137512	Arthur J. Dines	Ora D. Bailey
91	Joplin	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	Rodney L. Trimble	W. Harry Guinn
93	Triune	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	Phillip W. Engel	David W. Barker
99	Shelbina	Shelbina	May 3, 1883	23-7526817	Michael L. Dodd	Jerry L. Miles
101	Lamar		April 27, 1849	23-7526818	(Merged w/Nevada 56, 1/1/2007)	
102	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645	Bruce A. Olds	Martin G. Morford
110	Vincil	Springfield	May 10, 1888	44-0506699	Keith A. Jones	Clark A. McLemore
114	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 27, 1893	23-7526825	Dimon L. Sansoucie	James N. Leslie
118*	Marceline	Marceline	April 26, 1900	23-7137514		
123	Putnam	Unionville	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	Thomas C. Yunick	David A. Lloyd
129	Uel	Bonne Terre	April 28, 1909	23-7526833	David L. Leirer	Richard E. Jump
131	Rabboni	Webster Groves	April 23, 1913	23-7526835	James L. Inukai	Karl E. Beke
136	East Gate	Kansas City	April 12, 1922	23-7526839	Thomas Alber	David Miller
137	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	Norman D. Rust	Arthur A. Whitman
139	William F. Kuhn	Kansas City	April 23, 1923	23-7526842	Michael E. Luellen	Frank B. Chester
145	Grandview	Grandview	April 25, 1958	23-7526847	Michael R. Lundeen	Vacant
146	Keystone	Mehlville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	John W. Sissel	Dennis E. Fetter
148	Mt. Nebo	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	Roger D. Fleer	William W. Heath
* No Annual Return received for 2006						
TOTAL						

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Scribe	Secretary	Election of Officers	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received
1	John E. Trower	Thomas L. Thomason	2nd Wed in March	2nd Wednesday	14-May-08
2	Earl W. Orr	Kevin B. Sample	N/A	N/A	1-Mar-08
3	George L. Duncan	Virgil L. Bailey	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	23-Feb-08
4	James Sackman	Joseph H. Collison	4th Thur in Dec	4th Thursday	3-Mar-08
5	Joe W. Mackey	Leland C. Pyle	3rd Wed in Dec	3rd Wednesday	28-Jan-08
7	Mike Hudnut	Roger McGregor	1st. Tues in Oct	1st Tuesday	24-Sep-08
10	Kenneth A. Nadler	Mark S. Schroer	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	28-Feb-08
12	Frederick M. Harle	Glenn E. Means	2nd Thurs in April	2nd Thursday	28-Jan-08
14	LeRoy Salmon	William W. Mier	1st Wed in Nov.	1st Wednesday	25-Feb-08
15	Herschell S. Bledsoe	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	29-Feb-08
17	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Russell S. Hanson	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	25-Feb-08
18	James R. Hamilton	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	13-Feb-08
22	David D. Brown	Russell D. Kohl	1st Thurs in Nov	1st Thursday	10-May-08
25	Edward F. Coonrod	Richard J. Holmes	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	12-Feb-08
26	Larry C. Fox	Glen E. Henness	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	3-Mar-08
27	John R. Hall	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday expt. Dec	4-Feb-08
28	Jerry O. Snyder	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	3-Mar-08
30*		Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Monday in Dec	3rd Monday, quarterly	
32	James A. Haddox	George E. Ornsbey	1st Mon in March	1st Monday	29-Feb-08
33	Raymond Horton	Roy A. Welshon	3rd Thur in March	3rd Thursday	6-Feb-08
34	Larry D. Wyatt, II	Donald L. Trabue	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	29-Feb-08
38	James R. Baker	C. C. McLemore, III	1st Wed in April	1st Wednesday	25-Feb-08
43	Thomas L. McCoy	James E. Lotspeich	1st Mon in March	1st Monday	11-Jan-08
52	Grover G. Cochlan	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	28-Feb-08
53	Richard L. Mansfield	Thomas C. Yunick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	23-Feb-08
55	Charles W. Strobe	Louis J. Botts	2nd Mon in Jan	2nd Monday	28-Feb-08
56	James J. Ogle	Gary Jones	2nd Mon in Nov	2nd Monday	25-Feb-08
58	Don Matthews	Stephen C. Derendinger	1st Thurs in Sept	1st Thursday	23-Feb-08
61	James O. Loomis	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	25-Feb-08
64	William R. Feltner	William E. Brenneman	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	25-Feb-08
66	Gary Black	Larry T. Odom	3rd Thur in Nov	3rd Thursday	26-Feb-08
75	Melbert E. Daume	Alfred L. Mason	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	1-Mar-08
78	Kent A. Kramer	Edgar D. Piles	1st Thurs in March	1st & 3rd Thursday	14-May-08
79	Wynman R. Ray	E. Allen Kohler	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	23-Jan-08
80	Lowell Littrell	John Thrailkill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	23-Feb-08
86	John N. Sitton	William F. Strobe	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	10/8/08 fee waived
90	Douglas A. Dines	John B. Browning	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	1-Mar-08
91	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Michael N. Beeler	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-08
93	Stewart F. Sinclair	Verle T. Naughton	1st Mon in Dec	1st Monday	27-Feb-08
99	Joe P. Elsen	Darrell A. Wilham	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	22-Mar-08
101			2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	N/A
102	Charles L. Frost, II	Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday	1-Mar-08
110	John W. Shoemaker	James A. Nunn	1st Thurs in May	1st Thursday	11-Feb-08
114	Erest J. Phelan	Bill A. Humble	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday	6-Feb-08
118*		Deceased	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	
123	Lonnie L. Dover	Loren D. Lloyd	4th Tues in Dec	4th Tuesday	23-Feb-08
129	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Steven C. Monrotus	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday	18-Jan-08
131	Lawrence W. Brockmeier	David W. Haywood	1st Mon in Feb	3rd Thursday	26-Apr-08
136	Orville Newberry	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thurs in June	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-08
137	Marshall J. Biesen	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thur in Nov	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-08
139	Vacant	Johnnie A. Nemec	1st Tues in March	1st Tuesday	14-Jun-08
145	Vacant	Roy N. Thomas	2nd Mon in May	2nd Monday	14-Feb-08
146	Kyle R. Palacios	Thomas T. Herek	2nd Wed in Feb	2nd Wednesday	23-Feb-08
148	Timothy R. Lehnhoff	Kevin E. Weaver	2nd Wed in March	2nd & 4th Wednesday	29-Mar-08
* No Annual Return received for 2006					
TOTAL					

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No.	06 Debits	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Credit for 50-year Remissions	Credit for Life Members	06 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Late Fees
1	\$ -	\$ 956.05	\$ -	\$ 66.00	\$ 63.60	\$ 85.30	\$ 214.90	\$ 741.15	\$ 50.00
2	293.55	611.55	-	-	15.90	-	15.90	595.65	-
3	39.75	1,800.80	33.00	71.50	174.90	-	279.40	1,521.40	-
4	7.95	628.05	5.50	49.50	31.80	-	86.80	541.25	-
5	-	558.55	16.50	38.50	-	7.95	62.95	495.60	-
7	-	182.85	5.50	16.50	-	-	22.00	160.85	70.00
10	2.45	745.90	33.00	104.50	55.65	-	193.15	552.75	-
12	93.20	1,862.45	49.50	104.50	198.75	-	352.75	1,509.70	-
14	-	2,447.05	88.00	170.50	143.10	31.80	433.40	2,013.65	-
15	-	2,355.50	33.00	198.00	95.40	55.00	381.40	1,974.10	-
17	15.90	1,190.70	49.50	104.50	206.70	-	360.70	830.00	-
18	-	560.60	-	44.00	23.85	34.00	101.85	458.75	-
22	25.40	240.05	5.50	22.00	-	-	27.50	212.55	30.00
25	-	328.00	11.00	16.50	95.40	-	122.90	205.10	-
26	21.40	323.50	-	5.50	39.75	-	45.25	278.25	-
27	-	558.55	5.50	71.50	47.70	-	124.70	433.85	-
28	-	572.40	11.00	132.00	7.95	85.30	236.25	336.15	-
30*	814.85	1,482.65	-	-	7.95	-	7.95	1,474.70	50.00
32	-	1,218.40	44.00	66.00	198.75	13.45	322.20	896.20	-
33	7.95	335.95	5.50	11.00	15.90	-	32.40	303.55	-
34	539.50	1,640.70	269.50	110.00	47.70	-	427.20	1,213.50	-
38	-	349.80	-	44.00	63.60	11.00	118.60	231.20	-
43	-	813.20	60.50	99.00	7.95	7.95	175.40	637.80	-
52	-	763.20	-	38.50	15.90	18.95	73.35	689.85	-
53	-	2,460.65	5.50	126.50	55.65	10.00	197.65	2,263.00	-
55	5.50	148.60	-	5.50	-	-	5.50	143.10	-
56	2.50	479.50	5.50	44.00	-	-	49.50	430.00	-
58	15.50	468.65	5.50	27.50	39.75	-	72.75	395.90	-
61	12.85	442.15	16.50	55.00	7.95	-	79.45	362.70	-
64	-	906.80	-	22.00	23.85	19.35	65.20	841.60	-
66	20.25	801.40	16.50	38.50	7.95	-	62.95	738.45	-
75	85.65	1,091.45	33.00	104.50	15.90	-	153.40	938.05	-
78	6.77	1,259.02	55.00	93.50	23.85	-	172.35	1,086.67	30.00
79	-	413.40	5.50	27.50	15.90	-	48.90	364.50	-
80	-	469.05	-	-	15.90	35.85	51.75	417.30	-
86	-	143.10	5.50	11.00	-	-	16.50	126.60	-
90	-	286.20	11.00	33.00	-	-	44.00	242.20	-
91	-	592.65	11.00	16.50	71.55	3.60	102.65	490.00	-
93	-	431.35	-	44.00	71.55	-	115.55	315.80	-
99	-	610.35	11.00	71.50	15.90	6.50	104.90	505.45	10.00
101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
102	82.80	840.10	-	60.50	135.15	-	195.65	644.45	-
110	-	1,303.80	16.50	126.50	254.40	-	397.40	906.40	-
114	-	453.15	22.00	5.50	23.85	-	51.35	401.80	-
118*	816.60	1,460.55	-	-	-	-	-	1,460.55	50.00
123	-	353.90	11.00	-	23.85	5.50	40.35	313.55	-
129	23.85	862.70	44.00	71.50	71.55	-	187.05	675.65	-
131	34.85	794.20	77.00	93.50	23.85	-	194.35	599.85	20.00
136	-	737.55	33.00	44.00	23.85	3.05	103.90	633.65	-
137	-	373.65	5.50	33.00	-	-	38.50	335.15	-
139	-	298.25	-	38.50	7.95	-	46.45	251.80	40.00
145	-	618.30	16.50	60.50	15.90	2.45	95.35	522.95	-
146	-	642.15	33.00	5.50	151.05	166.95	356.50	285.65	-
148	59.55	880.95	82.50	-	119.25	-	201.75	679.20	10.00
* No Annual Return received for 2006									
T	\$ 3,028.57	\$ 43,150.02	\$ 1,248.50	\$ 2,843.50	\$ 2,774.55	\$ 603.95	\$ 7,470.50	\$ 35,679.52	\$ 360.00

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Total Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Paid	2nd Payment	Due 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	07 Credits	07 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/07	Real Estate & Investments
1	\$ 791.15	\$ 771.15	\$ -		\$ 771.15		\$ 20.00	\$ 5,588.88	\$ 53,404.13
2	595.65	-	-		-		595.65	-	-
3	1,521.40	1,506.10	-		1,506.10		15.30	5,461.59	32,253.97
4	541.25	541.25	-		541.25		0.00	961.91	-
5	495.60	495.60	-		495.60		0.00	6,578.81	112,665.58
7	230.85	208.00	-		208.00		22.85	892.36	-
10	552.75	552.75	-		552.75		0.00	4,668.12	-
12	1,509.70	1,474.85	-		1,474.85		34.85	1,140.16	12,048.31
14	2,013.65	1,977.35	36.30	14-May-08	2,013.65		0.00	3,642.83	28,019.58
15	1,974.10	1,958.20	-		1,958.20		15.90	2,318.81	-
17	830.00	830.00	-		830.00			13,437.67	-
18	458.75	483.80	-		483.80	25.05		1,399.00	-
22	242.55	242.55	-		242.55			665.18	5,600.00
25	205.10	205.10	-		205.10			998.32	59,500.00
26	278.25	248.90	-		248.90		29.35	42.97	-
27	433.85	433.85	-		433.85		0.00	1,036.07	-
28	336.15	441.97	-		441.97	105.82		1,334.00	-
30*	1,524.70	-	-		-		1,524.70	-	-
32	896.20	896.20	-		896.20			113.69	32,729.21
33	303.55	293.55	10.00	23-Feb-08	303.55			560.76	-
34	1,213.50	521.75	-		521.75		691.75	4,764.65	17,988.50
38	231.20	220.20	-		220.20		11.00	921.84	-
43	637.80	637.80	-		637.80		0.00	1,448.60	2,000.00
52	689.85	695.35	-		695.35	5.50		1,912.05	-
53	2,263.00	2,232.95	30.05	16-Jun-08	2,263.00			1,592.29	8,616.90
55	143.10	143.10	-		143.10			1,000.57	-
56	430.00	419.60	-		419.60		10.40	1,267.25	581.48
58	395.90	395.90	-		395.90		0.00	561.78	2,000.00
61	362.70	386.20	-		386.20	23.50		1,550.77	-
64	841.60	836.10	-		836.10		5.50	2,729.02	6,291.25
66	738.45	738.45	-		738.45	0.00		2,329.06	-
75	938.05	905.65	-		905.65		32.40	1,060.46	9,230.12
78	1,116.67	1,105.80	-		1,105.80		10.87	2,846.08	83,000.00
79	364.50	364.50	-		364.50		0.00	1,267.58	34,849.80
80	417.30	643.20	-		643.20	225.90		1,930.00	-
86	126.60	126.60	-		126.60			1,449.03	-
90	242.20	286.20	-		286.20	44.00		384.56	-
91	490.00	466.15	23.85	16-Aug-08	490.00			1,744.48	13,103.24
93	315.80	315.80	-		315.80			522.17	4,533.65
99	515.45	513.40	-		513.40		2.05	718.88	1,400.00
101	-	-	-		-			-	-
102	644.45	644.45	-		644.45			6,514.43	-
110	906.40	921.70	-		921.70	15.30		1,844.19	9,637.50
114	401.80	401.80	-		401.80			749.06	-
118*	1,510.55	-	-		-		1,510.55	-	-
123	313.55	322.50	-		322.50	8.95		1,523.36	-
129	675.65	667.70	7.95	18-Jun-08	675.65			395.63	-
131	619.85	578.90	-		578.90		40.95	5,151.00	-
136	633.65	625.70	-		625.70		7.95	3,433.50	4,000.00
137	335.15	340.65	-		340.65	5.50		854.24	27,837.30
139	291.80	283.85	-		283.85		7.95	1,713.67	-
145	522.95	517.00	-		517.00		5.95	226.65	-
146	285.65	269.75	-		269.75		15.90	102.40	-
148	689.20	633.30	-		633.30		55.90	569.79	-
* No Annual Return received for 2006									
T	\$ 36,039.52	\$ 31,723.17	\$ 108.15		\$ 31,831.32	\$ 459.52	\$ 4,667.72	\$ 105,920.17	\$ 561,290.52

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited
1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 978.25	\$ -	\$ 61,971.26	\$ 27.95	\$ 251.40			No
2	-	-	-	-	10.00	-			
3	10,000.00	-	-	47,715.56	10.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	300.00	-	-	1,261.91	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
5	-	-	-	119,244.39	10.00	15.95	No	No	Yes
7	-	150.00	-	1,042.36	25.00	-	Yes	Yes	No
10	3,000.00	-	-	7,668.12	19.95	15.00	No	No	Yes
12	-	-	-	13,188.47	16.85	500.00	No	No	Yes
14	-	-	-	31,662.41	18.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	6,000.00	-	-	8,318.81	17.50	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	5,000.00	702.00	-	19,139.67	18.00	227.05	No	No	Yes
18	-	-	50.00	1,349.00	8.50	62.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
22	50.00	-	-	6,315.18	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
25	2,500.00	-	-	62,998.32	15.50	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
26	-	-	-	42.97	20.00	-	No	No	Yes
27	-	-	-	1,036.07	15.00	28.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	-	-	-	1,334.00	12.50	62.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
30*	-	-	-	-	15.00	-			
32	15,000.00	-	-	47,842.90	17.00	-	No	No	Yes
33	2,000.00	-	-	2,560.76	16.00	46.00	No	No	Yes
34	1,000.00	-	-	23,753.15	17.00	-	No	No	Yes
38	-	-	-	921.84	9.50	-	No	No	Yes
43	2,500.00	143.00	-	6,091.60	13.00	94.00	No	No	Yes
52	-	-	-	1,912.05	11.50	-	No	No	Yes
53	-	-	-	10,209.19	20.00	270.10	Yes	Yes	Yes
55	-	130.00	-	1,130.57	10.00	10.95	No	No	Yes
56	500.00	-	-	2,348.73	18.00	43.00	No	No	Yes
58	5,000.00	-	-	7,561.78	20.00	60.00	No	No	Yes
61	800.00	36.00	-	2,386.77	12.00	58.00	No	No	Yes
64	13,250.00	-	-	22,270.27	20.00	90.75	No	No	Yes
66	-	612.00	-	2,941.06	17.00	-	No	No	Yes
75	3,000.00	-	-	13,290.58	16.50	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
78	4,500.00	1,002.05	-	91,348.13	20.45	500.00	No	No	Yes
79	1,000.00	30.00	-	37,147.38	15.00	42.85	No	No	Yes
80	4,000.00	-	-	5,930.00	14.00	-			No
86	1,900.00	-	-	3,349.03	15.00	10.00			No
90	3,000.00	-	-	3,384.56	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
91	100.00	-	-	14,947.72	16.00	-	No	No	No
93	1,524.86	12.00	-	6,592.68	12.00	131.15	No	No	Yes
99	5,000.00	-	-	7,118.88	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
101	-	-	-	-	13.50	-			
102	10,000.00	-	-	16,514.43	15.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
110	5,000.00	-	-	16,481.69	15.45	-	No	No	Yes
114	24.00	-	-	773.06	12.00	62.05	No	No	Yes
118*	-	-	-	-	-	-			
123	-	65.00	-	1,588.36	15.00	84.50	No	No	Yes
129	2,800.00	180.00	-	3,375.63	18.00	108.50	No	No	Yes
131	-	600.00	2,201.85	3,549.15	20.00	-	No	No	Yes
136	2,000.00	-	-	9,433.50	15.00	-	No	No	Yes
137	2,500.00	36.00	-	31,227.54	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
139	300.00	296.24	-	2,309.91	26.00	43.80	No	No	Yes
145	-	-	-	226.65	23.50	87.60	No	No	Yes
146	20,000.00	221.00	250.00	20,073.40	17.00	290.90	No	No	Yes
148	1,000.00	-	-	1,569.79	14.00	77.00	No	No	Yes
* No Annual Return received for 2006									
T	\$ 136,548.86	\$ 5,193.54	\$ 2,501.85	\$ 806,451.24	\$ 828.15	\$ 3,373.20			

DESTRUCTION OF 2007 GRAND CHAPTER BALLOTS

The Grand Secretary moved for the destruction of the 2007 Grand Chapter ballots.

Motion was seconded and Approved, May 15, 2008

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary moved for the approval of the preliminary reports of the Grand Secretary as printed and distributed in the preliminary proceedings, subject to correction.

Motion was seconded and Approved, May 15, 2008

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

See page 40.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Your Committee on Credentials has examined the certificates filed with the Committee and begs to report the following:

Number of Chartered Chapters represented 36; Grand Officers 18; Past Grand High Priests 17; Past High Priests, not representatives 60; Chairmen and members of Committees 63; High Priests 30 (9 being proxies); Kings 18 (7 being proxies); Scribes 17 (6 being proxies); Secretaries 27; Grand Representatives 49; District Deputy Grand High Priests 8, and District Deputy Grand Lecturers 10.

Total number of Chapter Representatives, without duplication 169; Chapters fully represented 12; Chapters partially represented 24. The following Chapters had no representation: No.'s 3, 4, 22, 26, 52, 55, 80, 90, 131, 136, 137. Also, No.'s 7, 30, 86, 118, 139 accounts no annual returns submitted to Grand Secretary.

Past High Priests, Not Representatives: George M. Merkle (1), Jerry Ward (3), Clayton Riley (3), Rocky E. Weaver (3), Scott S. Crawford (10), Thomas L. Truman (12), Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (12), Robert D. Whitney (12), David Witte (12), Stanton T. Brown (12), Victor C. Walters, Sr. (12), Donald R. David (12), William J. Bowser (14), Lloyd F. Waller (14), Carroll E. Henson (14), Lewis C. Odneal (17), Jeffrey A. Keevil (17), Marion W. Dey (17), Russell S. Hanson (17), Everette Gloyd (25), K. Trent Moreland (25), Steven M. Anderson (28), William C. Woolsey (32), Bernard A. McIntyre (32), Loyd Wagner (38), Russell Helmig (43), Ronald D. Miller (53), Richard L. Mansfield (53), Stephen C. Derendinger (58), John E. Crites (75), Bruce R. Austin (75), Marion L. Briggs (78), Larry W. Schulze (78), Robert R. Buren (78), Ronnie E. Green (78), Todd Schulze (78), David R. Vogler (78), Earl Wayne Orr (99), William W. Gray (102), Teddie E. Harrison (102), Joseph L. Heilig (102), Walter Doyle (110), Albert Hugh "Sonny" Miller (129), Lee L. Francis (129), James J. Hayes (129), James E.

Snavelly (129), Nelson Morgan (129), Harold J. Richardson (129), Lionel J. Goede (131), Francis W. Benson (145), Paul K. Kawakami (145), John W. Sissel, III (146), Louis L. Monken (146), William J. Neighbors (146), Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr. (146), Dwight Wyatt (146), Charles G. Coy (148), Roger D. Fleer (148), Robert L. Wright (148), John L. Erfurdt (148), Robert L. Sanders (148), Arnold D. Haddock, Jr. (148).

Grand Representatives to Missouri from other jurisdictions: Claude M. Eckert (Alabama), Richard J. Holmes (Alberta), Robert B. Hardester (Argentina), Lionel J. Goede (Arkansas), LeRoy D. Unruh (Austria), Scott Crawford (Colorado), José R. Palacios (Delaware), Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr. (District of Columbia), Robert H. Bray (France), Calvin D. Schroff (Georgia), Ronnie E. Green (Greece), Stanton T. Brown (Hawaii), George L. Duncan (Illinois), David R. Vogler (India), William B. Stephenson, Jr. (Indiana), Earl W. Orr (Iowa), James M. Williams (Ireland), Kevin E. Weaver (Israel), Russell S. Hanson (Italy), Jack Timmons (Kansas), Fred F. Stuecken (Maine), William W. Mier (Maryland), Harley L. Kropf (Manitoba), Jerry F. Ward (Michigan), Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr. (Minnesota), Albert H. Miller (New Hampshire), Marion W. "Mick" Dey (New Jersey), Delbert R. Gentry (North Carolina), Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (North Dakota), Teddie E. Harrison (Ohio), Kevin B. Sample (Ontario), Foster S. Crawford (Oregon), Lewis C. Odneal (Panama), Phillip W. Engel (Pennsylvania), James A. Nunn (Philippines), William J. Bowser (Portugal), Robert W. Schlichter (Quebec), Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (Rhode Island), William W. Gray (Saskatchewan), Harry O. Maenner (Scotland), Edgar D. Piles (South Australia), Steven C. Monrotus (Spain), Charles A. Bottermuller (Tennessee), Roy A. Welshon, Sr. (Vermont), Walter W. Doyle (Victoria, Australia), Harold J. Richardson (Virginia), Roy N. Thomas (West Virginia), C. C. McLemore, III (Western Australia), and Larry D. Wyatt (Wyoming).

Grand Chapter Officers: Kenneth D. Dingman – Grand High Priest; Robert E. Hardester – Grand King; George L. Duncan – Grand Scribe; Donald L. Trabue – Grand Treasurer; Kevin B. Sample – Grand Secretary; C.C. McLemore, III – Grand Captain of the Host; Steven C. Monrotus – Grand Principal Sojourner; Claude M. Eckert – Grand Royal Arch Captain; John E. Schofield – Grand Master of the 3rd Veil; Roy L. Gilkey – Grand Master of the 2nd Veil; Roy N. Thomas – Grand Master of the 1st Veil; Ronald E. Wood, Jr. – Grand Historian; Ralph E. Nolan – Grand Chaplain; Ronald E. Wood, Jr. – Grand Chaplain; Kevin E. Weaver – Grand Chaplain; Fred M. Harle, Sr. – Grand Organist; Calvin D. Schroff – Grand Lecturer; Nelson G. Morgan – Grand Sentinel; Larry D. Wyatt – Grand Sentinel, and Paul R. Cannon – Grand Sentinel.

Past Grand High Priests: E. Allen Kohler, Harley L. Kropf, William B. Stephenson, Jr., Charles A. Bottermuller, James M. Williams, Foster S. Crawford, Earl W. Orr, Harry O. Maenner, William E. Brenneman, Delbert R. Gentry, David R. Vogler, Calvin D. Schroff, Robert W. Schlichter, José R. Palacios, Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Roy A. Welshon, Sr., Walter W. Doyle, Kevin B. Sample (honorary), and Donald L. Trabue (honorary).

District Deputy Grand High Priests: William W. Mier, Steven M. Anderson, Jack E. Timmons, Steven C. Derendinger, James A. Nunn, Terry R. Struse and Christopher C. McLemore, IV.

District Deputy Grand Lecturers: Kevin E. Weaver, Ronald E. Wood, Jr., William C. Woolsey, Delbert R. Gentry, Scott Crawford, John E. Crites, Jack E. Timmons, Russell S. Hanson, Walter W. Doyle, and C. C. McLemore, III.

Standing and Special Committees: ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST – William B. Stephenson, Jr.; CREDENTIALS – Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman; Phillip W. Engel, Ted W. Harrison and Jerry Bradford. EDUCATION – Steven C. Monrotus;

Chairman; Roy L. Gilkey, Russell S. Hanson, John E. Schofield, Roy N. Thomas, Claude M. Eckert and Kevin E. Weaver. FINANCE – Robert E. Hardester, Chairman; George L. Duncan, C. C. McLemore, III, Steven C. Monrotus, Claude M. Eckert, John E. Schofield, Roy L. Gilkey and Roy N. Thomas. JURISPRUDENCE – Walter W. Doyle, Chairman; Stanton T. Brown, Robert R. Anderson, Jr. and John W. Sisco. RETURNS OF CHAPTERS – Robert E. Hardester, Chairman; Fred F. Stuecken, Phillip W. Engel and Ted W. Harrison. TIME AND PLACE – Robert E. Hardester. TRIENNIAL – Roy A. Welshon, Sr., Chairman; Robert E. Hardester, Harley L. Kropf, José R. Palacios and Kenneth D. Dingman. AUDIT – José R. Palacios, Chairman; Paul R. Cannon and Russell S. Hanson. CHARITY – Earl W. Orr, Chairman; Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Harley L. Kropf and Donald L. Trabue. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – Kevin B. Sample, Chairman; David C. Witte and Russell S. Hanson. GOLF TOURNAMENT – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman; James E. Snively, Kevin B. Sample and Richard L. Mansfield. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP - Walter W. Doyle, Chairman; José R. Palacios, Donald L. Trabue and Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.. LONG DISTANCE PROGRAM – Robert E. Hardester. MEMBERSHIP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES – LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman; Lionel J. Goede and Kevin E. Weaver. REVIEW AND HISTORICAL – N/A, Chairman. RITUAL – Calvin D. Schroff, Chairman; Kevin E. Weaver and DDGL's. ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE, EDITOR – Roy L. Gilkey. ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE – José R. Palacios, Chairman; Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Steven C. Monrotus and Foster S. Crawford. YORK RITE CONFERENCE – Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman; Claude M. Eckert and Roy N. Thomas.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES (Credentials)

(* By proxy)

No	CHAPTER	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	SECRETARY
1	St. Charles Missouri	John E. Trower	* Eugene E. Moser	* Gale B. Morrison	Tom Thomason
2	Palmyra	Foster S. Crawford	* Harry O. Maenner	Earl W. Orr	Kevin B. Sample
3	Liberty				
4	Weston				
5	Bolivar	* James H. Whitman	* Walter Elwayne Harris		
7	Hannibal				
10	Lexington	* Scott Crawford	* Foster Crawford	* Shaun Crawford	Mark S. Schroer
12	Independence	William G. Snyder	* Thomas L. Truman	Fred Harle, Sr.	Glenn E. Means
14	Mitchell	Daryl L. Price		LeRoy Salmon	William W. Mier
15	Springfield	Henry A. McClure	Hershel Bledsoe		James H. Mercer
17	Columbia	C. Brent Stewart	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Ronald L. Skiles	Russell S. Hanson
18	Sedalia		Mark A. Pohl		Allen B. Bess
22	Macon				
25	Bellefontaine	Harry C. Reed, Jr.		Edgar F. Coonrod	Richard J. Holmes
26	DeMolay				
27	Mexico	* Donald Fairley	Phillip J. Moody, Jr.		Jared D. Price
28	Kansas City				Steven M. Anderson
30	Lone Star				
32	Rolla	Larry W. Beck	James G. Haddox	Kristopher D. Crews	George E. Ornsbey
33	Copestone				Roy A. Welshon
34	Jefferson City	Larry D. Wyatt, Sr.	Harold Coots	Larry D. Wyatt, II	Donald L. Trabue
38	Greenfield	David A. Smothers	* Chris McLemore, IV	Walter Doyle	C.C. McLemore, III
43	Wyoming	James W. Williams	Farrell D. Sexton	Harold Hackler	
52	Tyrian				
53	Caldwell				Thomas C. Yunick
55	Ralls				
56	Nevada				Gary L. Jones
58	California	* Larry D. Wyatt	* Lawrence M. Cripps	Andrew L. Wyatt	Stephen C. Derendinger

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES (Credentials) (Continued)

(* By proxy)

No	CHAPTER	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	SECRETARY
61	Meridian Sun	C. C. McLemore, III			
64	Lebanon	Larry R. Clemens	Bradley T. Hicks	* Joseph P. Krill, Jr.	William E. Brenneman
66	Trenton	Delbert R. Gentry			
75	Wilson	* John V. Crampton	* John E. Crites		
78	Oriental	Wayne R. Williams, Jr.			Edgar Piles
79	Moberly	* Fred F. Stuecken			
80	Bethany				
86	Pike				
90	George F. Gouley				
91	Joplin	Rodney L. Trimble			
93	Triune	Terry R. Struse	Phillip W. Engel	* Robert L. Schmidt	Verle Naughton
99	Shelbina	* Earl Wayne Orr		* Harley Kropf	
102	Orient	* Dennis Abernathy			
110	Vincil	Keith A. Jones			James A. Nunn
114	Poplar Bluff	* Charles W. Carlstrom		* Kevin B. Sample	Bill A. Humble
118	Marceline				
123	Putnam	Thomas C. Yunick			Loren D. Lloyd
129	Uel	David L. Leirer	Richard E. Jump	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Steven C. Monrotus
131	Rabboni				
136	East Gate				
137	Mountain Grove				
139	William F. Kuhn				
145	Grandview				Roy N. Thomas
146	Keystone	Kyle P. Palacios	Dennis E. Fetter	James A. Wescott	Thomas Herek
148	Mt. Nebo	Timothy R. Lehnhoff			Kevin E. Weaver

Fraternally submitted,
 Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman
 Ted W. Harrison

Phillip W. Engel
 Jerry Bradford

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Five new educational papers were made available this year to the High Priests of the constituent Chapters to help provide them with pertinent material for their educational programs.

One lengthy paper entitled Officer Tools codifies the eleven foundational principles involved in a useful system of self-instruction for how to become a better leader, and to teach a new officer how to be an officer. It is presented as if it were transcribed from a Regional York Rite Conference so that it might be used by the District Deputy Grand High Priests for that purpose, should any desire to do so. Being divided into sections which can be read separately at consecutive monthly Chapter convocations, this paper alone contains sufficient material to cover an entire year. A second paper entitled To Reach Inside Ourselves addresses the current condition of the Craft, giving it an honest appraisal and presenting a scheme for how to think through some of the major issues facing it. This paper is a companion to the first paper and carries it a few steps further.

The Committee cannot encourage strongly enough the importance of every York Rite officer, past officer, committeeman, and degree team leader acquiring copies of these two papers, assimilating what they have to say, and especially, permitting them to

influence future thought, word, and deed. They, along with three other educational papers produced by this Committee this year, are free of charge for the asking via email, and large print copies are also available from the Grand York Rite office. Those who already have copies are asked to photocopy and distribute them, or forward these attachments electronically, to the officers and members of their Chapters. Please take advantage of these easy to obtain yet valuable resources. It would be a rather serious mistake to underestimate their worth and leave it up to the other guy only to have a look at them. Our Missouri York Rite needs strategies for how it is going to make progress. That progress will be centered around education, because where there is education there is interest, and where there is interest there will be membership. Companions, that progress involves, among other things, these two educational papers and you. It is no stretch of the imagination to say that there is nothing wrong with the functioning of any York Rite constituent organization, Grand body, committee, or scheduled event in this State that something explained in these two papers will not identify and ameliorate, if not cure.

A third paper entitled Six Keys To Performing Effective Ritual provides some practical suggestions for helping to make learning and delivering the ritual work easier. It is presented as if it were transcribed from a Regional School of Instruction so that it might be used by the District Deputy Grand Lecturers for that purpose, should any desire to do so. Those especially who find the ritual difficult are strongly encouraged to take a close look at this paper, if they have not already done so.

The Committee is indebted this year to Reverend Kevin E. Weaver who submitted two concise and well researched papers. One entitled On The Triple Tau surveys the origin and meaning of this familiar Royal Arch symbol. The other paper, With Those Seven, provides a fuller explanation of the vision dealing with the building of the Second Temple in Jerusalem as described in the fourth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Zechariah. Thank you, Kevin, for the fine work.

During the past decade eleven has been the mean (average) number of Grand Chapter Distinguished Chapter Awards earned annually, with the median number also being eleven and the mode being thirteen. This represents only a small fraction (approximately twenty five per cent or less) of the total number of chartered Chapters for any given year since 1998. Three out of four of our High Priests still do not seem to know about the Award, have heard about it too late in their term, did not make earning it one of their goals, simply have not applied for it, or the officers were unable to follow through with what they needed to do to help their Chapter qualify. Certain Chapters, for example, fell short this year only because too few of its officers attended one of the Regional York Rite Conferences. Chapter officers owe it to themselves to remain informed about what it takes for their Chapter to qualify for this Award and to plan for it. The District Deputy Grand High Priests are urged to explain those requirements as thoroughly as possible on their official visits and to schedule their visits early in the High Priests' terms of office. The presiding officer should not feel modest in applying for his Chapter's Award. The requirements are the same as last year, and blank applications are available for downloading and printing from the Document Library of the Missouri York Rite web site.

The High Priests have done their best to fulfill all that was expected of them this past year, and we congratulate them for having served their Chapter. Eight qualified for the Distinguished Chapter Award for 2007-2008:

William G. Snyder
 Harry W. Vogel
 Jeffery A. Keevil
 Harry C. Reed, Jr.
 Bernard A. McIntyre
 Farrell D. Sexson
 Keith A. Jones
 John W. Sisco, III
 Roger D. Fleer

Independence Chapter No. 12
 Mitchell Chapter No. 14
 Columbia Chapter No. 17
 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25
 Rolla Chapter No. 32
 Wyoming Chapter No. 43
 Vincil Chapter No. 110
 Keystone Chapter No. 146
 Mount Nebo Chapter No. 148

Fraternally submitted,
 Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman
 Claude M. Eckert
 Roy L. Gilkey
 Russell S. Hanson

John E. Schofield
 Roy N. Thomas
 Kevin E. Weaver

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: On April 21, 2008 your committee examined the returns of 43 Chapters and found mostly neat and well prepared. Lamar No. 101 merged with Nevada No. 56 on January 1, 2007.

The following Chapters have not submitted returns for 2007 as of this date: St. Charles Missouri No. 1, Macon No. 22, Lone Star No. 30, Oriental No. 78, Pike No. 86, Rabboni No. 131 and William F. Kuhn No. 139. These Chapters will be assessed penalties when received. Also, Lone Star No. 30 has not submitted returns for 2006. In addition 2005 returns have not been received from Hannibal No. 7 and Marceline No. 118.

Many corrections were noted on account of mathematical errors and also from an ongoing problem of accurate record of deaths, degree work, transfers and dimits not being kept by the secretaries.

We began the year with 5,234 members, Exalted 83, Admitted 55, Reinstated 40, Suspended Un-Masonic Conduct 1, Suspended by Lodge 5, Suspended Non-Payment of dues 170, Dimissions 78 and Deaths 185 leaving us with 4,973 members. This is an overall decrease of 261 members. We also show 196 Remissions for Inability to Pay, 458 Remissions as 50 year members and 346 living Life Members.

My sincere appreciation to the Grand Secretary and his staff for their assistance.

Fraternally submitted,
 Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

No Report Submitted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on March 8, 2008 for the purpose of auditing the financial accounting records of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2007. Due to a prior commitment that could not be rescheduled, MEC Palacios was not available for the meeting. At his request, VEC Russell S. Hanson and VEC Paul R. Cannon conducted the audit with the assistance of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. They examined the appropriate budget, balance sheets, and recapitulation sheets maintained by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the fiscal year in question. The expenditures, other than salaries, were found to be supported by well organized files containing copies of warrants, invoices, and statements. In addition, a detailed recapitulation sheet was examined for the 2007 Grand Session. Based on a careful examination of three separate months (June, December, and May), the committee was satisfied that the financial accounting records for the fiscal year in question were proper, accurate, and complete.

The committee also evaluated the accounting procedures used by both the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary in order to better understand the operation of the respective Grand Offices. The committee found that these two Grand Officers were responsible jointly and severally for a total of eight (8) separate Grand Chapter funds. The committee spent time to establish the Grand Officer responsible for fund management as well as the Grand Officer responsible for reporting fund activity to the Grand Chapter. The Royal Arch Research Assistance Fund is managed by the Grand Treasurer and should be reported by the Chairman of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee in that committee's annual report. The Endowment Fund, the Foundation Fund, the Triennial Fund, and the Capital Assets Fund are managed by the Grand Treasurer and should be reported by the same in his annual report. The General Fund and the Palmyra Fund are managed jointly by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary; and should be reported by both in their respective annual reports. The Ritual Fund is managed jointly by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary; and should be reported by the Grand Treasurer in his annual report.

The committee makes the following recommendations for consideration by the Grand Chapter. We believe that it would be very helpful during the audit of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Fund to compare detailed tabular recapitulation sheets from the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the Chairman of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee in order to determine that all donations/contributions to the Grand Chapter charities are being properly documented. We believe that a written inventory of the Grand Chapter paraphernalia stored in the off-site Grand York Rite safety deposit box should be maintained by the Grand Secretary and that the inventory be periodically verified by the Audit Committee. We believe that the insurance expenses for the Grand Officer jewels should be specifically tracked for auditing purposes. Finally, we believe that it might be beneficial for the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee to meet in order to discuss management coordination for both the Palmyra Fund and the Ritual Fund.

In conclusion, the committee is satisfied that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary are admirably performing their respective duties as good stewards of the funds

and assets of the Grand Chapter and that the financial operations of the institution are well documented and properly reported.

Fraternally submitted,
Jose R. Palacios, Chairman
Paul R. Cannon

Russell S. Hanson

REPORT OF CHARITY COMMITTEE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: The Charity Committee of the Royal Arch Foundation Account has approved the request of the Grand High Priest, Robert E. Hardester in the amount of \$4,500.00. Only interest from the fund is all that is allowed for the High Priest Charities.

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA)	\$ 1,000.00
DeMolay Leadership Conference Scholarship	500.00
Rainbow for Girls Leadership Conference	500.00
Jobs Daughters Leadership Conference	500.00
Masonic Home of Missouri	1,000.00
Multiple Sclerosis (MS)	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 4,500.00

Fraternally submitted,
Earl W. Orr, Chairman
Kevin B. Sample

Donald L. Trabue
Harley L. Kropf

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Companions and Sir Knights, we continue to take advantage of new communications tools in an effort to engage and better inform our membership. This year we created a presence on two of the hot new social networking sites -- MySpace.com and Facebook.com. These sites allow individuals to network with existing friends as well as to discover new friends based upon location and / or area of interest.

Our web-site is another outstanding tool which is underutilized. Please note that you can access most of the documents and forms which you need throughout the year in the "Document Library". This year the overall design of our website will change thanks to the efforts of Companion and Sir Knight Steve Manning. The new site will be powered by a content management system which will allow multiple people to post updates to the various areas of the web-site. There is also an interactive calendar which will allow visitors to not only view existing items, but also to propose additions to the calendar.

The e-mail list continues to provide a centralized location for Companions and Sir Knights to communicate with others around the state.

If you have any suggestions regarding communications tools or if you would like to volunteer to assist us, please contact the Grand Secretary / Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson

Brian Densmore
Aaron M. Shoemaker
David C. Witte

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: On behalf of myself and the endowed membership committee, we want to thank, Most Excellent Companion Dingman, for asking us to serve this year. It is our pleasure to say that we had a growth of 19 new companions to join our endowed membership. As of this report, we have a total of 501 endowed members. As you all are aware, percentage paid on CD's have dropped drastically, so we would encourage many more companions to join us as endowed members.

Fraternally submitted,

Jose' R. Palacios

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

Don L. Trabue

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Companion	Chapter	Exalted	Issued
495	Marino, Michael Joseph	1	08-May-04	11-May-07
496	Schlagenhauf, Norman George	1	26-Jun-79	17-May-07
497	Hannah, II, Joseph Michael	17	01-Nov-92	17-Aug-07
498	Niccum, John V.	32	19-May-03	18-Sep-07
499	Crum, Travis Allen	32	26-Mar-05	16-Nov-07
500	Vogel, Dennis N.	14	02-Apr-66	22-Dec-07
501	Trombley, Tad F.	66	27-Nov-07	25-Feb-08
502	Abernathy, Dennis A.	102	13-May-00	13-Mar-08
503	Smith, Richard Wayne	17	25-Jun-99	20-Mar-08
504	Lucas, William Chilton	17	20-May-61	22-Mar-08
505	McIntyre, Bernard Anthony	32	30-Jul-01	27-Mar-08

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

The Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Membership Committee in support to Palmyra Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, has been engaged in developing a York Rite Information Brochure for distribution into every Blue Lodge building in Missouri.

The task of developing this brochure was completed this year and is now ready for distribution.

Finances for distribution will be underwritten by Palmyra Royal Arch Chapter No. 2.

The Committee members thank Palmyra Royal Arch Chapter No. 2 for allowing them to work with Palmyra Chapter on this project. *(A Brochure is attached.)*

Fraternally submitted:

Le Roy D. Unruh, Chairman

Lionel Goede

Roger D. Salyer

Kevin E. Weaver

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

As Chairman of the Royal Arch Youth Activities Committee it is my pleasure to report that all of our Masonic Youth Bodies sent in their reports in a timely manner.

We know the DeMolay, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Jobs Daughters are busy accomplishing their yearly programs, supporting their local Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters with their charities as is evidenced in their support to their individual Communities.

A special appreciation is given to the Jobs Daughters, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for their reports and they are submitted in their entirety.

Fraternally submitted,
Le Roy D. Unruh, Chairman
Lionel Goede

Roger D. Salyer
Kevin E. Weaver

REPORT OF REVIEW AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

See Review on page 86.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

The last three years I asked the DDGLs to set up Ritual Schools due to dates and meeting places. This year I didn't receive any invitations for Schools. I received requests to help confer the degrees several times which I consented and performed.

DDGLs

Several years ago I developed forms for the DDGLs to use to make reports to me of their visitations. Of the thirteen DDGLs, five used these forms; one other DDGL sent a note that he made his visits. No report from the other several DDGLs held ritual schools. Only a few were able to perform without their books. At this time the ritual doesn't seem important. Several of the DDGLs talked to me about the hat and mentioned that between seventy and ninety percent of the companions were not in favor of the high priest wearing a hat.

Proficiency

At this time there are nineteen certified cards in the proficiency program, which consist of:

- 6 part one
- 3 part two
- 5 part three
- 2 part four C
- 1 part five A
- 2 part five C

I would suggest an errata sheet with the following errors corrected in the ritual book.

Page 1; Item to be added: Dress-Royal Arch aprons and Jewels

Page 11; paragraph 7A (3) "Then other DDGHPs..." it should be "Then other

DDGHPs".

Need to determine if elected and appointed officers in chapter will have the title of Very in front of Excellent.

Page 50; bottom of page. Move “Marshall follow me” to page 53 following Mark Master’s song.

Page 54; Resuming labor; shows pg. 18, should be pg. 20

Page 63, line 9, word shows AM, should be MAY.

Page 114; 11th line from bottom of page. RAC. How TO, should be How DO

Page 122; middle of the page. JES. THE should be added before the word LAW; “Let us read further from this book of THE law.”

Fraternally submitted,

Calvin D. Schroff, Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF EDITOR, ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

The Missouri Section of the Royal Arch Mason Magazine has gone through a change of editor this year. Roy L. Gilkey, 12249 Highway KK, Crocker, Mo. 65452-7363 is the new editor. He can be reached on line at lgilkey@windstream.net, and by phone at (573) 736-5328 or by cell phone at (573) 842-7591. As with any change in personnel, there have been some changes in focus. The Missouri Section belongs to the Royal Arch Masons and Cryptic Masons of Missouri. All companions are encouraged to make their wishes and suggestions known to the editor.

The Royal Arch Mason Magazine has a new general editor in Ed Sebring, 316 Church St., Vincennes, IN, 47591-1101. Ed can be reached at rameditor@hotmail.com. He can be reached by phone or fax at (812) 886-4191 or by cell at (812) 890-2992. Ed has been a great help to your new Missouri Section editor.

The Grand Chapter and Grand Council owe a great debt of gratitude to MIC Robert H. Bray for his years of service to the craft as the Missouri Section editor. The committee leads the craft in an expression of sincere thanks and commendation for work well done.

If your new editor has a complaint, it is the same that I’m sure MIC Bray had. We do not get enough sharing of information for publication. Chapters, councils, and companions are encouraged to share information, reports of programs or events, scholarly articles, questions, photos, and anything else appropriate for publication. Companions, the Missouri Section is only as good as we work together and make it.

Fraternally submitted,

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

The often stated Goal for contributions to the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program has been \$1.00 per Companion statewide is close to becoming a reality. More and more Chapters are doing just that. As of December 31, 2007 cumulative contributions were: Regular \$153,945.85, Memorials \$23,049.00. We are ranked 10TH in regular contributions and 8TH in Memorials – Nationally. Dr. Joan M. Burley, the Chief Executive Officer of Our Able Kids Foundation tells us that we are having an increase in clients. They are evaluating children and adults from across the Country and around the

World. Every Royal Arch Mason should be Proud to be associated with this Most Worthy Philanthropy.

Fraternally submitted,
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Steven C. Monrotus

Foster S. Crawford
José R. Palacios, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

COMMITTEE ROSTER

Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman	
Claude M. Eckert	
Roy N. Thomas	
Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.	DDGHP, Region 1A
Darrell A. Wilham	DDGHP, Region 1B
Dan Daniel	DDGHP, Region 2A
William W. Mier	DDGHP, Region 2B
Ronald L. Barrett	DDGHP, Region 3A
Steven M. Anderson	DDGHP, Region 3B
Jack E. Timmons	DDGHP, Region 3C
Terry R. Struse	DDGHP, Region 4A
Stephen C. Derendinger	DDGHP, Region 4B
David R. Vogler	DDGHP, Region 5
Alfred L. Mason	DDGHP, Region 6
James A. Nunn	DDGHP, Region 7A
Christopher C. McLemore, IV	DDGHP, Region 7B

CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATIONS

Region 1 – 9 Chapters	December 1, 2007 in Kirksville, Missouri
Region 2 – 5 Chapters	January 5, 2008 in Saint Joseph, Missouri
Region 3 – 12 Chapters	September 15, 2007 in Buckner, Missouri
Region 4 – 6 Chapters	October 20, 2007 in Rolla, Missouri
Region 5 – 6 Chapters	November 17, 2007 in Webster Groves, Missouri
Region 6 – 4 Chapters	October 27, 2007 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Region 7 – 10 Chapters	February 2, 2008 in Springfield, Missouri

This was the fifth year that the York Rite Conference concept has been a work in progress. Each Region continued to address its own issues which varied according to perceived needs. The District and Regional officers were well prepared to deal with the considerable variation in the presentations, and they are to be commended for their industry, commitment, and dedication.

This year the Grand Chapter developed a one page York Rite Conference Committee Regional Report Form in an attempt to facilitate communication. Space was allowed on the form for reporting comments on attendance, representation of Regional Chapters, content of the program, what on the program went well, what on the program could stand improvement, and what should be included on the program in the future.

This form was sent regular mail to each member of the Committee with a request that it be completed and mailed back to the chairman. Replies from each Region were received.

Region 1 reported that, due to an ice storm which made travel extremely hazardous that day, the Conference was under attended with only one Grand officer present. Representation for its nine Chapters was not reported.

Region 2 reported better attendance with thirty-three Companions present. Three of its five Chapters were represented, with one supplying ninety four per cent (31) of the attendees and two other Chapters represented by one Companion each. The speakers used conversation which kept the meeting informal. It was reported that some Companions had stopped attending because they believed the program would be about "the same old things." This is a shame because whoever missed this meeting because of it missed an interesting and stimulating presentation and would have left it much better informed.

Region 3 reported an interesting an informational program. Representation of its twelve Chapters was not reported, except to say that one of its three subdivisions was represented by only one Companion.

Region 4 reported all six Chapters represented, plus a few other Chapters from outside the Region. The exact number of attendees was not reported, but an encouraging number of rank-and-file Companions were present. The District and Regional officers worked in accordance with their own outline which they developed for the meeting. The program consisted of an open, guided discussion concerning the problems and challenges affecting the Craft and what could be done about them. Everyone participated in the discussion, and a number of important subjects were addressed.

Region 5 reported approximately forty in attendance including one prospective candidate, several ladies, and children, with all six Chapters represented. The presentation was geared in a different direction with emphasis on candidates and their families, and was well received.

Region 6 reported that its Conference was under attended with only fourteen Companions present. Three of its four Chapters were represented. The opinion was expressed that the newer emphasis for the Conferences is one that should remain in effect, with officer education being an important key to a stronger York Rite.

Region 7 reported twenty-two Companions in attendance, the majority of which (12) were from outside the Region. Representation of its ten Chapters was not reported, but these in combination supplied the remaining ten attendees. The program was interesting with separate sections having to do with local and grand interactions, leadership training, education, and financial management.

The common denominator expressed was the need for better attendance. Our officers and members provide and receive significant perspective from, and stir interest into, the discussions by attending their own and other Regional Conferences, but some have argued that unless more attendees can be attracted to them, the Conferences border on being a waste of time. The Committee feels that more widespread and frequent communications prior to the Conference and good planning for, and advance advertising of, the event coupled with expanded teamwork among the District and Regional Deputies and a more widespread understanding of what the Conference is all about will do much to maximize attendance. The Committee recommends that all District and Regional Deputies redouble their efforts to keep their counterparts operating in the loop and informed about what is being planned and organized well in advance. This is an absolutely critical point, especially in subdivided Regions which have more Deputies

than three needing to remain in close communication. If in the earliest planning stages each Deputy from each subdivision does not come away with a specific duty to perform at his Regional Conference and understand fully what that duty is, the team needs to figure out why and take some steps to do something about it. The leadership style expected here is “shared leadership by joining,” which is explained in the paper ***Officer Tools*** which has been made available this year free of charge from the Grand Chapter Committee on Education and the Grand York Rite Office (See Education Committee Report in these Proceedings).

The Regional Conferences are being conducted now with more freedom under an improved format with a shift in emphasis which makes them more flexible than they were when the York Rite Conference concept originated during the 2003-2004 Grand York Rite year. Material ordinarily brought to the constituent bodies by the Regional deputies on their official visits is not being reiterated. On the contrary, the York Rite Conference concept has evolved into something dynamic and unique from Region to Region and year to year. Important information from the preceding Grand York Rite Session is still being disseminated, and opportunities for the Grand presiding officers to speak and for the listeners to ask questions are still being provided, but beyond that, and more importantly, the Conference concerns what needs to be analyzed, understood, practiced, taught, revived, reversed, phased out, phased in, reorganized, changed, and restored. It is about the nuts and bolts of what it will take for the York Rite of Missouri to continue making a difference in the lives of people in each Region of the State. It is emphatically not about the same old things.

Fraternally submitted,
Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST-ELECT

Grand High Priest-elect Robert E. Hardester announced his appointments which may be found in the back of the Grand Chapter proceedings.

He thanked the appointees for their willingness to serve the Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: The one Hundred Sixty-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter or Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri will be held in conjunction with the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Grand Chapter Convocation will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert E. Hardester, Grand King

Motion made and seconded to accept report of Committee on Time and Place, Motion Approved, May 15, 2008

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Chapter was called from labor at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2008 until 3:30 p.m. for the conclusion of any business, awards presentation and open installation of the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter officers.

AFTERNOON SESSION

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED TO LABOR

The 162nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was declared at labor at approximately 3:30 with ladies and guests present. The Grand High Priest welcomed everyone.

RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

All of the distinguished guests present were afforded the opportunity to address the grand convocation at this time.



MEC Dingman introduced EC Keith Jones, Worshipful Master of Gate of the Temple Lodge No. 422, High Priest of Vincil Chapter No. 110, Illustrious Master of Bert S. Lee Council No. 58, the top line signer of seven petitions during the 2008-2009 year. He received a warm round of applause.

REPORT OF MEC LARRY E. GRAY, GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, distinguished east, companions, ladies, it is a great pleasure for me to be back in Missouri once again. I believe this to be my third time to be here. I bring you greetings of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, its officers, and my own personal warm greetings at this time. Our other two dais officers, General Grand King Emory J. “Smoky” Ferguson and General Grand Scribe Ted Harrison are probably on their way to Virginia where they will celebrate their 200th anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia this weekend.



The Most Puissant General Grand Master, Maurice C. "Bud" Himes, and I invite you to come to the triennial of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council which will be held in Indianapolis, IN August 27 through the 30th, we will have tours on the 27th and 28th, the opening ceremony with the flag presentation will be the 28th, General Grand Chapter will meet on August 29 and the General Grand Council will meet on August 30 with the grand banquet on the 30th also. We have many good things planned, many good tours including the Indy 500 facility and the Scottish Rite Cathedral and for the Companions there will be a tour of the Indiana University Medical Center where research is

going on in CMMRF on a daily basis.

I want to remind the companions of our ritualistic award which the General Grand Chapter has started this triennium. Is Companion John Crites or Kevin Weaver in the room? Those are the only two recipients here from the state of Missouri to receive that award, it is a very prestigious award, an award that must be earned, cannot be purchased, for all those ritualistic people who excel in ritual. In the United States at this time, there are probably 65 to 70 companions who have received this award. The incoming General Grand High Priest has decided to continue this program into the next triennium.

I also want to remind the companions here in the South Central Region of the Silver Award. Saturday night there will be a Bronze Award presented to a companion from here in Missouri. The Silver Award is an award given each triennium, once every three years, to one companion here in the South Central Region.

Jim Wall was not here but I want to mention Royal Arch Research Assistance and I thank the companions of Missouri for their help in this endeavor. Through your contributions and our investments, the Royal Arch Research Assistance Board of Directors was able to provide to the Able Kids Foundation at Ft. Collins, Colorado, \$240,000.00 for the next year for research in central auditory perception problems. There is also a new DVD in the process of being made which will be available to all grand chapters about the time of the triennial.

I want to mention briefly the perpetual life membership program in the General Grand Chapter, available to all companions for a cost of \$25.00. For this fee, your Grand Chapter will no longer be charged per capita for you in the General Grand Chapter, regardless of General Grand Chapter per capita. I was in Florida two weeks ago followed by Georgia shortly after. I took those applications there and got twelve signed in Florida and got three from Georgia already. Washington and Idaho up in the northwest are kind of fighting over who can have the most life members, but I think they and Florida are about tied at this time.

I want to thank Missouri for being a 100% subscriber to the Royal Arch Mason Magazine and thank Companion Gilkey for his editorship in the Missouri Supplement, a very fine magazine and helpful to all the companions here in Missouri and around the United States and around the world.

One of the things that is going to happen at the triennial coming up in August will be

a resolution to increase per capita in the General Grand Chapter to one dollar per dues paying member. This is an increase of fifty-five cents. I do not need to stand here and try to tell you why an increase is needed, you know in your own Grand Chapter and in your own household that more money is need to run both of those, and the General Grand Chapter is no different. There is also a resolution to be presented for all delegates to pay a registration fee to vote, I believe this will be withdrawn or at least will not pass in the General Grand Chapter.

My first meeting with a Royal Arch Mason in Missouri was in Indiana in about 1986 when then the Grand High Priest Ralph Bunnell and his wife came to Indiana for our session. I understand he and his wife are not doing well, and I hope good things for them in the future.

In 2007, after conferring with the General Grand King and Scribe, we talked about the future of the General Grand Chapter. The General Grand Secretary had indicated that he was going to resign at the end of this triennium. After some discussion with him, I asked him to resign early because there were many things that we needed to move forward with, and he did resign. I do not apologize for asking him to resign, after seeing the books and what was going on, I apologized for not asking him to retire much earlier than he did.

Most Excellent Companion Kenneth, I know you have had a good year and I thank you very much. For the new officers, I wish you a very successful year, many successes, more members, and more hard work by all the companions here in Missouri to bring forth good things in this Grand Chapter and York Rite Masonry in general.

My wife has been sick and I am heading home tomorrow so I will not be here on Saturday night, but my Ambassador Roy Welshon will make the presentations. I hope that this meets with your approval.

I thank the companions in Missouri and the South Central Region for helping me raise the bar for Capitular Masonry in this region and throughout the world. I thank you for the courtesies which you paid to the office I hold. May the good Lord bless and keep you in the palms of His hands. Thank you very much.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS 2007-2008

DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER AWARDS



Most Excellent Companion Dingman presents the 2007-2008 Distinguished Chapter Awards. A list of recipients can be found in the report of the Education Committee on page 67.

