

WELCOME TO THE GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI
ANNUAL GRAND SESSIONS
MAY 13 – 16, 2009

Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri



One Hundred Sixty-Third
Annual Convocation
OF THE
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
OF THE
State of Missouri
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

One Hundred Forty-Fourth
Annual Assembly
OF THE
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
OF THE
State of Missouri
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009



One Hundred Forty-Eighth
Annual Conclave
OF THE
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
OF THE
State of Missouri
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(Subject to change at any time with little notice)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

- 12:00 p.m. 14th Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing (*Eagle Knoll Golf Course, Harrisburg*)
3:00 p.m. Early Registration (*Hotel Atrium – 6:00 p.m.*)
6:00 p.m. Golf Awards Banquet (*Hotel Atrium*), **Open to Ladies and Guests by RSVP only**
7:30 p.m. Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Open to all Master Masons (*Capitol/Truman Room*)

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Registration – All 3 bodies (*Hotel Atrium – 10:00 a.m.*)
7:00 a.m. Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2, 4th Annual Convocation – Open to all Royal Arch Masons (*Capitol/Truman*)
7:50 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
8:00 a.m. Formal opening of the One Hundred Forty-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
Welcoming Comments by Grand Master
Reception of Missouri Past Grand Masters
Reception of Grand Council 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
9:00 a.m. Election of Officers
Address of Grand Master
Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address
Report of Committee on Jurisprudence
Report of Committee on Finance
Approval of Preliminary Grand Council Proceedings containing all 2008-2009 Committee Reports
Address of General Grand Council Officer
2008-2009 Grand Council Awards Presentation
10:30 a.m. Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Council Officers, **Open to Ladies and Guests**
11:45 a.m. Close Grand Council
Pictures
12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. Formal opening of the One Hundred Sixty-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
Welcoming Comments by Grand High Priest
Reception of Missouri Past Grand High Priests
Reception of Grand Chapter Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of General Grand Chapter Representative
Brief presentation by General Grand Chapter Representative
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
Reception and Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
2:00 p.m. Election of Officers
Address of Grand High Priest
Report of Committee on Grand High Priest's Address
Report of Committee on Jurisprudence
Report of Committee on Finance
Approval of Preliminary Grand Chapter Proceedings containing all 2008-2009 Committee Reports

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009, Continued

- Address of General Grand Chapter Officer
2008-2009 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
3:30 p.m. Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Officers, **Open to Ladies and Guests**
4:45 p.m. Close Grand Chapter
Pictures
6:00 p.m. Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests' Reception, Banquet & Entertainment, **Open to All**, Patriotic Theme
(Jefferson/Missouri Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Registration – Commandery only (Hotel Atrium – 10:00 a.m.)
7:00 a.m. Missouri Lodge of Research mid-year meeting and breakfast – Open to all Master Masons (Jefferson/Missouri Room)
8:00 a.m. Welcoming Comments by Missouri Grand Commander – **Open to Ladies and Guests** (Capitol/Truman Room)
Formal opening of the One Hundred Forty-Eighth 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 Grand Commandery 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
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
Address (partial) of Grand Commander
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
9:30 a.m. Election of Officers
Report of Jurisprudence Committee
Report of Finance Committee
Approval of Preliminary Grand Commandery Proceedings containing all 2008-2009 Committee Reports
Address of Grand Encampment Officer
2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers, **Open to Ladies and Guests**
2:30 p.m. Grand Commandery Called from Labor
Pictures
3:00 p.m. Order of High Priesthood (Capitol/Truman Room)
5:00 p.m. Order of the Silver Trowel (Capitol/Truman Room)
5:00 p.m. (to 7:30) Buffet dinner, open to all based on individual's scheduled needs (Jefferson/Missouri Room)
7:30 p.m. Knights of York Cross of Honour business meeting (Lincoln Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast – Open to members only (Lincoln Room)
8:00 a.m. Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges
8:15 a.m. Grand Commandery Asylum Drill Competition – **Open to Ladies and Guests** (Capitol/Truman Room)
12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
12:00 p.m. Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting (Joplin Room – Board Room)
1:00 p.m. Past Commander's Association (Capitol/Truman Room)
5:00 p.m. Grand York Rite Banquet – Open to ALL (Jefferson/Missouri Room)

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

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

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- 8:30 a.m. Ladies' Registration/Hospitality Room (*Kansas City Room*)
10:30 a.m. Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Council Officers
11:45 a.m. Close Grand Council
Pictures (*including Grand Council Officer's Ladies*)
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8:00 a.m. Formal opening of the One Hundred Forty-Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of the State of Missouri by Grand Commandery Officers – (*Capitol/Truman Room*)
11:30 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon (*Carnegies Room*) Patriotic Theme – Wear Red, White & Blue!
1:00 p.m. Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers, **Open to Ladies and Guests**
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Pictures (*including Grand Commandery Officer's Ladies*)
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GRAND YORK RITE REPORT

To the Companions, Sir Knights, and Grand York Rite bodies of the State of Missouri:

The attached outline depicts a direction which suggests itself for helping to rescue the York Rite of Freemasonry in Missouri from additional decline and possible demise. That direction rests upon the most solid ground for ensuring future success with any endeavor, and that is education. There seems to be no stronger light at the end of the York Rite of Missouri's tunnel, and that light appears to be growing more brightly as time passes.

Some may not wish to involve themselves in any preservation plan involving education. Education takes time, and people are understandably skeptical of launching on prolonged voyages. But brethren, the fact remains, when we became Freemasons we came aboard together for an exciting, ambitious, long term adventure. Our ship continues to steam toward its destination of improving the world one man at a time beginning with ourselves. This is our mission, and our York Rite crew will either train itself for how to better make it across this ocean together in increasing numbers, or we, together, in ever-dwindling numbers, shall disappear beneath its waves.

Some may choose to envision this plan as being one person's pet project, which it is not. It is simply a series of solutions which suggest themselves from what was discussed at Grand York Rite officers meetings held during the last two years. It is too all-encompassing for any one Freemason or appendant Masonic body to lay claim to it. Again, this is not my plan, nor is it anyone else's plan. But it, or something like it, needs to become integrated into the workings of the York Rite of Missouri or our team might just as well remain in the locker room and forget about taking the field.

What this outline does is define what it is going to take to get our arms around the major areas of concern to our survival. This, as one might expect, is a gradual task which will require beginning at the beginning and occupy several years. My only contribution to it has been to repackage and amplify what was already discussed at the meetings and use it to lay out the goal posts and foul lines of a playing field upon which York Rite Freemasons in Missouri can play and win in the future. The field outlined here did not need me to suggest itself. Any insight reflected in this outline was derived from frank discussions among all attending Grand officers of the challenges facing us and the constructive input of all. While it will take several years to bring any significant blueprint to realization, the time for wondering what it is going to take to get back in the game and take the lead appears to be over. The alternative, based upon present trends, is to find ourselves forever wishing for a brighter future.

Fraternally submitted,
Steven C. Monrotus, GCH
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Missouri

A COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN

BASED UPON EDUCATION FOR PRESERVATION

TO PRESERVE

THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY IN MISSOURI

In recognition of our responsibility of stewardship of this York Rite to see that it is passed to the next generation of Freemasons.

OUTLINE

I. EDUCATION AS THE BASIS OF SURVIVAL

A. PREREQUISITES

1. A WILLINGNESS (WITHOUT WHICH IT IS SENSELESS TO READ ANY FURTHER) TO
 - a. ADMIT THAT OUR FUTURE SUCCESS IS DETERMINED BY WHOM WE ARE WILLING TO TRAIN TODAY
 - b. GIVE WHAT IS WORTHWHILE AND SENSIBLE A TRY FOR THE SAKE OF THE SURVIVAL OF OUR YORK RITE IN MISSOURI

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- c. GET INVOLVED AND STAY INVOLVED AS PART OF AN EXPANDED, UNIFIED TEAM TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN OWNERSHIP OF OUR YORK RITE IN MISSOURI
 - d. APPRECIATE WHAT IS WORKING TO OUR BENEFIT AND PERMIT IT TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR OUR YORK RITE IN MISSOURI
 - e. COME FORWARD AND SHARE CONCERNS IN A FULLY OPENED DIALOGUE
 - f. ABANDON OLD HABITS OF THINKING AND DOING THAT ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE
 - g. RECOGNIZE AND FULLY APPRECIATE THE POWERS AT WORK IN THE WORDS WE USE
 - h. FORGIVE ONESELF AND OTHERS
 - i. READILY COOPERATE, COMPROMISE, AND CONCEDE FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
 - j. BE LEADERS
2. A SINGULARITY OF PURPOSE AMONG THE SOURCES OF MATERIAL, WEBMASTER, EDUCATION COMMITTEES, AND THE GRAND YORK RITE OFFICE TO
- a. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A COOPERATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A SURVIVAL PLAN BASED UPON EDUCATION
 - b. MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE IN THAT PLAN FROM YEAR TO YEAR
3. A REFORMED ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO
- a. TEAMWORK
 - b. RESPECT
 - c. INITIATIVE
 - d. APPLICATION
 - e. LEARNING AND STUDY
 - f. PROBLEM RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW-UP
4. A LONG RANGE COMMITMENT TO
- a. THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF INSTRUCTION IN BOTH THE MASONIC AND BUSINESS SIDES OF FREEMASONRY
 - b. INVESTING SOME OF OURSELVES IN THIS YORK RITE BY EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOMEONE ELSE
 - c. COMMUNICATING ACROSS GRAND BODY LINES
 - d. EVALUATING AND MODIFYING THE SURVIVAL PLAN AS THE PARTICIPANTS DEEM ADVISABLE
 - e. PRACTICING THE ELEVEN SKILLS WHICH DEFINE LEADERSHIP (SEE BELOW)

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B. DEVELOPING A SURVIVAL PLAN BASED UPON EDUCATION

1. AN OFFICERS TRAINING DOCUMENT REFLECTING A SAMPLING OF THE COLLECTIVE WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE OF ALL TO FUNCTION AS A TRAINING MANUAL AND REPOSITORY OF NEEDED GUIDANCE FOR ALL AND MADE AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY ON THE MISSOURI YORK RITE WEB SITE

2. THE TRAINING DOCUMENT TO BE SUBDIVIDED INTO SECTIONS WHICH CAN BE UPGRADED, DOWNLOADED, AND PRINTED, SEPARATELY AND EASILY

3. A WEBMASTER TO BE ASSIGNED BY THE THREE GRAND PRESIDING OFFICERS TO WORK WITH THE GRAND YORK RITE OFFICE TO COORDINATE THE POSTING AND UPGRADING OF THE TRAINING DOCUMENT ON THE WEB SITE

4. THE WEBMASTER TO WORK WITH HIS OWN ASSISTANTS, AS MANY AS HE FEELS HE NEEDS, TO ACCOMPLISH HIS DUTIES, WHICH IS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE EDUCATION COMMITTEES

5. A DESIGNATED EDUCATION OFFICER AND ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER IN EACH CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATION TO BE MADE A REQUIREMENT (BY EDICT OR GENERAL ORDER)

6. PRIMARY SOURCES OF MATERIAL TO BE THE GRAND YORK RITE EDUCATION COMMITTEES, EDUCATION OFFICERS, ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICERS, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES DEFINED AS SUCH BY THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND BODIES, NAMELY:

- a. PRESIDING OFFICERS AND DAIS OFFICERS
- b. SECRETARIES AND RECORDERS
- c. PAST PRESIDING OFFICERS
- d. GRAND OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED
- e. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND OFFICERS
- f. PAST GRAND PRESIDING OFFICERS
- g. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
- h. GRAND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7. PRIMARY SOURCES TO BE ASKED AND TO SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY TO THE WEBMASTER FOR REVIEW ANY WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS THEY FEEL SHOULD BE MADE A PART OF THE TRAINING DOCUMENT

8. OFFICERS NOT PART OF THE GRAND BODIES AS DEFINED IN THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND BODIES MAY ALSO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE WEBMASTER FOR REVIEW

C. IMPLEMENTING A SURVIVAL PLAN BASED UPON EDUCATION

1. ALL CONSTITUENT AND GRAND OFFICERS TO BE ASKED TO KEEP AN UPDATED COPY OF THE TRAINING DOCUMENT FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE

2. EDUCATION OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICERS TO BE ASKED TO HAVE ON LINE CAPABILITY, PROMOTE THE USE OF THE TRAINING DOCUMENT, AND REGULARLY USE IT TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO THEIR CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

3. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL DEPUTIES TO BE REQUESTED TO INTEGRATE ASPECTS OF OFFICER EDUCATION DERIVED FROM THE TRAINING DOCUMENT INTO THE REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCES

4. FEEDBACK TO BE PROVIDED TO THE WEBMASTER

II. ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE SURVIVAL PLAN

A. REORGANIZING THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS

1. KEEPING EVERYTHING A TEAM EFFORT
2. EXERCISING WISDOM (THE ABILITY TO DISCERN DIFFERENCE)
 - a. IN WHOM WE VOTE INTO THE ADVANCING LINES
 - b. IN WHOM WE APPOINT AS DEPUTIES
 - c. IN WHOM WE ELECT AS SECRETARIES AND RECORDERS
 - d. IN WHOM WE NOMINATE FOR HONORS AND AWARDS
 - e. IN RECOGNIZING WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD BUSINESS DECISION AND WHAT DOES NOT
 - f. IN RECOGNIZING WHAT CONSTITUTES A GENUINE PROBLEM AND WHAT DOES NOT
3. UNDERSTANDING WHERE EVERY DOLLAR IS BEING SPENT BY THE CONSTITUENT AND GRAND BODIES, AND WHY
4. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON TIME WITH THE REQUIRED AUDITS AND FEES / PER CAPITA PAYMENTS
5. GRAND SESSION PLANNING AND ITS COSTS
6. TEACHING CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT MANAGING THEIR INCOME AND EXPENSES
7. WHAT MUST HAPPEN FOR THE GRAND BODIES TO HAVE BALANCED ANNUAL BUDGETS

B. CREATING MANAGEMENT METHODS WHERE NONE CURRENTLY EXIST

1. TEACHING THE ELEVEN SKILLS WHICH DEFINE LEADERSHIP
 - a. COMMUNICATING
 - b. KNOWING AND USING OUR RESOURCES
 - c. UNDERSTANDING THE CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS
 - d. REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION
 - e. SETTING THE EXAMPLE
 - f. PLANNING
 - g. CONTROLLING GROUP PERFORMANCE
 - h. EVALUATING
 - i. EFFECTIVE TEACHING
 - j. SHARING LEADERSHIP
 - k. COUNSELING

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2. FOLLOWING UP ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE COMMITTEE REPORTS PUBLISHED IN THE PROCEEDINGS

3. AVOIDING SCHEDULING CONFLICTS BETWEEN CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

4. GAINING MORE FAMILIARITY WITH MATTERS OF JURISPRUDENCE (BY- LAWS)

5. ENCOURAGING INCREASED COOPERATION AND INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN NEARBY CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

a. CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS HAVING DIFFICULTY CONFERRING THE DEGREES ON A REGULAR BASIS TO CONSIDER CONCENTRATING ON, AND BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, THE CONFERRAL OF ONE OR TWO DEGREES, IN COOPERATION WITH NEARBY ORGANIZATIONS

b. AREA YORK RITE COUNCIL CLUBS TO FACILITATE DEGREE CONFERRALS IN MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS BY MAKING, KEEPING, AND SUPPLYING RECORDS OF CAST MEMBERS AND BACK-UPS FOR THE DEGREES AND ORDERS

6. ENCOURAGING THE SHARING OF MUSICAL TALENT WITH THE GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MUSIC TO OUR WORK

a. ENABLING A GRAND PRESIDING OFFICER TO APPOINT AN “ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST” (KEYBOARD MUSICIAN) OR “ASSISTANT GRAND CHORISTER” DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE

b. GRANTING APPROVAL (BY EDICT OR GENERAL ORDER) TO A PRESIDING OFFICER FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF AN “ORGANIST” (KEYBOARD MUSICIAN) AMONG HIS APPOINTIVE CONSTITUENT OFFICERS DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE IF HIS BODY’S BY-LAWS DO NOT SPECIFY IT

c. GRAND ORGANISTS, ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANISTS, PAST GRAND ORGANISTS, GRAND CHORISTERS, ASSISTANT GRAND CHORISTERS, PAST GRAND CHORISTERS, AND ORGANISTS TO HELP GUIDE AND COACH IN A BROTHERLY MANNER THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING THE GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI AS MUSICIANS

d. RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MUSICIANS WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSOURI AND THEIR CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

i. THOSE HAVING SERVED THE GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI AT LEAST THREE FULL YEARS AS AN INSTALLED MUSICIAN TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING GRAND OFFICERS

ii. MUSICIANS, BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS, WHO MAY HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED A CONSTITUENT YORK RITE ORGANIZATION IN THE PAST, TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR PAST SERVICE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

C. MANAGING DYSFUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. REFORMING THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE STATE TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE YORK RITE OF MISSOURI TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATION

2. GUIDELINES FOR CONSOLIDATIONS

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3. HELPING CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS ELIMINATE FINANCIAL
IRRESPONSIBILITY BY

- a. TEACHING THEM THE COMPONENTS OF AN ANNUAL BUDGET, HOW TO
CREATE ONE FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION, AND HOW TO BALANCE IT
- b. GETTING THEM TO FORMULATE THEIR BY-LAWS TO ABSORB AN
INCREASE IN PER CAPITA WITHOUT CUTTING INTO THEIR NON-
DESIGNATED MONIES
- c. HELPING THEM MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
BY INCREASING THEIR FINANCIAL RESERVE THROUGH FUND RAISERS

4. WHAT TO DO ABOUT CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE NO
REPRESENTATION AT GRAND MEETINGS

- a. COMMUNICATIONS TO BE SENT TO THE PRESIDING HEADS, SECRETARIES,
AND RECORDERS
- b. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN, IF NECESSARY

D. PROVIDING A QUALITY EXPERIENCE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

- 1. MAKING NEW MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME, IMPORTANT, AND NEEDED
- 2. KEEPING MEMBERS EQUALLY INFORMED IN A TIMELY MANNER VIA
TRESTLEBOARDS, EMAILS, PHONE TREES, AND PERSONAL VISITS
- 3. FOLLOWING UP ON SICKNESS, DISTRESS, AND THOSE WHO MISSED THE LAST
MEETING
- 4. REGULARLY HOLDING ENTERTAINING, EDUCATIONAL TALKS ON MASONIC OR
NON-MASONIC SUBJECTS
- 5. KNOWING THE WORK ON OPENING AND CLOSING
- 6. MAINTAINING STANDARDS FOR LANGUAGE, DRESS, AND DECORUM
- 7. SETTING UP CONFERRALS OF DEGREES AND ORDERS, HOLDING PRACTICES,
AND COACHING MEMBERS ABOUT EFFECTIVELY LEARNING AND PERFORMING THE RITUAL
- 8. ENHANCING THE PROGRAM BY INCORPORATING APPROPRIATE MUSIC INTO THE
MEETINGS, INSTALLATIONS, AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS, WHEN AT ALL POSSIBLE
- 9. SURVEYING THE INTERESTS, ABILITIES, AND EXPERIENCE OF EACH MEMBER AND
GIVING THEM SOME TASK WHICH EXERCISES THEM
- 10. MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS OF "MASONIC BIRTHDAYS"
- 11. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH
PRESENTATION OF ENGRAVED PLAQUES, FRAMED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION, OR OTHER GIFTS
- 12. SERVICE PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE EVERYONE
- 13. SCHEDULING SOCIAL EVENTS INVOLVING MEMBER FAMILIES
- 14. OFFERING RIDES AND CAR POOLING
- 15. OFFERING INTERNET AND OTHER COMPUTER ASSISTANCE TO THOSE NOT ON
LINE

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16. ENSURING THAT THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND BODY, AND THE BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATION, ARE BEING ENFORCED

E. MAINTAINING THE PRESTIGE OF HOLDING YORK RITE MEMBERSHIP

1. LAYING OUT DIRECTION FOR OUR OFFICERS, WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM, AND TEACHING THEM HOW IT WILL REFLECT UPON THE FRATERNITY IF THOSE SAME EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT MET

2. ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A VISIBLE PRESENCE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND EDUCATING IT TO OUR CHARITIES AND OTHER GOOD WORKS

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery)

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

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

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Companions and Sir Knights,

The committees met with the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer on March 15, 2009 at the Grand York Rite Office to review the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and, Grand Commandery.

The Committee found no appreciable discrepancies in the tabulation sheets maintained by the Grand Secretary/Recorder or the Grand Treasurer.

Two rather large expenditures, one for \$300.00 and one for \$477.50, were noted by the Committee. These would ordinarily have not been a matter of concern. However, they were not included in the budget adopted in 2007. Furthermore, there was no documentation indicating that these expenditures had been submitted to Finance before they were made.

All elected officers are cautioned that expenditures above that authorized by the adopted budget must be referred to the Finance Committee for review and approval prior to payment.

The Committee laments the loss of one of its long standing members, Companion and Sir Knight Paul Cannon, who has chosen to pursue other endeavors for which we wish him the best. Paul has been a staple on these Committees for quite some time and, with his knowledge of processes, has been quite successful in the training of other members of the Committee, most notably, this Chair. We are very sorry to lose him but respect his decision.

We were most pleased to welcome, and to have in attendance, currently serving elected and advancing Line Officers of both the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery. May this not fall on deaf ears in future years.

Recommendations:

1. Move the date for the audits closer to the end of the Grand York Rite fiscal year to avoid scheduling problems. The Committee suggests sometime during the month of July or August.
2. Get serious about resolving the records storage situation.
3. All warrants should include a corresponding document that supports the expenditure.

Fraternally submitted,

For the Chapter
Paul R. Cannon
C.C. McLemore

Russell S. Hanson
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

For the Council
Paul R. Cannon
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson

For the Commandery
Paul R. Cannon
James E. Snively
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Harold J. Richardson
Harold F. Coots

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS:

(Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery)

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

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

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Companions and Sir Knights,

It is with no little anxiety that I begin this report with a recommendation that this committee be discontinued. While in the early years of the development of electronic communication systems, the committee had a well-defined mission of exploring how such systems could be employed to enhance the delivery of correspondence. Currently, the use of email for inexpensive nearly instantaneous distribution of information is routine and really needs no further development.

At some point this committee seems to have taken on the development and delivery of web-based services. While a committee of web-savvy members was undoubtedly useful in the early stages of development, the Missouri York Rite web site is now well established. Management by committee, in my opinion, is a detriment to speedy routine maintenance. This singular duty should be assigned to a member of the York Rite who has demonstrable expertise in web site engineering and will act as the web master for the site with responsibility and authority to make actual changes to the site once such changes have been approved presumably by a combination of the Grand Secretary/Recorder and the corresponding Grand Officers.

More recently it has been suggested that the Committee take on the development of a Missouri York Rite membership data management system. However, with the advent of the Grand Encampment membership data management system, a homegrown solution is no longer necessary. It has also been suggested that the committee focus on the development of an electronic forms system. The aforementioned Grand Encampment system holds the promise of eventually eliminating the need for monthly reporting forms of any kind. In addition, the Chairman researched enterprise-level electronic forms distribution and management systems, but concluded that the autonomous distributed nature of our organization would not allow the implementation of off-the-shelf solutions. In addition, the development of enterprise-scale information technology systems, in my opinion, is best achieved by a design team of trained software engineers who can frequently meet in person. Such development is nearly impossible by a widely dispersed arbitrary committee. That is not to say that there are not several small-scale solutions that are both simple and inexpensive, but development and implementation can easily be managed by the Grand Secretary/Recorder with the help of local members.

In conclusion, my recommendation should not be interpreted as resulting from dissatisfaction with either the current members of the committee or a lack of progress by the committee. I sincerely feel that we were given the task of defining the universe and providing two examples.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
Kevin B. Sample
Aaron M. Shoemaker

Brian J. Densmore
David C. Witte
Stephen R. Manning

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

(Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery)

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

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

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Companions and Sir Knights,

Membership Database: Joyce and I are very thankful to Ronald E. Wood, Jr., our previous Grand Secretary/Recorder, and his staff for starting the process of converting the membership cards to Excel for active membership. For those who cannot possibly appreciate the undertaking, I assure you that this was no easy task and it has made our job much easier. Joyce and I have added much to their efforts by merging those three databases into one. For several years, the Grand York Rite of Missouri has toyed with the prospect of developing a joint membership database, develop web based monthly reporting forms, and creating annual returns which would be easier to complete by Secretaries/Recorders.

With regard to the membership database, our unwillingness (or inability) to proceed due to various complexities, many creative aspects, differences in design and development strategies, and more importantly a lack of money, has actually provided the time necessary for a solution to present itself. Although many of us scoffed at the drastic increase in Grand Encampment per capita, they had many plans which may not have necessarily been effectively communicated to all jurisdictions. Although some are forthcoming, one has come to fruition, a membership database.

The Grand Encampment started the design and development of a Commandery membership database several years ago. The new Commandery membership database is already available to all jurisdictions and we (Missouri) are preparing for

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a data import and validation process as of the writing of this report. Currently, Sir Knights may already sign in to the new York Rite Information System by logging into <https://www.masonic-web.com/membership/gekt/Login.aspx>, entering your name, Grand Commandery, and date of birth.

From this point, you may modify personal information such as Preferred Name, Address, Contact, and Personal Information. In addition, you may select how you choose to receive the Knight Templar Magazine, on line or by mail as shown below.

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Through the efforts and suggestions of several Grand Secretary/Recorders, and the willingness of the Grand Encampment leadership to be flexible in achieving some of its goals, particularly with this project, they have taken into consideration many of the ideas and suggestions and have allowed this project to transform into a total York Rite Membership Database for those jurisdictions who choose to participate.

How does this affect Missouri? Through our efforts in working with the Grand Encampment in the design and development of the database, Missouri will be permitted to “buy-in” at an extremely reduced rate than say other jurisdictions. This reduced rate is much less than that set aside for our project so the “buy-in” is already funded.

This total York Rite Membership Database will encompass all aspects of the membership data which we (GYR Office) track with regards to Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, and the details of each member.

Where does it go from here? After we merge and validate all of our current (active member) records, we will start training for all Secretaries and Recorders. This training will teach each of you how to make membership changes on line as those changes occur, thus negating the need for any form of monthly reporting (yeah!). Additionally, Secretaries and Recorders will input information such as officers, dues structures, any form of additions and separations of membership, etc. Additionally, new reporting mechanisms will be available such as full membership reports for any organization, printing of membership mailing labels, statistical reports, automatically generated annual returns, and much more. We will address all of this in the training yet to be scheduled. The grand officers will also have access to some of the statistical information as well. Needless to say, we are very excited about this new tool.

The Grand Encampment was already moving into requiring all Commandery Recorders to have access to the database on line. By Missouri’s migration of the Chapter and Council records along with the Commandery, this means that all Secretaries/Recorders must have access to the on line database. This does not mean that they have to do it themselves, the organizations may appoint an assistant secretary/recorder to assist those who don’t have access. But, it would be in the best interest of each organization if we started the full migration to fully on line secretaries/recorders as we move into the future of reporting processes.

Georgia is scheduled to go first and they have a meeting in June which Joyce and I will attend to see how they handle all aspects of deployment. Missouri is scheduled to be next.

Our understanding is that once Missouri’s membership is uploaded, other organizations may also buy in to use, such as York Rite Colleges, AMD Councils, etc. Since your Missouri member is already in the database, you will be allowed to add them to your specific organization and manage them from your standpoint as well. Then, as address and email changes occur, they will be current for all organizations that print mailing labels for that particular member. They won’t be able to change any information that does not pertain to them, only their membership in that particular organization. More on this to come.

It will be critical for all secretaries and recorders to start collecting and updating email addresses from all of their members, as well as magazine editors to encourage members to update their own information as it changes.

Charities: This office processed donations for Royal Arch Research Assistance only from the following Chapters:

Chapter	Amount	Mbrs	Percentage
Bolivar Chapter No. 5	10.95	57	19.21%
Lexington Chapter No. 10	5.05	84	6.01%
Springfield Chapter No. 15	115.50	252	45.83%
Columbia Chapter No. 17	238.00	133	178.95%
Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	100.00	35	285.71%
Mexico Chapter No. 27	39.93	62	64.40%
Rolla Chapter No. 32	93.35	152	61.41%
Wyoming Chapter No. 43	96.00	91	105.49%
Nevada Chapter No. 56	51.00	51	100.00%
Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	54.00	49	110.20%
Lebanon Chapter No. 64	200.00	106	188.68%
Trenton Chapter No. 66	60.00	83	72.29%
Wilson Chapter No. 75	100.00	116	86.21%
Oriental Chapter No. 78	500.00	145	344.83%
Moberly Chapter No. 79	21.90	51	42.94%
Triune Chapter No. 93	151.00	55	274.55%
Orient Chapter No. 102	40.15	70	57.36%
Vincil Chapter No. 110	19.00	167	11.38%
Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	47.45	51	93.04%
Putnam Chapter No. 123	200.75	39	514.74%
Uel Chapter No. 129	175.20	125	140.16%
William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139	39.50	30	131.67%
Total	\$ 2,358.73		

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This office processed donations for the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund only from the following Councils:

Council	Amount	Mbrs	Percentage
Hiram Council No. 1	25.00	49	51.02%
Shekinah Council No. 24	60.00	71	84.51%
Zabud Council No. 25	609.39	393	155.06%
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27	47.45	50	94.90%
Trenton Council No. 37	11.30	81	13.95%
Rolla Council No. 39	79.00	145	54.48%
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	140.65	102	137.89%
Jeremiah Council No. 48	<u>233.59</u>	189	123.59%
Total	\$ 1,206.38		

This office processed donations for Cryptic Masons Medical Research only from the following Councils:

Council	Amount	Mbrs	Percentage
Hiram Council No. 1	125.00	49	255.10%
Cape Council No. 20	100.00	95	105.26%
Shekinah Council No. 24	43.80	71	61.69%
Zabud Council No. 25	173.00	393	44.02%
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27	47.45	50	94.90%
Centralia Council No. 34	1,350.00	241	560.17%
Trenton Council No. 37	51.00	81	62.96%
Rolla Council No. 39	79.95	145	55.14%
Carthage Council No. 41	106.00	104	101.92%
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	287.70	102	282.06%
Jeremiah Council No. 48	200.00	189	105.82%
Independence Council No. 49	<u>1,000.00</u>	180	555.56%
Total	\$ 3,563.90		

This office processed donations for Knights Templar Eye Foundation only from the following Commanderies:

Commandery	Amount	Mbrs	Percentage
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8	163.35	80	204.19%
St. Graal Commandery No. 12	1,277.00	104	1227.88%
O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15	16.15	41	39.39%
St. John's Commandery No. 20	204.55	370	55.28%
Crusade Commandery No. 23	63.07	77	81.91%
Crusade Commandery No. 23	83.07	77	107.88%
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24	56.85	74	76.82%
Tancred Commandery No. 25	35.00	46	76.09%
Lebanon Commandery No. 33	300.00	91	329.67%
Oriental Commandery No. 35	25.00	63	39.68%
St. Elmo Commandery No. 43	22.30	46	48.48%
DeSoto Commandery No. 56	135.20	96	140.83%
DeSoto Commandery No. 56	735.20	96	765.83%
Nevada Chapter No. 56	21.90		N/A
Rolla Commandery No. 59	106.65	141	75.64%
Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67	<u>60.00</u>	49	122.45%
Total	\$ 3,305.29		

This office processed donations for Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund only from the following Commanderies:

Commandery	Amount	Mbrs	Percentage
DeMolay Commandery No. 3	10.00	68	14.71%
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8	104.60	80	130.75%
St. John's Commandery No. 20	151.50	370	40.95%
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24	21.00	74	28.38%
Tancred Commandery No. 25	14.60	46	31.74%
St. Elmo Commandery No. 43	15.00	46	32.61%
Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55	29.60	82	36.10%
DeSoto Commandery No. 56	102.85	96	107.14%
Rolla Commandery No. 59	43.20	141	30.64%

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Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67	43.80	49	89.39%
Total	\$ 536.15		

This office processed donations for Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund only from the following Commanderies:

Commandery	Amount	Mbrs	Percentage
DeMolay Commandery No. 3	22.95	68	33.75%
St. Graal Commandery No. 12	75.00	104	72.12%
O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15	36.50	41	89.02%
Crusade Commandery No. 23	32.95	77	42.79%
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24	46.65	74	63.04%
Oriental Commandery No. 35	21.90	63	34.76%
Rolla Commandery No. 59	69.75	414	16.85%
	\$ 305.70		

Companions and Sir Knights, it is unfortunate, but unless someone can explain differently, it appears that some Secretaries and Recorders are not following some very simple instructions outlined in the Edicts and General Orders of our presiding grand officers, that of including line items of dues notices for each of the charities, collecting those monies, and forwarding them to the GYR office. Of course, this does not preclude those donations made during this grand session which we surely hope to see.

Certificates: We can tell from the list of 25/50 year certificates issued that several organization Secretary/Recorders have difficulty in monitoring veteran membership dates as extremely few request certificates for 25/50-year certificates (40 in the Commandery) from this office. We would respectfully ask that they contact this office no less than annually to find out who is due, have the certificates created, and then make every effort to have them properly presented in a special open Chapter/Council/Commandery called for this very purpose, to honor those who have come before us in due and proper form. Hopefully (as addressed below) with our new database system, we will be able to prepare the certificates in advance and mail them to the Secretary/Recorders. I thank Paul R. Cannon for taking the time and effort to back up and do all certificates due to the members of Sedalia York Rite Bodies. If Secretary/Recorders need help, they really need to ask us.

Communications: Communications across the state, although better than they used to be, still leave much to be desired. We cannot stress enough that when Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies have degree work or special activities of interest, they need to let the office know. We receive so many requests for information about degree work, but without knowledge of where work is being conferred, we have nothing to offer those interested. Additionally, we need to know as far in advance as possible. Telling us two or three days before is not sufficient time. We would respectfully ask that anyone having knowledge of any notable activity please let us know by dropping us an email, fax, or letter.

With regard to the posting of activities on the web site, we try to publish the calendar monthly. We ask that other organizations who have known meeting dates and times please let us know as soon as they are set so they can be posted as well. We expect to have an updated web site and calendar within the next few months which should make posting of events much easier and timely.

Additionally, it appears that everyone assumes that someone else will or has already advised us of items of interest, especially deaths of past grand officers, widows, etc. In many cases, we get little or no notice. Please, we would rather have too many calls than none at all.

York Rite Brochures: During the past GYR year, we completed the production of some 120,000 printed brochures consisting of the new Missouri York Rite brochure, the York Rite Charities brochure, and the Missouri Masonic Family map. We purchase custom printed brochure holders to go along with the brochures. As of this date and thanks to the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, they mailed 100 copies of each brochure and 3 brochure holders to 134 lodges with mailings going out daily when they making mailings to each lodge. This saved the GYR a great sum of money and also carried the weight of the Grand Lodge, hopefully encouraging brethren not to simply throw them in the trash. We specifically thank the Grand Secretary, Ronald D. Miller, and his staff for assisting the Grand York Rite with this overwhelming task.

We are already receiving many petitions on the new forms so we can only assume that they are having some positive effect. The true test will be at the closing of this calendar year when the returns start to come in, hopefully our new membership numbers will be up.

Notice: This office has become aware that an organization calling itself "The Knights Templar Organization" has been sending communications, namely to widows, advising them of an "award" they are eligible for after they "secretly elected her to membership". A fee of \$25.00 is required to process the award. I would caution all Secretaries/Recorders to routinely communicate with all of their membership and all of their widows that no such solicitations will ever be initiated by any Masonic fraternity and that they should be extremely cautious of anything which requests money of them. We thank the Grand Lodge for bringing this to our attention.

Storage: Several very large tasks yet to be addressed, primarily due to funding and staffing, are the need to reduce our annual storage costs by:

1. scanning in all historic annual returns
2. scanning in all historic membership cards
3. authorizing the Grand Secretary/Recorder to sell or throw away items in storage which are not needed

(suggest a committee be appointed)

4. database entry of all information contained on historic annual return and membership cards in order that they no longer have to be maintained

At some point, the GYR must make a decision as to the disposition of each of the items above, and if necessary, fund special projects to complete them.

Audits: We continue to experience difficulties with some Chapters, Councils and Commanderies with regard to returns of annual audits. Companions and Sir Knights, we all understand that we are Masons, but we have responsibilities which we must be cognizant of when it comes to supervision of our subordinate and constituent organizations. It should be acknowledged that in the past several years we have experienced several situations where Secretaries and Recorders have displayed less than Masonic behavior when handling their organization's money. It is my strongest suggestion that:

1. the appropriate grand officers and/or committees ensure that audits are being completed with the full knowledge of the organization and in due and proper form, presented to the organization at a regular meeting, and recorded in the minutes – reports of such audit standings may be found in the tabular statements of the Grand Secretary/Recorder

2. organizations having total assets of more than \$10,000.00 require the Treasurer and Secretary/Recorder to be bonded and that such annual bonds be forwarded to the Grand Secretary/Recorder for proof of compliance and document recording

3. annual organization budgets and financial reports be forwarded to the presiding grand officers and/or appropriate committees and the Grand Secretary/Recorder for review of the financial health of each organization – and where organizations are failing, that the grand officers take whatever appropriate action as may be required to ensure the financial stability of those organizations

4. that the appropriate regional/district grand officers review all of the above no less than semi-annually and report their findings to their presiding grand officer

Companions/Sir Knights, we have stated endlessly that there are two separate and distinct aspects to the operation of our subordinate and constituent organizations, the ritualistic side and the business side. If the business practices of the organization are not as healthy as the ritualistic side, the organization is doomed to failure. I would encourage each incoming presiding grand officer to establish a joint/collective committee of individuals to review our business practices of these organizations, evaluate how to best correct bad practices, develop an appropriate plan of action to correct such practices, and immediately implement such action plans. It is also necessary that the regional/district grand officers be intensely involved in the evaluation and corrective action processes outlined by the grand officers and follow up with the grand officers as progress is made.

990 Tax Returns: This office is of the opinion that many Chapters, Councils and Commanderies have not and are not filing the appropriate 990 tax returns as required by all organizations and respectfully requests that the presiding grand officer and appropriate committees take action to require each subordinate and constituent organization file with the Grand Secretary/Recorder verification of their having filed a return and said verification to be reported by this office to the grand officers and included in an annual report.

Web Site: The web site is a sore subject for many. For those unaware, it takes a great amount of time and care to maintain a site as “complex” as ours. Although this is not the responsibility of the Grand Secretary/Recorder, I created the site several years ago as a medium of information and education. Now it has grown into a monster and the monster has taken on a life of its own. Thankfully, finally, some in our organization have taken up the ball and are running with it. They are already working on bringing the GYR into its next phase of electronic communications and we look forward it.

Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder: It is my suggestion that an Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder be appointed to work with the Grand Secretary/Recorder's office to take care of items which need a more timely action than currently provided, namely Jurisdictional Communications, Grand Representatives, subordinate/constituent by-laws, and dispensations. Simply put, there are not enough hours in the day. I only wish we could afford to pay for those services. Hopefully, as time and overhead decreases with the new membership database, the need for an assistant will be less vital.

Appreciation: I would like to personally thank Aaron Shoemaker and his “team” for creating the new Grand York Rite logos which you see on the front of this document and which will be used from this point forward for all official communications. I would also thank Russell S. Hanson for his years of teaching, coaching, coaxing, and tightening the reigns on me when needed. Regardless, he is a wealth of technological wisdom as well as his fraternal achievements which shall not go unrewarded or unnoticed. We also appreciate our unofficial grand photographer, William R. Brantley.

Finally, I thank Paul R. Cannon for his tireless efforts in helping Joyce in the office, along with his lady Weatia who completed the inventory of the GYR library this year, totaling some 800 books, pamphlets, videos and DVD's.

For those of you who work with the real grand secretary/recorder, you all know that lady Joyce is the best thing that happened to all of us. Let her know you appreciate her hard work and dedication to our fraternity. Without her, we would all be lost.

In closing, it was a privilege and honor to work with our Grand High Priest, Grand Master, and Grand Commander this year, they were absolutely delightful to work with and they have truly taken responsibility for our organizations and are leading us into a positive future. Next year's officers have some mighty big shoes to fill; we pray they are up to the task.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Grand Secretary/Recorder

Preliminary Proceedings
OF THE
One Hundred Sixty-Third
Annual Convocation
OF THE
Grand Chapter
OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF THE
State of Missouri



HELD AT
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 14, 2009 A.M. 2539

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

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

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 (123)	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Daniel R. Quesenberry (12)	Grand Chorister
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2)	Grand Chaplain
Kevin E. Weaver (148)	Grand Chaplain
Ralph E. Nolan (12)	Grand Chaplain
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2)	Grand Historian
James M. Williams (14, 2)	Grand Historian Emeritus
Kevin E. Weaver (148)	Grand Lecturer
Fred M. Harle, Sr. (12)	Grand Organist
Norman G. Schlagenhauf (1)	Grand Sentinel
Edgar D. Piles (78)	Grand Sentinel
Charles G. Coy (48)	Grand Sentinel
Paul R. Cannon (148, 32)	Grand Sentinel

2008-2009 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1A	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.	(53, 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	Farrell D. Sexson	(18, 26, 43, 90, 145)
4A	Terry R. Struse	(17, 27, 93)
4B	Stephen C. Derendinger	(32, 34, 58)
5	Dennis E. 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

1A	David A. Lloyd	(53, 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 (deceased)	(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)

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Burt F. Lee	Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
Emory J. "Smokey" Ferguson	General Grand High Priest

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(from the floor)

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the *Constitution at ARTICLE VI, Officers, Section 1*, be amended by styling the existing paragraph as “A” and adding paragraph “B”, to wit,

B. Nominations for Grand Master of the First Veil shall be entertained at the time called for the election of officers. Past Grand High Priests may collectively select a single individual and introduce that individual to the Grand Chapter by means of a brief, verbally presented biography. Each Chartered Chapter, legally represented and registered with the Credentials Committee, may select and introduce one Companion by means of a brief, verbally presented biography.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast for that purpose, at each annual convocation.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ:

A. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast for that purpose, at each annual convocation.

B. Nominations for Grand Master of the First Veil shall be entertained at the time called for the election of officers. Past Grand High Priests may collectively select a single individual and introduce that individual to the Grand Chapter by means of a brief, verbally presented biography. Each Chartered Chapter, legally represented and registered with the Credentials Committee, may select and introduce one Companion by means of a brief, verbally presented biography”.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Chapter has for the past several months taken under consideration the numerous concerns voiced by the general membership as regards the current process used in the election of Grand Line Officers at each annual convocation. For the most part the main concern appears to be the confusion that exists in the selection of an individual to the station of Grand Master of the First Veil. Let it be said that the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter are silent as to any specific process other than to state in the Constitution at ARTICLE VI, Officers, Section 1, “The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast for that purpose, at each annual convocation.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PHP, Liberty Chapter No. 3

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(by order of Grand High Priest)

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome each of you to the 163rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Companions, the caputular year is now completed and I stand before you with deep gratitude that I was elected to serve as your Grand High Priest. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity.

To all our Distinguished Guest from other Jurisdictions I bid a hearty welcome to the 163rd Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Your presence is greatly appreciated and I hope you enjoy your stay in Missouri. Please let us know if you need anything and we will do our best to provide it.

It has been a Privilege to serve with Edgar Coonrod the Grand Master of the Grand Council and J. Joseph Hayes the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. These companions are very devoted to the Grand York Rite and outstanding ambassadors of our order. Edgar Coonrod and I made joint official visits until illness limited his ability to travel.

During this past year I have been courteously received at Chapters throughout the state. I have made 21 official visits, installed the officers of 5 Chapters and attended 3 area conferences.

NECROLOGY

The Great High Priest has called many of our companions home this year and we are saddened by our loss. Most Excellent Companion Earl Wayne Orr and Most Excellent Companion Harry Oscar Maenner, Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter and very dear friends of mine were among those called to their final resting places on earth to be gathered into

the land where our fathers have gone before us. Very Excellent Companion Grand Chaplain Ralph Nolan, would you please conduct Necrology Services for our departed companions and brothers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Rev. Ralph E. Nolan, Grand Chaplain

The Psalmist wrote, "Give me understanding and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight."

We once again find ourselves remembering those with whom we have shared life, with those with whom we have walked side by side as companions and friends. Today we gather again as companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri in remembrance. We remember those companions who gave meaning, life, and instruction to Royal Arch Masonry as they shared their lives in the Chapters around the state. Their spirits now are with those companions whose names were called by their Creator in years past. We remember Most Excellent Companion Earl W. Orr, Grand High Priest 1991-1992, and Most Excellent Companion Harry O. Maenner, Grand High Priest 1994-1995. Who can forget their labors nor their dedication to Masonry or will we forget the 192 companions who also now reside with their creator. However, we who can still share our love for Masonry should not only remember but also continue to build upon the ideals of those companions. These companions have laid down their tools and have completed their work, they have left their mark, may each of us leave our mark as we work to build up the fraternity. Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Most Excellent Companion will you call the craft up for prayer?

O God of all the living, we thank you for the happy memory of those whom you have called out of this life into the eternal joy of your presence. They belonged to you on this earth as we do. Though our eyes cannot see them and our ears are deaf to their remembered voices, we bless you that they are never absent from your loving care. We thank you for their lives of earthly service, for the days we spent in their companionship. We thank you for the example of their faith, for the teaching of their words and deeds, and for the opportunities they gave us to serve our fellow companions. Our hearts have rest, knowing that they are now in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Help us to live that when you call our names they will welcome us with joy as will you our Creator. Amen.



Companion	Chapter	Born	Died
Adams, Dale Edward	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	1/1/1924	11/2/2008
Adams, James Russell	Columbia Chapter No. 17	9/27/1913	1/17/2008
Allen, Sr., Edsel Cecil	Wilson Chapter No. 75	11/15/1925	4/30/2008
Archer, Howard L.	Joplin Chapter No. 91	5/7/1946	10/29/2008
Backs, Forest R.	Lexington Chapter No. 10	1/1/1926	5/18/2008
Baird, Jacob Cletus	Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137	12/3/1921	12/4/2008
Barclay, John S.	Nevada Chapter No. 56	10/10/1919	3/15/2008
Baucom, Richard Max	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	1/29/1929	2/10/2008
Baxter, John Henry	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	1/24/1935	11/17/2008
Bell, Bobbie Lee	Bethany Chapter No. 80	4/14/1931	8/7/2008
Berry, George Francis	Lebanon Chapter No. 64	9/21/1938	3/5/2008
Berry, James Irvin	Liberty Chapter No. 3	7/18/1923	8/11/2008

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Companion	Chapter	Born	Died
Biggs, Donald I.	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	8/15/1921	7/19/2008
Blakley, Charles Forrest	Independence Chapter No. 12	9/25/1929	11/28/2008
Bly, Arthur G.	Independence Chapter No. 12	12/5/1923	2/21/2008
Botts, Louis Jackson	Ralls Chapter No. 55	2/20/1938	3/12/2008
Brenner, Charles A.	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	1/1/1937	3/19/2008
Brown, Boyd H.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	10/19/1909	11/4/2008
Brown, William Russell	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	1/1/1923	2/6/2008
Bryson, William F.	Uel Chapter No. 129	8/30/1928	2/24/2008
Burgess, Lee P.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1916	1/27/2008
Burnum, Eugene Blanton	Bolivar Chapter No. 5	9/22/1909	6/30/2008
Butler, Harold R.	Macon Chapter No. 22	4/12/1932	11/6/2008
Butterfield, Walter Dale	Nevada Chapter No. 56	2/17/1911	3/10/2008
Cabra, Bernie Gail	Trenton Chapter No. 66	1/1/1937	7/9/2008
Callwell, Bruce E.	East Gate Chapter No. 136	1/1/1955	6/20/2008
Carnes, Lee Wayne	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	6/13/1922	2/28/2008
Carr, Warren Ernest	Joplin Chapter No. 91	10/8/1908	11/12/2008
Cass, Jesse Sylvester	Kansas City Chapter No. 28	2/19/1910	2/16/2008
Caywood, Delmar E.	Springfield Chapter No. 15	10/12/1917	1/14/2008
Chalender, Charles Hayes	Vincil Chapter No. 110	2/4/1934	10/7/2008
Chaney, Leo Wood	Liberty Chapter No. 3	2/8/1932	3/10/2008
Claypool, Daniel E.	Vincil Chapter No. 110	7/19/1931	1/8/2008
Clenin, Earl R.	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1916	3/27/2008
Clouser, Thomas J.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1923	1/11/2008
Cook, Noel Syd	Vincil Chapter No. 110	8/18/1918	6/20/2008
Coonrod, Edgar Franklin	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	9/11/1932	5/2/2009
Crouch, James William	Triune Chapter No. 93	2/4/1917	8/3/2008
Crowell, Hillard B.	Hannibal Chapter No. 7	2/13/1927	9/1/2008
Curry, Floyd Merrill	Lebanon Chapter No. 64	9/27/1935	10/12/2008
Daniels, Loarn Wayne	Rolla Chapter No. 32	12/24/1951	10/18/2008
Deatherage, Joseph E.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1920	10/24/2008
Demint, David E.	Independence Chapter No. 12	1/23/1947	6/13/2008
Dengler, John Richard	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	5/18/1925	1/8/2008
Dmitruk, John	Kansas City Chapter No. 28	5/16/1928	1/2/2008
Dooner, John Patrick	Springfield Chapter No. 15		3/20/2008
Dowling, Donald Vera	Triune Chapter No. 93	4/2/1928	5/30/2008
Drennan, John A.	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	7/12/1924	3/27/2008
Durham, Jack Eugene	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	2/26/1936	5/17/2008
Ebbe, Earl E.	Trenton Chapter No. 66	10/13/1914	12/2/2008
Egner, Gustave Roy	Grandview Chapter No. 145	6/11/1917	12/7/2008
Elliott, Robert Kenneth	Liberty Chapter No. 3	8/22/1921	9/12/2008
Entsminger, William Lee	Grandview Chapter No. 145	1/1/1925	2/11/2008
Ervin, John Wiley	Liberty Chapter No. 3	3/26/1917	1/27/2008
Fanoele, Michael	Joplin Chapter No. 91		5/17/2008
Farley, Ivan Ernest	Kansas City Chapter No. 28	1/11/1913	1/3/2008
Fenton, Ralph Kennard	Columbia Chapter No. 17	11/25/1922	12/25/2008
Feurt, Robert Michael	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	11/11/1944	2/17/2008
Fielder, Jr., Orville H.	Columbia Chapter No. 17	12/11/1932	9/8/2008
Foster, Everett Ray	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	6/11/1940	11/16/2008
Foster, Robert P.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	5/24/1917	3/10/2008
Franz, Jr., Walter B.	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	7/30/1925	8/1/2008
Gibbons, James Joseph	Springfield Chapter No. 15	10/31/1946	7/1/2008
Goffin, Glenn P.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	1/1/1937	1/26/2008
Graves, William C.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1924	5/3/2008
Gray, Charles Edgar	Vincil Chapter No. 110	1/5/1917	4/17/2008
Green, Kenneth W.	Keystone Chapter No. 146	10/31/1929	3/21/2008
Gwinn, David Blake	Liberty Chapter No. 3	11/13/1938	12/7/2008
Hail, Clifford Gene	Greenfield Chapter No. 38	1/1/1928	7/19/2008
Hansel, Jack Hale	Tyrian Chapter No. 52	5/6/1919	6/20/2008