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GRAND CHAPTER LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS



Most Excellent Companion Dingman presents the 2007-2008 Lewis and Clark Awards. A list of recipients can be found in the historical listing on page 117.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2008-2009 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

May 15, 2008

Installing Grand High Priest
Installing Grand Marshal
Installing Grand Chaplain

Harry O. Meanner, PGHP
José R. Palacios, PGHP
Kevin E. Weaver, PHP



MEC Palacios presents REC Robert E. Hardester for installation as Grand High Priest.



The District Deputy Grand High Priests present were installed. A listing of all DDGHP's can be found in the list of officers in the back of the Grand Chapter proceedings.



MEC Palacios presents the District Deputy Grand Lecturers present for installation. A listing of all DDGL's can be found in the list of officers in the back of the Grand Chapter proceedings.



On behalf of the Order of High Priesthood, Harley L. Kropf, President, presents MEC Hardester with his new apron.



EC Kyle R. Palacios, High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 146, presents MEC Hardester with an apron case on behalf of the members of Keystone Chapter No. 146.



Changing of the guard, and presentation of jewels – *(above)* MEC Dingman presented MEC Hardester with the jewel of his office and *(below)* MEC Hardester presented MEC Dingman with his Past Grand High Priest jewel.



GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Grand Chapter was closed in full and proper form at 5:40 p.m.

**REVIEW**

Preface

This article is taken in it's entirety from the *HISTORY OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY, Volumn One, 1956*, written by Ray Von Denslow and Everett R. Turnbull. We found it to be well researched. Since many have referred to this degree today, we felt that it would be a good subject for study.

While it is well written and well researched, there is one problem; it does not come far enough into the 20th Century. We feel that there is still much information to be discovered in today's lodges where this degree still plays a part. This could be researched at another time.

We hope that you enjoy the research done by these to great men of Masonry, and particularly the Royal Arch.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

THE PAST MASTER DEGREE

The degree of Past Master, as conferred in most jurisdictions, is one of the shortest of the degrees of Freemasonry. Those who receive it will not judge it by the test of brevity, but by the important lessons it teaches.

It is primarily a degree for those who expect some day to preside over a Craft Lodge. During the early history of the degree we find a very lengthy ceremony, during which all of the various essential implements of the lodge and its furniture are presented and explained. Pages of the old monitors are taken up with monitorial portions of the work. Much of this is today found in the Ceremony of Installation of Masters of Lodges, and it was believed that a repetition would accomplish no real purpose. To those who wish to study the degree further, we recommend a perusal of the old monitors of a century ago.

During the progress of the degree, certain human values are brought to our attention--moderation, justice, and decorum, without which a Masonic Lodge cannot properly function. By the exercise of *Moderation*, the brethren are taught to vary neither to the right nor to the left; such a course will make one tolerant of others and their rights. Proper decorum in a Masonic Lodge is absolutely essential if its dignity is to be maintained, a dignity which distinguishes the fraternity from other organizations. With the exercise of moderation and decorum, it is apparent that *justice* will be the guiding rule of the membership.

ORIGIN OF DEGREE

The degree is old. No one knows from whence it came, nor when it came. Like Topsy, *it just grew*. For those of us in America, it is enough to know that it was a full-fledged degree when the Grand Chapter for the Northern States was organized in 1797. It is listed as one of the four degrees of the Capitular system in the first Webb Monitor of 1797.

The Jeremy Cross Monitor of 1826 says:

This degree treats of the government of our society, the disposition of our rulers, and illustrates the requisite qualifications. It included the ceremonies of opening and closing, and forms of installation, consecrating, laying of foundation stones of public buildings, and also at dedications and at funerals, and a variety of particulars explanatory of these ceremonies.

Let us give you the information we have as to where it was first heard of, how it was conferred, and some facts about its development and incorporation into our Masonic system.

In the first edition of *Anderson's Constitutions* (1723, page 71), appears the first printed reference to the degree of Past Master; it is doubtful whether the ceremony as therein described could be dignified with the name of degree, but it was a ceremony:

"Here follows the Manner of constituting a NEW LODGE, as practis'd by his Grace the Duke of Wharton, the present Right Worshipful GRAND MASTER, according to the ancient Usages of *Masons*.

"A New Lodge for avoiding many Irregularities, should be solemnly constituted by the GRAND-MASTER, with his *Deputy* and *Wardens*; or in the *Grand Master's Absence*, the *Deputy* shall act for his *Worship*, and shall chuse some *Master* of a Lodge to assist him; or in the case the *Deputy* is absent, the *Grand-Master* shall call for the some *Master* of a Lodge to act as *Deputy pre-tempore*.

"The *Candidates*, or the new Master and Wardens, being yet among the *Fellow-Craft*, the Grand Master shall ask his *Deputy* if he has examon'd them, and finds the

Candidate *Master* well skill'd in the *noble Science* and the *royal Art*, and duly instructed in our *Mysteries, &c.*

"And the Deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the Grand-Master's Order) take the candidate from among his Fellows, and present him to the Grand Master; saying, *Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Brethren here desire to be form'd into a new lodge; and I present this my worthy Brother to be their Master, who I know to be of good Morals and great Skill, true and trusty, and a Lover of the whole Fraternity, wheresoever dispers'd over the Face of the EARTH.*

"Then the GRAND MASTER, placing the Candidate on his left Hand, having ask'd and obtain'd the unanimous Consent of all the Brethren, shall say: I constitute and form these good Brethren into a New Lodge, *and appoint you the Master of it, and not doubting of your Capacity and Care to preserve the Cement of the Lodge &C,* with some other expressions, that are proper and usual on that Occasion, but not to be written. . . .

"The *Grand Master* shall by certain significant Ceremonies and Ancient Usages, install him, and present him with the Constitution (etc)"

It seems highly probable that the expression "What was not proper to be written" was no less than the great secret of the Royal Arch degree.

Thomas Smith Webb foremost American ritualist, say in the first American monitor to be published (1797:

"The Grand Master asks his Deputy "whether he has examined the Master nominated in the warrant and finds him, well skilled in the Noble Science and Royal Art."

"The Deputy answers in the affirmative (a private examination is understood to precede the installation of every officer)."

Webb apparently copied the substance of *Anderson's Constitutions*.

William J. Hughan, the great English Masonic historian, writing to the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, from Truro, England, October 1, 1872, said of the degree of Past Master: "I have found it a most difficult subject to write about, as so little is discoverable of its early history. When the degree first took its rise I know not as yet, but am continuing my researches....

"It seems to have been the custom (in fact it was) of the 'Grand Lodge according to the old constitutions' (called the Ancients) to confer the Past Master's degree in a craft Lodge to candidates for Royal Arch Masonry. No separate Charters or Warrants were required to work the Royal Arch degree under the 'Ancients and it seems to me most probable that the 'Installation Ceremony' originated with that body; at least became prominent, and a separate degree under their management. If so, it is not older than, say about one hundred and twenty years (in 1872). The Grand Lodge of the 'Ancients was not actually formed, and no regular records kept, until after A.D. 1750. The minutes still exist, and commence A.D. 1752. The Grand Lodge of England is the custodian thereof.

"Whether the regular Grand Lodge, or in other words, the Grand Lodge which was formed A.D. 1717, had a knowledge of the degree so early as 1750, I cannot yet say positively, although there does appear evidence that a ceremony was observed at the installation of a Worshipful Master of a Lodge. In the Constitution of the Grand Lodge

of England, published A.D. 1738, there is an engraving of the '47th Problem of Euclid, which is the jewel of the Past Master degree...

"Since the 'Union of A.D. 1813,' the Past Master's degree has been confined to the *elected* master of a Lodge, and to such alone. Hence all Past Masters in England have actually served the office of Master of a Lodge for a period of twelve months. The only prerequisite, Masonically, for Royal Arch Masonry, being twelve months a member of the Third Degree.

"Until recently in Scotland, the system of Capitular Freemasonry, prevailing in the United States was adopted, but at Grand Lodge held on February 5th last, it was decided to return to the old English system, and hence the Grand Chapter of Scotland has a retired from the control of the Past Master's degree, and left it entirely in the hands of the Lodge.

"The following are the terms of the agreement:

"1. The Grand Lodge shall recognize a ceremonial or degree to be conferred on Masters of Lodges on their taking the Chair of a Lodge, similar to that conferred in England and Scotland.

"2. That a register be kept by the Grand Clerk of Installed Masters, and shall record the name of every Installed Master therein, and furnish a diploma upon a certificate being sent, signed by three recorded Installed Masters, that the ceremonial or degree has been duly conferred. The fee for registration and diploma being 2s 6d.

"3. That this ceremonial or degree shall under no circumstances what ever be conferred on any one except the actual Master of a Lodge, or one who produces a certificate from the lodge that he has occupied the chair as duly elected Master.

"4. That with the view of carrying out these resolutions, three or more Masters of lodges or Past Masters, to be selected by the Grand Lodge, shall procure themselves duly installed by three or more English or Irish Installed Masters, and shall thereupon adjust the ritual to be used in the future.

"5. That thereafter the said Installed Masters shall duly install three or more Past Masters in the cities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, etc, and in any of the larger towns the Brethren in which may desire it.

"6. That the ceremonial or degree shall only be conferred when three or more Installed Masters are present, and any lodge, having that number of Installed Masters present at a meeting may confer the ceremonial or degree upon its Master; but in the event of any lodge nor having a sufficient number of Installed Masters, it shall be competent to the Masters of that Lodge to procure himself duly installed at any lodge having three Installed Masters, providing he produce evidence to the satisfaction of these Installed Masters that he is a bona fide Master of a lodge."

We have seen in Anderson's Constitutions that at a certain stage in the proceedings of installation, the brethren withdrew leaving the Master-elect and others who had attained the degree of Past Master in the lodge room.

This procedure is borne out by *Three Distinct Knocks*, and while we hesitate to quote from an exposure yet we give it as it appears there:

The Charge Given to Officers of the Lodge.

** which they call installing a Master for the chair. He kneels down in the South upon both knees: and the later Master gives him the following obligation before he resigns the chair:

*** That I will not deliver the word and grips belonging to the chair, whilst I am in the chair, or at any time thereafter, except it be to a master in the chair, or past master, him or them, whom I shall find to be such, after just trial and due examination. (Note: the grip was probably given whilst seated.)

*** I will act as master of this lodge, till next St. Johns Day, and I will fill the chair every lodge-night *****

*** I will not wrong this lodge, but I will do all things for the good of masonry in general; nor will I reign arbitrarily, but I will be agreeable to the rest of the brethren. I also will keep good order in the lodge, as far as lies in my power, till next St. John's Day*** (Penalties include those of all the symbolic degrees)

The ceremony continues:

Then the late master takes off his jewel and puts it on him, and takes the master's gripe, and raised him off his knees, and whispers in his ear the word, which is Chibbulum, or an excellent Mason; then he slips his hand from the master's gripe to his elbow, and strikes his nails in as you do in the other gripe at the wrist. This is the word and gripe belonging to the chair.

The explanation is followed by a description of the "Mater's Clap", given by holding both hands above the head and striking upon your apron, and both feet going at the same time ready to shake the floor down; this they call the grand sign of a master mason.

The origin of the sign is given as coming from two sources, first by a group of craftsmen when they beheld their dead master; and again when Solomon dedicated the Temple to the Lord, "he stood up and lifted up both his hands", and said, "oh Lord my God, great art thou above all gods, for in this hour will I adore thy name."

"Passing the Chair"

Various names have been given then degree of Past Master, from the very beginning. We find it listed as:

Pass'd Master
 Past Masters
 Installed Masters
 or
 Passing the Chair
 And there was, and is:
 Actual Past Masters
 Virtual Past Masters

As actual Past Masters—these were, in the first place, brethren who had been elected to preside over lodges, and had served as Master of a Lodge; they had this title, irrespective of whether they had received a degree or not. These brethren were without question entitled to be ranked as Past Masters. Then, there grew up a ceremony of installation, which in the beginning may have been nothing more than investing the brother with a word—or mayhap a grip.

This soon gave rise to a complete ceremony, termed "passing the chair", resulting in

many instances of a requirement that one must have “passed the chair” in order to preside over a lodge. But our ancient brethren went beyond the custom, and began conferring the degree upon many who had never presided, and some who never had a possibility of ever presiding. This resulted in the ceremony being called “Virtual Past Master”, although they may not have always designated it as that. As a part of the Capitular system of degrees, all Royal Arch Masons are *Virtual* Past Masters; if they have presided over a lodge, they are *Actual* Past Masters, and one may well be both an actual and virtual Past Master at the same time. In a few of our American jurisdictions, the degree of Past Master is required as a qualification for presiding as a Master of a lodge, and in the early history of the Royal Arch rite, one who had received the degree as a qualifying degree in the lodge, was not required to take the degree of Past Master in a Chapter, proving the ceremony to have been the same in American jurisdiction.

Today, in most lodges in the British Isles, and those working under those jurisdictions, the degree is referred to as *Installed Master*. Hughan tells us that the degree of actual and virtual Past Master was not the same, he adds that the ceremony in Bristol (England) “for at least 150 years, Masters of Lodges have been installed with a secret ceremony (1872?). It was his opinion the ceremony had been invented “by the schismatic grand lodge”, although recent developments show that it was not a *schismatic* grand lodge, although the Ancients may have perfected the degree.

As to the Bolton record, which we have previously referred to, it was November 30, 1769, at which time four brethren “passed the chair”. Hughan gives us the first mention of the degree:

At the constitution of Royal Cumberland Lodge at Bath, May 18, 1733, there were present several brethren, six of whom described as “Masters” and four were styled “Pass’d Master”. He is of the opinion that the “Masters” and four who had already received the Master Mason degree, while those who were “Pas’d Masters” were those who had been raised at that meeting, or who may have been actually—Past Masters.

We are greatly indebted to the Irish Lodge CC for material contained in its *Transactions*; we quote from Irish records showing the custom in Irish Lodges:

Between March 7, 1784 and December 12, 1785, 14 brothers were made Excellent, Super Excellent and Royal Arch Masons, none of whom according to the minutes received the degree “Passed the Chair”. From 1785-1796, there is a gap during which time the “Passed the Chair” had been separated from the Royal Arch degree and made a subsidiary, (CC, 1913-24, page 228).

Another record:

Before 1797, the degree later known as above (Past Master), does not seem to have been separated from the then Master Mason. Upon being converted (1801) to Royal Archism, the old members accepted “Passed the Chair” as a separate entity; yet at the same time they appear to have insisted upon it being sponsored as part and parcel of Royal Arch Masonry. If necessary, “Passed the Chair” could be detached from the Royal Arch in order to confer it upon Master-elect, or a Warden-elect when installed...It was no more than an elaborated portion of the Master’s part (MM). It was referred to as the 4th degree (1803) when conferred on William Silk. In 1818, it became a separate degree.

During the period 1785-1796, in Ireland, there was an interval which shows that a

degree, subsidiary to, and dominated by, Royal Arch, had been detached from the latter and called “Passed the Chair”, as is shown by this Minute:

24 March, 1798, Br Weyms Disney and Br Francis Amyrot regularly passed the chair. Lodge called up to an Excellent Lodge when the aforesaid Brethren were raised to that degree when the Lodge called up to a Super Excellent Lodge when they were advanced to that Degree. (CC, 1923, page 228)

21 April, 1798, Brother Amyott and Brother Wil (lis) attended were raised to the Degree (Royal Arch) with all accustomed forms. (CC, 1923, p 228)

On January 25, 1800, the phrase “virtually pas’d the Chair” appears for the first time, although the use of the former phrase continued to be used. In 1700 occurs the first reference to “Passed the Chair” as a separate degree. (CC, 1923, p 234) In 1792, two brethren were “pass’d the Chair preparatory to Receiving the Higher Degrees”.

In the period 1801 to 1818, the degree of “Pass’d the Chair” seems to have been taken over by the Chapter, after those dates, the Chapter apparently returned the authority to the Lodge, where it has remained. There is also evidence that brethren may not have been elected Master of a Lodge until they had attained the Royal Arch Degree. Many lodges in Ireland had been conferring the degree upon candidates who had never actually served as Masters; as a result of this the practice was changed.

It is probable that in the beginning, very little ceremony was attached to the conferring-or granting-of the degree. But some printed rituals of the time infer that a secret ceremony had developed, causing Gould to comment:

The growing practice by the “Ancients” of conferring the “Arch” upon brethren not legally qualified to receive it, brought about a *constructive* passing through the chair, which by qualifying candidates not otherwise eligible, naturally entitled the introduction or a ceremony, *additional* to the simple forms known to Payne, Anderson and Desguliers.

And there is abundant evidence that even the Moderns were forced, or at least did, work a *constructive* Past Master Degree.

As early as 1769, November 30, four brethren at Bolton were “Installed Masters”, and we are told.

This is the first record of brethren being made installed Masters, or “*passing the chair*” in order to qualify them for the Royal Arch. The custom of “*passing the chair*”, thus commenced, was continued in the Lodge down to 1846.

Let it be noted that not all who received the Royal Arch in the Lodge were installed a Past Masters, and even Master Masons were admitted as Royal Arch Masons. Hughan does not believe the ceremony of installation of an *actual* Past Master to have been the same as for a *constructive or supposed* Past Master, the former not being of an esoteric character.

From the Lodge of Research CC *Transactions* (Ireland) we learn that a candidate for Past Master was taken.

From among his fellows.

And presented to the Grand Master.

Then the Grand Master, placing the Candidate on his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous Consent of all the Brethren (constituted them into a new lodge and appoints the Candidate to be Master thereof) not doubting of your capacity and Care to preserve the Cement of the Lodge &c with come other Expressions that are proper and usual on the Occasion, but not proper to be written.

The same volume states:

There is ample evidence in Irish Minutes Books, late 18th early 19th centuries similar to the evidence in the minutes of Birr Lodge, to demonstrate that a Brother who had received the degree of “Passed the Chair”. But who had never actually served as Master of a Lodge, in the absence of the actual Master, often was called from among his fellows, who were seated on the floor of the Lodge, to preside in the Chair.

For many years, it was thought and published to the world, that the Grand Lodge of Ancients in London was a schismatic body which broke away from the older Grand Lodge of England. This fiction has been disproved by more recent writers, all of which makes it easier for us to understand the growth of Royal Arch degree.

For the earlier Craft in England, under Anthony Sayer and his successors, expressed itself largely in conviviality, and catered to the so-called “upper strata” of English society. Dermott, on the contrary, came from the Irish middle strata and was more concerned in “restoring morality” to Freemasonry—at least so said Brother Crawley.

Those “Certain Significant Ceremonies”

According to the Old Constitutions, the making of Master was plainly set forth, at least as plainly as it was possible to do so without giving away the esoteric instruction. In installing a new Master, the installing officer used the words:

Not doubting of your capacity and care to preserve the Cement of the Lodge etc...with some other Expressions that are proper and usual on that Occasion, built not proper to be written.

This was ample evidence that certain words, grips, or expressions were made plain to the new Master by “certain significant Ceremonies and Ancient Usages”.

In thus investing the Master, it was the custom for the new Master to be taken from among his brethren, brought up to the East, and placed beside the Grand Master. There was no expressed requirement for the remainder of the brethren to retire while these secret instructions were being given, but the general plan was for the brethren to take their places in the West, behind the Senior Warden’s Chair, where they stood with their faces turned toward the West. In the meantime, the Installed Masters gathered about the Master’s Chair, forming a protective screen from the brothers in the West. The Secret Instructions were imparted in a whisper, and the new Master was installed. It is thought that this method was necessary, for in the earlier days, lodges were not provided with the necessary ante-rooms.

And in 1810, the premier Grand Lodge of England resolved,

That it appeared to this Lodge that the Ceremony of Installation of Masters of

Lodges is one of the two Landmarks of the craft (that have been in question) and ought to be observed.

And this was quite an admission for a Grand Lodge which only a few years before had criticized Dermontt and his “Irish Work”.

In the French system, there was a degree which very closely resembled that of the Past Master degree as found in Ireland, Scotland, and England. The *Monitor Maconnique* (Paris, 1850), describing such a degree referred to it as *Maitre Passe* (Past Master).

Then follows this descriptive material:

One is given the right to preside over Lodges.

One is not permitted to preside over a lodge if one is not a Past Master, or if one has not received the degree of Past Master.

This degree which is inserted in the series of 33^o, is in the effect the complement of the Master's Degree, and properly belongs in the first (or Craft) series. The color is red as in the symbolic lodges (in Anglo-Saxon countries it is blue-ED).

Officers are the same as in lodges of the first degree.

The *sign* is “place the fingers of the right hand behind the ear.”

The *grip* is “grasp each other by the little finger of the right hand, the other fingers being firm and joined mutually (le ponce).

The *password*: Zebulon—Habitat par Excellence; the Heavens; the Place of God. (Note—in many other rituals is found the words: Joh-ah-bul-um, Ja-bu-lum, Ji-bell-um, or Chi-bel-lum.

Sacred Word: in giving the grip, press of one hand; one says:

What shall we make with the stone?

Response:

Heave it over.

Jewel: A jewel of gold; in the center are the two columns B, and J. Between and above the columns is the Blazing Star with a Jod in the center, all surrounded by the letters HTSTKS.

Past Master or Excellent Master

In the United States, during the formative period of Royal Arch Masonry, the degree was referred to as *Excellent Degree*, not to be confused with the *Most Excellent Master* degree. The Super Excellent degree was then often referred to in connection with the Royal Arch. The nomenclature of those early days is still the marvel of Masonic students, because the same name may have referred to different degrees. For example, the *Super Excellent* (Master) degree of today is quite different from the one referred to a century and a half ago. And in Scotland at this time the *Excellent Master* is same as the American first section of the Royal Arch; quite often we find record of the Red Cross Order being conferred as a preliminary to the Royal Arch and designate by both names—*Most Excellent and Super Excellent degrees!*

Until about 1813, the use of the word “Passed” was current; it is said that even after the Grand Chapter was formed, it was only necessary to produce a certificate that the applicant was a “Geometrical Mason” to entitle him to be passed to the Royal Arch, and the candidate was privately *passed the chair* as a preliminary ceremony.

The progenitor of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 was the Grand Assembly of Knight Templar in Edinburgh; its minutes state that it worked the “steps”:

Past the Chair
Excellent
Super-Excellent
Royal Arch
Knight of Malta
Knights Templar

In Edinburgh Chapter (Scotland) No. 1, on April 17, 1895, a letter was read from the Grand Scribe E. intimating that:

Companion J. B. Burnie had, without being aware of the consequence, affiliated in the Mark degree, and taken the so-called “Chair Master degree”, in the Defensive Bank Mark and Chair Lodge. He had since renounced all connection therewith and no longer recognized the degrees referred to, and that he is now free to be admitted to any Royal Arch Chapter holding of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

Past Master Degree

What is known as the “Chair Degree” does not now exist in Scotland in that form. Probably in many of the old Lodges there was a ceremony or a degree in which no real secrets were conferred, and which was considerably a matter of horse play or at least conviviality.

After the constitution of Supreme Grand Chapter, the matter was taken under the wing of Supreme Grand Chapter as a proper degree, and was not worked or recognized as a degree by any other body, Masonic or otherwise. In point of fact, charters were granted for what were known as the Mark and Chair Lodges and Degrees. There were some four or five of these actually granted and worked. They all became dormant, with one exception, which was merged in Chapter Edinburgh Defensive Band No. 278. They renounced their Mark and Chair Charter and accepted a Royal Arch Charter, but their charter is actually preserved in the Register House of Edinburgh.

The reason for ceasing to work the Chair Degree was by agreement between Supreme Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The former body suppressed the Past Master or Chair Degree, and the Grand Lodge took it over, not as a degree, but as a ceremony, though they might as well call it a degree, which it is.

At the same time this arrangement was made, the agreement was entered into by which either Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge could work the Mark Degree. By this process, the Mark Man which was once attached to the Fellow Craft, and which all along remained under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, and the Mark Master which Grand Lodge repudiated in the beginning of the 19th Century, and which ever since then had been under the sole jurisdiction of Grand Chapter, were merged in one, but the joint degree was restricted to Master Masons.

The Past Master’s Degree or Ceremony, now recognized by Grand Lodge was not the “Chair” Degree. No bodies had the right to work the “mark” and “Chair” except those with charters, and the “Chair” Degree was given to all and sundry, whether they were actually Past Masters of Lodges or not, whereas the present Past Master Degree is given only to those who occupy, or have occupied, the chair of a Scottish Lodge.

In Scotland, Canada, Australia and the United States, R. A. Principals need not be

installed Masters. In Ireland, on the other hand, the first Principal must have completed his term as Master of a Craft Lodge. Under the New Zealand jurisdiction, the first Principal must be an installed Master and the other Principals must be Wardens.

Past Master in Scotland

G. Walker Arnott of Scotland, writing John Fowler in Dublin, in 1844, said:

Do you give these (Mark and Past) under the authority of the grand lodge—or only in a chapter? If the Past is not given in a lodge (Our grand lodge forbids it) we form and irregular lodge of *three* Past Masters as it must be had before entering a chapter. The Mark can be given in the chapter. The chapter also has power to give any degree, whether of knighthood or not—that is not Christian. The Grand Conclave permits all *Christian* degrees to be given in an encampment or priory.

Various References to Degree of Past Master

Hughan, in his “English Rite” quotes from the records of Lodge No. 73, dated December 3, 1734:

Our said R.W. Master was pleased to direct that a Lodge of Masters should be held....at which time the said. . . should be severally admitted to the degree of Master on their paying severally 5s (shillings) a piece to ye box and 12d (pence) to y’ Door Keeper.

The several brethren following were in due form admitted to ye degree of Master . . . after which a general lodge was formed.

In Bath, England (Royal Cumberland Lodge), there were listed in 1733: a Master, Wardens, Fellow Crafts, six brethren described as Masters, and four styled “Pass’d Masters.”

A by-law of this lodge prescribed that:

Every Fellow Craft who is found able and cunning in the judgment of the officers, and desirous to pass Master, shall pay five shillings.

The same author states that on December 29, 1768, at Bolton, England, several brethren were “arched”. Of nine of these, three had not served in the chair before exaltation, and one was never installed. This is noteworthy because, even at this period, virtual or honorary---instead of actual Past Masters were eligible for Royal Arch Masonry, and sometimes Master Masons only.

We revert to Carlile’s expose, taken from the Finch ritual of an earlier date (1925). Here we find a “hand to wrist” grip, which referred to a penalty, identified as the present Mark Master. The four knocks used in the Carlilie’s degree is proof that it was then regarded as a fourth degree. And there was a sign which required the thumb to be placed perpendicular on the lips “between the nose and chin”. The sign was “extending the arm at length with the thumb and finger as if holding a plumb line”. The Chief Word, as it was called, “Giblum”, or Chibbelum. The instructions said that the grip was “to begin with Mark Master and work up similar grip as high as the elbow.”

The Degree Today

In Ireland, the degree was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of

Ireland from 1829-1864 and quite often referred to as “the fourth or sublime degree of Past Masters”. Then, February 5, 1851, the Grand Lodge decided that “such practice” (conferring of Past Master degree) is not recognized...and is strictly prohibited”, since which time the degree has been confined to actual Masters of Lodges, a ceremony, much like that of the Installed Master in England is worked but not in connection with the chapter. The ceremony is rather lengthy and involves many charges to officers and brethren. The degree as a prerequisite for the Royal Arch was dropped in 1864 (one writer says 1882).

In England, the only requirement is that the petitioner for exaltation be “four weeks a Master Mason”, and the Installed Master degree is not required. The degree was originally worked by the Ancient Grand Lodge, and according to Gould “to qualify brethren for the degree of the Royal Arch, which could be conferred only on actual, or Past Masters, of “lodges”. In 1810, the Moderns adopted the degree, but it apparently lost its official standing with the Union of the Grand Lodges in 1813, for it is not mentioned in the compact. Before that time, Masters of London lodges were summoned “to receive the benefit of Installation”.

In Scotland, the Grand Lodge assumed control of the degree in 1872; when this was done the chapters dropped it as a pre-requisite for the Royal Arch.

Lodges in other parts of the British Empire, as a rule, follow the example of their parent jurisdiction.

Lodges in the United States, in only two or three instances, now confer the degree upon those elected Masters of lodges; this was once the custom in most American Grand lodges.

Early monitors devote page after page to the exoteric ceremony; since 1797, it has been one of the four degrees in the Capitular system of the General Grand Chapter; only in the case of Pennsylvania is the degree not conferred. Because it was held by the Grand Lodge as a part of the lodge system, it required a dispensation each time the degree was conferred in the Chapter; it also required a \$10.00 fee. Since the Grand Chapter had no control over it, it was abolished several years ago.

The Degree of Past Master

Fortunately there has been preserved a copy of the Charge delivered in the St. Andrew's Chapter and the Chapter at Newbury Port.

The first appears to be the work of Duplessis, and the writing is his. The second is in handwriting unknown to us. There is a certain similarity in both Charges which prove that the essentials of the Past Master degree were virtually the same in each chapter.

The Charge in the Newbury Port Chapter is given in full:

Worshipful Sir:

I am desir'd to install you to your high office & though I wish this honor had fallen to the lot of a brother better informed in the matter, and more equal to the task, I cannot but confess it is grateful to me.

Give me leave, Sir, to seat you in this Chair, and to invest you with this Badge of your office—*this* will silently admonish you always to do Justice to the cause of Masonry, to consult, as the exalted rank you now hold amongst us—demand of you & to promote its real interest, it will instruct you to infuse into your lodge of which you are now the head, the true spirit of our Order, the philanthropy, the charity, the

brotherly affection it is strongly inculcates: it will order you to make wise regulations for the good government of the fraternity, to give due consideration to the worthy members of it, to rebuke those who act contrary to its laws, who instead of promoting harmony, sow the seeds of discord, & are actuated by a spirit of unjust opposition, & it will direct you, Worshipful, to fix indelible marks of infamy & reproach upon those whose lives are a disgrace to this, & every other society.

To you, Worshipful Sir, I now deliver this emblem of that power with which you are now invested; always make use of it (indeed I have not doubt, but always you will) for the good of our benevolent institution, and let us all look up to you as its protector and defense.

I now present you Worshipful Sir, that piece of divine furniture so essential to our craft. In these sacred writings are to found the sublime parts of our ancient mystery; in them are most strongly portrayed the social and moral duties, without which no man can be a Mason. These writings you will, doubtless, direct your lodge, and to read, consult & to study.

I next Sir, deliver to you these tools of operative Masonry by which are to Free and Accepted Masons the most expressive symbols—these will direct you, worshipful sir, to reduce all rude matter into proper form—to bring to due submission (should human frailty render it necessary) the jarring and irregular passions of your lodge, and to circumscribe them by Harmony, good order & decorum.

And lastly, Sir, I present you the Book of Constitutions in which are contained the Rules & Orders made at different periods for the good government of their society in which these changes are to be met with, which shows its nature, its wisdom, & its utility,—this Book, Worshipful Sir, you will, without doubt, make yourself acquainted with; --to endeavor to elucidate such passages as seem obscure; to endeavor to throw upon Masonry—that brightness it deserves & to make it, in all its parts, worthy of the attention of men the most penetrating and judicious.

Masonry has been greatly injured by admitting improper person (Note--Duplessis proved to be one of these) to it privileges—I warn you, if you should even after be at the heads of a lodge, to be particularly cautious not to initiate but such as are worthy;--be well assur's that their conduct is regulated by virtue, and their bosoms inspired by the Love of Knowledge—all are not proper to admitted into masonry; whose influence ought to be universal, but whose privilege should not be made too common; and you are yourself well convinced that there are some amongst us—who take the shadow for the substance, --who are acquainted with ceremonies, but catch not the point of the profession---Morality, Philanthropy & Secrecy, should adorn the candidate for Masonry; & a lodge properly conducted is not only the school of Virtue but of knowledge.

Long may you enjoy the wishes of your affectionate brothers & may we Brethren, like true Masons, always pay submission to the powers that be; and always strive, by well doing, to put to silence that ignorance of foolish men, and by walking uprightly, acquire a good name & carry it with us to the end of life; not doubting but that it will prove the certain password to gain us admittance into the celestial lodge, where our Supreme and merciful grand master will receive to the full enjoyment of perfect happiness the worthy Masons of all nations and religions of all orders and degrees.

The charge given in S. Andrew's Chapter differs little from that in Newbury Port. In each instance the Holy Bible, the Square and Compasses, the Mallet (Gavel) and the Book of Constitutions are presented to the candidate, although different language is used. Note also the seating in the Oriental Chair, this being the first act performed by the Installing Officer.

Both end with an admonition. Both charges use language strangely familiar to modern ears. It should not be hard for a student to trace the source of our present day ritual.

Right Worshipful Brother: I feel a peculiar pleasure and satisfaction in the discharge of my duty on the present occasion in installing you Master of this lodge. I need not remind you of the importance and responsibility of the office but permit (me) to express an earnest wish that you may faithfully discharge the duties thereof, and demonstrate to the brethren over whom you are to preside that you are worthy of the confidence reposed in you.

I feel confident, my brother, that those who have called you to this important station will lend you their aid and assistance in supporting the dignity of the Chair, and in the discharge of their respective duties.

It devolves on me to place you in the East in the Chair once occupied by our Illustrious Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, and to invest you with the insignia of badges of your office...

Please be seated

I will now invest you with this Jewell. It is your appropriate badge as Master. It will remind you of the high station and rank to which you have been elevated by your brethren—and let it continually remind you of the numerous obligations you are under to the fraternity at large and to this lodge in particular.

I next present you with the Square, which will teach you to guard your actions by the square of virtue and let me impress it upon you never to lose sight of this important instrument in any of your concerns with the world.

The compass will teach you to regulate your passions and circumscribe your desires, that they may never carry you beyond bounds of order and decorum

With this Mallet you will be able at all times to command respect, and preserve good order and harmony in the lodge.

Having invested you with these insignias and badges of distinction, I now transmit to your charge the Constitution and By-Laws, which you will be careful never to lose sight of, nor forget to impress a knowledge of them on the members of your lodge.

Finally, I present you with the Sacred Volume—the Great Light of Masonry—this will point out to you, not only your duty as a Mason, but as a rational and intelligent being, your relations to God and man; may its sacred precepts light up your way, to the temple not made with hands, and may you finally be numbered among the most perfect of our great family on friendship and brother love.

I now leave you in charge of this lodge, and let me solicit you once more, so to conduct yourself on this occasion as not to depart from any of the ancient usages, and thereby stumble in the threshold of your duties. Remember that you have promised to preserve the Landmarks immovable. Remember also you have solemnly engaged, not to govern this or any other lodge in an arbitrary manner, but on all occasions to submit to the majority for the Harmony of the whole.

“Passing the Chair” in Ireland

Writing us before his death, January, 1954 Brother Philip Crossle of Ireland had this to say about the degree of Past Master:

In Ireland, our earliest reference to a distinct ceremony called “passed the Chair” occurs in the year 1798. This ceremony merely comprised an examination at the conclusion of which, in order to enable him to precede to the Royal Arch, the Brother was entrusted with a password *fhakhl*, and a sign (the plumb-line). The Sign was common to the Wardens, as well as the Master, that is the Level for the Senior Warden, and the Plumb for the Junior Warden. In those days, inasmuch as a Master-elect generally was a Royal Arch Masson, when installed in this Blue Lodge, he was not required to again “pass the Chair”. This custom received official recognition when the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland was established in the year 1829. In 1862, however, so far as Royal Arch Masonry was concerned, the examination known as “to pass the Chair” was abolished. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had hitherto retained the ceremony of communicating the pass-word and sign when the Master-elect was installed in the Chair of this Blue Lodge. But the ceremony was not regarded as a Masonic degree, because no member of the Lodge (not even the Entered Apprentice) was required to retire from the Lodge room. It was not until about 1880-1890 that our Grand Lodge of Instruction for Ireland decided to institute what we now call the degree of *Installed Master*, somewhat similar to the English degree.

In the year 1829, it was resolved that Past Masters should enjoy the privilege of being regarded as members of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Grand Secretary Fowler was ordered to open the Register of Past Masters. Fowler died in 1856 having neglected to open the Register—he found it difficult to compel obstreperous Lodges to observe the Laws and Regulations. His successor, Lucius Deering, upon taking office, hastened to enforce the order to send up a Register of Past Masters. For the purpose each Lodge was ordered to send up a return of Past Masters. Upon receiving this return, and comparing it with the names of Brethren who had served as Master of the Lodge, Deering found that many of the so-called Past Masters never had served as Master. In reply to this inquiry why these brethren had never been returned as Past Masters, he was informed that they had received the degree of Past Master. Upon this information being reported to Grand Lodge, it was ordered that the Lodges must not confer that degree, because in Ireland (officially), there was no such degree as Past Master. In conveying this order, Deering admitted there was an Installation Ceremony for a Master-elect, but in nowise could “Installation” be regarded as a Masonic degree.

Deering had to hammer the Lodges before he could make them observe the Grand Lodge order. It was not until I now study the “Charles James” manuscript that I realize that “to pass the Chair”, and to receive the degree of Past Master, must be entirely different ceremonies. The former was an examination only; the latter was a Masonic *degree*. Furthermore, the latter is the “Past” “which Arnott in his letters (1841) brackets together as the “Mark & Past”. We might be able to demonstrate that the former may be likened to McDonald’s cipher writing for Fellows of the Craft (our present Master Mason) in the North and South, and the

latter likened to his cipher writing for the Masters (of the lodge) in the East and West.

In Whytehead's *History of Mark Masonry in England*, he quotes a record of 1707 of a dispute between the Journeyman's Lodge and Mary's Chapel Lodge, Edinburgh. In that record the "Mark Master" is described as Master of the Lodge—or shall we say Master of the Marks? Brother Whytehead surmises that said "Mark Master" simply was equivalent to our Installed Master. In America the Master of a Lodge is not regarded as an Installed Master, as understood on this side of the Atlantic.

Recently, in a discussion with an old brother Mason from the North of Ireland, concerning our present Irish degree of "Installed Master", he informed me that in his youth he had often heard that the word for degree was (M.E.M.) *qzaanmb*, not (P.M.) *fhakhl*. And his description of the penal sign of a Past Master (as he remembers it of old) corresponds with the penal sign described in the "James" manuscript.

The "Charles James Manuscript" gives a ritual under the title. "The Past Masters Degree". On one page, a word is mentioned, but not named. That word was (M.E.M.) *qzaanmh*. On another page is an important statement that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons in England have preserved the ritual of the said "Past Master Degree" using it for what is now known as the "Degree of Very Worshipful Master of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons." Upon comparing the ritual of "The Past Masters ritual of the "The Past Master's Degree" (James MSS) with that of the said degree of V.W. Master, except for a modification in the secret Word, both rituals are alike. The secret Word has been absurdly modified, to mean "Prince, or Chief of Builders". Ireland did not adopt the ritual of the degree of V.W. Master until about 1890. Now compare the ritual of the "Past Master Degree (James MSS) with the ritual of (2) Excellent Master (as worked on the American side of the Atlantic). In (1) the candidate is received with the Past Master Jewel, while in (2) it is the keystone. In the former, the Senior Warden's Jewel, is suspended from the candidate's arm, and, on his left arm, the Junior Warden's jewel. In the latter, the brethren suspend their insignia upon the Arch. This suspending of the insignia is very old custom. Indirectly, it can be traced back to the 17th century in Scottish records. In (1) and (2), the legend is the same—Adoniram chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of a Principal. One of the signs is somewhat similar in both cases.

The presumption is that "The Past Masters Degree" (James MSS), the Excellent Master (America), and the obsolete "Arch" (East side of Atlantic), all have a common origin and should not be confounded with the ceremony formerly known as to "pass the Chair", or to "virtually pass the Chair", now known as the Degree of Installed Master (our side of the Atlantic) and the Degree of Past Master (your side). The phrase "passed the Chair", as expressed by D'Assigny (1744) and by the many subsequent century records, implies nothing more than that literal rendering of the phrase. The implication can be proved by citing entries from the Minute Books extending into the (1860's). It was the early 18th Century Fellow of the Craft (our present Master Mason) who had to "pass the Chair". Upon passing, the examination was given a pass-word, *fhakhl*, and the sign of the plumb. He was informed that the penalty was s.o.t.r.h. This penalty is depicted on some of our early 19th century Royal Arch engravings. Bear in mind the Portsmouth record of 1769 and

McDonald's explanation that there was one form of cipher writing for the Mark Mason (the Fellows) and another for the Mark Master (Master and Wardens), therefore, it would seem that to "pass the Chair" (perhaps Mark Mason) was for the Fellow of the Craft (our present Master Mason) before he could become a Mark Master (Master of his Lodge), and that the "Degree of Past Master" (Mark Master) merely indicates further advancement in Masonic knowledge.

Could we not demonstrate that the Freemasons of the 18th century regarded Mark Mason, and to "pass the Chair" as convertible terms—the same respecting Mark Master and Past Master. If our explanation of the 18th century references to a Mark Mason, and Mark ceremony, be acceptable to our readers, then it eliminates the assumptions that the ceremony is the direct predecessor of the working which today is known as the degree of Mark Master Mason. Furthermore, if the explanation be acceptable as tenable, then our readers should further accept our assumption that our present degree of Mark Master Mason was prepared by American Freemasons. It is in America that we find the earliest known Mark rituals which assimilate with the present day Mark ritual. True, these early rituals differ in detail but that is to be expected, owing to the distance apart of the places where these documents appear—hence the differences were of a local nature. Eventually, the differences in detail were adjusted by the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, to whom we are indebted for a Mark working that has been universally accepted by British speaking Freemasons.

Age of Degree

D'Assigny, in 1774, referred to Royal Arch Masons as—

"An organized body of men who have passed the chair and given undeniable proofs of their skills in architecture"

The practice of conferring the degree in Scotland is mentioned in Laurie's History of Freemasonry:

"The Lodge was opened on the third degree in a separate apartment, none but the Past Masters being present, then the Master-elect was examined as to his qualifications; if no objection is made, he is reported to the brethren as qualified to discharge the duties of Master of the Lodge; and when elected, is obligated by the Past Masters to faithfully discharge the duties of the office, by rewarding industry and promoting merit, seeing that the workmen are regularly and justly paid, and the funds faithfully accounted for; also that he maintain and enforce the laws of the Order. He also received a Word, Sign and Token."

On December 4, 1771, the minutes of an *Ancient* Lodge states:

"Dermott expatiated a long time on the scandalous method pursued by most of the Lodges on St. John's Day, in passing a number of brethren through the Chair, on purpose to obtain the sacred Mysty's of the Royal Arch.

"The Deputy was answered by several brethren, that there were many members of lodges, who from their Professions in Life, the sea for example, that could never regularly attain that part of Masonry, tho' very deserving men."

Laurie goes on to state:

“Previous to the introduction of symbolic Masonry into Scotland, advancement to the chief office in Lodges was unmarked by any ceremonial further than the exaction of an oath of fealty from the newly elected brother. Even after the operative element had been eliminated from the Lodges, the form of installation or ‘chaining’ that was first adopted was exceedingly simple.

“On his election, the Master was shown the Chair by the old Master, who invested him with the jewel of office, and gave the salute, in which the brethren joined.

“With the introduction of ‘High Masonry’ came the dogma that no brother could legally preside in a Lodge until his reception of the Chair Degree. This ceremony originally bore some resemblance to the ‘chaining’ which was clandestinely practiced in many old Scottish Lodges a quarter of a century ago—a ceremony in which order and misrule are made alternately to predominate to inspire the novitiate with a sense of dignity and responsibility that pertain to the President of the Lodge of Freemasons. This mock installation has gradually disappeared before the Degree of Installed Master was adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1872.”

Later it was decided that no person should thereafter be made a Royal Arch Mason except the legal representatives of the lodge, except in the case of a brother who was going abroad, and even in that case he was required to have been a registered Master Mason for a twelve month period, in addition to having the unanimous approval of his lodge.

Preston (1762-1818) tells us:

“The new Master was conducted to an adjacent room, where he is regularly installed and bound to his trust in ancient form, in the presence of at least three Installed Masters.”

Gould tells us that growing practice of the Ancients, in conferring the degree of Royal Arch upon brethren not qualified for it, had produced a “constructive passing through the chair, which by qualifying candidates not otherwise eligible” had necessarily entailed the adoption of a ceremony, which had enlarged the simple form in use by Anderson Payne and Desaguliers.

We refer again to Brother Hughan, whose “Origin of the English Rite” is a standard text-book on that subject. He is writing on the subject of “Installed Masters:”

“At a ‘Lodge of Emergency,’ on the 30th of November, 1769, at Bolton, four brethren were ‘Installed Masters.’ The historians of the lodge tell us:

“This is the first record of brethren being installed Masters, or Passing the chair,” in order to qualify them for the Royal Arch. The custom of passing the chair, thus commenced, was continued in the lodge room down to 1845.

“In the minutes above mentioned, an examination was required, the minutes reading:

“A Lodge of Emergency. When Brother John Aspinwall, Brother James Lever and Brother Richard. Guests were installed Masters, and afterwards Brother James Livesay sen., was re-installed.

“The first three brethren were not then Past Masters of the lodge, the only one in fact who ever served as Master being James Lever, installed 26th of December

1770, but the record is that of re-installation. James Livesay, sen., was installed Master on 24th of June 1769, consequently he was W.M. of the lodge on the 30th of November of the same year, when he was re-installed. I think therefore, that this register points to the fact that the ceremony of Installation of an *actual*, and that of a *constructive* or *supposed* Master, were not one and the same, possibly the first mentioned at that period not being of an esoteric character, so far as that lodge was concerned.

“There were nine brethren exalted on 29th December, 1768, when five shillings and three pence each were ‘received for Arching.’ The “Arching” seems to have been done in the lodge, which ‘assembled in ample form’ at an ordinary monthly meeting. Probably the ceremony was observed on the conclusion of the regular business, for it may be assumed only the favored few were admitted to that degree. Of these nine, three had not served in the chair before their exaltation, and one of the numbers never was ‘Installed’”

[A note say that Devonport Chapter No. 202, on July 28, 1788, required several brethren to be re-obligated and take the Royal Arch afresh, it requiring a dispensation from H.R.H. Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, in order that he might be “obligated to be passed the Chair, and after he was we exalted.”]

“Another reliable authority, Brother Robert Freke Gould (England) said:

“The Degree of Installed Master, or Past Master, would appear to have been invented by the schismatic Grand Lodge of England to serve as a *constructive* passing of the Chair, and thereby qualify brethren for the Royal Arch; which could only be communicated to actual or Past Masters of lodges. In other words, the practice by the ‘Ancients’ of conferring the Arch upon brethren not legitimately entitled to receive it, brought about a constructive passing through the chair, which by qualifying candidates not otherwise eligible, naturally entailed the introduction of a ceremony, additional to the simple forms known to Payne, Anderson and Desaguliers... .

“For a long period the degree of Past Master continued to be given in English chapters to all candidates for the Royal Arch, and the practice appears not to have been forbidden until 1826 . . .

“The Past Master’s degree continued to be conferred in Provincial and foreign chapters long after the practice had been put to and end in London . . .

“The Virtual Past Master was abolished in Ireland in 1864, and also for sometime in Scotland.”

In Ireland the Past Master’s degree is confined to Masters-elect of Craft lodges, and a ceremony of some sort is worked, as in England. The ceremony itself is rather lengthy. The charges to the officers are valuable, if followed as they should be, and the whole installation ceremony is most imposing according to the English ritual.

In England; the only requirement for exaltation is that the petitioner shall have been a Master Mason for at least four weeks.

In The Western World

In Pennsylvania, according to the Sesquicentennial History of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania on February 5, 1783:

“The Grand Master, at the particular request of the attending brethren, dispensed with the forms, and passed Brother Joseph Howells, Jr., to the Chair as Master of a Lodge, and he was saluted by the brethren accordingly.”

The ceremony is similar to the actual installation of a Master of a Lodge, and is, in effect, that of the Past Master of the Capitular System.

At about the same period, March 14, 1794, in the old St. Andrew's Chapter, in Boston, we find that the degrees of actual and virtual Past Master are interchangeable.

“James Prescott had been duly elected and installed Master of a regular lodge, *the ceremony of election and presiding should at this time be dispensed with, and its ceremony.*

Similar instances occur in most of the early Grand Lodges and their subordinates and early monitors devote many pages to the degree and its ceremonies.

Emblems of the Degree

The *Square*, which is one of the emblems of the degree, is explained and given a new interpretation; in the symbolic degrees it was explained as an instrument for squaring your work; here it becomes the symbol of one who had so squared his work that it is now an emblem of advancement, for it is the proper jewel of a Past Master.

Much might be said about the Square, for within its angles and sides are contained the ancient secrets set forth by Pythagoras—told to us in our symbolic degrees, but never explained. It is the ancient symbol of the 3-4-5, of which we shall hear more in a later degree. While little is said about the Square, the student Freemason will devote his time to a full consideration of its value.

Principal among the emblems of the degree is the *Gavel*. It is presented as an emblem of power and authority. It is necessary in any society to have organization. There can be no organization without some head. Freemasonry designates it head by bestowing the Gavel upon him who presides. He who receives the Gavel is cautioned to use it wisely and justly, for true Freemasonry tolerates no dictator. As long as the Gavel is used in maintaining dignity, decorum, and harmony among the membership, it is true to its Masonic purpose. If its holder becomes intolerant, prejudiced, unfair, and impressed with his own authority—then he is not fulfilling his duty to the Craft and he should be removed. Abuse of power quite often comes from the young or inexperienced, yet it is also found among the aged as well, especially the senile, whose facilities are so dulled as not to be able to evaluate modern conditions.

The Rank and Jewel of a Past Master

The rank of Past Master is a comparatively recent invention and dates from the time when there were many independent grand lodges in existence, which account for variations. The officers which date from earlier times have, with small variation, the same jewels in all countries. In England and Canada, the jewel of a Past Master is the 47th Proposition of the First Book of Euclid, between the arms of the Square. The origin of this is uncertain, but it is maintained by the Operative Guild that this illustrates one of the old Masonic trade secrets, namely, the method of forming a right angle by means of

three rods, of 3,4,5 units in length respectively. It seems reasonable that the Past Master, being no longer a working Mason, should be invested with the proof of an important geometrical proposition, in addition to the Square, the jewel of the Master of a Lodge. In Scotland, the jewel is the Square and Compasses on a Quadrant. In Ireland, it is the square and Compasses with the letter "G" in the center. According to a Masonic tradition in the United States, the jewel of a Grand Master was formerly the same as that of a Past Master in Ireland today, and this jewel was worn by the Grand Masters at the time of King Solomon. The Square and Compasses enclosing the letter "G" is used as the general emblem of the Craft in Canada and the United States at the present day. In the U.S. A. the jewel of Past Master is a pair of compasses extended to sixty degrees on a Quadrant, with a Sun in the Center.

The jewel of the Past Master, like that of the Worshipful Master, is essentially the Square. In the Grand Lodge of England, the latter bears the Square simple, while the former has the figure of Euclid's 47th Proposition added, so as to constitute what the heralds call a "difference." In Scotland, the Past Master's Jewel has the Compasses supporting the Square. So also in Ireland where the letter "G" in the Ecclesiastical Alphabet of the Middle Ages, familiar to builders of churches, was a perfect Square like the Greek Gamma. The Square came to be called the letter "G" as a gloss because, being the geometrical representation of the four lettered name of Jehovah, it was too sacred a word to be uttered before strangers. The identity of the letter "G" and the Square has been masked by the modern method of suspending the Square by the right angle. In Ireland, the Jewel was formerly suspended by a short bar in the position known as the Gallows Square, which is precisely the Gamma.

The jewel of a Past Master in New Zealand and Australia is the same as that under the Grand Lodge of England. On the Continent, there is really no such distinction, and when a Brother has served the Office of Master, he returns to the floor of the Lodge.

Teachings of the Degree

The candidate for the degree is cautioned never to let the question of rank or power influence him or create any feeling of superiority, which occasionally comes to those of advanced degrees. Freemasonry which produced such a feeling is not true Freemasonry. The Past Master degree teaches that all brethren are of equal rank and entitled to the same consideration and while, by reason of our rules, certain brethren must be selected to preside, yet it is not meant that this is to place them above their fellows.

No degree in Freemasonry dwells so much upon the Sacred Law as does this degree. The Past Master is taught the necessity of having the Sacred Law present at each meeting, the preservation of it and its teachings for future generations. In these days of atheistic and communistic leanings, it is good to know that one organization continues to stress the lessons contained in the Holy Writ. *We cannot imagine Freemasonry without the Volume of the Sacred Law.*

Finally, the candidate is taught that only those can teach who have studied the laws and customs of the fraternity; that those prove to be the best and most capable teachers who have themselves undergone the necessary experiences of life. That those who would rule should have been subjects; those who expect to be Masters should first be Craftsmen; and that the best ruler is he whose scepter is justice, whose throne is in the heart of humanity, and whose kingdoms builded in love.

The degree of Past Master has been much maligned in the past by those who have

failed to see, or to appreciate, the beauty of the lessons it teaches.

It is true the real beauty of the teachings is not readily apparent in many rituals, while in some jurisdictions a certain amount of irrelevant matter is injected which is calculated to ruin the effect of any lesson upon a candidate of culture and refinement.

The great lesson taught in this degree is that of Obedience to *Constituted Authority, Self Control, and Respect for the Sacred Law*. Virtues certainly deserving of cultivation in this busy and upturned world in which we live.

A *Lodge* governed by one who had received the Past Master degree, would never be governed except by Justice and Decorum!

A *State* actuated by the virtues taught in the degree, would never be governed by a Hitler or Mussolini!

A *World* which would accept the lessons taught in the degree of Past Master would never become the home of anarchy!

Surely, there are no greater values in civilization than *Harmony, Unanimity* and *Concord*. These are the characteristics of a sincere Past Master.

Where the degree is conferred in a dignified and impressive manner, it constitutes an essential feature of the Capitular system; where it is not so conferred, it serves no useful purpose except to add another degree to an already overdone Masonic system of degrees and rites.

ERRATA

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REFERENCE

The following pages give reference to historical and current information pertaining to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

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(Complete listing to be published every 10 years.)