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Hatt, Edwin H.	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	5/8/1913	5/2/2008
Havens, T R	Rolla Chapter No. 32	8/8/1931	1/11/2008
Hawkins, Joseph Clay	Keystone Chapter No. 146	1/12/1922	6/30/2008
Haynes, Arland E.	Trenton Chapter No. 66	5/23/1912	12/20/2008
Heath, Woodard	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	9/1/1917	7/4/2008
Hegwer, Dale F.	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	2/13/1925	12/23/2008
Henry, Leland Calvin	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	5/22/1923	5/19/2008
Herndon, Billy Franklin	Macon Chapter No. 22	4/30/1924	2/24/2008
Herrin, Daniel Edward	Macon Chapter No. 22	9/27/1927	12/29/2008
Hibbs, Carl Charles	St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	7/21/1917	4/10/2008
Hilliard, Olen	Springfield Chapter No. 15	10/2/1918	6/28/2008
Hinkle, Roy Lavern	Bethany Chapter No. 80	8/15/1912	3/26/2008
Hinson, William Fred	Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148		11/16/2008
Hodges, Bruce Calvin	Mexico Chapter No. 27	10/14/1953	2/16/2008
Ignacio, Abraham Kama	Columbia Chapter No. 17	2/8/1922	12/12/2008
Inglish, John W.	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1921	8/3/2008
Jameson, Carlos Spencer	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	5/4/1912	1/20/2008
Jobe, Glenn S.	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1919	6/2/2008
Keethler, James Clarence	St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	4/9/1911	12/6/2008
Keith, Sr., Everett Rice	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	2/18/1924	4/19/2008
Kile, Joseph Lynn	Springfield Chapter No. 15	4/10/1949	7/21/2008
King, H. Carroll	Springfield Chapter No. 15	5/3/1904	1/27/2008
Kirgan, Raymond Terrill	Moberly Chapter No. 79	10/9/1937	12/17/2008
Knapp, Albert Fred	Oriental Chapter No. 78	6/2/1938	7/2/2008
Knight, Herbert Clark	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	2/13/1912	4/6/2008
Kordes, Kenneth C.	Trenton Chapter No. 66	5/8/1928	11/20/2008
Kovacik, Emil Tom	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	10/26/1928	8/15/2008
Lambros, Nick J.	William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139	1/1/1941	8/29/2008
Lawson, Harmon David	Columbia Chapter No. 17	8/15/1925	8/1/2008
Leidy, Harry Lee	Springfield Chapter No. 15	1/13/1920	3/14/2008
Lemone, Robert Meyer	Columbia Chapter No. 17	10/9/1942	3/17/2008
Linam, Clyde L.	Joplin Chapter No. 91	6/16/1920	12/16/2008
Lindley, Donald H.	William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139	5/15/1918	1/17/2008
Linhardt, Paul H.	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	6/7/1932	7/13/2008
Looney, Nile H.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	7/19/1923	6/21/2008
Mace, Harold Clyde	Rolla Chapter No. 32	7/7/1928	3/15/2008
Marks, Perry Dean	Lebanon Chapter No. 64	12/14/1917	12/31/2008
Maugh, William Frederick	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	10/24/1931	7/30/2008
May, Edwin Clinnon	Lebanon Chapter No. 64	3/31/1916	12/31/2008
Mcadow, Harold Abbott	Weston Chapter No. 4	1/1/1915	2/19/2008
McBaine, Forrest Frank	Columbia Chapter No. 17	7/30/1924	9/6/2008
McHugh, Arblean	Wilson Chapter No. 75	1/1/1915	5/20/2008
McMenus, Laurel L.	Springfield Chapter No. 15	12/30/1926	11/2/2008
McMullen, Earnie Wilburn	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	7/12/1924	2/18/2008
Mix, Thomas Vernon	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	2/15/1915	12/18/2008
Moore, Richard S.	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	8/13/1916	7/26/2008
Morgan, Charles Dale	Oriental Chapter No. 78	12/7/1935	7/17/2008
Nickell, Robert Burris	William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139	1/1/1923	7/11/2008
Norris, Robert Ulysses	Vincil Chapter No. 110	4/14/1911	10/23/2008
Nower, James Martin	Weston Chapter No. 4	1/1/1920	10/30/2008
Noyes, Charles R.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	2/1/1932	11/22/2008
Ochsner, John H.	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	2/15/1923	9/11/2008
Oliver, John Frederick	Mexico Chapter No. 27	9/9/1927	3/3/2008
Ornsbey, George Edward	Rolla Chapter No. 32	7/24/1946	4/26/2009
Orr, Earl Wayne	Shelbina Chapter No. 99	12/2/1929	7/8/2008
Owens, William Dan	Columbia Chapter No. 17	12/11/1919	10/28/2008
Painter, James Clayton	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	10/12/1918	3/2/2008
Painter, Nelson Lee	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	7/21/1937	3/14/2008

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Companion	Chapter	Born	Died
Palone, Woodrow L.	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	4/18/1914	9/18/2008
Patterson, Leroy B.	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	1/19/1922	4/7/2008
Patton, John Robert	Weston Chapter No. 4	12/5/1921	4/2/2008
Pauley, William Lenowell	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34	11/26/1918	11/18/2008
Pawling, William Andrew	Liberty Chapter No. 3	6/1/1920	4/30/2008
Plaster, Robert Wayne	Lebanon Chapter No. 64	9/3/1930	10/11/2008
Pollard, Arthur Paul	Liberty Chapter No. 3	9/27/1934	12/27/2008
Pratt, Stephen Richard	Liberty Chapter No. 3	11/2/1918	6/16/2008
Prier, Fred D.	Springfield Chapter No. 15	9/2/1922	2/19/2008
Probst, Jerry J.	Wilson Chapter No. 75	6/2/1933	2/8/2008
Pugh, Gene	Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	10/21/1919	5/12/2008
Randall, Glenn Eugene	Weston Chapter No. 4	9/22/1903	3/11/2008
Ray, Jr., Preston	Springfield Chapter No. 15	4/27/1934	4/1/2008
Rennaux, Floyd E.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	5/16/1925	3/17/2008
Rosenbaum, Lewis Martin	Bolivar Chapter No. 5	6/16/1922	3/14/2008
Rosenstangle, William H.	Trenton Chapter No. 66	5/9/1926	1/29/2008
Rothweiler, Jorg	Grandview Chapter No. 145	10/16/1933	6/4/2008
Samuels, Donald F.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1931	9/12/2008
Scheidegger, Robert A.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1920	11/12/2008
Schuler, Don E.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	8/11/1937	10/10/2008
Seitz, Emil A.	Oriental Chapter No. 78	3/6/1916	4/26/2008
Skinner, James Frank	Liberty Chapter No. 3	10/22/1918	8/26/2008
Sleeman, Stanley G.	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	1/1/1932	4/2/2008
Sloane, Gary Busby	Vincil Chapter No. 110	8/7/1946	3/5/2008
Smith, Charles Edward	Vincil Chapter No. 110	11/16/1917	10/19/2008
Snead, Grover	California Chapter No. 58	1/1/1917	3/18/2008
Squires, Charles Albert	Springfield Chapter No. 15	2/10/1929	8/31/2008
Staton, Edmund L.	Lexington Chapter No. 10	11/14/1911	1/20/2008
Stone, William M.	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	11/23/1911	9/26/2008
Stubblefield, Carl John	Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114	6/19/1921	2/27/2008
Sumners, Herschel J.	Sedalia Chapter No. 18	5/10/1919	7/20/2008
Swafford, Sr., Elmer Lee	Liberty Chapter No. 3	8/19/1919	1/15/2008
Swearengen, Mark Twain	Shelbina Chapter No. 99	11/5/1912	3/7/2008
Talbert, Lloyd	Mexico Chapter No. 27	6/17/1917	5/11/2008
Underwood, Bernard Leland	Rolla Chapter No. 32	7/6/1928	6/21/2008
Vancil, Allen Lloyd	Macon Chapter No. 22	11/24/1929	2/15/2008
Vaughan, Oscar Abraham	Joplin Chapter No. 91	12/3/1925	11/13/2008
Vaughn, Walter Ralph	Weston Chapter No. 4	1/1/1916	12/12/2008
Vinzant, Charles L.	Mitchell Chapter No. 14	1/1/1919	6/24/2008
Waight, Myron Burton	Independence Chapter No. 12	9/23/1913	7/23/2008
Wallace, Charles R.	Wyoming Chapter No. 43	3/29/1911	5/10/2008
Warburton, David C.	St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	8/24/1936	1/15/2008
Webster, Robert Charles	Rolla Chapter No. 32	2/23/1922	10/30/2008
Weiss, William Losse	Rabboni Chapter No. 131	7/30/1913	7/16/2008
Williams, Jimmie A.	Caldwell Chapter No. 53	6/27/1947	3/15/2008
Williams, John Junior	Grandview Chapter No. 145	1/1/1924	7/29/2008
Wims, Larry J.	Lexington Chapter No. 10	1/1/1935	1/26/2008
Winans, George William	Wilson Chapter No. 75	6/6/1940	3/14/2008
Winchester, Elvis L.	Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148	12/19/1919	2/8/2008
Wisdom, Charles Edgar	Kansas City Chapter No. 28	3/10/1930	9/17/2008
Woolley, Darrell R.	Bolivar Chapter No. 5	9/1/1929	1/5/2008

OFFICIAL VISITS AND OTHER EVENTS

6/5/08	Installed Ivanhoe Commandery Officers	11/17/08	Jeremiah Council
6/6/08	Installed Desoto Commandery Officers	11/18/08	Official Visit Lebanon Chapter
6/12/08	Official visit Keystone Chapter 146	11/24/08	Meeting At Capitol Plaza with Hotel Reps
6/16/08	Conferred Select Master degree at Jeremiah Council #48	11/31/08	Official Visit Triune Chapter @ Montgomery City
6/20/08	York Rite Talk at Mineral Area SR Club	12/6/08	Wyoming Chapter Official Visit
6/20/08	Mineral Area Scottish Rite dinner	12/11/08	Independence Chapter Official Visit
6/26-27/08	Jobs Daughters Grand Session Jefferson City	1/10/09	Grand Chapter Officer Mtg @ Columbia
6/29/08	Rainbow Grand Session Springfield, Mo	1/11/09	Kirksville Official Visit
6/29/08	Visited time Capsule at Branson	1/14/09	Keystone Chapter Meeting
		2/3/09	Sedalia Official Visit
		2/21/09	Region 6 Conference
7/27/08	Robert E Hardester Reception	3/2/09	Install Larry Brockmeier at Rabboni Chapter
8/24/08	Ed Coonrods Reception	3/7/09	Region 4 Conference at Jefferson City
9/17/08	confer Order of Malta	3/10/09	Moberly Installation of Officers
9/21/08	Chapter Balloting at Joplin	3/11/09	St. Charles Chapter Official Visit
10/11/08	Grand Chapter Officers Meeting Columbia, MO	3/16/09	Bellefontaine Chapter Official Visit
10/14/08	Official Visit Shelbina Chapter	3/28/09	Region 5 Conference
10/16/08	Official Visit Rabboni-Oriental Chapter	3/29/09	Finance Committee Meeting @ 325 E. Starla Drive Columbia, MO
10/20/08	Jeremiah Council	4/8/09	Install Keystone Chapter
10/22/08	Mitchell Chapter Official Visit St. Joseph, MO	4/13/09	Official Visit Columbia Chapter
		4/14/09	Poplar Bluff Official Visit
10/26/08	Mexico Chapter Presentations	4/14/09	Cape Girardeau Official Visit
11/11/08	Official Visit Uel Chapter @ Farmington	4/15/09	Install Ascalon Commandery
11/12/08	Official visit at Mt. Nebo	4/18/09	Grand Officers Meeting in Columbia, MO

DISPENSATIONS

July 15, 2008	Granted dispensation, authorizing another ballot in the balloting for candidates at Joplin Chapter No. 91 after suspected irregularities in the previous ballot were brought to my attention.
August 26, 2008	Granted dispensation, to East Gate Chapter No. 136 to hold its election and installation of officers on Thursday, September 4, 2008. The June, 2008 meeting did not have a quorum present to perform these functions.
December 1, 2008	Granted dispensation for Orient Chapter No. 102, RAM to move their regular stated convocation from Wednesday, December 17, 2008 to Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
December 17, 2008	I granted permission for the removal of Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 to move from its temporary location at 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO to its permanent location at 3211 Masonic Court, Jefferson City, MO.
January 16, 2009	I issued a dispensation for Moberly Chapter No. 79 to hold an election of officers on February 10, 2009

DECISIONS

January 10, 2009	I directed that the use of a nominating committee be instituted to make nominations of qualified individuals for the stations of Master of the First Veil. This would serve to eliminate the confusion of who to vote for during the elections of Officers in the Grand Chapter. There was nothing in the Grand Constitution to prohibit this action.
January 10, 2009	The decision was made to send back to William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 109 RAM the matter concerning the mismanagement of Chapter Funds. It was decided that this should be handled on a local Chapter level.
January 10, 2009	The move date for the removal of Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61 from Carthage, MO to Alba, MO was

extended until completion of their new quarters.

April 1, 2009

The Grand Chapter has for the past several months taken under consideration the numerous concerns voiced by the general membership as regards the current process used in the election of Grand Line Officers at each annual convocation. For the most part the main concern appears to be the confusion that exists in the selection of an individual to the station of Grand Master of the First Veil. Let it be said that the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter are silent as to any specific process other than to state in the Constitution at ARTICLE VI, Officers, Section 1, "The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast for that purpose, at each annual convocation."

After lengthy discussion, it appears that some sort of a limited nominating process for this station would be an appropriate response. Several suggestions have been discussed and taken into consideration.

Two of these appear to be the most predominant. The first suggests that the Past Grand High Priests, having prior experience and knowledge in this matter, should have some expertise and input. The second suggests that the Subordinate Chapters themselves, having first hand knowledge of their memberships, should also have some input and be able to participate in the process as well.

The first suggests that the Past Grand High Priests form a "committee" of sorts and meet on the eve prior to the Annual Convocation for the purpose of discussion of potential candidates to recommend for the Station of Grand Master of the First Veil, select a speaker, decide on a single individual, and present that name along with a brief nominating recommendation to the assembled membership during the Convocation the following day.

The second suggests that any Subordinate Chapter desiring to place the name of one of its members in nomination for the station of Grand Master of the First Veil prepare a brief written nominating recommendation and present same to the credentials committee. The Chapter making the nomination must have legal representation at the convocation and must be registered with the credentials committee prior to making any such nomination during the Convocation. Such legal representation and proper registration along with the written nomination will be reported to the Grand Chapter during the preliminary report of the Credentials committee.

It appears that co-mingling of the two would be most appropriate. It is therefore my decision that both suggestions as presented above, shall be instilled into the election process for Grand Master of the First Veil for the upcoming Grand Convocation in May 2009.

This decision is to be mailed to each Past Grand High Priest and the High Priest of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction. The High Priest of every Subordinate Chapter is to insure its reading in its entirety at each meeting of his Chapter from receipt up to and including the last meeting immediately prior to the Grand Convocation and shall certify such initial reading to the Grand Secretary.

CONSOLIDATIONS

The consolidation of DeMolay Chapter No. 26, RAM with Sedalia Chapter No. 18, RAM was approved by me on November 20, 2008.

The consolidation of Copestone Chapter No. 33, RAM with Uel Chapter No. 129, RAM was approved by me on November 20, 2008.

The consolidation of Ralls Chapter No. 55, RAM with Hannibal Chapter No. 7, RAM was approved by me on March 18, 2009.

CHARTERS ARRESTED

On October 17, 2008, I arrested the Charter of Marceline Chapter 118, RAM because the Chapter had not met for over a year, made annual returns or paid per capita dues for 3 years.

BY-LAW CHANGES

- July 21, 2008 Approved by-law changes for Springfield Chapter No. 15, RAM to amend their dues structure to \$13.00 plus the per capita set by the Grand Chapter .
- December 17, 2008 Approved by-law changes for Jefferson City Chapter No. 34, RAM concerning duties of secretary, dues of members and exemption of payment of dues for 50 year members.
- December 17, 2008 Approved by-law changes for Poplar Bluff Chapter No 114, RAM revising the annual dues to be paid by its members.
- December 19, 2008 Approved by-law changes for Lebanon Chapter No. 64 RAM as revised.

EDICTS

May 16, 2008

Edict No. 1

The chairman of any committee having oversight of or receiving any funds designated for charitable purposes or that were originally the property and assets of this Grand Chapter shall file a report with the Grand Secretary as to such receipt and the disbursement thereof with the Grand Secretary not later than April 1, 2009 for proper accounting purposes.

Edict No. 2

High Priests in this jurisdiction may, at their discretion, be covered while presiding over their Chapters. The Grand Lecturer may, at his discretion, call a meeting of the ritual committee to review the current ritual for the purpose of examining a suggestion that the wearing of a cover by a high priest while presiding over his chapter shall be made mandatory. Should the committee, after examining the issue, determine that the wearing of a cover should be mandatory, the Grand Lecturer shall prepare and submit a proposal to amend the ritual for a vote of the Grand Chapter as required in the By-laws of this Grand Chapter.

MASONIC TIME CAPSULE

On June 29, 2008, I visited the Masonic Time Capsule at Branson, Mo with Edgar Coonrod the Grand Master of the Grand Council and J. Joseph Hayes the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and his lady Sue. We found the site to be well maintained by the neighbors.

SURETY BOND

I am in receipt of the required Surety Bonds on the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and will pass them on to my successor.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Charitable contributions were made in the following amounts from the Grand Chapter Foundation to the following organizations:

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA)	\$1000.00
DeMolay Leadership Conference Scholarship	500.00
Rainbow for Girls Leadership Conference	500.00
Jobs Daughters Leadership Conference	500.00
Masonic Home of Missouri	1000.00
Muscular Dystrophy (Jerry's Kids)	1000.00
	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>

CONFERENCES AND RITUAL

I attended three conferences this year and asked other Grand Officers to represent me at the others. I enjoyed the programs that were presented at the conferences but was disappointed that more of our younger members did not attend. Those members attending were "the choir" or the backbone of our organization.

Ritual in our Chapters is a major concern because of the number of companions that use the pocket edition to read

their parts instead of committing their part to memory.

STATE OF THE CRAFT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We continue to be supported by those loyal companions who are dedicated to seeing that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri succeeds. However, we have some areas that require our continued attention to ensure our future success.

1. We continue to lose members and have been unable to turn the corner toward increasing membership. We must do some of the following in order to counteract the outward flow:

- We must cultivate new members by having those people, that we feel will want to join the York Rite, petition the Blue Lodges. We must nurture them through the Blue Lodge and then into the York Rite.
- We should contact former members who have demitted or were suspended and ask them to become members again.
- We need to follow up with candidates after they have received their degrees to see if they have any questions and offer to pick them up for the next meeting.
- We should not hasten to make them a line officer but give them time to know the members and the operation of our Chapters. We often scare them away by pushing them too fast.
- We should contact our members before a conferral and ask them to come to the initiation. This will impress the candidate more than a lot of empty seats which could cause him to question his decision to join.
- We should learn our ritual for our parts. Our commitment and dedication to the organization suffers when we have to read our parts out of the pocket ritual.

2. We either have a lack of knowledge or are ignoring the provisions of the Grand Constitution of the Grand Chapter in the following areas:

- Some Chapters do not hold monthly meetings and when they do, they do not open or close using the prescribed ritual required by the Grand Constitution.
- Some Chapters are not sending in their Annual Returns and Per Capita payments on time.

3. We should move toward banning the use of the pocket ritual book in opening and closing the Chapters or in the conferral of degrees.

The above areas of concern will require our future leaders to step up to the task before them. We as Royal Arch Masons must tackle the task before us and we will succeed.

4. For those Chapters that share a meeting night with a Council and a Commandery the function of all three bodies suffer. If it is possible to have a single night for each body their performance in administration and ritual should improve because they will have more time to devote to these aspects.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

It would be impossible for any Grand High Priest to operate the Grand Chapter without the support of dedicated members assisting him. Thankfully, I have been blessed with the support of all the Grand Officers, and all of my appointees including the District Deputy Grand High Priests, the District Deputy Grand Lecturers and all of the Committee Chairmen and Members that performed their work in an outstanding manner. To each of them I say well done and thanks for all of your hard work on behalf of the Grand Chapter and myself. Thanks also to Joyce Sample for her assistance in providing me information on a timely basis.

A "Special Thank You" to Ginny Goede and Sue Hayes for their work in setting up the 2009 Grand Session in Jefferson City. Thank you to Lon Goede, Edgar Coonrod and Joe Hayes for their valuable council whenever I needed it. Thanks also go to Ginny Goede and Keystone Chapter No.146 for arranging my reception in July of last year.

Fraternally submitted,


Robert E. Hardester, Grand High Priest

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

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

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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, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 60,271.27
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 23,790.79	
Interest Earned	942.00	
Increase in Market Value (Investors Services)	<u>(11,495.83)</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 13,236.96	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #58915 - #1741 thru 1753	\$ 6,033.64	
Jefferson Act. #74544 - #2256 thru 2392	31,062.85	
Jefferson Act. #74325 - #1207 thru 1211	104.49	
Jefferson Act. #463929 – Debits	<u>441.98</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 37,642.96	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		(\$ 24,406.00)
Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 35,865.27

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #58915, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$ 500.49	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	94.00	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	188.05	
Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	1,369.20	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	70.83	
C.D. #5630, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.51%, Matures 7/27/10	18,000.00	
Investors Services (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	<u>\$ 15,642.70</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 35,865.27

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$131,828.67
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1,356.59	
Increase in Market Value, etc. (Commerce Bank Special Act.)	(2,175.99)	
Increase in Market Value (American Balanced Fund)	<u>(13,188.82)</u>	
Total Receipts:	(\$14,008.22)	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		(\$ 14,008.22)
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2009		\$117,820.45

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 7,616.34	
C.D. #235151, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/29/09	20,450.39	
C.D. #9000025912, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 2/3/10	43,117.73	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00(Market Value)	11,875.96	
American Balanced Fund (thru Premier Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	<u>34,760.03</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2009		\$117,820.45

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 96,071.87
Receipts: Memberships (8)	\$ 2,609.00	
Voided Distribution Checks	122.71	
Interest Earned	1,873.47	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>(8,774.72)</u>	
Total Receipts	(\$ 4,169.54)	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		(\$ 4,169.54)
Balance, Life Membership Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 93,188.94

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Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 1,319.79	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	3,889.98	
CD #337536, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.51%, Matures 11/21/09	18,425.36	
CD #7604, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 3.25%, Matures 12/5/09	9,894.61	
CD #15308, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 5/17/10	21,312.79	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>\$ 38,346.41</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 93,188.94

FOUNDATION FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$134,387.40
Receipts: Interest earned	\$ 4,955.20	
Disbursements to Charities	\$ 2,000.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>2,955.20</u>
Balance, Foundation Account, March 31, 2009		\$137,342.60

Statement of Assets – Foundation Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 3,279.39	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	578.46	
C.D. #120284, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 4.25%, Matures 10/15/09	27,572.46	
C.D. #8413, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.50%, Matures 12/8/09	36,148.01	
C.D. #7702, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.50%, Matures 12/11/09	14,890.05	
C.D. #15307, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 5/17/10	21,699.73	
C.D. #5531, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 2.51%, Matures 7/12/10	<u>33,174.50</u>	
Total Assets, Foundation Account, March 31, 2009		\$137,342.60

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 740.88
Receipts: From General Fund	\$ 345.73	
Interest Earned	<u>3.88</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 349.61	
Disbursements:	\$ 345.72	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 3.89</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 744.77

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 744.77	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 744.77

PALMYRA FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 12,430.97
Receipts: Interest Earned	119.53	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>(1,003.58)</u>	
Total Receipts	(884.05)	
Disbursements:	\$ 8,953.80	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 9,837.85)</u>
Balance, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 2,593.12

Statement of Assets – Palmyra Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	(\$ 5,113.24)	
C.D. #1106233620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 5/24/09	5,687.28	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>\$ 2,019.08</u>	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 2,593.12

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SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 9,785.02
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 438.60	
Interest Earned	<u>49.08</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 487.67	
Disbursements:	\$ 1,542.24	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		(\$ 1,054.56)
Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 8,730.46

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 8,730.46	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 8,730.46

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2009 **\$ 396,285.61**

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP, Grand Treasurer

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY

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

(See Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, page 13)

As of May 1, 2009, we have yet to receive the annual returns of Hannibal Chapter No. 7 and Lone Star Chapter No. 30. Lone Star has not submitted a report since 2005.

Regrettably, we lost three Chapters as outlined in the address of the Grand High Priest.

The reports on Chapter audits and bonds can be found in the tabular statements of the Chapters. Of the Chapters reporting, five failed to submit an audit or submitted an incomplete audit: Hannibal No. 7, Rolla No. 32 (due to illness of Secretary), Bethany No. 80, Joplin No. 91, and Mt. Nebo No. 148. This office cannot stress enough to the officers of each of these Chapters the importance of their complete knowledge of their organization's financial condition. Each should be followed up with to ensure there is no appearance of impropriety on the part of the Secretary or Treasurer.

In accordance with **Section 104A. Annual Audit.** There shall be a complete and careful audit of the financial affairs of each subordinate chapter and of the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer and of others handling, and having in charge, money or property of the chapter. Such audit shall cover the period from the last previous audit up to and including the thirty-first day of December of each year. Upon his election, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the High Priest-elect, shall appoint an auditing committee of three or more members, whose duty it shall be forthwith to audit the books and accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Secretary of the chapter. If the chapter has trustees, or other custodians of property or funds, then their books, accounts, and vouchers shall also be audited, and the securities or other property checked, inspected, etc. The books, accounts and vouchers of any other officer, member or committee may also be designated by the High Priest-elect, and may be subject to an audit.

With regard to the April 1, 2009 Official Decision of the Grand High Priest which also stated: *The High Priest of every Subordinate Chapter is to insure its reading in its entirety at each meeting of his Chapter from receipt up to and including the last meeting prior to the Grand Convocation and shall certify such initial reading to the Grand Secretary.* Only two Chapters complied with the Grand High Priest's request to notify the Grand Secretary, that being Mexico Chapter No. 27 and Uel Chapter No. 129.