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
April, 1973	Lewis C. Wes Cook	Edward McMurry	B. Lowman Graddy	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1974	Edward McMurry	B. Lowman Graddy	E. Allen Kohler	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1975	B. Lowman Graddy	E. Allen Kohler	Paul F. Sizze	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1976	E. Allen Kohler	Paul F. Sizze	Thomas E. Blankenship	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1977	Paul F. Sizze	Thomas E. Blankenship	Darrell W. Cross	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1978	Thomas E. Blankenship	Darrell W. Cross	P. Vincent Kindred	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1979	Darrell W. Cross	P. Vincent Kindred	Gene M. Zinn	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1980	P. Vincent Kindred	Gene M. Zinn	James H. Miller	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1981	Gene M. Zinn	James H. Miller	David A. Watson	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1982	James H. Miller	David A. Watson	Virgil L. Bailey	Roscoe A. Miller	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1983	David A. Watson	Virgil L. Bailey	James M. Williams	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1984	Virgil L. Bailey	James M. Williams	James E. Anderson	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1985	James M. Williams	James E. Anderson	Richard D. Carroll	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1986	James E. Anderson	Richard D. Carroll	Foster S. Crawford	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1987	Richard D. Carroll	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drawing	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1988	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drawing	Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1989	Ervin A. Drawing	Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.	Earl Wayne Orr	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1990	Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.	Earl Wayne Orr	Larry L. Muir	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1991	Earl Wayne Orr	Larry L. Muir	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1992	Larry L. Muir	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	James S. West	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1993	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	* James S. West	Harry O. Maemer	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1994	Harry O. Maemer	William E. Brenneman	Ralph P. Bunnell	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1995	William E. Brenneman	Ralph P. Bunnell	Calvin D. Schroff	E. Allen Kohler	* Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1996	Ralph P. Bunnell	Calvin D. Schroff	Robert W. Schlechter	E. Allen Kohler	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1997	Calvin D. Schroff	Robert W. Schlechter	Jose R. Palacios	E. Allen Kohler	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1998	Robert W. Schlechter	Jose R. Palacios	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Donald L. Trabue	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1999	Jose R. Palacios	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Roy R. Clements	Donald L. Trabue	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2000	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Roy R. Clements	Roy A. Welsch, Sr.	Donald L. Trabue	† Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2001	Roy R. Clements	Roy A. Welsch, Sr.	Delbert R. Gentry	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2002	Roy A. Welsch, Sr.	Delbert R. Gentry	Walter W. Doyle	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2003	Delbert R. Gentry	Walter W. Doyle	Harley L. Kropf	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2004	Walter W. Doyle	Harley L. Kropf	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2005	Harley L. Kropf	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2006	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Robert E. Hardester	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2007	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Robert E. Hardester	George L. Duncan	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2008	Robert E. Hardester	George L. Duncan	C. C. McLemore, III	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample

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YEAR	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	GRAND MASTER 3RD VEIL	GRAND MASTER 2ND VEIL
April, 1973	E. Allen Kohler	Harley E. Thomas	Frank Hazelrigg, Jr.	Kenneth H. Davis	August V. Butler
April, 1974	Paul F. Sizze	Hugh W. Harrison	Earl C. Foster	Adam F. Meister	W. Ralph Euler
April, 1975	Thomas E. Blankenship	J. Lynn Rider	Harry W. Tadlock	John Cado	Oscar Ryffel
April, 1976	Darrell W. Cross	P. Vincent Kinkade	James H. Miller	W. Carter Durbin	James S. Cunningham
May, 1977	P. Vincent Kinkade	Gene M. Zinn	John E. Crites	Copple L. Lay	Wade E. Miller
May, 1978	Gene M. Zinn	James H. Miller	James S. West	Dewey E. Aly	L. Dale Gardner
April, 1979	James H. Miller	David A. Watson	Richard D. Carroll	Fred P. Ward	Jerry F. Ward
April, 1980	David A. Watson	Virgil L. Bailey	Henry R. Stoker	John J. Darcy	Lacey Stapp
April, 1981	Virgil L. Bailey	James M. Williams	James S. Anderson	James S. Cunningham	Richard D. Carroll
April, 1982	James M. Williams	James E. Anderson	James S. Cunningham	Richard D. Carroll	Foster S. Crawford
April, 1983	James E. Anderson	James S. Cunningham	Richard D. Carroll	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drawing
April, 1984	James S. Cunningham	Richard D. Carroll	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drawing	Frank P. Wilkey, Jr.
April, 1985	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drawing	Frank P. Wilkey, Jr.	Earl Wayne Orr	Larry L. Muir
April, 1986	Ervin A. Drawing	Frank P. Wilkey, Jr.	Earl Wayne Orr	Larry L. Muir	Robert J. Crede
April, 1987	Frank P. Wilkey, Jr.	Earl Wayne Orr	Larry L. Muir	Robert J. Crede	Clarence L. Alumbaugh
May, 1988	Earl Wayne Orr	Larry L. Muir	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	James S. West	Harry O. Maerner
April, 1989	Larry L. Muir	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	James S. West	Harry O. Maerner	William E. Brennenman
May, 1990	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	James S. West	Harry O. Maerner	William E. Brennenman	Ralph P. Bunnell
May, 1991	* James S. West	Harry O. Maerner	William E. Brennenman	Ralph P. Bunnell	Calvin D. Schreff
May, 1992	Harry O. Maerner	William E. Brennenman	Ralph P. Bunnell	Calvin D. Schreff	Robert W. Schlichter
May, 1993	William E. Brennenman	Ralph P. Bunnell	Calvin D. Schreff	Robert W. Schlichter	Jose R. Palacios
May, 1994	Calvin D. Schreff	Robert W. Schlichter	Jose R. Palacios	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Roy R. Clements
April, 1995	Robert W. Schlichter	Jose R. Palacios	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Roy R. Clements	Roy A. Welsdon
May, 1996	Jose R. Palacios	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Roy R. Clements	Roy A. Welsdon	Delbert R. Gentry
May, 1997	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Roy R. Clements	Roy A. Welsdon, Sr.	Delbert R. Gentry	Walter W. Doyle
May, 1998	Roy R. Clements	Roy A. Welsdon, Sr.	Roy A. Welsdon, Sr.	Delbert R. Gentry	Harley L. Kropf
May, 1999	Roy A. Welsdon, Sr.	Delbert R. Gentry	Walter W. Doyle	Harley L. Kropf	William B. Stephenson, Jr.
May, 2000	Delbert R. Gentry	Walter W. Doyle	Harley L. Kropf	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.
May, 2001	Walter W. Doyle	Harley L. Kropf	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Robert E. Hardester
May, 2002	Harley L. Kropf	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Robert E. Hardester	George L. Duncan
May, 2003	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Robert E. Hardester	George L. Duncan	C. C. McLemore, III
May, 2004	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Robert E. Hardester	George L. Duncan	C. C. McLemore, III	Steven C. Monrous
May, 2005	Robert E. Hardester	George L. Duncan	C. C. McLemore, III	Steven C. Monrous	Calude M. Eckert
May, 2006	George L. Duncan	C. C. McLemore, III	Steven C. Monrous	Claude M. Eckert	John E. Schofield
May, 2007	C. C. McLemore, III	Steven C. Monrous	Claude M. Eckert	John E. Schofield	Roy L. Gilkey
May, 2008	Steven C. Monrous	Claude M. Eckert	John E. Schofield	Roy L. Gilkey	Roy N. Thomas

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YEAR	GRAND MASTER 1ST VIEL	GRAND SENTINEL	GRAND CHAPLAIN	GRAND LECTURER	FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE	REVIEW
April, 1973	Charles W. McElvea	Bernard M. Meeker	Roger V. Wreath	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1974	Harry M. Cutler	Robert C. Schmitmeier	Bual F. Bales	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1975	William W. Forrester	Woodrow W. O'Dell	Roger V. Wreath	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1976	George R. Johnson	John T. Lutz	Roger V. Wreath	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1977	Edwin Craycraft	John M. Bennett	Roger V. Wreath	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1978	Donald L. Flanders	William R. Probst	George G. Greenway	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1979	Charles R. McBea	Thomas W. Lingle	Marvin Fortel	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1980	Charles E. Davis	Vernon A. Evans	G. Maxwell Teeter	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1981	Foster S. Crawford	Nicholas L. Shelby	G. Maxwell Teeter	Leonard V. Bowers	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1982	Ervin A. Drewing	Herbert C. Krumrey	Lester Williams	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1983	Frank P. Willey, Jr.	Richard M. Easter	Eugene E. McFarland	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1984	Earl W. Orr	David H. Toomay	W. Tribbey Nickerson	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1985	Robert J. Crede	Albert L. Kowitz	E. L. Derking	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1986	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	Oscar T. Hagemann	Richard A. Behr	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1987	James S. West	Jerry B. Reeves	William E. Hull	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1988	William E. Brenneman	Gregory A. Leanning	Charles E. Burner	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
April, 1989	Ralph P. Bunnell	David R. Vogler	Richard A. Behr	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1990	Calvin D. Schroff	Homer R. Schremp	J. C. Montgomery, Jr.	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1991	Robert W. Schlichter	R. Clyde Foster	Kimber W. Key	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1992	Jose R. Palacios	R. Clyde Foster	Kimber W. Key	James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1993	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	James F. Fitzpatrick	Stanton T. Brown	* James S. West	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1994	Roy A. Welshon	Louis L. Monken	Kevin E. Weaver	Calvin D. Schroff	Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1995	Delbert R. Gentry	Grant W. John	Emory J. Hampel	Calvin D. Schroff	* Bruce Hamon Hunt	
May, 1996	Walter W. Doyle	Joseph H. Collison	William Gray	Calvin D. Schroff	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	
May, 1997	Harley L. Kropf	Stewart L. Sinclair	Robert W. Schmidt	Calvin D. Schroff	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	
May, 1998	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	George L. Duncan	Frederick J. Morrow	Calvin D. Schroff	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	
May, 1999	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	Thomas T. Herek	Harry O. Muerner	Calvin D. Schroff	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	James M. Williams
May, 2000	Robert E. Hardester	Malvin J. Sanders	Ralph E. Nolan	Calvin D. Schroff	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	James M. Williams
May, 2001	George L. Duncan	Floyd G. Eaves	William A. Moore	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2002	C. C. McLemore, III	Scott Welshon	Kevin E. Weaver	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2003	Steven C. Monroctus	Claude M. Eckert	Ralph E. Nolan	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2004	Claude M. Eckert	Kenneth L. Dunlap	Elton L. Cobb	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2005	John E. Schofield	Darrell A. Wilham	Robert W. Shoemeyer	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2006	Bobby R. O'Dell	See Appointments of GHP	Kevin E. Weaver	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2007	Roy N. Thomas	See Appointments of GHP	Kevin E. Weaver	Calvin D. Schroff	Kevin B. Sample	James M. Williams
May, 2008	Loren D. Lloyd	See Appointments of GHP	See Appointments of GHP	Kevin E. Weaver	Kevin B. Sample	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, awards the Distinguished Service Award to only one deserving and distinguished Companion in Missouri each year.

Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year
* Harley L. Wilson	1952	* Charles C. Bybee	1981
* Richard H. Ramsey	1953	* James Craig Rhea	1982
* Grover C. Layne	1954	* Alfred Whitfield Griffith	1983
* Ernest E. Browning	1955	Fred F. Stuecken	1984
* Emmitt L. Robinson	1956	* Howard D. Watkins	1985
* E. Jere Deal	1957	* Joseph H. Collison	1986
* Russell L. Dearmont	1958	Emory J. Hampel	1987
* R. H. Amberg	1959	* Elmer C. Owens	1988
* John J. Bowman	1960	John B. Browning	1989
* Harry Egbert Miller	1961	* Hubert R. Baumgarth	1990
* Henry W. Fox	1962	* Woodrow W. Blunt	1991
* John Burle	1963	Cletus E. Kueffer	1992
* John S. Smarr	1964	† Michael W. Klipp	1993
* Francis A. Ely	1965	* Melvin I. Weems	1994
* Harry S. Kline	1966	* Paul W. Kittle	1995
* Rex M. Whitton	1967	* Paul A. Delozier	1996
* Robert H. Arnold	1968	* George A. Blansett	1997
* George V. Welch	1969	D. Keith Duren	1998
* H. Roe Bartle	1970	George L. Duncan	1999
* Leif J. Sverdrup	1971	James C. Keethler	2000
* M. Graham Clark	1972	Melvin J. Sanders	2001
* William Wilmer Martin	1973	William A. Moore	2002
* Cal Hubbard	1974	Nelson G. Morgan	2003
* Elden J. Loveland	1975	Ralph E. Nolan	2004
* Joseph W. Nickle	1976	* William R. Probst	2005
* Lester Williams	1977	Arthur E. Carlson	2006
Howard R. McHenry	1978	Kevin E. Weaver	2007
* Ambers L. Dalton	1979	John E. Crites	2008
* Ernest C. Cottle	1980		

(* Deceased, † Dimitted)

GRAND CHAPTER LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS

1988			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Clarence Houser	Hannibal	7
2	Wade Miller	Tabernacle	54
3	Donald Venable	Liberty	3
4	Roy Davidson	Rolla	32
5	Hugh Roy	Rabboni	131
6	Howard Brewington	Solomon	130
7	Wallace Hamilton	Lebanon	64

1989			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Arthur Carlson	Shelbina	99
2	Robert Irwin	Mitchell	14
3	Harold Baker	William F. Kuhn	139
4	Harry Schmid	Orion	49
5	Verble Johnson	Oriental	78
6	George Miller	Uel-Median	129
7	B. K. Swingle	Bolivar	5

1990			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Emery Welsh	Putnam	123
2	Delbert Gentry	Trenton	66
3	Denver Kennedy	Grandview	145
4	Abner Gwinn	Jefferson City	34
5	Carl Hoeninger	St. Louis-Mo	1
6	H. Cline Carter	Kingsway	144
7	Robert Hughes	Greenfield	38

1991			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Woodrow Dodson	Canton	88
2	Wilfred Beckett	Cameron	67
3	Joseph Nolte	DeMolay	26
4	Joseph Murtagh	Fayette	94
5	Oscar Hageman		
6	Kenneth Sample	Poplar Bluff	114
7	C. C. McLemore	Greenfield	38

1992			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Kenneth Ward	Pike	86
2	Robert Kottman	Weston	4
3	Ralph Cantrell	Independence	12
4	Luther Fryer	Rolla	32
5	Lester Williams	Oriental	78
6	Roy Welshon	Cope Stone	33
7	Sam Shafer	Mountain Grove	137

1993

Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	None		
2	Arland Haynes	Gallatin	11
3	Steve Anderson	Kansas City	28
4	Stewart Sinclair	Triune	93
5	David Cook	Rabboni	131
6	None		
7	James Nunn	Vincil	110

1994

Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	William Bruce	Putnam	123
2	William Arney	Bethany	80
3	Mark Schroer	Lexington	10
4	Robert Hudson	Jefferson City	34
5	Jack Durham, Sr.	Rabboni	131
6	None		
7	Grant John	Lebanon	64

1995

Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Ronald Miller	Caldwell	53
2	Bernie Cabra	Gallatin	11
3	George Blansett	William F. Kuhn	139
4	Robert Bray	Fayette	94
5	Floyd Ward	Rabboni	131
6	Roger Schlime	Wilson	75
7	James Loomis	Meridian Sun	61

1996

Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	John Mendenhall	Marceline	118
2	Robert Hogan	Mitchell	14
3	Danny Ferguson	Clinton	73
4	Michael Glawson	Orion	49
5	Theodore Buckwick	St. Louis-Mo	1
6	Douglas Bothmann	Cope Stone	33
7	Leland (Pete) Pyle	Bolivar	5

1997

Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Russell Kohl	Macon	22
2	Richard Remelius	Mitchell	14
3	Dean Wisemore	Independence	12
4	Kenneth Dingman	Rolla	32
5	Richard Behr	Oriental	78
6	Cecil O. Blaylock	Wilson	75
7	Carroll Hendrickson	Meridian Sun	61

1998			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Amos G. Asmussen	Hannibal	7
2	Leo G. Whitaker	Trenton	66
3	James C. Rodgers	East Gate	136
4	James G. Wade	Columbia	17
5	Wayne E. Wilson	Bellefontaine	25
6	None		
7	Joe E. Hunt	Greenfield	38

1999			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1	Clyde Bondy	Putnam	123
2A	Glenn Chandler	Trenton	66
2B	Herman Collins	Mitchell	14
3A	Robert Whitney	Independence	12
3B	Harry D. Brown	William F. Kuhn	139
3C	Jack Timmons	Wyoming	43
4A	Robert Schmidt	Triune	93
4B	Larry D. Wyatt	Jefferson City	34
5	James W. Elam	Keystone	146
6	None		
7	Donald Doss	Springfield	15

2000			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	Charles Lee	Caldwell	53
1B	Clement Gunn	Shelbina	99
2A	None		
2B	John Thraikill	Bethany	80
3A	Melvin J. Sanders	Independence	12
3B	Frank B. Chester	William F. Kuhn	139
3C	James W. Williams	Wyoming	43
4A	Will Brantley	Columbia	17
4B	Edward Poecker	California	58
5	Kenneth Green	Keystone	146
5	Lionel J. Goede	Keystone	146
6	Bobby Roloff	Wilson	75
7A	Joseph Slater	Mountain Grove	137
7B	Jack Brown	Joplin	91

2001			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	Barry Cundiff	Caldwell	53
1B	Rodger D. Goings	Shelbina	99
2A	Don Peyton	Trenton	66
2B	Carroll Henson	Mitchell	14
3A	Joseph Bittiker	Mt. Washington	142
3B	Quinten D. Hinton	William F. Kuhn	139
3C	None		
4A	Marvin L. Painter	Columbia	17
4B	Breck Summerford	California	58
5A	William Townley	St. Charles	111
5B	Ronnie E. Green	Oriental	78
6	Chester Herrington	Wilson	75
7A	Leslie P. Rea	Vincil	110
7B	Everett Felkner, Jr.	Lamar	101

2002			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	None		
1B	Darrell A. Wilham	Shelbina	99
2A	Berl Williams	Lone Star	30
2B	None		
3A	Ronald L. Barrett	Liberty	3
3B	None		
3C	None		
4A	None		
4B	Nelson Morgan	Rolla	32
5A	David H. Lewis	Oriental	78
5B	Stanley Dugan	Cope Stone	33
6	Ronald G. Cunningham	Wilson	75
7A	Winston Allison	Bolivar	5
7B	James R. Leonard	Nevada	56

2003			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	None		
1B	Carl W. Lasswell	Shelbina	99
2A	Donald G. O'Dell	Lone Star	30
2B	None		
3A	None		
3B	William E. Rodgers	William F. Kuhn	139
3C	None		
4A	Phillip W. Engel	Triune	93
4B	Columbus Craft	Rolla	32
5A	Richard G. Grisham	St. Louis-Missouri	1
5B	James L. Inukai	Rabboni	131
6	Bill A. Humble	Poplar Bluff	114
7A	Lloyd V. Wagner	Greenfield	38
7B	Ted W. Blanchard	Lamar	101

2004			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	Loren D. Lloyd	Putnam	123
1B	Roger McGregor	Hannibal	7
2A	Larry T. Odom	Trenton	66
2B	J B Seevers	Mitchell	14
3A	Lester J. Brown	Liberty	3
3B	Robert W. Brizendine	East Gate	136
3C	John Pfeffer	DeMolay	26
4A	Walter D. Straight	Columbia	17
4B	George E. Ornsbey	Rolla	32
5	David R. Vogler	Oriental	78
6	Arthur C. Highman	Uel-Midian	129
7A	Arthur A. Whitman	Mountain Grove	137
7B	Floyed G. Eaves	Lamar	101

2005			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	None		
1B	Michael L. Dodd	Shelbina	99
2A	None		
2B	Lloyd F. Waller	Mitchell	14
3A	Frank von Geyso, III	Liberty	3
3B	None		
3C	Michael R. Lundeen	Grandview	145
4A	Richard A. Mills	Mexico	27
4B	Stephen C. Derendinger	California	58
5	Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.	Keystone	146
6	None		
7A	G. Stanley Greene	Springfield	15
7B	Bill D. Spiva	Tyrian	52
7B	Gary L. Jones	Nevada	56

2006			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	None		
1B	None		
2A	None		
2B	William F. Maugh	Mitchell	14
3A	William G. Snyder	Independence	12
3B	None		
3C	Russell L. Helmig	Wyoming	43
4A	None		
4B	Andrew L. Wyatt	Jefferson City	34
5	Kevin E. Weaver	Mt. Nebo	148
6	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Uel	129
7A	None		
7B	Orvie L. Conner	Tyrian	52

2007			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	Thomas C. Yunick	Caldwell	53
1B	Fred F. Stuecken	Moberly	79
2A	George T. Teeter	Lone Star	30
2B	William W. Mier	Mitchell	14
3A	Glenn E. Means	Independence	12
3B	Orville Newberry	East Gate	136
3C	Roy N. Thomas	Grandview	145
4A	Russell S. Hanson	Columbia	17
4B	Wesley C. Schneider	California	58
5	Eugene H. Sam	Mt. Nebo	148
6	Harold J. Richardson	Uel	129
7A	Michael E. Day	Lebanon	64
7B	Henry A. Freund	Tyrian	52

2008			
Region	Name	Chapter	No.
1A	David A. Lloyd	Putnam	123
1B	Richard A. Taylor	Shelbina	99
2A	Dan Daniel	Bethany	80
2B	Daryl L. Price	Mitchell	14
3A	Clayton Riley	Liberty	3
3B	David E. Miller	East Gate	136
3C	Ferrell D. Sexson	Wyoming	43
4A	Jerry Bradford	Triune	93
4B	George R. Shelley	California	58
5	Terry F. Kraft	Keystone	146
6	John V. Crampton	Wilson	75
7A	John W. Shoemaker	Greenfield	38
7B	Lee W. Smith	Joplin	91

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
TO AND FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI**

From Missouri	Jurisdiction	To Missouri
C. Horace Hampton	Alabama	Claude M. Eckert
James A. McMullin	Alaska	C. Pete Duncan
William G. Boone	Alberta Canada	Richard J. Holmes
Salomon Ernesto Bersusky	Argentina	Robert E. Hardester
Harry M. Hoppe, Jr.	Arizona	James G. Wade
Kenneth E. Story	Arkansas	Lionel J. Goede
	Austria	LeRoy D. Unruh
Jacques Dumont	Belgium	Gary A. Phillips
	Brazil	
	British Columbia and Yukon	Paul R. Cannon
Charles E. Trullinger	California	Louis L. Monken
Joe W. Summers	Colorado	Scott S. Crawford
Carl E. Aspland	Connecticut	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.
G. Thomas Taylor, III	Delaware	José R. Palacios
Theodore M. Kahn	District of Columbia	Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.
Olli Miettinen	Finland	Rocky E. Weaver
William L. Buck, Jr.	Florida	George R. Johnson
Charles Pidoux	France	Robert H. Bray
Albert F. Garner, Jr.	Georgia	Calvin D. Schroff
Christian P. Thomas	Germany	Terry Struse
	Greece	Ronnie E. Green
Theodore Felmer	Hawaii	Stanton T. Brown
Lloyd O. Moler	Idaho	Delno J. Spellman
J. Emerson Miller	Illinois	George L. Duncan
S. Natarajan	India	David Vogler
Joseph R. Haydock	Indiana	William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Jimmie E. Arnold	Iowa	Earl W. Orr
Mathew S. Cunningham	Ireland	James M. Williams
Avraham Monson	Israel	Kevin E. Weaver
Cesar Del Ponte	Italy	Russell S. Hanson
Robert C. Simmons	Kansas	Jack Timmons
Audley E. Wood	Kentucky	
Harold H. Young	Louisiana	Edgar F. Coonrod
Colwyn F. Haskell	Maine	Fred F. Stuecken
Charles (Ted) Yorke	Manitoba	Harley L. Kropf
Roy E. Rapp, Jr.	Maryland	William W. Mier
	Massachusetts	John E. Thraikill
Oscar J. Salinas	Mexico	Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.
Leslie G. Florida	Michigan	Jerry F. Ward
Herbert L. Snyder	Minnesota	Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.
Billy A. McNair	Mississippi	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Byron E. Hams	Missouri, PHA	Robert R. Anderson, Jr.
Dennis D. Prewitt	Montana	D. Keith Duren
Marlin D. Palasek	Nebraska	Guy D. Ross
A.J. Rieken	Netherlands	Fred M. Harle, Sr.
Gerald L. Ogle	Nevada	Clark McLemore
Allan Davis	New Brunswick	Harry C. Reed, Jr.

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TO AND FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI (Continued)**

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	Newfoundland	Matthew Quesenberry
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	Panama	Lewis C. Odneal
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	South Dakota	Dan Daniel
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Milton Ray Hager, PGHP	Tennessee	Charles A. Bottermuller
Wayne D. Groce	Texas	Ralph P. Bunnell
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Lloyd K. Hashmoto	Wyoming	Larry D. Wyatt

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**LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Living Past Grand High Priests	Year
Delno J. Spellman	1970-1971
Charles A. Bottermuller	1971-1972
E. Allen Kohler	1976-1977
P. Vincent Kinkad	1980-1981
Gene M. Zinn	1981-1982
David A. Watson	1983-1984
Virgil L. Bailey	1984-1985
James M. Williams	1985-1986
Richard D. Carroll	1987-1988
Foster S. Crawford	1988-1989
Ervin A. Drewing	1989-1990
Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.	1990-1991
Earl W. Orr	1991-1992
Larry L. Muir	1992-1993
Clarence L. Alumbaugh	1993-1994
Harry O. Maenner	1994-1995
William E. Brenneman	1995-1996
Ralph P. Bunnell	1996-1997
Calvin D. Schroff	1997-1998
Robert W. Schlichter	1998-1999
José R. Palacios	1999-2000
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	2000-2001
Roy A. Welshon, Sr.	2002-2003
Delbert R. Gentry	2003-2004
Walter W. Doyle	2004-2005
Kevin B. Sample (Honorary)	2005
Donald L. Trabue (Honorary)	2005
Harley L. Kropf	2005-2006
William B. Stephenson, Jr.	2006-2007
Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr.	2007-2008

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2008-2009 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Region	Name
1A	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr. (53, 118, 123)
1B	Darrell A. Wilham (7, 22, 55, 79, 86, 99)
2A	Dan Daniel (30, 66, 80)
2B	William W. Mier (4, 14)
3A	Ronald L. Barrett (3, 10, 12)
3B	Steven M. Anderson (28, 102, 136, 139)
3C	Ferrel Sexon (18, 26, 43, 90, 145)
4A	Terry R. Struse (17, 27, 93)
4B	Stephen C. Derendinger (32, 34, 58)
5	Dennis Fetter (1, 25, 78, 131, 146, 148)
6	Alfred L. Mason (33, 75, 114, 129)
7A	James A. Nunn (5, 15, 64, 110, 137)
7B	Christopher C. McLemore, IV (38, 52, 56, 61, 91)

2008-2009 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

Region	Name
1A	David A. Lloyd (53, 118, 123)
1B	Arthur E. Carlson (7, 22, 55, 79, 86, 99)
2A	Delbert R. Gentry (30, 66, 80)
2B	Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (4, 14)
3A	Scott S. Crawford (3, 10, 12)
3B	Forrest G. Lowe (28, 102, 136, 139)
3C	Jack E. Timmons (18, 26, 43, 90, 145)
4A	Russell S. Hanson (17, 27, 93)
4B	George E. Ornsbey (32, 34, 58)
5	Robert L. Wright (1, 25, 78, 131, 146, 148)
6	John E. Crites (33, 75, 114, 129)
7A	Walter W. Doyle (5, 15, 64, 110, 137)
7B	C. C. McLemore, III (38, 52, 56, 61, 91)

2008-2009 GRAND CHAPTER STANDING COMMITTEES

Address of Grand High Priest
Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr., Chairman
Credentials
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman
Ted W. Harrison
Phillip W. Engel
Jerry Bradford

2008-2009 GRAND CHAPTER STANDING COMMITTEES (Continued)

Education	
Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman	Roy L. Gilkey
Russell S. Hanson	John E. Schofield
Roy N. Thomas	Claude M. Eckert
Kevin E. Weaver	David L. Leirer
Finance	
George L. Duncan, Chairman	C.C. McLemore, III
Steven C. Monrotus	Claude M. Eckert
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Roy N. Thomas	Loren D. Lloyd
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Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman	Stanton T. Brown
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Returns of Chapters	
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman	Phillip W. Engel
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Time and Place	
George L. Duncan, Chairman	
Triennial	
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2008-2009 GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEES	
Audit	
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman	Russell S. Hanson
Paul R. Cannon	Earl W. Orr
Charity	
Harley L. Kropf, Chairman	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Kevin B. Sample	Donald L. Trabue
Electronic Communications	
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman	Stephen R. Manning, Web Master
David C. Witte	Brian J. Densmore
Aaron M. Shoemaker	Kevin B. Sample
Brian J. Densmore	

2008-2009 GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEES (Continued)**Endowed Membership**

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman
Donald L. Trabue

José R. Palacios
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

Golf Tournament

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
Kevin B. Sample

Richard L. Mansfield
James E. Snavelly

Membership and Youth Activities

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman
Kevin E. Weaver

David W. Haywood

Review and Historical

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Roy L. Gilkey

Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

Royal Arch Research Assistance

José R. Palacios, Chairman
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Foster S. Crawford

York Rite Conference

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Roy N. Thomas

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Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs
Larry E. Gray

General Grand Chapter Ambassador in Missouri
Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
General Grand High Priest

**2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Name	Office
Robert E. Hardester (146)	Grand High Priest
George L. Duncan (3)	Grand King
Christopher C. McLemore, III (38, 61, 110)	Grand Scribe
Donald L. Trabue (34, 2)	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample (114, 17, 2)	Grand Secretary
Steven C. Monrotus (129)	Grand Captain of the Host
Claude M. Eckert (66)	Grand Principal Sojourner
John E. Schofield (75, 12)	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Roy L. Gilkey (64)	Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil
Roy N. Thomas (145, 28, 102)	Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil
Loren D. Lloyd (53, 123)	Grand Master of the 1 st Veil
	Grand Chorister
Kevin E. Weaver (148)	Grand Chaplain
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2)	Grand Chaplain
Ralph E. Nolan (12)	Grand Chaplain
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2)	Grand Historian
Kevin E. Weaver (148)	Grand Lecturer
Fred M. Harle, Sr. (142)	Grand Organist
Paul R. Cannon (32, 148)	Grand Sentinel
Charles Coy (48)	Grand Sentinel
Edgar Piles (78)	Grand Sentinel
Norman G. Schlagenhauf (1)	Grand Sentinel

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on May 14, 2009.



2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Front row, from left to right): Steven C. Monrotus, Donald L. Trabue, George L. Duncan, Robert E. Hardester, C.C. McLemore, III, Kevin B. Sample, Claude M. Eckert, and Paul R. Cannon. (Back row, from left to right): Loren D. Lloyd, Roy N. Thomas, Roy L. Gilkey, John E. Schofield, Kevin E. Weaver, Ralph E. Nolan, Charles G. Coy, Edgar D. Piles, and Fred M. Harle, Sr.



2008-2009 LADIES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(From left to right): Joyce Sample, Mary Duncan, Nadine Eckert, Ginny Goede, Karen Lloyd, and Weatia Cannon.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND
ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Anointed Order

OF

High Priesthood

OF THE

State of Missouri



HELD AT
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 15, 2008, A.:BEO.:3921



ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The 152nd Annual Convention of the Anointed Order of High Priesthood of Missouri assembled in the meeting room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri on Thursday May 15, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

There being a constitutional number of members present, the Ex. President Harley L. Kropf opened the convention in short form (to save time) with the following Officers present:

President – Harley L. Kropf
 Vice-President – David R. Vogler
 Chaplain – Kevin E. Weaver
 Recorder/Treasurer – Richard J. Holmes
 Master of Ceremonies – Josè R. Palacios

Conductor – Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
 Herald – Robert D. Whitney
 Steward – K. Trent Moreland
 Sentinel – Jerry F. Ward

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF ORDER

The Recorder presented petitions for the Order from the following Excellent Companions, stating that each had been certified by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and is now serving or has served as High Priest of their respective Chapter.

John E. Trower (1)
 Eugene E. Moser (1)
 Lance T. Lovejoy (14) ***
 Daryl R. Price (14)
 Henry A. McClure (15)
 C. Brent Stewart (17)
 Bernard A. McIntyre (32)
 Larry W. Beck (32)
 David Smothers (38) **

Rodney L. Trimble (39)
 Larry R. Clemens (64)
 Wayne r. Williams, Jr. (78)
 Lewis C. Odneal (94)
 Keith A. Jones (110)
 John W. Sissel, III (146)
 Kyle R. Palacios (146)
 ** Timothy R. Lehnhoff (148)

* Elected in 2006, ** Not present for conferral



Honorary Candidates: Edward A. Reine – Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Louisiana; Clayton A. Wolfe – Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana; Daniel L. Thomas – Regional Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana; Christopher D. Tomlinson – Past President of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Kansas.

The above candidates, having been elected and properly prepared, were received, anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Order was conferred by a special ritual team listed below:

President	Kevin E. Weaver	Conductor	Ronnie E. Green
Vice-President	Harley L. Kropf	Herald	K. Trent Moreland
Chaplain	Edgar F. Coonrod	Prologue	Charles A. Bottermuller
Master of Ceremonies	Kevin B. Sample	Organist	John E. Schofield



APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the 2007 Annual Convention, having been printed and distributed, were approved written.

REPORT OF RECORDER-TREASURER 2007-2008

Pulaski Bank Checking Acct. No. 0035543857

Balance, May 12, 2007	\$	867.78	
Deposit, May 21, 2007 (4 candidates)	\$	120.00	
Deposit, March 20, 2008 (from Savings Account)	\$	772.36	
Deposit, April 17, 2008 (6 candidates)	\$	180.00	
Deposit, April 30, 2008 (6 candidates)	\$	180.00	
Total (Balance + Deposits)			\$ 2,120.14

Disbursements

Ck No. 0116, Richard J. Holmes (2007 Honorarium)	\$	100.00	
Ck No. 0117, Gordon Jewelers (6 anti-tarnish bags)	\$	99.06	
Ck No. 0118, Grand Chapter (1 PGHP Apron)	\$	223.48	
Ck No. 0119, Heirloom Bible Publishers (45 Bibles)	\$	1,006.34	
Total Disbursements			\$ 1,428.88

Balance, May 15, 2008	\$	691.26
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ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Pulaski Bank Savings Acct. 003-0091484

Balance, March 31, 2007

\$ 1,269.82

Interest Income

\$ 2.54

Total (Balance + Interest Income), April 30, 2008

\$ 1,272.36

Disbursements

Transfer to Checking Account, March 20, 2008

\$ 772.36

Total Disbursements

\$ 772.36

Balance, April 30, 2008

\$ 500.00

Pulaski Bank CD No. 0037394496

12 month @ 3.730% (matures September 21, 2008)

\$ 4,408.23

Interest Income (April 21, 2007 to April 21, 2008)

\$ 164.71

Balance, April 21, 2008

\$ 4,572.94

Total Assets, May 15, 2008 (Checking, Savings, & CD's)

\$ 5,764.20

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We the undersigned Audit Committee, find the report of the Recorder/Treasurer to be complete and correct.

C. C. McLemore, III

José R. Palacios, Chairman

HONORARIUM AND EXPENSES

It was moved and seconded that Recorder's Honorarium and expenses be paid and that the Past Grand High Priest's apron be allowed. The motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee recommended the following Officers for 2008-2009:

President – Harley L. Kropf

Conductor – Robert D. Whitney

Vice-President – Kevin E. Weaver

Herald – K. Trent Moreland

Chaplain – Gary A. Phillips

Steward – Jerry F. Ward

Recorder/Treasurer – Richard J. Holmes

Sentinel – José R. Palacios

Master of Ceremonies – Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert E. Hardester

Roy A. Welshon, Sr.

Jack R. Clark, Chairman

The nominations were approved and the slate of officers was elected unanimously.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The above named officers were installed by the following Companions:

Installing President.....EC Richard J. Holmes
 Installing Marshal.....MEC Walter W. Doyle
 Installing Chaplain.....MEC Charles A. Bottermuller



MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The newly installed Ex. President Harley L. Kropf thanked all for his election and their attendance.

The newly installed Ex. President Harley L. Kropf presented Junior Past President David R. Vogler with his Past President Jewel. Ex. Comp. Vogler thanked all for their help during the past year.

No further business appearing, the Order of High Priesthood was closed with prayer at 3:35 p.m.

Richard J. Holmes, Recorder/Treasurer

Harley L. Kropf, President

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE

*One Hundred Forty-Third
Annual Assembly*

OF THE

Grand Council

OF

Cryptic Masons

OF THE

State of Missouri



HELD AT
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 14, 2008, A.M. DEPARTING 3:00 P.M.





Robert Leon Wright
Grand Master
Grand Council of Missouri
2007-2008



2007-2008 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

*(Front row, from left to right): Jack D. Brown, Donald L. Trabue, Robert L. Wright, Albert H. "Sonny" Miller, Edgar F. Coorrod, Kevin B. Sample, and Danny D. Snothers.
(Back row, from left to right): Robert H. Bray, Daniel R. Quesenberry, Matthew L. Quesenberry, Kevin E. Weaver, George M. Merkle, Chris M. Jensen, Donald McGuire, and James G. Haddox.*

BIOGRAPHICAL

ROBERT LEON WRIGHT
Grand Master of the Grand Council
Of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
2007-2008

Robert L. Wright was born in Piggott, Arkansas the son of Ralph O. and Mildred P. (Curless) Wright. He graduated from Piggott High School in 1957.

In June of 1958, he was united in marriage to Janice Ann Myres of Nimmons, Arkansas. They had three children, Cynthia, James and Nathan. Mr. & Mrs. Wright were divorced in 1979. In May of 1979, Brother Wright married Elizabeth F. Prichard, the mother of 14 children all of whom call Mr. Wright "Dad," and he considers them all "his kids." He and Mrs. Wright live in Pacific, Missouri.

Brother Wright was employed by McDonnell Aircraft on September 13, 1965. He remained in continual employment until his retirement on January 2, 2007.

Mr. Wright petitioned Columbia Lodge No. 534 in Pacific, Missouri for membership. He was accepted. In November of 1976, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice; passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft in December of 1976, and was raised to the Sublime Degree in January of 1977. Brother Wright served as Master in 1984 and again in 2001. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1997 and served until 2001.

In the York Rite Brother Wright became a member of Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148, Royal Arch Masons April 16, 1980, and served as High Priest in 1988 and 1994. Brother Wright was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1992 and 1993. He has received the Order of High Priesthood in May of 1988.

In the Council, he became a member of Jeremiah Council No. 48, Royal and Select Master March 15, 1982. He served as Master in 1992. He received his membership in the Silver Trowel in May of 1992. He has served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1998. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons by Most Illustrious Grand Master Leroy D. Unruh in 2001. He has served as Grand Master in 2008. Brother Wright became a member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar on June 3, 1982, and served as Commander in 1991. He became a member of the Missouri Association of Past Commanders in May of 1991.

He is member of these appendant bodies: Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Missouri Priory No 17; Past President of Ransom A. Breuer Masonic Association in 1989, and received the Ransom A. Breuer Freemason of the Year Award in 2001; Past President of York Rite Council of Greater St. Louis; Harem Order No. 73; Sword of Bunker Hill; Gates of Derry Council No. 82, Knight Masons; Elizabeth St. Leger Council No. 386; Allied Masonic Degrees; Bruce H. Hunt York Rite College No. 162; Charter Member of Limerick Council No. 88, Knight Masons and member of Missouri Lodge of Research.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri held its One Hundred Forty-Third Annual Assembly at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on Friday, May 14, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m., with the following Grand Officers in their stations:

Robert L. Wright
 Edgar F. Coonrod
 Danny D. Smothers
 Donald L. Trabue
 Kevin B. Sample, HPGM
 James G. Haddox
 George M. Merkle
 William C. Woolsey
 David C. Witte
 Paul R. Cannon
 Lee L. Francis
 Kevin E. Weaver
 Albert H. "Sonny" Miller, PGM
 John E. Schofield

Grand Master
 Deputy Grand Master
 Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
 Grand Treasurer
 Grand Recorder
 Grand Captain of the Guard
 Grand Conductor of the Council
 Grand Marshal
 Grand Steward
 Grand Sentinel
 Asst. Grand Sentinel
 Grand Chaplain
 Grand Lecturer
 Pro Tem Grand Organist



RECEPTION OF THE 2007-2008 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Companion Robert H. Bray introduced the Grand Council Officers as they entered. Grand Master Wright received a standing ovation upon his entrance after which he was presented with grand honors. Following his introduction, MIC Bray received MIC Wright at the altar and escorted him to the East.

OPENING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

The Grand Council Officers opened the One Hundred Forty-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri in full ritualistic form at 9:00 a.m.

Most Illustrious Companion Wright welcomed the Companions and thanked them for their attendance.

INTRODUCTION AND RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI



Grand Master Wright prepared to receive the most distinguished guest in full ritualistic form. *(Above)* MIC Bray presents Illustrious Companion Bruce R. Austin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri. *(Below)* MIC Wright welcomes the Grand Master and presents him with the gavel of authority of the Grand Council.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI

Thank you Grand Master, distinguished officers, companions all, good morning. I appreciate being placed first on the program; I have to be in St. Louis at eleven o'clock and I was going to be stretched for time if I didn't get this done. I certainly appreciate your consideration.

I have good news. Our fraternity is growing, slowly, but growing and it has been a long time since we have been able to say that. Our C2A classes have been successful through the years and we have gained many new members through these classes. Our MOChip Program is second to none. Brethren, this is the greatest program Masonry has ever come up with. We have done over fifty-three thousand young men, women and children that have gone through our program. I have had many young fathers come up to me at some I have attended and have made the remark that if you are that interested in protecting my child, I want to be part of your organization, what do I do?



Brethren, when you hear that, you know this program is doing great things. It is a win-win situation. Hopefully that child will never be abducted or run away but if he or she falls into that sad circumstance, at least the family does have a program that is ready to be Amber Alert within minutes of their disappearance. Since we have had this program in Missouri, we have had two occasions where it has been used. In both cases the child was a runaway and was found within a few hours after the alert when out. It is fantastic to know that we are doing our share out in the community. We want to take Freemasonry out of these walls out into the community and let them know what we do. We have enough detractors already; even among our own ranks we have problems with detractors, but certainly out in the general public. We have people that think we are a bunch of satanic people, that we are a religion, and that we are a cult, we know we are not. But as long as we sit back and let those people get away with accusing us of those things, then it will continue to grow. You have always heard that where there's smoke, there's fire. Well, these people keep throwing smoke and we have to put it out. I think we are doing a successful job with it, I think Masonry is now beginning to be seen in a favorable light with the *Da Vinci Code* movie, the *National Treasure* movies, there just seems to be a resurgence of interest in the Masonic fraternity.

Brethren, I appreciate the invitation to be here and I will be back this afternoon, hopefully not too late, and continue to observe your grand sessions. Thank you very, very much.

PAST GRAND MASTERS



Most Illustrious Companion Bray introduced the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. Present (*from left to right*) were Most Illustrious Companions: Albert H. "Sonny" Miller – 2006-2007; Robert H. Bray (*outside of picture*) – 2005-2006; Kevin B. Sample – 2006 Honorary; Stanton T. Brown – 2004-2005; Richard J. Holmes – 2002-2003; LeRoy D. Unruh – 2001-2002; William J. Bowser – 2000-2001; Teddie E. Harrison – 1999-2000; John V. Crampton – 1992-1993; William Gordon Buckner – 1984-1985, and Everett L. Gloyd. Following the grand honors, MIC Gloyd spoke on behalf of the Past Grand Masters. They were then received in the east by GM Wright. (*MIC Paul K. Kawakami – 1994-1995 was present but not available for the picture.*)

HEADS OF MISSOURI BODIES



Illustrious Companion Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr. (*left*), Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, and Illustrious Companion Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., (*right*), Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. Following grand honors, the Grand Master greeted these distinguished Companions in the east.

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS



The above Very Illustrious Regional Deputy Grand Masters for 2007-2008 were presented. Present (*from left to right*) were: Walter W. Doyle – Region 7, District B; William E. Brenneman – Region 7, District A; John L. Erfurdt, Jr. – Region 5; Steven M. Anderson – Region 3, District A; Lloyd F. Waller – Region 2; and Harley L. Kropf – Region 1. Grand Master Wright thanked them for their work, and received them in the east.

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS



The above Very Illustrious Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers for 2007-2008 were presented. Present (*from left to right*) were: C.C. McLemore, III – Region 7, Districts A and B; Kevin E. Weaver – Region 5; William C. Woolsey – Region 4; David C. Witte – Region 3, District B; William G. Snyder – Region 3, District A; and (RIC) Ronald E. Wood, Jr. – Region 2. Also introduced was MIC Robert H. Bray, Grand Lecturer. MIC Miller thanked them for their services to the Grand Council after which they were received in the east.

OUT OF STATE GUESTS



Pictured (*left to right*) are MIC Kenneth E. Story, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Arkansas; MIC James N. Karnegis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Nebraska; MIC Edward A. Reine, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Louisiana; IC Warren A. Lee, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Council and Official Representative of MIC Glenn E. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Washington; and RIC David Johnson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Tennessee.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS



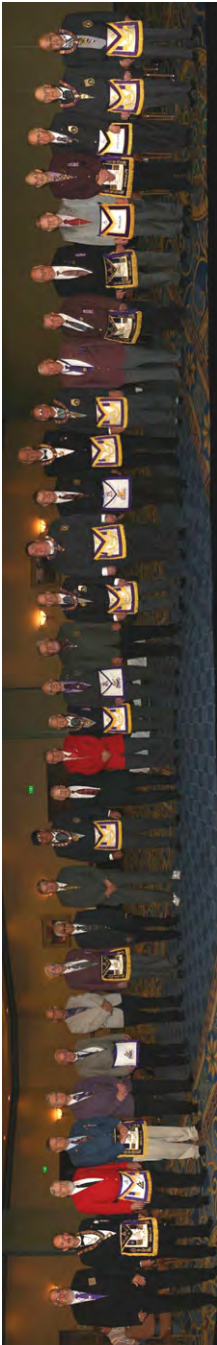
(left) Right Puissant Comp. Stanton T. Brown, General Grand Council Ambassador to Missouri and (right) Most Illustrious Comp. Marion K. Crum, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Indiana, Executive Secretary of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and Personal Representative of Most Puissant Companion Maurice C. "Bud" Himes, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. MIC Crum was received and seated in the east.



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



Pictured are (left) IC Rocky E. Weaver, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, and (right) RIC Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, and Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, State of Missouri.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions to Missouri as they assembled. The Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Missouri in attendance are noted in the report of the Committee on Credentials. *(A complete listing of Grand Representatives may be found in the back of the proceedings.)* The Grand Master also recognized those visiting Grand Representatives of Missouri near other grand jurisdictions.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

IC Engel reported on behalf of the committee that there were a constitution number of Councils and Council representatives present to conduct an annual assembly.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Good morning Companions and a hearty welcome to all to the one hundred and forty third annual assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. Thank you all for your attendance today.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to the representatives of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and to all those visiting from our sister jurisdictions.

If you need anything to make your stay more enjoyable, please let us know.

Special thanks are also due to the Past Grand Masters, Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers and to the representatives of the constituent Councils for your attendance.

NECROLOGY

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower; and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months is with thee.

This past year we have lost several of our Companions to the Grim Reaper, among them two of our Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council. Most Illustrious Companion Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr., Grand Master 1989-1990 and Most Illustrious Companion William R. Probst, Grand Master 1990-1991.

We will now have the Memorial service by our Grand Chaplain, Very Illustrious Companion and Reverend Kevin E. Weaver.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Very Illustrious Companion & Rev. Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Chaplain

The words of the prophet Jeremiah in the New English Bible, the 31st chapter, the second half of the thirteenth verse: "I will turn their mourning into gladness, I will relent and give them joy to outdo their sorrow." Jeremiah, above all the other prophets, knew that these words were most certainly true for all Israel, and for every generation that would follow. He is speaking of the restoration of the nation after the exile; these words speak to us of the promises of God that our sorrow in these days will one day, be turned to joy.

This year, we mark the passing of 123 Companions of the Council, most notably our Past Grand Masters William R. Probst and Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr., whose presence was almost never missed at our annual sessions, and who served our fraternity in countless ways. In these days especially, we do pray for God's continuing strength and love to be with our Grand Master and his family in the passing of his wife, Betty, and with our Past Grand Master William J. Bowser on the passing of his daughter, Jane. John Donne

reminded us that “every death diminishes us”; the sadness of our families in our fraternity causes us heartache as well.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we humble ourselves before you, and trust in your divine mercy and wisdom that you have called your servants to be with you forever in your everlasting kingdom. Continue to pour out your blessings on each family who has suffered loss, and assure them of your presence and love always. We thank you that in the midst of sorrow, we have the light of your divine promises to comfort us. Quicken every tender memory that we have, and grant us, O Lord, that we may love and serve you and one another with out continued devotion and dedication, to the end that by our work, you are glorified. This we ask to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

SURETY BOND

Upon my installation as Grand Master, I received from MIC Miller a copy of a Fidelity Bond Policy No. RPS0582578 from Old Republic Surety Company through the Scott Agency, Inc. of Montgomery City, Missouri, indicating Fidelity Bond for one year prepaid premium on the Grand Treasurer in the amount of \$15,000 and the Grand Recorder in the amount of \$15,000. The bond is dated 4/15/2007 and expires 4/15/2008.

VISITATIONS

A complete listing of my travels are on file with the Grand Recorder’s office.

APPOINTMENTS

I was pleased to appoint the following Grand Officers for the 2007-2008 cryptic year:

George M. Merkle	Grand Conductor of the Council
William C. Woolsey	Grand Marshal
David C. Witte	Grand Steward
Paul R. Cannon	Grand Sentinel
Lee L. Francis	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver	Grand Chaplain
Albert H. “Sonny” Miller, PGM	Grand Lecturer
Chris M. Jessen	Grand Organist

I was pleased to appoint the following Regional Deputy Grand Officers for the 2007-2008 cryptic year:

Harley L. Kropf	RDGM, Region 1
Lloyd F. Waller	RDGM, Region 2
Steven M. Anderson	RDGM, Region 3, District A
Daniel R. Quesenberry	RDGM, Region 3, District B
George E. Ornsbey	RDGM, Region 4
John L. Erfurdt, Jr.	RDGM, Region 5
James L. Woodfin, Jr. (resigned)	RDGM, Region 6
Lee L. Francis	RDGM, Region 6
William E. Brenneman	RDGM, Region 7, District A

Walter W. Doyle	RDGM, Region 7, District B
Michael L. Dodd	RDGL, Region 1
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	RDGL, Region 2
William G. Snyder	RDGL, Region 3, District A
David C. Witte	RDGL, Region 3, District B
William C. Woolsey	RDGL, Region 4
Kevin E. Weaver	RDGL, Region 5
Steven C. Monrotus (resigned)	RDGL, Region 6
Johnnie L. Schlenker	RDGL, Region 6
C.C. McLemore, III	RDGL, Region 7, District A
C.C. McLemore, III	RDGL, Region 7, District B

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I had the pleasure to nominate the following Companions to be Grand Representatives of Grand Councils of other jurisdictions near the Grand Council of Missouri:

Thomas L. Thomason

Tennessee

EDICTS

Edict No. 1 – June 7, 2007

All Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Missouri are hereby granted a blanket dispensation to hold joint assemblies, one with the other, and to move from their normal meeting places to the meeting places of visited Councils for the purpose of official visits of either the Regional Deputy Grand Master, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Grand Lecturer, or Grand Master, regular assemblies, or for the purpose of conferring the Council degrees. When such joint assemblies do occur, the membership of each Council must be notified in advance and in accordance with the by-laws in effect for each Council. It will not be necessary to obtain a separate dispensation each time, however, it will be necessary to inform the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder in advance of the event. This edict shall remain in effect until a new Grand Master shall be elected and installed into office.

Edict No. 2 – June 7, 2007

It is my will and pleasure to continue the edict of the previous Grand Master to properly honor and show respect to those officers who serve this Grand Council. Therefore and until further notice, the following honorary title shall be observed. The title of Very Illustrious shall apply to the following Grand Council Officers provided they shall have been elected and served or are serving as Illustrious Master of a Missouri Council of Royal and Select Masters: Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Marshal, Grand Steward, Grand Sentinel, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Grand Organist, Grand Chorister, Assistant Grand Chorister, Regional Deputy Grand Masters, and Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers. Said honorary title shall also be applied to any Missouri Companion having held any of the above listed offices. This edict shall not affect those officers entitled to the honorary title of Right Illustrious Companion or Most Illustrious Companion. This edict shall remain in effect until a new Grand Master shall be elected and installed into office.

Edict No. 3 – June 7, 2007

Each Council Recorder shall include on their dues notice to every member of each Council of Royal & Select Masters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Missouri a line item for voluntary contributions to 1) Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, suggested amount \$3.65, and 2) Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund, suggested amount \$3.65. For each member contribution of \$3.65 to the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund, the subordinate Recorder shall affix to that member's dues card a "Penny-a-Day" sticker, available from the Grand Recorder. Said contributions shall be collected with each member's dues and forwarded to the Grand Recorder as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2008. Collected monies for these two charities may be sent in lump sum, payable to the Grand Council of Missouri for each charity. This edict shall remain in effect until a new Grand Master shall be elected and installed into office.

Edict No. 4 – June 7, 2007

All Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, will heretofore report and send to the Grand Recorder any and all funds for charitable contributions, donations, or bequests, so that documentation will be maintained for Missouri to receive credit and the recognition we deserve. All checks shall be issued to the Grand Council of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated use. This also will aid in the record keeping for charitable organizations under 501 of the IRS Code.

DISPENSATIONS**June 8, 2007 – Carthage Council No. 41**

Granted the request of Carthage Council No. 41 to Remove their Council to Criterion Lodge No. 586 in Alba, Missouri due to the sale of the Lodge in Carthage.

August 6, 2007 – Ezra Council No. 32

Ezra Council No. 32, whose home is in/with Jefferson Lodge No. 43, and whose home has been vacated due to the sale of the building by Jefferson Lodge No. 43 (or Temple Board), is granted a "temporary dispensation" for the removal of their regular meeting places to that of Capital Shrine Club, 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, Missouri, for as long a period as the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri allows Jefferson Lodge No. 43 to meet in the same said location.

January 11, 2008 – Chillicothe Council No. 28

James Thomas England - You are hereby and herein reinstated without penalty in Chillicothe Council No. 28, the suspension expunged, and issued this Letter of Good Standing in Chillicothe Council No. 28 as of this date.

March 5, 2008 - Chillicothe Council No. 28

Kenneth E. Rafferty - You are hereby and herein reinstated without penalty in Chillicothe Council No. 28, the suspension expunged, and issued this Letter of Good Standing in Chillicothe Council No. 28 as of this date.

March 5, 2008- Chillicothe Council No. 28

Lewis Albert Thomas, III - You are hereby and herein reinstated without penalty in Chillicothe Council No. 28, the suspension expunged, and issued this Letter of Good Standing in Chillicothe Council No. 28 as of this date.

BY-LAWS

I have *disapproved* the following by-laws changes:

By-Laws changes were presented for Bert S. Lee Council No. 58, however were returned to the Council with recommended changes. No resubmission was presented.

TIME CAPSULE

Although I was unable to visit the site of the York Rite Time Capsule with the Grand High Priest and the Grand Commander, I did see the site on September 19, 2007 and found it to be in good order.

CONSOLIDATIONS

The consolidation of Warrensburg Council No. 57 with Sedalia Council No. 42 is in progress, but not yet approved.

CHARITIES

The Grand Council continues to support the Charity Endowment Fund and the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

I was pleased that the Grand Council was able to give \$500.00 to each of the three Youth Organizations.

We also gave \$1,000.00 to Service International for the relief of flood victims in eastern Missouri.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

When we have Councils with one to four-hundred members who are having trouble getting a quorum to open, we have failed to keep our members interested.

There are some Councils which have not met for some time, even years. I believe they should consider consolidation with another Council.

Although there are some Councils around the State that are greeting new members and doing good ritual work, our greetings overall do not keep pace with our suspensions. We cannot do anything about our loss of members due to death, but we can increase our greetings and reduce suspensions for non payment of dues. Before suspending anyone talk to him personally and find out why he cannot or refuses to pay his dues. If it is a financial burden or sickness, remit his dues, do not suspend him.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I urge those Councils which share meeting time and place with another York Rite body to at least open each body in full form, not just declare it opened.

All officers should learn the opening ritual, not wait until meeting time to open their ritual books.

Let's give our Companions something to be proud of and something to look forward to in the next meeting.

I would also like to "borrow" one of M.I.C. Stanton T. Brown's recommendations that our local Council officers and their membership seriously consider the state of the ritual in their Councils. The life and future of our order depends in large part on the richness and wealth of wisdom that is found in the degree work. Too often, we have succumbed to the enticements of convenience and opted to shorten or skip portions of our degree work. With each deletion, we have robbed the initiate of another beautiful facet of the Masonic experience.

Through the committing to memory and conveyance of ritual from mouth to ear, we impress the minds and souls of new members. Already our order is feeling the effects of too many shortcuts and too few ritualists – our membership is rapidly depleting.

This trend can be reversed, but it must take a renewed dedication. Please consider the following:

1. Many of the York Rite bodies have members who share multiple responsibilities in the three bodies. It seems to be the same ritualists in all bodies. Spread the responsibility around. Officers consider the following:
 - a. Choose a new member who is bright and has a keen mind and then instruct him to commit a part in a degree to memory. Do this for several of the degrees and spread it around to as many members as possible.
 - b. Provide mentors for the new ritualists, they will thrive as they feel a part of the order and they will keep coming back as long as they feel they are needed.
2. Hard decisions may have to be made. Too often we become a "Jack of all trades and masters of none". Don't try to do all the ritual work in all the degrees. Find someone who has a special ability for a particular degree and let him perform. Don't be afraid to "borrow" seasoned ritualists from other Councils.
3. Plan six weeks or more in advance for parts in degrees – don't wait until the day of degree work to see who is in attendance. Assign parts far enough in advance that Companions have time to practice, memorize and perform.
4. Work with the officers of other York Rite bodies in your area to coordinate efforts to develop new ritualists, so that all three orders are not honing in on the same few members.

I have no doubt that the future of our order can be brought to a brighter day if we but provide the beauty and wisdom that is within the ritual we have inherited. We do not have to be innovators, some inspired group of men have already developed and refined the ritual lessons and allegories for us to enjoy. We do, however, have a solemn trust and obligation to our progenitors who delivered to us this beautiful system on the understanding that we would hold the light of Masonry safely within our breasts and pass it on to others in as pristine a condition as we received it – allowing the Spirit of God to impress those words on others as it did upon us.

In our York Rite conferences this year the following questions were asked:

Who is responsible for the future of the York Rite? The answer *I AM*

Who is responsible for training York Rite officers? The answer *I AM*

Who is responsible for the financial well being of my York Rite bodies? *I AM*

I can almost hear some of you thinking, “Why Me? I can’t do everything.” That is very true, but in the words of Edward Everett Hale who said, “I am only one, but I am one. I can’t do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the Grace of God I shall do.”

Companions let each one of us ask ourselves; what can I do?

CLOSING REMARKS

In closing, I want to thank you all for the honor of serving as your Grand Master. It is an experience I will always treasure and remember.

Thanks to the Grand Council officers, Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers, Past Grand Masters and Companions of the subordinate councils.

Thanks to our Grand Recorder Kevin Sample and his lovely wife Joyce for their assistance and direction. You made my year a pleasure.

To the Companions of Jeremiah Council No. 48 for the apron case and reception.

To my fellow travelers, Most Excellent Companion Kenneth D. Dingman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri and Sir Knight Fred A. Troxel, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri. It has been a pleasure serving with you and although we were located from the Eastern to the Central to the Western parts of the State, our paths often crossed and I will treasure your friendship forever.

A very special thanks to Weatia Cannon who helped plan the Ladies Program and meal planning for the Grand Session, due to my wife’s physical inability.

To Most Illustrious Companion LeRoy D. Unruh, thank you for appointing me to the Grand Council line and installing me as Grand Master.

And finally, to my wife Betty for allowing me to travel all over the State by myself and not complaining about being a “Masonic Widow”. I Love You, and thank you for your support in all I do.

Fraternally submitted,



Robert L. Wright, Grand Master, 2007-2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions; the committee on the Grand Masters Address commends him for doing a good job under a very difficult and stressful year. Because of his wife’s illness he was hampered, but never the less, his responsibilities were fulfilled.

The portion of his address dealing with edicts, by-laws changes and dispensations are referred to the jurisprudence committee.

His statements on the Condition of the Craft, concerning suspensions ring true.

His recommendations urging the learning and giving the ritual without the aid of the book is **WHOLE HEARTED APPROVED.**

The statement “Let your York Rite Light Shine” can be applied to all Cryptic Masons.

Last of all, Grand Master Wright’s actions demonstrated that he was truly Master because he was first of all a servant.

I move the acceptance of his address and this report and that they be printed in the 143rd proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
Albert Hugh “Sonny” Miller, Chairman

Motion was Approved by a standing ovation of the craft, May 14, 2008

MIC Miller called up the craft for a moment of prayer for Lady Elizabeth Wright:

Heavenly Father, Great Architect of the Universe, we ask that Thou would bless us as Cryptic Masons, bless our purposes, and we ask a special blessing on the soul of Betty Wright. Receive it as she enters into eternity. God bless our Grand Master and his family and thank you for all the mercies and blessings. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Council of the state of Cryptic Masons on Missouri:

Companions: Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectively report as follows:

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS

We approve the Dispensations and Permissions to matters of Subordinate Councils on the basis of their being within the discretions of the Grand Master and consistent with Grand Council Law.

EDICTS

We approve the edicts made by the Grand Master regarding the continuing of the holding of joint assemblies and honorary titles for Grand and Regional Officers.

BY-LAW CHANGES

We approve as being within the discretionary authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Master the several By-Laws of those Subordinate Councils who have requested changes.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter
Stanton T. Brown, Chairman

C. Brent Stewart

Motion was made and seconded to accept this portion of the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, Approved, May 14, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article I. Grand Council. Section 1. Titles.,* be amended by replacing the second paragraph with:

"The honorary title of the Grand Master is "Most Illustrious"; of the next four elective officers, "Right Illustrious"; and the remaining officers, "Very Illustrious". The honorary title of "Very Illustrious" shall also apply to Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers, and any companion who shall have held any of the appointive grand officer positions referenced. Any grand officer who has served a full term of office is entitled to prefix the word "Past" to the title acquired.

Any Companion who shall have been elected to the position of Master of a Council is entitled to the honorary title of "Illustrious"; and any Master of a Council who shall have completed the term for which he was appointed or elected shall be entitled to the rank of Past Master, and shall also be entitled to the honorary title of "Illustrious".

Honorary titles shall attach to the person and not to the position."

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: The title of this body is "The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri."

The honorary title of the Grand Master is "Most Illustrious"; of the next four elective officers, "Right Illustrious"; and the remaining officers, "Illustrious". Honorary titles shall attach to the person and not to the position. Any Companion who shall have been appointed by the Grand Master or elected to the position of Master of a Council is entitled to the honorary title of "Illustrious"; and any Master of a Council who shall have completed the term for which he was appointed or elected shall be entitled to the rank of Past Master, and shall also be entitled to the honorary title of "Illustrious".

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: The title of this body is "The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri."

The honorary title of the Grand Master is "Most Illustrious"; of the next four elective officers, "Right Illustrious"; and the remaining officers, "Very Illustrious". The honorary title of "Very Illustrious" shall also apply to Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers, and any companion who shall have held any of the appointive grand officer positions referenced. Any grand officer who has served a full term of office is entitled to prefix the word "Past" to the title acquired.

Any Companion who shall have been elected to the position of Master of a Council is entitled to the honorary title of "Illustrious"; and any Master of a Council who shall have completed the term for which he was appointed or elected shall be entitled to the rank of Past Master, and shall also be entitled to the honorary title of "Illustrious".

Honorary titles shall attach to the person and not to the position.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To make permanent the honorable act of MIC Stanton T. Brown who issued an edict which showed honor and respect to those appointed officers who serve the Grand Council without hope of fee or reward. However, the uncertainty of a Grand Master reissuing the aforementioned edict could cause undue confusion among the craft.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XVI, Endowed Membership, Section 140, Endowed Membership, Paragraph 11.* be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the current paragraph: "However, should a holder of an endowed certificate be reinstated in his endowed Council, his certificate will automatically be restored and his endowed membership returned to active status as before the suspension or expulsion."

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: Holders of Endowed Membership Certificates are subject to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his Endowed Membership and any claim to any fees paid for such Endowed Membership, but the Council of which he was a member shall continue to receive the income from such funds.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To automatically restore a previously suspended or expelled endowed member to an active endowed status and restore his endowment membership certificate after his reinstatement in his endowed Council.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article II Section (5). Official Decisions,* be amended by rewording it in its entirety.

THIS SECTION NOW READS: He shall have the power to issue such dispensations as are permitted by the Constitution and Laws.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: He may render official decisions/edicts which shall be effective until the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council and will expire at the completion of the installation of his successor, unless, the edict/official decisions are presented individually and approved by a majority vote of the members present at that Grand Council Assembly; it shall then become the law of the Grand Council.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To alleviate the necessity of repeating the same edicts from year to year.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Stanton T. Brown, Independence Council No. 49

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

PROPOSED STANDING RESOLUTION

Whereas, Right Illustrious Companion Donald L. Trabue has served this Grand Council with distinction as its Grand Treasurer for many years,

Be it Resolved, that Right Illustrious Companion Donald L. Trabue is hereby awarded by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri the distinction and title of Honorary Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Proposed Standing Resolution Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

It was moved and seconded to accept the report in total, Approval May 14, 2008



MIC Wright presents newly bestowed Honorary Past Grand Master Trabue with his apron, after which has presented with the grand honors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: We have performed a critical analysis of the revenues of the Grand Council for the past couple of years with reference of developing a working budget for the 2008-2009 cryptic year. Each and every aspect of the budget has been addressed and reviewed. The bottom line is that our ever declining membership and our having cut the budgets of the past to the bare minimums is forcing us to now present a deficit budget. If we were to look at cutting the base line expenses we have now, we would be forced to stop providing basic services in the operation of the Grand Council. We also have the extra and added expense not previously forecasted, that of printing new rituals. The only

option left to us in lieu of cutting the services provided by the Grand Council is to increase per capita. Therefore, following the presentation of the 2008-2009 proposed budget, we will be presenting legislation to increase per capita from \$7.00 to \$12.00. The change proposed would go into effect January 1, 2009.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article IV, Miscellaneous, Section 22. Revenue of the Grand Council. Paragraph (3) be amended by replacing the words “seven dollars (\$7.00)” with the words “twelve dollars (\$12.00)”.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: Each Chartered Council shall pay the sum of seven dollars (\$7.00) for each name borne on its rolls on December 31 of each year, plus the per capita dues of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International, except those whose dues have been regularly remitted.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WILL READ: Each Chartered Council shall pay the sum of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each name borne on its rolls on December 31 of each year, plus the per capita dues of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International, except those whose dues have been regularly remitted.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide the Grand Council with the necessary revenue to continue to operate.

Fraternally submitted,

James E. Snively, Chairman, PM, Bonne Terre Council No. 43

George M. Merkle, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

Edgar F. Coonrod, PM, York Council No. 40

There were two questions from the floor requesting clarification of the effective date of the proposal, no changes were made.

Following Discussion, Proposed Legislation Approved, May 14, 2008

The following is the proposed budget for 2008-2009:

Income

Per Capita, Membership 2,985 @ \$7.35	\$21,939.75
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,446.25
Greeting Fees, 100 @ \$7.00	700.00
General Fund Interest Income	
Interest	397.48
Earnings	805.00
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$25,538.48

Salaries and Allowances

Grand Master Expense	2,500.00
Grand Treasurer	800.00
Grand Recorder	4,000.00
Clerical Assistant	6,000.00
Employment Taxes	650.00
Annual Assembly	1,000.00
Audit	150.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (3,285 @ \$.35)	1,149.75
Grand Officer Expense	750.00
Insurance	500.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Office Equipment	2,000.00
Office Expenses	2,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities	1,800.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	350.00
Postage	500.00
Printing of Proceedings	2,400.00
Royal Arch Magazine	1,800.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00
Storage Rent	900.00
Supply Account	3,000.00
Triennial Fund (3,620 @ \$.06)	217.20
Total	<u>\$32,766.95</u>
Total Income	\$25,538.48
Total Salaries and Allowances	<u>\$32,766.95</u>
Balance	<u>(\$7,228.47)</u>

Proposed Budget as presented Passed without Discussion, May 14, 2008

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: Your Committee on Credentials has examined the certificates filed with the Committee and begs to report the following:

Number of Chartered Councils represented – 21, Grand Officers – 10; Past Grand Masters – 9; Past Masters, not representatives – 35; Chairmen and members of committees – 42; Masters – 16 (3 proxies); Deputy Masters – 14 (6 proxies); Principal Conductors of the Work – 9 (4 proxies); Recorders – 13; Grand Representatives – 35; Regional Deputy Grand Masters – 8; Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers – 4.

Total number of Council Representatives without duplication – 113; Councils fully represented – 5; Councils partially represented – 16. The following Councils had no representation: No.'s 30, 35, 37, 46, 50, 51, 53, and 57. Also, No.'s 28 and 47 account no annual reports filed with Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,
Phillip W. Engel
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

Ted W. Harrison

I move that this report be accepted subject to necessary correction when audited.
Motion was seconded.

Motion Approved, May 14, 2008

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MIC Wright announced the time for election of officers and appointed the Regional Deputy Grand Masters as tellers, Harley L. Kropf as chair, and sealed the doors.

Grand Recorder Sample explained the balloting procedures.

Grand Master Wright received approval from the DDGM's to proceed with the business of the Grand Council while they were tallying the votes.

There were 93 votes cast, 8 invalid ballots cast, 15 scattered votes, and 70 to advance the line and elect George M. Merkle Grand Captain of the Guard.

Grand Master Wright sought and received acceptance of their offices from all grand officers.

Grand Master-elect Coonrod announced his appointments which may be found in the back of the proceedings.

RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

During the election, Grand Master Wright called upon various visiting dignitaries to offer comments. Those who addressed the Grand Council were MIC Edward A. Reine, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Louisiana; IC Warren A. Lee, Grand Conductor of the Council and personal representative of the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of Washington; RIC David Johnson, Deputy Grand Master and personal representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Tennessee; MIC James N. Karnegis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City, Ararat Temple Investment Account at Commerce Bank and American Balanced Fund with Premier Bank. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, and with amounts being maintained at less than \$100,000 in any one banking institution. Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 135 of the By-Laws is being utilized (Ararat Temple Investment Account at Commerce Bank and American Balanced Fund with Premier Bank). Based on previous ledgers, general fund receipts and

expenditures are being projected on a monthly basis, so as to keep investments at the highest practical level for the longest practical time frame.

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets June 1, 2007		\$ 46,656.48
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 31,838.70	
Interest Earned	784.41	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>49.68</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 32,672.79	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59328 - #1835 thru 1878	\$ 4,163.00	
Jefferson Act. #74544 - #2071 thru 2255	27,197.42	
Jefferson Act. #74325 - #1190 thru 1206	1,151.03	
Jefferson Act. #464155 Debits	<u>1,818.28</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 34,329.73	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		<u>(\$ 1,656.94)</u>
Balance, General fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 44,999.64

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59328, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 503.00	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	157.57	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	126.23	
Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	6,170.89	
Business Investment Act. #217751, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	16,563.28	
C.D. #116956, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.51%, Matures 8/6/08	5,042.71	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00(Market Value)	<u>16,442.86</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 44,999.54

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 33,395.59
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1,151.60	
Decrease in Market Value, American Balanced Fund	<u>(119.26)</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,032.34	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 1,032.34</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), May 31, 2008		\$ 34,427.93

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,409.22	
C.D. #234116, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/27/09	22,247.87	
American Balanced Fund (thru Premier Bank-Jefferson City)	<u>10,770.84</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), May 31, 2008		\$ 34,427.93

CAPITAL ASSETS FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 580.15
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 15.15	
Disbursements: Transfer to Supply Fund	\$ 595.30	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>(\$ 580.15)</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, March 31, 2008		\$ 0.00

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 74,778.26
Receipts: Memberships (7)	\$ 2,320.00	
Voided Distribution Check	33.70	
Interest Earned	2,024.64	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>108.35</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 4,486.69	
Disbursements:	\$ 3,334.16	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 1,152.53</u>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 75,930.79

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 2,622.77	
CD #116669, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 4.75%, Matures 6/16/08	37,447.62	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>35,860.40</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 75,930.79

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND IN MEMORY OF BRUCE HARMON HUNT

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 103,188.28
Receipts: Various Contributions	\$ 1,086.25	
Interest earned	<u>5,360.51</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 6,446.76	
Disbursements: Charities	\$ 3,500.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 2,946.76</u>
Balance, Foundation Account, March 31, 2008		\$ 106,135.04

Statement of Assets – Charity Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 2,844.30	
CD #12100, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.76%, Matures 8/14/08	38,776.27	
CD #234117, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/27/09	33,371.81	
CD #234118, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 2/3/09	<u>31,142.66</u>	
Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 106,135.04

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 253.34
Receipts: From General Fund	\$ 226.98	
Interest Earned	<u>8.09</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 235.06	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 235.06</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 488.40

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 488.40	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2008		\$ 488.40

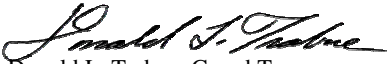
SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 0.00
Receipts: Transferred From General Fund	\$ 290.00	
Transferred From General Fund (Software Development)	1,200.00	
Transferred From Capital Assets Fund	595.30	
Interest Earned	<u>5.45</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,096.15	
Disbursements:	\$ 419.40	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 1,676.75</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 1,676.75

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,676.75	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 1,676.75
Total Assets, All Funds, May 31, 2008		\$263,658.45

Fraternally submitted,


Donald L. Trabue, Grand Treasurer

***The Grand Treasurer moved for the acceptance of the Grand Treasurer's report.
Motion Approved, May 18, 2007***

REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Companions and Sir Knights, Visitors and Guests, Welcome.

No preliminary proceedings are printed this year, a decision made by the presiding grand officers and the office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder, for a number of reasons. It was felt by many that the processes adopted over the past several years by the Grand York Rite was unintentionally excluding the voting delegates/representatives of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, by presenting the reports in a preprinted format and approving them by a simple collective vote. It has been expressed by many that it is our responsibility to have each report presented by the appropriate committee, and acted upon in a just, fair, and impartial manner, thereby including those delegates/representatives in the official operations of each of our grand bodies.

We assure you that any act of exclusion was not intentional, but simply an effort to streamline the business of the grand bodies. Sometimes, we forget that we have a greater responsibility, and that the effect of saving time is not always the best practice for the operation of a business.

This year, there will be a select few pre-printed reports in each body: Jurisprudence – to include all legislation to be acted upon at this grand session; Finance – to present the proposed budget for the upcoming year; Grand Treasurer – so you can have an accurate accounting of finances of your grand body; Grand Secretary/Recorder – Tabular Statements, Statistics, Certificates Issued, and a brief Summary. All other reports will be presented by the appropriate committee chair or a representative of said committee, and appropriately acted upon by the grand body. A complete compilation of all reports received by the grand secretary/recorder for the 2007-2008 year will be on hand for anyone who wishes to review it.

The reports of the presiding grand officers will be available AFTER the report is presented and received, and may be picked up from the grand secretary/recorder.

If you feel that the format presented this year is also lacking, please make sure the incoming grand officers and the grand secretary/recorder is informed. If you have a better idea in how to accomplish the reporting process during grand session without excluding those we are chosen to represent, please let us know.

If you desire to go back to the preprinted reports, due to cost and time, a motion should be submitted before the grand body and approved for all concerned. This is your

Grand York Rite!

COMMUNICATIONS

Grand Recorder Sample acknowledged receipt of the usual communications from other grand jurisdictions and some of our Past Grand Masters including MIC Jack R. Clark, Sr. who sent their regrets for their inability to attend the grand session, all congratulating the Grand Master on a most successful year and wishing you a very successful grand session.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Recorder moved that the proceedings of the 2007 Annual Assembly be approved as printed and distributed subject to such corrections as may be addressed to the Grand Recorder and printed in the 2008 proceedings.

Motion Approved, May 14, 2008

SUMMARY

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions, as of May 1, 2008, we are still awaiting the annual returns of Chillicothe Council No. 28 (three years deficient), and Trinity Council No. 47.

It is now very clear that simply giving councils additional time to complete their annual returns is not alleviating the problem with failures to file by various councils.

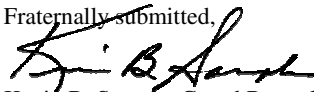
During the reporting year, January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007, no councils were consolidated.

The reports on Council audits and bonds can be found in the tabular statements of the Councils. Of the Councils reporting, five failed to submit an audit or submitted an incomplete audit: Jasper No. 30, York No. 40, Sedalia No. 42, Harmony No. 53, and Shelby No. 59. It would be most prudent of the Grand Master and appropriate committees to investigate these deficiencies.

This year was filled with many joys and much sadness. Words cannot express the feelings that Joyce and I have for our Grand Master, more especially the loss of his greatest treasure. Seeing our Grand Master holding hands with his lady wherever they went was inspiring to many of us. We all could learn from this very loving and humble man who is our Grand Master.

We thank all the officers and members of the Grand Council for the opportunity to work with and serve each of you.

Fraternally submitted,



Kevin B. Sample, Grand Recorder



STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Councils		31
Number of Members, December 31, 2006		3968
Number Greeted	82	
Number Affiliated	9	
Number Reinstated	33	
Total Gains		124
Number Dimitted	31	
Number Suspended By Council NPD	48	
Number Suspended by Lodge or Chapter	107	
Number Expelled	0	
Number Died	123	
Total Losses		309
Total Members, December 31, 2007		3783
Net Loss	185	

DESTRUCTION OF 2007 GRAND COUNCIL BALLOTS

The Grand Recorder moved for the destruction of the 2007 Grand Council ballots.

Motion Passed, May 14, 2008

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER

The Grand Recorder moved for the approval of the preliminary reports of the Grand Recorder as printed and distributed in the preliminary proceedings, subject to correction.

Motion Passed, May 14, 2008

CERTIFICATES**2007-2008 Council 25-year Certificates Issued**

Name	Council	No.	Greeted	Issued
Newberry, Orville W.	East Gate	51	07-Nov-81	05-Jun-07
Rockhill, Howard Wesley	Labanon	56	15-Nov-57	12-Sep-07
Stout, James E.	Labanon	56	12-Nov-77	12-Sep-07
Applegate, David Truly	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Back, Donald King	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Brazeal, Charles Michael	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Doyle, Walter Wesley	Zabud	25	06-Nov-82	21-Sep-07
Gill, Jack Robert	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Guccione, Joseph A.	Zabud	25	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Harle, Jr., Fred Milton	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Haslip, Bill D.	Zabud	25	01-Dec-81	21-Sep-07
Kirkpatrick, Harry William	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Linhart, Ronald Gene	Zabud	25	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Mauck, William Lacy	Zabud	25	15-Aug-81	21-Sep-07
Melton, Joe D.	Zabud	25	06-Nov-82	21-Sep-07
Moore, Larry Wayne	Zabud	25	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Powell, Don Lee	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Sloane, Gary Busby	Zabud	25	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Steelman, Jerry Francis	Zabud	25	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Teghtmyer, Donald Lee	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Terry, Ronald Lee	Zabud	25	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Wright, Malcolm Lloyd	Zabud	25	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Bray, Robert Harris	Centralia	34	08-Mar-75	26-Nov-07
Detherow, Bob L.	Zabud	25	14-Nov-64	10-Dec-07
England, Jame Thomas	Independence	49	11-Oct-75	25-Jan-08
Gibbons, James Joseph	Zabud	25	24-May-75	05-Mar-08

2007-2008 Council 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Council	No.	Greeted	Issued
Crain, Clemon C.	Cape	20	28-Dec-56	07-Sep-07
Daume, Melbert Earl	Cape	20	31-Aug-57	07-Sep-07
Horn, Charles Wilburn	Bonne Terre	43	16-Oct-57	14-Sep-07
Beshears, Charles Max	Zabud	25	18-May-56	21-Sep-07
Carpenter, David Paul	Zabud	25	18-May-54	21-Sep-07
Deskin, Lee Charles	Zabud	25	19-Oct-54	21-Sep-07
Hughes, Robert Webb	Zabud	25	15-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Lee, Gene R.	Zabud	25	18-May-54	21-Sep-07
Leidy, Harry Lee	Zabud	25	15-Nov-55	21-Sep-07
Lipscomb, Jack Allen	Zabud	25	16-Nov-54	21-Sep-07
Prier, Fred D.	Zabud	25	15-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Rice, Jr., Edwin Cook	Zabud	25	17-May-55	21-Sep-07
Stith, Ronald Crain	Zabud	25	15-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Tracy, Ceborn Lewis	Zabud	25	15-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Westfall, William Buchanan	Zabud	25	16-Oct-53	21-Sep-07
White, Arthur Lee	Zabud	25	18-May-54	21-Sep-07
Rockhill, Howard Wesley	Lebanon	56	15-Nov-57	01-Nov-07
Dugan, Robert H.	Westport	38	10-Oct-52	19-Nov-07
Coil, Richard Wayne	Centralia	34	4-Dec-57	26-Nov-07
Garrett, John Boswell	Centralia	34	24-Oct-57	26-Nov-07
Gilmore, Kenneth Keith	Centralia	34	4-Dec-57	26-Nov-07
Robinson, Gail Wilburn	Centralia	34	4-Dec-57	26-Nov-07
Talbert, Lloyd	Centralia	34	4-Dec-57	26-Nov-07
Reid, John Clarence	York	40	13-Oct-51	27-Dec-07
McCartney, Francis Ford	Trinity	47	28-Mar-58	28-Mar-08

2007-2008 GRAND COUNCIL RECAPITULATION

Income	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
Per Capita, Membership 3,035 @ \$7.35	\$22,307.25	\$23,705.87	\$1,398.62
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,372.75	1,311.49	(61.26)
Greeting Fees, 100 @ \$7.00	700.00	588.00	(112.00)
Interest Income	2,050.00	784.41	(1,265.59)
General Fund Special Account Interest	1,746.25		(1,746.25)
Miscellaneous	250.00		(250.00)
Total	28,426.25	26,389.77	(2,036.48)
Appropriations	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
Grand Master Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Grand Treasurer	400.00	400.00	-
Grand Recorder	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Administrative Assistant	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Employment Taxes	640.00	630.68	9.32
Annual Assembly	1,750.00	1,741.55	8.45
Auditor	150.00	21.00	129.00
Capital Asset Fund	290.00	290.00	-
General Grand Council Per Capita (3,291 @ \$0.35)	1,151.85	1,240.05	(88.20)
Grand Officer Conference	300.00	738.08	(438.08)
Insurance	150.00	201.25	(51.25)
Membership Software Development	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Miscellaneous	250.00	93.35	156.65
Office Equipment	2,000.00	1,534.36	465.64
Office Expenses	1,500.00	2,425.92	(925.92)
Office Rent & Utilities	1,800.00	1,810.48	(10.48)
Past Grand Master Jewel	300.00	338.55	(38.55)
Postage	750.00	566.59	183.41
Proceedings, Printing	2,300.00	2,004.60	295.40
Royal Arch Mason Magazine	2,000.00	1,889.81	110.19
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00	50.00	-
Storage Rent	720.00	864.00	(144.00)
Triennial Fund (3,740 @ \$0.06)	224.40	226.98	(2.58)
Total	28,426.25	28,767.21	(340.96)
Total Income	28,426.25	26,389.77	(2,036.48)
Total Appropriations	28,426.25	28,767.21	(340.96)
Balance / Overall Difference	0.00	(2,377.44)	(2,377.44)

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Illustrious Master	Deputy Master
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	Thomas L. Thomason	Todd A. Schulze
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	23-7550889	James A. Jeffers	Lance Lovejoy
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	Charles M. Huey	Melbert E. Daume
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891	Charles L. Frost	Bruce A. Olds
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	Gary L. Benskin	Eldon L. Cobb
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	D. Duane Davis	Ernest J. Phelan
28*	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	April 21, 1897	23-7550894		
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	James H. Lawson	W. Harry Guinn
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	Larry D. Wyatt, II	Larry D. Wyatt, Sr.
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	James M. Mosley	Richard A. Mills
35	Fidelity	Mountain Grove	April 26, 1920	23-7550898	Norman D. Rust	Dennis N. Smith
37	Trenton	Trenton	April 25, 1921	23-7550900	Delbert Gentry	James C. Moore
38	Westport	Kansas City	April 25, 1921	43-6071585	Johnnie A. Nemec	Francis W. Benson
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	Paul R. Cannon	Bernard A. McIntyre
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	Eugene E. Moser	John E. Trower
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	David A. Smothers	Gary L. Jones
42	Sedalia	Sedalia	April 10, 1922	23-7550904	Mark A. Pohl	William E. Criss
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	Steven F. Perkins	James E. Snavelly
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	Loren D. Lloyd	David D. Powell
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	William G. Snyder	Michael Lundeen
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	Jimmie Mitchell	Rodney L. Mitchell
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909	Michael Shulse	William W. Snell
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	James K. Schatz	Arnold D. Haddock, Jr.
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	Thomas L. Truman	Donald R. David
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	Marshall R. Welch	Robert A. Duncan
51	East Gate	Kansas City	April 24, 1950	23-7550912	Steven M. Anderson	David Miller
53	Harmony	Bethany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	Glen Fitzgerald	Garland Henfren
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.	Larry R. Clemens
57	Warrensburg	Warrensburg	May 9, 1990	43-1697679	Kenneth L. Sisemore	Michael E. Sutton
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	Robert R. Anderson	Keith A. Jones
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	Harley L. Kropf	Michael L. Dodd
TOTAL						
* No Annual Return received for 2007						

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Council	Principal Conductor of the Work	Recorder	Election of Officers	Stated Assemblies	Annual Return Received
1	Hiram	Larry W. Schulze	Michael D. Kassel	4th Wed in March	4th Wednesday	25-Jan-08
9	St. Joseph	LeRoy Salmon	William W. Mier	4th Wed in Oct	4th Wednesday	25-Feb-08
20	Cape	Michael E. Perry	Charles M. Huey	1st Wed in Dec	1st Wednesday	1-Mar-08
24	Shekinah	Charles L. Frost, II	Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday	1-Mar-08
25	Zabud	Fred S. Livingston	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	29-Feb-08
27	Poplar Bluff	James N. Leslie	Bill A. Humble	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday	31-Jan-08
28*	Chillicothe		Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday	
30	Jasper	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Michael N. Beeler	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-08
32	Ezra	Steven C. Derendinger	Donald L. Trabue	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	29-Feb-08
34	Centralia	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Kevin B. Sample	4th Mon in Nov	4th Monday	24-Mar-08
35	Fidelity	Marshall J. Biesen	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-08
37	Trenton	Roger Cain	Larry T. Odom	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	26-Feb-08
38	Westport	Timothy T. Holmes	Roy N. Thomas	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	14-Feb-08
39	Rolla	Larry W. Beck	George E. Ornsbey	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	29-Feb-08
40	York	Guy R. Ross	Theodore Buckwick	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	6-Feb-08
41	Carthage	Lawrence M. Cripps	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	25-Feb-08
42	Sedalia	Marion A. Venable	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	13-Feb-08
43	Bonne Terre	David L. Leirer	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday	24-Jan-08
44	Kirksville	David A. Lloyd	Thomas C. Yunick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	23-Feb-08
45	Kansas City	Jerry O. Snyder	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	3-Mar-08
46	Neosho	Grover G. Cochlan	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	28-Feb-08
47	Trinity	Gary Beahan	Roger McGregor	1st Thur in Oct	1st Thursday	14-Nov-08
48	Jeremiah	Edgar D. Piles	Kevin E. Weaver	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	24-Mar-08
49	Independence	William G. Snyder	Glenn E. Means	4th Thur in April	4th Thursday	28-Jan-08
50	Liberty	Donald E. Lake	Virgil L. Bailey	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	23-Feb-08
51	East Gate	Orville Newberry	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thur in June	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-08
53	Harmony	Lowell Littrell	John Thraillkill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	23-Feb-08
56	Lebanon	William R. Feltner	William E. Brenneman	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	25-Feb-08
57	Warrensburg	Bennie L. Winnie	Glen E. Henness	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	3-Mar-08
58	Bert S. Lee	John W. Shoemaker	James A. Nunn	1st Thurs in May	1st Thursday	11-Feb-08
59	Shelby	Fred Stuecken	Darrell A. Wilham	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday	22-Mar-08
	TOTAL					
* No Annual Return received for 2007						

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Council	06 Membership	Graced	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dinitied	Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	Expelled	Suspension by Lodge or Chapter	Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	Died	Total Losses	Total Year End Membership 2007	Remissions, Liability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members
1	Hiram	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	52	2	1	3
9	St. Joseph	311	6	1	1	8	0	0	0	2	0	8	10	309	15	15	17
20	Cape	110	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	6	2	5	14	99	6	2	1
24	Shekinah	91	1	0	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	92	0	3	17
25	Zabud	478	6	0	5	11	6	0	0	22	1	12	41	448	7	25	20
27	Poplar Bluff	59	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	56	4	0	3
28*	Chillicothe	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	1
30	Jasper	75	5	0	1	6	1	0	0	11	0	3	15	66	3	1	10
32	Ezra	141	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	8	9	135	48	18	4
34	Centralia	258	7	0	3	10	1	0	0	2	1	10	14	254	11	28	63
35	Fidelity	48	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	7	42	1	2	0
37	Trenton	93	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	92	3	6	1
38	Westport	69	4	2	1	7	0	0	0	1	4	2	7	69	1	8	0
39	Rolla	149	7	0	1	8	4	0	0	0	0	6	10	147	8	10	23
40	York	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	6	11	74	4	3	9
41	Carthage	117	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	6	13	106	3	9	2
42	Sedalia	67	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	4	6	66	1	3	3
43	Bonne Terre	113	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	1	7	108	8	3	8
44	Kirksville	365	7	0	3	10	0	0	0	24	0	20	44	331	1	14	7
45	Kansas City	76	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	6	73	1	13	2
46	Neosho	93	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	4	7	89	0	4	2
47	Trinity	47	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	5	1	12	36	0	1	0
48	Jeremiah	221	8	0	1	9	4	0	0	4	1	9	18	212	36	2	31
49	Independence	205	7	0	10	17	3	0	0	12	4	5	24	198	6	6	25
50	Liberty	237	3	0	1	4	3	0	0	10	0	5	18	223	6	8	21
51	East Gate	91	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	6	1	9	16	80	4	1	4
53	Harmony	53	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	52	0	7	0
56	Lebanon	78	7	0	1	8	2	0	0	15	2	0	19	67	0	1	9
57	Warrensburg	35	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	30	1	0	4
58	Bert S. Lee	31	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	29	0	0	4
59	Shelby	26	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	1
	TOTAL	3972	94	10	39	143	34	0	0	151	27	141	353	3762	180	195	295
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Council	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	06 Debits	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Credit for 50-year Remissions	Credit for Life Members	06 Credits
1	Hiram	\$ -	\$ 382.20	\$ 37.05	\$ 419.25	\$ 14.70	\$ 7.35	\$ 22.05	\$ -
9	St. Joseph	42.00	2,271.15	29.40	2,342.55	110.25	110.25	124.95	-
20	Cape	21.00	727.65	-	748.65	44.10	14.70	7.35	-
24	Shekinah	7.00	676.20	22.30	705.50	-	22.05	124.95	-
25	Zabud	42.00	3,292.80	29.50	3,364.30	51.45	183.75	147.00	-
27	Poplar Bluff	-	411.60	-	411.60	29.40	-	22.05	-
28*	Chillicothe	-	698.25	806.70	1,504.95	-	-	7.35	-
30	Jasper	35.00	485.10	-	520.10	22.05	7.35	73.50	-
32	Ezra	21.00	992.25	115.00	1,128.25	352.80	132.30	29.40	-
34	Centralia	49.00	1,866.90	14.70	1,930.60	80.85	205.80	463.05	-
35	Fidelity	-	308.70	-	308.70	7.35	14.70	-	-
37	Trenton	7.00	676.20	-	683.20	22.05	44.10	7.35	29.40
38	Westport	28.00	507.15	7.35	542.50	7.35	58.80	-	-
39	Rolla	49.00	1,080.45	21.70	1,151.15	58.80	73.50	169.05	-
40	York	-	543.90	-	543.90	29.40	22.05	66.15	-
41	Carthage	14.00	779.10	-	793.10	22.05	66.15	14.70	21.75
42	Sedalia	14.00	485.10	-	499.10	7.35	22.05	22.05	22.05
43	Bonne Terre	14.00	793.80	-	807.80	58.80	22.05	58.80	25.05
44	Kirksville	49.00	2,432.85	-	2,481.85	7.35	102.90	51.45	15.00
45	Kansas City	-	536.55	-	536.55	7.35	95.55	14.70	-
46	Neosho	14.00	654.15	165.30	833.45	-	29.40	14.70	-
47	Trinity	7.00	264.60	22.05	293.65	-	7.35	-	-
48	Jeremiah	56.00	1,558.20	73.20	1,687.40	264.60	14.70	227.85	-
49	Independence	49.00	1,455.30	109.50	1,613.80	44.10	44.10	183.75	-
50	Liberty	21.00	1,639.05	-	1,660.05	44.10	58.80	154.35	7.35
51	East Gate	21.00	588.00	185.40	794.40	29.40	7.35	29.40	-
53	Harmony	7.00	382.20	-	389.20	-	51.45	-	58.85
56	Lebanon	49.00	492.45	-	541.45	-	7.35	66.15	-
57	Warrensburg	-	220.50	65.35	285.85	7.35	-	29.40	-
58	Bert S. Lee	-	213.15	-	213.15	-	-	29.40	-
59	Shelby	42.00	235.20	62.05	339.25	-	7.35	7.35	-
TOTAL		\$ 658.00	\$ 27,650.70	\$ 1,766.55	\$ 30,075.25	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 1,433.25	\$ 2,168.25	\$ 179.45
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Council	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments
1	Hiram	\$ 44.10	\$ 375.15	\$ -	\$ 375.15	\$ 397.50	\$ -		\$ 397.50
9	St. Joseph	345.45	1,997.10	-	1,997.10	1,975.57	-		1,975.57
20	Cape	66.15	682.50	-	682.50	682.00	-		682.00
24	Shekinah	147.00	558.50	-	558.50	550.80	-		550.80
25	Zabud	382.20	2,982.10	-	2,982.10	3,004.15	-		3,004.15
27	Poplar Bluff	51.45	360.15	-	360.15	360.15	-		360.15
28*	Chillicothe	7.35	1,497.60	30.00	1,527.60	-	-		-
30	Jasper	102.90	417.20	-	417.20	417.20	-		417.20
32	Ezra	514.50	613.75	-	613.75	614.30	-		614.30
34	Centralia	749.70	1,180.90	15.00	1,195.90	1,166.50	-		1,166.50
35	Fidelity	22.05	286.65	-	286.65	286.65	-		286.65
37	Trenton	102.90	580.30	-	580.30	590.80	-		590.80
38	Westport	66.15	476.35	-	476.35	483.70	-		483.70
39	Rolla	301.35	849.80	-	849.80	816.55	33.25	24-Oct-08	849.80
40	York	117.60	426.30	-	426.30	433.65	-		433.65
41	Carthage	124.65	668.45	-	668.45	691.20	-		691.20
42	Sedalia	73.50	425.60	-	425.60	432.95	-		432.95
43	Bonne Terre	164.70	643.10	-	643.10	643.10	-		643.10
44	Kirksville	176.70	2,305.15	-	2,305.15	2,386.75	-		2,386.75
45	Kansas City	117.60	418.95	-	418.95	443.75	-		443.75
46	Neosho	44.10	789.35	-	789.35	753.30	-		753.30
47	Trinity	7.35	286.30	135.00	421.30	406.00	-		406.00
48	Jeremiah	507.15	1,180.25	15.00	1,195.25	1,165.00	-		1,165.00
49	Independence	271.95	1,341.85	-	1,341.85	1,334.50	-		1,334.50
50	Liberty	264.60	1,395.45	-	1,395.45	1,388.45	-		1,388.45
51	East Gate	66.15	728.25	-	728.25	647.40	-		647.40
53	Harmony	110.30	278.90	-	278.90	611.15	-		611.15
56	Lebanon	73.50	467.95	-	467.95	490.10	-		490.10
57	Warrensburg	36.75	249.10	-	249.10	249.10	-		249.10
58	Bert S. Lee	29.40	183.75	-	183.75	183.75	-		183.75
59	Shelby	14.70	324.55	15.00	339.55	324.55	-		324.55
TOTAL		\$ 5,103.95	\$ 24,971.30	\$ 210.00	\$ 25,181.30	\$ 23,930.57	\$ 33.25		\$ 23,963.82
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Council	07 Credits	07 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/07	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness
1	Hiram	\$ 22.35		\$ 769.81	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 155.10	\$ 455.00
9	St. Joseph		21.53	2,922.43	40,991.46	-	-	-
20	Cape		0.50	1,739.02	10,734.00	3,000.00	-	-
24	Shekinah		7.70	7,191.43	-	10,000.00	-	-
25	Zabud	22.05		4,426.71	-	700.00	-	-
27	Poplar Bluff			463.29	-	-	20.00	-
28*	Chillicothe		1,527.60	-	-	-	-	-
30	Jasper	0.00		1,744.48	13,103.24	100.00	-	-
32	Ezra	0.55		5,079.16	10,654.63	2,500.00	-	-
34	Centralia		29.40	3,316.84	-	25,000.00	-	-
35	Fidelity			547.94	27,496.84	2,500.00	50.00	-
37	Trenton	10.50		1,427.23	-	-	468.00	-
38	Westport	7.35		261.02	-	-	-	-
39	Rolla		0.00	743.69	13,785.55	20,000.00	-	-
40	York	7.35		1,147.06	792.71	-	-	-
41	Carthage	22.75		2,099.97	-	800.00	70.00	-
42	Sedalia	7.35		120.00	-	-	8.50	50.00
43	Bonne Terre	0.00		2,844.47	-	100.00	221.00	-
44	Kirksville	81.60		5,811.90	17,276.23	-	460.00	-
45	Kansas City	24.80		357.20	-	-	-	-
46	Neosho		36.05	2,462.04	-	-	-	-
47	Trinity		15.30	2,012.85	-	-	-	-
48	Jeremiah		30.25	2,088.72	-	3,000.00	-	-
49	Independence		7.35	1,757.63	13,994.64	-	-	-
50	Liberty		7.00	4,905.53	38,528.65	-	-	-
51	East Gate		80.85	1,432.76	4,300.00	2,000.00	-	-
53	Harmony	332.25		1,000.00	-	-	-	-
56	Lebanon	22.15		2,368.74	3,145.61	1,025.00	140.00	-
57	Warrensburg		0.00	27.38	-	-	-	-
58	Bert S. Lee	0.00		946.89	-	3,000.00	-	-
59	Shelby		15.00	526.51	-	1,500.00	-	-
	TOTAL	\$ 561.05	\$ 1,778.53	\$ 62,542.70	\$ 194,803.56	\$ 76,725.00	\$ 1,592.60	\$ 505.00
* No Annual Return received for 2007								

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Council	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited
1	Hiram	\$ 1,969.91	\$ 25.85			No	No	Yes
9	St. Joseph	43,913.89	11.00	26.50		Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Cape	15,473.02	13.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
24	Shekinah	17,191.43	15.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
25	Zabud	5,126.71	15.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Poplar Bluff	483.29	10.00	75.00	58.40	No	No	Yes
28*	Chillicothe	-	15.00					
30	Jasper	14,947.72	12.00			No	No	No
32	Ezra	18,233.79	13.00			No	No	Yes
34	Centralia	28,316.84	23.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
35	Fidelity	30,594.78	10.00			No	No	Yes
37	Trenton	1,895.23	13.00			No	No	Yes
38	Westport	261.02	14.00	51.11	51.11	No	No	Yes
39	Rolla	34,529.24	18.00			No	No	Yes
40	York	1,939.77	29.35	25.00	25.00	No	No	No
41	Carthage	2,969.97	10.00	11.00		No	No	Yes
42	Sedalia	78.50	8.50			No	No	No
43	Bonne Terre	3,165.47	17.00	94.00	138.10			Yes
44	Kirksville	23,548.13	15.00	287.05	273.35	Yes	Yes	Yes
45	Kansas City	357.20	10.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
46	Neosho	2,462.04	9.35			No	No	Yes
47	Trinity	2,012.85	15.00			Yes	Yes	No
48	Jeremiah	5,088.72	18.50	100.00	222.65	No	No	Yes
49	Independence	15,752.27	16.05	407.55		Yes	Yes	Yes
50	Liberty	43,434.18	10.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
51	East Gate	7,732.76	9.35			No	No	Yes
53	Harmony	1,000.00	14.00					No
56	Lebanon	6,679.35	10.00			No	No	Yes
57	Warrensburg	27.38	15.50	55.00	43.80	No	No	Yes
58	Bert S. Lee	3,946.89	13.00	5.00	5.00	No	No	Yes
59	Shelby	2,026.51	22.50			No	No	No
	TOTAL	\$ 335,158.86	\$ 450.95	\$ 1,137.21	\$ 817.41			
* No Annual Return received for 2007								

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

See page 152.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: Your Committee on Credentials has examined the certificates filed with the Committee and begs to report the following:

Number of Chartered Councils represented – 21, Grand Officers – 10; Past Grand Masters – 9; Past Masters, not representatives – 35; Chairmen and members of committees – 42; Masters – 16 (3 proxies); Deputy Masters – 14 (6 proxies); Principal Conductors of the Work – 9 (4 proxies); Recorders – 13; Grand Representatives – 35; Regional Deputy Grand Masters – 8; Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers – 4.

Total number of Council Representatives without duplication – 113; Councils fully represented – 5; Councils partially represented – 16. The following Councils had no representation: No.'s 30, 35, 37, 46, 50, 51, 53, and 57. Also, 28 and 47 account no annual reports filed with Grand Recorder.

Past Masters, Not Representatives: Robert R. Buren (1), Marion L. Briggs (1), William B. Stephenson, Jr. (1), James G. Haddox (1), Nathan D. Carrington (9), Carroll E. Henson (9), John E. Schofield (20), Joseph L. Hellig (24), Rodney L. Trimble (30), Andrew Wyatt (32), Harold F. Coots (32), Calvin D. Schroff (34), Marion W. Dey (34), Kenneth D. Dingman (39), Roy L. Gilkey (39), Terry R. Struse (40), Eugene E. Moser (40), K. Trent Moreland (40), Richard E. Jump (43), Steven C. Monrotus (43), Nelson G. Morgan (43), James J. Hayes (43), Richard L. Mansfield (44), Ronnie E. Green (48), Lionel J. Goede (48), Ronnie E. Green (48), Robert E. Hardester (48), David R. Vogler (48), Scott Crawford (49), Mark S. Schroer (49), Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (49), Foster S. Crawford (49), Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (49), Victor C. Walters, Jr. (49), Rocky E. Weaver (50), Jerry F. Ward (50), C. C. McLemore, III (58 dual).

Grand Representatives to Missouri from other jurisdictions: George M. Merkle (Alabama), Edgar F. Coonrod (Arizona), Russell S. Hanson (Brazil), William Gordon Buckner (California), Richard J. Holmes (Connecticut), John V. Crampton (District of Columbia), LeRoy D. Unruh (England), Marion W. Dey (France), Paul R. Cannon (Georgia), Teddie E. Harrison (Germany), James G. Haddox (Hawaii), Harley L. Kropf (Indiana), Danny D. Smothers (Kansas), Robert W. Schlichter (Louisiana), William E. Brenneman (Maryland), Everette L. Gloyd (Maine), Albert H. Miller (Massachusetts), John E. Schofield (Michigan), Calvin D. Schroff (Montana), William C. Woolsey (New Hampshire), Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (New Jersey), Paul K. Kawakami (New York), C.C. McLemore, III (North Carolina), Stanton T. Brown (Ohio), James L. Woodfin, Jr. (Oklahoma), Steven C. Monrotus (Oregon), José R. Palacios (Pennsylvania), William J. Bowser (Portugal), K. Trent Moreland (Scotland), Roy N. Thomas (South Carolina), Robert H. Bray (South Dakota), Kevin B. Sample (Tennessee), Glenn E. Means (Vermont), Ted W. Harrison (Wisconsin), and Walter W. Doyle (Wyoming).

Grand Council Officers: Robert L. Wright – Grand Master; Edgar F. Coonrod – Deputy Grand Master; Danny D. Smothers – Grand Principal Conductor of the Work;

Donald L. Trabue – Grand Treasurer; Kevin B. Sample – Grand Recorder; James G. Haddox – Grand Captain of the Guard; George M. Merkle – Grand Conductor of the Council; William C. Woolsey – Grand Marshal; Paul R. Cannon – Grand Sentinel; Lee L. Francis (Assistant Grand Sentinel); Kevin E. Weaver – Grand Chaplain; Albert H. Miller – Grand Lecturer; John E. Schofield – Grand Organist pro tem;

Past Grand Masters: Everette L. Gloyd, William Gordon Buckner, John V. Crampton, Robert H. Bray, Albert H. Miller, Paul K. Kawakami, Teddie E. Harrison, William J. Bowser, LeRoy D. Unruh, Richard J. Holmes, Stanton T. Brown, Robert L. Wright and Kevin B. Sample.

Regional Deputy Grand Masters: Harley L. Kropf, 1; Lloyd F. Waller, 2; Steven M. Anderson, 3A; George R. Ornsbey, 4; John L. Erfurdt, Jr., 5; James L. Woodfin, Jr., 6; William E. Brenneman, 7A; and Walter W. Doyle, 7B.

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers: Ronald E. Wood, Jr., 2; William C. Woolsey, 4; Kevin E. Weaver, 5; and Walter W. Doyle, 7B.

Standing and Special Committees: ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER – Albert S. Miller, Chairman. AUDIT – Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman; James G. Haddox; and Russell S. Hanson. CREDENTIALS – Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman; Phillip W. Engel and Ted W. Harrison. CHARITIES & CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND– Teddie E. Harrison, Chairman; William J. Bowser. EDUCATION – Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman; Richard J. Holmes; Russell S. Hanson; and Ronald E. Wood, Jr. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP – Walter W. Doyle, Chairman; Paul K. Kawakami, José R. Palacios; and Thomas C. Yunick. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS – James E. Snively, Chairman; George M. Merkle, Edgar F. Coonrod; Donald L. Trabue; and Kevin B. Sample. GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY – William Gordon Buckner. GOLF TOURNAMENT – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman; James E. Snively, Richard L. Mansfield, Kevin B. Sample. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – Kevin B. Sample, Chairman; Russell S. Hanson. JURISPRUDENCE – Stanton T. Brown, Chairman; Robert W. Schlichter and C. Brent Stewart. MEMBERSHIP – LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman; Richard J. Holmes, Danny D. Smothers, David R. Vogler and RDGM's. MERIT AWARD – Edgar F. Coonrod. REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS – Robert L. Wright, Chairman. RETURNS OF COUNCILS – Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman; Phillip W. Engel and Ted W. Harrison. REVIEW – Kevin B. Sample. RITUAL – Albert H. Miller, Chairman; Kevin B. Sample, Robert L. Wright and RDGL's. ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE, EDITOR – Roy L. Gilkey. TIME AND PLACE – Edgar F. Coonrod, Chairman. TRIENNIAL – William J. Bowser, Chairman; Edgar F. Coonrod and Stanton T. Brown. YORK RITE CONFERENCE – James L. Woodfin, Jr. YOUTH – LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman; Danny D. Smothers.

Fraternally submitted,
Phillip W. Engel
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

Ted W. Harrison

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (Credentials)**(By proxy)*

NO.	COUNCIL	MASTER	DEP. MASTER	PRIN. COND. of WORK	RECORDER
1	Hiram	Todd Schulze	Larry W. Schulze		Michael D. Kassel
9	St. Joseph	James D. Jeffers		LeRoy Salmon	William W. Mier
20	Cape		*John E. Crites	* John V. Crampton	
24	Shekinah	*Ted W. Harrison	*Dennis Abernathy		
25	Zabud	Eldon Cobb			James H. Mercer
27	Poplar Bluff		* Kevin B. Sample	* Charles Carlstrom	Bill A. Humble
28	Chillicothe				
30	Jasper				
32	Ezra		Larry D. Wyatt, II		Donald L. Trabue
34	Centralia	*Marion W. Dey	*Calvin Schroff	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Kevin B. Sample
35	Fidelity				
37	Trenton				
38	Westport				Roy N. Thomas
39	Rolla	Bernard A. McIntyre	Larry Wayne Beck	*William J. Neighbors	George E. Ornsbey
40	York	John E. Trower	*Harry C. Reed, Jr.	Gale B. Morrison	
41	Carthage	David A. Smothers	*Lloyd Wagner		
42	Sedalia	Mark A. Pohl			Allen B. Bess
43	Bonne Terre	*J. Joseph Hayes	James E. Snively	David Leirer	James Woodfin, Jr.
44	Kirkville	Loren Lloyd			Thomas C. Yunick
45	Kansas City	William G. Snyder			Steven M. Anderson
46	Neosho				
47	Trinity				
48	Jeremiah	Arnold D. Haddock	Edgar Piles		Kevin E. Weaver
49	Independence	Thomas L. Truman	Donald R. David	William G. Snyder	Glen E. Means
50	Liberty				
51	East Gate				
53	Harmony				
56	Lebanon	Larry R. Clemens	Bradley T. Hicks	*Joseph P. Krill, Jr.	William E. Brenneman
57	Warrensburg				
58	Bert S. Lee				James A. Nunn
59	Shelby	Harley L. Kropf	Fred F. Stuecken		

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri: Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

As this Grand Year comes to a close I would like to submit this report on behalf of my office as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the Grand Council of Missouri.

We, as a Grand Council continue to have problems with membership numbers. Now this is nothing new but does pose some very serious questions as to the future facing the Grand Council. It becomes a disturbing situation because of the numbers of companions that show up to the meetings. Often times there are not even enough to open the body. Being the body that is in the middle of the York Rite means that we are very much at the mercy of the Grand Chapter, and the local lodges to produce the members that we are able to take into our gentle craft. We need to continue to help all bodies of masonry and look for the brothers that have the ritualistic talent and good brotherhood and ask them to be members of the York Rite. I feel that quality is still the most important thing that we should focus on.

I know that the lessons and examples of the Council rituals and all of the York Rite are very important and need to be put on more often to more brothers so they will see the

history of the York Rite in action. I know that some companions will be more concerned that this Grand Council is proposing a per capita increase at this session and that there will be companions that will want to quit because of it. If we do not continually change and increase our finances we run the risk of taxing ourselves out of existence. In other words we cannot run too many years in the deficit or we won't exist!

This past year the Grand Council along with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery embarked on a new direction with several management themed caucuses that will be discussed this weekend. Several new ideas were presented and some will hopefully be implemented including the single dues card and the new computer software program that will organize our fraternity. Some of these programs met with much resistance but again we need to make our organization better each year for our seasoned members and our new members.

This past year I was very busy with changes in my job and sometimes the pressures in other parts of the fraternity to be able to attend all functions of the Grand Council. I attended many meetings during the year but I would like to point out a few of my favorites that made lasting impressions. I was honored to represent the Grand Master at the Missouri DeMolay State Conclave and presented the Youth award to a deserving young DeMolay and a small check to the state for its programs. As a former DeMolay I would encourage all of the companions to support this great organization as our future depends on these young men to join our ranks as members. I was also pleased to be in the Installing Marshall for the Companions at 9th and Harrison in Kansas City with our Grand Commander Fred Troxel doing a superb job in the east! I was the installing officer for my home Council in Kansas City and it was exciting to see the enthusiasm that the young guys have at this Council. The picnic was another great success this year with the change of bringing it to the Grand Lodge building and having it indoors. The plans for this year will be to have some outside fun things for the kids, so please attend and bring your kids and grandkids.

I continue to encourage brothers in all parts of the fraternity to stay active and to continue to look for good men that can make a difference.

Fraternally submitted,

Dan Smothers, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, 2007-2008

No other officer reports were received at the time of printing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: On April 21, 2008 your committee examined the returns of 29 Councils and found mostly neat and well prepared.

Chillicothe No. 28 and Trinity No. 47 have not been received while Centralia No. 34, Jeremiah No. 48 and Shelby No. 59 were received late and all being assessed penalties.

Many corrections were noted on account of mathematical errors and failure to keep accurate list of events not being entered as they occur.

We began the year with 3,968 members, Greeted 82, Admitted 9, Reinstated 33, Dimitted 31, Suspended by Lodge or Chapter 107, Suspended for Non-Payment of dues

48, Died 123 leaving us with 3,783 members. This was a loss of 185 members. We show 185 remissions for Inability to Pay, 184 Remissions as 50 year members and 294 Living Life Members.

My sincere appreciation to the Grand Recorder and his staff for their assistance.

Fraternally submitted,
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVIEW

No Report Submitted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

We welcomed James G. Haddox, PM, to the Committee this year. While part of our attention was directed to instruction of the new kid on the block, rest assured that this Committee is satisfied that our Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer have taken every means to insure that the funds and assets of this Grand Council are very well protected by a system of checks and balances between the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee took into account the appropriated budget, the balance sheets, and the recapitulation sheets maintained by the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer. It was noted that expenditures other than salaries are backed up with warrants, invoices and statements.

Furthermore, we were most happy to note that the recapitulation sheets now contain a complete breakdown of the income and expenses generated by the Grand Sessions.

Sadly, we must again report on the lack of any tabulation reports from the Chairman of those Committees having oversight of the funds received as donations/contributions to the Grand Council charities.

Recommendations:

- Repeat item – copies of documentation establishing this Grand Council under the 501 provision of the IRS has still not been provided to the Grand Recorder's Office.
- Repeat item – In order to assist the Grand Treasurer to establish and maintain the viability of the 501 provision of the IRS, all donations/contributions to the Grand Council charities must be tabulated, documented and a report must be filed with the Grand Recorder/Grand Treasurer from those having such oversight.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PM, Chairman
James G. Haddox, PM

Russell S. Hanson, PM

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT

MIC William J. Bowser addressed the grand assembly:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have a sad report to make about the calendars. I started this project in 2000 and we have almost doubled our Charity Endowment Fund so you and upcoming Grand Masters can give to our youth and to our charity. But at this time this year, we have sold less than 20 calendars, and the only one I have received any calendar money from is MIC Stanton Brown and I have not cashed or deposited any of his checks for the simple reason that we cannot operate on that many calendars sold. My suggestion is that since the membership and officers have not gotten the job done of distributing the calendars, we ought to discontinue it. It has been a very profitable project for us but if the officers and membership do not want to support it, we cannot continue with the project.

I have a little over \$8,000.00 in the checking account and I still owe MIC Harrison for this year's printing. My suggestion is that we discontinue it, even though we have made over \$50,000.00.

There was discussion from the floor supporting the continuation of this project. Grand Master Wright asked for a volunteer to take over the distribution of the calendars and to manage the program. MIC Bray thanked MIC Bowser for his management of this program for many years. He addressed how the program can net \$10,000.00. He reported that in years past, Councils and Recorders threw them in the drawer, did not distribute them, and those that did distribute them, the Companions did not sell them. Then they were distributed to the Illustrious Masters hoping that through their leadership, they would make an effort to get them distributed to the Council members and more importantly, get them sold. This too was not particularly successful. I hope an appropriate Companion can take this on.

IC Joseph Krill volunteered to take the project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: For the period April 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$9,339.54. Currently Missouri ranks eighth with respect to other jurisdictions and thirteenth since the inception of the program. Our grand total is \$92,889.41.

Extenders have been awarded to:

Centralia Council No. 34

Independence Council No. 49

Lebanon Council No. 56

Boone Terre Council No. 43

Liberty Council No. 50

Triangular plaques were awarded to:

Kirksville Council No. 44

Albert H. Miller

Order of the Silver Trowel

Joseph P. Krill, Jr.

The top ten subordinate councils including the Order of the Silver Trowel in contributions are:

1. Bonne Terre Council No. 43	\$1,454.70
2. Independence Council No. 49	1,427.55
3. Lebanon Council No. 56	1,175.75
4. Order of the Silver Trowel	1,000.00
5. Centralia Council No. 34	560.00
6. Hiram Council No. 1	325.00
7. Zabud Council No. 25	301.30
8. Kirksville Council No. 44	287.05
9. Sedalia Council No. 42	200.00
10. Rolla Council No. 39	150.00

It should be noted that the Harry S. Truman York Rite College No. 167 contributed \$250.00 as did the Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188.

Fraternally submitted,
William Gordon Buckner, Chairman

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

**ADDRESS MIC MARION K. CRUM, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MOST PUISSANT COMPANION
MAURICE C. "BUD" HIMES, GENERAL GRAND MASTER OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL**



Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to the Grand Council of Missouri. I called it Missouri(ē) because that was what Bruce Hunt told me it was supposed to be, it wasn't supposed to be Missouri(ā), but everybody today has called it Missouri(ā), so

while in Missouri(ā) we will do what Missouri(ā) does.

I am here to for two reasons: One is to thank the Grand Council of Missouri for their serge in contributions; the other is to tell you that we are doing some great things with that money.

When I started with this organization, there was only one doctor that was interested in arteriosclerosis. Now, we are the world leader in vascular biology. Dr. Keith March is world renowned. He has recently been to Sweden or Switzerland, he's been to Mexico and a couple of other places. He has been put in charge of making sure that the research is safe for humans. I think most of you know by now that we ran a study at Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine which the Cryptic Masons of the world created, that is our center, if it wasn't for us, it wouldn't be there. They ran a trial with 25 patients to grow blood vessels in the leg to supply blood to the feet; none of these (patients) have had to undergo amputation since the trial although three were previously scheduled for surgery to have limbs removed. But, after this new procedure, they had a good pulse to the feet and did not have to have their feet amputated. I think that this is a major breakthrough. Now, using these stems cells, and the stem cells they used in this procedure to grow blood vessels in the feet came from the marrow out of the bone in the hip. Now they are using stem cells from fat tissue, and they have been experimenting with rats that they have caused to have a stroke-like condition, using stem cells to cure the rats of the strokes, and they are ready now to do a phase I study using those stem cells to cure humans who have had strokes.

Also, a related project with the stroke work is the potential to apply this identical treatment to newborns who have suffered a lack of oxygen, usually due to having the umbilical cord wrapped around its neck or a severe kink in the cord. This research is continuing.

Now this one really excites me because I belong to the Order of Amaranth, and they give annually about ½ million dollars to diabetes research. Dr. March, in lab, has discovered that two types of cells that line the blood vessels work together to form blood vessels that can grow many organs that can secrete insulin. This holds great potential for patients with diabetes. This is not what we set out to do, but this is what they are accomplishing.

With the help of God, we are going to do great things. We have used your money wisely. We do not take in two-hundred thousand dollars a year, but we give two-hundred thousand dollars a year because we are using part of the income.

Last year we had a person who is working with the military over in Iraq who said he would give fifty-thousand dollars if we would get matching funds. Our directors said match it, so last year we gave three-hundred thousand dollars for research at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology when we only took in about one-hundred sixty-seven thousand. And Missouri is one of the leaders in the contributions and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companions, the Education Committee continues to encourage participation in the Grand Council Merit Award program. One of the requirements is a presentation by any Companion on the subject of Masonic education,

even if it is not connected with the Council. It is enough of a special occasion at our Council meetings if we have a paper or talk beyond our degree conferrals and most especially beyond our routine business.

It is most helpful for any committee, not just this one, to have input from the Grand Master as to what our task should be during his year, not simply just do what you did last year. We stand ready to offer our time and talents to any Council in need of a special presentation on the topic of their choice in fulfilling the requirement of the Merit Award, and especially for our incoming Grand Master, to have a progressive and rewarding tenure.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard J. Holmes
Russell S. Hanson
James J. Gibbons
Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

Emory J. Hampel
James S. Cunningham
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri: (Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery)

Companions and Sir Knights, we continue to take advantage of new communications tools in an effort to engage and better inform our membership. This year we created a presence on two of the hot new social networking sites -- MySpace.com and Facebook.com. These sites allow individuals to network with existing friends as well as to discover new friends based upon location and / or area of interest.

Our web-site is another outstanding tool which is underutilized. Please note that you can access most of the documents and forms which you need throughout the year in the "Document Library". This year the overall design of our website will change thanks to the efforts of Sir Knight Stephen R. Manning. The new site will be powered by a content management system which will allow multiple people to post updates to the various areas of the web-site. There is also an interactive calendar which will allow visitors to not only view existing items, but also to propose additions to the calendar. The Grand York Rite e-mail list continues to provide a centralized location for Companions and Sir Knights to communicate with others around the state. Secretaries and Records have not been collecting and/or forwarding this information to the office.

If you have any suggestions regarding communications tools or if you would like to volunteer to assist us, please contact the Grand Secretary / Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,
Brian J. Densmore
Aaron M. Shoemaker
Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson
David C. Witte

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Companions: On behalf of the endowed membership committee, we want to thank Most Excellent Companion, Robert Wright, for giving us the opportunity to serve on this committee. It has also been my pleasure to serve as chairman for the last three years. We have had a continued growth in the endowed membership of 6 new members. This gives us a total of 419 members. Because of this growth we will be able to give back 100 per cent pay-back to the membership.