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

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2008-2009 Chapter 25-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Boogher, Kevin Thomas	Lexington	10	30-Jul-83	07-Aug-08
Rockhold, Thomas Lee	Lexington	10	30-Jul-83	07-Aug-08
Sisemore, Kenneth Lee	Lexington	10	09-Apr-83	07-Aug-08
Ludlam, Eddie Martin	Lexington	10	22-Nov-74	18-Aug-08
Kelley, Gerald E.	Mexico	27	25-Oct-83	24-Sep-08
Harris, Donald Lee	Springfield	15	04-Nov-83	14-Oct-08
Morelock, Wayne Dennis	Springfield	15	29-Jul-83	14-Oct-08
Tolliver, Mickey Edward	Springfield	15	29-Jul-83	14-Oct-08
Adams, Donnie D.	Sedalia	18	22-Apr-81	14-Nov-08
Adams, Freddie D.	Sedalia	18	10-Feb-73	14-Nov-08
Baile, Charles C.	Sedalia	18	27-Jun-60	14-Nov-08
Baker, Walter E.	Sedalia	18	13-Apr-72	14-Nov-08
Banion, John J.	Sedalia	18	21-Apr-73	14-Nov-08
Bess, Allen B.	Sedalia	18	21-Jul-73	14-Nov-08
Bohlken, Francis R.	Sedalia	18	07-Apr-75	14-Nov-08
Borer, Walter, E.	Sedalia	18	18-Sep-71	14-Nov-08
Bower, Eugene L.	Sedalia	18	18-Sep-71	14-Nov-08
Brenner, Charles A.	Sedalia	18	17-Feb-68	14-Nov-08
Brenner, Glen A.	Sedalia	18	12-May-67	14-Nov-08
Buckner, William G.	Sedalia	18	30-Jul-66	14-Nov-08
Butler, Hubert R.	Sedalia	18	11-May-74	14-Nov-08
Campbell, Albert J.	Sedalia	18	01-Oct-60	14-Nov-08
Clark, Paul A.	Sedalia	18	11-May-74	14-Nov-08
Copeland, Jesse C.	Sedalia	18	04-May-79	14-Nov-08
Criss, William E.	Sedalia	18	02-Jun-71	14-Nov-08
Curry, Porter D.	Sedalia	18	31-Jul-73	14-Nov-08
Davis, Van L.	Sedalia	18	18-Sep-72	14-Nov-08
Ferguson, Danny L.	Sedalia	18	31-Mar-65	14-Nov-08
Hatfield, Bennie B.	Sedalia	18	21-Jun-75	14-Nov-08
Hatfield, Floyd W.	Sedalia	18	07-Aug-82	14-Nov-08
Hatfield, Ray W.	Sedalia	18	13-May-72	14-Nov-08
Hauser, Jr., Russell L.	Sedalia	18	25-Apr-69	14-Nov-08
Howard, Olen	Sedalia	18	02-Apr-66	14-Nov-08
Hunter, Ronald E.	Sedalia	18	18-Sep-71	14-Nov-08
Keith, James H.	Sedalia	18	30-Jul-66	14-Nov-08
Linhardt, Ralph O.	Sedalia	18	12-Dec-63	14-Nov-08
McBurney, Frederic A.	Sedalia	18	16-Mar-74	14-Nov-08
Meads, Daniel D.	Sedalia	18	15-Aug-78	14-Nov-08
Myers, James C.	Sedalia	18	27-Jun-60	14-Nov-08
Owsley, William L.	Sedalia	18	18-Oct-75	14-Nov-08
Stiers, Bobby L.	Sedalia	18	02-Apr-60	14-Nov-08
Stoll, Samuel L.	Sedalia	18	26-Oct-67	14-Nov-08
Street, David A.	Sedalia	18	10-Jun-83	14-Nov-08
Talbott, Roy E.	Sedalia	18	18-Sep-71	14-Nov-08
Tuck, Sam G.	Sedalia	18	14-May-64	14-Nov-08
Wansing, Charles J.	Sedalia	18	31-Jul-73	14-Nov-08
Williams, Emmit G.	Sedalia	18	21-Oct-78	14-Nov-08
Wood, Mervin R.	Sedalia	18	25-Nov-08	14-Nov-08
Woodward, Henry E.	Sedalia	18	08-Aug-81	14-Nov-08
Barrow, Chelmer L.	Moberly	79	14-Apr-73	22-Dec-08

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2008-2009 Chapter 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Campbell, Benjamin T. (60 yrs)	Mexico	27	17-Aug-48	24-Sep-08
Grove, Ronald W.	Mexico	27	08-Apr-58	24-Sep-08
Searfoss, Robert L. (60 yrs)	Mexico	27	30-Nov-48	24-Sep-08
Manley, Ralph K.	Springfield	15	13-Mar-58	14-Oct-08
Mathias, William E.	Springfield	15	13-Jun-58	14-Oct-08
Nahon, Paul G.	Springfield	15	22-Nov-58	14-Oct-08
Sims, Robert D.	Springfield	15	09-May-58	14-Oct-08
True, Bertram E.	Springfield	15	13-Jun-58	14-Oct-08
Cunningham, Clarence L.	Tyrian	52	24-Oct-57	16-Oct-08
Hartle, David E.	Wilson	75	21-Oct-58	27-Oct-08
Ash, Warren F.	Sedalia	18	27-Nov-51	14-Nov-08
Baker, Albert L.	Sedalia	18	22-Apr-57	14-Nov-08
Cook, Maurice G.	Sedalia	18	09-Oct-58	14-Nov-08
Cowan, Robert A.	Sedalia	18	23-Jan-54	14-Nov-08
Gregg, III, Luther L.	Sedalia	18	01-Jan-47	14-Nov-08
Hamilton, James R.	Sedalia	18	22-Sep-55	14-Nov-08
Marsh, Glenn L.	Sedalia	18	30-Jan-56	14-Nov-08
Meads, Thomas A.	Sedalia	18	14-Apr-54	14-Nov-08
O'Dell, Woodrow W.	Sedalia	18	14-Apr-49	14-Nov-08
Quibell, Doanld L.	Sedalia	18	28-May-56	14-Nov-08
Robinson, Daniel M.	Sedalia	18	25-Sep-47	14-Nov-08
Sheffer, John F.	Sedalia	18	09-Dec-58	14-Nov-08
Trainer, John K.	Sedalia	18	15-Nov-58	14-Nov-08
Welch, Ralph W.	Sedalia	18	08-Jun-48	14-Nov-08
Young, James F.	Sedalia	18	29-Oct-57	14-Nov-08
Frieden, Gary A.	Nevada	56	20-Nov-58	24-Dec-08
Lewis, John G. (60 yrs)	Nevada	56	26-Jan-46	24-Dec-08
Phillips, Grover G. (poor health)	Nevada	56	21-Nov-59	24-Dec-08
Pursley, J. Wayne	Nevada	56	19-Apr-58	24-Dec-08
Elder, George Truman	Oriental	78	13-Jun-58	24-Dec-08
Weyer, Nicholas F.	Oriental	78	13-Oct-56	06-Jan-09
Stith, Ronald C.	Vincil	110	30-Aug-57	06-Jan-09
Crain, Carlos C.	Orient	102	15-Oct-58	15-Jan-09

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Chapters	49
Number of Members, December 31, 2007	4939
Number Exalted	108
Number Affiliated	95
Number Reinstated	34
Total Gains	237
Number Dimitted	215
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	1
Number Suspended by Lodge	12
Number Suspended By Chapter NPD	217
Number Died	205
Total Losses	650
Total Members, December 31, 2008	4526
Net Loss	413

2008-2009 GRAND CHAPTER RECAPITULATION

As of May 1, 2009

Income	Budgeted	Actual	Projected	Balance
Per Capita, Membership, 3,675 @ \$7.95	\$29,216.25	\$28,973.85	\$30,306.52	\$1,090.27
Per Capita, Remitted Membership, 600 @ \$2.00	1,200.00	38.00	1,272.00	72.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,250.00	-	2,138.85	(111.15)
Exaltation Fees, 100 @ \$10.00	1,000.00	1,090.00	1,090.00	90.00
General Fund				
Interest	748.82	1,130.53	1,248.89	500.07
Earnings	1,835.00	-	-	(1,835.00)
Miscellaneous	250.00	-	-	(250.00)
Total	36,500.07	31,232.38	36,056.26	(443.81)

Salaries and Allowances

Grand High Priest Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
Grand Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Grand Secretary	9,000.00	7,500.00	9,000.00	-
Clerical Assistant	8,000.00	6,666.60	8,000.00	-
Employment Taxes	1,200.00	1,035.17	1,251.92	(51.92)
Annual Convocation	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
Auditor	150.00	84.83	84.83	65.17
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (4,250 @ \$0.45)	1,912.50	1,886.40	1,886.40	26.10
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Grand Officer Expense	750.00	172.06	500.00	250.00
Insurance	500.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Miscellaneous (amended 4/18/09 to \$4,212.15)	4,212.15	-	3,962.15	250.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00	1,837.06	2,500.00	-
Office Expenses	2,500.00	1,817.58	2,500.00	-
Office Rent	2,340.00	2,145.00	2,340.00	-
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	400.00	365.35	365.35	34.65
Postage	750.00	1,019.50	1,100.00	(350.00)
Printing of Proceedings	3,200.00	263.25	2,500.00	700.00
Royal Arch Magazine	5,750.00	4,039.04	5,360.00	390.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00	50.00	50.00	-
Ritual Committee	150.00	-	-	150.00
Storage Rent	1,200.00	1,171.95	1,171.95	28.05
Triennial Fund (4,900 @ \$0.07)	343.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	343.01
Total	51,407.65	35,153.78	49,172.59	2,235.06
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Total Income	36,500.07	31,232.38	36,056.26	(443.81)
Total Salaries and Allowances	51,407.65	35,153.78	49,172.59	2,235.06
Balance / Overall Difference	(14,907.58)	(3,921.40)	(13,116.33)	1,791.25

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No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Election of Officers	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles at large	May 14, 2004	23-7526764	John E. Trower	George M. Merkle	Jay W. Underdown	Thomas L. Thomason	2nd Wed in March	2nd Wednesday	14-Mar-09
2	Palmyra	Liberty	September 14, 1848	23-7526765	Foster S. Crawford	Ervin A. Drewing	Earl W. Orr	Kevin B. Sample	N/A	N/A	25-Feb-09
3	Liberty	Weston	October 16, 1847	43-0986049	George L. Duncan	Clayton Riley	N/A	Virgil L. Bailey	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	25-Feb-09
4	Weston	Bolivar	October 16, 1847	23-7526767	Ralph P. Bunnell	Charles D. Wood	James Sackman	Joseph H. Collison	4th Thur in Dec	4th Thursday	4-Mar-09
5	Bolivar	Hamball	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	Jeffrey P. Boyce	Raymond A. Gravely	James E. McManigle	Leland C. Pyle	3rd Wed in Dec	3rd Wednesday	11-Feb-09
7	Hamball	Lexington	May 24, 1861	23-7526769	Scott Crawford	Gary L. Bennett	Eddie M. Ludlam	Roger McGregor	1st Tues in Oct	1st Tuesday	4-Mar-09
10	Lexington	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	Arthur S. Miller	John S. Lambros	Stanton T. Brown, II	Mark S. Schroer	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	4-Mar-09
12	Independence	St. Joseph	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	Henry A. McClure	Heroy L. Salmon	Lowell Fox	Glenn E. Means	2nd Thurs in April	2nd Thursday	9-Feb-09
14	Mitchell	Springfield	May 16, 1851	44-0439353	Henry W. Hunter, SR	Herchel S. Bledsoe	Paul G. Kingsley	William W. Mier	1st Wed in Nov	1st Wednesday	28-Jan-09
15	Springfield	Columbia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	Marion D. Hockaday	Ronald L. Perkins	Matthew W. Price	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	28-Feb-09
17	Columbia	Sedalia	October 10, 1867	23-7526777	Ronald L. Perkins	James R. Hamilton	Vencil W. Bishop	Russell S. Hanson	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	25-Feb-09
18	Sedalia	Macon	May 23, 1854	23-7526780	Harry C. Reed, Jr.	David A. Hutton	David D. Brown	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-09
22	Macon	Warrensburg	October 10, 1867	23-7526782	Philip J. Moody	Richard A. Mills	James M. Mosley	Russell D. Kohl	1st Thurs in Nov	1st Thursday	6-Apr-09
25	Bellefontaine	Mexico	May 22, 1858	43-0728998	Michael Lundeen	Jerry Snyder	Roy N. Thomas	Richard J. Holmes	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	10-Feb-09
26	DeMolay (merged w/18 11/20/2008)	Kansas City	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	James W. Williams	James G. Haddox	James M. Mosley	Glen E. Homess	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	N/A
27	Mexico	Chillicothe	May 19, 1859	23-7137509	Larry W. Beck	James G. Haddox	James M. Mosley	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday expt. Dec	19-Feb-09
30*	Lone Star	Rolla	May 24, 1866	23-7526785	Harold F. Coos	Harold F. Coos	Roy N. Thomas	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	27-Feb-09
32	Cape Stone (merge w/129 11/20/2008)	DeSoto	October 4, 1877	23-7526790	James W. Williams	James W. Williams	Kristopher Crews	George E. Ornsbey	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday, quarterly	7-Apr-09
33	Jefferson City	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7526791	James W. Williams	James W. Williams	Kristopher Crews	Roy A. Welsch	3rd Thur in March	3rd Thursday	N/A
38	Greenfield	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	James W. Williams	James W. Williams	Kristopher Crews	Donald L. Trabue	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	4-Mar-09
43	Wyoming	Neosho	October 7, 1869	23-7189747	Grover Cochran	Charles E. Cooper	James J. Ogle	C. C. McElmore, III	1st Wed in April	1st Wednesday	25-Feb-09
52	Tyran	Kirksville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	Carl R. Baldwin	Charles E. Cooper	James J. Ogle	James E. Lospach	1st Mon in March	1st Monday	22-Jan-09
53	Caldwell	Center	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	Charles E. Cooper	Charles E. Cooper	James J. Ogle	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	23-Feb-09
55	Ralls (secty died 2008)	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	Charles E. Cooper	Charles E. Cooper	James J. Ogle	Thomas C. Yumick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	28-Mar-09
56	Nevada	California	October 6, 1870	23-7526797	George Shelly	Steve Liebi	James J. Ogle	Deceased	2nd Mon in Jan	2nd Monday	21-Jan-09
58	California	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799	Christopher C. McElmore, III	David W. Jones	Vacant	Stephen C. Derendinger	2nd Mon in Nov	2nd Monday	21-Jan-09
61	Meridian Sun	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	Larry R. Clements	Bradley T. Hicks	James O. Loomis	Marvin W. Frost	1st Thurs in Sept	1st Thursday	25-Feb-09
64	Lebanon	Trenton	October 6, 1870	23-7526801	Delbert Gentry	William R. McVay	Michael E. Day	William E. Bremman	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-09
66	Trenton	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	Johnny L. Schlenker	Michael E. Perry	Gary Black	Larry T. Odum	3rd Thurs in April	3rd Thursday	14-Mar-09
75	Oriental	Webster Groves	October 9, 1873	43-043570	Wayne R. Williams, Jr.	Kent A. Kramer	Lee W. Crites	Charles M. Huey	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	4-Mar-09
78	Moberly	Bethany	October 9, 1873	23-7526811	James Gibbany	Max L. Borron	Rayman Bequette	Edgar D. Piles	1st Thurs in March	1st & 3rd Thursday	28-Feb-09
79	Uel	Louisiana	October 9, 1873	23-7526812	Kenneth Ward	Lawrence T. Strode	Mark E. Nichols	E. Allen Kohler	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	15-Jan-09
80	Bethany	Appleton City	October 7, 1875	23-7137511	Arthur J. Dines	Ona D. Bailey	John N. Siton	John Thrallkill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	21-Feb-09
86	Pike	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	W. Harry Guinn	David W. Jones	Paul Angle	William F. Strode	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	6-Apr-09
90	George Frank Gouley	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	Jerry Bradford	Robert P. Gephardt	Douglas A. Dines	John B. Browning	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	30-Apr-09
91	Truine	Shelbina	May 3, 1883	23-7526817	Joc P. Eison	Charles L. Miles	Robert P. Gephardt	Richard A. Lowrey	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	16-Mar-09
92	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645	Martin G. Morford	Charles L. Miles	Philip W. Engel	Vale T. Naughton	1st Mon in Dec	1st Monday	11-Feb-09
100	Springfield	Poplar Bluff	April 27, 1893	44-0406699	Keith A. Jones	John W. Shoemaker	Thomas E. Christine	Darrell A. Wilham	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	7-Mar-09
102	Unionville	Bome Terre	April 26, 1905	23-7137514	David A. Lloyd	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Donald L. Huggins	Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday	18-Mar-09
110	Poplar Bluff	Webster Groves	April 27, 1893	23-7526825	James N. Leslie	David A. Lloyd	Clark A. McElmore	James A. Nunn	1st Thurs in May	1st Thursday	4-Mar-09
114	Marceline (Charter Arrested 11/6/2008)	Unionville	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	David A. Lloyd	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Earnie D. Wilson	Bill A. Humble	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday	12-Jan-09
118	Unionville	Bome Terre	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	David A. Lloyd	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Earnie D. Wilson	Deceased	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	N/A
123	Rabboni	Kansas City	April 23, 1913	23-7526833	Carl E. Beke	Lawrence W. Brockmeier	Clyde F. Bondy, III	Loren D. Lloyd	4th Tues in Dec	4th Tuesday	26-Feb-09
131	East Gate	Mountain Grove	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	Norman D. Rust	Frank B. Chester	Charles E. Sloan	Steven C. Monroius	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday	24-Jan-09
136	Mountain Grove	Kansas City	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	Norman D. Rust	Frank B. Chester	Charles E. Sloan	Steven C. Monroius	1st Mon in Feb	1st Monday	5-Mar-09
137	William F. Kuhn	Grandview	April 25, 1958	23-7526847	Timothy T. Holmes	Michael E. Luellen	Grant Willis, Jr.	David W. Haywood	3rd Thurs in June	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-09
145	Grandview	Mehlville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	Kyle Palacios	Dennis Felter	Orville Newberry	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thurs in Nov	1st Thursday	31-Jan-09
146	Keystone	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	Timothy R. Lehnhoff	David W. Getty	James P. Payton	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	9-Mar-09
148	MT. Nebo	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	Timothy R. Lehnhoff	David W. Getty	James P. Payton	James A. Payne	1st Tues in March	1st Tuesday	25-Feb-09
* No Annual Return received since 2005											20-Feb-09
TOTAL											28-Mar-09

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GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2008

No.	Chapter	07 Membership	Exalted	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	Expelled	Suspension by Lodge	Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	Died	Total Losses	Total Year End Membership 2008	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Exaltation Fees	Per Capita	07 Debits	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Credit for 50-year Remissions	Credit for Life Members	07 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Chapter		
1	St. Charles Missouri	119	6	1	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	120	0	11	9	\$ 60.00	\$ 954.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,034.00	\$ -	\$ 65.45	\$ 71.55	\$ -	\$ 137.00	\$ 897.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 907.00	
2	Palmyra	40	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	39	0	3	32	-	-	-	-	17.85	-	-	17.85	-	-	(17.85)		
3	Liberty	219	0	0	4	4	6	0	0	1	9	10	26	197	5	11	22	-	1,566.15	1,561.45	15.50	1,581.45	29.75	65.45	174.90	270.10	1,311.35	-	-	1,311.35	
4	Weston	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	12	66	2	4	-	524.70	524.70	-	-	11.90	35.70	31.80	79.40	445.30	-	-	445.30	
5	Bolivar	69	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	8	3	13	57	4	9	0	453.15	453.15	-	-	23.80	53.55	-	77.35	385.80	-	-	385.80	
7	Hannibal	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	10.00	182.85	22.85	205.70	17.85	-	-	-	205.70	10.00	-	215.70		
10	Lexington	91	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	8	84	3	19	7	667.80	667.80	-	677.80	17.85	113.05	55.65	186.55	491.25	-	-	491.25	
12	Independence	215	1	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	15	8	28	189	3	16	26	1,502.55	1,502.55	34.85	1,547.40	17.85	95.20	206.70	319.75	1,227.65	-	-	1,227.65	
14	Mitchell	299	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	15	288	19	31	30	2,289.60	2,289.60	15.90	2,305.50	113.05	184.45	159.00	456.50	1,863.10	-	-	1,863.10	
15	Springfield	290	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	42	252	7	32	12	2,003.40	2,003.40	15.90	2,019.30	41.65	190.40	95.40	327.45	1,731.85	-	-	1,731.85	
17	Columbia	144	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	15	133	6	20	30	1,087.35	1,087.35	-	1,087.35	35.70	119.00	238.50	393.20	694.15	-	-	694.15	
18	Sedalia	68	1	39	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	10	2	13	95	4	17	8	755.25	755.25	29.35	784.60	23.80	101.15	63.60	213.60	581.00	-	-	581.00	
22	Macon	27	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	25	0	0	-	198.75	198.75	-	198.75	17.85	-	-	17.85	180.90	20.00	200.90		
25	Bellevue	40	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	35	3	1	12	278.25	278.25	-	278.25	17.85	5.95	95.40	119.20	159.05	-	-	159.05	
26	DeMolay (merged w/18 11/20/2008)	38	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
27	Mexico	69	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	10	62	1	13	6	492.90	492.90	-	512.90	5.95	77.35	47.70	131.00	381.90	-	-	381.90
28	Kansas City	72	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	70	1	19	0	556.50	556.50	-	556.50	5.95	113.05	-	105.82	331.68	-	-	331.68	
30*	Lone Star	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	1	-	667.80	667.80	1,524.70	2,192.50	-	-	7.95	7.95	2,184.55	10.00	-	2,194.55	
32	Rolla	152	9	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	152	0	0	25	90.00	1,208.40	-	1,298.40	-	-	-	-	198.75	1,099.65	20.00	-	1,119.65	
33	Cape Stone (merge w/129 11/20/2008)	41	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34	Jefferson City	136	0	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	136	54	21	6	1,081.20	1,081.20	691.75	1,772.95	321.30	124.95	47.70	493.95	1,279.00	-	-	1,279.00	
38	Greenfield	44	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	47	1	8	40.00	373.65	373.65	11.00	424.65	5.95	47.60	63.60	117.15	307.50	-	-	307.50	
43	Wyoming	96	6	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	12	91	2	14	0	723.45	723.45	-	783.45	11.90	83.30	-	95.20	688.25	-	-	688.25	
52	Tyran	96	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	93	0	5	2	739.35	739.35	-	739.35	-	29.75	15.90	51.15	728.30	-	-	728.30	
53	Caldwell	307	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	301	1	21	6	2,392.95	2,392.95	-	2,392.95	5.95	124.95	47.70	178.60	2,214.35	10.00	-	2,224.35	
55	Rolls (sec'd died 2008)	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	-	143.10	143.10	-	143.10	-	-	-	-	143.10	-	-	143.10	
56	Nevada	60	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	9	51	0	9	0	405.45	405.45	10.40	415.85	-	53.55	-	53.55	362.30	-	-	362.30	
58	California	57	8	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	55	1	3	5	80.00	437.25	437.25	-	517.25	5.95	17.85	39.75	90.95	453.70	-	-	453.70	
61	Meridian Sun	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	49	2	8	1	389.55	389.55	-	389.55	11.90	47.60	7.95	23.50	298.60	-	-	298.60	
64	Lebanon	104	12	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	11	106	2	4	120.00	842.70	842.70	5.50	968.20	11.90	23.80	23.85	99.55	908.65	-	-	908.65	
66	Trenton	97	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	14	83	1	5	2	659.85	659.85	-	659.85	5.95	29.75	15.90	51.60	608.25	10.00	-	618.25	
75	Wilson	124	3	0	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	5	6	14	116	8	21	2	922.70	922.70	32.40	984.60	47.60	124.95	15.90	188.45	796.15	-	-	796.15	
78	Oriental	155	4	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	5	15	145	6	15	3	1,152.75	1,152.75	10.87	1,203.62	35.70	89.25	23.85	148.80	1,054.82	-	-	1,054.82	
79	Moberly	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	57	0	2	-	405.45	405.45	-	405.45	11.90	29.75	15.90	57.55	347.90	-	-	347.90	
80	Bethany	59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	57	0	2	-	453.15	453.15	-	453.15	-	-	15.90	225.90	211.35	-	-	211.35	
86	Pike	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	2	0	143.10	143.10	-	143.10	5.95	11.90	-	17.85	125.25	20.00	-	145.25	
90	George Frank Gouley	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	0	8	0	278.25	278.25	-	278.25	-	47.60	-	44.00	186.65	20.00	-	206.65	
91	Joplin	67	6	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	69	0	3	9	548.55	548.55	-	548.55	-	17.85	71.55	89.40	519.15	10.00	-	529.15	
93	Trinne	53	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	55	0	8	9	437.25	437.25	-	437.25	-	47.60	71.55	119.15	368.10	-	-	368.10	
99	Shelbina	73	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	72	1	13	2	572.40	572.40	2.05	594.45	5.95	77.35	15.90	99.20	495.25	-	-	495.25	
102	Orient	94	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	1	25	70	1	19	10.00	556.50	556.50	-	566.50	5.95	65.45	151.05	222.45	344.05	10.00	-	354.05	
110	Vincil	164	9	0	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	11	167	5	32	90.00	1,327.65	1,327.65	-	1,417.65	29.75	136.85	254.40	436.30	981.35	-	-	981.35	
114	Poplar Bluff	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	51	2	1	405.45	405.45	-	405.45	11.90	5.95	23.85	41.70	363.75	-	-	363.75	
118	Marceline (Charter Arrested 11/6/2008)	88	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
123	Putnam	42	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	39	2	1	3	310.05	310.05	-	320.05	11.90	5.95	23.85	50.65	269.40	-	-	269.40	
129	Uel	103	2	41	3	46	5	0	0	1	12	6	24	125	8	14	11	20.00	993.75	993.75	-	1,013.75	47.60	83.30	87.45	218.35	795.40	-	-	795.40	
131	Rabboni	93	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	16	81	5	16	3	20.00	643.95	643.95	40.95	704.90	29.75	95.20	23.85	148.80	556.10	-	-	556.10	
136	East Gate	89	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	10	83	2	9	3	659.85	659.85	7.95	697.80	11.90	53.55	23.85	89.30	608.50	-	-	608.50	
137	Mountain Grove	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	38	0	7	0	302.10	302.10	-	302.10	-	41.65	-	47.15	254.95	-	-	254.95	
139	William F. Kuhn	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	30	1	6	1	238.50	238.50	7.95	246.45	5.95	35.70	7.95	49.60	196.85	10.00	-	206.85	
145	Grandview	74	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	9	68	2	8	2	540.60	540.60	5.95	546.55</									

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No.	Chapter	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	08 Credits	08 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/08	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited
1	St. Charles Missouri	\$ 860.85	\$ 46.15	4/24/2009	\$ 907.00			\$ 7,015.49	\$ 53,259.75	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,201.85	-	\$ 63,477.09	\$ 27.95	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Palmyra	-	-		-	17.85		-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Liberty	1,262.70	-		1,262.70		48.65	7,287.20	33,827.82	10,000.00	-	-	51,115.02	10.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Weston	432.45	-		432.45		12.85	1,000.25	-	300.00	-	-	1,300.25	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
5	Bolivar	381.10	-		381.10		4.70	8,813.08	95,999.00	-	-	-	104,812.08	10.00	85.95	No	No	Yes
7	Hannibal	-	-		-		215.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	-	No	No	Yes
10	Lexington	457.15	-		457.15		34.10	4,789.58	-	3,000.00	-	-	7,789.58	19.95	15.10	No	No	Yes
12	Independence	1,190.25	-		1,190.25		37.40	1,367.88	11,841.17	-	-	-	13,209.05	16.85	306.00	No	No	Yes
14	Mitchell	1,766.65	-		1,766.65		96.45	7,276.26	23,453.26	-	1,900.00	-	32,629.52	20.00	21.90	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Springfield	1,671.40	-		1,671.40		60.45	1,437.49	-	6,000.00	-	-	7,437.49	17.50	138.60	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Columbia	653.85	-		653.85		40.30	12,404.61	-	5,000.00	954.00	-	18,358.61	18.00	228.00	No	No	Yes
18	Sedalia	540.05	-		540.05		40.95	525.00	-	-	-	50.00	475.00	8.50	-	No	No	Yes
22	Macon	188.30	-		188.30		12.60	534.00	5,600.00	-	-	-	6,134.00	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
25	Bellevue	152.85	-		152.85		6.20	1,282.15	58,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	62,282.15	8.00	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
26	DeMolay (merged w/18 11/20/2008)	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	-
27	Mexico	360.20	-		360.20		21.70	432.02	-	-	-	-	432.02	15.00	39.93	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	Kansas City	291.16	-		291.16		40.52	1,277.60	-	-	-	-	1,277.60	22.95	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
30*	Lone Star	-	-		-		2,194.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-
32	Rolla	1,000.00	-		1,000.00		119.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.00	-	-	-	No
33	Cope Stone (merge w/129 11/20/2008)	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.00	-	-	-	-
34	Jefferson City	1,117.75	-		1,117.75		161.25	4,353.27	18,655.24	1,000.00	-	-	24,008.51	20.00	-	No	No	Yes
38	Greenfield	340.22	-		340.22	32.72		1,054.01	-	-	-	-	1,054.01	9.50	50.00	No	No	Yes
43	Wyoming	647.55	-		647.55		40.70	1,749.05	2,000.00	2,500.00	91.00	-	6,340.05	13.00	96.00	No	No	Yes
52	Tyrian	702.50	-		702.50		25.70	2,070.87	-	-	-	-	2,070.87	11.95	-	No	No	Yes
53	Caldwell	2,215.90	-		2,215.90		8.45	4,699.68	9,164.10	-	1,150.00	4,142.90	10,870.88	20.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
55	Ralls (secty died 2008)	-	-		-		143.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	-	-
56	Nevada	348.35	-		348.35		13.95	1,176.60	584.41	500.00	-	-	2,261.01	18.00	58.00	No	No	Yes
58	California	447.50	-		447.50		6.20	1,018.71	-	5,000.00	320.00	455.00	5,883.71	20.00	-	No	No	Yes
61	Meridian Sun	284.10	-		284.10		14.50	1,643.57	-	800.00	108.00	-	2,551.57	12.00	54.00	No	No	Yes
64	Lebanon	909.35	-		909.35	0.70		3,625.05	6,291.00	-	-	-	23,166.05	20.00	100.00	No	No	Yes
66	Trenton	599.85	-		599.85		18.40	1,226.68	-	476.00	-	-	1,702.68	17.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
75	Wilson	759.10	-		759.10		37.05	1,674.92	11,320.63	4,000.00	115.50	-	17,111.05	16.50	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
78	Oriental	1,050.22	24.60	23-Apr-09	1,054.82			4,047.80	96,307.16	4,500.00	-	-	104,854.96	20.45	500.00	No	No	Yes
79	Moberly	337.05	-		337.05		10.85	5,730.89	29,269.12	1,000.00	-	-	36,000.01	15.00	21.90	No	No	Yes
80	Bethany	222.50	-		222.50	11.15		-	-	-	-	-	-	14.00	-	-	-	-
86	Pike	140.60	-		140.60		4.65	1,249.03	-	1,900.00	-	-	3,149.03	15.00	5.00	-	-	No
90	George Frank Gouley	175.25	-		175.25		31.40	375.56	-	3,000.00	-	-	3,375.56	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
91	Joplin	506.55	-		506.55		22.60	922.50	11,814.09	592.33	-	-	13,328.92	16.00	-	-	-	No
93	Trine	355.70	-		355.70		12.40	337.86	4,775.58	1,524.86	-	-	6,638.30	12.00	278.90	No	No	Yes
99	Shelbina	481.50	-		481.50		13.75	6,161.4	2,762.15	5,000.00	-	-	8,378.29	10.00	182.50	No	No	Yes
102	Orient	335.90	-		335.90		18.15	5,189.75	-	10,000.00	-	-	15,189.75	15.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
110	Vincel	1,001.55	-		1,001.55	20.20		1,752.01	9,637.50	5,000.00	-	-	16,389.51	15.45	-	No	No	Yes
114	Poplar Bluff	359.10	-		359.10		4.65	535.79	-	-	36.00	-	571.79	12.00	40.15	No	No	Yes
118	Marceline (Charter Arrested 11/6/2008)	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
123	Punam	246.80	-		246.80		22.60	1,190.56	-	-	45.00	-	1,235.56	15.00	200.75	No	No	Yes
129	Uel	816.95	-		816.95	21.55		2,375.02	-	2,800.00	792.00	-	5,967.02	18.00	63.20	No	No	Yes
131	Rabboni	491.45	-		491.45		64.65	2,182.69	-	14,200.00	80.00	-	16,462.69	20.00	248.85	No	No	Yes
136	East Gate	463.80	-		463.80		144.70	1,837.71	30,000.00	500.00	-	-	32,337.71	15.00	-	No	No	Yes
137	Mountain Grove	244.10	-		244.10		10.85	915.76	27,946.01	2,500.00	-	-	31,361.77	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
139	William F. Kuhn	294.10	-		294.10	87.25		1,611.36	-	300.00	-	-	1,911.36	24.00	-	No	No	Yes
145	Grandview	465.65	-		465.65		15.50	174.30	-	-	-	-	174.30	23.50	-	No	No	Yes
146	Keystone	367.00	-		367.00		4.70	630.07	-	20,000.00	292.50	250.00	20,672.57	17.00	205.00	No	No	Yes
148	Mt. Nebo	669.95	-		669.95		12.35	1,150.33	-	1,200.00	-	-	2,350.33	14.00	89.00	-	-	Yes
TOTAL		\$ 28,586.85	\$ 70.75		\$ 28,657.60	\$ 191.42	\$ 3,849.87	\$ 112,560.15	\$ 543,007.99	\$ 130,343.19	\$ 7,085.85	\$ 4,897.90	\$ 788,099.28	\$ 821.05	\$ 3,228.73			

* No Annual Return received since 2005

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

(no report available at time of printing)

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

This Committee urges every Royal Arch Mason in Missouri to familiarize himself with the content of the 2007-2008 Report of the Grand Chapter Committee on Education appearing in the 2008 Proceedings, and to study and encourage the use of the educational papers which this Committee produced during the 2007-2008 Grand York Rite year. In placing two papers entitled Officer Tools and To Reach Inside Ourselves on file with the Grand York Rite office, the Committee addressed the current condition of the Craft, gave it an honest appraisal, defined leadership as eleven skill directions in which our York Rite Grand and constituent Chapter officers need to be growing, and laid out a solid scheme for how to think through many of the major issues facing the fraternity. In addition, knowing that improving performance of the ritual is universally desired, and recognizing that there is far more involved in "learning the ritual" than memorizing floor work, what to say, and when to say it, the Committee placed on file a third paper entitled Six Keys to Performing Effective Ritual which addressed several of these key areas of involvement. The Committee's mission this year was to see that the material in these three papers might become more generally known and reach more of those who most need them.

Some outstanding examples of dedication and service are being set by our current group of District Deputy Grand High Priests, and they are to be commended for it. There are still some Chapters however that either have not had the requirements explained to them, or lack the interest to apply, for the Distinguished Chapter Award. Because the requirements are subject to change from year to year, deputies should not presume that explaining them is unnecessary. For any active, functioning Chapter meeting continually, the requirements are not difficult to satisfy, provided that its officers know far enough ahead what is expected of them and they commit to following through as a team. During this Grand York Rite year, and at the request of the Grand High Priest, the requirements were changed to take in two additional items: 1) at least four meaningful Masonic or non-Masonic educational talks appropriate for the time of the year and/or the needs of the members, and 2) for the Chapter to have submitted on time a properly completed annual return to the Grand York Rite office with the required audit and per capita/fee payments, plus fines if applicable, owed to the Grand Chapter. Each High Priest continues to be responsible for the completion and submission of his own Chapter's application. Blank applications for downloading and printing continue to be available from the document library of the Missouri York Rite web site.

Considerable initiative and industry has been exercised this year with the educational programs presented by certain constituent Chapters at their regular convocations. Topics have ranged from the most basic and critical information with which the membership needs to be acquainted to in depth explanations of Biblical and other interesting subjects closely related to Royal Arch Masonry. 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. The following High Priests and Chapters qualified for the Distinguished Chapter Award for 2008-2009:

Arthur S. Miller
Daryl Price
Larry W. Beck
James W. Williams
Larry R. Clemens
David L. Leirer
Kyle R. Palacios
Timothy R. Lehnhoff

Independence Chapter No. 12
Mitchell Chapter No. 14
Rolla Chapter No. 32
Wyoming Chapter No. 43
Lebanon Chapter No. 64
Uel Chapter No. 129
Keystone Chapter No. 146
Mount Nebo Chapter No. 148

The following High Priests and Chapters qualified for the Distinguished Chapter Award for 2007-2008 but was received late last year and is herewith presented:

Joseph P. Krill, Jr.

Lebanon Chapter No. 64

The recommendations of this Committee are as follows:

1. that, until a more comprehensive training document can be made available, the three above mentioned papers be studied, saved, and used to teach constituent and Grand officers about their responsibilities, accountability, what they need to know, and know well, about being officers, what they need to be studying, and what they owe the constituent bodies;
2. that the District Deputy Grand High Priests, in preparing for their Regional York Rite Conferences, consider selecting individual sections from these three papers and using them to develop an outline for a flexible program

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(See 2008-2009 Report of Grand Chapter Committee on York Rite Conferences); invariably something contained in these three papers generally applies, or is related to, problem resolution as required by our respective York Rite bodies.

3. that the District Deputy Grand High Priests, when making their official visits, review the requirements for the Distinguished Chapter Award, one by one, and the proper procedure for filing the application, once yearly with the Chapters under their superintendence, and to encourage the High Priests in their respective regions to apply for the Award; official visits made as early as possible in the Grand Chapter year are therefore strongly encouraged;

4. that all completed applications for the Award be submitted first to the District Deputy Grand High Priest in order for his signature to be affixed to the application before it is forwarded to the chair;

5. that the requirements for the Award be converted into a point system to allow the constituent Chapters the freedom to complete the requirements for the Award with different activities rather than having to slavishly follow a set pattern (it is proper, for example, for those Chapters who have been extraordinarily active in conferring the degrees to receive credit for this where credit is due), provided however, that the requirements of a minimum representation at important York Rite events, support of Royal Arch Research Assistance, and submission of an on-time completed annual return with required audit and fees/per capita payments, be kept mandatory;

6. that Grand officers not only read, study, and save the Proceedings, but follow up on the ideas and recommendations made in the Committee Reports;

7. that Grand officers take full advantage of the guidance this Committee is making available to them and utilize the available materials;

8. that Education for Preservation become the focus of a combined Grand York Rite effort to provide essential solutions and to address membership decline; where there is education there is interest, and where there is interest, the waters are stirred to stimulate membership;

9. that this Committee collaborate in the future with the Education Committees of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery in developing a training document for a common program of education for teaching constituent and Grand York Rite officers about

- a. reorganizing the way we do business
- b. creating management methods where none currently exist
- c. managing dysfunctional organizations including reforming the management structure in the State
- d. providing a quality experience for the membership, and
- e. maintaining the prestige of holding York Rite membership so the world at large can better see us

for what we are;

10. that a designated Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer in each constituent York Rite body in Missouri be made a requirement by edict or general order; and

11. that recommendations numbers 8, 9, and 10 be supported and promoted in perpetuity by all Grand presiding officers of the York Rite of Missouri.

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

David L. Leirer
John E. Schofield
Roy N. Thomas
Kevin E. Weaver

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Following is the proposed budget for 2009-2010:

Income

Per Capita, Membership 3,339 @ \$14.50	\$48,415.50
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,234.25
Exaltation Fees, 125 @ \$10.00	1,250.00
General Fund Interest Income	
Interest	476.48
Earnings	1,440.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	\$54,066.23

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	1,330.00
Annual Convocation	1,750.00
Auditor 100.00	
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (3,714 @ \$2.00)	7,428.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00
Grand Officer Expense	750.00
Insurance	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00
Office Expenses	2,500.00
Office Rent	2,340.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	400.00
Postage 1,000.00	
Printing of Proceedings	2,500.00
Royal Arch Magazine	5,000.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00
Ritual Committee	-
Storage Rent	1,200.00
Triennial Fund (4,264 @ \$0.07)	300.00
Total	\$51,348.00

Total Income	\$54,066.23
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$51,348.00
Balance	\$ 2,718.23

Fraternally submitted,
C.C. McLemore, III
Claude M. Eckert
Roy L. Gilkey
Loren D. Lloyd

Stephen C. Monrotus
John E. Schofield
Roy N. Thomas
George L. Duncan, Chairman

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri has reviewed the labors of the Grand High Priest in relation to edicts issued, decisions made, dispensations granted, By-laws changes approved for Subordinate Chapters and, all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by him.

In our opinion, the actions of Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Hardester are well within the inherent powers, responsibilities and duties of his office as proscribed in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Hardester is to be commended for his special interest to the Craft. He has provided exemplary leadership in his charge of the Craft and, on more than one occasion, demonstrated his ability to resolve complex and sometimes, most difficult and sensitive matters. He has always acted thoughtfully, responsibly and, never failed to seek advice and counsel when appropriate.

For his dedication to the Craft, and approval of this report, we recommend unanimous agreement by the Craft by a boisterous ovation.

Fraternally submitted,
Stanton T. Brown, PHP
Walter W. Doyle, PGHP

C. Brent Stewart, PHP
Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chairman

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ritual be amended by adding an ERRATA page to list the omissions, additions and/or corrections as noted below:

1. On page 1, add a new paragraph following the last paragraph on the page to state, "Dress-Royal Arch aprons and jewels".
2. On page 11, at paragraph 7A.(3), at the very end of the line, change "D.D.H.G.P.(s)" to D.D.G.H.P.(s) so that line 7A.(3) will read, "Local D.D.G.H.P.(s), then other D.D.G.H.P.(s)".
3. On page 50, at the very bottom of the page, move "MAR: Follow me." to page 53, between the last line of the Mark Master's Song and "MAR: How much did you receive?" and making "MAR: Follow me." a new paragraph.
4. On page 54, in the parenthesis immediately under "RESUMING LABOR", change the page number from "18" to "20" so that the wording within the parenthesis will read, "See page 20".
5. On page 63, at the 9th printed line from the top of the page, change "am" to "may" so that the 9th printed line from the top of the page will read, "RWM: How will you dispose of it that I may come to the knowl-".
6. On page 114, at the 11th printed line from the bottom of the page, change "to" to "do" so that the 11th printed line from the bottom of the page will read, "RAC: How do you expect to gain admission?".
7. On page 122, 25th printed line from the bottom of the page, add, "the" between "of" and "Law" so that the 25th printed line from the bottom of the page will read, "JES: Let us read further from this Book of the Law".

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To correct errors or omissions in the existing Ritual.

Fraternally submitted,
Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE IX, Revenues of the Grand Chapter, Section 40, Annual Dues, be amended by styling the existing paragraph as "A" and adding paragraphs "B" and "C", to wit,

B. The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter will cause to be written and provided to each Companion on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted, 50 year members, and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that are supported by the Grand Chapter. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) with a suggested contribution of \$3.65. The Grand Secretary will issue each Subordinate Chapter a number of Penny-a-Day stickers to affix to the dues card of each Companion that donates at least \$3.65 to RARA. Subordinate Chapter Secretaries will affix such stickers to the Companion's dues card and send it to the Companion. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, the check written to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field designating the charity for which it was collected and in a timely and efficient manner.

C. The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter and the chairman of any committee having oversight of the receipt of charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests will report to and send to the Grand Secretary a written report of such charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests so that documentation will be maintained

for Missouri to receive credit for and the recognition it deserves. All checks shall be issued to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated use.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: 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.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ:

A. 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.

B. The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter will cause to be written and provided to each Companion on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted, 50 year members, and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that are supported by the Grand Chapter. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) with a suggested contribution of \$3.65. The Grand Secretary will issue each Subordinate Chapter a number of Penny-a-Day stickers to affix to the dues card of each Companion that donates at least \$3.65 to RARA. Subordinate Chapter Secretaries will affix such stickers to the Companion's dues card and send it to the Companion. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, the check written to the charity for which it was collected and in a timely and efficient manner.

C. The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter and the chairman of any committee having oversight of the receipt of charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests will report to and send to the Grand Secretary a written report of such charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests so that documentation will be maintained for Missouri to receive credit for and the recognition it deserves. All checks shall be issued to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated use".

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Standing Resolution No. 6, adopted on May 15, 2008, and Standing Resolution No. 7, adopted on May 15, 2008, addresses the issues of contributions and voluntary contributions. It has been observed that some Subordinate Chapter Secretaries have ignored these Standing Resolutions. Perhaps a more formal presentation under the Constitution and By-laws will capture their attention. This will also codify the requirement for reporting by any committee chairman having responsibility for the receipt of funds on behalf of the Grand Chapter. This also will aid in the record keeping for charitable organizations under 501 of the IRS Code.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

Should this pass, Standing Resolutions No. 6 & 7 will be called for an up/down vote.

**Standing Resolution No. 7
Adopted May 15, 2008**

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.

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

**Standing Resolution No. 8
Adopted May 15, 2008**

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.

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE X, Standing Committees, Section 47, Duties of Committees, Subsection D, The Committee on Jurisprudence, be amended by styling the existing paragraph as “A” and adding paragraph “B”, to wit,

B. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Constitution and By-laws paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe of its findings. On review, the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section (s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence (s) in its annual report to the Grand Chapter and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consider the decisions made by the Grand High Priest and all questions of law and report a brief statement of its findings for the action of the Grand Chapter.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ:

A. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consider the decisions made by the Grand High Priest and all questions of law and report a brief statement of its findings for the action of the Grand Chapter.

B. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Constitution and By-laws paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe of its findings. On review, the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section (s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence (s) in its annual report to the Grand Chapter and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Minor errors in the Constitution and By-laws have come to the attention of the Committee from time to time. Amendment of the Constitution and By-laws normally requires a resolution, the preparation of which can be burdensome, confusing and time consuming. The Committee feels this process is unnecessary in certain circumstances in light of a minor change as addressed in the resolution that does not affect original intent or meaning.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Committee has stumbled upon two spelling errors. The first appears in the Constitution on page 3, 2nd paragraph: “It may reprimand, suspend or expel from its own body and”. The word should be any. The second appears in the By-laws on page 20 in Section 140D. Partial wording is, “be represented by any one of its High Priest, King of”. The word should be or. Move the spelling changes be allowed without benefit of a formal resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE X, Standing Committees, Section 47, Duties of Committees, Paragraph E, The Committee on Finance and Accounts, be amended by striking the period after “three” and adding, “consisting of the Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Grand Captain of the Host”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the wording of the 4th sentence, “The first appointment shall be for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.”, be removed.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the wording, “All remaining elected Grand Chapter Line Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.”, be added as the last sentence of the paragraph.

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED THAT the wording, “one of the aforementioned three officers as”, be inserted between “designate” and “the”.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Paragraph E, The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and auditor’s report, and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Chapter; and no appropriations shall be made without having been considered and reported on by this Committee. It shall be a committee of three. The first appointment shall be for one year,

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one for two years, and one for three years. Each year, the Grand High Priest shall designate the chairman for the ensuing year.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and auditor's report, and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Chapter; and no appropriations shall be made without having been considered and reported on by this Committee. It shall be a committee of three consisting of the Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Captain of the Host. Each year, the Grand High Priest shall designate one of the aforementioned three officers as the chairman for the ensuing year. All remaining elected Grand Chapter Line Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permanently designate the members of the committee and eliminate confusion relating to the appointment of members to the committee.

Fraternally submitted,
George L. Duncan, PHP, Liberty Chapter No. 3
Ronald L. Barrett, PHP, Liberty Chapter No. 3
Robert Duncan, Liberty Chapter No. 3

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

ARREST OF CHARTER

Marceline Chapter No. 118, Marceline, MO

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

The Proceedings for 2008 were reviewed. Some errors were noted. These have been referred to the editor for additional review.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

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

Companions: On April 23, 2009, your committee examined the returns of the 50 Chapters in this jurisdiction and found the majority very neatly prepared on proper forms. We had two mergers during the past year. DeMolay No. 26 merged with Sedalia No. 18 and Copestone No. 33 merged with Uel No. 129. The Charter of Marceline no. 118 was arrested.

The following four Chapters have not submitted their annual returns to date. They are, Hannibal No. 7, Lone Star No. 30, Ralls No. 55 and George Frank Gouley No. 90. They will be assessed the required penalties when received by the Grand Secretary. The returns of St. Charles Missouri No. 1, Macon No. 22, Rolla No. 32, Caldwell No. 53, Trenton No. 66, Pike No. 86, Joplin No. 91, Orient No. 102 and Mt. Nebo No. 148 were received late and were assessed penalties.

Many of the returns contained miscellaneous errors in calculation on the financial page while others were the result of secretaries not keeping an accurate record of deaths, degree work and other occurrences as they occur. Many returns did not have the Audit sheet completed, with some even left blank.

Fraternally submitted,
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

The August 28-30, 2008 Triennial of the General Grand Chapter was attended by MIC Stanton Brown and MEC Foster S. Crawford. Grand Master Edgar Conrood and Grand High Priest Robert E. Hardester were unable to get a room at the hotel even though they called 4 weeks before the suspend date.

The proposals passed raised the General Grand Chapter per capita from \$.45 to \$1.00 effective in 2010.

It was suggested if you purchased a perpetual membership for \$25.00, the Grand Chapter of Missouri would be

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exempted from paying yearly per capita on that member. If enough were to buy the perpetual membership it would help the General Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter has available from the Educational Bureau many new books and pamphlets.

New officers were elected and installed on August 29th for the term 2008-2011. They were Emory J. Ferguson, General Grand High Priest, Edmund D. Harrison General Grand King, Louis B. Bertrand General Grand Scribe and Larry E. Gray General Grand Secretary. Bert S. Lee from Arkansas was appointed Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest of the South Central Region.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Hardester, Chairman

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(See Joint Committee Report on Page 12)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

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

Grand High Priest Robert Hardester has made the following charitable contributions during the 2008-2009 Capitul year:

Masonic Home of Missouri	\$1,000.00
Royal Arch Research Assistance	1,000.00
Muscular Dystrophy	1,000.00
Rainbow for Girls Leadership Conference	500.00
Jobs Daughters Leadership Conference	500.00
DeMolay Leadership Conference Scholarship	500.00
Total	4,500.00

After conferring with REC George Duncan, the following are the proposed Grand Chapter Charity Donations for 2009-2010:

Masonic Home of Missouri	\$1,000.00
Royal Arch Research Assistance	1,000.00
Rainbow for Girls Leadership Conference	500.00
Jobs Daughters Leadership Conference	500.00
DeMolay Leadership Conference Scholarship	500.00
Total	3,500.00

Any remaining earnings are to be left in the Foundation Fund.

Fraternally submitted,
Harley Kropf, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

(See Joint Committee Report on Page 13)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

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

Companions, I wish we could report that we had a large increase in membership, however, that would not be truthful. In fact, we had one of the lowest numbers of new members in several years. As of the date of this report, we have had a total of twelve (12) new members.

Also, as you all are aware, the investment market is upside down, on paper we loss a little over \$10,000.00.

The Grand Chapter will need to work harder in the future to make the Endowed Membership more appealing for the Companions. Maybe we need to ask for money from the Governor in a stimulus package. In all reality, we need to work harder and encourage more companions to join the Endowed Membership as well as work a little harder on our investment!

Fraternally,
Jose' Palacios
Walter Doyle, Chairman

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Companion	Chapter	Exalted	Issued
506	Scheinost, Floyd Emil	102	16-Dec-78	21-May-08
507	Means, Glenn E.	12	04-Nov-83	23-Jun-08
508	Erfurdt, Jr., John L.	148	10-Jun-92	25-Jun-08
509	DeVenney, Jr, Russell Frederick	17	09-Apr-07	13-Sep-08
510	Schroff, Nikolaus Alexander	93	12-Jul-08	18-Nov-08
511	Wright, Robert Leon	148	16-Apr-80	19-Nov-08
512	Sample, Kevin Brian	17	25-Jun-83	30-Dec-08
513	Trimble, Rodney Lee	91	02-Nov-01	22-Jan-09
514	Kuehn, John Charles	91	07-Nov-08	02-Mar-09
515	Fryer, Lowell D.	32	21-Jun-99	04-Mar-09
516	Baker, Lawrence Larry	32	22-Aug-87	04-Mar-09
517	Hill, Gerald Ray	64	17-Mar-09	06-Apr-09

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

Our Missouri Youth continue to stay active and hold their own with all the many conflicting events that vie for their time. Both Job's Daughters and DeMolay have had a devastating loss in the Lebanon area. Between the military base and the closure of several large factories, many families have had to move from the region. There are too many of our Missouri youths all over the State who have been faced with moms and dads losing their homes due to layoffs.

On a brighter note, DeMolay is celebrating their 90th year, and in June, Robert Cockerham will be installed as head of DeMolay International. Hats off to Bob, who is the son of James and Virginia Cockerham. James was a Past Grand Master of the Council and known all over for his fantastic ritual presentations.

Job's Daughters has had a busy year instituting their Certified Adult Volunteer Program. All adults serving on Councils and Committees must take this training and become certified. They still hold two HIKES a year to help their philanthropic project, Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund, plus other charities. This year the USO became a project due to their Associate Grand Guardian serving in Iraq. Besides each Bethel adopted several people serving in the military and remembered them with care packages on the various holidays and at other times throughout the year.

Rainbow had an increase in membership. This year they devoted a lot of time and attention to domestic violence shelters in Missouri. They, along with the Job's Daughters need quality leaders to help with Assemblies and Bethels. Both organizations need help. Again, we have so many single parent families that don't have time to give, but let their girls join and it is up to our leaders to give them the training and guidance that they need. Both groups are getting ready for their Sessions the end of June.

One of the tasks of this committee is to pick the Youth Awards that are presented by the Grand High Priest at their Session. We work in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Youth Committee, therefore the applicants only have to fill out one application which we share. This is a big help to this committee.

It is always a joy to be able to work with our Youth and thank you for the opportunity to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Lon Goede, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

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

It is much easier to be given the responsibilities of the office of Grand Lecturer when my predecessor, MEC Calvin Schroff, is available for his insight and knowledge, should any difficulties or complicated questions arise. Happily, this year, it was not the case. There were no questions put forth from the Companions that the Deputies felt that they could not answer, hence, it was not necessary for the Committee on Ritual to have a formal meeting. The Deputies were invited to attend a "get acquainted" meeting, and I thank the number that did attend.

It was one of my goals for each Deputy to have a School of Instruction in every Chapter in his region or district, and lacking that, to have a School for the entire district or region. And there were several who did. My thanks goes to all the Deputies for seeing that the ritual is taught correctly, and thanks to the many Companions who actually followed through, and performed it correctly! The ritual, my Companions, is merely the means to an end; it is the way that we do things in a proper manner and order. It allows us to do what we need to do, whether conferring degrees, opening and closing the convocations, or anything else that demands our attention.

The Grand High Priest ordered that a state-wide School would be held, and following the Grand Council School, it was held. Thanks to VEC Robert Wright for filling in for me during the first part of the school, as I was seeing to a funeral

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committal service. (This position is not for someone who holds down two part-time jobs, in addition to several secretarial offices, I have learned!) It was a successful school; I only trust that in years to come, more of the Grand Officers and Deputy Lecturers will make it their priority to attend.

The other concern was the edict issued to, in effect, allow the Committee on Ritual to ascertain if any changes needed to be made to allow for the wearing of a cover by the High Priest during convocations. As I have said at other times, my understanding is that only the Grand Chapter can authorize changes to be made, and since there was no authorization, no changes could be forthcoming. No reports were made through my office to seek permission to wear a cover, and thus, there was no need for a meeting. I hope that this will resolve the issue, and that we, as Chapters and the Grand Chapter, can deal with more weighty matters and ones which will vastly affect our future! We need to keep our focus on greater priorities.

It was my pleasure to award two Certificates this year, both renewals in Part I; to VEC Robert Wright and to myself. I appreciate very much those of my Deputies who have current Certificates and for those who are still trying to obtain their first.

I thank MEC Hardester for his confidence in appointing me to this office, and to the Deputies who have served this year. May the Supreme High Priest richly bless you!