Fraternally submitted,

Jose' R. Palacios
Thomas C. Yunick

Paul K. Kawakami
Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Companion	Council	Greeted	Issued
414	Crum, Travis Allen	39	30-Apr-05	16-Nov-07
415	McClellan, Harold Julius	56	04-Nov-00	28-Jan-08
416	Ridgley, Howard Edward	56	01-May-01	28-Jan-08
417	Trombley, Tad F.	37	27-Nov-07	25-Feb-08
418	Abernathy, Dennis A.	24	13-May-00	13-Mar-08
419	Lucas, William Chilton	34	15-Nov-61	22-Mar-08

ELECTION OF ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Grand Recorder announced that this report concluded the three-year term for IC Doyle and announced that we were required by our by-laws to elect a new chairman. He then moved to re-elect IC Walter W. Doyle as Chairman of the Endowed Membership Committee. Motion was seconded from the floor.

Motion Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Membership Committee in support to Palmyra Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, has been engaged in developing a York Rite Information Brochure for distribution into every Blue Lodge building in Missouri.

The task of developing this brochure was completed this year and is now ready for distribution.

Finances for distribution will be underwritten by Palmyra Royal Arch Chapter No. 2.

The Committee members thank Palmyra Royal Arch Chapter No. 2 for allowing them to work with Palmyra Chapter on this project.

A Brochure is attached.

Fraternally Submitted:

Le Roy D. Unruh, Chairman

Danny D. Smothers

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Richard J. Holmes

David R. Vogler

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL MERIT AWARD

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

The following Councils of the State of Missouri have submitted reports relative to the Grand Council Merit Award:

2006-2007

St. Joseph Council No. 9

St. Joseph, MO

Lloyd F. Waller

2007-2008

St. Joseph Council No. 9

St. Joseph, MO

Nathan Carrington

Cape Council No. 20

Cape Girardeau, MO

Charles Matthew Huey

Jeremiah Council No. 48

Webster Groves, MO

James K. Schatz

Independence Council No. 49

Independence, MO

Thomas L. Truman

The Chairman of this committee recommends the approval of these reports and the awarding of the Medal of Merit.

It would seem that the Masters of the several Councils in the State of Missouri, either do not place much value in the program, or they do not care to improve themselves and their council. Surely the goals set forth are not impossible to attain, because, it seems obvious that if the Master were to do what should normally be required of him, the goals would be attained, and the completion of the required report should not be a deterrent.

Fraternally submitted,

Emory J. Hampel, Chairman

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

Here with is my report as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

The annual Grand Council school of instruction was fairly well attended with 20 Companions present.

I did not receive any requests for schools to be held in any region.

I feel that it is the responsibility of the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers to take charge in their respective regions.

My recommendations are to move the date of the Grand Council school to the 3rd Saturday in September. Then the individual Councils will be back at labor and perhaps the officers will realize the importance of learning their duties and respond in kind by their attendance.

I also strongly recommend that until the man being considered as a Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, prove up on his work and secure a certificate of Proficiency on opening and closing, that he not be appointed.

I did hold a school on the Royal Master Degree in Hiram Council in December, a school on opening and closing in Cape Council in February and numerous schools in Bonne Terre Council No. 43.

In closing, I thank the Deputy Lecturers for their labor of Love.

Fraternally submitted,

Albert H. "Sonny" Miller, Grand Lecturer

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE, EDITOR

See report of the same in the Grand Chapter proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

The One Hundred and Forty Fourth annual assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri will be held in conjunction with the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Grand Council assembly will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2009.

Fraternally Submitted,

Edgar F. Coonrod, Chairman

Report Approved without Discussion, May 14, 2008

APPROVAL OF REMAINING REPORTS

As was intended, many of the reports to the Grand Council were read in by the appropriate committee representatives. Those presented are shown as approved by the membership. However, there was not enough time to present all of them. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve of the remaining preliminary reports, consisting of the Triennial Committee, York Rite Conferences, and Youth, subject to correction.

Motion Passed without Discussion, May 14, 2008

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

The 76th General Grand Chapter / 43rd General Grand Council Triennials will be held on August 27 to August 30, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 South Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

We hope you will plan to attend. As usual, we will have the Missouri state dinner. More information can be found on the web site.

Fraternally submitted,

William J. Bowser, PGM, Chairman

Frederick H. Neal, PRDGGM

Robert H. Bray, PGM

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

The changes made to the regional conferences are a step in a new direction. Since the past conferences were not attended by the people who would best receive the information presented, this new format is a direction we hope will continue. It may need to be changed a little each year. Most of the conferences were well attended, a couple were not. Things need to be changed to enhance attendance. Leadership and education is the direction we need to continue as this is one of the most important issues lacking in the York Rite.

Fraternally submitted,

James L. Woodfin, Jr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:

As Chairman of the Grand Council Youth Activities Committee it is my pleasure to report that all of our three Masonic Youth Bodies sent in their reports in a timely manner. We know the DeMolay, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Jobs Daughters are busy accomplishing their yearly programs, supporting their local Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters with their charities as is evidenced in their support to their individual Communities.

A special appreciation is given to the Jobs Daughters, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for their reports and they are submitted in their entirety.

Fraternally Submitted:

Le Roy D. Unruh, Chairman

Danny D. Smothers

Matthew A. Marrone

Thomas L. Thomason

REPORT ON 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRALIA COUNCIL NO. 34

The Grand Recorder, also Recorder of Centralia Council No. 34, announced that the Council had held its anniversary celebration on April 28, 2008, 100 years to the day of the date of its chartering in 1908, in the Masonic Lodge in Centralia, Missouri, with the

Grand Master present. He also announced that a commemorative coin had been struck and these are available from the Recorder for \$20.00 each.



GRAND COUNCIL CALLED FROM LABOR

There being no further business to come before the 143rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, the Grand Council was called from labor in due and proper form at approximately 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on May 14, 2008, for the awards presentation and open installation of officers.

**THESE GRAND COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR
1ST LADY OF CRYPTIC FREEMASONRY FOR 2007-2008
GO IN PEACE SISTER BETTY**



AFTERNOON SESSION

The 143rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri was called to labor at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose awards presentations and the installation the 2008-2009 Grand Council Officers.

2007-2008 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

GRAND COUNCIL MERIT AWARDS



Most Illustrious Companion Wright presents the 2007-2008 Grand Council Merit Awards. A list of recipients can be found in the report of the Merit Award Committee on page 185.

GRAND COUNCIL LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS



Most Illustrious Companion Wright presents the 2007-2008 Grand Council Lewis and Clark Awards. A list of recipients can be found in the report of the Education Committee on page 201.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

May 14, 2008

Installing Grand Master
Installing Marshal
Installing Chaplain

Richard J. Holmes, PGM
Paul K. Kawakami, PGM
LeRoy D. Unruh, PGM



MIC Kawakami presents the 2008-2009 Grand Council Officers for Installation.



MIC Kawakami presents RIC Edgar F. Coonrod, Grand Master-elect for installation.

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GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI



The 2008-2009 Regional Deputy Grand Masters are installed.



The 2008-2009 Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers are installed.



On behalf of the Order of the Silver Trowel, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Kevin E. Weaver presents the new Grand Master with his apron.



The customary exchanging of the jewels of office.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSED

MIC Coonrod closed the Grand Council in due and proper form at 5:00 p.m.

ERRATA

No corrections to the 2007 Grand Council proceedings were presented to this office.

Corrections to the 2008 proceedings are to be addressed in writing to the Grand Recorder for publication in the 2009 proceedings.

REFERENCE

The following pages give reference to historical and current information pertaining to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MISSOURI SINCE ORGANIZATION

(Complete listing to be published every 10 years.)

YEAR	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	GRAND PRINCIPAL COND. OF THE WORK	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER
April, 1976	James E. Sullivan	Dudley C. Barnes	Everette L. Gloyd	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1977	Dudley C. Barnes	Everette L. Gloyd	Ernest J. Thacker	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1978	Everette L. Gloyd	Ernest J. Thacker	George R. Johnson	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1979	Ernest J. Thacker	George R. Johnson	Robert N. Hunter	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1980	George R. Johnson	Robert N. Hunter	Ronald R. Bielby	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1981	Robert N. Hunter	Ronald R. Bielby	Donald C. Trece	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1982	Ronald R. Bielby	Donald C. Trece	Donald L. Flanders	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1983	Donald C. Trece	William Gordon Buckner	Blair C. Mayford	Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1984	William Gordon Buckner	Billie L. Bird	Blair C. Mayford	* Olin S. McDaniel	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1985	Billie L. Bird	Blair C. Mayford	Jack R. Clark, Sr.	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1986	Blair C. Mayford	Jack R. Clark, Sr.	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1987	Jack R. Clark, Sr.	Alvin F. Gerstenschlager	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1988	Alvin F. Gerstenschlager	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.	William R. Probst	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1989	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.	William R. Probst	James A. Cockerham	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1990	William R. Probst	James A. Cockerham	John V. Crampton	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1991	James A. Cockerham	John V. Crampton	Lawrence R. Albright, II	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1992	John V. Crampton	Lawrence R. Albright, II	Paul K. Kawakami	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1993	Lawrence R. Albright, II	Paul K. Kawakami	C. Richard Carter	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1994	Paul K. Kawakami	C. Richard Carter	Clarence W. Wieland	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1995	C. Richard Carter	Clarence W. Wieland	Lester E. Schultz	E. Allen Kohler	* Bruce H. Hunt
May, 1996	Clarence W. Wieland	Frederick H. Neal	Bob L. Detherow	E. Allen Kohler	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1997	Frederick H. Neal	Bob L. Detherow	Teddie E. Harrison	!! E. Allen Kohler	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1998	Bob L. Detherow	Teddie E. Harrison	William J. Bowser	Donald L. Trabue	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1999	Teddie E. Harrison	William J. Bowser	LeRoy D. Unruh	Donald L. Trabue	!! Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2000	William J. Bowser	LeRoy D. Unruh	Richard J. Holmes	Donald L. Trabue	!! Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2001	LeRoy D. Unruh	Richard J. Holmes	Gary A. Phillips	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2002	Richard J. Holmes	Gary A. Phillips	Stanton T. Brown	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2003	Gary A. Phillips	Stanton T. Brown	Robert H. Bray	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2004	Stanton T. Brown	Robert H. Bray	Albert H. Miller	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2005	Robert H. Bray	Albert H. Miller	Robert L. Wright	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2006	Albert H. Miller	Robert L. Wright	Edgar F. Coonrod	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2007	Robert L. Wright	Edgar F. Coonrod	Danny D. Smothers	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2008	Edgar F. Coonrod	Danny D. Smothers	James G. Haddox	Donald L. Trabue	Kevin B. Sample

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, awards the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to only one deserving and distinguished Companion in Missouri each year.

Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year
* Maurice E. Votaw	1975	Carl L. Hoeningner	1992
† Clifford Reed	1976	William J. Bowser	1993
* William I. Hutton	1977	* Harold C. Mace	1994
* George J. Grossius	1978	Emory J. Hampel	1995
* Thomas W. Cook	1979	Luther H. Fryer	1996
* Claude E. Oxley	1980	* R. Clyde Foster	1997
* John B. Vrooman	1981	Robert H. Bray	1998
* O. "Jack" V. Cundiff	1982	* J. Edward Blinn	1999
* Albert L. Kowitz	1983	Albert H. Miller	2000
* Ralph E. Hahn	1984	William David Townley	2001
* Loren E. Reynolds	1985	* E. Wayne Mund	2002
Lawrence R. Albright, Jr.	1986	Kevin E. Weaver	2003
Nelson G. Morgan	1987	Christopher C. McLemore, III	2004
* Harold R. Crockett	1988	James J. Hayes	2005
* Almon A. Atkins	1989	Kevin B. Sample	2006
* Clarence K. Swan	1990	Alfred L. Mason	2007
* J. D. Smith	1991	Steven C. Monrotus	2008

(* Deceased, † Dimitted)

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Adult Youth Leadership Award is awarded by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International to one who has distinguished himself in leadership with Missouri DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, or Rainbow for Girls.

Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year
P. Vincent Kinkad	1984	* Robert L. Hudson	1997
* Wilbert W. Burton	1985	William D. Townley	1998
Lionel J. Goede	1986	Virginia "Ginny" Goede	1999
* Ronald L. Zumwalt	1987	James E. Snavelly	2000
‡ Robert L. Harder	1988	William W. Mier	2001
* John H. Jepson, Jr.	1989	Catherine Dent	2002
* Darrell W. Cross	1990	Danny D. Smothers	2003
James J. Gibbons	1991	James Russell Tinker	2004
William B. Stephenson, Jr.	1992	Thomas Lee Thomason	2005
Arland E. Haynes	1993	Matthew A. Marrone	2006
Robert W. Cockerham	1994	LeRoy D. Unruh	2007
* Charles S. Grantham	1995	Vernon d. Carpenter	2008
Bob L. Detherow	1996		

(* Deceased, ‡ Suspended)

GRAND COUNCIL LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS**1988**

Region	Name	Council	No.
1	William F. Strode	Trinity	47
2	Frank Golden, Jr.	St. Joseph	9
3	Howard L. Adkins	Westport	38
4	Galeon P. Campbell	Rolla	39
5	William L. Weiss	Hiram	1
6	Michael R. Stevens	Bonne Terre	43
7	Von Ray Berry	Zabud	25

1989

Region	Name	Council	No.
1	C. Richard Carter	Kirksville	44
2	Andrew O. Ross	St. Joseph	9
3	Ernest W. Erickson	Westport	38
4	Clarence W. Wieland	Rolla	39
5	Theodore Buckwick	York	40
6	George C. Hunt	Cape	20
7	Robert E. Barton	Carthage	41

1990

Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Mervin W. Pierce	Trinity	47
2	James M. Roberts	St. Joseph	9
3	Luther W. Lance	Liberty	50
4	Kenneth W. Derryberry	Rolla	39
5	Raymond Schuenmeyer	Jeremiah	48
6	James H. Reynolds	Bonne Terre	43
7	William H. Vobbe	Jasper	30

1991

Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Forrest S. Todd		
2	Marvin H. Koch		
3	Kenneth Boyd Morris		
4	Harold C. Mace	Rolla	39
5	James E. Finch	Hiram	1
6	John E. Crites	Cape	20
7	Elmer H. Wilhelm	Zabud	25

1992

Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Kenneth Grace	Trinity	47
2	Herbert N. Sutherland	Harmony	53
3	Ray F. Hendricks	Sedalia	42
4	Wilbert W. Burton	Rolla	39
5	Erwin J. Roesel	Jeremiah	48
6	John E. Schofield	El Camino	52
7	Edward J. Franklin	Jasper	30

1993			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Charles R. McBee	Kirksville	44
2	Michael W. Klipp	Trenton	37
3	Lester J. Brown	Liberty	50
4	Ralph L. Coshov	Ezra	32
5	Albert H. Miller	Hiram	1
6	E. Wayne Mund	Bonne Terre	43
7	Jack B. Castor	Jasper	30

1994			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	None		
2	John E. Thraillkill	Harmony	53
3	Charles E. Davis	Independence	49
4	Melvin B. Goe, Sr.	Centralia	34
5	None		
6	None		
7	Donald Gordon	Zabud	25

1995			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	None		
2	William Mier	St. Joseph	9
3	C. Keith Wilkinson	Independence	49
4	John D. Atkins	Rolla	39
5	None		
6	None		
7	Grant W. John	Lebanon	56

1996			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Richard L. Mansfield	Kirksville	44
2	Richard G. Remelius	St. Joseph	9
3	Teddie E. Harrison	Independence	49
4	Eugene E. Wilson	Centralia	34
5	Carl C. Hobbs	York	40
6	Douglas A. Bothman	Bonne Terre	43
7	Randall J. Jones	Zabud	25

1997			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Earl W. Orr	Trinity	47
2	Albert L. Kowitz	St. Joseph	9
3	Bob McLeese	Independence	49
4	Robert H. Bray	Centralia	34
5	Kevin E. Weaver	Jeremiah	48
6	Clark W. Layne	Bonne Terre	43
7	Gary A. Phillips	Jasper	30

1998			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Art E. Carlson	Trinity	47
2	James C. Moore	Trenton	37
3A	Brent D. Wilson	Shekinah	24
3B	Danny L. Ferguson	Warrensburg	57
4	Michael C. Glawson	Centralia	34
5	Robert E. Hardester	Bonne Terre	43
6	None		
7	None		

1999			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Amos Asmussen	Trinity	47
2	Carroll Henson	St. Joseph	9
3A	Ted W. Harrison	Shekinah	24
3B	Frederick M. Harle	Independence	49
4	Steve Hodge	Rolla	39
5	Edgar F. Coonrod	York	40
6	James J. Hayes	Bonne Terre	43
7	James Mercer	Zabud	25

2000			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Thomas C. Yunixk	Kirksville	44
2	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	St. Joseph	9
3A	Richard G. Harrison	Shekinah	24
3B	Glen E. Hennes	Warrensburg	57
4	James G. Wade	Centralia	34
5	Morning E. Collins	Hiram	1
6	Cecil O. Blaylock	Cape	20
6	William I. McCutcheon	Bonne Terre	43
7	Stephen T. Thompson	Zabud	25

2001			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Gary W. Beahan	Trinity	47
2	Norman C. Jefferies	St. Joseph	9
3A	William Ed Jones	East Gate	51
3B	Roy Earl Talbott	Sedalia	42
4	T R Havens	Rolla	39
5	Robert E. Plummer	York	40
6	Steven C. Monrotus	Bonne Terre	43
7	Albert E. Folds	Lebanon	56

2002			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Zelwin B. Eaton	Kirksville	44
2	J B SeEVERS	St. Joseph	9
3A	John W. Gibson, Jr.	Liberty	50
3B	Allen B. Bess	Sedalia	42
4	Frank M. Hinshaw	Centralia	34
5	Carl A. Detmer, Sr.	York	40
6	Harold J. Richardson	Bonne Terre	43
7	Richard A. Lowry	Jasper	30

2003			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	William Sanders	Kirksville	44
2	Larry T. Odom	Trenton	37
3A	Robert W. Vanderpool	East Gate	51
3B	George F. D'Haene	Sedalia	42
4	Harold F. Coots	Ezra	32
5	Charles G. Coy	Jeremiah	48
6	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Bonne Terre	43
7	Aaron D. Jones	Zabud	25

2004			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Loren D. Lloyd	Kirksville	44
2	Bobby R. O'Dell	Chillicothe	28
3A	Robert W. Brizendine	East Gate	51
3B	Emerson O. Brown	Independence	49
4	Paul R. Cannon	Rolla	39
5	None		
6	James E. Snavelly	Bonne Terre	43
7	Richard R. McCauley	Lebanon	56

2005			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	None		
2	Leland J. O'Dell	Chillicothe	28
3A	None		
3B	William E. Chriss	Sedalia	42
4	None		
5	David R. Vogler	Jeremiah	48
6	None		
7	None		

2006			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Darrell A. Wilham	Trinity	47
2	Lloyd Francis Waller	St. Joseph	9
3A	Gary Lee Frost	Shekinah	24
3B	Matthew Lee Quesenberry	Independence	49
4	Stewart L. Sinclair	Centralia	34
5	Norman G. Schlagenhauf	Hiram	1
6	Bill A. Humble	Poplar Bluff	27
7A	Charles Norman Unverzagt	Lebanon	56
7B	David A. Watson	Neosho	46
At Large	John M. Nations	N/A	N/A

2007			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	Roger L. McGregor	Trinity	47
2	Ray F. Jones	St. Joseph	9
3A	Steven M. Anderson	Kansas City	45
3B	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Independence	49
4	Kevin B. Sample	Centralia	34
5	Ronnie E. Green	Jeremiah	48
6	Bobby G. Roloff	Cape	20
7A	Howard E. Ridgley	Lebanon	56
7B	Gayle D. Bedell	Jasper	30

2008			
Region	Name	Council	No.
1	None		
2	William f. Maugh	St. Joseph	9
3A	None		
3B	William G. Snyder	Independence	49
4	Columbus Craft	Rolla	39
5	Roger D. Fleer	Jeremiah	48
6	Charles W. Carlstrom	Poplar Bluff	27
7A	James C. Morgan	Lebanon	56
7B	None		

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MISSOURI

From Missouri	Jurisdiction	To Missouri
George E. Tremmelling	Alabama	George M. Merkle
George B. Rayburn	Alaska	Frederick H. Neal
Jack P. Turner	Arizona	Edgar F. Coonrod
James D. Price	Arkansas	Columbus Craft
	Brazil	Russell S. Hanson
Albert M. Lewis	California	William Gordon Buckner
Charles M. Baum	Colorado	James M. Williams
Bard C. Teigen	Connecticut	Richard J. Holmes
Franklin R. Townsend	Delaware	Jack D. Brown
John F. Reynolds	District of Columbia	John V. Crampton
Irvine C. Brooks	Eastern Canada	Jack R. Clark, Sr.
John Tomlinson Clewes	England	LeRoy D. Unruh
Frank Clawson	Florida	George R. Johnson
Pierre M. Meste	France	Marion W. Dey
Charles W. Martin	Georgia	Paul R. Cannon
Christian P. Thomas	Germany	Teddie E. Harrison
	Greece	Emory J. Hampel
Bennett K.C. Ing	Hawaii	James G. Haddox
Lloyd O. Moler	Idaho	Freddie D. Adams
Herschel O. Thomas	Illinois	Nicholas F. Steinmetz
Richard J. Elman	Indiana	Harley L. Kropf
Jimmy E. Arnold	Iowa	Earl W. Orr
	Israel	David C. Witte
Mario Cifarelli	Italy	Francis A. Latragna
M. Wayne Rush	Kansas	Danny D. Smothers
Billy E. Scolf	Kentucky	Bob L. Detherow
Melvin G. Russell	Louisiana	Robert W. Schlichter
Roland L. Schreiter	Maine	Everette L. Gloyd
Arthur D. Sellers	Maryland	William E. Brenneman
	Massachusetts	Albert H. Miller
Walter D. Hutchins	Michigan	John E. Schofield
Herbert L. Snyder	Minnesota	Lewis C. Odneal
Edward G. Holland	Mississippi	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Charles F. Tesch	Montana	Calvin D. Schroff
Byran E. Lee	Nebraska	James G. Wade
Richard Harriman Downs	Nevada	Barry V. Cundiff
Roderick D. Morrison, Jr.	New Hampshire	William C. Woolsey
Fred Van Sant, Jr.	New Jersey	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Darrell W. Sinclair	New Mexico	Norman G. Schlagenhauf
Francis W. Carter	New York	Paul K. Kawakami
Ralph M. Messer	North Carolina	C.C. McLemore, III
Alfred P. Underdahl	North Dakota	Lester J. Brown
Carol Eugene Monday, Jr.	Ohio	Stanton T. Brown
Donald W. Rimmer	Oklahoma	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Gary C. Price	Ontario Canada	

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MISSOURI,
Continued**

From Missouri	Jurisdiction	To Missouri
Stanley G. Laker	Oregon	Steven C. Monrotus
Henry L. Leshner	Pennsylvania	José R. Palacios
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Antonio Lebre	Portugal	William J. Bowser
John B. Cornell	Rhode Island	
	Romania	William R. Brantley
George Vernon	Scotland	K. Trent Moreland
Glenn R. Mosteller	South Carolina	Roy N. Thomas
James Dunbar	South Dakota	Robert H. Bray
Dennis C. Brown	Tennessee	Kevin B. Sample
Clarence J. Laney	Texas	Alfred L. Mason
Charles G. Sipes	Utah	P. Vincent Kinhead
James R. Winner, III	Vermont	Glenn E. Means
Edwin T. "Skip" Sanford	Washington	Corey B. Huntsucker
Ross Phillips	Western Canada	Matthew L. Quesenberry
Roger L. Bloomfield	Wisconsin	Ted W. Harrison
John Sterkel	Wyoming	Walter W. Doyle

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**LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Living Past Grand Masters	Year
G. Fred Kling	1966-1967
Everette L. Gloyd	1978-1979
George R. Johnson	1980-1981
Robert N. Hunter	1981-1982
William Gordon Buckner	1984-1985
Blair C. Mayford	1986-1987
Jack R. Clark, Sr.	1987-1988
John V. Crampton	1992-1993
Lawrence R. Albright, II	1993-1994
Paul K. Kawakami	1994-1995
E. Allen Kohler (Honorary)	1998
C. Richard Carter	1995-1996
Frederick H. Neal	1997-1998
Bob L. Detherow	1998-1999
Teddie E. Harrison	1999-2000
William J. Bowser	2000-2001
LeRoy D. Unruh	2001-2002
Richard J. Holmes	2002-2003
Gary A. Phillips	2003-2004
Stanton T. Brown	2004-2005
Kevin B. Sample (Honorary)	2005
Robert H. Bray	2005-2006
Albert H. "Sonny" Miller	2006-2007
Robert L. Wright	2007-2008
Donald L. Trabue (Honorary)	2008

2008-2009 REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Region	Name	
1	Harley L. Kropf	(44, 47, 59)
2	Lloyd F. Waller	(9, 28, 37, 53)
3A	William G. Snyder	(24, 45, 50, 51)
3B	Daniel R. Quesenberry	(38, 42, 49, 57)
4	George E. Ornsbey	(32, 34, 39)
5	Harry C. Reed	(1, 40, 48)
6	Lee L. Francis	(20, 27, 43)
7A	Joseph P. Krill	(25, 35, 56, 58)
7B	Walter W. Doyle	(30, 41, 46)

2008-2009 REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

Region	Name	
1	Michael L. Dodd	(44, 47, 59)
2	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	(9, 28, 37, 53)
3A	William G. Snyder	(24, 45, 50, 51)
3B	David C. Witte	(38, 42, 49, 57)
4	Robert H. Bray	(32, 34, 39)
5	Kevin E. Weaver	(1, 40, 48)
6	Johnny L. Schlenker	(20, 27, 43)
7A	Christopher C. McLemore, III	(25, 35, 56, 58)
7B	Christopher C. McLemore, III	(30, 41, 46)

2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Address of Grand Master	
Robert L. Wright, Chairman	
Credentials	
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman	Ted W. Harrison
Phillip W. Engel	Jerry Bradford
Finance and Accounts	
James E. Snavelly, Chairman	George M. Merkle
Danny D. Smothers	Donald L. Trabue (ex-officio)
Kevin B. Sample (ex-officio)	
Jurisprudence	
Stanton T. Brown, Chairman	Robert W. Schlichter
C. Brent Stewart	
Reports of Grand Officers	
Edgar F. Coonrod, Chairman	

2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES (Continued)**Returns of Councils**

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman
Ted W. Harrison

Phillip W. Engel
Jerry Bradford

Review

Kevin B. Sample

2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEES**Audit**

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson

James G. Haddox
Grand Council Line Officers

Charity and Charity Endowment Fund

Robert H. Bray, Chairman
Jack R. Clark, Sr.

Lawrence R. Albright, II
Joseph P. Krill (Calendar Money)

General Grand Council Charity Committee

William G. Buckner, Chairman

Education

Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson

Kevin E. Weaver
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

Electronic Communications & Internet

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
Brian J. Densmore
Aaron M. Shoemaker

Stephen R. Manning, Webmaster
David C. Witte

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Walter W. Doyle, Chairman (3 years)
Paul K. Kawakami

Thomas C. Yunick
José R. Palacios

Golf Tournament

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
Richard L. Mansfield

James E. Snavelly
Kevin B. Sample

Membership

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Matthew A. Marrone

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Emory J. Hampel, Chairman

Kevin E. Weaver

2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEES, Continued

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Albert H. Miller, Chairman
Robert L. Wright

Kevin B. Sample
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Ritual Revision Committee

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Albert H. "Sonny" Miller
Robert L. Wright
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Gary A. Phillips

Kevin B. Sample
Kevin E. Weaver
Edgar F. Coonrod
Calvin D. Schroff

Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor, Missouri Section

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

Time and Place

Danny D. Smothers, Chairman

Triennial

William J. Bowser, Chairman
Stanton T. Brown

Edgar F. Coonrod

York Rite Conference

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman

Youth

Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman
Roger d. Salyer

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William Gordon Buckner
Harley E. Keeton
Maurice C. "Bud" Himes

General Grand Council Ambassador in Missouri
Missouri Charity Committee
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
General Grand Master

**2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF
CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Name	Office
Edgar F. Coonrod (40)	Grand Master
Danny D. Smothers (45)	Deputy Grand Master
James G. Haddox (1)	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Donald L. Trabue (32)	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample (27,34)	Grand Recorder
George M. Merkle (1)	Grand Captain of the Guard
William C. Woolsey (39)	Grand Conductor of the Council
David C. Witte (49)	Grand Marshal
Terry R. Struse (40)	Grand Steward
David R. Vogler (48)	Grand Sentinel
Norman G. Schlagenhauf, Jr. (1)	Asst. Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver (48)	Grand Chaplain
Albert H. "Sonny" Miller (43)	Grand Lecturer
John E. Schofield (20,49,50)	Grand Organist
	Grand Chorister

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on May 13, 2009.



2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Front row, from left to right): George M. Merkle , Donald L. Trabue, Danny D. Smothers, Edgar F. Coonrod, James G. Huddox, Kevin B. Sample, , and William C. Woolsey.
(Back row, from left to right): John E. Schofield, Kevin E. Weaver, Terry R. Struse, Albert H. "Sonny" Miller, David C. Witte, and David R. Vogler.



2008-2009 LADIES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(From left to right): Joyce Sample, Elizabeth Kathy Merkle, Donna K. Struse, and Betty Miller.

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OF THE

Order of the Silver Trowel

OF THE

State of Missouri



CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 14, 2008



ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

The 59th Annual Convention of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Missouri was held in the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri on Thursday, May 14, 2008.

Thrice Illustrious Master Lionel J. Goede opened the Throne Room in full form for the reception of candidates, the conferring of the Order, and the transaction of business. He was assisted by the following officers:

Thrice Illustrious Master – Lionel J. Goede
 Senior Warden – Kevin E. Weaver
 Junior Warden – Daniel R. Quesenberry
 Recorder/Treasurer – Stanton T. Brown

Steward – Jerry F. Ward
 Sentinel – Kevin B. Sample
 Chaplain – Walter W. Doyle

RECEPTION AND ELECTION OF PETITIONS

The following 14 candidates were duly elected to receive the Order:

James D. Jeffers (9)
 Rodney L. Trimble (30)
 Eugene E. Moser (40)
 David A. Smothers (41)
 William G. Snyder (45)
 James K. Schatz (48)
 Larry R. Clemens (56)

Melbert E. Daume (20)
 Bernard A. McIntyre (39)
 John E. Trower (40)
 Mark A. Pohl (42)
 Arnold D. Haddock, Jr. (48)
 Thomas L. Truman (49)
 Keith A. Jones (58)



Honorary Candidates:

Clayton A. Wolfe, Grand King Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana, Edward A. Reine, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of Louisiana, and Carl E. Starkey, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Texas.

CAST

Prologue	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Adoniram	David R. Vogler
Benaiah	Paul K. Kawakami	Ahiah	Ronnie E. Green
Zadok	Robert L. Wright	Abijah	James G. Haddox
Nathan	William J. Bowser	David	Kevin E. Weaver
Messenger	Richard J. Holmes	Solomon	Candidate
Organist	John E. Schofield	Chorister	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Director	José R. Palacios	Opening	Lionel J. Goede

Robes furnished by Centralia Council No. 34

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Recorder/Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report, Necrology Report and Prayer, Communications, Approval of the Minutes of the 58th Annual Convention, Grand Council Proceedings, Communications, Approval of Bills, Nominating Committee Report, Election of Officers.

Motion was made seconded and passed that the Recorder be given an Honorarium of \$100.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward, 5/16/2007		\$ 1,938.13
Income		
Fees	300.00	
Interest of CD	646.85	
Interest Income	<u>17.21</u>	
Total Income		<u>964.06</u>
Grand Total		2,902.19
Expenses		
Badges Silver Trowels Chester Hazen	24.90	
PGM Apron	308.42	
CMMRF Donation	1,000.00	
Honorarium Recorder	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1,433.32</u>
Balance Forward, 5/14/2008		1,468.87
Assets		
Certificate of Deposit		<u>6,000.00</u>
Total All Accounts		\$ 7,468.87

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2008-2009 OFFICERS

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the ensuing year, who were then elected and installed.

T.I.M.	Kevin E. Weaver	Steward	Kevin B. Sample
Senior Warden	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Sentinel	Walter W. Doyle
Junior Warden	Jerry F. Ward	Chaplain	David R. Vogler
Treasurer/Recorder	Stanton T. Brown		



INSTALLING OFFICERS

Thrice Illustrious Master.....IC José R. Palacios
 Marshal.....RIC Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
 Chaplain.....IC Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master José R. Palacios presented Thrice Illustrious Master Lionel J. Goede with the “José R. Palacios Traveling Jewel.” Also Past Thrice Illustrious Master Stanton T. Brown presented Thrice Illustrious Master Lionel J. Goede with a PTIM Silver Trowel with a silver wreath.

T.I.M. Weaver appointed Stanton T. Brown, Ronald E. Wood, Jr., and José R. Palacios to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2009-2010 year.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CAST AND PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The 59th Annual Convention of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Missouri was then closed in due form by T.I.M. Weaver.

Fraternally submitted,
 Stanton T. Brown, Treasurer/Recorder
 Order of the Silver Trowel of Missouri

HISTORY OF THE SILVER TROWEL OF MISSOURI

On April 25, 1949 at St. Joseph, Missouri, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri approved a Resolution to establish the Order of the Silver Trowel of Missouri. The incoming Grand Master was authorized to proceed to organize the order, which was done on June 22, 1949 in Kansas City, Missouri. Grand Master Struble, Deputy Grand Master Brooks, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Hunt, Grand Recorder Denslow, Grand Treasurer Byrum, designating Struble as TIM, Brooks as TISW, Hunt as TIJW, Kinder as Steward, Armstrong as Sentinel, Denslow as Recorder, Byrum as Treasurer, Lee as Chaplain, and Gilliland as Organist. On the evening of June 22, 1949, four of these, who had received the Degree from other states, conferred the Degree on two more of the officers.

On Oct 3, 1949, a special assembly was held in Eldon, Missouri and 13 members were received.

The First Annual Meeting was at Columbia on April 24, 1950, in conjunction with the Grand Session and 127 members received the Degree. The listed officers also served for the 1950-51 year.

**ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL OF MISSOURI
PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS
1950 Through 2008**

Companion	Year	Petitions	Companion	Year	Petitions
Comilius Stubble *	50-51	146	Carter Durbin *	81-82	26
Ralph Brooks *	51-52	43	George R. Rhoads *	82-83	25
Robert Armstrong *	52-53	29	Elbert Slone *	83-84	24
Paul Pruell *	53-54	31	Kenneth D. Miller	84-85	23
John Rich *	54-55	29	Clarence L. Alumbaugh	85-86	26
Fred Stine *	55-56	32	Earnest Cottle *	86-87	22
Louis Dahn *	56-57	29	David A. Watson	87-88	25
Yales Myers *	57-58	23	R. B. Christensen *	88-89	23
Richard Kerr *	58-59	26	Kenneth G. Sample *	89-90	18
O. Abernathy *	59-60	28	James H. Pennington *	90-91	21
Elvin K. Luff *	60-61	24	Charles E. Davis *	91-92	21
E. O. Boggess *	61-62	23	Marvin L. Painter *	92-93	24
Whit Griffith *	62-63	28	José R. Palacios	93-94	22
Adolph Simon *	63-64	23	William F. Strode	94-95	23
Edward Nixon *	64-65	24	Robert L. Hogan	95-96	19
Joseph Nickle *	65-66	16	John E. Crites	96-97	14
Arthur Pickerell *	66-67	24	Robert L. Wright	97-98	16
Gunard F. Kling, Sr.	67-68	23	Calvin D. Schroff	98-99	20
Chester Selby *	68-69	23	Stanton T. Brown	99-00	11
Walter Rayburn *	69-70	28	C. C. McLemore, III	00-01	12
Maurice Votaw *	70-71	25	Earl W. Orr	01-02	14
Garth Doss *	71-72	25	Louis L. Monken	02-03	14
Sherman Knorr *	72-73	23	William W. Mier	03-04	12
Robert Barton *	73-74	25	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	04-05	12
Harold C. Mace *	74-75	26	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	05-06	21
Donald S. Maness *	75-76	20	William R. Probst *	06-07	15
Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.*	76-77	24	Lionel J. Goede	07-08	14
August Butler *	77-78	26			
Lloyd Sharp *	78-79	27			
Robert Arnold *	79-80	24			
Hugh H. Roy *	80-81	26			

*Deceased

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
*One Hundred Forty - Seventh
Annual Conclave*
OF THE
Grand Commandery
OF
Knights Templar
OF THE
State of Missouri



HELD AT
CAPITAL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 16, 2008, A.:O.:890





Frederick Allen Troxel, Jr.
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Missouri
2007-2008



2007-2008 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Front row, from left to right): Thomas L. Truman; Daniel R. Quesenberry; Donald L. Trabue; Ronnie E. Green; James J. Hayes; Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.; William S. Hall, Kevin B. Sample; Richard L. Mansfield; Robert D. Whitney; and Victor C. Walters. *(Back row, left to right):* Ronald E. Wood, Jr.; Ralph E. Nolan; Harold F. Coots; James L. Woodfin, Jr.; Larry T. Odom; Matthew L. Quesenberry; and Fred M. Harle, Sr.

BIOGRAPHICAL

FREDERICK ALLEN TROXEL, JR.
Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri
2007-2008

Frederick Allen Troxel, Jr. was born to Frederick A. Troxel and Eileen Lucille (Johns) Troxel on April 30, 1941 at Basinett Hospital in Inglewood, California. The eldest of seven, he attended school in Osawatimie & Paola, Kansas and Hickman Mills & Peculiar, Missouri where he graduated in 1959, he met and married Roma Sue Floyd to which were born Curtis Edward, Portia Denise and Jason Robert. His pride and joys are his family and grandchildren, James Robert Troxel, Tyler Allen Troxel, Ashley Renee Troxel, Shelby Elizabeth Troxel and Skylor Allen Grubb.

Sir Knight Troxel entered an apprenticeship in tool and die making with Western Electric graduating in 1968 as a Journeyman. After serving with the US Navy as a radar electronic technician, he returned to Western Electric to finish his apprenticeship and continue employment as a machine control designer, and software systems administrator retiring in 1995 with 35 years and 8 months service.

His Masonic service began with his initiation in Blue Springs Lodge 337 on 19 June, 1976, Passed 21 August, 1976 and Raised 18 September, 1976. He served the lodge as Worshipful Master in 1981, earning the Grand Lodge Achievement Award. He won the State Round Robin Competition in 1988, served as District Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1985, 1986 and 1987, District Deputy Grand Master in 1992, appointed Grand Representative to Texas in 1987, became an Endowed Member in 1990, and a member of the Missouri Lodge of Research in 1991. He served on several committees of the Grand Lodge, including the Speakers Bureau, Public Relations, and Forms and Ceremonies.

Sir Knight Troxel was Constituted and Proclaimed a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Kansas City, Missouri Valley on 18 April, 1982, served as Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 1993, Invested a Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1993, Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33° in 1999, and served as the Executive Secretary from 2003 to 2006. He served several years on the Childhood Language Disorders Clinic Board, as Jurisdictional Clubs Coordinator, President of the 33° Club, Membership Committee, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Past Masters Club and member of the ritual cast.

Sir Knight Troxel was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Independence Chapter 12 on 13 April, 1985, served as High Priest in 1993, received the Order of High Priesthood in 1994, the Distinguished Chapter Award in 1994, served on several Grand Chapter Committees, and served as State RARA Chairman in 1993. He was Greeted a Royal and Select Master in Independence Council 49, 13 April, 1985, served as Illustrious Master in 1997, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1998, appointed Grand Representative to Montana in 2006, and is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Sir Knight Troxel was Knighted in Palestine Commandery 17 in Independence on 13 April, 1985, served as Commander in 1997, appointed Grand Representative to Montana in 1999, elected Grand Warder of Knights Templar of Missouri in 1999, Deputy Grand Commander in 2006. He is a member of Missouri Priory 17 KYCH, Charlemagne

Council 79 Knight Masons, Sword of Bunker Hill, Yeomen of York, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Past Commanders Association.

Sir Knight Troxel was constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, 1 May 1982 at Ararat Temple 38 in Kansas City, Missouri, received an appointment to the advancing line in 2005 as Outer Guard, served as president of the Blue Springs Shrine Club in 1992, secretary of the Blue Springs Shrine Club in 1991, 1992-1994, served as Ararat Ambassador for several districts, served as Captain of Ararat Patrol 2001 and 2002, CSSPA President 2001, served as Ararat Hospital Chairman, 1999, member of 18 Shrine Clubs, Order of Quetzcoatl, 2002.

Sir Knight Troxel is also Past Dean of Mother Preceptory DeMolay Legion of Honor and an endowed member. Past Sovereign of Mary Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, 1997 and an endowed member, Past Advisor and Charter Member of Blue Springs DeMolay Advisory Council, Sovereign Master of Kilwinning Council 19 AMD, 1993, Red Branch of Eri, 1999, Pre-Eminent Governor of Harry S Truman York Rite College, 2005, received the Order of the Purple Cross, 30 July, 2004, member of Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, 1999, a member of Fayette 239, Knights of Pythias since 2000, and a member of the Widows Sons Knights Templar Chapter.

MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri

Blue Springs Lodge No. 337 - Initiated: 19 June 1976, Passed: 21 August 1976, Raised: 18 September 1976

Worshipful Master, 1981 (Appointed 1976 by Donald L. Wheeler)

Recipient Grand Lodge Achievement Award – 1981

Endowed Member Blue Springs Lodge No. 337 – 1990

District Deputy Grand Lecturer 59th District – 1985,'86,'87

District Deputy Grand Master 59th District – 1992

State Round Robin Winner - 30 April 1988

Grand Representative to Texas – Appointed 1987

Past Member Forms & Ceremonies Committee – Appointed 1988

Past Member Committee on Public Relations – Appointed 1990

Member - Speakers Bureau – 1998-2004

Member Missouri Lodge of Research – 1991-2003

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Kansas City Valley, Constituted & Proclaimed 32° – 18 April 1982

Life Member No. 59 – 1989

Council of Kadosh – Appointed 1985, Appointed by * Jack C. Collister, Commander – 1993

32° Knight Commander Court of Honor – 1992

Coronated 33° – St. Joseph, 6 November, 1999

Executive Secretary – 1 Aug, 2003 – 1 Jul, 2006, Appointed by A. Freeman Stanfill,

33°

Member Past Masters Club

Member C.L.D.C. Board – 1996

Vice Chairman – 1997-98

Clubs Coordinator, Jurisdiction – 1994-96

Clubs Coordinator, City – 1999

Membership Committee – 1997-98
 Member of Past Masters Club – 1982
 Royal Order of Scotland, Wichita – 1999
 33° Club President – 2004

York Rite of Freemasonry

Independence Chapter 12 R.A.M, 13 April 1985
 High Priest – 1993 (Appointed 1989 by *Victor L. Ford)
 Order of High Priesthood – 1994
 Distinguished Chapter Award – 1994
 State Chairman, Committee on RARA (Appointed 1993 by Clarence L.

Alumbaugh)

Member Committee on RARA (1994-97 by William E. Brenneman)
 Member Mileage and Per Diem Committee (Appointed 1993-97 by Clarence L.

Alumbaugh)

Independence Council 49 Cryptic Masons, 13 April 1985
 Illustrious Master 1997 (Appointed 1989 by *James C. Fitzpatrick)
 Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer – 1998 (Appointed by Bob Detherow)
 Grand Representative to Montana – Appointed 2006
 Palestine Commandery 17, 13 April 1985
 Commander 1997 (Appointed 1989 by *Victor L. Ford)
 Independence York Rite Secretary/Recorder – 1998
 Grand Representative to Montana – Appointed 1999

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri

Grand Warder – (Elected 2000)

Appendant Bodies

Missouri Priory 17, KYCH, Moberly - 1998
 Tipperary Council No. 62 of Knight Masons
 Charlemagne Council No. 79 of Knight Masons
 Kansas City - 11 September, 1999
 Sword of Bunker Hill – 2000
 Yeomen of York – 13 November, 2004
 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, 11 December, 2004

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

ARARAT No. 38, Constituted – 1 May 1982
 Member Camel Herders – 1982
 Member Past Masters Club – 1982
 Chaplain, Past Masters Club – 1990 (Appointed 1989 by *Eldon Cusic)
 President Blue Springs Shrine Club – 1992 (Appointed 1990 by Robert L. Wilson)
 Secretary, Blue Springs Shrine Club – 1991, 1994-98
 Ambassador Dist 5 (Appointed 1995-98 by Charles McArthur)
 Ambassador Dist 1 Appointed 2003 by John P. Hay
 Life Member Sedalia Shrine Club – 1990
 Member Lafayette County Shrine Club – 1995-98
 Member Lotawana Shrine Club – 1991
 Member Jackson County Shrine Club – 1991
 Member Ritual Cast Shrine Club – 1996
 Member Past Masters Shrine Club – 1991
 Member Rakla Shrine Club – 1995-98

Member Richmond Shrine Club – 1995-98
 Member Ballroom Dancing Shrine Club – 1994
 Member Orcomot Shrine Club – 1998
 Member Provost Club – 1997
 Member Cass County Shrine Club – 1999
 Member Arab Patrol Unit – 1998
 Lieutenant, Appointed 2000 by Bob Hill
 Captain – 2001,2002
 CSSPA President – 2001, Appointed by Leonard Lynch & Kermit Bright
 Member Hospital Transportation Shrine Club – 1999
 Member Araarat Computer Shrine Club – 1999
 ARARAT Hospital Chairman – 1999 (Appointed by □Doc□ Eddy)
 ARARAT Chaplains Assistant – Appointed 2001 by Leonard Lynch
 Western Dance Shrine Club – 2001, Charter Member, Secretary/Treasurer – 2001-
 2003
 Order of Quetzacoatl, David Coburn
 Coate 12/23/2002 – Artisan 4/28/2003
 Appointed to Divan by Hank DeVry – 2005

Affiliates

Mother Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor
 Invested 30 October 1987 (Appointed 1990 by Jess E. Wingo)
 Endowed Member of Mother Preceptory – 1991, Appointed by Dr. Charles A
 Eddy, D.C.
 Dean – 1995
 Mary Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, 9 March 1991, Appointed by Clarence L.
 Alumbaugh
 Sovereign – 1997
 Cast Director – 1997-2004
 Past Advisor – Blue Springs Chapter Order of DeMolay
 Charter Member of Advisory Council
 Past Advisor – Independence Chapter Order of DeMolay
 Kilwinning Council No. 19, Allied Masonic Degrees – 1993, Appointed by Paul K.
 Kawakami
 Sovereign Master – 2000
 Red Branch of Eri – 1999
 Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167 – 1995 (Appointed 1999 by William S.
 Hall)
 Pre-eminent Governor – 2005
 Order of the Purple Cross – 30 July 2004
 Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Kansas City – 1999
 Fayette Lodge #239, Knights of Pythias – 17 September, 2000
 Widows Sons Knights Templar Chapter – 2006

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Grand Commander Troxel welcomed the Sir Knights, ladies and guests to the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. His motto for the year was “Make crooked things straight in 2008”. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless and prosper your every effort, and may God bless you all.

Grand Commander’s recipe for growing a garden: First, you plant five rows of “P’s, preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness and prayer. Next to them you plant three rows of “squash”, squash gossip, squash criticism and squash indifference. Then five rows of “let-us”, let us be unselfish, let us be faithful, let us love one another, let us be loyal and let us be truthful. And, as you all know, no garden is complete without “turn-ups”, turn up for church, turn up with a smile, turn up with new ideas and turn up with real determination. Remember, what you are is God’s gift to you, and what you make of yourself is your gift to God.

With that, I will now call upon the grand officers to reconvene this Grand Commandery.



Grand Commandery opened in Class B form by the Grand Commandery Officers under the direction of the Deputy Grand Commander.

The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri was reconvened at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on May 16, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. Under the direction of the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery Officers officially opened the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri using Class B Drill with ladies and guests present. The following Grand Officers were in their stations:

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
James J. Hayes
Ronnie E. Green
Russell S. Hanson
Daniel R. Quesenberry

Grand Commander
Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Generalissimo
Grand Captain General
Grand Senior Warden

Richard L. Mansfield
 Ralph E. Nolan
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
 Donald L. Trabue
 Kevin B. Sample
 James L. Woodfin, Jr.
 Harold F. Coots
 Larry T. Odom
 William S. Hall
 Matthew L. Quesenberry
 Roy N. Thomas
 Fred M. Harle, Sr.
 Daniel R. Quesenberry
 Inner Guard
 Inner Guard
 Inner Guard

Grand Junior Warden
 Grand Prelate
 Grand Prelate
 Grand Treasurer
 Grand Recorder
 Grand Standard Bearer
 Grand Sword Bearer
 Grand Warder
 Aide-De Camp
 Grand Sentinel
 Grand Historian
 Grand Organist
 Grand Chorister
 Thomas L. Truman
 Robert D. Whitney
 Victor C. Walters

ROLL CALL

The Grand Commander called upon the Grand Recorder for the roll call of officers, all grand officers were present and accounted for.

INTRODUCTION AND RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS



These Past Grand Commanders were presented by SK Russell S. Hanson and received in due form. Pictured are (from left to right): SK James E. Snively – 2005-2006; SK Thomas C. Yunick – 2003-2004; SK William S. Hall – 2002-2003; SK Rocky E. Weaver – 2000-2001; SK Lionel J. Goede – 1999-2000; SK Harold J. Richardson – 1997-1998; SK Donald L. Trabue – 1994-1995; SK Jerry F. Ward – 1990-1991; SK Blair C. Mayford – 1975-1976 and SK William R. Robbins – 1964-1965. SK Robbins spoke on behalf of the Past Grand Commanders and lead the Past Grand Commanders through the arch of steel, all were received in the East by the Grand Commander.



Most Eminent Past Grand Master Mayford presented First Lady Roma Troxel with the Companion of the Temple pin for being an aide to Templery, the Eye Foundation, Masonry and Humanity, in appreciation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. Grand Commander Troxel presented Lady Troxel with a bouquet of roses and a kiss. Most Eminent Grand Master Billy Koon presented Lady Troxel with the Companion of the Temple plaque.

HEADS OF MISSOURI BODIES



Presented were (from left to right): SK Edgar F. Coonrod, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, SK Robert E. Hardester, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, SK Robert L. Wright, Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, and SK Kenneth D. Dingman, Jr., Junior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. These distinguished Sir Knights were received in the East by the Grand Commander.

REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDERS



Presented were (from left to right): SK James H. Mercer – Region 7, District A, SK Richard E. Jump, Region 6; SK K. Trent Moreland – Region 5, SK Larry T. Odom – Region 2, and SK Loren D. Lloyd – Region 1. They were thanked for jobs well done and received in the East by the Grand Commander.

OUT OF STATE GUESTS



Presented (left) were (from left to right): SK Warren A. Lee, Eminent Grand Inspector, personal representative of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Washington, and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri near the Grand Commandery of Washington; and SK James R. MacConnell, Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri near the Grand Commandery of New York.

Presented (right) were (from left to right): SK Bryan L. Berry, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania, and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; and SK Daniel F. Thomas, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana. (Present but not pictured was SK Kenneth E. Story, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Southern Missouri, and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri near the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.)



GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Presented were (from left to right) SK James N. Karnegis, Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the North Central Department, SK William R. Robbins, Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the South Central Department, and SK F. Doug Mitchell, Right Eminent Department Commander of the South Central Department, all of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.



Presented was SK Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.



Presented was SK William H. “Billy” Koon, II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He was escorted through the arch of steel to the east and briefly addressed the grand conclave, and seated in the east.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



Presented were (left to right): SK Glenn E. Means, Past Grand Master, SK Ronald D. Miller, Grand Secretary; and SK Rocky E. Weaver, Deputy Grand Master; and all of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri.



Presented was SK Bruce R. Austin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri.



ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE

Thank you Sir Knights. Please be seated. Sitting there a while ago with Rocky and Ron Miller, our Grand Secretary, Ron and I both leaned over to Rocky and said you know, we are both Knights Templar and we'd like to have one of those chapeaus. Rocky says sure, I'll get you one, it will have a propeller on top of it. He said he'd even get one with a motor on it to keep me cool. *(much laughter)*

I am pleased to be here this morning, it is great to be in your midst. I have told the

brethren earlier that I am a York Rite Mason, unfortunately there is not enough time for me to be involved in everything. I've got a wife at home and I think she'd like to see me every now and then.

You certainly have my best wishes for success. I am pleased and proud to be a Grand Master for the State of Missouri for this present time because we are gaining in membership, we are beginning to swing the pendulum the other way now. For years, we were losing members at an alarming rate and now I see that trend changing. Society is accepting us more now, they are realizing that we are not a cult, we are not a religion, a satanic bunch, we do good in the community. The things that are occurring here recently has given Freemasonry a good spin, the *Da Vinci Code* book, the *National Treasure* movies, I understand this fall that Dan Brown, the author of the *Da Vinci Code* has written a book that is highly acclaimed for Freemasonry and I think in particular the Knights Templar and I am very anxious to read it. Its great to be a Mason, I am very proud to hold my head up.

Those of you who weren't here yesterday when I was talking about being in Washington, D.C. this time last week, last Saturday, I was able to go to the World War II Veteran's Memorial. I was able to lay a wreath at the Missouri portion of this memorial and it was a profound thing to get to do. There were approximately twenty Grand Masters from the United States that were there and each of us got to lay a wreath. To be able to carry that square and compass with the letter G in it, and it was a beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers, to be able to carry that a couple hundred yards to where Missouri's monument had a profound effect. I realized I was honoring those World War II veterans, many of which died in service to our country, honoring those men who were Masons during World War II. It was an honor I shall never forget, something which comes to very few of us. That was one more thing out of many things that made me proud to be a Mason.

Again I thank you sir, thank you all very much.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, and guests,

With guarded anticipation and a sense of humble pride, I have embarked on a journey of untold reward. These first few words of this address are being communicated at the beginning of my term as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri, and I have been and will always be, in awe of my Masonic Brethren. Their caring ways and many talents are beginning to shine through the haze of "nay sayers" who denigrate our efforts.

Many of you are aware of my duality of service to the Masonic Fraternity. I was honored to have been selected to serve the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on the Divan of Ararat Shrine in 2005 by Illustrious Sir Hank DeVry, reappointed in 2006 by Illustrious Sir Raymond Brown, and in 2007 by Illustrious Sir Paul Black.

To my dismay, I was not reappointed in 2008, and the reason for my dismissal was beyond comprehension. I hope and pray that the Grand Commandery never dismisses an enthusiastic, loyal and hardworking Mason for the reason I was dismissed; "The Office you would have held has nothing to do, no job, no responsibility". This logic should never come from the one who assigns the work and "draws the designs upon the trestleboard".



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions to Missouri as they assembled. The Grand Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Missouri in attendance are noted in the report of the Committee on Credentials. *(A complete listing of Grand Representatives may be found in the back of the proceedings.)*

I have been greeted by all of the Sir Knights in the most hospitable manner everywhere I have traveled. Lady Roma and I are very grateful for your social companionship and true friendship expressed at each of our visits. Your invitations for us to stay at your homes were very much appreciated, though we were very reluctant to impose.

And I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the many fine meals we have experienced at the hands of some of the finest cooks in God's creation. If you have not been convinced first hand, just look at the breadth of your Grand Commander. A picture is worth a thousand words.

I am greatly impressed with the visits I have made to the Masonic youth organizations; the Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and of course, the DeMolay. Each of these fine organizations has impressed me with their enthusiasm and ability to "get 'er done". And I like to think it is a living toast to the fine leadership and support of our hard working Missouri Freemasons in all of our appendant orders.

To my Aide de Camp, Sir Knight William S. Hall, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, I offer my eternal gratitude for being there when I needed a steady hand and the counsel of experience when the "true path" was uncertain. You were there when I needed additional insight, as a light in the darkness of indecision.

The Officers and Committees of the Grand Commandery have been very supportive of your Grand Commander, and have earned the highest regard that a Grand Commander can express. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for the individual assistance you have provided. A Thank You seems too little!

To my Regional Grand Commanders, I would express my most solemn appreciation for your service. I know there were issues in each of the Regions that were solved before I became involved. Please know you are very much appreciated. Your service and feedback is an invaluable guide to the Grand Officers and especially to your Grand Commander.

A special thanks is due my Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Kevin Sample and his Clerical Assistant Lady Joyce Sample. They have supported your Grand Commander untiringly with the utmost efficiency, and in the most expeditious manner, for any request of assistance or enlightenment.

Additionally, the assistance of the volunteers to the Grand York Rite Office is very much appreciated for their generous donation of time to our cause. Sir Knight Paul Cannon, and Sir Knight Russell Hanson are to be commended for their service, as well as any others who may remain anonymous to the Grand Commander.

To my Department Commander, Sir Knight F. Douglas Mitchell and his Lady Colleen, I extend my most humble gratitude for your support, guidance and attendance. The addition of your wit and humor has added another dimension to our fraternal association. And without your two edged sword of critical observations, we would lose sight of some very important duties. I wish for you continued safe travels, and the best of every gift our Savior will bestow.

To our Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight William H. Koon, II, your attendance at my "Last Hurrah" is very much appreciated and will leave a lasting memory for me of this Grand Session. May all your efforts be blessed with success by our Lord and Savior.

With a grateful heart, I express my eternal love for my lady Roma, who has stood by me in sickness and in health. She has been as much a part of this term as I have. Her attention to representing the Ladies of the Knights Templar of Missouri with social grace

and friendliness, has put your Grand Commander in the most favorable light he could wish for. D9, Roma!

It is my ardent prayer that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will look with favor upon all we have done and attempted to do. May His wisdom and grace be with you all in the coming years, and may He bless this Fraternity with prosperity, peace and mutual respect.

NECROLOGY

Though we pass this way but once, the legacy we leave lives on in the hearts of friends, family and Fraternal Associates. Such is the case of many of our number, and the marks they leave on the trestleboard of life, help us to find our way to our future.

The loss of Sir Knight Chet Hazen, Past Grand Commander, and Lady Sybil, on the 29th of August, 2007 was a shock to the Masonic family of the Kansas City area, in particular. We shall miss his frank opinions and untiring support, as well as the calm supporting composure of his Lady. They were laid to rest in Swan Lake Memorial Garden in Grain Valley, Missouri with an escort of Sir Knights composed of Billy J. Boyer, Marvin W. Frost, Rocky E. Weaver, Thomas L. Truman, Jerry F. Ward, and your Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Hazen was instrumental in promoting my name for the Grand Commandery Advancing Line, and only now can I fully appreciate the Honor of Serving as a Grand Commandery Officer.

And now, I would call upon the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight and Reverend Ralph E. Nolan, to provide a memorial service for our Valiant Sir Knights who await our reception with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SK and Rev. Ralph E. Nolan, Grand Prelate

For we are not our own masters when we live or when we die. While we live, we live to please the Lord. And when we die, we go to be with the Lord. So in life and in death, we belong to the Lord. (*Romans 14:7-9 NLT*)

At this time we have gathered to honor 147 Sir Knights who have served our brotherhood with distinction and fidelity. During this year we were saddened with the passing of a Sir Knight that had served our Commandery as Most Eminent Commander Chester H. Hazen. We are once again made aware that we all walk that pathway that leads us to our master and Creator. The Sir Knights now with their Lord have given us a legacy of faith and good will; they have left with us a testimony of life for all to see. They were known by their Lord and we too have spent many hours with them. Their legacy in not in the possessions they obtained or in the honors they received, they were our companions and we knew them by the spirit they showed in their different personalities. As the Psalmist said, we are like trees planted along a riverbank, each bearing fruit without fail. We are all watered by our Creator in the same manner and we all bear fruit both good and bad. Like those who have now walked through that valley of the shadow of death, they too left fruit and they are known by that fruit just as we will be known by the fruit we leave in our legacy. May we, like the Sir Knights who have gone before us, build our lives so that our names too will be a living testimony. And may we be able to say those words those who have met with their Creator and Lord. I have

fought a good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his glorious return. (2Timothy 4:7-8 NLT) Amen.

Prayer: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who has given us in Your Son Jesus Christ a fountain of life, which, springing up within us, can make all things new; we thank You for the deeper meaning which He gives to life. You know our weakness and our strengths, so today as we honor those whom you have called home we ask for strength to live our lives that they will not only honor those who know us but will also bring strength to the entire fraternity of mankind. May we always serve you with joy as our companions did for you have allowed us to know them and to also live in your world until you will call us by name and we will respond. Amen.

Hymn: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior—Hear my humble cry! While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry! While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS

It was my honor and privilege to appoint the following Sir Knights as Grand Commandery officers for the year 2007-2008.

William S. Hall, PGC.....	Aide De Camp
Rev. Ralph E. Nolan.....	Grand Prelate
Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC.....	Grand Prelate
Matthew L. Quesenberry.....	Grand Sentinel
Fred M. Harle, Sr.....	Grand Organist
Roy N. Thomas.....	Grand Historian
Thomas L. Truman.....	Grand Inner Guard
Robert D. Whitney.....	Grand Inner Guard
Victor C. Walters.....	Grand Inner Guard
Loren D. Lloyd.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 1
Larry T. Odom.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 2
Corey B. Huntsucker.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 3A
William E. Criss.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 3B
Jared D. Barnes.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 4
K. Trent Moreland.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 5
Richard E. Jump.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 6
James H. Mercer.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 7A
Gary A. Phillips.....	Regional Grand Commander, Region 7B

CHARITIES

Sir Knight Ronnie Green proposed the forming of a Youth Endowment Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide monies from the interest to fund the donations to the Masonic Youth Groups. Initial funding for the Lapel Pin was proposed by the Grand Commander to be provided from the Grand Commanders Expense Allowance, and sales from the pin to be used to grow the endowment.

My Lady Roma initiated a Fund Raising effort for the KTEF with the sale of

“Pocket Frisbees”. Profits from this activity were credited to the Grand Commandery Ladies, as their effort to help, aid, and assist their Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery. The Knights of Missouri thank you all.

Many of my Official Visits were accompanied by donations of one sort or another. Many of them were for these previously mentioned fund raisers. However, there were also donations received for our Knight Templar Eye Foundation, above and beyond the requested Campaign call. These were some of the great examples of our Fraternal willingness to assist when it is needed.

Received with a standing ovation, after which the ladies and guests were invited to retire.



RECONVENING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Grand Commander ordered the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri reconvened after which he led the Sir Knights in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

GENERAL ORDERS

General Order No. 1 (reissued)

It is my order that all Missouri Regional Grand Commanders are authorized and required to wear a red shoulder cord on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2007-2008 Missouri Templar year. It is further ordered that the Aide-de-Camp be authorized and required to wear a silver shoulder cord on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2007-2008 Missouri Templar year. It is further ordered that the Guards be authorized and required to wear a white shoulder cord on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2007-2008 Missouri Templar year.

General Order No. 2 (reissued)

It is my order that there be posted in each constituent Commandery:

1. A listing of the current line officers of the constituent Commandery, elected and appointed to include telephone number, email address, and mailing address
2. The date of election and appointment of the constituent Commandery
3. The date the officers of the constituent Commandery were installed
4. The name of the Regional Grand Commander including telephone number, email address, and mailing address
5. The name of the Grand Commandery line officer appointed to serve the constituent

Commandery area including telephone number, email address, and mailing address

The listing shall be posted and maintained in a suitable location as to be easily read and available to the membership. It shall be the duty of the regional grand officer and the Regional Grand Commander to inspect the constituent Commanderies for which they are responsible to insure this order is carried out and report their findings to the Grand Commander.

General Order No. 3 (reissued)

Whereas the Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, Section VI. Reception of the United States Colors, outlines the presentation of the Colors prior to the opening of a Commandery of Knights Templar according to the Tactics, it is therefore my order that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America be given prior to the opening of a Commandery of Knights Templar. The following pledge is to be given:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

General Order No. 4 (reissued)

Whereas the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri authorizes the opening of a Commandery using the Full Form Opening and the Short Form Opening, it is my order that Commanderies, having requested in writing from the Grand Commander and received in writing individual authorization, may open their Commandery without swords or uniforms.

General Order No. 5

Rescinded.

General Order No. 6

Rescinded.

General Order No. 7

Rescinded.

General Order No. 8

Rescinded.

General Order No. 9 (reissued)

Each Constituent Commandery Recorder will cause to be written and provided to each Missouri Sir Knight on the annual dues notice the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that we support. Each dues notice will have a line for voluntary contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with a suggested amount of \$5.00

and a line for voluntary contributions to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund with a suggested amount of \$3.65. The Grand Recorder will issue each Commandery a number of Holy Land Pilgrimage stickers to affix to the dues card of each Sir Knight that gives at least \$3.65 to the endowment fund. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder, the check written to the charity for which it was collected. Commanderies may continue to collect these gifts throughout the year as dues come in although we ask that you forward these to the office in a timely but efficient manner for the Commandery.

General Order No. 10

It is my order that all funds received by any Grand Commandery Committee or Individual on behalf of the Grand Commandery or it's charitable works, shall include a signed tabulation sheet documenting the contribution by [1] date, [2] amount, from what [3] source, its [4] disbursement directive, and shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder. All checks shall be issued to the Grand Commandery of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of it's designated use. The Grand Recorder shall record the receipt thereof and forward to the Grand Treasurer for deposit and disbursement as the source of the funds directs or requires.

General Order No. 11

It is my order that any Constituent Commandery of this Grand Jurisdiction opening for the purpose of conducting business or exemplifying the work shall be required to open in due form, and further, shall communicate the Pilgrim Warrior's Word, the Pilgrim Penitent's Word, and the Immaculate Word. The Commandery shall also recite the Lord's Prayer, and shall exemplify the Penal Sign and the Grand Sign.

General Order No. 12

It is my order that there be established, a Charity Endowment Fund, herein called the "Fund", with the following provisions for usage:

1. Donations to this Fund can be made with a directive for it's earned income to be distributed to a specific charitable cause
2. All donations to the Fund not directed, may be distributed as the Dais Officers and Charity Committee Chairman deem appropriate
3. The Grand Treasurer shall maintain an accurate account of all donations to the Fund and their directed distribution
4. The Grand Treasurer shall include a detailed accounting of the donations and distributions with the Treasurers annual report, or upon request of the Grand Commander.

SURETY BONDS

At the time of my installation as Grand Commander of the State of Missouri, I received notice that the Surety Bonds issued by the Scott Agency Inc. were in full force and effect, covering the Grand Treasurer and Secretary/Recorder. These are issued as Bond No. RPS0582576, for the Grand Commandery of Missouri, and Bond No. RPS0582575, for the Knights Templar Education Foundation of Missouri. Notification

was received on January 9, 2008 that a Policy Change was made to each of these policies to Delete SE 90230206 and add ORSC 22862, with an effective date of April 15, 2008. No other changes were made pursuant to this date.

DISPENSATIONS

31st May, 2007 – Granted to Eastgate Commandery No. 70 for holding a joint stated meeting with Palestine Commandery No. 17 on 7th June, 2007.

7th June, 2007 – Approved Jasper Commandery No. 31 request to hold their monthly meetings, which is the third Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. of each month, at the Criterion Lodge No.586 building in Alba, Missouri, due to the fact that the Lodge Building in Carthage, Missouri has been sold and they must find another Lodge until a suitable building can be purchased or a new one will built.

16th June, 2007 – Approved That Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, whose home is in/with Jefferson Lodge No. 43, and whose home has been vacated due to the sale of the building by Jefferson Lodge No. 43 (or Temple Board), is granted "temporary dispensation" for the removal of their regular meeting place to that of Capital Shrine Club, 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, Missouri, for as long a period as the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri allows Jefferson Lodge No. 43 to meet in the same said location.

26th July, 2007 – Approved That Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 hold their monthly meeting in conjunction with Ascalon Commandery No. 16 for the purpose of an Official Visit by the Grand Commander.

29th August, 2007 – Approved That Desoto Commandery No. 56 hold their monthly meeting in conjunction with Ascalon Commandery No. 16 for the purpose of an Official Visit by the Grand Commander.

13th September, 2007 – Approved Request for dispensation for Ely Commandery No. 22 and visiting Knights Templar to march in full Commandery uniform in the Shrine Parade in Kirksville, MO on the 15th September, 2007.

14th September, 2007 – Approved Request for dispensation for Palestine Commandery No. 17 and visiting Knights Templar to march in full Commandery uniform at a Parade in Independence, MO on the 13th October, 2007.

15th September, 2007 – Granted Request for dispensation for Constantine Commandery No. 27 to hold a special election on 3rd October, 2007 to fill a vacancy due to the death of an officer.

30th September, 2007 – Granted Request for Jasper Commandery No. 31 to hold a joint convocation, assembly, and conclave (respectively) with the Joplin York Rite bodies' meeting scheduled for October 2, 2007 as a combined Region 7 District B official visit of the Grand High Priest, Grand Master, and Grand Commander.

6th April, 2008 – Approved request of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 to relocate from the temporary location at the Capital Shrine Club, 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, Mo to the new location at 3211 Masonic Court, Jefferson City, MO.

23rd April, 2008 – Approved request by Palestine Commandery No. 17 to hold a joint conclave with Eastgate Commandery No. 70 at 3516 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO for the purpose of assisting Eastgate Commandery No. 70 with an Official Visit by the Grand Commander.

DECISIONS

28th August, 2007 – That the relation of appendant bodies include the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shrine) and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite be recognized as Masonically related by virtue of a prerequisite of membership in the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, commonly called the “Blue Lodge”.

9th October, 2007 – That a Past Commander elected to an office in a constituent Commandery shall wear the shoulder straps of the highest office that he has held. In this case, those of a past Commandeer no matter to what office he had been subsequently elected.

8th November, 2007 – Approved the request of Palestine Commandery No. 17 to bestow the title of Honorary Past Commander upon Sir Knight W. Donald Meinsen, who had relinquished his rightful command due to failing health and inability to participate as he deemed proper.

22nd January, 2008 – Approved the request of Constantine Commandery No. 27 to change the Election and Installation of Officers from the 1st Wednesday in December to the 1st Wednesday in April.

22nd January, 2008 – Approved the request of Weston Commandery No. 2 to change the dues from \$12 to \$25.

22nd January, 2008 – Approved the request of Liberty Commandery No. 6 to change the meeting date from the 1st Monday to the 3rd Monday.

27th January, 2008 – Approved the request of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 to add Article III Section 2, stipulating eligibility to the Office of Eminent Commander as having served as Generalissimo or Captain General; Article IV Section 5, changing the Recorder’s reimbursement for services from \$300 per annum to \$1 per member per annum; Article VII Section 1, adjusting annual dues from \$20 per annum to \$30 per annum.

VISITATIONS

Grand Officer Conferences

21st July, 2007 – Grand Officers Meeting, Columbia Masonic Center, Columbia.

4th August, 2007 – Grand York Rite Picnic and Grand Officers meeting, Masonic Home Office Building in Columbia, MO.

1st September, 2007 – Grand Officers Meeting, Columbia Masonic Center, Columbia was conducted for the Commandery by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, as the Grand Commander was in absentia.

26th, January, 2008 – Grand Officers Meeting, Columbia Masonic Center, Columbia.

5th April, 2008 – Grand Officers Meeting, Columbia Masonic Center, Columbia conducted by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight J. Joseph Hayes as the Grand Commander was in attendance at the Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kansas in Wichita, KS.

Public Relations

13th October, 2007 – Templar parade in Independence commemorating the 700th

Anniversary of the demise of the first order of Knights Templar. **CANCELLED 4th October, 2007.**

To Local Bodies

23rd May, 2007 – Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, – Dinner Meeting.

2nd June, 2007 – Installed Officers of Palestine Commandery No. 17, and presented the “*Order of the Rusty Sword*” Certificate to S.K. Thomas L. Truman, Junior Past Commander of Palestine No. 17.

7th June, 2007 – Official Visit to Palestine No. 17, with Eastgate No. 70 attending under Dispensation.

9th June, 2007 – Grand Master’s Reception, New Masonic Temple, St. Louis.

7th July, 2007 – Grand High Priest’s Reception, Rolla Masonic Center, Rolla.

8th July, 2007 – Grand Commander’s Reception, Independence Masonic Center, Independence.

5th September, 2007 – Official Visit to Ascalon Commandery No. 16 with Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 and Desoto Commandery No. 56 attending under dispensation. Presented a KTEF Certificate of award for \$5 to \$9.99 donation per member to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8.

2nd October, 2007 – Official Visit to Jasper Commandery No. 31 in Joplin, MO at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 505 N. Byers. Fish fry and joint meeting with the MEGHP and MIGM and local York Rite Bodies of Region 7B.

22nd October, 2007 – Official Visit to St. Johns Commandery No. 20 in Springfield, MO at 1930 W. Catalpa, with the MEGHP and MIGM making their Official Visits at the joint meeting of the York Rite Bodies.

13th November, 2007 – Official Visit to Malta Commandery No. 72 at 315 S. Center Shelbina, MO.

21st January, 2008 – Attended gathering at Chillicothe of Lone Star Chapter No. 30, Chillicothe Council No. 28, and Pascal Commandery No. 32 for the purpose of revitalizing said bodies.

18th February, 2008 – Official Visit to Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4 at 6th & Robidoux, St. Joseph, MO.

1st March, 2008 – Grand Commanders Breakfast sponsored by Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, MO.

18th March, 2008 – Official Visit to Lebanon Commandery No. 33 at Laclede Masonic Temple, 191 West Second Street, Lebanon, MO.

7th April, 2008 – Liberty No. 6 Table Commandery at Liberty Masonic Temple, Liberty, MO.

21st April, 2008 – Official Visit to Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 at the Capital Shrine Club, 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO.

1st May, 2008 – Visitation to East Gate Commandery No. 70 at East Gate Masonic Lodge, 3516 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO.

To grand bodies

22nd September, 2007 – Grand Lodge AF & AM of Missouri in Columbia, MO thru 24th of September, 2007.

3rd April, 2008 – Grand Court of Amaranth Opening at the Holiday Inn SW & Viking Conference Center, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO.

26th April, 2008 – Order of True Kindred Installation at the Gradenville Masonic Temple 8230 Gravois, St. Louis, MO.

5th May, 2008 – White Shrine of Jerusalem Banquet, Opening and Presentation of Colors in Joplin, MO.

To other jurisdictions

13th March, 2008 – Arkansas Grand York Rite Session in North Little Rock Arkansas.

5th April, 2008 – 140th Grand Commandery Session of Kansas in Wichita, KS.

10th April, 2008 – Oklahoma Grand York Rite Session in Oklahoma City, OK.

To other Masonic gatherings

26th thru 28th May, 2007 – Jefferson City, MO – DeMolay State Conclave. Presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award to Stetson Sander and a \$500 Donation by letter to Executive Officer Robert W. Cockerham.

15th June, 2007 – Presentation of Colors at a dinner meeting of the Warsaw Shrine Club in Warsaw, MO.

21st June, 2007 – Jefferson City, MO – Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Bethel. Presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award to Molly Stamper, and a donation of \$500 to the Grand Bethel of Jobs Daughters of Missouri.

24th June, 2007 – Columbia, MO – Met with the Grand Master AFAM at the Grand Lodge Office, with leaders of the fraternity in Missouri to discuss unified activity planning. It was determined that this event would be continued through 2011.

1st July, 2007 – Springfield, MO - Missouri Rainbow Grand Assembly. Presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award to Brooklyn Smith, and a donation of \$500 to the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls of Missouri.

4th August, 2007 – Committee on Chartered Lodges for Grand Lodge of Missouri, at Columbia, Missouri.

19th August, 2007 – Attended a gathering of East Gate Lodge No. 630 at the home of William and Debbie Hall in Kansas City, MO. Also in attendance was Sir Knight Chester H. Hazen, Past Grand Commander 1987-1988.

15th September, 2007 – Acted as Installing Senior Deacon for Eastgate Lodge No. 630 A.F. & A.M. in Kansas City, MO.

19th September, 2007 – Installed the Officers of Oriental Commandery No. 35 KT, Shekinah Council No. 24 R & SM, and Orient Chapter No. 102 RAM in Kansas City, MO.

23rd October, 2007 – Legion of Honor Investiture at Ararat Shrine in Kansas City, MO participating as 5th Preceptor and representing the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

3rd November, 2007 – DeMolay State Officers Installation at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Kansas City, MO. Witnessed the induction of the Grand Master of Missouri Freemasons, Most Worshipful Brother Bruce R. Austin into the DeMolay Legion of Honor by the Executive Officer Robert Cockerham.

12th January, 2008 – Attended Our Lords Tabernacle No. 54 at Buckner, MO and was installed as 1st Pillar. Also attended installation of Mary Conclave Red Cross of Constantine Officers for 2008.

23rd February, 2008 – Official Opening Ceremony of the Masonic Library and Museum at the Masonic Home and Grand Lodge of Missouri Complex in Columbia, MO.

27th April, 2008 – Grand Masters Breakfast for Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

AF & AM of Missouri, MWB Bruce R. Austin, at the Scottish Rite Temple, 3633 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO.

Routine Duties

7th June, 2007 – Presentation of 2007 Lewis and Clark Award to Joe Tibbetts at Palestine Commandery No. 17, a member thereof, in Independence, MO.

29th June, 2007 – Officiant for William M. Bailey graveside services at Park Lawn Cemetery in Kansas City, MO.

4th September, 2007 – Attended funeral services for Chester and Sybil Hazen at the Chapel of Memories in Grain Valley, MO. Escort of Sir Knights Billy J. Boyer, Marvin W. Frost, Thomas L. Truman Jerry F. Ward, Rocky E. Weaver and the Grand Commander accompanied the procession to their place of rest in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Grain Valley, MO.

15th September, 2007 – Attended **Region 3 York Rite Conference** in Buckner, MO with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master.

20th September, 2007 – Attended the **South Central Department Conference** in Little Rock, AR thru the 22nd September, 2007. Attendees included; Joe Hayes, Deputy Grand Commander, Ronnie Green, Grand Generalissimo, Russell Hanson, Grand Captain General, Daniel Quesenberry, Grand Senior Warden, Richard Mansfield, Grand Junior Warden, Matthew Quesenberry, Grand Sentinel, Kevin Sample, Grand Recorder, Tom Yunick, Templar Jurisprudence, and James Mercer, Regional Grand Commander Region 7A.

20th October, 2007 – Attended **Region 4 York Rite Conference** in Rolla, MO with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master.

27th October, 2007 – Attended **Region 6 York Rite Conference** in Cape Girardeau, MO with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master.

17th November, 2007 – Attended **Region 5 York Rite Conference** in Webster Groves, MO with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master.

1st December, 2007 – Attended **Region 1 York Rite Conference** in Kirksville, MO.

12th December, 2007 – Attended Masonic Services for Olen O. Wilkinson at the First United Methodist Church in Blue Springs, MO.

29th December, 2007 – Attended Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167, and participated in conferral of orders upon Stanton T. Brown, II.

29th December, 2007 – Attended Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons, and participated in conferral of Orders upon David Miller, and Stanton T. Brown, II. I was later installed as Excellent Chief by Stanton T. Brown, Ronald E. Wood, and Jerry F. Ward.

5th January, 2008 – Attended **Region 2 York Rite Conference** in St. Joseph, MO with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master. Presented an Endowed Membership Card and Certificate to Sir Knight Robert Dean Newcom of Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4.

19th January, 2008 – Drill workshop at Columbia York Rite Center, conducted by the Drill Committee and Drill Judges.

19th January, 2008 – Attended memorial services for Carol Fern Schlichter, Cater Funeral Home, Moberly, MO.

2nd February, 2008 – Attended **Region 7 York Rite Conference** in Springfield,

MO with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master.

13th March, 2008 – Visited the site of the Grand York Rite Time Capsule in Branson. Informed the Branson Visitors and Convention Bureau of it's location for their records, and direction assistance.

22nd March, 2008 – Preliminary Finance Committee meeting at the Grand York Rite Office in Columbia, MO.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

Travels throughout the Jurisdiction have impressed on me, the many varied challenges with which we have to contend. Most of the obvious deficiencies relate to uniformity of dress, paraphernalia, and accepted ritual performance in opening and closing the Asylum. We need more emphasis on compliance with our Regulations.

The general attitude of the Sir Knights is to welcome with open arms, and freely greet sojourning Sir Knights. Should we not extend that same courtesy, and become sojourners to other Asylums? We need to recapture the very reason we are Brethren; to help, aid and assist. Whether it means by assistance with the work, or to bolster a struggling Commandery. It is one for all, and all for one.

Membership continues to be a solemn issue in Missouri, regardless of which organization you are involved with. Individual promotion and solicitation of prospects must be a priority or we shall gradually fade into the sunset of our Order. It must be a personal commitment for growth.

RITUAL AND RITUALISTIC MATTERS

As has been stated, restated, emphasized, commented on, harped on, and stressed to death, ritual sets the Masonic Family apart from most other organizations. The lessons we have to impart are the very backbone of our Fraternity, yet in many cases, we are left wanting for Sir Knights willing to extend their abilities to include proficiency in the work.

Where do we go from here? It's back to basics and application of the obligations we agreed to when we joined the Fraternity. Without each and every Sir Knight taking ownership, we will lose enthusiasm and the ability to instill that enthusiasm as a contagion.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar needs to develop some means for recognizing those Sir Knights who have excelled in their presentations and committed to memory, the work we present for our new members. Easier said than done, but we need to get started.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Law

- Incorporate language in the uniform regulations for the usage of the shoulder cords for the Regional Grand Commanders, Aide de Camp, Guards and Past Regional Grand Commanders.
- Provide for a minimum suggested dues structure to support per capita issues and local funding of activities.
- Require that a budget be prepared by each constituent commandery, adopted and

presented to the Regional Grand Commander on his Official Visit, for inclusion with his report.

- Legislation to specify the procedure to recover the membership of defunct Commanderies where repeated communication from the Grand Commandery produced no resultant action by that Commandery.
- Addition and revision to Grand Commandery Regulations to allow qualified nominations for Office from the floor, and re-evaluation of the use of the “*Australian Ballot*”, as now used.
- Amendment to the Regulations to allow the Templar Jurisprudence Committee the latitude to revise grammatical and punctuation discrepancies in the Grand Commandery Regulations, without formal presentation to the Grand Commandery. Revision is to be noted in an easily identifiable method, and approved by the Dais Officers that the meaning and purpose has not been changed.

Ritual

- Provide a suggested method to incorporate the “Triangle” of Sir Knights as part of all Closing Ceremonies.
- Provide a standard method of communicating the Pilgrim Penitents Word, the Pilgrim Warriors Word and the Immaculate Word in all approved opening ceremonies where not currently provided for.
- Provide a suggested method of incorporating the exemplification of the Penal Sign and Grand Sign in all Closing ceremonies where it is not currently provided for.
- Incorporate more detailed Judging Sheets for the Class “A, B, & C” Competitive Drill to allow more specific analysis by the Competing Commandery, of the Judges ruling; i.e. to clarify the errors incurred.
- Publication of the Asylum Drill pamphlet for Class “B & C” Drill Teams, as prepared by Sir Knight Russell Hanson, with many others offering their input and suggestions.

General

The Officers and Committees Manual, which was begun this term, should become a living document, used as a reference for each of the Grand Commandery Officers and Committee members. Much has yet to be done, but inroads have been made. Without some guideline of action by those involved, we miss an opportunity to act in consort to grow our Grand Commandery.

There needs to be developed a general Budget Template that the Constituent Commanderies can modify to plan their activities for the year. The income and expenses need to be closely tracked to ensure financial responsibility.

Communication with the Grand York Rite Office, and with other Commanderies, has become more electronic than it has been in the past. Each Commandery should have a designated Sir Knight for undertaking this very essential duty. However, regardless of how it is done, the Grand Commandery needs regular communication with the Constituent Commanderies.

Monthly reports are essential, and there is a movement underfoot to convert to electronic means of reporting. There are other reports that could be converted, we only need to identify what we and you want, and then allocate the time, energy and resources of men and materials.

CONCLUSION

As I relinquish the superintendence of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, I feel a sense of loss in my schedule that cannot be filled by ordinary activities. The requirements of office will be measurably absent from my daily routine, and will require yet another adjustment in how I get things done.

A cadre of fine Grand Commandery Officers will now assume the roll they have been preparing for, and I wish them God's speed in all of their journeys, and especially in their new office in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.



Fraternally submitted,

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Grand Commander, 2007-2008

Received with a standing ovation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Greetings to the Sir Knights of Missouri. The Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander has received that report and found it to be in full and proper form and all in order. We refer all decisions, dispensations, and general orders made by the Grand Commander to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. We recommend and move for the adoption of this report and to its addition to this year's proceedings by a standing ovation from the Sir Knights here assembled.

Fraternally submitted,

James E. Snavelly, PGC

Marvin W. Frost, PGC, Chairman

Nicholas F. Steinmetz, PGC

Motion was made and seconded to accept this report.

Motion Approved, May 16, 2008

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported that there were a constitutional number of Commanderies and representatives present to hold a grand conclave.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

As noted in the Grand Commander's Address, Right Eminent Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. has been a very busy individual during his term as Grand Commander. While this report will not specifically address the actions taken by the Grand Commander

as they are preprinted in his Address, rest assured that our Grand Commander kept this Committee advised at every step of the way.

Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence is pleased to report that we have reviewed the actions taken and the decisions made by Right Eminent Sir Knight Troxel and find them supported in the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. We also find that the actions he took and the decisions he made fall well within the parameters of the inherent powers and the duties of the Office of the Grand Commander as stipulated in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

In our opinion our Grand Commander has acted with the best interest of Templar Masonry in Missouri always at the forefront. It would certainly be remiss of us not to mention that our Grand Commander took it upon himself to participate in the review and editing of the legislative report that will follow and we thank him for his interest, concern and assistance.

With that, I will move the adoption of this preliminary report and a standing ovation for Right Eminent Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel for a job well done.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Chairman

Rocky E. Weaver, PGC

Stanton T. Brown, PC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Glenn E. Means, PC

Motion was seconded and Approved, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 229. D, Investment of Funds*, be amended by replacing the word, Finance” with the word, “Investment”.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The Grand Recorder, the Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee will be responsible for investing the Funds in the Endowed Membership Fund.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: The Grand Recorder, the Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Investment Committee will be responsible for investing the Funds in the Endowed Membership Fund.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To correct an oversight on the part of the Laws and Regulations Revision Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Harold J. Richardson, PC, DeSoto Commandery No. 56

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 229. I., Suspension or Expulsion*, be amended to read the following:

Holders of endowed membership certificates are subject to all provisions of the

Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, and loss of membership due to suspension or expulsion shall automatically suspend such endowed membership certificate; such certificate in itself is not an avouchment of good standing in a Missouri Commandery. However, should a holder of said certificate be reinstated in his endowed Commandery his certificate will automatically be restored and his membership returned as before the suspension or expulsion. The Commandery which held the endowed membership at the time of suspension or expulsion, as provided herein, shall continue to receive the revenue earned from such endowed membership less such amount equal to the amount due the Grand Commandery, subject to the limitation set forth in Distribution.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Holders of endowed membership certificates are subject to all provisions of the by-laws of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, and loss of membership due to suspension or expulsion shall automatically suspend such endowed membership certificate; such certificate in itself is not a avouchment of good standing in a Missouri Commandery. The Commandery which held the endowed membership at the time of suspension or expulsion, as provided here in, shall continue to receive the revenue earned from such endowed membership less such amount equal to the amount due the Grand Commandery, subject to the limitation set forth in Distribution.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To automatically restore a previously suspended or expelled endowed member to endowed standing and restore his endowment membership certificate after his reinstatement in his endowed Commandery. And, to change the word, “by-laws” to “laws and regulations”. And to change the word “a” to “an” before avouchment.

Fraternally submitted,

Harold J. Richardson, PC, Desoto Commandery No. 56

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 229, Subsection E., Distribution*, be amended to read as follows:

The net income, minus per-capita, from such fund shall be distributed annually to the endowed Commanderies prior to January 1. This is provided that no income shall be distributed on any endowed membership until January 1, of the second (2nd) calendar year after such fee, paid in full, is deposited with the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery shall be entitled to no more of the net income from the endowed membership than the aforesaid per-capita (less Grand Encampment per-capita), or 50% of the net income (less Grand Encampment per-capita), whichever is less.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The net income from such fund shall be distributed annually to the endowed Commanderies prior to January 1. The per-capita will be refunded to the endowed Commandery, and they will pay their per-capita in the usual manner. This is provided that no income shall be distributed on any endowed membership until January 1, of the second (2nd) calendar year after such fee, paid in full, is deposited with the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery shall be entitled to no

more of the net income from the endowed membership than the aforesaid per-capita, or 50% of the net income, whichever is less.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for a clear, uniform, and streamlined distribution process, thusly removing the need for excessive paperwork by the Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace No. 29

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 229. C, Forwarding Fee to Grand Recorder*, be amended by changing the words “tot eh” to the words “to the” between “forwarded” and “Grand”; by inserting the word, “for” between “qualify” and “distribution”; and by striking all after the word “made” to the period at the end of the sentence.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) collected by a Commandery for endowed membership shall be forwarded tot eh Grand Recorder no later than December 31st in order to qualify distribution in the 2nd calendar year. Installments in multiples of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be made to the Grand Commandery. The endowed membership will become effective on the 1st of January of the second year after the final installment is made: however, any income earned prior thereto shall be payable to the Grand Commandery. Installment funds will be deposited into the Endowed Membership Account and become a part of that fund. No funds will be due the local Commandery until the second year after the individual membership is fully endowed.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: The fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) collected by a Commandery for endowed membership shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder no later than December 31st in order to qualify for distribution in the 2nd calendar year. Installments in multiples of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be made to the Grand Commandery. The endowed membership will become effective on the 1st of January of the second year after the final installment is made. Installment funds will be deposited into the Endowed Membership Account and become a part of that fund. No funds will be due the local Commandery until the second year after the individual membership is fully endowed.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Housekeeping, to correct errors and omissions of the Laws and Regulations Revision Committee and to provide that all income of the fund remains within the fund.

Fraternally submitted,
Thomas C. Yunick, PC, Ely Commandery No. 22
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6
Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace No. 29

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXI, Rituals, Section 226, Paragraph A*, be amended to replace the words “Each Constituent Commandery shall be entitled to ten (10) rituals for its use.” with the words “Each newly chartered Constituent Commandery shall be entitled, at no cost, to ten (10) rituals for its use.”

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Each Constituent Commandery shall be entitled to ten (10) rituals for its use. The Grand Recorder shall deliver the rituals to which the Commandery may be entitled, to the Commander thereof, taking his receipt for them.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: Each newly chartered Constituent Commandery shall be entitled, at no cost, to ten (10) rituals for its use. The Grand Recorder shall deliver the rituals to which the Commandery may be entitled, to the Commander thereof, taking his receipt for them.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The cited paragraph concerns an entitlement for a Constituent Missouri Commandery. While the term of that entitlement was not clearly specified, it has been interpreted to apply only when a new Constituent Commandery is chartered in Missouri. The proposed language would clarify that the Grand Recorder is to supply a newly chartered Constituent Missouri Commandery with ten (10) Grand Encampment rituals (a.k.a. the black book) at no cost to that Commandery.

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal Commandery No. 12

Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXI, Section 226, Rituals, Paragraph B*, be amended to replace the words “may purchase additional rituals at a cost of five dollars (\$5.00) for each ritual from the Grand Recorder” with the words “may purchase additional rituals from the Grand Recorder at a cost equal to the price charged by the Grand Encampment plus a Grand Commandery shipping and handling fee”.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: In addition to the ten rituals assigned to each Constituent Commandery, said Commandery or members thereof may purchase additional rituals at a cost of five dollars (\$5.00) for each ritual from the Grand Recorder. Such purchase shall be made through the Records of Constituent Commanderies.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: In addition to the ten rituals assigned to each Constituent Commandery, said Commandery or members thereof may purchase additional rituals from the Grand Recorder at a cost equal to the price charged by the Grand Encampment plus a Grand Commandery shipping and handling fee. Such purchase shall be made through the Records of Constituent Commanderies.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The cited paragraph concerns the cost charged to a member of a Constituent Missouri Commandery for the Grand Encampment ritual (a.k.a. the black book). While the Grand Commandery currently supplies this ritual, the cost is no longer \$5.00 per ritual. In order to avoid the need to amend this paragraph as the cost of this ritual, and the associated shipping and handling costs, increases in the future, a formula has been substituted for the specific cost. The formula consists of two parts.

The first part is the ritual cost based on the price charged by the Grand Encampment. The second part is the fee added to each order of rituals by the Grand Recorder to cover the administrative processing of the order as well as the postage necessary to ship the order to the Constituent Commandery, both of which would depend on the number of rituals ordered. Any increase in ritual cost, administrative fee, or postage would automatically be passed through to the ultimate consumer without need to amend this paragraph

Fraternally Submitted,
 Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal Commandery No. 12
 Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXI, Section 228, Worn or Damaged Rituals Replaced*, be repealed in its entirety.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Section 228. Worn or Damaged Rituals Replaced. Worn or damaged rituals may be replaced by returning them, with all pages intact, to the office of the Grand Recorder, and upon payment of two dollars for each ritual to be replaced or exchanged.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: Section 228. Worn or Damaged Rituals Replaced. *(Repealed 5/16/08)*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The cited section concerns the replacement of damaged Grand Encampment rituals. First, the scope of this provision is not specified. Second, the \$2.00 replacement fee is no longer practical. By repealing the entire section, the issue of whether the section applies only to the ten (10) rituals provided to each Constituent Missouri Commandery (Article XXI, Section 226, Paragraph A and C) or to any ritual provided by the Grand Recorder becomes moot. For some time, the Grand Recorder has not been in a position to honor this section due to fiscal constraints. Therefore, there is no negative consequence to the repeal of this section.

Fraternally Submitted,
 Russell S. Hanson, PC, St. Graal Commandery No. 12
 Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Proposed Legislation Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *Article XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 229, Grand Commandery Endowed Membership, Section J, Continued Income*, be amended to read as follows:

Following the death of an endowed member of a Missouri Commandery, 30% of the net income from that endowed membership shall be retained and added to the fund's principal to provide for growth of the fund. The remainder of the net income, minus per-capita (less Grand Encampment per-capita), shall be distributed to the endowed Commanderies. The Grand Commandery shall be entitled to no more of the remaining net income from the endowed membership *than* the aforesaid per capita (less Grand

Encampment per-capita), or 50% of the remaining net income (less Grand Encampment per-capita), whichever is less.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Following the death of an endowed member of a Missouri Commandery, the Grand Commandery of Missouri shall continue to receive a portion of the net income from the endowed membership in an amount equal to the Grand Commandery per-capita as set forth in (forwarding fees to Grand Recorder) of the Grand Commandery by-laws, and the endowed Commandery will receive the balance on the new income from the endowed membership, provide however, that in no event shall the Grand Commandery be entitled to more than fifty percent (50%) of the net income from such endowed membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish a method for growing the Endowed Membership Fund, while continuing to provide for a uniform distribution of earnings.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace No. 29

Proposed Legislation Approved following Discussion and approval to change the word “then” to “than”, May 16, 2008

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Chairman

Rocky E. Weaver, PGC

Stanton T. Brown, PC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Glenn E. Means, PC

I move the adoption of the complete report of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

Motion Approved without Discussion, May 16, 2008

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SK Troxel announced the time for the election of officers. The Grand Commander appointed the Regional Grand Commanders as tellers with SK K. Trent Moreland as chief teller. He sealed the doors and called upon the Grand Recorder to explain the balloting process.

The Grand Commander asked for and received permission from the tellers to proceed with the business while the votes were being counted.

RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

SK Troxel recognized the following distinguished guests during the election process: SK Lionel J. Goede, Missouri Past Grand Commander offered comments on behalf of the Missouri Past Grand Commanders; SK Bryan L. Berry, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania; SK Daniel F. Thomas, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana; SK James R. MacConnell, Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York; SK James N. Karnegis, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Nebraska and Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the North Central Department; and SK Warren A. Lee,

Eminent Grand Inspector, and personal representative of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Washington.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Herewith is the report of the Grand Commandery Committee on Finance, the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 templar year:

Income

Per Capita, Membership 3,182 @ \$23.50	\$74,777.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,282.10
Knighting Fees, 100 @ \$10.00	1,000.00
General Fund Investments	3,850.31
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$81,159.41

Salaries and Allowances

Grand Commander Expense	\$3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary	7,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	8,000.00
Employment Taxes	1,200.00
Annual Conclave	1,500.00
Auditor	150.00
Drill Committee	750.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita, 3,800 @ \$10.00	38,000.00
Grand Officer Conference	750.00
Insurance	500.00
Knight Templar Magazine, Editor	100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00
Office Expenses	2,500.00
Office Rent & Utilities	1,920.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia	500.00
Postage	750.00
Proceedings	2,600.00
Storage	1,100.00
Triennial Fund, 3,500 @ \$0.10	350.00
Youth Organizations	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$76,420.00

Total Income	\$81,159.41
Total Salaries and Allowances	<u>\$76,420.00</u>
Balance	\$4,739.41

Fraternally submitted,
James J. Hayes, Chairman
Lionel J. Goede
Larry T. Odom

Harold J. Richardson
James E. Snavely

Proposed Budget Approved as Presented, May 16, 2008

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

SIR KNIGHTS: All funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City. All accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, and with amounts being maintained at less than \$100,000 in any one banking institution.

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$151,189.10
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 70,901.14	
Interest Earned	<u>6,337.47</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 77,238.61	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59336-Checks 1466 thru 1518	\$ 26,064.10	
Jefferson Act. #74544-Checks 2071 thru 2255	33,554.33	
Jefferson Act. #74325-Checks 1190 thru 1206	1,264.38	
Jefferson Act. #463996 - Debits	<u>5,124.78</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 66,007.59	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 11,231.02</u>
Balance, General Fund, May 31, 2008		\$162,420.12

Statement of Assets - General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59336, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 514.26	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	153.52	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	130.58	
Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	35,204.67	
Business Investment Act. #217751, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	11,250.72	
CD #116959, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.51%, Matures 8/6/08	6,626.14	
CD #11793, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 3.51%, Matures 9/19/08	13,271.30	
CD #2019873620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 4.47%, Matures 10/20/08	21,394.07	
CD #9750, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 5.01%, Matures 11/11/08	15,558.55	
CD #116735, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.50%, Matures 1/23/09	18,508.57	
CD #11067403620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 5/28/09	22,274.20	
CD #118,258, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/9/09	<u>17,533.54</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, May 31, 2008		\$162,420.12

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 66,463.47
Receipts: Memberships (5 plus 2 partials)	\$ 2,700.00	
Interest Earned	<u>3,366.42</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 6,066.42	
Disbursements: 2006 Earnings Distribution	\$ 1,790.81	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 4,275.61</u>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 70,739.08

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,592.09	
CD #116736, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.50%, Matures 1/23/09	18,103.07	
CD #11534, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 3.26%, Matures 3/6/09	21,255.57	
CD #11663, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/11/09	14,702.26	
CD #11067673621, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 5/24/09	4,454.83	
CD #118257, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/2/09	<u>10,631.26</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 70,739.08

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 93,960.98
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 5,021.75	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 5,021.75</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), May 31, 2008		\$ 98,982.73

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

CD #233631, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/13/09	\$ 39,960.87	
CD #234532, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/15/09	<u>59,021.86</u>	
Total Assets, Retirement Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 98,982.73

TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 20,107.33
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1,293.08	
Disbursements: Interest Earned – Transferred to Triennial Fund	\$ 1,293.08	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance, Triennial Endowment Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 20,107.33

Statement of Assets – Triennial Endowment Fund

C.D.#12350, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 6.12%, Matures 10/21/08	\$ 20,107.33	
Total Assets, Triennial Endowment Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 20,107.33

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 915.99
Receipts: By appropriation from General Fund	\$ 383.30	
Account Interest Earned	3.11	
Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund	<u>1,293.08</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,679.49	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 1,679.49</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 2,595.48

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 500.15	
CD #12350, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 6.12%, Matures 10/21/08	<u>2,095.33</u>	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 2,595.48

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 79,089.36
Receipts: Interest earned	\$ 4,813.05	
Misc. Contributions	<u>3,724.14</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 8,537.19	
Disbursements: Knight Templar Eye Foundation	\$ 8,925.28	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 388.09)</u>
Balance, Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 78,701.27

Statement of Assets – Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 1,859.00	
CD #7277, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 4.75%, Matures 10/8/08	12,584.72	
CD #5223, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 2/28/09	31,637.97	
CD #7964, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 4/20/09	<u>\$ 32,619.58</u>	
Total Assets, Missouri KTEF Committee Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 78,701.27

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 0.00
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 878.58	
Transferred From General Fund	3,320.00	
Transferred From General Fund (Software Development)	1,200.00	
Transferred From Capital Assets Fund	634.81	
Interest Earned	<u>11.30</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 6,044.69	
Disbursements:	\$ 539.37	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 5,505.32</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 5,505.32

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 5,505.32	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 5,505.32

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 37,041.03
Receipts: Various Donations	\$ 2,381.40	
Interest Earned	<u>1,991.30</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 4,372.70	
Disbursements: Interest Earned – Transferred to		
Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund	\$ 1,991.30	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 2,381.40</u>
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 39,422.43

Statement of Assets – Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 159.27	
CD #12814, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 4.75%, Matures 9/24/08	13,330.13	
CD #5699, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 2/12/09	13,661.65	
CD #234529, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/15/09	6,071.38	
CD #11067593620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 5/24/09	<u>6,200.00</u>	
Total Assets, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 39,422.43

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 8,799.92
Receipts: Various Donations	\$ 69.51	
Interest Earned	248.94	
Interest from Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund	<u>1,991.30</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,309.75	
Disbursements:	\$ 2,285.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 24.75</u>
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 8,824.67

Statement of Assets – Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 6,216.97	
Business Investment Act. #217751, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	860.88	
CD #12814, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 4.75%, Matures 9/24/08	366.75	
CD #5699, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 2/12/09	356.33	
CD #234529, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/16/09	705.00	
CD #11067593620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 4/24/09	<u>318.74</u>	
Total Assets, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 8,824.67

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 0.00
Receipts: Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 960.00	
Interest Earned	<u>0.83</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 960.83	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 960.83</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 960.83

Statement of Assets – Charity Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	\$ 960.83	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 960.83

CAPITAL ASSETS FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2007		\$ 614.41
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 20.40	
Disbursements: Transferred to Supply Fund	\$ 634.81	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 614.41)</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, May 31, 2008		\$ 0.00
Total Assets, All Funds, May 31, 2008		\$ 488,259.26

Fraternally submitted,



Donald L. Trabue, Grand Treasurer

*The Grand Treasurer moved for the acceptance of the Grand Treasurer's report.
Motion Approved, May 16, 2008*

REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Grand Recorder acknowledged receipt various communications from other grand jurisdictions and some of our own Past Grand Commanders wishing the Grand Commander a very successful grand conclave and congratulating him for an outstanding year. We also received regrets from RESK Jacob C. Baird and RESK Robert G. Bird and advised they were proud of our Grand Commander.

SUMMARY

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights, as of May 1, 2008, we are still awaiting the annual returns of Emmanuel Commandery No. 7, Paschal Commandery No. 32 (three years deficient), and Harve de Grace Commandery No. 63 (two years deficient).

It is now very clear that simply giving commanderies additional time to complete their annual returns is not alleviating the problem with failures to file by various commanderies.

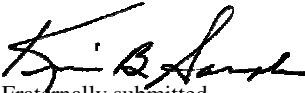
During the reporting year, January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007, no commanderies were consolidated.

The reports on Commandery audits and bonds can be found in the tabular statements of the Commanderies. Of the Commanderies reporting, three failed to submit an audit or submitted an incomplete audit: St. Omer No. 11, Ascension No. 39, and Bethany No. 42. It would be most prudent of the Grand Commander and appropriate committees to investigate these deficiencies.

The Grand Commander this year instituted a new 25-year Veteran Membership Certificate and several were issued by this office, along with the normal 40-year and 50-year certifications.

This was a most wonderful year with Sir Knight Troxel and his lady Roma. Fred has once again renewed my confidence in Templar Freemasonry with his care and leadership of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. We have a great line of officers and they are all working hard to resolve the long-standing issues of the Grand Commandery in part, but the Grand York Rite as a whole.

We thank all the officers and members of the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to work with and serve each of you. We look forward to a wonderful year under the stewardship of Sir Knight Hayes and his corps of officers.



Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Grand Recorder



ADDENDUM

Each chartered Chapter, Council and Commandery will be responsible for filing an IRS form 990. As far as the IRS is concerned, our fiscal year ends March 31 for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, and April 21 for the Grand Commandery because the IRS never corrected their records when we changed our accounting year. Each organization will have until the middle of August to complete their 990's. We have communicated with the IRS regarding the Grand Commandery 990's and our accounting of legal tax identification numbers. The Grand Encampment collected this information in 1999 and under the stewardship of my predecessor Ronald E. Wood, Jr. we supplied this information to them. However, it appears that some of the information we have collected over the years and provided to the Grand Encampment could have been in error due to Secretaries and Recorders going out on their own to establish new bank accounts and requesting new tax ID's. This is part of the problem with the 990's.

There are 250,000 charitable not for profit organizations in the United States and the IRS is trying to clean this up to find and keep the legitimate organizations.

We are aware that several Chapters, Councils and Commanderies have as many as twelve different tax ID numbers.

We do file a report annually for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council reporting each subordinate organization, its tax ID, and its point of contact, namely the Secretary and Recorder. However, for the Commandery, it is my understanding that the Grand Encampment is responsible for filing that report for the constituent Commanderies of Missouri. For whatever reason, the IRS does not necessarily recognize some of the numbers we have on file. We have officially requested from the IRS recertification of each one of the constituent Commanderies and their legal tax ID numbers. As soon as we receive a report from the IRS, we will report their findings to you and we will then request validation of your having filed those 990's for each organization.

For those of you that have filed and have confirmed your tax ID, congratulations. We will request certification of your having filed that 990. If you do not file a 990, the presiding grand officers will be communicating with you, this is not an option. Every Chapter, Council and Commandery will file some form of a tax return, following the leadership of the Grand Lodge in this measure.

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER

The Grand Recorder moved for the approval of the preliminary reports of the Grand Recorder as printed and distributed in the preliminary proceedings, subject to correction, final accounting and audit, and to be printed in the proceedings of this grand conclave.

Motion was seconded and Approved, May 16, 2008

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Commanderies		38
Number of Members, December 31, 2006		4069
Number Knighted	83	
Number Affiliated	13	
Number Reinstated	36	
Total Gains		132
Number Dimitted	38	
Number Suspended By Commandery NPD	72	
Number Suspended by Lodge, Chapter or Council	108	
Number Expelled	0	
Number Died	147	
Total Losses		365
Total Members, December 31, 2007		3836
Net Loss	223	

CERTIFICATES**2007-2008 Commandery 25-year Certificates Issued**

Name	Commandery	No.	Knighthood	Issued
Bradley, Wilbur H.	Lebanon	33	07-Nov-81	12-Sep-07
Brenneman, William E.	Lebanon	33	12-Nov-77	12-Sep-07
Crawford, Isaac	Lebanon	33	23-Jun-79	12-Sep-07
Daum, Kerry James	Lebanon	33	02-May-81	12-Sep-07
Stout, James E.	Lebanon	33	12-Nov-77	12-Sep-07
Strickland, Donald K.	Lebanon	33	06-May-69	12-Sep-07
Unverzagt, Charles Norman	Lebanon	33	02-May-81	12-Sep-07
Applegate, David Truly	St. John's	20	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Back, Donald King	St. John's	20	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Brazeal, Charles Michael	St. John's	20	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Cotter, David Gene	St. John's	20	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Doyle, Walter Wesley	St. John's	20	06-Nov-82	21-Sep-07
Gill, Jack Robert	St. John's	20	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Guccione, Joseph A.	St. John's	20	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Harle, Jr., Fred Milton	St. John's	20	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Haslip, Bill D.	St. John's	20	02-Dec-81	21-Sep-07
Kirkpatrick, Harry William	St. John's	20	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Linhart, Ronald Gene	St. John's	20	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Mauck, William Lacy	St. John's	20	15-Aug-81	21-Sep-07
Melton, Joe D.	St. John's	20	06-Nov-82	21-Sep-07
Moore, Larry Wayne	St. John's	20	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Powell, Don Lee	St. John's	20	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Sloane, Gary Busby	St. John's	20	07-Nov-81	21-Sep-07
Steelman, Jerry Francis	St. John's	20	02-May-81	21-Sep-07
Teghtmyer, Donald Lee	St. John's	20	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Terry, Ronald Lee	St. John's	20	08-May-82	21-Sep-07
Wright, Malcolm Lloyd	St. John's	20	31-Jul-82	21-Sep-07
Gibbons, James Joseph	St. John's	20	24-May-75	05-Mar-08

CERTIFICATES**2007-2008 Commandery 40-year Certificates Issued**

Name	Commandery	No.	Knighthd	Issued
Berry, George Francis	Lebanon	33	19-Mar-63	12-Sep-07
Draper, Jr., Otta J.	Lebanon	33	01-Dec-60	12-Sep-07
Edgerton, Harold W.	Lebanon	33	01-Dec-60	12-Sep-07
Evans, Jr., Wendell Lee	Lebanon	33	23-Nov-63	12-Sep-07
Fluty, Jr., Ezekiel	Lebanon	33	31-Mar-64	12-Sep-07
Gibson, Kyle Delaine	Lebanon	33	23-Nov-63	12-Sep-07
Harris, Jr., Dewey	Lebanon	33	20-Oct-64	12-Sep-07
Harris, Lloyd Sanford	Lebanon	33	05-May-59	12-Sep-07
Leuther, Buel F.	Lebanon	33	20-Sep-60	12-Sep-07
Marks, Perry Dean	Lebanon	33	25-Nov-64	12-Sep-07
Marley, William Donald	Lebanon	33	19-Feb-63	12-Sep-07
Massey, Stanley Earl	Lebanon	33	02-Apr-66	12-Sep-07
May, Edwin C.	Lebanon	33	25-Nov-61	12-Sep-07
Plaster, Robert Wayne	Lebanon	33	22-May-62	12-Sep-07
Rockhill, Howard Wesley	Lebanon	33	20-Sep-60	12-Sep-07
Russell, John Thomas	Lebanon	33	08-Oct-63	12-Sep-07
Salmon, Joe Ray	Lebanon	33	27-Apr-61	12-Sep-07
Salveter, Drura L.	Lebanon	33	02-Jun-64	12-Sep-07
Shadel, Thomas Johnson	Lebanon	33	27-Mar-62	12-Sep-07
Stowe, Lynn Arthur	Lebanon	33	08-Oct-63	12-Sep-07
Willard, Wallace W.	Lebanon	33	02-Apr-66	12-Sep-07
Woolbright, Robert Lee	Lebanon	33	27-Apr-62	12-Sep-07
Yates, Robert David	Lebanon	33	25-Nov-61	12-Sep-07
Henderson, Jimmy Eugene	St. John's	20	16-Mar-67	21-Sep-07
Huff, Richard F.	St. John's	20	16-Mar-67	21-Sep-07
Wreath, Roger V.	St. John's	20	04-Nov-67	21-Sep-07
Carr, Grover H.	St. John's	20	02-Apr-66	21-Sep-07
Gremling, Wilbur F.	St. John's	20	06-May-66	21-Sep-07
Meyer, Leon Herbert	St. John's	20	12-Nov-66	21-Sep-07
Neff, Thomas Joe	St. John's	20	23-May-66	21-Sep-07
Shryer, Norman Forest	St. John's	20	12-Nov-66	21-Sep-07
Creason, Walter Ray	DeMolay	3	28-Oct-67	27-Sep-07
Eastridge, III, William R.	DeMolay	3	28-Oct-67	27-Sep-07

2007-2008 Commandery 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Commandery	No.	Knighthood	Issued
Boyer, Ralph E.	Wilson	75	16-Apr-56	24-May-07
Crain, Clemon C	Wilson	75	17-Jan-56	24-May-07
Jennings, Dee Cox	Wilson	75	15-Jun-56	24-May-07
Johnson, Charles D.	Wilson	75	16-Apr-56	24-May-07
Owens, Willie Joe	Wilson	75	26-Apr-56	24-May-07
Jeans, George W.	Lebanon	33	23-Nov-55	25-Jun-07
Miller, Joe D.	Lebanon	33	25-May-57	25-Jun-07
Wells, Sterling A.	Lebanon	33	25-May-57	25-Jun-07
Beshears, Charles Max	St. John's	20	21-May-56	21-Sep-07
Brazeale, Joe W.	St. John's	20	28-Nov-55	21-Sep-07
Bush, George William	St. John's	20	18-Apr-57	21-Sep-07
Carpenter, David Paul	St. John's	20	29-Oct-54	21-Sep-07
Howell, Math Dooley	St. John's	20	20-Jul-55	21-Sep-07
Kolar, Marion	St. John's	20	29-May-56	21-Sep-07
Lee, Gene R.	St. John's	20	31-May-55	21-Sep-07
Leidy, Harry Lee	St. John's	20	21-Jan-55	21-Sep-07
Lipscomb, Gary Glenn	St. John's	20	22-May-53	21-Sep-07
Lipscomb, Jack Allen	St. John's	20	27-Nov-54	21-Sep-07
Luce, Dorrell C.	St. John's	20	10-May-54	21-Sep-07
Meacheam, James Edwin	St. John's	20	27-Nov-54	21-Sep-07
Morris, James Francis	St. John's	20	28-Nov-55	21-Sep-07
Rice, Jr., Edwin Cook	St. John's	20	31-May-55	21-Sep-07
Smith, Charles Edward	St. John's	20	17-Apr-53	21-Sep-07
Spellman, Delno Jack	St. John's	20	12-May-52	21-Sep-07
Stith, Ronald Crain	St. John's	20	16-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Tracy, Ceborn Lewis	St. John's	20	16-Nov-57	21-Sep-07
Turk, Harlan C.	St. John's	20	19-Apr-49	21-Sep-07
Wagner, John Edward	St. John's	20	22-Apr-54	21-Sep-07
Weaver, Lawson Alexander	St. John's	20	21-May-56	21-Sep-07
Westfall, William Buchanan	St. John's	20	17-Oct-53	21-Sep-07
White, Arthur Lee	St. John's	20	29-Oct-54	21-Sep-07
Wiley, Dan Hendrix	St. John's	20	22-Apr-57	21-Sep-07
Williams, William Mac	St. John's	20	18-May-53	21-Sep-07
Heitmeyer, James C.	DeMolay	3	02-Nov-57	27-Sep-07
Snyder, Richard O.	DeMolay	3	12-Nov-57	27-Sep-07
Barkelaw, Robert Henry	Crusade	23	18-Apr-57	01-Nov-07
Miller, Donald Lewis	Crusade	23	30-Nov-57	01-Nov-07
Robinson, Gail Wilburn	Crusade	23	30-Nov-57	01-Nov-07
Wilfley, Jr., Frank Pindall	Crusade	23	22-Nov-57	01-Nov-07
Newman, Robert David	Westport	68	04-Oct-57	19-Nov-07
Wagaman, Jr., John Harvey	O'Sullivan	15	17-Nov-56	06-Dec-07
Rockhill, Howard Wesley	Lebanon	33	15-Nov-57	31-Dec-07
Elliott, James W.	DeMolay	3	23-May-58	28-Mar-08
O'Dell, Jr., William Harold	DeMolay	3	23-May-58	28-Mar-08
Skelton, Jr., Isaac Newton	DeMolay	3	13-May-58	28-Mar-08
Hennessy, Richard D.	Excalibar	5	15-May-58	09-May-08
Strode, William Frank	Excalibar	5	06-Jun-57	09-May-08

2007-2008 GRAND COMMANDERY RECAPITULATION

Income	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
Per Capita, Membership 3,482 @ \$17.50	\$60,935.00	\$65,423.46	\$4,488.46
Knighting Fees, 75 @ \$10.00	750.00	840.00	90.00
Investments	5,850.00	6,337.47	487.47
Miscellaneous	250.00		(250.00)
Total	67,785.00	72,600.93	4,815.93
Expenses	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
Grand Commander Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	500.00	500.00	-
Grand Recorder Salary	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Clerical Assistant Salary	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Employment Taxes	1,200.00	1,182.77	17.23
Annual Conclave	2,000.00	1,962.29	37.71
Auditor	150.00	21.70	128.30
Capital Asset Fund (amended 3/22/08)	3,320.00	3,320.00	-
Drill Committee	1,000.00	1,144.88	(144.88)
Grand Encampment Per Capita, 4,100 @ \$10.00	41,000.00	16,523.90	24,476.10
Grand Officer Conference	400.00	814.49	(414.49)
Insurance	150.00	204.62	(54.62)
Knight Templar Magazine, Editor	100.00	100.00	-
Membership Software Development	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Miscellaneous (amended 1/26/08)	1,850.00	1,625.98	224.02
Office Equipment	2,000.00	2,078.38	(78.38)
Office Expenses (amended 12/15/07)	2,640.00	3,121.65	(481.65)
Office Rent & Utilities	1,920.00	1,705.00	215.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia	500.00	613.76	(113.76)
Postage	750.00	837.47	(87.47)
Proceedings	2,500.00	2,071.42	428.58
Storage	832.00	1,047.80	(215.80)
Triennial Fund, 4,200 @ \$0.10	420.00	383.30	36.70
Youth Organizations	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Total	84,432.00	58,459.41	25,972.59
Income	67,785.00	72,600.93	4,815.93
Expenses	84,432.00	58,459.41	25,972.59
Balance / Overall Difference	(16,647.00)	14,141.52	30,788.52