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF EDITOR OF ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

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

COMMITTEE ROSTER

Steven C. Monrotus	Chairman
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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
Farrell D. Sexson	DDGHP, Region 3C
Terry R. Struse	DDGHP, Region 4A
Stephen C. Derendinger	DDGHP, Region 4B
Dennis E. Fetter	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	November 1, 2008 in Shelbina, Missouri
Region 2 -- 5 Chapters	January 3, 2009 in Saint Joseph, Missouri
Region 3 -- 12 Chapters	November 22, 2008 in Buckner, Missouri
Region 4 -- 6 Chapters	March 7, 2009 in Jefferson City, Missouri
Region 5 -- 6 Chapters	March 28, 2009 in Webster Groves, Missouri
Region 6 -- 3 Chapters	February 21, 2009 in Farmington, Missouri
Region 7 -- 10 Chapters	February 14, 2009 in Springfield, Missouri

Those district/regional officers who helped to schedule and conduct a York Rite Conference in their respective Regions this year are to be commended for their dedication and industry. Many issues of critical importance to the future of

York Rite Freemasonry in Missouri received discussion at these events. Based upon its successful implementation in all seven Regions, this year the Committee continued making use of the York Rite Conference Regional Report Form developed by the Grand Chapter during the 2007-2008 Grand York Rite year. This Form was mailed to each member of the Committee, and replies were received from all seven Regions.

Region 1 was the first to hold a scheduled Conference. There were only nine attendees at this event. Those who attended were one Grand presiding officer, two past Grand presiding officers, two district/regional deputies, one past presiding officer, and three presiding officers representing, respectively, the three constituent York Rite bodies which meet in Shelbyville. While no program was conducted, the attendees stayed and had some useful discussions.

Region 2 reported thirty three in attendance with two Chapters being represented. Mitchell Chapter was represented by thirty one of the attendees. The other two attendees were from Bethany Chapter. Discussion touched briefly upon York Rite charities, awards, membership, youth programs, jurisprudence, education, and the annual Grand session. The program was compact and finished an hour early.

Region 3 reported four Chapters represented by thirty five in attendance. The program was well presented using four speakers. Topics discussed included membership and retention, the need to improve performance of the ritual, and practicing what Freemasonry teaches. An excellent talk on leadership and the responsibility of a leader was presented. The need for improved communication was also discussed. In particular, the need to get word out in a timely manner about where, when, and why, especially as it has to do with completing requirements for the Grand Chapter Distinguished Chapter Award, the Grand Council Merit Award, and the Grand Commandery Honor Commandery Award, was stressed.

Region 4 reported thirty in attendance, eight of which were Grand officers. All six Regional Chapters and four Chapters outside the Region were represented. After the Grand officers present were introduced, the Grand High Priest discussed what local initiatives the Chapters are taking to gain membership and the educational programs they are conducting, many of which are including leadership training for higher office. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were present and discussed the workings of their respective offices, what the various funds are for, what they do, what the Grand York Rite does for the membership, and how it works on their behalf. An open discussion followed in which everyone was encouraged to contribute their own thoughts and feelings, and different viewpoints were expressed. There was feedback from everyone, and with ten Chapters being represented, it gave everyone a chance to hear about nine other Chapters, their revitalization, and what they were doing.

Region 5 held the last scheduled Conference. Attendance and representation of constituent Chapters was not reported. Six dedicated York Rite Masons which included, among others, the Grand High Priest, Grand Lecturer, Grand Secretary/Recorder, and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee were on the program and spoke on a number of important subjects which included, but was not limited to, pending Grand York Rite legislation, the ritual, membership, and declining attendance.

Region 6 had twenty in attendance at its Conference, with all three of its own regional Chapters and two Chapters outside the region being represented. The Council and Commandery Regional Deputies presented a particularly good program using five speakers. Several important issues were discussed having to do with improving the quality of the York Rite experience. These issues included, among other things, the importance of encouraging the new member, learning the ritual and delivering it from memory, providing entertaining education at every meeting, showing leadership by setting the right kind of example, maintaining continuity from one Grand York Rite year to the next, improving cooperation between constituent bodies in the conferrals of the York Rite degrees and orders, and establishing and maintaining a visible presence in the local community. There was considerable participation from the sidelines at this Conference, with different viewpoints being expressed.

Region 7 reported six Chapters represented by about forty who attended, six of which were new Chapter members. Several papers were presented at this Conference relating to a single issue, viz. membership. Topics covered how membership decline was being handled in other States, the effects of dues increases, membership retention and recruitment, and what the future holds. While this Conference narrowed its focus, the papers presented were well done and well received.

Since the 2007-2008 York Rite Conference Committee Report did not reach most of the membership until its official publication in the 2008 Proceedings, and then only by searching its pages, the possible effect that its message might have had to stimulate interest in attending this year's round of Conferences cannot be known. As this Report is now in print, it is unnecessary to repeat its message here. Considerable input from the sidelines was noted when a flexible program with provision for deviations was utilized. From the perspective of input from the attendees, the flexible agenda offered an advantage over the more tightly prescribed, formal agenda in stimulating that input. By working from a rough outline those on the sidelines commented frequently and even took the discussion in directions in which they currently had their greatest concerns. The resulting participation, interaction, and being exposed to differing viewpoints caused them to come away with their understanding broadened from the wide range of issues addressed and the variety of opinions heard.

The recommendations of this Committee are as follows:

- 1) that district/regional officers begin six months in advance to think about and plan an interesting, flexible Conference agenda that is different from year to year;
- 2) that every district/regional officer adopt a proactive rather than reactive role with respect to this thinking and planning;
- 3) that every district/regional officer be included in the staging of these Conferences;
- 4) that district/regional officers avoid reiterating at the Conference the same information which members expect to hear at official visits;

5) that district/regional officers permit Conference attendees to share their views on important York Rite issues at these events, even if this involves the agenda moving in unplanned directions,

6) that, based on its successful implementation over the last two years, the use of the York Rite Conference Regional Report Form continue, and

7) that officer education be included in every Conference program (See 2008-2009 Report of Grand Chapter Committee on Education).

Fraternally submitted,
Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

NE PLUS ULTRA

The Masonic “Crown Jewels” and Other
Invitational/Honorary/Ultra-Masonic-Bodies in the USA
by Ernest R. (Randy) Spradling

INTRODUCTION

In 1492, when Columbus sailed the ocean blue, there was a limited view, at least among the lay folk, that the world was flat; if one sailed out to the edge of the world, one would fall off! Many of the “world” maps of the pre-Columbian days would simply show the land areas with nothing but ocean surrounding these masses, implying that one would fall off the Earth if one attempted to venture further. Some cartographers would note along the map edge, Ne Plus Ultra for “Nothing More Beyond.”

Freemasonry is a fraternal order that has under its umbrella numerous bodies and rites established throughout the world. Not all rites are practiced in the United States: for example, the practice of the Swedenborg Rites is limited to the Scandinavian countries of Europe. Conversely not all degrees being practiced in the United States see the light of day in other parts of the world.

These various rites, grades, degrees, or orders, are usually divided into two major camps; the Universal grades are available for every Master Mason to join without having to be invited, while Invitational orders require the neophyte to be invited. Examples of Universal Freemasonry beyond the Craft Degrees include the 29 additional degrees practiced under the auspices of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the seven degrees that compose the American Capitular and Cryptic Freemasonry, Knight Masonry as practiced in Ireland, and some of the invitational bodies with British origin, such as the Allied Masonic Degrees. The subject of this paper is the various Invitational orders that are practiced in the United States.

While some of these Masonic Orders were present in the United States in the 19th Century, many others came to our shores in the early 1930s. Further discussion will be presented near the end of this paper showing the reason for this influx of new Masonic bodies.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This paper began as a Power Point presentation developed for presentation to the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers, Florida in February 2007. It originated as an update to a paper written and presented by VB Richard Meacham PSM KCRBE. Also included in here references was an Ohio Chapter of Research article called “Fringe masonry” by VB Louis Van Slyck PSM KCRBE and Doug Jordon’s revised history of Knight masonry, as well as numerous web sites.

Lest a reader be concerned with some points presented in this paper, no Masonic secrets are divulged here. All of the information came from published sources that are available to any researcher, including World Wide Web.

MASONIC HONORS

There are numerous honors under the Masonic umbrella. This presentation arbitrarily divided them into four categories: Grand Presiding Officer, Distinguished Service, Presiding Officer in a Constituent Body, and Invitational/Honorary.

The first category is self-explanatory: no higher honor can be bestowed on a Freemason than to be selected by his peers as the First among Equals, no matter what body is bestowing that honor. Titles include Most Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander.

The second category is also self-explanatory: these are honors for longtime service to the Fraternity and/or to one’s community. These honors are generally for service “above and beyond the call of duty.” Some have several grades associated with them. Examples include Knights Templar Cross of Honor by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the Grand Cross of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, the Council of Nine Muses of the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Society of Blue Friars, and the Gold Key award from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason in Florida. This could be the subject of another paper.

The third category consists of the various Chair Degrees for the bodies. To preside over a constituent body is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member by his peers. Titles included Worshipful Master, Excellent High Priest, and Eminent Commander. Some systems have multiple chair degrees: the Royal Arch, as practiced in England, has three! Again, would be a good subject for another paper.

The final category is the Invitational/ Honorary Body group. As the category name implies, membership in these groups is by invitation only, and cannot be solicited: usually open solicitation can result in being “Blacklisted” for future consideration. There are several reasons for this:

- Some of these bodies have member population limitations.
- Many of these bodies emphasize the social/convivial aspects of the Fraternity that, from some perspective, and would not be appreciated by some more conservative Masons.
- Some of these bodies emphasize research into areas that may hold little interest to some of our Brethren; and
- Many of these bodies have a history of prestige and cachet that the members are trying to preserve.

Generally, to be considered, one must be an active contributor to the well-being of the Universal bodies in which one is a member and which may be prerequisite, be appreciative of knowledge “beyond the mainstream,” be willing to promote peace and harmony, and be seen as one who would contribute to the group to which one is invited. These bodies are considered to be for the active membership (5 percent-ers), not for the card-carriers that contribute nothing to their bodies beyond dues payment. This way, being invited to, and accepting, membership in any of these bodies then becomes an honor because one had to be perceived as a contributor to the Good of the Order in order to be considered in the first place. It is also an obligation to live up to the expectations of the group.

Even among the Invitational/Honorary Bodies, there is a perceived hierarchy of attainment. This unofficial hierarchy goes by different names, depending on who is espousing the list. These names include “Crown Jewel” and “Second Tier,” among others. The Hierarchy is usually determined by the number or prerequisites, whether membership limitations exist, the amount of gravitas exhibited by the members of these bodies, and what performance level is expected from an invitee before and after the invitation is accepted.

For purposes of this paper, I am going to use “Grown Jewels” and “Cadet Groups.” The latter name was chosen to represent the status level of groups because it was consistent with Monarchical Aristocratic Hierarchy, with its Royal and Cadet Houses. The Cadet Groups usually have minor membership requirements and the constituent bodies usually have no membership population limitations. While some of them may be desirable, they are usually appreciated for their own merits and not so much for any perceived cachet. The Crown jewels, on the other hand, are usually perceived as having considerable prestige, have major performance and extensive tenure requirements, and have stringent population limitations. Many of these also have membership prerequisites, not only of Masonic affiliations, but also some even have religious requirements (unusually Christian).

Please understand that I am not casting aspersions on any group: prestige, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. What may be a Cadet Group to me may be the ne plus ultra for someone else. The groupings were arbitrarily selected because of that human tendency to categorize things.

THE CADET GROUPS

The following bodies comprise this paper's American Cadet Group:

1. Grand College of Rites (GCR, USA)
2. Knight Masons
3. Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD)
4. York Rite College (YRSCNA)
5. Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon.

Grand College of Rites

The Grand College of Rites is a sort of Masonic research group that is open to membership for all Master Masons who are members of regularly recognized Masonic Lodges. While it doesn't conform to the Invitational/Honorary model per se, it is a relatively obscure group: usually one was made aware of its existence through word of mouth. Once upon a time, an Aspirant had to go to its Annual Meeting, generally held in conjunction with Allied Masonic Week, to be Obligated. Recently, the Grand College of Rites has dispensed with that requirement.

Historically, the Grand College of Rites was formed by Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, when that latter body subsumed the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis and Mizraim. The current body constituted in 1932 with the mission to study the history of Masonic degrees not under control by other authorities, to collect and preserve the rituals of defunct bodies, and to eliminate sporadic efforts to resuscitate or perpetuate Rites, Systems and Orders of freemasonry in the United States, except to bring them under the control of the Grand College of Rites.

It eventually became a repository for various defunct Masonic Degrees and orders, with the purpose of presenting ritual texts for study by Masonic scholars. These ritual texts then become part of its annual publication, *Collectanea*. There are no constituent (Local) bodies: any group study is done either as a correspondence circle or in other bodies, such as Allied Masonic Degrees.

Knight Masons

The Knight Masons is an Invitational body in the United States, but in Ireland, its Mother jurisdiction, it is considered to be the ne plus ultra of Universal Freemasonry. There is really only one prerequisite: the nominee must be a Mark Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason; in Ireland, there is also a one-year tenure requirement following Exaltation. There is no religious requirements, and there are nor population limitation in constituent Councils.

There are four degrees under this system: three member grads and a Chair Degree. The degrees were originally worked in Ireland in the Knight Templar Preceptory. They are closely similar to the Red Cross of Babylon that is practiced in the Knight Templar Commanderies in the United States and the 15th and 16th Degrees of Scottish Rite, as well as similar degrees under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Scotland and the Allied Masonic Degrees of England.

The Knight Mason degrees came into this country in 1932 under Irish jurisdiction. The Irish Grand Council ruled over the American bodies until 1967, when the Grand Council of the United States was formed. There are presently 95 constituent bodies, with about 9,000 members, in the United States. The Grand Council of Knight Masons USA is in fraternal amity with its Irish counterpart and the Scottish Royal arch Grand Chapter. Although the British allied Masonic Degree system contains the Red Cross of Babylon, neither the Irish nor America grand council is in amity with that group: the British AMD does not require its members to be Mark Master Masons.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

The Allied Masonic Degrees is an Invitational Research and Social body in the United States. Like any invitation and honorary bodies, one must be a Royal Arch Mason before being invited. This is consistent with most of the degrees and orders having British origin, because the British believe that one has not completed the Master Mason until one has been Exalted in the Royal Arch degree. No sectarian religious is either express or implied.

Although similar bodies existed in the United States in the late 19th Century, this incarnation was formed from the British Isles in 1932 (although there was another group that existed having it origin in 1982). It was originally formed to act as a repository for side degrees outside the Masonic mainstream that were occasionally practiced in constituent Lodges. There are nine degrees, plus four Chair Degrees, that are practiced in the US Councils.

There are presently about 450 local constituent bodies in the United States with a bout 8,000 Brothers. Each Constituent council is limited to 27 members. The constituent population was kept small to foster closed ties between the members. Most Councils have an attendance requirement, and almost all Councils require members to contribute at least one research paper on a Masonic subject some time before attaining the Chair, Copies of the papers are sent to the Grand Council, where the best papers in the country are selected for publication in the Miscellanea.

York Rite College

The York Rite College is an Invitational Service Fraternity that is also a working Masonic Body. It is American in origin and one of the youngest, having been started in 1957 in Detroit, Michigan. Membership is by invitation only, and one must be active in one's Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council, and Knight Templar Commandery before being invited. Some have unofficial requirements that one must be a past presiding officer in at least two of the prerequisite Masonic Bodies before being invited.

As stated earlier, it is service fraternity. Each companion Knight is expected to continuer serving the fraternity in some capacity as well as contributes effort in his community. There are about 400 Constituent bodies with about 12,000 Companion Knights in the United States, Canada, the Philippines and Brazil. There is on limit to the number of members a College may have.

St. Thomas of Acon

Ye Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon is an Invitational and Honorary Body of British origin that was started in 1974 after researcher found documentation of the original Order's Installation Ritual while doing other research on early Operative Masonic Guilds. Membership is by Invitation only (a somewhat unusual occurrence in British Masonic circles), and one must be a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar before being considered.

As its name expresses, it commemorates the original British Order of knighthood that was founded in the name of Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury and fought in the Crusades. It is in the growth and formation mode – from 12 Chapels and fewer than 500 Sir Knights worldwide in 2000 to about 70 Chapels worldwide and about 1,700 Sir Knights as of September 2007.

Although this growth appears to b fast, it is in fact slow, resulting from several impositions. Only two Sir Knights are installed per meeting and generally only tow meeting occur per year. The Constituent bodies are limited to between 30 to 40 Sir Knights: when these thresholds are reached, the Chapel is required to split and form a new one of about 16-18 Sir Knights each. Although it is relegated in some Brothers minds as "Cadet Group," this one should be watched: it is a potential future "Crown Jewel"; that cold surpass the prestige of some of the more mature groups.

The Crown Jewels

The following groups and titles constitute this paper's Crown Jewels:

1. 33° (Inspector General)
2. Red Cross of Constantine (RCC)
3. Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH)
4. Royal Order of Scotland (ROS)
5. Knight Commander of Court of Honor (KCCH)
6. Knight Red Branch of Eri (KRBE)
7. Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP)
8. Order of the Purple Cross of York (OPC)
9. Masonic Rosicrucians (MSRICF)
10. Chevaliers Bienfaisant de la Cite' Sainte (CBCS)

These are presented in any order of precedence. The latter two are really Ultra-Masonic, a term that will be explained later.

33° (Inspector General)

The ne plus ultra of Ancient and Accepted Scottish is the 33o Inspector General. It is an invitational and honorary body of the strictest sort. To be considered, one must have an extensive service record in one's Scottish Rite Valley, Freemasonry in general, and one's local community. In the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, an invitee must also be a Knight Commander of Court of Honor (KCCH) for a specified period. The number of 32° Masons in the Valley generally limits the number of honors given. Selection is made on recommendation by the Active Inspectors General to the Sovereign Grand Commander. There are about 11,000 Inspectors General in the United States.

Red Cross of Constantine

The highest perceived honor in York Rite Freemasonry, as practiced in the United States, is the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders. For many this is the ne plus ultra of the York Rite. It is one of the oldest Invitational and Honorary bodies practiced in the United States, having been introduced from Britain in the later 19th century (1870).

The Red Cross of Constantine requires the prospects to be both Royal Arch Masons and Trinitarian Christians. It is a working Masonic body where in are worked Five Orders, and two Chair Orders. There are about 200 constituent Conclaves in the United States with about 8,000 Knight Companions; Local bodies are limited to 25-75 Knight Companions each.

Knight of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH)

The Knight Cross of Honour is a working Invitational and Honorary Service Fraternity with American origin, having been started on March 13, 1930. In order to be invited, one must have presided over his Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council, and Knight Templar Commandery. Additionally one should have exemplary service record while progressing through the chairs in these four bodies.

As stated earlier, it is not only an honor but is also a service fraternity: the recipient are urged to continue working toward the health of their York Rite bodies. This is similar to the York Rite College's mission, and is probably the latter group's emphasis on service.

Only to other Orders are practiced: one is the Installation and there is a Chair grade for the Prior. Constituent priories are normally limited to one per grand jurisdiction, although some exceptions have been made for larger states. There are about 12,000 recipients in the US.

Royal Order of Scotland (ROS)

The Royal Order of Scotland is a working Invitational and Honorary Masonic Body that has British/Scottish origin, It is one of the oldest Invitational/Honorary bodies in the United States, being introduced in the later 19th Century (1877, although some apocryphal evidence purports its existence in this country during Colonial times); it also had the distinction of being considered one of the oldest Masonic working extant.

A Prospect must be Master Mason for five years, a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and/or a Knight Templar, and must be a professed Trinitarian Christian. The Work is presented in two parts. There is only one Province in the United States, with no local constituent bodies; however, some local social groups have formed clubs known as Clans. There are about 8,000 members in the United States.

Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH)

The Knight Commander of the Court of Honour is a singular honor of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction that is bestowed on certain 32° Scottish Rite Masons for exemplary service in Freemasonry and

community, particularly to the Scottish Rite. An invitee must be 32° Scottish Rite Mason at least four years. While it is an honor to be bestowed, it is not a reward for services rendered; rather, it is an exhortation for continued service. There are approximately, (?) Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in the Southern Jurisdiction.

Knight of Red Branch of Eri (KRBE)

The Knight Red Branch of Eri is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Brother of this Allied Masonic Degree. It is of Irish origin by way of England. The Red Branch of Eri has six grades: three are worked in the Constituent Councils, and three are conferred by the High Council. The highest constituent grade is Knight.

For a member to be eligible, he must have been in the Allied Masonic Degrees for seven years and have an exemplary service record. Formerly, two were given each year, one of whom was the Sovereign Master as he left office and the oldest living member of the council who was not already a recipient. Under the current statutes, only one is supposed to be conferred each year. There are about 4,000 Knights of the Red Branch of Eri in the United States.

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest (HRAKTP)

The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest is a working Invitational and Honorary Masonic Body. It is British in origin, but was introduced to this country in 1931 by way of New Zealand. A prospect must be Past Commander of a Knight Templar Commandery and have an exemplary service record. There are 33 grades in the body—on paper, that is; only one is ever exemplified.

The number of Constituent Bodies in a Grand Commandery jurisdiction is limited to one Tabernacle per 21 Commanderies or part thereof. Each Tabernacle is limited to 33 Knights Priests each. There are about 2,500 Knights Priests in the United States.

Order of the Purple Cross of York (OPC)

The Order of Purple Cross of York is the highest honor that the York Rite College can bestow. Like its parent group, it is American in origin. The recipient must have an exemplary service record in ALL of the York Bodies as well as the College that submitted his name.

The number of Purple Cross recipients in a constituent York Rite College is limited by the number of Companion Knights in the College and the number of current recipients. There are about 1,500 living recipients in the United States.

Masonic Rosicruciana (MSRICF)

The Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitas Foederatis is an Ultra Masonic Honorary Body. By “Ultra Masonic” it is meant that it is outside the normal workings of Freemasonry. The Masonic Rosicruciana is an Invitational Research and Social Group of British origin by way of Scotland. It is also one of older Honorary bodies, having its roots of establishment in the later 19th Century. An invitee must be a Royal Arch Mason a Trinitarian Christian.

There are nine grades in the Masonic Rosicruciana. Advancement through the grades is based on time in grade and learning experience. The highest grades are limited in attainment. The Research papers generated by the members lean more toward the esoteric and mystical aspects of Freemasonry than to the historical.

There are about 55 Constituent Colleges in the United States, and a College membership population is limited to about 72. There are about 1,800 living members in the United States.

Chevaliers Bienfaisant de la Cite’ Sainte (CBCS)

The Chevaliers Bienfaisant de la Cite’ Sainte is another Ultra-Masonic Honorary Body. It is of Swiss/French origin and was brought into the United States around 1932. This body requires its members to profess the Christian Religion. Historically, it is a descendent of the Old Rite of Strict Observance titled the Scottish Rectified Rite, and as such is Masonic Martinism.

Before the proliferation of the World Wide Web, little information was available about this obscure group. Its existence was kept in the shadows, even to the point that its members would not acknowledge either the CBCS or reveal themselves as members if challenged by outsiders. Part of this reticence may be attributed to presenting internecine struggles caused by injured feelings among Brethren who felt they deserved invitation but were not. According to information collected from several Web articles, there are six CBCS Grand Priories worldwide, with 81 members per Grand Priory. In the United States, the membership is composed almost entirely of Past Grand Commanders.

If the reader notes, many of the latter-day Invitational/Honorary bodies came into this country around 1932. If one looks into world history in the early 20th Century, one will note that the First World War and, along with France and Great Britain defeated the Germanic Central Powers, in 1918. That same year, the Bolshevik Revolution put Communistic Socialist Theory into practice. By 1930, a world-wide economic depression was drastically affecting world politics. A humiliated postwar Germany had just elected as its Chancellor an Austrian named Adolph Hitler, and he was pushing his own brand of Socialism. Mussolini came into power in Italy and brought Fascism to the forefront.

The ideology of all these Socialist governments were inimical to the principles of Freemasonry because they viewed the Fraternity as a part of the Establishment and as a competing force. Since they considered assimilation impossible, they set out to eradicate the competition. Since the United States had historically been a stronghold of Freemasonry since the late 1700s' consideration was given to preserving the CBCS among some American Freemasons in order to preserve the organization.

After the decision was reached to preserve the CBCS, it was decided among the American Masons that perhaps it would be prudent to get authorizations from various bodies to set the others to work as well. The rest, as they say is history.

CONCLUSION

As is clearly shown in the preceding paragraphs, there is more beyond Craft Masonry and Universal Masonry. What they all have in common is that one must be invited to join these groups. The true honor to a Brother is to be invited by one or more of these groups. A Brother should not actively seek membership to any of them; doing so may result in a blacklisting from the honor sought.

Also, a Brother should not pick and choose which invitations he will accept, because there is considerable overlap of membership among these groups. There is a high risk that turning down an invitation proffered by one body may also curtail being invited by the other bodies.

One should be cautioned that these bodies are neither merely notches on a belt, nor should they be considered merit badges or gold watches. They are for those who labor in the Craft with no hope of fee or reward. If one follows when one is called to follow, and lead when one is called to lead, invitation to these honorary bodies will come one's way: "he that is greatest among you, let him be the younger, and he that is chief, as he doth serve."

An invited Brother should not expect to be allowed to set down his working tools; he is expected to actively participate after initiation, both in the Universal bodies and in the bodies to which he is invited. The true reciprocal honor a Brother makes is in accepting the invitation, appreciating the efforts made by the members in portraying whatever ceremonials are presented, being actively involved in the group, ever remembering the elite, and not elitist, status enjoyed by the members.

"WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GO FROM HERE?"

by P. Vincent Kinkead, PGM, PGHP

Can this intriguing subject be difficult to comprehend as well as to determine what to say about it? Thomas Friedman book, "The World Is Flat", quotes a Michael Hammer who is a businessman organization consultant who once remarked about an organization in decline saying, "One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell me how good they were in the past." You don't want to forget your identity. And I'm glad you were great in the fourteenth century. But that was then, and this is now. When memories exceed dreams, the end is near."

MEC James Williams who edited the Volume four of the History of Royal Arch Masonry. MEC Williams began the book with a tribute to Jerry Marsengill, by John Mauk Hilliard.

I assume there are some here who remember Jerry Marsengill. Jerry was a very learned Mason from Iowa. He was a GHP, editor of the Philalethes Magazine for a many years, but in that tribute to Jerry Marsengill, there is this line: "In his later years, (this was about twenty years ago), Jerry some times mentioned privately, "Freemasonry has out lived its usefulness to society."

Out of these two things what do we do? We go into mourning. (Leaves podium for a brief period to signify mourning.)

Rocky Weaver says that I can do more than mourn. There are some things to be done!

The future of Freemasonry. What it is the future of Freemasonry? A question that is being asked with increased frequency at Masonic gatherings. It does not mean that men are losing or have lost faith in Masonry. But they are beginning to realize its latent powers, and to the possibilities of an instrument in social services and betterment of humanity. Everything advances, improves broadens, and Masonry must keep step in the march of mankind or step aside.

Between those who will let nothing alone or those who will allow nothing to be improved, there is a middle path of caution, progress and development. But if we do not conserve what we have, we cannot improve it, nor can we really conserve it without constantly improving or applying it. Therefore, if young men can serve Masonry and make it effective for the higher end they must be taught what Masonry is hence to become what was taught to us in the past, and what it is trying to do in a tangible and turbulent world. So and only so, can they wisely conserve its holy historical tradition and apply its spirit and teachings and the present."