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007

No.	Commandery	Location	Chartered	EIN	Commander
2	Weston	Weston	October 22, 1853	23-7550915	Ralph P. Bunnell
3	DeMolay	Lexington	October 5, 1869	43-0160306	Foster S. Crawford
4	Hugh de Payens	St. Joseph	October 7, 1867	23-7135711	Nathan Carrington
5	Excalibar	Hannibal	May 16, 1865	43-6031955	Mike Shulse
6	Liberty	Liberty	May 21, 1866		William L. Foster
7	Emmanuel	Macon	October 8, 1867	43-1875189	Allen L. Vancil
8	Ivanhoe	St. Louis	October 8, 1867	43-6064303	Marion L. Briggs
10	Kansas City	Kansas City	October 6, 1868	23-7136544	Michael Lundeen
11	St. Omer	Sedalia	October 5, 1869	43-1092250	Bret E. Manuel
12	St. Graal	Columbia	October 5, 1869	43-6031660	C. Brent Stewart
15	O'Sullivan	Nevada	October 4, 1870	23-7550926	Paul L. Daniels
16	Ascalon	St. Louis	October 4, 1870	43-0625812	James K. Schatz
17	Palestine	Independence	October 3, 1871	43-6041703	Robert E. Green
19	Mary	Warrensburg	October 8, 1872	43-1837227	Bennie L. Winnie
20	St. John's	Springfield	October 8, 1872	44-0506379	Gary L. Benskin
22	Ely	Kirksville	October 7, 1873	43-0258995	David D. Powell
23	Crusade	Mexico	October 7, 1873	43-0728972	Jared D. Barnes
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	Trenton	October 6, 1874		Delbert Gentry
25	Tancred	Moberly	October 6, 1874	43-1129325	James V. Rockenfield
27	Constantine	Greenfield	October 5, 1875		Gary W. Gabbert
29	Prince of Peace	Jefferson City	October 7, 1877	23-7550940	Andrew L. Wyatt
31	Jasper	Carthage	October 8, 1878	43-1815493	Christopher C. McLemore, III
32*	Paschal	Chillicothe	May 4, 1880	43-1309200	
33	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 3, 1881	43-1854198	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.
35	Oriental	Kansas City	May 3, 1881	44-0316370	Bruce A. Olds
39	Ascension	Joplin	May 3, 1882	43-1289497	W. Harry Guinn
42	Bethany	Bethany	May 1, 1883	36-8249511	Dan Daniel
43	St. Elmo	Bolivar	May 6, 1884	23-7550953	George I. Carson
55	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau	April 22, 1890	51-0245852	Ronald L. Beasley
56	DeSoto	Farmington	April 21, 1891	43-1250091	Thomas E. Howell
57	Neosho	Neosho	April 24, 1894	23-7189747	Jimmie Mitchell
59	Rolla	Rolla	April 24, 1900	23-7276610	Larry W. Beck
63*	Harve de Grace	Marceline	May 29, 1907		
66	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	May 29, 1912	23-7550970	E. Joe Slater
67	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	May 23, 1917	82-0576235	Michael F. Holifield
68	Westport	Kansas City	May 26, 1920	43-6071587	Michael R. Lundeen
70	East Gate	Kansas City	May 23, 1923	44-6014554	David Miller
72	Malta	Shelbina	May 9, 1959	43-1178442	Clement Gunn
TOTAL				32	
* No Annual Return received for 2007					

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	Generalissimo	Captain General	Recorder
2	Weston	Charles D. Wood	Robert L. Kerns	Joseph H. Collison
3	DeMolay	Gentry E. Slone	Shawn F. Crawford	Mark S. Schroer
4	Hugh de Payens	Lance Lovejoy	Lloyd L. Salmon	William W. Mier
5	Excalibar	Ben Swan	Roger McGregor	William Snell
6	Liberty	Robert A. Duncan	Fredrick J. Morrow	Virgil L. Bailey
7	Emmanuel	Kenneth L. Hook	David D. Brown	Russell D. Kohl
8	Ivanhoe	Dennis E. Fetter	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	Richard J. Holmes
10	Kansas City	E. Ross Miller	Yale Turnham	Steven M. Anderson
11	St. Omer	Frank H. Taylor	James R. Hamilton	Allen B. Bess
12	St. Graal	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Jeffrey A. Keevil	Russell S. Hanson
15	O'Sullivan	J. D. Riddle	James J. Ogle	Gary Jones
16	Ascalon	Arnold D. Haddock, Jr.	Roger D. Fleer	Kevin E. Weaver
17	Palestine	David C. Witte	William G. Snyder	Glenn E. Means
19	Mary	Stephen C. Barnhart	David A. Street	Glen E. Henness
20	St. John's	Stephen D. Walker	Clark A. McLemore	James H. Mercer
22	Ely	Loren D. Lloyd	Clyde F. Bondy III	Thomas C. Yunick
23	Crusade	Phillip J. Moody	Jerry Bradford	Jared A. Price
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	James C. Moore	Roger Cain	Larry T. Odom
25	Tancred	Max L. Borron	Marvin J. Woods	E. Allen Kohler
27	Constantine	David A. Smothers	James R. Baker	C. C. McLemore, III
29	Prince of Peace	Roy L. Gilkey	Harold F. Coots	Donald L. Trabue
31	Jasper	David W. Jones	Bart E. Goldman	Marvin W. Frost
32*	Paschal			Melvin L. Gregg
33	Lebanon	Larry R. Clemens	William R. Feltner	William E. Brenneman
35	Oriental	Joseph L. Heilig	Charles J. Wentworth	Gary L. Frost
39	Ascension	David P. McDaniel	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Michael N. Beeler
42	Bethany	Garland Hendren	Kenneth Kent, Jr.	John Thrailkill
43	St. Elmo	Jeffrey F. Boyce	Joe W. Mackey	Leland C. Pyle
55	Cape Girardeau	Johnny L. Schlenker	John E. Crites	Charles M. Huey
56	DeSoto	Steven F. Perkins	David L. Leirer	James E. Snavelly
57	Neosho	Rodney L. Mitchell	Grover G. Cochlan	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.
59	Rolla	Ralph L. Davis	Paul R. Cannon	George E. Ornsbey
63*	Harve de Grace			Deceased
66	Mountain Grove	Roger T. White	Marshal J. Biesen	Dennis N. Smith
67	Poplar Bluff	Bobby G. Livesay	K. D. Alexander	Bill A. Humble
68	Westport	Francis W. Benson	Timothy T. Holmes	Roy N. Thomas
70	East Gate	Thomas Alber	Orville Newberry	Robert W. Brizendine
72	Malta	Michael L. Dodd	Joe P. Elsen	Darrell A. Wilham
TOTAL				
* No Annual Return received for 2007				

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	Election of Officers	Stated Conclaves	Annual Return Received
2	Weston	4th Thur in Dec	4th Thursday	3-Mar-08
3	DeMolay	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	28-Feb-08
4	Hugh de Payens	3rd Mon in Nov	3rd Monday	25-Feb-08
5	Excalibar	1st Thur in Oct	1st Thursday	1-Mar-08
6	Liberty	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	23-Feb-08
7	Emmanuel	1st Thur in Nov	1st Thursday	21-Apr-08
8	Ivanhoe	1st Thur in April	1st Thursday	12-Feb-08
10	Kansas City	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	3-Mar-08
11	St. Omer	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	13-Feb-08
12	St. Graal	2nd Fri in Nov	2nd Friday	25-Feb-08
15	O'Sullivan	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	25-Feb-08
16	Ascalon	1st Wed in March	1st & 3rd Wednesday	29-Feb-08
17	Palestine	1st Thurs in April	1st Thursday	28-Jan-08
19	Mary	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	3-Mar-08
20	St. John's	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	29-Feb-08
22	Ely	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	23-Feb-08
23	Crusade	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday	4-Feb-08
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	26-Feb-08
25	Tancred	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	23-Jan-08
27	Constantine	1st Wed in Dec	1st Wednesday	25-Feb-08
29	Prince of Peace	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	29-Feb-08
31	Jasper	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	25-Feb-08
32*	Paschal	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday Qtr	
33	Lebanon	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	25-Feb-08
35	Oriental	1st Fri in June	1st Friday	1-Mar-08
39	Ascension	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-08
42	Bethany	3rd Tuesday in Dec	3rd Tuesday	23-Feb-08
43	St. Elmo	3rd Wed in Dec	3rd Wednesday	28-Jan-08
55	Cape Girardeau	1st Tues in Dec	1st Tuesday	1-Mar-08
56	DeSoto	1st Fri in May	1st Friday	4-Feb-08
57	Neosho	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	28-Feb-08
59	Rolla	2nd Mon in March	2nd Monday	29-Feb-08
63*	Harve de Grace	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	
66	Mountain Grove	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-08
67	Poplar Bluff	3rd Mon in Nov	3rd Monday	31-Jan-08
68	Westport	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	14-Feb-08
70	East Gate	1st Thurs in June	1st Thursday	27-Feb-08
72	Malta	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	22-Mar-08
TOTAL				
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	06 Membership	Knighed	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	Expelled	Suspension by Lodge, Chapter or Council	Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	Died	Total Losses	Total Year End Membership 2007	Remissions, Liability to Pay	Endowed Members
2	Weston	67	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	6	62	10	0
3	DeMolay	78	1	2	2	5	0	0	0	5	1	3	9	74	18	6
4	Hugh de Payens	295	7	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	294	33	23
5	Excalibar	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	8	30	1	0
6	Liberty	224	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	10	2	5	20	207	10	0
7	Emmanuel	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	17	1	0
8	Ivanhoe	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	12	94	6	7
10	Kansas City	74	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	2	3	1	7	70	19	1
11	St. Omer	60	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	4	6	59	5	4
12	St. Graal	110	5	0	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	6	7	110	20	12
15	O'Sullivan	54	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	2	9	45	1	0
16	Ascalon	236	6	0	2	8	1	0	0	5	0	10	16	228	39	0
17	Palestine	203	6	0	11	17	5	0	0	13	0	8	26	194	13	2
19	Mary	85	0	0	2	2	7	0	0	3	5	2	17	70	0	2
20	St. John's	441	5	1	5	11	6	0	0	23	0	14	43	409	52	1
22	Ely	310	6	0	3	9	0	0	0	23	0	15	38	281	1	1
23	Crusade	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	7	82	9	2
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	90	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	2	8	83	9	1
25	Tancred	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	46	5	1
27	Constantine	37	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	35	1	0
29	Prince of Peace	140	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	135	59	2
31	Jasper	57	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	54	12	0
32*	Paschal	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66		0
33	Lebanon	101	7	1	1	9	3	0	0	14	0	2	19	91		0
35	Oriental	82	3	0	4	7	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	84		20
39	Ascension	70	4	0	1	5	1	0	0	10	0	2	13	62	3	5
42	Bethany	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	50		0
43	St. Elmo	61	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	3	6	58	5	1
55	Cape Girardeau	94	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	7	0	4	12	87	5	0
56	DeSoto	108	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	2	1	10	100	5	5
57	Neosho	94	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	4	7	89		0
59	Rolla	145	6	1	1	8	4	0	0	0	0	7	11	142	8	10
63*	Harve de Grace	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51		0
66	Mountain Grove	51	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	0	3	9	44	1	0
67	Poplar Bluff	56	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	55	4	3
68	Westport	41	4	2	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	44	2	0
70	East Gate	98	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	9	15	88	6	0
72	Malta	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	31	0	0
TOTAL		4068	83	12	49	144	45	0	0	166	22	158	391	3821	363	109
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	Knighting Fees	Per Capita	06 Debits	Subtotal Per Capita and Fees	KTEF Contributions Before Credits	KTEF Credit for Remissions
2	Weston	\$ -	\$ 1,023.00	\$ -	\$ 1,023.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 10.00
3	DeMolay	10.00	1,221.00	-	1,231.00	74.00	18.00
4	Hugh de Payens	70.00	4,851.00	-	4,921.00	294.00	33.00
5	Excalibar	-	495.00	-	495.00	30.00	1.00
6	Liberty	20.00	3,415.50	43.20	3,478.70	207.00	10.00
7	Emmanuel	-	280.50	11.80	292.30	17.00	1.00
8	Ivanhoe	-	1,551.00	-	1,551.00	94.00	6.00
10	Kansas City	-	1,155.00	-	1,155.00	70.00	19.00
11	St. Omer	20.00	973.50	93.40	1,086.90	59.00	5.00
12	St. Graal	50.00	1,815.00	-	1,865.00	110.00	20.00
15	O'Sullivan	-	742.50	-	742.50	45.00	1.00
16	Ascalon	60.00	3,762.00	41.20	3,863.20	228.00	39.00
17	Palestine	60.00	3,201.00	126.90	3,387.90	194.00	13.00
19	Mary	-	1,155.00	-	1,155.00	70.00	-
20	St. John's	50.00	6,748.50	-	6,798.50	409.00	52.00
22	Ely	60.00	4,636.50	-	4,696.50	281.00	1.00
23	Crusade	-	1,353.00	21.30	1,374.30	82.00	9.00
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	10.00	1,369.50	8.80	1,388.30	83.00	9.00
25	Tancred	-	759.00	-	759.00	46.00	5.00
27	Constantine	-	577.50	-	577.50	35.00	1.00
29	Prince of Peace	20.00	2,227.50	74.60	2,322.10	135.00	59.00
31	Jasper	-	891.00	11.00	902.00	54.00	12.00
32*	Paschal	-	1,089.00	848.80	1,937.80	66.00	-
33	Lebanon	70.00	1,501.50	-	1,571.50	91.00	-
35	Oriental	30.00	1,386.00	145.20	1,561.20	84.00	-
39	Ascension	40.00	1,023.00	-	1,063.00	62.00	3.00
42	Bethany	-	825.00	-	825.00	50.00	-
43	St. Elmo	20.00	957.00	11.80	988.80	58.00	5.00
55	Cape Girardeau	50.00	1,435.50	1.00	1,486.50	87.00	5.00
56	DeSoto	20.00	1,650.00	-	1,670.00	100.00	5.00
57	Neosho	20.00	1,468.50	-	1,488.50	89.00	-
59	Rolla	60.00	2,343.00	10.30	2,413.30	142.00	8.00
63*	Harve de Grace	-	841.50	721.80	1,563.30	51.00	-
66	Mountain Grove	-	726.00	-	726.00	44.00	1.00
67	Poplar Bluff	20.00	907.50	-	927.50	55.00	4.00
68	Westport	40.00	726.00	-	766.00	44.00	2.00
70	East Gate	30.00	1,452.00	-	1,482.00	88.00	6.00
72	Malta	-	511.50	21.80	533.30	31.00	-
TOTAL		\$ 830.00	\$ 63,046.50	\$ 2,192.90	\$ 66,069.40	\$ 3,821.00	\$ 363.00
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	KTEF Credit for Life Sponsors	Total KTEF Credits	Total KTEF Contributions	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	06 Credits
2	Weston	\$ 1.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 1,074.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 3.30
3	DeMolay	6.00	24.00	50.00	1,281.00	135.00	34.40
4	Hugh de Payens	20.00	53.00	241.00	5,162.00	247.50	151.40
5	Excalibar	-	1.00	29.00	524.00	7.50	23.60
6	Liberty	54.00	64.00	143.00	3,621.70	75.00	-
7	Emmanuel	3.00	4.00	13.00	305.30	7.50	-
8	Ivanhoe	24.00	30.00	64.00	1,615.00	45.00	23.60
10	Kansas City	3.00	22.00	48.00	1,203.00	142.50	-
11	St. Omer	5.00	10.00	49.00	1,135.90	37.50	-
12	St. Graal	18.00	38.00	72.00	1,937.00	150.00	11.80
15	O'Sullivan	-	1.00	44.00	786.50	7.50	-
16	Ascalon	63.00	102.00	126.00	3,989.20	292.50	-
17	Palestine	20.00	33.00	161.00	3,548.90	97.50	-
19	Mary	8.00	8.00	62.00	1,217.00	-	14.10
20	St. John's	42.00	94.00	315.00	7,113.50	390.00	-
22	Ely	8.00	9.00	272.00	4,968.50	7.50	10.00
23	Crusade	4.00	13.00	69.00	1,443.30	67.50	-
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	6.00	15.00	68.00	1,456.30	67.50	-
25	Tancred	3.00	8.00	38.00	797.00	37.50	-
27	Constantine	3.00	4.00	31.00	608.50	7.50	2.80
29	Prince of Peace	14.00	73.00	62.00	2,384.10	442.50	-
31	Jasper	4.00	16.00	38.00	940.00	90.00	-
32*	Paschal	1.00	1.00	65.00	2,002.80	-	-
33	Lebanon	7.00	7.00	84.00	1,655.50	-	5.50
35	Oriental	24.00	24.00	60.00	1,621.20	-	-
39	Ascension	21.00	24.00	38.00	1,101.00	22.50	-
42	Bethany	2.00	2.00	48.00	873.00	-	41.60
43	St. Elmo	5.00	10.00	48.00	1,036.80	37.50	-
55	Cape Girardeau	8.00	13.00	74.00	1,560.50	37.50	-
56	DeSoto	11.00	16.00	84.00	1,754.00	37.50	5.00
57	Neosho	4.00	4.00	85.00	1,573.50	-	11.80
59	Rolla	22.00	30.00	112.00	2,525.30	60.00	-
63*	Harve de Grace	-	-	51.00	1,614.30	-	-
66	Mountain Grove	5.00	6.00	38.00	764.00	7.50	-
67	Poplar Bluff	9.00	13.00	42.00	969.50	30.00	-
68	Westport	5.00	7.00	37.00	803.00	15.00	31.90
70	East Gate	32.00	38.00	50.00	1,532.00	45.00	61.10
72	Malta	-	-	31.00	564.30	-	-
TOTAL		\$ 465.00	\$ 828.00	\$ 2,993.00	\$ 69,062.40	\$ 2,722.50	\$ 431.90
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Commandery	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Commandery	Paid	Knighting Fees
2	Weston	\$ 78.30	\$ 995.70	\$ -	\$ 995.70	\$ 925.70	\$ -
3	DeMolay	169.40	1,111.60	-	1,111.60	1,143.10	10.00
4	Hugh de Payens	398.90	4,763.10	-	4,763.10	4,921.10	70.00
5	Excalibar	31.10	492.90	-	492.90	641.40	-
6	Liberty	75.00	3,546.70	-	3,546.70	3,519.70	20.00
7	Emmanuel	7.50	297.80	30.00	327.80	327.80	-
8	Ivanhoe	68.60	1,546.40	-	1,546.40	1,580.90	-
10	Kansas City	142.50	1,060.50	-	1,060.50	1,164.20	-
11	St. Omer	37.50	1,098.40	-	1,098.40	1,158.40	20.00
12	St. Graal	161.80	1,775.20	-	1,775.20	1,857.70	50.00
15	O'Sullivan	7.50	779.00	-	779.00	779.00	-
16	Ascalon	292.50	3,696.70	-	3,696.70	3,305.70	60.00
17	Palestine	97.50	3,451.40	-	3,451.40	3,389.40	60.00
19	Mary	14.10	1,202.90	-	1,202.90	1,194.90	-
20	St. John's	390.00	6,723.50	-	6,723.50	7,056.50	50.00
22	Ely	17.50	4,951.00	-	4,951.00	4,975.50	60.00
23	Crusade	67.50	1,375.80	-	1,375.80	1,374.80	-
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	67.50	1,388.80	-	1,388.80	1,512.80	10.00
25	Tancred	37.50	759.50	-	759.50	777.00	-
27	Constantine	10.30	598.20	-	598.20	615.70	-
29	Prince of Peace	442.50	1,941.60	-	1,941.60	1,982.60	20.00
31	Jasper	90.00	850.00	-	850.00	814.00	-
32*	Paschal	-	2,002.80	100.00	2,102.80	-	-
33	Lebanon	5.50	1,650.00	-	1,650.00	1,580.00	70.00
35	Oriental	-	1,621.20	-	1,621.20	1,636.70	30.00
39	Ascension	22.50	1,078.50	-	1,078.50	1,034.50	40.00
42	Bethany	41.60	831.40	-	831.40	842.60	-
43	St. Elmo	37.50	999.30	-	999.30	999.30	20.00
55	Cape Girardeau	37.50	1,523.00	-	1,523.00	1,575.00	50.00
56	DeSoto	42.50	1,711.50	-	1,711.50	1,717.50	20.00
57	Neosho	11.80	1,561.70	-	1,561.70	1,561.70	20.00
59	Rolla	60.00	2,465.30	-	2,465.30	2,482.00	60.00
63*	Harve de Grace	-	1,614.30	20.00	1,634.30	-	-
66	Mountain Grove	7.50	756.50	-	756.50	756.50	-
67	Poplar Bluff	30.00	939.50	-	939.50	939.50	20.00
68	Westport	46.90	756.10	-	756.10	764.60	40.00
70	East Gate	106.10	1,425.90	-	1,425.90	1,416.90	30.00
72	Malta	-	564.30	10.00	574.30	581.80	-
TOTAL		\$ 3,154.40	\$ 65,908.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 66,068.00	\$ 62,906.50	\$ 830.00
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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	KTEF Credits	Per Capita	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	07 Credits
2	Weston	\$ 51.00	\$ 944.70	\$ -		\$ 925.70	
3	DeMolay	50.00	1,051.60	-		1,143.10	31.50
4	Hugh de Payens	241.00	4,452.10	-		4,921.10	158.00
5	Excalibar	29.00	463.90	-		641.40	148.50
6	Liberty	143.00	3,383.70	-		3,519.70	
7	Emmanuel	13.00	314.80	-		327.80	
8	Ivanhoe	64.00	1,482.40	-		1,580.90	34.50
10	Kansas City	48.00	1,012.50	-		1,164.20	103.70
11	St. Omer	49.00	1,029.40	-		1,158.40	60.00
12	St. Graal	72.00	1,653.20	-		1,857.70	82.50
15	O'Sullivan	44.00	735.00	-		779.00	
16	Ascalon	126.00	3,510.70	-		3,305.70	
17	Palestine	161.00	3,230.40	-		3,389.40	
19	Mary	62.00	1,140.90	-		1,194.90	
20	St. John's	315.00	6,358.50	-		7,056.50	333.00
22	Ely	272.00	4,619.00	-		4,975.50	24.50
23	Crusade	69.00	1,306.80	-		1,374.80	
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	68.00	1,310.80	-		1,512.80	124.00
25	Tancred	38.00	721.50	-		777.00	20.00
27	Constantine	31.00	567.20	-		615.70	17.50
29	Prince of Peace	62.00	1,859.60	-		1,982.60	41.00
31	Jasper	38.00	812.00	-		814.00	
32*	Paschal	65.00	2,037.80	-		-	
33	Lebanon	84.00	1,496.00	-		1,580.00	
35	Oriental	60.00	1,531.20	-		1,636.70	15.50
39	Ascension	38.00	1,000.50	44.00	22-Jan-09	1,078.50	
42	Bethany	48.00	783.40	-		842.60	11.20
43	St. Elmo	48.00	931.30	-		999.30	
55	Cape Girardeau	74.00	1,399.00	-		1,575.00	52.00
56	DeSoto	84.00	1,607.50	-		1,717.50	6.00
57	Neosho	85.00	1,456.70	-		1,561.70	
59	Rolla	112.00	2,293.30	-		2,482.00	16.70
63*	Harve de Grace	51.00	1,583.30	-		-	
66	Mountain Grove	38.00	718.50	-		756.50	
67	Poplar Bluff	42.00	877.50	-		939.50	
68	Westport	37.00	679.10	-		764.60	8.50
70	East Gate	50.00	1,345.90	-		1,416.90	
72	Malta	31.00	543.30	-		581.80	7.50
TOTAL		\$ 2,993.00	\$ 62,245.00	\$ 44.00		\$ 62,950.50	\$ 1,296.10
* No Annual Return received for 2007							

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	07 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/07	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues
2	Weston	\$ 70.00	\$ 363.66	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
3	DeMolay		2,337.67	-	3,000.00	-
4	Hugh de Payens		4,636.45	100,000.00	1,500.00	-
5	Excalibar		2,573.75	-	-	-
6	Liberty	27.00	4,004.90	21,137.59	11,500.00	-
7	Emmanuel		510.95	-	-	-
8	Ivanhoe		11,851.26	43,034.32	6,000.00	-
10	Kansas City		1,473.08	-	-	-
11	St. Omer		2,537.00	14,500.00	-	120.00
12	St. Graal		10,079.45	-	5,000.00	619.00
15	O'Sullivan		1,502.79	-	500.00	-
16	Ascalon	391.00	2,772.25	-	5,000.00	-
17	Palestine	62.00	1,315.64	20,313.24	-	-
19	Mary	8.00	231.21	-	-	-
20	St. John's		8,323.64	-	10,360.00	-
22	Ely		3,960.32	28,149.40	-	-
23	Crusade	1.00	1,296.25	-	-	-
24	Godfrey de Bouillon		1,244.32	-	-	945.00
25	Tancred		2,053.56	-	1,000.00	40.00
27	Constantine		861.18	-	-	-
29	Prince of Peace		3,505.84	27,410.90	1,500.00	-
31	Jasper	36.00	1,062.94	-	800.00	264.00
32*	Paschal	2,102.80	-	-	-	-
33	Lebanon	70.00	1,606.97	6,291.23	1,700.00	528.00
35	Oriental		5,927.84	-	10,000.00	-
39	Ascension		1,553.03	-	-	-
42	Bethany		956.00	-	-	-
43	St. Elmo		2,731.52	71,198.80	-	-
55	Cape Girardeau		2,306.35	10,000.00	3,000.00	-
56	DeSoto		860.67	-	1,500.00	140.00
57	Neosho		2,503.26	-	-	-
59	Rolla		546.38	27,002.58	20,000.00	-
63*	Harve de Grace	1,634.30	-	-	-	-
66	Mountain Grove		1,792.46	28,404.75	2,500.00	40.00
67	Poplar Bluff		825.66	-	-	28.00
68	Westport		775.46	-	-	-
70	East Gate	9.00	801.74	4,000.00	2,000.00	-
72	Malta		421.26	-	-	-
TOTAL		\$ 4,411.10	\$ 92,106.71	\$ 401,442.81	\$ 87,160.00	\$ 2,724.00
* No Annual Return received for 2007						

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	Indebtedness	Total Value of Commandery	Annual Dues	Add KTEF Donations	Holy Land Endowment Fund	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited
2	Weston	\$ -	\$ 663.66	\$ 12.00			No	No	Yes
3	DeMolay	-	5,337.67	27.50			No	No	Yes
4	Hugh de Payens	-	106,136.45	20.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Excalibar		2,573.75	-			No	No	Yes
6	Liberty	-	36,642.49	15.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Emmanuel	-	510.95	13.00			No	No	Yes
8	Ivanhoe	-	60,885.58	20.00	488.00	194.25	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Kansas City	-	1,473.08	16.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
11	St. Omer	600.00	16,557.00	15.00	60.00		No	No	No
12	St. Graal	-	15,698.45	29.00	241.00	92.60	No	No	Yes
15	O'Sullivan	-	2,002.79	35.00	54.00		No	No	Yes
16	Ascalon	-	7,772.25	40.00	1,000.00	199.10	No	No	Yes
17	Palestine	-	21,628.88	27.50	108.50	354.11	No	No	Yes
19	Mary	-	231.21	15.00			No	No	Yes
20	St. John's	-	18,683.64	29.00		49.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
22	Ely	2,480.00	29,629.72	33.00	548.40	276.75	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	Crusade	-	1,296.25	29.50	40.00		Yes	Yes	Yes
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	-	2,189.32	27.00	41.90		No	No	Yes
25	Tancred	10,516.00	(7,422.44)	20.00	50.00	25.55	No	No	Yes
27	Constantine	-	861.18	22.00	50.00	8.00	No	No	Yes
29	Prince of Peace	-	32,416.74	20.00			No	No	Yes
31	Jasper	-	2,126.94	22.00	52.00		No	No	Yes
32*	Paschal	-	-	22.00					
33	Lebanon	-	10,126.20	26.50	130.00	67.05	No	No	Yes
35	Oriental	-	15,927.84	20.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
39	Ascension	-	1,553.03	23.00			No	No	No
42	Bethany	-	956.00	14.00					No
43	St. Elmo	-	73,930.32	15.00	25.00	12.30	No	No	Yes
55	Cape Girardeau	-	15,306.35	28.00	90.00		Yes	Yes	Yes
56	DeSoto	-	2,500.67	28.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
57	Neosho	-	2,503.26	20.50			No	No	Yes
59	Rolla	-	47,548.96	21.30			No	No	Yes
63*	Harve de Grace	-	-	-					
66	Mountain Grove	-	32,737.21	20.00			Yes	Yes	Yes
67	Poplar Bluff	-	853.66	14.00	65.00	47.45	No	No	Yes
68	Westport	-	775.46	20.00	65.00	55.00	No	No	Yes
70	East Gate	-	6,801.74	30.00			No	No	Yes
72	Malta	-	421.26	17.00			No	No	Yes
TOTAL		\$ 13,596.00	\$ 569,837.52	\$ 806.80	\$ 3,108.80	\$ 1,381.16			
* No Annual Return received for 2007									

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

No.	Commandery	Members w/o Uniforms	Stated Conclaves	Average Attendance	Full Form Openings	Short Form Openings	Rehearsals	Funerals	Parades & Public Gatherings	Avg. Att. In Full Uniform	EC	GI	CG	SW	JW	T	R	P	S/B	SwB	W	S
2	Weston	58	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	2	1	1	0
3	DeMolay	72	10	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	9	10	8	2	9	10	10	9	5	7	6	9
4	Hugh de Payens		9	23	4	5	5	1	0	10	9	8	9	9	5	9	9	8	9	8	7	9
5	Excalibar																					
6	Liberty	175	10	11.8	5	5	8	0	1	5.7	8	6	4	4	3	7	6	6	2	3	1	5
7	Emmanuel	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Ivanhoe	7	10	13	8	2	5	0	2	11	10	9	9	7	9	6	10	8	6	7	8	6
10	Kansas City	2	7	7	7	2	6	0	0	7	3	3	1	0	4	7	1	1	4	7	7	7
11	St. Omer	58	9	15	9	0	0	1	1	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
12	St. Graal	105	12	8	0	10	0	0	2	2	8	4	8	9	0	6	12	6	7	7	0	0
15	O'Sullivan	45	9	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	7	3	7	8	7	9	9	0	7	0	0	3
16	Ascalon	226	20	18	12	8	10	0	0	14	20	20	20	18	20	20	17	16	14	16	13	2
17	Palestine	170	10	14	8	2	8			8	9	8	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	7	8	6
19	Mary	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	St. John's		10	21	2	8	1	2	0	8	10	10	9	8	9	10	10	9	8	7	8	10
22	Ely		9	12	4	5	12	0	1	10	9	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	8	8	8	2
23	Crusade	81	11	9	9	2	0	0	0	0	10	11	8	8	8	10	11	9	9	9	11	7
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	80	9	9	5	4	0	0	1	6	9	9	9	9	9	7	9	9	6	7	8	9
25	Tancred	46	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
27	Constantine	8	11	10	0	11	0	0	0	0	10	7	7	1	8	1	11	11	10	1	11	1
29	Prince of Peace		10	8	6	4			1	8	10	10	10	10	10	2	10	6	9	6	7	8
31	Jasper	15	8	9	4	4	0	0	2	4	7	6	6	5	7	8	8	6	6	5	6	6
32*	Paschal																					
33	Lebanon	87	10	12	0	10	0	0	1	3	10	9	10	8	10	10	9	10	6	8	6	9
35	Oriental	75	10	9	3	7	10	0	0	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
39	Ascension																					
42	Bethany																					
43	St. Elmo	0	8	12	0	8	0	3	1	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	8
55	Cape Girardeau		10	16	10	0	0	0	0	14	9	8	10	10	8	10	8	9	10	10	8	9
56	DeSoto	75	10	15	9	1	8	0	0	12	7	8	6	8	8	10	9	9	8	9	9	8
57	Neosho		12	10		12	0	0	0	0	2	2	12	12	12	4	11	12	6	12	12	2
59	Rolla	123	10	25	8	2	2	2	1	20	10	8	8	10	9	8	8	8	8	10	8	10
63*	Harve de Grace																					
66	Mountain Grove																					
67	Poplar Bluff		4	9		4				0	4						4					
68	Westport		5	9	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	5	5	0	5	4	5	0	0	3	0	0
70	East Gate	79	8	10	5	5	3	0	10	8	7	7	7	7	5	7	6	6	7	6	8	8
72	Malta	31	3	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	1
TOTAL																						
* No Annual Return received for 2007																						

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2007, Continued

RETURNS OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Commandery	No.	Reg	2007								2008				
			Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Weston	2	2													
DeMolay	3	3													
Hugh De Payne	4	2													
Excalibar	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	L	1		
Liberty	6	3	1	1	1	1		1	1				1	1	
Emmanuel	7	1	1	1					1		1				
Ivanhoe	8	5													
Kansas City	10	3	L	L	L		1	1	1						
St. Omar	11	3													
St. Graal	12	4													
O'Sullivan	15	7													
Ascalon	16	5													
Palestine	17	3												1	
Mary	19	3						1			Cons w/11, 11/20				
St. Johns	20	7													
Ely	22	1				1									
Crusade	23	4			1										
Godfrey de Bouillon	24	2	1	1		1	1	1	1			1	1		
Tancred	25	1													
Constantine	27	1													
Prince of Peace	29	4										1			
Jasper	31	3													
Paschal	32	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Lebanon	33	7												1	
Oriental	35	3	1												
Ascension	39	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Bethany	42	2		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
St. Elmo	43	7												1	
Cape Girardeau	55	6					1								
DeSoto	56	6													
Neosho	57	7													
Rolla	59	4			1										
Harve de Grace	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
St. Amand	64	3													
Mountain Grove	66	7		1	1	1			1					1	1
Poplar Bluff	67	6		1		1								1	
Westport	68	3		1				1					1		
East Gate	70	3											1		
Malta	72	1	1						1						
Total			9	11	9	10	8	10	11		6	6	8	10	6

blank=report filed on time

1=no report received

L=report received late

DESTRUCTION OF THE 2007 BALLOTS

The Grand Recorder moved for the destruction of the 2007 Grand Commandery ballots.

Motion was Seconded and Approved, May 16, 2008

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Recorder moved to accept the proceedings of the 2007 Annual Conclave as printed and distributed subject to such necessary corrections to be published in the 2008 proceedings.

Motion was Seconded and Approved, May 16, 2008

RESULTS OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SK Moreland reported that there was not an election. There were a total of 93 ballots cast, 2 were rejected leaving a simple majority of 47. To advance the line, 92, for Grand Warder, Robert W. Schlichter received 42 votes, Matthew L. Quesenberry received 19, and the rest were scattered.

The Grand Commander ordered another election for Grand Warder and instructed the Grand Recorder to explain the process.

CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

During the second election process, SK Troxel recognized SK F. Doug Mitchell, Right Eminent Department Commander of the South Central Department who addressed the grand conclave.

RESULTS OF SECOND ELECTION

SK Moreland reported that there was an election. SK Robert W. Schlichter received 62 votes of the simple majority of 46.

Grand Commander Troxel called upon all of the newly elected officers who accepted their elections.

The Grand Commander-elect SK James J. Hayes announced his appointments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights, your committee on time and place reports that the One Hundred Forty-Eighth Grand Commandery Conclave of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held on May 15, 2009, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
James J. Hayes, Chairman
Russell Hanson

Ronnie E. Green

It was moved and seconded to accept the report, Motion Approved, May 16, 2008

TIME CALLED

The Grand Commander identified that we had exhausted the time allowed for the presentation of committee reports and suggested that he would entertain a motion to adopt the balance of the reports for printing in the grand proceedings pending review by the grand officers and necessary corrections. It was so moved and seconded. The motion was approved without discussion.



ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Thank you Right Eminent Grand Commander. Am I the only thing standing between you and lunch? Sir Knights, be seated, I don't want to take much of your time.

I found some interesting things that went on during your meeting today, Kevin Sample, make a mistake and need an erratum? That's kind of a novel idea. You know, Kevin Sample is self appointed to keep Grand Encampment officers on their toes. He makes it a point at the South Central Conference every year to challenge us on something. Is that not true Kevin? The part that makes me a little nervous is that we made some of it look a little too easy for him.

Sir Knights, there are a couple of things going on in your Grand Encampment that I just want to share with you, that I am not sure you are totally aware of. If you have been following the Knight Templar Magazine, you saw in the January message a list of New Year's resolutions. That set of resolutions was probably the first time that I am aware of that a Grand Master has ever laid out the plan of where Templary was intending to go in the coming year. We talked about a number of things in that article. One of them was a

new data processing server/system. The reason I bring Kevin Sample's name up is because about a year ago, he and Andy Lovis, the Grand Recorder of the York Rite in Georgia came to Grand Encampment at Maggie Valley and talked to some of us there and suggested that whatever data processing service that we choose or however it be done, that it include all of the York Rite. Since those preliminary discussions, the Grand Encampment is working with the Southern Masonic Scottish Rite, Dean Albin in particular, to design an on-line reporting system. It is our desire to have this operational by Labor Day. It is going to be a very simple system, it will eliminate the need for monthly reporting on the part of your Recorders, it is going to greatly assist those Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies, and it will have a Chapter and Council component to it. Twenty-six of the Grand Recorders of the Grand Encampment currently serve as Grand Recorder of their Grand Council and Grand Secretary of their Grand Chapter. So, it would be very significant for them to be able to use the same data processing system for not only their Grand Commandery, but also their Grand Chapter and Grand Council. It is our intent that this will be a very affordable project, of course for Templary that is part of what you pay your per capita for, to have this system. But there is a certain component that is going to be necessary to maintain and support data that Grand Chapters and Grand Councils that are desirous of doing this will have to buy in to. We haven't got all of those worked out, but our intention is that we want to see every Grand Chapter and every Grand Council sign on to it for a couple of reasons. If we have twenty-six Grand Recorders that are also Secretaries of their Grand Chapters and Recorders of their Grand Councils, how many local bodies do we have where we have the same man serves for all three York Rite bodies? So we want to make his job as easy as possible. Kevin has been very helpful in providing some information, if nothing more than a wish list of what you'd like to have. I will tell you that he is an outstanding Grand Recorder. Of the Grand Recorders that we deal with on a regular basis in Grand Encampment, he does an exemplary job for you.

We are also working with the Knight Templar Magazine. The magazine is our one means every month to reach out to every Knight Templar, no matter where disbursed within this Grand Encampment. Sid Dorris, the Grand Generalissimo, has direct responsibility of jacking the magazine up, putting chrome reverse wheels on it with baby moons on it, make it look better, go better, and be more user-friendly to our membership. To that end, our current editor will be retiring at the end of the year. Part of the "problem" with our current editor is that she is not on-line. Everything that is put in the magazine right now has to either go snail-mail or faxed to the printer. John Palmer started May 1, he will be the new Executive Editor, he will be taking over the responsibilities of the magazine just as soon as he can get through the transitional with Joan. Joan has done a wonderful job for us all these years, but now we need to move into the next generation. Nothing is off limits. We are going to look at the alternative of possibly putting paid advertising in the magazine. We are going to welcome suggestions on the magazine, also articles. We would like to move into some higher quality articles to put into the magazine. We want that magazine to be the thing you look forward to coming every month.

We talked about Department Conferences here a little bit ago, we want to make them the place where you want to come. If we are to showcase new thoughts, ideas, directions, what better place to do it that at a Department Conference, where you have the leadership of Templary, in this case the six states in the South Central Department, where we can get and interchange of information and see what you actually think. Many good

things come out of Department Conferences but if they are really to be as effective as they need to be, you need to attend! We, the officers of Grand Encampment, cannot reach you as well any other way as we can at a Department Conference. First of all we don't always have an officer at your Grand Commandery, sometimes we have our Department Commanders. And while they do an outstanding and wonderful job, sometimes the information is not as cutting edge and you don't have the opportunity, as Kevin Sample likes to do, to raise hell with the Grand Master. So at the Department Conferences, you will have the opportunity to do that.

We also talked about Easter in the January issue of the magazine. This year this was the largest attended Easter we've had in quite a number of years. The new hotel worked well for us. With Easter being early, we had an opportunity to take the entire Easter service inside at the hotel. The advantage to that is no matter what you do at the George Washington Masonic Memorial to try to have an Easter service inside, it is varying shades of bad because there is just not enough room inside that memorial. So at the Alexandria Mark Center, if we have inclement weather, we can set this up at a moments notice. Those that came to Easter this year reported that they had an outstanding time and we are pushing to make this bus-friendly. If you are to get a good group of people to Easter, you are going to have to do it by bus. We accommodated busses this year, and we comp'd the drivers this year. That's one way we are trying to make Easter better.

WWW.KnightsTemplar.org, we want our web site to be where you can go for most of the printed materials that you need. Right now the drill schedules are on the web site. We are doing revisions to the Constitution which has not been printed since 1987, we are reprinting the book of Grand Masters' Decisions and it is going to be incorporated within your Constitution and the whole thing is going to be available to you at no charge on line as a .pdf file so you can simply download it. We will still have hardcopy books for you but you are going to pay for them and they are probably going to be a little more expensive than they have in the past because we are not going to have as many printed.

I want to talk to you a little bit about the Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Kevin, are you paying attention? Kevin wanted to know last year at the South Central Conference, I told you that he liked to challenge the Grand Encampment officers, why do we have a Voluntary Campaign and why do we have to hold money? You are going to have the opportunity, starting next year at the decision of the Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Voluntary Campaign will remain the same period of time that is has been, but we are going to allow you to count the money that would come in during the summer months. So when the first reporting comes out, week 1 is going to be a big report. This alleviates the problem of Grand Commanderies holding back money until the campaign starts, and that has always been kind of a dumb thing we did, and we are correcting that now and that will be in effect this year. The Voluntary Campaign is probably the biggest Voluntary Campaign we've had in the history of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I don't have the final number yet, it may be that during this triennium, we could have three Voluntary Campaigns that would equal 4 million dollars in a triennium. You need to congratulate yourselves for your generosity.

As most of you know, the fund-raising on behalf of Grand Encampment ended December 31st of this year. The Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation met at Easter. The one fund-raising tool that we used in Grand Encampment that never generated negative publicity was the calendar. We made a commitment to you when you raised your own per capita at the triennial that there would be no more fund-raising on

behalf of Grand Encampment. There will be a new calendar coming out on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation which will start arriving to you in November. It will be custom designed for the Eye Foundation, it is going to have some very appropriate panels on it. We are expecting, if our membership is as generous as they have been on behalf of Grand Encampment in past years, that we can raise over one-hundred thousand dollars on that calendar campaign. We believed that was too big a piece of revenue not to capitalize on with our Foundation.

Sir Knight Dick Baldwin is in assisted living in Bethesda, MD near his daughter and son. He came to Easter, he was at the family dinner, he is no longer smoking, he looked fairly good although he was having difficulty remembering names, but he is doing well.

Your Grand Encampment officers are committed to moving Templary forward but we need your help and assistance to do just that. We have got to work hand in hand with our Grand Commanderies to move this thing which we hold dear to our hearts forward in a very positive manner.

It is a great privilege for me to be with you in Missouri. I have always had a fondness for this Grand Commandery, you are one of the Top 10 Grand Commanderies in size within the Grand Encampment and you certainly do what you do very well. I commend you Grand Commander, you had an outstanding meeting, you've done a good job. You had a good dinner last night although I am a little worried about Kevin Sample, he gave me a bologna sandwich last night which is one of my particular favorites, when is the other foot going to fall Kevin? You are being too nice to me and this worries me.

Sir Knights and ladies, it is good to be with you. (*standing ovation*)

Following conference with the Grand Commander, the Grand Master stated:

Sir Knights, remain standing. I now declare the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri in recess until 3:00 p.m. today, first man out the door inform the Sentinel. Thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF ADDRESS ON GRAND COMMANDER

See page 247.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights: Your Committee on Credentials has examined the certificates filed with the Committee and begs to report the following:

Number of Chartered Commanderies represented – 26; Grand Officers – 19; Past Grand Commanders – 10; Past Commanders, not representatives – 40; Regional Grand Commanders – 5; Chairmen and Members of Committees – 109; Commanders – 20 (7 being proxy); Generalissimos – 16 (2 being proxy); Captain Generals – 14 (4 being proxy); Records – 21; Grand Representatives – 30.

Number of Commandery representatives without duplication – 137; Commanderies fully represented – 11; Commanderies partially represented – 15. The following

Commanderies had no representation: No's 2, 5, 6, 19, 39, 42, 55, 57 and 66. Also, 7, 32 and 63 account no annual reports filed with Grand Recorder.

Past Commanders, not representatives: Mark S. Schroer (3), William J. Bowser (4), Lloyd F. Waller (4), George L. Duncan (6), Clayton Riley (6), Robert L. Wright (8), George M. Merkle (8), Charles B. Stewart (12), Lewis C. Odneal (12), William B. Stevenson, Jr. (16), Jose R. Palacios (16) Robert R. Buren (16), Robert E. Hardester (16), Francis A. Latragna (16), Thomas L. Truman (17), Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (17), Donald Meinsen (17), Donald R. David (17), Ralph E. Nolan (17), William E. Criss (19), Walter W. Doyle (20), James A. Nunn (20), Ronald D. Miller (22), Calvin D. Schroff (23), Robert L. Schmidt (23), Claude Eckert (24), Larry Wyatt (29), Teddie E. Harrison (35), Ted W. Harrison (35), William W. Gray (35), John E. Schofield (55), Roy A. Welshon (56), Nelson Morgan (56), Steven C. Monrotus (56), Lee L. Francis (56), Albert H. Miller (56), William J. Neighbors (59), William C. Woolsey (59), Paul K. Kawakami (68) and Harry L. Bone (70).

Grand Representatives to Missouri from other jurisdictions: Jerry F. Ward (Arizona), José R. Palacios (Arkansas), Russell S. Hanson (California), Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (Connecticut), Stanton T. Brown (District of Columbia), Larry D. Wyatt (Idaho), James E. Snavelly (Indiana), Rocky E. Weaver (Iowa), Francis A. Latragna (Italy), Harold J. Richardson (Louisiana), Richard L. Mansfield (Maine), Marion W. Dey (Michigan), Thomas C. Yunick (Minnesota), Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (Montana), Donald L. Trabue (Nevada), J. Joseph Hayes (New Hampshire), William S. Hall (New Mexico), Harry C. Reed, Jr. (New York), Ronnie E. Green (North Carolina), Lionel J. Goede (Oklahoma), Larry T. Odom (Oregon), Charles W. Carlstrom (Philippines), Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (South Carolina), Kevin B. Sample (South Dakota), LeRoy D. Unruh (Texas), Kevin E. Weaver (Utah), David D. Powell (Vermont), Teddie E. Harrison (Washington). Robert W. Schlichter (West Virginia), and Mark S. Schroer (Wyoming).

Grand Commandery Officers: Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. – Grand Commander; James J. Hayes – Deputy Grand Commander; Ronnie E. Green – Grand Generalissimo; Russell S. Hanson – Grand Captain General; Daniel R. Quesenberry – Grand Senior Warden; Richard L. Mansfield – Grand Junior Warden; Ronald E. Wood, Jr. – Grand Prelate; Ralph E. Nolan – Grand Prelate; Donald L. Trabue – Grand Treasurer; Kevin B. Sample – Grand Recorder; James L. Woodfin, Jr. – Grand Standard Bearer; Harold F. Coots – Grand Sword Bearer; Larry T. Odom – Grand Warder; William S. Hall – Aide-de-Camp; Roy N. Thomas – Grand Historian; Matthew L. Quesenberry. – Grand Sentinel; Daniel R. Quesenberry – Grand Chorister; Fred M. Harle, Sr. – Grand Organist; Thomas L. Truman – Inner Guard; Robert D. Whitney – Inner Guard; and Victor C. Walters – Inner Guard.

Past Grand Commanders: James J. Gibbons, Lionel J. Goede, William S. Hall, Blair C. Mayford, Harold J. Richardson, Kevin B. Sample (Honorary), James E. Snavelly, Donald L. Trabue, Jerry F. Ward, Rocky E. Weaver, Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (Honorary) and Thomas C. Yunick.

Regional Grand Commanders: Loren D. Lloyd, 1; Larry T. Odom, 2; K. Trent Moreland, 5; Richard E. Jump, 6; and James H. Mercer, 7A.

Standing Committees: ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER – James E. Snavelly and Thomas C. Yunick. CREDENTIALS – Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman; Ted W. Harrison and Phillip W. Engel. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS – J. Joseph Hayes, Chairman; Lionel J. Goede, Harold J. Richardson, James E. Snavelly and Larry T. Odom. HOSPITALER – Ronnie E. Green, Chairman; Russell S. Hanson and Daniel R.

Quesenberry. RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES – Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman; Richard L. Mansfield and Phillip W. Engel. REVIEW – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman; Kevin B. Sample. TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE – Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman; Stanton T. Brown, Glenn E. Means, Rocky E. Weaver, Thomas C. Yunick and Harold J. Richardson. TIME AND PLACE – J. Joseph Hayes, Chairman; Ronnie E. Green and Russell S. Hanson. TRIENNIAL – Lionel J. Goede, Chairman; J. Joseph Hayes and Harold J. Richardson.

Special Committees: ANNUAL CONCLAVE – Russell S. Hanson, Chairman. AUDIT – Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman; Paul R. Cannon, Harold J. Richardson, Rocky E. Weaver, Thomas C. Yunick and Larry T. Odom. CHARITY – Richard L. Mansfield and RGC's. CONCLAVE PROGRAM BOOK – Lionel J. Goede, Chairman; and Virginia L. Goede, Editor. DRILL – Lionel J. Goede, Chairman; Russell S. Hanson and Thomas C. Yunick. DRILL JUDGES – José R. Palacios, Senior Judge; Ralph A. Nolan and Stanton T. Brown. DRILL/TACTICS WORKSHOP – Lionel J. Goede. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, D.C. – James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman and RGC's. EDUCATION – David C. Witte and Daniel R. Quesenberry. EDUCATION FOUNDATION –Forrest G. Lowe, Chairman; David C. Witte, Robert H. Bray, Kevin E. Weaver, LeRoy D. Unruh, Kevin B. Sample and Donald L. Trabue. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – Kevin B. Sample, Chairman; David C. Witte and Aaron M. Shoemaker. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP – Harold J. Richardson, Chairman; Donald L. Trabue and Kevin B. Sample. FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS – Kevin B. Sample, Chairman; Aaron M. Shoemaker and Richard L. Mansfield. GOLF TOURNAMENT – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman; Stanton T. Brown, James E. Snavelly, Kevin B. Sample and Richard L. Mansfield. HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman; Ralph E. Nolan and Kevin E. Weaver. HONOR COMMANDERY AWARD PROGRAM – J. Joseph Hayes, Chairman; Ronnie E. Green and Russell S. Hanson. INVESTMENTS – Harold J. Richardson, Chairman; William S. Hall, James E. Snavelly, James L. Woodfin, Jr. and Donald L. Trabue (ex-officio). KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION – Louis L. Monken, Chairman; RGC's. KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Editor. MEMBERSHIP – Teddie E. Harrison, Chairman; RGC's. PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES – Ronnie E. Green, Chairman; Russell S. Hanson and Daniel R. Quesenberry. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES – Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman; Ralph E. Nolan and Kevin E. Weaver. RITUAL – William S. Hall, Chairman; Jerry F. Ward and Rocky E. Weaver. YORK RITE CONFERENCE – Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman; RGC's. YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS – LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman; Ginny Goede and Lionel J. Goede.

COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVES (Credentials)

(* By proxy)

No.	COMMANDERY	COMMANDER	GENERALISSIMO	CAPTAIN GENERAL	RECORDER
2	Weston				
3	DeMolay	Foster S. Crawford		Shawn Crawford	Mark S. Schroer
4	Hugh de Payens	Nathan D. Carrington	Carroll E. Hanson	LeRoy Salmon	William W. Mier
5	Excalibar				
6	Liberty				
7	Emmanuel				
8	Ivanhoe	Marion L. Briggs	Dennis E. Fetter	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	Richard J. Holmes
10	Kansas City				Steven M. Anderson
11	St. Omer		Mark A. Pohl		Allen B. Bess
12	St. Graal	Jeffrey A. Keevil	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Ronald L. Skiles	Russell S. Hanson
15	O'Sullivan		Lawrence M. Cripps		Gary Louis Jones
16	Ascalon	Arnold D. Haddock, Jr.	Roger D. Fleer	David R. Vogler	Kevin E. Weaver
17	Palestine	Robert E. Green	David C. Witte	William G. Snyder	Glen E. Means
19	Mary				
20	St. John's				James H. Mercer
22	Ely	David D. Powell			Thomas C. Yunic
23	Crusade	* Donald Fairley	Phillip J. Moody, Jr.	Jerry Bradford	Jared A. Price
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	Delbert R. Gentry			Larry T. Odom
25	Tancred	* Fred F. Stuecken			
27	Constantine	David A. Smothers			C.C. McLemore, III
29	Prince of Peace	Andrew L. Wyatt	Roy L. Gilkey	Harold F. Coots	Donald L. Trabue
31	Jasper	C.C. McLemore, III			
32	Paschal				
33	Lebanon	Larry R. Clemens	Bradley T. Hicks	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.	William B. Brenneman
35	Oriental	* Dennis Abernathy	Joseph L. Heilig	* Ted W. Harrison	
39	Ascension				
42	Bethany				
43	St. Elmo	* James H. Whitman	* W. Elwayne Harris		
55	Cape Girardeau				
56	De Soto	* Steven C. Monrotus	Steven Perkins	David L. Leirer	James E. Snavely
57	Neosho				
59	Rolla	Larry W. Beck	James G. Haddox	* Bernard A. McNyre	George E. Omsbey
63	Harve de Grace				
66	Mountain Grove				
67	Poplar Bluff	* Charles W. Carlstrom		* Kevin B. Sample	Bill A. Humble
68	Westport		Francis W. Benson		Roy N. Thomas
70	East Gate	* Aaron M. Shoemaker	* William S. Hall	* Forrest G. Lowe	Robert W. Brizendine
72	Malta	* Harley L. Kropf			

Fraternally submitted,

Gary A. Phillips

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

Phillip W. Engel

Jerry Bradford

REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights: The following Commanderies reported a special Christmas Observance:

Ascalon Commandery No. 16
 Palestine Commandery No. 17
 DeSoto Commandery No. 56
 St. John's Commandery No. 20

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
 Rolla Commandery No. 59
 St. Graal Commandery No. 12
 DeMolay Commandery No. 3

The following Commandries reported a special Easter Observance:

Ascalon Commandery No. 16
 Palestine Commandery No. 17
 DeSoto Commandery No. 56

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
 Rolla Commandery No. 59
 St. Graal Commandery No. 12

St. John's Commandery No. 20

DeMolay Commandery No. 3

Fraternally submitted,
Ronnie Green, Chairman
Daniel R. Quesenberry

Russell Hanson

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights: On April 21, 2008 your committee examined the returns of 35 Commanderies and found them mostly neat and well prepared.

Emmanuel No. 7, Paschal No. 32 and Harve de Grace No. 63 have not been received and will be assessed penalties. Also, Malta No. 72 was received late and assessed a penalty.

Many corrections were noted on account of mathematical errors and failure to keep accurate list of events as they occur. If the Monthly Up-Date Reports are submitted as required by the Grand Encampment this problem can be eliminated entirely. Congratulations to the following Commanderies for a perfect record last year of the monthly updates: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 27, 31, 43, 56, 57, and 67. Eight others were either late or missed only one month.

We began the year with 4,069 members, Knighted 83, Admitted 13, Reinstated 36, Dimitted 38, Suspended by Lodge, Chapter and Council 108, Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues 72, Died 147 leaving us with 3,836 members. This leaves us with a loss of 233 members.

My sincere appreciation to the Grand Recorder and his staff for their assistance.

Fraternally submitted,
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

Motion Approved, May 16, 2008

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW

No report submitted at time of printing.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TRIENNIAL

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

There is no report other than that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be held August 15-19, 2009 in Roanoke, VA. The Grand Master, William H. Koon, II, is Grand Master, the Grand Recorder is Lawrence E. Tucker. We hope Missouri will have a large presentation at the 2009 Triennial.

Fraternally submitted,
James J. Hayes
Lon Goede, Chairman

Harold Richardson

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**REPORT OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE COMMITTEE****BACKGROUND**

After carefully evaluating the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, Revised May 18, 2007, I identified three statutory duties for the Grand Captain General, four specific in nature and one general in nature. Article II (The Grand Officers), Section 29 (The Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General), Paragraph C, states that the Grand Captain General shall act as a committee on arrangements for the annual conclave.

EVALUATION OF GUIDANCE

The term committee in this sentence is clearly being used in the archaic sense once common, but now used in this manner only sporadically or in special circumstances. In this context the word refers to a person assigned special duties or to whom a charge or trust is committed. There is no further description of the “committee on arrangements for the annual conclave” in the Laws and Regulations. Consultation with the Grand Recorder did not reveal information concerning this special duty. A search of the electronic versions of the 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 Official Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Missouri did not produce any references to this committee or a report from the Grand Captain Generals concerning how this duty was executed.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE

It is my opinion that this paragraph causes the Grand Captain General to be responsible for verifying that the physical location where the Grand Conclave will be reconvened for the annual meeting of the Grand Commandery has, in fact, been properly prepared. To that end, I verified that the Truman Room in the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri, was scheduled for the formal opening of the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri on Friday, May 16, 2008. Prior to the opening, I checked that the room was properly arranged.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I believe that in order for the Grand Captain General to carry out this duty he should be provided with a list of the paraphernalia required and a description of its proper placement in the room or diagram showing its proper placement in the room (preferably both). A checklist form should be developed so the Grand Captain General can quickly and efficiently verify that the proper items are available in advance of the meeting and that prior to the meeting he may confirm that the arrangements for the annual conclave are complete. The checklist should conclude with language suitable for inclusion in the Official Proceedings and will constitute the report of the “committee” stating that all preparations were made. There should be a place for the Grand Captain General to sign and date the checklist/committee report. The properly executed checklist/committee report should then be promptly submitted to the Grand Recorder for presentation as appropriate and inclusion in the Official Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

We welcomed new personages to the Committee this year, Harold J. Richardson, PGC, Paul R. Cannon, PC, Rocky E. Weaver, PGC, Larry T. Odom, PC, and Russell S. Hanson, PC. While some of these have served at times in the past, their return is appreciated. And for those newly appointed, have a ball.

Unfortunately, one area that continues to plague us is the lack of any tabulation reports from the Chairman of those Committees having oversight of the funds received as donations/contributions to the Grand Commandery charities.

On another venue, it was noted that income and expenses generated by the Grand Sessions have been included in the recapitulation (recap) sheets.

A review of the safe deposit box was undertaken. Of particular interest were the historical documents contained therein. Saving these old, handwritten documents was a good thought on the part of the Grand Recorder. Perhaps at some point in the future these can be made available for general viewing in a controlled atmosphere.

We took a look at the appropriated budget, the balance sheets, and the recapitulation sheets maintained by the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer. It was noted that expenditures other than salaries are backed up with warrants, invoices and statements.

Expenditures in excess of the appropriated budget were observed in the categories of Grand Officer Conference, Office Equipment, Past Grand Commander Regalia, and postage. This Committee makes no judgment and passes this on to a future Finance Committee for consideration.

The Audit Committee is satisfied with the recap sheets provided by The Grand Recorder/Treasurer. We are satisfied that the funds and assets of this Grand Commandery are in the good hands of the Grand Recorder/Grand Treasurer, are well protected, and that the reports of both offices adequately reflect and document the day to day financial operations of this institution.

Recommendations:

- Repeat item-copies of documentation establishing this Grand Commandery under the 501 provision of the IRS has still not been provided to the Grand Recorder's Office.
- Repeat item-In order to assist the Grand Treasurer to establish and maintain the viability of the 501 provision of the IRS, all donations/contributions to the Grand Commandery charities must be tabulated, documented and a report must be filed with the Grand Recorder/Grand Treasurer from those having such oversight

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Chairman
Harold J. Richardson, PGC
Larry T. Odom, PC

Rocky E. Weaver, PGC
Paul R. Cannon, PC

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

No report submitted at time of printing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONCLAVE PROGRAM BOOK

To All York Rite Masons of the State of Missouri:

This year we received 68 ads. (Two were received after the book went to the printer.) Total income from the ads was \$2,625.00. The cost of printing the books was \$683.00. The profit made this year was \$1,942.00. I would like to give a special thanks to one Sir Knight, J. Joseph Hayes, who always goes above and beyond with the sales. This year was disappointing in the fact that only one of our three leaders supported the book. Thank you, Fred.

With the increased cost of paper and printing, I recommend that we possibly increase the cost of the full page ad to \$50.00. With all three bodies struggling with finances, I don't think the members realize what an impact this could make on the bottom line. Each one of you has a financial institution, a business in your community where you continually shop or eat. Being a community business owner myself, we never turn down any customer who asks for a \$25.00 ad, or even a \$50.00 ad. The potential is out there to make this an income producer. What about the Lodge you belong to? If Lon and I can solicit 10 pages, I challenge each York Rite Mason to sell four or five pages of ads. Not one of you has even asked the Grand Lodge for an ad!

York Rite Masons, let's answer the call, I am a committee of one, I am willing to do the work, are you willing to sell the ads?

Fraternally submitted,
Ginny Goede, Editor

Lon Goede, Chairman

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRILL

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

This year we held a meeting in Columbia on January 19 which was a workshop. It was a very good workshop but the attendance was poor. I started to receive phone calls in January about what to do and what not to do, I referred all of these calls to the Head Judge, José R. Palacios, as the Drill Committee does not judge.

We did lose two Commanderies this year in the Drill Competition. Crusade Commandery No. 23 in Mexico is a "C" Team and Liberty Commandery No. 6 is a "B" Team. We hope they will rebuild and come back next year.

As of May 1, we have 2 Class "C" teams, 5 Class "B" teams and 2 Class "A" teams. Final scores will be printing in the proceedings. Good luck to all the teams!

Fraternally submitted,
Lon Goede, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson

Thomas C. Yunick

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRILL

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

On Saturday morning, May 17th, the excitement mounted as Drills were about to get under way. The results were as follows:

	RANK	COMMANDERY	SCORE
Class C	1 st	St. Graal No. 12	93.4
	2 nd	Hugh de Payens No. 4	92.3
Class B	1 st	Ely No. 22	98.4
	2 nd	Oriental No. 35	94.8
	3 rd	Prince of Peace No. 29	92.6
	4 th	DeSoto No. 56	88.2
	5 th	Ivanhoe No. 8	87.4
Class A	1 st	Palestine No. 17	94.2
	2 nd	Ascalon No. 16	91.6

Thank you to José R. Palacios and his team of judges, and to Joe Hayes for his continued support. When we relaxed some of our rules this year we hoped for more teams to enter, but we can hope for more Commanderies to get involved with the drill tactics and enter a team next year.

Fraternally submitted,
Lionel J. Goede, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

As there was no interest in anyone going to the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C., not much to report. The cost is extremely too high and at a busy time of the year for all.

Fraternally submitted,
James L. Woodfin, Chairman

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Being the inaugural year of the Education Committee, we spent most of our time discussing the direction the committee needs to take to benefit the membership. We formulated several goals for our committee and recommendations for the Grand Commandery. They are as follows:

The Goals:

1. Develop short non-ritualistic preludes to the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. We have completed the prelude for the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and it is attached to this report. The prelude for the Order of Malta will be completed before the next grand conclave.
2. Develop a Commandery devotional book. These devotions will be written on the topics of Christian Masonry and Chivalry. It is our hope that Sir Knights from across the State will submit short devotionals for inclusion in this book.
3. Develop a central clearing house for leadership materials.

Recommendations:

1. Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri present an educational program or devotion at least four times per year.
2. The Grand Commandery's web site contain a link to the Grand Encampment's leadership materials.

Fraternally submitted,

David c. Witte, Chairman
William G. Snyder

Daniel R. Quesenberry
Aaron M. Shoemaker

Prelude to the Order of the Red Cross

Thus far, on the Masonic journey you have witnessed the wonders and the tragedies of building King Solomon's Temple; and the aftermath of the destruction and exile of the Jewish people. All of these events can be found in any Bible.

The events depicted in the Order of the Red Cross are only found in the Apocrypha. What is the Apocrypha? The Apocrypha are books that have caused biblical scholars to question the authorship or authenticity. The books are included in the Catholic and Orthodox Christian Bibles, but are excluded from most Protestant canons. As we leave the Old Testament for the Apocrypha, we now begin to diverge from the path of the Temple building to the path of chivalry.

The Order of the Red Cross is the first of three chivalrous orders of the Commandery. A Chivalrous knight is valiant, courteous, respectful, a protector of the weak, and generous and fair to all, even enemies. The path of chivalry is not an easy one because it is a never-ending journey. As a chivalrous knight, the world will constantly challenge you to break the vows you are about to take. You will leave here armed only with your faith in God and our Savior Jesus Christ to shield you from the tempters and evil doers.

Produced by the Education Committee of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, May 16, 2008

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report submitted at time of printing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

See Report of Electronic Communications in Grand Council Proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Total Membership of 123 with a total endowment value of \$61,838.33; includes 15 new members, 8 deceased members, 1 suspended member.

Several lower rate certificates have matured during this year and have allowed reinvestment in certificates with better returns. Over the remainder of this year, all lower rate certificates will mature and it is hoped that at that time a much-improved investment return can be achieved.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin B. Sample

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman

Donald L. Trabue

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Sir Knight	Commandery	Knighthood	Issued
126	Haddox, James George	59	16-Oct-76	10-May-07
127	Foldesh, David Elmer	29	9-Apr-07	16-May-07
128	Newcom, Robert Dean	4	13-May-95	20-Sep-07
129	Briggs, Marion L.	8	6-Oct-90	12-Nov-07
130	Crum, Travis Allen	59	19-Nov-05	16-Nov-07
131	Trombley, Tad F.	24	27-Nov-07	25-Feb-08
132	Mansfield, Richard Lee	22	30-Nov-89	3-Mar-08
133	Lucas, William Chilton	12	4-Nov-67	22-Mar-08

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND YORK RITE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

See report of the same in the front of these proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

No report submitted at time of printing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HONOR COMMANDERY AWARD

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights, your Honor Commandery Award Committee extends its congratulations to the following Commanders and Commanderies for earning the Honor Commandery Award for the 2007-2008 Templar year:

William F. Maugh (2006-2007)
 Charles M. Huey (2006-2007)
 Robert D. Newcom
 Marion L. Briggs
 C. Brent Stewart
 James K. Shatz
 David D. Powell

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4
 Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55
 Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4
 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
 St. Graal Commandery No. 12
 Ascalon Commandery No. 16
 Ely Commandery No. 22

Fraternally submitted,
 James J. Hayes, Chairman
 Russell Hanson

Ronnie E. Green

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights: All Grand Commandery Funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City. All accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, and with amounts being maintained at less than \$100,000.00 in any one banking institution.

Investments are in a combination of interest bearing checking accounts, money market accounts, and Certificates of Deposit. Current interest rates have limited these moneys from being invested in long-term certificates.

Short-term rates at this time are more favorable and allow greater flexibility to move moneys to better performing accounts whenever possible. The year began with all funds invested at reasonable rates of return. However, the economy has turned. Many of the short term investments are now maturing, and they are necessarily being invested at much lower than desired rates of returns. As the economy improves these short term investments can once again be invested at more reasonable rates of return.

Fraternally submitted,
 William S. Hall, PGC
 James L. Woodfin, Jr.
 Harold J. Richardson, PGC, Chairman

James E. Snively, PGC
 Donald L. Trabue, PGC

REPORT OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE EDITOR

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

It is amazing to see how over these several years the same Commanderys have continued to do their best to help their communities. How they share this happening with the fraternity through this magazine. Weston has a most excellent program in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies and the Blue Lodge. It helps children, adults and those confined to a nursing home. This is not only in Weston, but in the surrounding community as well. Many others have such programs. Hugh de Payens every year provides a Poinsettia for all their widows. The Sir Knights spread out across the community, to see that they are all delivered. It is amazing to see the look on the face of a lady who looks forward to receiving their flower. There are more such events

happening around the state, they should be shared. Help us find them, and then to pass them on to other Sir Knights.

Such outstanding programs help those who are struggling to find ways to involve their membership. It is not difficult

Fraternally submitted,
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Editor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Fraters, the 40th Annual Voluntary Campaign as of April 4, 2008, has received \$3,273.00. During the Campaign, Missouri was honored with Grand Master's Club (\$1000.00), Knight of Siloam Medals (\$500.00), Patron (\$100.00), Associate Patron (\$50.00) and Life Sponsor (\$30.00). Lebanon Commandery No. 33 donated \$1,030.00, that is per-member \$11.98.

During this Knights Templar Year, Missouri had 21 cases submitted with a cost of about \$ 48,500.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

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Phone# 847/490-3838

The Grand Commandery of Missouri KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION received contributions from ALLEN N. SMITH ESTATE and EUGENE E. DARR ESTATE.

Sir Knights, what more fitting tribute can we give departed Sir Knights, Brothers and Family members than a Memorial to the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION. These forms are available from the State Chairman or Regional Grand Commanders. I would like to thank Sir Knight Fred A. Troxel, Jr., Grand Commander-MO, and all the other Grand Officers for their help.

“And Let There Be Light”

Fraternally submitted,
Louis L. Monken, KTEF State Chairman

**** EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR ****

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

No report submitted at time of printing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

The following Commanderies have reported an event focused on patriotic and civic programs: Ivanhoe No. 8, St. Graal No. 12, Ascalon No. 16, St. John's No. 20 and DeSoto No. 56.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronnie Green, Chairman
Daniel R. Quesenberry

Russell Hanson

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

While not all our Commanderies have a religious observance of some kind, there are those that do. I do not receive information from too many of them, so I speak only for those of which I have been informed. Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4 had their regular Easter and Christmas observances this year. These two services while different are not neglected.

This year, I have been made aware of an Easter Service held by Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55. It would seem that they have been doing this for the past 31 years. That is a good record, one of which they can be proud.

There are surely other Commanderies that are having some sort of service. We would like to hear from them.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
Kevin E. Weaver

Ralph E. Nolan

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

SIR KNIGHTS: The Ritual Committee received no requests for clarification or help concerning ritual for the 2007-2008 Commandery year.

Fraternally submitted,
Rocky E. Weaver, PGC
William S. Hall, PGC, Chairman

Jerry F. Ward, PGC

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

The Regional York Rite Conferences were presented on:

September 15, 2007, Region 3, Buckner

October 20, 2007, Region 4, Rolla

October 27, 2007, Region 6, Cape Girardeau
 November 17, 2007, Region 5, Webster Groves
 December 1, 2007, Region 1, Kirksville
 January 5, 2008, Region 2, St. Joseph
 February 2, 2008, Region 7, Springfield

We chose to redirect the focus on the conference since for the most part we are “preaching to the choir”. We decided to educate the choir in lessons and attributes that were necessary! The focus was on leadership qualities, initiatives, communications, the speaking side of ritual, and financial management. Outlines, information and suggestions were mailed to regional officers.

Many of them did use some of the forwarded information, but more importantly, was the fact that the majority of the conferences used new information, new methods and techniques to educate, encourage and incite the Companions and Sir Knights present. As always those attending with the proper officers will receive credit for the Honor Commandery Award.

We need to keep using leadership tools, financial management, educational programs and membership initiatives to create better Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies as well as better members and officers. We hope that in the future these conferences will continue to use and expand the ideas and concepts that were begun this year. This new direction is very encouraging.

Fraternally submitted,
 Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

As Chairman of the Grand Commandery Youth Activities Committee it is my pleasure to report that all of our three Masonic Youth Bodies sent in their reports in a timely manner.

We know the DeMolay, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Jobs Daughters are busy accomplishing their yearly programs, supporting their local Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters with their charities as is evidenced in their support to their individual communities.

A special appreciation is given to the Jobs Daughters, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for their reports and they are submitted in their entirety.

I move for adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,
 Le Roy D. Unruh, Chairman
 Lionel Goede

Roger D. Salyer
 Virginia Goede

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

No report submitted at time of printing.



Grand Commander Troxel at the Grand York Rite Time Capsule. This picture was taken on his way to the Arkansas Grand Session, March 7, 2008. He reported that the Convention and Visitors Bureau did NOT know where it was; right across the street.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Following prayer by the Grand Prelate, the Grand Commander reconvened the 146th Annual Conclave at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of Awards Presentations and the Installation of Officers. Ladies and guests were present.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS 2007-2008



Sir Knight Troxel presented the Honor Commandery Awards. A list of recipients can be found in the report of the same on page 294.



Sir Knight Jerry F. Ward presents the Distinguished Commandery Award to St. Graal Commandery No. 12, in memory of Sir Knight Chester H. Hazen and in honor of Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird.



Sir Knight Troxel presents the 2007-2008 Commandery Lewis and Clark Awards. A list of recipients can be found on page 310.

First Lady Roma Troxel presents the Grand Commander with a check for \$1,000.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation from the Grand Commandery lady's Frisbee sales. *(Other charity presentations were made at this time.)*



INSTALLATION OF THE 2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Installing Grand Commander
Installing Marshal
Installing Prelate

SK James E. Snavelly, REPGC
SK Jerry F. Ward, REPGC
SK Thomas C. Yunick, REPGC





SK Jerry F. Ward presents the 2008-2009 Grand Commandery Officers for installation.



SK James Joseph Hayes takes the oath of office of Grand Commander.



SK Ward presents the remaining officers for installation.



The 2008-2009 Regional Grand Commanders are installed.



The Past Grand Commanders lined up to present SK Troxel with all the paraphernalia of his new office, that of a Past Grand Commander.







Sir Knight James Joseph Hayes, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, his Lady Sue, and their family.

The new Grand Commander addressed the grand conclave. I have heard that a person should not value the things they have in their life, but value who you have in your life. I feel very fortunate today to have a lot of “who’s” here that are value in my life and have come to share this occasion with me. My wife Sue, my daughter Denise, and my grandson. *Also present were many of his family and friends.*

GRAND COMMANDERY CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Commander Hayes called the Grand Commandery from labor in due and proper form at 4:40 p.m.

GRAND COMMANDERY RELIGIOUS SERVICE

May 18, 2008

8:00 a.m.

Prelude

Reading from the Holy Bible

Psalm 50:1-6

Hymn of Worship

This is My Father’s World

Invocation (Unison)

God of infinite mercy, we confess the fact that we usually close ourselves to the very possibility that you might break through into our daily lives. We tune out surprises, the unexpected, and especially the uncomfortable, and thus insulate ourselves from any revelation of you. Forgive us, we pray. Open our hearts and minds to every manifestation that you choose to share with us; and let us respond in ways that further your Kingdom. Amen.

Greetings and Announcements

Responsive Reading

- L. The Lord is in his holy temple:
P. Let all the earth keep silent before him.
 L. The hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.
P. God is spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
 L. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
P. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.
 L. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
P. I went with them to the house of God, with a voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy the day.
A. I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Offering	To the Holy Land Fund
Special Music	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer	
Scripture	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Proclaiming the Word	Desperation or Celebration
Hymn of Renewal	Redeemed
Benediction	
Postlude	

Rev. Ralph E. Nolan	Grand Prelate
Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Grand Prelate
Fred M. Harle, Sr.	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister

A collection was taken for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund, bringing in \$145.00 in donations to the fund.

ERRATA

No corrections to the 2007 Grand Commandery proceedings were presented to this office.

Corrections to the 2008 proceedings are to be addressed in writing to the Grand Recorder for publication in the 2009 proceedings.

REFERENCE

The following pages give reference to historical and current information pertaining to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

ELECTED AND APOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

(Complete listing to be published every 10 years.)

YEAR	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND PRELATE
May, 1972	Leslie R. Cox, Jr.	Marion L. Dollison	Pressley L. Crummy	Blair C. Mayford	Don M. Long	William A. Slaughter	Herbert P. Davis
May, 1973	Marion L. Dollison	Pressley L. Crummy	Blair C. Mayford	John W. Irons	Walter F. Ruesman	Jewell B. Clark	Frank B. Kellogg
May, 1974	Pressley L. Crummy	Blair C. Mayford	John W. Irons	Walter F. Ruesman	Jewell B. Clark	Marvin L. Painter	John W. Goodwin
May, 1975	Blair C. Mayford	John W. Irons	Pressley L. Crummy	Walter F. Ruesman	Jewell B. Clark	William H. Sattler	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1976	John W. Irons	Walter F. Ruesman	Jewell B. Clark	Marvin L. Painter	William H. Sattler	Henry R. Stoker	Marvin Fortel
May, 1977	Walter F. Ruesman	Jewell B. Clark	Marvin L. Painter	William H. Sattler	Henry R. Stoker	Austin G. Felton	G. G. Greenway, Jr.
May, 1978	Jewell B. Clark	Marvin L. Painter	William H. Sattler	Henry R. Stoker	Austin G. Felton	Robert D. Jenkins	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1979	Marvin L. Painter	William H. Sattler	Henry R. Stoker	Austin G. Felton	Robert D. Jenkins	Robert G. Bird	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1980	William H. Sattler	Henry R. Stoker	Austin G. Felton	Robert G. Bird	Donald L. Hiatt	Robert G. Bird	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1981	Henry R. Stoker	Austin G. Felton	Robert G. Bird	Robert G. Bird	Donald L. Hiatt	Oren J. Hardman	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1982	Austin G. Felton	Robert G. Bird	Robert G. Bird	Donald L. Hiatt	Oren J. Hardman	Edwin C. Carpenter	Marvin Fortel
May, 1983	Robert D. Jenkins	Robert G. Bird	Donald L. Hiatt	Oren J. Hardman	Edwin C. Carpenter	Chester H. Hazen	E. L. Dierking
May, 1984	Robert G. Bird	Donald L. Hiatt	Oren J. Hardman	Edwin C. Carpenter	Edwin C. Carpenter	Jacob C. Baird	W. Trabbey Nickerson
May, 1985	Donald L. Hiatt	Oren J. Hardman	Edwin C. Carpenter	Chester H. Hazen	Chester C. Baird	Kenneth L. Buck	M. Graham Clark
May, 1986	Oren J. Hardman	Edwin C. Carpenter	Chester H. Hazen	Jacob C. Baird	Kenneth L. Buck	Jerry F. Ward	Arthur L. Mahory
May, 1987	Chester H. Hazen	Jacob C. Baird	Kenneth L. Buck	Jerry F. Ward	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	Charles F. Reikopf
May, 1988	Kenneth L. Buck	Kenneth L. Buck	Jerry F. Ward	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	Ronald O. Bennett, Sr.	Woodson O. Bennett, Sr.
April, 1989	Kenneth L. Buck	Jerry F. Ward	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	J. Edward Blinn	Donald L. Trabue	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1990	Jerry F. Ward	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	J. Edward Blinn	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1991	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	J. Edward Blinn	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	J. Eric Allen	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1992	Ronald D. Tarr	J. Edward Blinn	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	J. Eric Allen	Danny L. Ferguson	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1993	J. Edward Blinn	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	J. Eric Allen	Danny L. Ferguson	Harold J. Richardson	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1994	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	Danny L. Ferguson	Harold J. Richardson	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	James J. Gibbons	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1995	Billy J. Boyer	Danny L. Ferguson	Harold J. Richardson	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	James J. Gibbons	Lionel J. Goede	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1996	Danny L. Ferguson	Harold J. Richardson	James J. Gibbons	Lionel J. Goede	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	Emory J. Hampel
May, 1997	Harold J. Richardson	James J. Gibbons	Lionel J. Goede	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	William S. Hall	Stanton T. Brown
May, 1998	James J. Gibbons	Lionel J. Goede	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	William S. Hall	Benjamin C. Moore	P. Vincent Kinkead
May, 1999	Lionel J. Goede	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	William S. Hall	Benjamin C. Moore	Thomas C. Yumick	William A. Moore
May, 2000	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	William S. Hall	Benjamin C. Moore	Thomas C. Yumick	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	Emory J. Hampel
May, 2001	Robert L. Hudson	William S. Hall	Benjamin C. Moore	Thomas C. Yumick	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	James E. Snively	William A. Perry
May, 2002	William S. Hall	Benjamin C. Moore	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	James E. Snively	Marvin L. Frost	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	William A. Perry
May, 2003	Thomas C. Yumick	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	James E. Snively	Marvin L. Frost	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	James J. Hayes	Lewis C. Odneal
May, 2004	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	James E. Snively	Marvin L. Frost	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	James J. Hayes	John E. Thraikill	Kevin E. Weaver
May, 2005	James E. Snively	Marvin L. Frost	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	James J. Hayes	John E. Thraikill	Ronnie E. Green	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2006	Marvin L. Frost	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	James J. Hayes	Ronnie E. Green	Russell S. Hanson	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2007	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	James J. Hayes	Ronnie E. Green	Russell S. Hanson	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Richard L. Mansfield	Ralph E. Nolan
May, 2008	James J. Hayes	Ronnie E. Green	Russell S. Hanson	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Richard L. Mansfield	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

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YEAR	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND SENTINEL	GRAND REVIEWER
May, 1972	Morris E. Ewing	Bruce H. Hunt	Derral Buzard	Kenneth L. Buck	Emory J. Hampel	LeRoy A. Van Loon	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1973	Morris E. Ewing	Bruce H. Hunt	William H. Sattler	Marvin L. Painter	Joseph S. Gardner	Emory J. Hampel	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1974	Morris E. Ewing	Bruce H. Hunt	Robert D. Jenkins	Jack C. Chambers	P. Everett Landis	Roy L. Fortney	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1975	Morris E. Ewing	Bruce H. Hunt	Logan E. Wing, Jr.	William Gamblian	Arthur J. Rhodes	Herbert C. Krumey	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1976	Morris E. Ewing	Bruce H. Hunt	Edwin C. Carpenter	Joyce W. Stafford	Walter S. Hunley	Loren V. Koch	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1977	* Morris E. Ewing	Bruce H. Hunt	Howard D. Watkins	Kenneth D. Miller	Oscar Ryfel	Maat E. Blake	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1978	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	William H. Sticker	L. O. Weeaver	James M. Roberts	William S. Skinner	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1979	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Arthur E. Schneider	Emmett Edwards	Kenneth L. Buck	Oren J. Hardman	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1980	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Arthur E. Schneider	Emmett Edwards	Kenneth L. Buck	Gail B. Morrison	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1981	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Carl C. Hibbs	John E. Crites	Frank Golden, Jr.	Glenn E. Walters	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1982	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Edwin C. Carpenter	Chester H. Hazen	Jacob C. Baird	Charles C. Cutler	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1983	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Chester H. Hazen	Jacob C. Baird	Kenneth L. Buck	Paul K. Kawakami	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1984	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Jacob C. Baird	Kenneth L. Buck	James R. Tinker, Sr.	Kenneth D. Miller	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1985	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Kenneth L. Buck	James R. Tinker, Sr.	Jerry F. Ward	Donald E. Swanson, Jr.	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1986	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Jerry F. Ward	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	Thomas H. Merrill	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1987	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	James H. Pennington	Ronald D. Tarr	Donald E. Swanson, Jr.	Samuel V. Coelran	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1988	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	J. Edward Blinn	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	Donald S. Maness	Bruce Harmon Hunt
April, 1989	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Donald L. Trabue	Billy J. Boyer	J. Eric Allen	George C. Hunt	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1990	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Billy J. Boyer	J. Eric Allen	Danny L. Ferguson	Donald H. Venable	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1991	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	J. Eric Allen	Danny L. Ferguson	Harold J. Richardson	William T. Riggs	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1992	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Danny L. Ferguson	Harold J. Richardson	Howard L. Adkins	C. Richard Carter	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1993	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Harold J. Richardson	Howard L. Adkins	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Kenneth L. Dunlap	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1994	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	* Howard L. Adkins	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	James J. Gibbons	Marion W. Dey	Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1995	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Lonel J. Goede	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	Jose R. Palacios	* Bruce Harmon Hunt
May, 1996	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Rocky E. Weaver	Robert L. Hudson	William S. Hall	William E. Criss	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1997	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Benjamin C. Moore	Thomas C. Yumick	E. Wayne Mund	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1998	E. Allen Kohler	Bruce H. Hunt	Benjamin C. Moore	Thomas C. Yumick	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	Randell J. Jones	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 1999	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	Thomas C. Yumick	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	James E. Snively	Richard A. Henderson	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2000	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	James E. Snively	Marvin W. Frost	Gerald V. Phillips	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
May, 2001	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	James E. Snively	Marvin W. Frost	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	Larry D. Wyatt	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2002	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	James J. Hayes	John E. Thraikill	Ronnie E. Green	Orville W. Newberry	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2003	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	John E. Thraikill	Ronnie E. Green	Russell S. Hanson	Richard L. Mansfield	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2004	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	Ronnie E. Green	Russell S. Hanson	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2005	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	Russell S. Hanson	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Richard L. Mansfield	James C. Woodfin, Jr.	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2006	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	Kevin B. Sample	Richard L. Mansfield	Harold F. Coots	Larry T. Odum	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2007	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Harold F. Coots	Larry T. Odum	Matthew L. Quesenberry	Kevin B. Sample
May, 2008	Donald L. Trabue	Bruce H. Hunt	Harold F. Coots	Larry T. Odum	Robert W. Schlichter	David L. Leiter	Kevin B. Sample

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America awards the Knights Templar Cross of Honor to only one deserving and distinguished Sir Knight in Missouri each year, having been duly elected by the Sir Knights of his Commandery, and recommended to the Grand Commander.

Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year
* Marvin O. Sherman	1966	* George Leland Hewitt	1987
* William H. Goedeke	1967	William W. Gray	1988
* William J. Holdoway	1968	Danny L. Ferguson	1989
Robert L. Searfoss	1968	* Earl S. Eoff	1990
* John Edward Hale	1969	Walter B. Ray, Sr.	1991
* Chester McKelvey Turley	1969	* Morning E. Collins	1992
* Milton Clifford Engelhardt	1970	Joseph H. Collison	1993
* E. Jere Deal	1971	William Edward Criss	1994
* William Pressley Mathews	1972	* Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.	1995
* Guy E. Kirkman	1973	* Ernest J. Thacker	1996
* Harry B. Smith	1974	Bob L. Detherow	1997
* LeRoy A. Van Loon	1975	* Logan E. Wing, Jr.	1998
Mearl Richard Blake	1976	* Wayne E. Wilson	1999
* Lloyd Pressley Sharp	1977	Emory J. Hampel	2000
* Cay S. Smith	1978	None	2001
* Loren V. Koch	1979	None	2002
* Robert Marion Cater	1980	Forrest Gilbert Lowe	2003
* George Pressley Grahl	1981	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	2004
* William H. Vobbe	1982	Kevin E. Weaver	2005
* Walter C. Ploeser	1983	P. Vincent Kinkead	2006
* Howard D. Watkins	1984	Gayle D. Bedell	2007
* George William Bush	1985	Glenn E. Means	2008
* William E. Jones	1986		

(* Deceased)

DISTINGUISHED COMMANDERY

Year	Recipient
1990	Liberty Commandery No. 6
1991	Fountain City Commandery No. 55
1992	Ascalon Commandery No. 16
1993	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4
1994	Boanerges Commandery No. 34
1995	NONE AWARDED
1996	NONE AWARDED
1997	Lebanon No. 33
1998	NONE AWARDED
1999	Rolla Commandery No. 59
2000	DeSoto Commandery No. 56
2001	Palestine Commandery No. 17
2002	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
2003	Lebanon Commandery No. 33
2004	NONE AWARDED
2005	NONE AWARDED
2006	NONE AWARDED
2007	NONE AWARDED
2008	St. Graal Commandery No. 12

GRAND COMMANDERY LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS**1988**

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Donald C. Treece	Memphis	41
2	Gene Paul Porter	Godfrey de Bouillon	24
3	Danny L. Ferguson	Mary	19
4	Hugh W. Harrison	Rolla	59
5	Lionel J. Goede	Ascalon	16
6	Harold J. Richardson	De Soto	56
7	William E. Brenneman	Lebanon	33

1989

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	L. Dale Gardner	Ely	22
2	Herbert N. Sutherland	Bethany	42
3	Howard Van Meter	Bayard	26
4	James E. English, Jr.	St. Graal	12
5	Morning E. Collins	Ascalon	16
6	Charles W. Carlstrom	Poplar Bluff	67
7	Earl S. Eoff	St. John's	20

1990

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Fred F. Stuecken	Tancred	25
2	Joseph Collison	Weston	2
3	William E. Criss	Mary	19
4	Arthur E. Schneider	St. Graal	12
5	William D. Townley	St. Charles	73
6	John E. Crites	Cape Girardeau	55
7	William A. Moore	St. John's	20

1991

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Charles E. Ray	Emmanuel	7
2	Logan E. Wing, Jr.	Hugh de Payens	4
3	Ray S. Davis	East Gate	70
4	E. Ewing Shikles	Prince of Peace	29
5	Ernest J. Thacker	Ascalon	16
6	E. Wayne Mund	De Soto	56
7	Von B. Berry	St. John's	20

1992

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Edward L. Smith	Harve de Grace	63
2	Edward E. Wilson	Hugh de Payens	4
3	Harry L. Bone	East Gate	70
4	T R Havens	Rolla	59
5	Louis L. Monken	Ascalon	16
6	Kevin B. Sample	Poplar Bluff	67
7	Jack E. Scheurich	Lebanon	33

1993			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Thomas C. Yunick	Ely	22
2	William F. Tatum	Hugh de Payens	4
3	Rocky E. Weaver	Liberty	6
4	None		
5	None		
6	Alvin E. Gerstenschlager	De Soto	56
7	None		

1994			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2	None		
3	Frederick J. Morrow	Liberty	6
4	Robert L. Hudson	Prince of Peace	29
5	William T. Riggs	St. Charles	73
6	E. Wayne Mund	De Soto	56
7	James H. Whitman	St. Elmo	43

1995			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	William F. Strode	Excalibar	5
2	Albert L. Kowitz	Hugh de Payens	4
3	Gerald V. Phillips	East Gate	70
4	Jared S. Price	Crusade	23
5	Nicholas F. Steinmetz	Ivanhoe	8
6	P. Vincent Kinkhead	De Soto	56
7	Donald S. Maness	St. John's	20

1996			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2	Frank R. Bireline	Hugh de Payens	4
3	Bruce L. Smith	Boanerges	34
4	Michael C. Glawson	Calvary	28
5	José R. Palacios	Ivanhoe	8
6	Bill A. Humble	Poplar Bluff	67
7	Grant W. John	Lebanon	33

1997			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Hugh de Payens	4
3A	Rusty Ludlam	Mary	19
3B	Edward Vought	Boanerges	34
4	Walter Ray	Rolla	59
5	Emory J. Hampel	Ascalon	16
6	LeRoy D. Unruh	De Soto	56
7	None		

1998

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Earl Hayes	Harve de Grace	63
2	James Gibbany	Albany	60
3A	Robert Brizendine	East Gate	70
3B	William L. Reed	St. Omer	11
4	Marion W. Dey	St. Graal	12
5	Richard A. Henderson	Ascalon	16
6	James E. Snavelly	De Soto	56
7	None		

1999

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2	None		
3A	Orville Newberry	East Gate	70
3B	Robert W. Schlichter	Liberty	6
4	Russell S. Hanson	St. Graal	12
5	None		
6	None		
7	Robert DeVore	St. John's	20
7	Tony Agostini	St. John's	20

2000

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2	Gene Rethemeyer	Hugh de Payens	4
3A/B	Granville H. Masoner	St. Omer	11
3C	Mark S. Schroer	DeMolay	3
4	Robert H. Bray	Temple	38
5	David Vogler	Ascalon	16
5	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	St. Charles	73
6	Steven C. Monrotus	De Soto	56
7A	Marvin W. Frost	Jasper	31
7B	Gayle D. Bedell	Ascension	39

2001

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	David Lloyd	Ely	22
2	Paul E. Ellis	Godfrey de Bouillon	24
3A	John W. Hess	Kansas City	10
3B	Allen B. Bess	St. Omer	11
4	Paul W. Kittle	Rolla	59
5	Robert E. Plummer	St. Charles	73
6	James J. Hayes	De Soto	56
7A	Albert E. Folds	Lebanon	33
7B	Bill D. Spiva	Neosho	57

2002			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Randy Sands	Ely	22
2	J B Seevers	Hugh de Payens	4
3A	Forrest G. Lowe	East Gate	70
3B	Harold Ronald Butler	St. Omer	11
4	Walter D. Winborn	St. Graal (Olivet 53)	12
5	Ronnie E. Green	Ascalon	16
6	None		
7A	None		
7B	David Franklin Phillips	O'Sullivan	15
2003			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	David D. Powell	Ely	22
2	Timothy D. Munday	Godfrey de Bouillon	24
3A	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Palestine	17
3B	Kenneth J. Wasson	St. Omer	11
4	Lewis C. Odneal	Temple	38
5	Kevin E. Weaver	Ascalon	16
6	Richard E. Jump	DeSoto	56
7A	James O. Loomis	Jasper	31
7B	Michael E. Day	Lebanon	33
2004			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Carl R. Baldwin	Ely	22
2A	Claude M. Eckert	Godfrey de Bouillon	24
2B	Kenneth Fousek	St. Amand	64
3A	Frank R. von Geyso	Liberty	6
3B	Eddie M. Ludlum	Mary	19
4	Paul R. Cannon	Rolla	59
5	Frederick L. Heger	Ascalon	16
6	James R. Tinker, Sr.	Poplar Bluff	67
7A	James D. Hardy	Ascension	39
7B	Weston Brad Bembry	Lebanon	33
2005			
Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2A	None		
2B	Bobby R. O'Dell	Paschal	32
3A	Ronald L. Barrett	Liberty	6
3B	None		
4	Harold F. Coots	Prince of Peace	29
5	Richard J. Holmes	Ivanhoe	8
6	None		
7A	David A. Watson	Neosho	57
7B	None		

2006

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	None		
2	Nathan D. Carrington	Hugh de Payens	4
3A	William W. Gray	Oriental	35
3B	None		
4	James L. Painter	Prince of Peace	29
5	None		
6	Lee L. Francis	DeSoto	56
7A	None		
7B	Gary L. Jones	O'Sullivan	15

2007

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Gary W. Behan	Excalibar	5
2	William W. Mier	Hugh de Payens	4
3A	Joe D. Tibbetts	Palestine	17
3B	Glen E. Henness	Mary	19
4	Jared D. Barnes	Crusade	23
5	Gale B. Morrison	Ivanhoe	8
6	Thomas E. Howell	DeSoto	56
7A	E. Joe Slater	Mountain Grove	66
7B	Ted W. Blanchard	Jasper	31

2008

Region	Name	Commandery	No.
1	Thomas E. Christine	Malta	72
2	Lloyd F. Waller	Hugh de Payens	4
3A	None		
3B	None		
4	C. Brent Stewart	St. Graal	12
5	William J. Mathis, Jr.	Ascalon	16
6	Bobby G. Roloff	Cape Girardeau	55
7A	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.	Lebanon	33
7B	None		

**LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS
OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Living Past Grand Commanders	Year
William R. Robbins (24)	1964-1965
Blair C. Mayford (16)	1975-1976
Robert D. Jenkins (68)	1983-1984
Robert G. Bird (20)	1984-1985
Donald L. Hiatte (29)	1985-1986
Jacob C. Baird (66)	1988-1989
Jerry F. Ward (6)	1990-1991
Ronald D. Tarr (22)	1992-1993
Donald L. Trabue (29)	1994-1995
E. Allen Kohler (25) (<i>Honorary</i>)	1995
Billy J. Boyer (16)	1995-1996
Vern H. Schneider (8) (<i>Honorary</i>)	1996
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (4) (<i>Honorary</i>)	1996
Danny L. Ferguson, KTCH (19)	1996-1997
Harold J. Richardson (56)	1997-1998
James J. Gibbons (20)	1998-1999
Lionel J. Goede (16)	1999-2000
Rocky E. Weaver (6,10,16,17)	2000-2001
William S. Hall (70)	2002-2003
Thomas C. Yunick (22)	2003-2004
Nicholas F. Steinmetz (8,16)	2004-2005
James E. Snavelly (56)	2005-2006
Kevin B. Sample (12,67) (<i>Honorary</i>)	2006
Marvin W. Frost (31,39)	2006-2007
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (17)	2007-2008

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI**

From Missouri	Jurisdiction	To Missouri
Ray C. Dunn	Alabama	Frank R. von Geyso
John R. Prather	Arizona	Jerry F. Ward
Burt F. Lee	Arkansas	José R. Palacios
Lyle P. Bird	California	Russell S. Hanson
Donald J. Whittington	Colorado	P. Vincent Kinkead
Robert A. Colbourn	Connecticut	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Charles A. Depfer	Delaware	Chester H. Hazen
Lester A. Foster	District of Columbia	Stanton T. Brown
Frank B. Buell	Florida	Harold F. Coots
Lee D. Holcomb	Georgia	Brian J. Densmore
Lloyd O. Moler	Idaho	Larry D. Wyatt
Herschall O. Thomas	Illinois	Nicholas F. Steinmetz
Clarence Harter	Indiana	James E. Snaveley
Albert R. Masters	Iowa	Rocky E. Weaver
Salvo Barbagallo	Italy	Francis A. Latragna
Carl R. Trude	Kansas	Bob L. Detherow
Emery DeWitt	Kentucky	Robert G. Bird
Michael F. Harrelson	Louisiana	Harold J. Richardson
David C. Fairbairn	Maine	Richard L. Mansfield
James J. Morgan	Maryland	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Donald D. Stewart	Massachusetts/Rhode Island	William R. Robbins
James W. Clark	Michigan	Marion W. Dey
Raymond C. Sporre	Minnesota	Thomas C. Yunick
Alfred E. Lightsey	Mississippi	Marvin W. Frost
R. Wayne Morris	Montana	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
John F. Dale	Nebraska	James J. Gibbons
James E. Denny	Nevada	Donald L. Trabue
Herbert H. Hutchinson	New Hampshire	J. Joseph Hayes
Ernest Eugene Fricks, Jr.	New Jersey	Blair C. Mayford
Antonio E. Storga	New Mexico	William S. Hall
James R. MacConnell	New York	Harry C. Reed, Jr.
Douglas S. Moore	North Carolina	Ronnie E. Green
Raymond E. Dunham	North Dakota	James M. Williams
Robert R. Neff	Ohio	Emory J. Hampel
Richard C. Dunaway	Oklahoma	Lionel J. Goede
Fred W. Renstrom	Oregon	Larry T. Odum
Bryan L. Berry	Pennsylvania	Billy J. Boyer
José R. Dizon	Philippines	Charles W. Carlstrom
	Portugal	Frederick H. Neal
Joseph E. Parnell	South Carolina	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Albert D. Voegelé	South Dakota	Kevin B. Sample
Jeffery L. Fannon	Tennessee	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.
A. Glen McCandless	Texas	LeRoy D. Unruh
Charles G. Sipes	Utah	Kevin E. Weaver

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI
(Continued)**

From Missouri	Jurisdiction	To Missouri
Frank W. Bailey	Vermont	Paul R. Cannon
George Abbott Page	Virginia	Jacob C. Baird
Warren A. Lee	Washington	Teddie E. Harrison
Julian R. Huffman	West Virginia	Robert W. Schlichter
Thomas T. Herek	Wisconsin	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.
Don R. Wassenburg	Wyoming	Mark S. Schroer

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**GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COMMANDERIES
and Charters under Grand Encampment**

No longer printed as part of the proceedings. If you need information regarding names and addresses, contact the Grand Recorder.

2008-2009 REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDERS

Region	Name	
1	Loren D. Lloyd	(5, 7, 22, 25, 72)
2	Nathan D. Carrington	(2, 4, 24, 32, 42)
3A	Aaron M. Shoemaker	(3, 6, 10, 17, 35, 68, 70)
3B	William E. Criss	(11, 15, 19)
4	Harold F. Coots	(12, 23, 29, 59)
5	K. Trent Moreland	(8, 16)
6	Richard E. Jump	(55, 56, 67)
7A	Joseph P. Krill	(20, 33, 43, 66)
7B	Gary A. Phillips	(27, 31, 39, 57)

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY STANDING COMMITTEES

Address of Grand Commander	
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Chairman	Marvin W. Frost
James E. Snavelly	
Credentials	
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman	Phillip W. Engel
Ted W. Harrison	Jerry Bradford

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY STANDING COMMITTEES (Continued)

Finance and Accounts	
Ronnie E. Green, Chairman	(1 year)
Harold J. Richardson	(1 year)
Lionel J. Goede	(2 years)
Larry T. Odom	(3 years)
James E. Snavelly	(4 years)
Harold F. Coots	
Hospitaler	
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman	Richard L. Mansfield
Daniel R. Quesenberry	
Returns of Commanderies	
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman	Phillip W. Engel
James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Ted W. Harrison
Jerry Bradford	
Review	
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Kevin B. Sample
Templar Jurisprudence	
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman	Stanton T. Brown
Rocky E. Weaver	William S. Hall
James E. Snavelly	Glenn E. Means
Time and Place	
Ronnie E. Green, Chairman	Russell S. Hanson
Daniel R. Quesenberry	
Triennial	
Lionel J. Goede, Chairman	Harold J. Richardson
Ronnie E. Green	

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Annual Conclave	
Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman	
Audit	
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman	Paul R. Cannon
Harold J. Richardson	Harold F. Coots
James E. Snavelly	Larry T. Odom

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY SPECIAL COMMITTEES (Continued)**Charity**

Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Conclave Program Book

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman

Virginia L. Goede, Editor

Drill

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.

William S. Hall

Drill Judges

José R. Palacios, Senior Judge

Stanton T. Brown

Brian J. Densmore

Emory J. Hampel

Ralph E. Nolan

Drill/Tactics Workshop

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman

Easter Sunrise Service, D.C.

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Education

David C. Witte, Chairman

Daniel R. Quesenberry

Education Foundation

Forrest G. Lowe, Chairman

(5 years)

LeRoy D. Unruh

(4 years)

Kevin E. Weaver

(3 years)

Robert H. Bray

(2 years)

David C. Witte

(1 year)

Kevin B. Sample, Secretary

Donald L. Trabue, Treasurer

Electronic Communications

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Webmaster

David C. Witte

Endowed Membership

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman

Donald L. Trabue

Kevin B. Sample

Forms and Publications

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

Aaron M. Shoemaker

James L. Woodfin, Jr.

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY SPECIAL COMMITTEES (Continued)**Golf Tournament**

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
 Richard L. Mansfield
 Kevin B. Sample

Stanton T. Brown
 James E. Snavelly

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
 Kevin E. Weaver

Ralph E. Nolan

Honor Commandery Award

Ronnie E. Green, Chairman
 Daniel R. Quesenberry

Russell S. Hanson

Investments

James E. Snavelly, Chairman
 Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
 Donald L. Trabue

William S. Hall
 James L. Woodfin, Jr.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Louis L. Monken, Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Knights Templar Magazine

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Editor

Membership

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Patriotic and Civic Activities

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
 Richard L. Mansfield

Daniel R. Quesenberry

Religious Activities

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
 Kevin E. Weaver

Ralph E. Nolan

Ritual

William S. Hall, Chairman
 Rocky E. Weaver

Jerry F. Ward

York Rite Conference

Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman

Regional Grand Commanders

Youth Organizations

LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman
 Lionel J. Goede

William W. Mier
 Virginia (Ginny) Goede

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY SPECIAL COMMITTEES (Continued)**Grand Encampment Officers**

F. Douglas Mitchell	South Central Department Commander
William H. "Billy" Koon, II	Grand Master

**2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI****ELECTED AND APPOINTED**

Name	Office
James J. Hayes (56)	Grand Commander
Ronnie E. Green (16)	Deputy Grand Commander
Russell S. Hanson (12)	Grand Generalissimo
Daniel R. Quesenberry (17)	Grand Captain General
Richard L. Mansfield (22)	Grand Senior Warden
James L. Woodfin, Jr. (56)	Grand Junior Warden
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (4)	Grand Prelate
Donald L. Trabue (29)	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample (12,67)	Grand Recorder
Harold F. Coots (29)	Grand Standard Bearer
Larry T. Odom (24)	Grand Sword Bearer
Robert W. Schlichter (6)	Grand Warder
Harold J. Richardson (56)	Aide de Camp
David L. Leirer (56)	Grand Sentinel
Roy N. Thomas (10, 68, 35)	Grand Historian
Steven C. Monrotus (56)	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry (17)	Grand Chorister
Glenn H. Needham (56)	Inner Guard
Harry L. Tripp (56)	Inner Guard
Charles E. Sloan (56)	Inner Guard

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on May 15 and 16, 2009.



2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Front row, from left to right): Harold F. Coots; James L. Woodfin, Jr.; Donald L. Trabue; Russell S. Hanson; Ronnie E. Green; James J. Hayes; Daniel R. Quesenberry; Kevin B. Sample; Richard L. Mansfield; and Harold J. Richardson. *(Back row, left to right):* Robert W. Schlichter; Glenn H. "Buck" Needham; Charles E. Sloan; Harry L. Tripp; David L. Leirer; Steven C. Monrotus; and Larry T. Odom.



2008-2009 LADIES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

(Front row left to right): Lady Royann Quesenberry; Lady Debbie Hall; Lady Margaret Green; Lady Sue Hayes; Lady Rita Woodfin; Lady Lisa Coots; Lady Beverly Lierer; and Lady Patricia Richardson *(Back row left to right):* Lady Joyce Sample.; Lady Cynthia Needham; Lady Chris Tripp; Lady Joyce Trabue; and Lady Joyce Odom.

ONE HUNDRED NINTH
ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

*Missouri Association of
Past Commanders*

OF THE

State of Missouri



CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 16, 2008

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDERS

The 109th annual meeting of the Missouri Association of Past Commanders was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008. Candidates were conducted to their seats at the altar.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS PRESIDED

President – Roy N. Thomas

1st Vice President – David R. Vogler

2nd Vice President – Ronnie E. Green

Secretary/Treasurer – Harry L. Bone

Prelate –

Conductor – Glenn E. Means

Warder – Marion W. Dey

The Past Commanders Association was opened for business by Sir Roy N. Thomas, President. Applications for membership were received from the following Present and Past Commanders. A vote was taken and all were approved.

Nathan D. Carrington (4)

Jeffrey A. Keevil (12)

Arnold D. Haddock (16)

James K. Schatz (16)

Robert E. Green (17)

Donald Meinsen (17)

David D. Powell (22)

David A. Smothers (27)

Larry R. Clemens (33)

Rodney L. Trimble (39)

Thomas E. Howell (56)



Honorary Members: Harley E. Keeton, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas.

All listed petitioners were duly elected to membership in the Missouri Association of Past Commanders.

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES

President –

1st Vice President –

2nd Vice President –

Secretary/Treasurer – Harry L. Bone

Warder –

Conductor –

Prelate –

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes were approved as printed in the 2007 proceedings. The Financial Report was approved as printed in the 2007 proceedings.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account	\$ 594.58
Savings Account (Blue Ridge Bank)	6,000.00
Savings Account (Blue Ridge Bank)	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total All Accounts	\$10,594.58

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following named officers were voted on for the following year 2008-2009:

President – David R. Vogler

Prelate – Glenn E. Means

1st Vice President – Ronnie E. Green

Warder – To Be Appointed

2nd Vice President – Marion W. Dey

Conductor – To Be Appointed

Secretary/Treasurer – Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.

Harry L. Bone was elected Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus.

The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for all. All were elected for the year 2008-2009.

The President gave thanks to all, and then turned the meeting over to the 1st Vice President who made an acceptance speech.

**INSTALLING OFFICERS**

Installing President

SK Stanton T. Brown

Installing Prelate

SK Kevin E. Weaver

Installing Marshal

SK José R. Palacios

The President-elect will appoint the Nominating Committee for 2009 by letter to the Secretary.

The Secretary/Treasurer was given authority to pay all the expenses of the year 2008-2009.

No further business appearing, the meeting was closed at 2:15 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Harry L. Bone, KYCH
Secretary/Treasurer

To the Officers and Members of the Missouri Association of Past Commanders:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the association for the past 17 years. I thank you for all the courtesies extended to me.

Harry L. Bone
Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus

KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR MISSOURI PRIORY No. 17

May 17, 2008

The Annual Conclave of Missouri Priory No. 17, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, was held at 130 PM on May 17, 2008, in the Truman Room of the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The following officers opened the Priory in full ritualistic form:

Eminent Prior	Teddie E. Harrison
Deputy Prior	Harley L. Kropf
Warder	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Prelate	Kevin E. Weaver
Orator	LeRoy D. Unruh
Herald pro tem	William J. Bowser
Registrar/Treasurer	Lionel J. Goede

NECROLOGY

Prelate Kevin E. Weaver led us in prayer for the following deceased Sir Knights:

Walter Breuer Ray, Jr.	George Richard Golitko
Carl C. Hibbs	Carl William Lasswell
Harold C. Mace	Othel McFarland
Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.	Chester Hugh Hazen
William Riley Probst	Raymond Wilber Schuenemeyer
William Edward Tarbet	

The names of those nominated were passed out upon entering the room. A by-law change in 2005 approved by the Convent General now allows a show of hands for approval of the candidates. The Eminent Prior called for the vote and the following candidates were elected to membership in Missouri Priory No. 17:

Dennis Arthur Abernathy	Frank Owen Bell
Robert Ray Buren	Clyde Francis Bondy, Jr.
Lawrence M. Cripps	Brian Jack Densmore
Lee Lamar Francis	D. Mark Franks
Floyd William Hatfield	Charles Matthew Huey
Gary L. Jones	David Allen Lloyd
Loren Dale Lloyd	David Paul McDaniel
Kirby Trent Moreland	Ralph Edward Nolan
Robert Dale Randall	Howard E. Ridgley
Roger Dale Sawyer	James K. Schatz
Aaron Michael Shoemaker	Delbert Loren Taylor
Harry Wayne Vogel	James Leeman Woodfin, Jr.
William Frederick Maugh Jr.	Lloyd Frances Waller

One proposed candidate was rejected and one candidate was put on hold for checking out the Commandery service.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Forward, 5/1/2007		\$2,442.87
Income	\$5,040.66	
Expenses	\$2,751.65	
Balance, 5/1/2008		\$7,731.88
Certificates of Deposit		<u>\$13,388.92</u>
Total Net Worth		\$18,120.80

The Registrar asked about the Easter letter from the Convent General on the Medical Research Foundation. We always make our contribution in May. A resolution was made that the Registrar send the \$100.00 when the letter is received from the Convent General.

The Registrar asked that the Annual Report be given in June and not May to clear the complete year and not have items laying over to the following year. The membership agreed that this was a good idea and the annual report will not be given in June.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the Officer Line advance and that the new Herald be Stanton T. Brown, Jr. By a vote of Missouri Priory No. 17, all officers were advanced, with the exception of the Registrar/Treasurer who will continue in his position. The officers for 2008-2009 are:

Eminent Prior	Harley L. Kropf
Deputy Prior	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Warder	Kevin E. Weaver
Registrar/Treasurer	Lionel J. Goede
Prelate	LeRoy D. Unruh
Orator	Walter W. Doyle
Herald	Stanton T. Brown, Sr.

Our next regular meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, Mo. on June 18, 2008. Lunch will be at 11:00 AM. There will be induction of Candidates and Installation of 2008-2009 Officers.

June 21, 2008

Missouri Priory No. 17, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, met on June 21, 2008, at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, Missouri with lunch being served at the Scottish Rite Bldg. A delicious pork steak dinner was served. The Eminent Prior Teddie E. Harrison introduced Ronald Wood who is the Grand Chancellor of Imperial Grand Council of Red Cross of Constantine. After the lunch, the wives and non-members remained at the Scottish Rite where Donna Goede entertained them with her story telling, wits and wisdom which she presents in humorous style while the Knights and candidates went back to the Masonic Temple for their meeting.

The meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m. in ritualistic form by the following officers:

Eminent Prior – Teddie E. Harrison	Deputy Prior – Harley L. Kropf
Warder – Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Prelate – Kevin E. Weaver
Orator – LeRoy D. Unruh	Herald – William J. Bowser, Pro Tem
Registrar/Treasurer – Lionel J. Goede	

The first order of business was the reception of new members. The above officers occupied their stations and the following Knights gave the lectures:

Knight of the Lodge – Glen Means
 Knight of the Chapter – Robert Schlichter
 Knight of the Council – Robert Bray
 Knight of the Commandery – Jerry F. Ward

There were eighteen candidates who were knighted in ritualistic form and invested with their jewels and membership cards:

William F. Maugh, Jr.	Lloyd F. Waller
Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.	Robert R. Buren
Gary L. Jones	Lee Francis
David A. Lloyd	Loren D. Lloyd
David P. McDaniel	Trent Moreland
Ralph Nolan	Howard E. Ridgley
James K. Schatz	Aaron M. Shoemaker
Delbert L. Taylor	Harry W. Vogel
James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Dennis A. Abernathy

The minutes of May 17, 2008 were read and approved.

José R. Palacios moved that the following bills be paid:

Teddie E. Harrison	73 lunches @\$10.00	\$730.00
P. Vincent Kinkad	Lunch Refund	28.00
Walter W. Doyle	Lunch Refund	28.00
Glen Means	Lunch Refund	14.00
Donna Goede	Ladies Entertainment	50.00
Lionel J. Goede	2008-09 Allowance	100.00
William Hall	30 KYCH Jewels @ \$10.00	<u>300.00</u>
		\$1,250.00

No further business appearing, the Priory was called from labor and the wives and guests were invited in for the Open Installation of Officers. The Installing Officers were introduced:

Installing Prior – E. Allen Kohler
 Installing Prelate – Earl W. Orr
 Installing Marshal – William W. Gray

The Installing Officers assumed their stations and the following officers were duly installed:

Eminent Prior - Harley L. Kropf
Warder – Kevin E. Weaver
Orator – (Ill)
Registrar/Treasurer – Lionel J. Goede

Deputy Prior – Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Prelate - LeRoy D. Unruh
Herald - Stanton T. Brown, Sr.

Following the installation, Past Prior Teddie Harrison expressed his appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve Missouri Priory No. 17 as its Prior. He wished the new officers much success. He thanked the Knights who had given the Lectures today for our new members. He also thanked the officers who had served the past term.

Eminent Prior Kropf announced the following committee appointments:

Nominating Committee – William W. Gray, Chairman; Richard L. Holmes; Roy A. Welshon, Sr.

Audit and Finance Committee – José R. Palacios, David R. Vogler, Kevin E. Weaver

Our next meeting will be held at Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Mo. in May, 2009.

Lon Goede, Registrar

2008 LADIES FASHION SHOW

May 16, 2008





2008 DISTINGUISHED GUEST RECEPTION BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT

May 16, 2008



The Three Amigos? No, just our Grand Commander, Grand Master, and Grand High Priest testing their Karaoke skills. Their music was recorded and posted on youtube until I was requested by real singers to remove it...All kidding aside, this was a most enjoyable session – all distinguished guests present were introduced and welcomed to Missouri. Following a chuck wagon style dinner several shared their “skills” with the Karaoke machine.



Anyone for the Macarena?



2008 GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET
AND AWARDS CEREMONY

May 17, 2008



Most Excellent Companion Kenneth D. Dingman, Grand High Priest, and Lady Myra



Most Excellent Companion Roy A. Welshon, Sr., General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Missouri and Personal Representative of MEC Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, and Lady Marcella



Most Illustrious Companion Robert L. Wright, Grand Master, and Daughter Nancy



Right Puissant Companion Harley L. Keeton, Regional Deputy General Grand Master and Personal Representative of Most Puissant Companion Maurice C. “Bud” Himes, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International



Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Grand Commander, and Lady Roma



Sir Knight F. Douglas Mitchell, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas and South Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Lady Colleen



Sir Knight William H. "Billy" Koon, II
Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America



MEC Welshon presents MEC Dingman with the credentials of a Past Grand High priest



Vernon D. Carpenter (Jeremiah Council No. 48) is presented with the General Grand Council Adult Youth Leadership Award



Steven C. Monrotus (Bonne Terre Council No. 43) is presented with the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award



MIC Wright is officially designated a Past Grand Master



Glenn Ervin Means (Palestine Commandery No. 17) is presented with the
Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor



Presentation of Class C Drill Awards



Presentation of Class B Drill Awards



Presentation of Class A Drill Awards



Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue officially recognized by the Grand Encampment as a Past Grand Commander



Sir Knight Troxel is designated a Past Grand Commander by the Grand Encampment

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