You might think this was written this year, it was written by James Newton in *The Builder* in May of 1915. They were having the same problems as we are having today. There was mention made this morning of the Odd Fellows. It is my understanding that in 1915, there were more Odd Fellows in Missouri than there were Masons. There are now in Missouri less than 3,000 Odd Fellows. What does that tell us? I don't know for sure.

I want to talk a little bit about what has happened to our membership in the last 20 years. The membership in the United States according to Masonic Service Association, last year (2004), was 1,617,032. There is also available in the fall of the year what the membership of each state is. Missouri's membership was 52,000, but it does not, however, show duplications.

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In 1959, Masonic membership was 4,100,000 Masons, in 1993, there were 2,371,000.

In a very short period of time we have lost a million members. There has been a lot of things said about what can be done. Reading a report by one of the appendant organizations holding a session to analyze their position, and what they wanted to do.

They came up with 13 images that they wanted to portray:

The first image they wanted to convey was to find ways to integrate the fraternity. We hear this so often. There has been many efforts made by many Grand Lodge groups to promote Masonry, and it is still going on.

The Conference of Grand Masters in a sense maybe the parent of Masonry in this country. Main object of the Conference of Grand Masters is to elect Five Boards that show some interest in Masonry. The one board has been elected, the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This group was started in 1912. The George Washington Masonic Memorial itself is just a monument in Arlington Virginia our Washington D.C. The members of that board are Past Grand Masters.

The next group that became a part of the Conference of Grand Masters is the Masonic Service Association which was founded following World War I. Its records start in 1923. They elect commissions and all are Past Grand Masters.

I am introduced as Chairman of the Commission of the Masonic Service Association. That is the most important position that I have held.

Masonic Service Association has three major functions. Until recently, they had only two major functions: To distribute educational material and collect and distribute relief. As of yesterday (September 15, 2005), the Masonic Service Association in response to the appeal that had been put out for Hurricane Katrina has contributed \$260,000 in funds. This money has been passed on to the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana, and money is still being gathered.

At noon I was told, what the Masonic Service Association did for a lodge in South Carolina after Hurricane Hugo. The Masonic Service Association distributes income from their appeals to the Grand Lodges involved. The Grand Lodges pass it on to the local lodges in their respective states.

I have asked Carl Truesdale to come forward and relate the manner in which the Masonic Service Association helped them in South Carolina after Hurricane Hugo.

Carl Truesdale: My Masonic lodge was built in 1825 by Robert Mills who designed the Washington Monument. Our lodge building had a cedar roof on it. It was the original roof from date when it was built. The Marquis de Lafayette visited the building in 1825, and we had a celebration in honor of Baron DeKalb. This building is on the National Register of Historic Buildings. The body was re-interred from a cemetery to a church in town. A lot of historic things happened at that particular time. In 1989, Hurricane Hugo came ashore between Charleston and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The lodge was located 125 miles inland. It was thought that the lodge might escape damage, but the sustained winds from the storm were 115 miles an hour. It took the roof off and caused much damage to the interior of the building. The limits on the insurance were not going to pay to make the repairs. The building being on the National Register of Historic Buildings, it had to be restored to its original condition.

If it had not been Masonic Service Association who sent a great deal of money to Grand Lodge of South Carolina which enabled us to put the roof back on as it was and improved it with copper flashing. The lodge was able to paint and cleanup inside and to replace paraphernalia for chapter and council. Twenty-seven swords were taken. They were on a rank in the building. Since the building was wide open, it was easy to do. The Masonic Service Association enabled them to get maintenance and repair done faster and easier. We will always be grateful for their help in overcoming problems with insurance and etc.

MEC Kinkead continues: About 1989 or 1990, the Conference on Grand Masters began to recognize the problems we were having and they sought advice from other Grand Lodges. They formed the Masonic Renewal Committee, and the Masonic Renewal Committee has been in place for almost twenty-years. They got off to something of a bad start. They hired a Professional Public Relations man from Boston, who was not a Mason. Things just didn't go very well for quite awhile, but they have printed a lot of material over the years to help the lodges: "75 Ways to Attract New Members," and etc. The Masonic Renewal Committee has been making an effort to do something about membership.

In 1993, the National Masonic Foundation for Children came out of the Conference of Grand Masters. They have been doing many things in many places: training teachers in grade school to recognize the symptoms of drug or alcohol abuse. They have a publication, "The National Masonic Foundation for Children, Prevention of Drug and alcohol Abuse."

CHIPS PROGRAM

Most Worshipful Brother Stanley M. Thompson, PGM had the foresight to ask the current Members of this MCF Board (2004) to think outside the box—to find some program that we could bring back to the Brethren that was both wanted and needed in our communities. He then afforded us the opportunity to attend the Grand Master's Conference in Washington D. C. to find out what children's programs were working in the other jurisdictions.

At that conference, we were introduced to (CHIPS) or Children's Identification Program presented by Brother David Harte. Doctor Harte (DDS) founded CHIPS' Program in Massachusetts, and it has since spread across the Northeastern Jurisdictions like wildfire. Massachusetts alone has identified over 200,000 children since the Program's inception. There are over 30 jurisdictions across North America that now provides some kind of child identification program. Twelve or more of those jurisdictions employ the CHIPS' Program.

The thing that makes the CHIPS Program unique is its five point program:

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1. Malleable wafer: (The heated wafer is applied to the child and from it you get; perfect impression of the teeth; perfect scent sample; DNA sample which will last for 2 to 3 years if left in the baggie in which it is placed.).
2. Photos: At least 3 photos of the child, left, right, and front, additional if further distinguishing marks or scars;
3. Finger prints.
4. Through the use of a green light scanner, where a child just lays his or her hand on the reader, we are able to obtain the child's fingerprints. (Why was the infra-green scanner used instead of an infra-red scanner? The infra-red scanner had to be replaced with an infra-green scanner because the children recognized the "red" as being hot, and would not place their hand on the screen.) This method has the highest definition of the print possible to capture. This method can also be used on infants to capture a perfect print. It is the only method that will capture an infant's print clearly at this time.
5. A Rinker CD containing all pertinent information about the child, height, weight, age, hair color, eye color etc. 3 or more photos, plus the fingerprints. We also give them the original information sheet they filled out. We keep nothing.

Every forty-one seconds, a child is reported missing in the United States of America—over 660,000 last year alone. Nearly 5,000 children were reported missing in Missouri; just under 1,500 of those children were from the St. Louis Area. Kansas City reported nearly 2,000.

By providing parents of missing children with all the information they need in one small package, we increase the chances of safely returning those children to their parents, or heaven forbid, providing positive identification if needed. This sends a very important message to our children and communities—that the greatest fraternity on earth cares about its children of our state. We are partnering with the Missouri Dental Association and Missouri law enforcement agencies to provide for the welfare and safety of our kids. The board of Directors for the Masonic Children's Foundation has unanimously decided to charge headlong into the CHIPS Program to make a positive difference to our local communities and state.

This program is envisioned to be and to become a grass roots volunteer program on the part of the lodges and their brethren as well as the local Missouri Dental Association, law enforcement agencies and other local service organizations that choose to participate in these events.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction has proven that this program will give us major television network and newspaper coverage. This will be a public relations blessing--unparalleled in Missouri. It is hoped that this "CHIPS PROGRAM" will put local lodges and Masonic Youth Groups back in the public eye. In Connecticut, 22 petitions were signed at one CHIPS event. Massachusetts, in one five week period, gained 52 new Masons—eight DeMolay and seven new Rainbow Girls. The CHIPS Program will attract and retain members for our lodges and Masonic youth groups, because we will again be out in front of and serving exactly the people we want to join our ranks.

In 2003, Children's Identification Program (CHIPS) was introduced in Missouri. Rocky Weaver: I had opportunity to be Chairman last year, as Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge. It was privilege to go to Washington D.C. and be informed about the program. Basically, it is a five step program to identify children:

To this point we have run eight programs. In order to get that many done, the equipment needed to be assembled: computers, and other electronic devices secured.

This program is going to be big because it is putting Masonry back in the community working with the people that we want to be working with.

This is a program whose time has come. It is both wanted and desperately needed in our communities. It is simple enough so the smallest lodge can and should plan to host an event. It can also be expanded several lodges can come together and host a regional event if they chose.

In 1993, the Masonic Information Center connected to the Masonic Service Association was formed. We are fortunate to have member of that Masonic Information Center, SK Robert Davis, REGC of the State of Oklahoma.

SK Davis: The Masonic Information Center is the vision of Denise Robertson, the widow of John Robinson who wrote the book, "Born in Blood." Most are aware of John Robinson and the impact that he had on Freemasonry through his willingness to take on Anti-Masons around the country, with his expertise and knowledge, and quick wit, to neutralize many of their distorted claims that had been made about us by the leading anti-Masons.

At the same time, the Southern Baptist Convention decided to assault Freemasonry, and you all know the end to that story. They fired a fellow who is now editor of the Royal Arch Magazine, Dr. Gary Leazer.

All of a sudden, the fraternity was getting threatened not only by the leaders of the Anti-Masonic on strictly profit motives, but also by main line right-wing fundamentalist church leaders. So John did such a wonderful job of positioning the fraternities' response to these things before the public. After his death, Denise wanted to leave his legacy with the fraternity to enable it to respond to any Anti-Masonic up-rising in the United States. Any need for public information regardless of what the situation is. She plans for 5% of the proceeds of the revenues of Brother Robinson's book to go to the Masonic Information Center. She selected a task force which became a group and was adopted by the North American Conference of Grand Masters. What we do is, we put out a lot of Public Relations materials for Grand Lodges, if anything happens in a Grand Jurisdiction and they need a Masonic response to it, they can contact the Masonic Information Center and they will meet with the media, and to do anything the Grand Master needs to have done in response whatever the situation is that has arisen.

That have evolved to the point that now when national media source want to write an article, they call the Masonic Information Center. The Masonic Information Center has essentially become the spokesperson for the Masonic Fraternity. This is all done having received permission from the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction involved.

MEC Kinhead: There hasn't been another John Robinson. It was thought that Dr. Gary Leazer who was fired by the Southern Baptist Convention. But apparently, he didn't want to do so. There are some who think that Don Brown, the author of the "Da Vinci Code," who is writing another book that is going to be quite favorable to Masonry.

In 2004, a year and a half ago, the Masonic Information Center was assigned the subject of looking into some public awareness. A group was chosen to be that task force. John Boettjer, who is Editor of Scottish Rite Journal (Northern Jurisdiction), Carolyn Bain a consultant for public relations firm. She was young lady and a member of the Eastern Star also a very dynamic person. The members of the committee said she really raked their brains with the questions, she asked as they were being analyzed about what this fraternity was, is and hopefully what it is to become. Richard Curtis, Editor of the Northern Light, William Feingold, Public Relations Specialist from New York, Richard Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, and last but not least, Jim Treece, Editor of Oklahoma Mason.

P. Vincent Kinhead: Report—hoping to stop the erosion, the fraternity has tried numerous methods to increase membership. Grand Lodges had tried Public Relations firms and paid for advertising and multi-media channels, including newspapers, magazines, bill boards, radio, TV each initiative has hinted at success, and the report gives a summary of the membership of the lodges, by lodge, in U.S. Starting in 1925:

1925	3,157,000
1928	3,295,000
1941	2,451,000
1959	4,103,000
1960	4,099,000
1961	4,086,000
2003	1,600,000

1959 was the year that membership in the Masonic Fraternity peaked here in the United States, and 1961 is the year that first decline is shown. This is beginning of the 50 year to date slide.

Our core problem was two fold: loss of Masonic identity and loss of energy.

The task facing Masonry is to attempt to define our Masonic identity in a rapidly changing world. The public wants to know who are the Masons and how do we know them in our lives? When we can answer their questions, we can move forward with traditional programs for public relations--marketing, communication and membership and more. In order to evaluate the present day situation in Freemasonry, we need to assess its strengths and weaknesses. An in-depth analysis of the fraternity was made by the Masonic Information Task Force. A series of penetrating questions listed our findings, and they concluded each section with a summary formed by observations and conclusions.

What has Freemasonry done in the past: provided camaraderie; created an elite status; served as stepping stone to military, arts, business, social contacts and attracted leaders to its membership.

I might stop here and relate a personal experience:

Something of 60 years ago, I petitioned a lodge in the county seat town eleven miles from home. I'm a country boy, farm boy and will probably stay that way. The officers in the lodge were business men on Main Street. A young country boy had no chance of being elected an officer in that lodge.

There was a lodge within a mile and a half from where I was raised, and I had deep Masonic roots there. My father was once a member there. He then moved his membership to Farmington. So after about ten years, I moved my membership to a smaller lodge. The story begins from there. If I had kept my membership in the town lodge, I would not be standing here today talking about Masonry.

I took dual membership with Farmington Lodge about ten years ago, and I received the opportunity to become Master.

Masonry: protecting workers, interest, helping families, operating lodges, opening lodges to non-stonemasons, and finally, ritualizing the method of creating new members.

The summary from this question: Freemasonry evolved from 18th century European Masonry. Today's Masonry is shaped by the 19th century concept of social benevolence, and the 20th Century emphasis on the ritual as the completion of your Masonic Education about the fraternity. You learned the ritual and you were there, and up until just recently, how true that was.

What is currently happening in Masonry?

A slight movement toward wanting to educate the public about the fraternity through recognition that additional communications tools that had failed to heightened public awareness. The inclusion of family members at Masonic events produced mixed results. Acknowledging that Masonry is no longer identified as a lead organization, tension between members regarding priorities, financial commitments; to Masonic building and charitable obligations, starting new programs.

Let me stop and quote something that I said: "any body who listened to Lum and Abner, that's been a good while ago. They had a saying, a thousands or hundred times—and I said a thousand or hundred times how the fraternity does as well as it does, the way we treat each other."

Relies on historical integrity that restricts contemporary relevance.

How does the public perceive Freemasonry today?

Its confused, mistaken duplicity.

The summary to the question is: Masons are not visible in the daily life in their community. They are frequently misunderstood and misrepresented in the press and by religious critics. Masons fail to perform what they profess and have lost their relevance in the community.

What is the desired image of Freemasonry?

What communicates the identity of Freemasons?

What are the Benefits of Freemasonry within the context of our World?

Summary of the questions was: The Masonic way of life is observable. We are men who build communities through brotherhood that is based on the principled life styles.

Who needs to be aware of the Masonic Fraternity?

What do we want to reach as potential membership?

Summary: Freemasonry wants to reach fellow journeymen seeking enrichment in body, mind and spirit through participation in a brotherhood committed to good works and personal growth. Freemasonry must be a lodge centered, giving members an opportunity to express themselves through activities an improved experiences of the lodge and benefits in the life of the community.

Freemasonry sustains its livability as a fraternal organization through the promise of Masonic ritual and the values through the lodge both in and out of everyday life. As the trustees of Masonic rituals valuable heritage members must continue vigorously their approach to Masonic participation making it an experience that is rewarding, enriching, relevant to the members, and finally, to the families of the greater community.

Masonic awareness through this progress our task force has shared with our vision about Freemasonry. We felt it was obviously critical that we examine the fraternity past in order to properly understand our current needs. This was the first, and now, we must continue with the next step, which is to begin the building of programs that are qualified through our Masonic identify and affirmed through the relevance of our changing world.

Where do we do from here? Its general understood that we don't have enough membership. About every place we go you hear talk about the need to get more members.

My question is, "Do we have too much Masonry?" When I talk about Masonry, I am including the appendant bodies.

Recently, a Grand Master of Missouri emphasized the Masonic Family. They had this book a little summary of the activities of the 35 different Masonic groups that all take Masonic energy.

I got the Crystal Ball out, and it said, "Do we have to have too much Masonry, Yes and no?"

Personally, I don't see any change in the direction in which this fraternity is going today unless some of that Masonic money and Masonic energy in these other appendant bodies is manifest in the lodges.

I know very little about Masonic ritual. But there isn't very much in the ritual of organizations that I have become a member of that couldn't be taught as education material in the lodge.

What I see in the future unless lodges improve their standards, a subject that should be left alone when we talk about the quality of members. Every one of us in this room is not quality to someone else. But the lodge standards have gotten to the point; we ask why would a man that has dressed up in a white shirt and tie want to go to lodge. I see that decline to continue. It's going to take the appendant bodies that evolved from Masonry to demonstrate what it is or was. We evolved from stonemasons or Knight Templar Masonry. 200 years from now some appendant will say that we evolved from the Freemasons of the 20th century.

Masonry as we know it is about 300 years old, and something like 275 years of age in this country. But how long will it take for Masonry, as we know it now, to disappear? I don't think that in the United States that it is going to be so very long. The appendant bodies can keep their standards high and survive.

Attendance at these conferences has changed over the years. My first conference was in 1970, and I am not as well acquainted now with those attending the conference as I was in years past. I see a change. I don't see very many who say that they are "Past Grands". One of the problems with a Past Grands is that they talk too much.

M. C. Lewis from Arkansas when he was Chairman, I told him, "You don't have a conference of officers, you have a reunion of Past Grands."

Preliminary Proceedings
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OF
Cryptic Masons
OF THE
State of Missouri



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MAY 14, 2009, A.:.DEP.:.3009

**2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF
CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

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 (1)	Asst. Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver (48)	Grand Chaplain
Albert H. Miller (43)	Grand Lecturer
John E. Schofield (20,49,50)	Grand Organist
	Grand Chorister

2008-2009 REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

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 (deceased)	(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

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	Jurisprudence	Stanton T. Brown, Chairman Robert W. Schlichter C. Brent Stewart
Credentials	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Ted W. Harrison Phillip W. Engel Jerry Bradford	Reports of Grand Officers	Edgar F. Coonrod, Chairman
Finance and Accounts	James E. Snively, Chairman George M. Merkle Danny D. Smothers Donald L. Trabue (ex-officio) Kevin B. Sample (ex-officio)	Returns of Councils	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Ted W. Harrison Jerry Bradford
		Review	Kevin B. Sample

2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit	Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman Russell S. Hanson Paul R. Cannon Grand Line Officers	General Grand Council Charity Committee	William G. Buckner, Chairman
Charity and Charity Endowment Fund	Robert H. Bray, Chairman Joseph P. Krill (Calendar Money) Lawrence R. Albright, II Jack R. Clark, Sr.	Education	Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman Kevin E. Weaver Russell S. Hanson Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

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Electronic Communications	Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Kevin B. Sample Aaron M. Shoemaker David C. Witte Brian J. Densmore Stephen R. Manning, Webmaster	Ritual Revision	Robert H. Bray, Chairman Kevin B. Sample Albert H. "Sonny" Miller Kevin E. Weaver Robert L. Wright Edgar F. Coonrod Ronald E. Wood, Jr. Calvin D. Schroff Gary A. Phillips
Endowed Membership	Walter W. Doyle, Chairman Paul K. Kawakami José R. Palacios Thomas C. Yunick	Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor, Missouri Section	Roy L. Gilkey, Editor
Golf Tournament	Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman James E. Snavelly Richard L. Mansfield Kevin B. Sample	Time and Place	Danny D. Smothers, Chairman
Membership	Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman Matthew A. Marrone Roger D. Salyer	Triennial	William J. Bowser, Chairman Edgar F. Coonrod Stanton T. Brown
Merit Award	Emory J. Hampel, Chairman Kevin E. Weaver	York Rite Conference	James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman
Ritual	Albert H. Miller, Chairman Kevin B. Sample Robert L. Wright Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers	Youth	Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman Matthew A. Marrone Roger D. Salyer

General Grand Council Officers

Teddie E. Harrison	General Grand Council Ambassador in Missouri
William Gordon Buckner	Missouri Charity Committee
Stanton T. Brown	Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Joseph "Joe" J. Vale	General Grand Master

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(from the floor)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(by order of Grand Master)

Edgar Franklin Coonrod

Grand Master 2008-2009

Born
St. Louis, Missouri
November 9, 1932

Died
St. Louis, Missouri
May 2, 2009

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

(Our Most Illustrious Grand Master departed this earthly assembly on May 2, 2009. His services were held on May 6, 2009, attended by over 60 of his brethren. This report was compiled by MIC Richard J. Holmes and the Grand Recorder, working with the Grand Master before his passing. Most of what is presented was dictated by our Grand Master to MIC Holmes. During our visit with him on Sunday, April 26, with some 23 ladies and companions, with the permission of the Grand Council and General Grand Council officers, we presented MIC Coonrod with his PGM Jewel, General Grand Council certificate, plaque, and card. One week before his passing, our Grand Master expressed his greatest desire was to be present today and preside over this grand assembly, to personally express his appreciation to the Companions who had honored him by elevating him to this most high office.)



To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:
Good Morning Companions,

The first thing that I want to do is to thank all the Companions for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri this past year.

It was a great Honor and one that I will never forget. I have tried my best to represent you, but unfortunately, do to poor health I wasn't able to accomplish all that I planned to do.

NECROLOGY

(not available at time of printing)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Rev. Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Chaplain

Today is not an easy day, not for any of us. This report was not supposed to include Edgar Franklin Coonrod, yet it must. For the second time in as many years, death has struck at the heart of our Grand Council, and we find that we mourn even more deeply at this session. Ed Coonrod had no time to discharge all the duties of his office the way he would have liked; but what time he had, he used to its fullest. The care and affection of the Fraternity never failed him and he never failed us. When we gathered at the end of last month, to award him his General Grand Council certificate, plaque, card and pin, we knew the sad truth that it might well have been the last time he would be with us. But the joy in his heart could not be denied, and the humility with which he accepted the tokens of the office came forth once more, the way it always showed through the life of this faithful servant of God, first and foremost, devoted father and grandfather, and untiring member of the Fraternity.

King David spoke of comfort and trust in the 121st Psalm: "I lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth. He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore."

In addition, and by no means less saddening, do we remember the 130 Royal and Select Masters who entered eternal rest in this past year. May God bless their families and friends, each one; let us all trust that God forever watches over his chosen, and holds them forever in his holy hands.

Grand Master, be pleased to call up the Craft for prayer. Let us pray: Merciful God, we trust in your divine purposes, now and always. With faith in your perfect wisdom, we entrust each of these, our Companions, to your eternal care. We thank you for all that they were, by nature and grace, to those who loved them, for their faithfulness to us and the Fraternity. Grant us your peace and your consolation, and the joy of your love. This we ask, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

VISITATIONS

On June 29, 2008, I along with Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Hardester and Right Eminent Sir Knight J. Joseph Hayes inspected the Time Capsule in Branson Missouri and found it to be well maintained.

Before my health deteriorated I was able to attend the Grand York Rite sessions of Illinois and the Southwest and South Central Conferences in Kansas.

I was also able to visit some of our Missouri Councils with the help of Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Hardester who traveled with me in joint visits. This was the best part of my year. I was able to meet new friends and to renew old acquaintances. It was a great experience.

DISPENSATIONS

August 26, 2008 Issued special dispensation to East Gate Council No. 51 to hold its election and installation of officers on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

December 8, 2008 Granted dispensation to Shekinah Council No. 24 to move its regular stated meeting for December 2008 from the third Wednesday to the first Friday of December due to conflicts with other bodies moving their meetings due to the holiday.

DECISIONS

November 20, 2008 Approved permanent removal of Ezra Council No. 32, R. & S.M. from its temporary meeting location at the Capital Shrine Club, 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, Missouri to this new building immediately after it is approved by the Grand Lodge of Missouri as a meeting place for Jefferson Lodge No. 43, A.F. & A.M.

December 1, 2008 Healed the time lost for Companion Chelmer L. Barrow and ordered he be restored to full membership with no report of suspension or reinstatement in the Grand Council or Centralia Council No. 34 membership records.

CONSOLIDATIONS

December 17, 2008 Approved consolidation of Warrensburg Council No. 57, R&SM with Sedalia Council No. 42, R&SM.

BY-LAWS

December 17, 2008 Approved complete by-laws revision for Westport Council No. 38.

December 17, 2008 Approved by-laws change for Poplar Bluff Council No. 27, changing their dues to Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

December 17, 2008 Approved by-laws change for Jeremiah Council No. 48, changing their dues to ten dollars and sixty-five cents (\$10.65) plus Grand Council per capita.

December 19, 2008 Approved by-laws change for Lebanon Council No. 56, changing Article IV, Dues, to the per capita of the Grand Council plus \$10.00 with the additional cents to be rounded up to the next whole dollar, and Article V, Officers, Section 6, to the Recorder shall receive as compensation for his service the sum of \$200.00.

EDICTS

August 30, 2008

Edict No. 1

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

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. 3

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.

TIME CAPSULE

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Masonic Time Capsule in Branson on June 29, 2008, with MEC Robert E. Hardester, Grand High Priest, and Sir Knight James Joseph Hayes, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SURETY BOND

I am in receipt of the required Surety Bonds on the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and will pass them on to my successor.

MASONIC YOUTH

I was able to represent the Grand Council at the Grand sessions of our three Youth groups. On May 25 - 26, 2008 I attended the Grand session of the Order of DeMolay in Missouri and presented them with a check for \$500.00 from the

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Charity Endowment Fund. On June 26, 2008 I attended the Grand session of the Order of Jobs Daughters in Missouri and presented them with a similar Check for \$500.00. And on June 29, 2008 I attended the Grand session of Rainbow for girls in Missouri and presented them with a similar check for \$500.00.

Companions, it was great to see the enthusiasm that these youth showed at their sessions. They were well run and well attended. I feel that through our youth groups, Masonry in Missouri has a good future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As far as recommendations go, I recommend that we study the new ritual books that the Grand Council Ritual Revision Committee has developed, and that we do the best ritual we can when we have new Candidates. And, that we encourage the Companions and especially the officers of our Councils to attend the Regional York Rite Conferences.

CLOSING REMARKS


In closing I want to thank all the Companions for their Prayers, cards and calls I received during my illness. There are too many Companions for me to name them all, but I would especially like to thank Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Hardester for his help in chauffeuring me around and for his friendship, also Right Eminent Sir Knight J. Joseph Hayes for his help and friendship. It was great working with you guys.

Of course I couldn't close this address without thanking our Grand Secretary/Recorder, Most Illustrious Companion Kevin B. Sample and his wife Joyce for all their help and advice during this year.

To the in coming grand officers, I wish for them to have an enjoyable and productive year.

Thank you and GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Fraternally submitted,


Edgar F. Coonrod, Grand Master

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

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

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, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets June 1, 2008		\$ 44,999.54
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 15,915.38	
Interest Earned	433.52	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	(3,061.93)	
Total Receipts	\$ 13,286.97	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59328 - #1849 thru 1888	\$ 3,099.50	
Jefferson Act. #74544 - #2206 thru 2392	18,001.47	
Jefferson Act. #74325 - #1203 thru 1211	104.49	
Jefferson Act. #464155 Debits	354.36	
Total Disbursements	\$ 21,559.82	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		(\$ 8,272.85)
Balance, General fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 36,726.69

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Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59328, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$ 501.22	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	76.19	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	146.00	
Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	7,675.71	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	9,840.63	
C.D. #120287, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 4.25%, Matures 10/15/09	5,106.01	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>13,380.93</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 36,726.69

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 34,427.93
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 462.73	
Increase in Market Value, American Balanced Fund	<u>(2,962.63)</u>	
Total Receipts	(\$ 2,499.90)	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>(\$ 2,499.90)</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2009		\$ 31,928.03

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 1,420.98	
C.D. #9000025913, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/27/10	22,698.84	
American Balanced Fund (thru Premier Bank-Jefferson City)	<u>7,808.21</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2009		\$ 31,928.03

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 75,930.79
Receipts: Memberships (10)	\$ 3,987.00	
Interest Earned	1,169.09	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>(6,677.79)</u>	
Total Receipts:	(\$ 1,521.70)	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>(\$ 1,521.70)</u>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 74,409.09

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 6,643.10	
CD #118893, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/16/09	38,583.38	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>29,182.61</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 74,409.09

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND IN MEMORY OF BRUCE HARMON HUNT

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 106,135.04
Receipts: Various Contributions	\$ 6,197.67	
Interest earned	<u>2,832.39</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 9,030.06	
Disbursements: Charities	\$ 1,000.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 8,030.06</u>
Balance, Foundation Account, March 31, 2009		\$ 114,165.10

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Statement of Assets – Charity Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 4,055.05	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	7,143.37	
CD #9000025860, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/27/10	34,048.26	
CD #9000025914, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 2/3/10	30,773.92	
CD #15309, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 3.50%, Matures 5/17/10	<u>38,144.50</u>	
Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 114,165.10

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 488.40
Receipts: From General Fund	\$ 226.86	
Interest Earned	<u>4.07</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 230.93	
Disbursements:	\$ 226.84	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ <u>4.09</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 492.49

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 492.49	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 492.49

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 1,676.75
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 47.50	
Interest Earned	<u>14.01</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 61.51	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ <u>61.51</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 1,738.26

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 1,738.26	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 1,738.26

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2009 **\$259,459.66**

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM, Grand Treasurer

REPORTS OF GRAND RECORDER

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

(See Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, page 13)

As of May 1, 2009, we have yet to receive the annual returns of Chillicothe Council No. 28 and Trinity Council No. 47. Chillicothe has not submitted a report since 2006.

Regrettably, we lost one Council as outlined in the address of the Grand Master.

The reports on Council audits and bonds can be found in the tabular statements of the Councils. Of the Councils reporting, three failed to submit an audit or submitted an incomplete audit: Jasper No. 30, Rolla No. 39 (due to illness of Recorder), and Harmony No. 53. This office cannot stress enough to the officers of each of these Councils the importance of their complete knowledge of their organization's financial condition. Each should be followed up with to ensure there is no appearance of impropriety on the part of the Recorder or Treasurer.

In accordance with **SEC. 61. Annual Returns.** The returns of each Council shall be made up to and including December 31st of each year, on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder. They shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of fifteen dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld. *(Amended 5/2/97)*

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Joyce and I thank all the officers and members of the Grand Council for the opportunity to work with and serve each of you. I thank the Grand Council Officers for their approval to make a trip to our Grand Master's home on April 26 to present him with his Past Grand Master credentials. I spoke to our Most Puissant Grand Master Joe Vale and received his approval to proceed as well. Enough cannot be said in appreciation to all those Companions who attended. This was the hardest thing I have had to do since assuming the mantle of Grand Recorder and I pray it never has to be done again by any in this office.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM, Grand Recorder

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Councils		30
Number of Members, December 31, 2007		3762
Number Greeted	81	
Number Affiliated	50	
Number Reinstated	30	
Total Gains		161
Number Dimitted	63	
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0	
Number Expelled	1	
Number Suspended by Lodge or Chapter	145	
Number Suspended By Council NPD	43	
Number Died	136	
Total Losses		388
Total Members, December 31, 2008		3535
Net Loss	227	

2008-2009 Council 25-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Fulks, Roger D.	Zabud	25	30-Jul-83	14-Oct-08
Harris, Donald L.	Zabud	25	05-Nov-83	14-Oct-08
Heaton, Darell F.	Zabud	25	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Luce, George H.	Zabud	25	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Luttrell, Clarence R.	Zabud	25	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Strothkamp, Thomas P.	Zabud	25	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
TolliverMickey E.	Zabud	25	30-Jul-83	14-Oct-08
Wester, James O.	Zabud	25	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Adams, Donnie D.	Sedalia	42	22-May-81	14-Nov-08
Adams, Freddie D.	Sedalia	42	8-Mar-73	14-Nov-08
Baker, Walter E.	Sedalia	42	8-Jun-72	14-Nov-08
Bess, Allen B.	Sedalia	42	21-Jul-08	14-Nov-08
Bohlken, Francis R.	Sedalia	42	01-Apr-75	14-Nov-08
Borer, Walter E.	Sedalia	42	18-Sep-71	14-Nov-08
Bower, Eugene L.	Sedalia	42	18-Aug-71	14-Nov-08
Buckner, William G.	Sedalia	42	30-Jul-66	14-Nov-08
Butler, Hubert R.	Sedalia	42	11-May-74	14-Nov-08
Campbell, Jr., Albert J.	Sedalia	42	08-Oct-60	14-Nov-08
Clark, Paul A.	Sedalia	42	11-May-74	14-Nov-08
Cook, Maurice G.	Sedalia	42	08-Oct-60	14-Nov-08
Copeland, Jesse C.	Sedalia	42	05-May-79	14-Nov-08
Criss, William E.	Sedalia	42	12-Jun-71	14-Nov-08
Culver, Floyd E.	Sedalia	42	11-Nov-78	14-Nov-08
Curry, Porter D.	Sedalia	42	31-Jul-73	14-Nov-08
Davis, Van L.	Sedalia	42	18-Sep-72	14-Nov-08
Hatfield, Bennie B.	Sedalia	42	28-Jun-75	14-Nov-08
Hatfield, Floyd W.	Sedalia	42	07-Aug-82	14-Nov-08
Hatfield, Ray W.	Sedalia	42	31-Jul-73	14-Nov-08
Hauser, Russell L.	Sedalia	42	25-Apr-69	14-Nov-08
Howard, Olen	Sedalia	42	02-Apr-66	14-Nov-08

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2008-2009 Council 25-year Certificates Issued, Continued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Keith, James H.	Sedalia	42	30-Jul-66	14-Nov-08
Marsh, Glenn L.	Sedalia	42	30-Jul-66	14-Nov-08
McBurney, Frederic A.	Sedalia	42	16-Mar-74	14-Nov-08
Meads, Daniel D.	Sedalia	42	05-Aug-78	14-Nov-08
Meads, Thomas A.	Sedalia	42	24-Mar-61	14-Nov-08
O'Dell, Woodrow W.	Sedalia	42	30-Jul-66	14-Nov-08
Owsley, William L.	Sedalia	42	18-Oct-75	14-Nov-08
Poulson, Raymond E.	Sedalia	42	04-Aug-66	14-Nov-08
Schell, Rollin J.	Sedalia	42	16-Nov-72	14-Nov-08
Talbott, Roy E.	Sedalia	42	18-Aug-71	14-Nov-08
Tuck, Sam G.	Sedalia	42	14-May-64	14-Nov-08
Wansing, Charles J.	Sedalia	42	31-Jul-73	14-Nov-08
Woodward, Henry E.	Sedalia	42	08-Aug-81	14-Nov-08
Barker, David W.	Centralia	34	19-Mar-83	24-Nov-08
Nichols, Billy J.	Centralia	34	19-Mar-83	24-Nov-08
Schmidt, Robert L.	Centralia	34	19-Mar-83	24-Nov-08
Sinclair, Sr., Steven L.	Centralia	34	19-Mar-83	24-Nov-08
Barrow, Chelmer L.	Centralia	34	14-Apr-73	22-Dec-08

2008-2009 Council 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Bird, Robert G.	Zabud	25	22-Nov-58	14-Oct-08
Ghan, James R.	Zabud	25	22-Nov-58	14-Oct-08
Manley, Ralph K.	Zabud	25	20-May-58	14-Oct-08
Mathias, William E.	Zabud	25	17-Jun-58	14-Oct-08
Nahon, Paul G.	Zabud	25	22-Nov-58	14-Oct-08
Sims, Robert D.	Zabud	25	20-May-58	14-Oct-08
True, Bertram E.	Zabud	25	17-Jun-58	14-Oct-08
Cunningham, Clarence L.	Neosho	46	25-Oct-57	16-Oct-08
Bishop, Vencil W.	Sedalia	42	20-Mar-47	14-Nov-08
Cowan, Robert A	Sedalia	42	23-Jan-54	14-Nov-08
Crayden, Neil J	Sedalia	42	21-Mar-56	14-Nov-08
Hamilton, James R.	Sedalia	42	13-Oct-55	14-Nov-08
Harris, William R.	Centralia	34	16-Jun-58	24-Nov-08
Jennings, Junior	Centralia	34	30-Oct-58	24-Nov-08
Jones, Gary F.	Centralia	34	30-Oct-58	24-Nov-08
McMahan, Jesse T.	Centralia	34	31-Oct-58	24-Nov-08
Saucier, Melvin C.	Centralia	34	17-Nov-58	24-Nov-08
Crain, Carlos C.	Shekinah	24	15-Nov-58	15-Jan-09
Morgan, John Bruce	Jeremiah	48	18-Mar-57	30-Jan-09
Hartle, David E.	Cape	20	04-Feb-59	23-Feb-09

2008-2009 GRAND COUNCIL RECAPITULATION

As of May 1, 2009

Income	Budgeted	Actual	Projected	Balance
Per Capita, Membership 2,985 @ \$7.35	\$21,939.75	\$20,727.38	\$21,413.00	\$(526.75)
Per Capita, Life Membership	1,446.25	-	1,355.88	(90.37)
Greeting Fees, 100 @ \$7.00	700.00	525.00	525.00	(175.00)
General Fund				
Interest	397.48	371.38	524.80	127.32
Earnings	805.00	-	-	(805.00)
Miscellaneous	250.00	-	-	(250.00)
Total	25,538.48	21,623.76	23,818.68	(1,719.80)
Appropriations				
Grand Master Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Grand Treasurer	800.00	800.00	800.00	-
Grand Recorder	4,000.00	3,333.30	4,000.00	-
Administrative Assistant	6,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	-
Employment Taxes	650.00	660.55	788.05	(138.05)
Annual Assembly	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Auditor	150.00	65.25	75.00	75.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (3,285 @ \$0.35)	1,149.75	1,195.25	1,195.25	(45.50)
Grand Officer Expense	750.00	209.39	500.00	250.00
Insurance	500.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Miscellaneous (amended 4/5/09 to 2,264.82)	2,264.82	-	2,014.82	250.00
Office Equipment	2,000.00	1,413.20	2,000.00	-
Office Expenses	2,000.00	1,570.37	2,000.00	-
Office Rent & Utilities	1,800.00	1,650.00	1,800.00	-
Past Grand Master Jewel	350.00	431.34	431.34	(81.34)
Postage	500.00	642.65	700.00	(200.00)
Proceedings, Printing	2,400.00	202.50	2,000.00	400.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine	1,800.00	1,346.35	1,800.00	-
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00	50.00	50.00	-
Storage Rent	900.00	901.50	901.50	(1.50)
Supply Account	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Triennial Fund (3,620 @ \$0.06)	217.20	(0.02)	(0.02)	217.22
Total	34,781.77	25,071.63	33,655.94	1,125.83
Total Income	25,538.48	21,623.76	23,818.68	(1,719.80)
Total Appropriations	34,781.77	25,071.63	33,655.94	1,125.83
Balance / Overall Difference	(9,243.29)	(3,447.87)	(9,837.26)	(593.97)

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Illustrious Master	Deputy Master	Principal Conductor of the Work	Recorder	Election of Officers	Stated Assemblies	Annual Return Received
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	Todd A. Schulze	Larry W. Schulze	Kent A. Kramer	Michael D. Kassel	4th Wed in March	4th Wednesday	4-Mar-09
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	IRS could	Lance Lovejoy	LeRoy Salmon	Daryl Price	William W. Mier	4th Wed in Oct	4th Wednesday	28-Jan-09
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	Michael E. Perry	Johnny L. Schlenker	Lee W. Crites	Charles M. Huey	1st Wed in Dec	1st Wednesday	4-Mar-09
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891	Bruce A. Olds	Charles L. Frost, II	Donald L. Huggins	Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday	18-Mar-09
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	Eldon L. Cobb	Fred S. Livingston	Paul G. Kingsley	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	28-Feb-09
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550895	D. Duane Davis	Bobby G. Livesey	Thomas R. Hulff	Bill A. Humble	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday	12-Jan-09
28*	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	April 21, 1897	23-7550894				Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday	
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	W. Harry Guinn	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Robert P. Gephardt	Richard A. Lowrey	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	16-Mar-09
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	Andrew L. Wyatt	Larry D. Wyatt, Sr.	Steven C. Derendinger	Donald L. Trabue	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	4-Mar-09
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	Richard A. Mills	Jerry W. Hunter	C. Brent Stewart	Paul R. Cannon	4th Mon in Nov	4th Monday	19-Feb-09
35	Fidelity	Mountain Grove	April 26, 1920	23-7550898	Norman D. Rust	Dennis N. Smith	Marshall J. Biesen	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	31-Jan-09
37	Trenton	Trenton	April 25, 1921	23-7550900	Delbert Gentry	James C. Moore	Roger L. Cain	Larry T. Odum	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	14-Mar-09
38	Westport	Kansas City	April 25, 1921	43-6071585	Francis W. Benson	Timothy T. Holmes	Thomas E. Holmes	Roy N. Thomas	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	4-Mar-09
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	Bernard A. McIntyre	Larry W. Beck	Ralph L. Davis	George E. Ornsbey	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	7-Apr-09
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	John E. Trower	Guy D. Ross	Gale B. Morrison	Theodore Buckwick	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	24-Mar-09
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	Paul L. Daniels	Gary L. Jones	Lawrence M. Cripp	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-09
42	Sedalia	Sedalia	April 10, 1922	23-7550904	Frank H. Taylor	Glen E. Henness	William E. Criss	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-09
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	James E. Snively	David L. Leier	Thomas E. Howell	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday	23-Jan-09
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	David D. Powell	Clyde F. Bondy, III	Charles E. Cooper	Thomas C. Yurick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	28-Mar-09
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	William G. Snyder	Michael Lundeen	Jerry O. Snyder	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	27-Feb-09
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	Grover Cochran	Roy Cochran	Keith Dennis Taylor	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	23-Feb-09
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909				Roger McGregor	1st Thur in Oct	1st Thursday	
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	A. D. Haddock, Jr.	Edgar D. Piles	Roger D. Fleer	Kevin E. Weaver	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	28-Feb-09
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	Donald R. David	William G. Snyder	Gentry Sloan	Glenn E. Means	4th Thur in April	4th Thursday	9-Feb-09
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	Robert Alan Duncan	Donald Eugene Lake	Virgil L. Bailey	Robert W. Brizendine	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	25-Feb-09
51	East Gate	Kansas City	April 24, 1950	23-7550912	Steven M. Anderson	David Miller	Aaron Shoemaker	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thur in June	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-09
53	Harmony	Bethany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	Glenn Fitzgerald	James Gibbany	Garland E. Hendren	John Thraikill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	21-Feb-09
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-697678	Larry R. Clemens	Bradley T. Hicks	Michael E. Day	William E. Bremmaman	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	13-Feb-09
57	Warrensburg (merged w/Sedalia 42 12/8/08)	Warrensburg	May 9, 1990	43-697679				Glen E. Henness	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	N/A
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	Keith A. Jones	John W. Shoemaker	Clark A. McLemore	James A. Nunn	1st Thurs in May	1st Thursday	3-Mar-09
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	Michael L. Dodd	Joe P. Eisen	Jerry L. Miles	Darrell A. Wilham	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday	7-Mar-09
	TOTAL										
	* No Annual Return received for 2007										

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2008

No.	Council	07 Membership	Greeted	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	Expelled	Suspension by Lodge or Chapter	Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	Died	Total Losses	Total Year End Membership 2008	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	07 Debits	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Credit for 50-year Remissions	Credit for Life Members	07 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	
1	Hiram	52	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	3	7	49	2	0	3	\$ 14.00	\$ 360.15	\$ -	\$ 374.15	\$ 14.70	\$ -	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05	\$ 58.80	\$ 315.35	\$ -	\$ 315.35	
9	St. Joseph	309	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	12	16	297	13	22	17	21.00	2,182.95	21.53	2,225.48	95.55	161.70	124.95	-	382.20	1,843.28	-	1,843.28	
20	Cape	99	2	0	4	6	2	0	0	5	0	3	10	95	7	8	1	14.00	698.25	0.50	712.75	51.45	58.80	7.35	-	117.60	595.15	-	595.15	
24	Shekinah	92	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	0	0	22	71	0	4	19	7.00	521.85	7.70	536.55	-	29.40	139.65	-	169.05	367.50	15.00	382.50	
25	Zabud	448	5	0	4	9	8	0	0	34	2	20	64	393	8	22	20	35.00	2,888.55	-	2,923.55	58.80	161.70	147.00	22.05	389.55	2,534.00	-	2,534.00	
27	Poplar Bluff	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	6	50	2	0	3	-	367.50	-	367.50	14.70	-	22.05	-	36.75	330.75	-	330.75	
28*	Chillicothe	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	95	0	0	1	-	698.25	1,527.60	2,225.85	-	-	7.35	-	7.35	2,218.50	15.00	2,233.50	
30	Jasper	66	5	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	67	0	0	10	35.00	492.45	-	527.45	-	-	73.50	-	73.50	453.95	15.00	468.95	
32	Ezra	135	1	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	135	66	17	4	7.00	992.25	-	999.25	485.10	124.95	29.40	0.55	640.00	359.25	-	359.25	
34	Centralia	254	12	2	1	15	2	0	0	7	6	13	28	241	12	20	63	84.00	1,771.35	29.40	1,884.75	88.20	147.00	463.05	-	698.25	1,186.50	-	1,186.50	
35	Fidelity	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	9	33	0	2	0	-	242.55	-	242.55	-	14.70	-	-	14.70	227.85	-	227.85	
37	Trenton	92	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	4	11	81	1	5	2	-	595.35	-	595.35	7.35	36.75	14.70	10.50	69.30	526.05	15.00	541.05	
38	Westport	69	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	5	9	63	1	8	0	7.00	463.05	-	470.05	7.35	58.80	-	7.35	73.50	396.55	-	396.55	
39	Rolla	147	8	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	145	0	9	23	56.00	1,065.75	-	1,121.75	-	66.15	169.05	-	235.20	886.55	30.00	916.55	
40	York	74	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	7	68	5	1	9	-	499.80	-	499.80	36.75	7.35	66.15	7.35	117.60	382.20	15.00	397.20	
41	Carthage	106	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	104	1	8	2	28.00	764.40	-	792.40	7.35	58.80	14.70	22.75	103.60	688.80	-	688.80	
42	Sedalia	66	1	31	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	96	1	19	3	7.00	705.60	-	712.60	7.35	139.65	22.05	7.35	176.40	536.20	-	536.20	
43	Bonne Terre	108	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	10	1	0	11	102	7	3	8	14.00	749.70	-	763.70	51.45	22.05	58.80	-	132.30	631.40	-	631.40	
44	Kirksville	331	1	0	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	10	11	326	2	12	6	7.00	2,396.10	-	2,403.10	14.70	88.20	44.10	81.60	228.60	2,174.50	15.00	2,189.50	
45	Kansas City	73	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	70	1	11	2	-	514.50	-	514.50	7.35	80.85	14.70	24.80	127.70	386.80	-	386.80	
46	Neosho	89	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	86	0	3	2	28.00	632.10	36.05	696.15	-	22.05	14.70	-	36.75	659.40	-	659.40	
47	Trinity	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	-	264.60	15.30	279.90	-	-	-	-	279.90	15.00	294.90		
48	Jeremiah	212	6	0	1	7	2	0	1	15	9	3	30	189	16	3	31	42.00	1,389.15	30.25	1,461.40	117.60	22.05	227.85	-	367.50	1,093.90	-	1,093.90	
49	Independence	198	2	3	1	6	4	0	0	14	0	6	24	180	2	6	26	14.00	1,323.00	7.35	1,344.35	14.70	44.10	191.10	-	249.90	1,094.45	-	1,094.45	
50	Liberty	223	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	9	11	26	198	6	5	21	-	1,455.30	7.00	1,462.30	44.10	36.75	154.35	-	235.20	1,227.10	-	1,227.10	
51	East Gate	80	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	9	0	4	13	70	2	0	4	7.00	514.50	80.85	602.35	14.70	-	29.40	-	44.10	558.25	-	558.25	
53	Harmony	52	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	51	0	0	0	-	374.85	-	374.85	-	-	-	332.25	332.25	42.60	-	42.60	
56	Lebanon	67	10	3	0	13	0	0	0	4	0	2	6	74	2	1	12	70.00	543.90	-	613.90	14.70	7.35	88.20	22.15	132.40	481.50	-	481.50	
57	Warrensburg (merged w/Sedalia 42 12/8/08)	30	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Bert S. Lee	29	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	35	3	0	4	49.00	257.25	-	306.25	22.05	-	29.40	-	51.45	254.80	-	254.80	
59	Shelby	32	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	0	1	1	21.00	257.25	15.00	293.25	-	7.35	7.35	-	14.70	278.55	-	278.55	
	TOTAL	3762	81	50	30	161	63	0	1	145	43	136	388	3535	160	190	301	\$ 567.00	\$ 25,982.25	\$ 1,778.53	\$ 28,327.78	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 1,396.50	\$ 2,182.95	\$ 560.75	\$ 5,316.20	\$ 23,011.58	\$ 135.00	\$ 23,146.58	
	No Annual Return received for 2007																													

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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2008

No.	Council	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	08 Credits	08 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/08	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited
1	Hiram	\$ 300.65	\$ -		\$ 300.65		\$ 14.70	\$ 553.35	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 103.40	\$ 230.00	\$ 1,926.75	\$ 25.85			No	No	Yes
9	St. Joseph	1,857.98	-		1,857.98	14.70		6,260.97	31,176.04	-	1,900.00	-	39,337.01	20.00	981.75		Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Cape	639.60	-		639.60	44.45		1,445.52	10,140.56	4,000.00	-	-	15,586.08	13.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	Shekinah	433.95	-		433.95	51.45		5,801.46	-	10,000.00	-	-	15,801.46	15.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
25	Zabud	2,556.05	-		2,556.05	22.05		3,738.30	-	700.00	-	-	4,438.30	15.00	238.50	164.80	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Poplar Bluff	330.75	-		330.75			260.77	-	-	30.00	-	290.77	10.00	40.15	40.15	No	No	Yes
28*	Chillicothe	-	-		-		2,233.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00					
30	Jasper	453.95	-		453.95		15.00	743.64	11,814.09	592.33	-	-	13,150.06	12.00	-	-			No
32	Ezra	352.25	-		352.25		7.00	4,543.72	10,909.72	2,500.00	-	-	17,953.44	15.00	-	25.00	No	No	Yes
34	Centralia	1,164.45	-		1,164.45		22.05	2,677.22	11,400.00	25,000.00	115.00	-	39,192.22	28.00	1,200.00	220.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
35	Fidelity	227.85	-		227.85			584.63	27,592.51	2,500.00	-	-	30,677.14	10.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
37	Trenton	526.05	-		526.05		15.00	1,063.36	-	-	-	-	1,063.36	13.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
38	Westport	396.55	-		396.55	0.00		1,218.00	-	-	-	-	1,218.00	27.35	43.80	40.15	No	No	Yes
39	Rolla	863.10	-		863.10		53.45	578.38	14,941.57	20,000.00	-	-	35,519.95	18.00	140.70	65.70	No	No	Yes
40	York	367.50	-		367.50		29.70	1,576.83	806.45	-	-	-	2,383.28	29.35	-	-	No	No	Yes
41	Carthage	688.80	-		688.80			2,453.77	-	800.00	160.00	-	3,413.77	10.00	106.00	-	No	No	Yes
42	Sedalia	425.95	-		425.95		110.25	1,593.67	-	-	-	50.00	1,543.67	8.50	-	-	No	No	Yes
43	Bonne Terre	624.05	-		624.05		7.35	3,536.80	-	100.00	170.00	-	3,806.80	17.00	134.70	207.20	Yes	Yes	Yes
44	Kirksville	2,204.20	-		2,204.20	14.70		6,879.07	17,826.82	-	1,600.00	-	26,305.89	15.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
45	Kansas City	394.15	-		394.15	7.35		594.40	-	-	-	-	594.40	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
46	Neosho	645.05	-		645.05		14.35	2,325.47	-	-	-	-	2,325.47	9.35	-	-	No	No	Yes
47	Trinity	-	-		-		294.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
48	Jeremiah	1,064.60	-		1,064.60		29.30	1,645.27	-	2,000.00	-	-	3,645.27	18.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
49	Independence	1,072.40	-		1,072.40		22.05	1,244.08	14,366.00	26,810.08	-	-	42,420.16	16.05	226.00	-	No	No	Yes
50	Liberty	1,337.35	-		1,337.35	110.25		6,722.61	37,670.15	-	-	-	44,392.76	10.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
51	East Gate	448.00	-		448.00		110.25	1,029.49	-	-	-	-	1,029.49	9.35	-	-	No	No	Yes
53	Hamony	437.75	-		437.75	395.15		997.55	-	-	-	-	997.55	14.00	-	-	No	No	No
56	Lebanon	474.15	-		474.15		7.35	2,146.43	1,959.85	1,025.00	-	-	5,131.28	10.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
57	Warrensburg (merged w/Sedalia 42 12/8/08)	-	-		-			-	-	-	-	-	-	15.50	-	-			
58	Bert S. Lee	254.80	-		254.80			1,178.49	-	3,000.00	-	-	4,178.49	13.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
59	Shelby	271.20	-		271.20		7.35	633.73	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,633.73	22.50	62.05	-	No	No	Yes
	TOTAL	\$ 20,813.13	\$ -		\$ 20,813.13	\$ 660.10	\$ 2,993.55	\$ 64,026.98	\$ 190,603.76	\$ 101,527.41	\$ 4,078.40	\$ 280.00	\$ 359,956.55	\$ 469.80	\$ 3,173.65	\$ 763.00			
	* No Annual Return received for 2007																		

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

*(no report available at time of printing)**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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

Following is the proposed budget for 2009-2010:

Income

Per Capita, Membership 2,597 @ \$13.00	\$33,761.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,566.50
Greeting Fees, 75 @ \$7.00	525.00
General Fund	
Interest	365.48
Earnings	1,560.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	38,027.98

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	790.00
Annual Assembly	1,500.00
Audit	150.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (2,927 @ \$1.00)	2,927.00
Grand Officer Expense	750.00
Insurance	100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Office Equipment	2,000.00
Office Expenses	2,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities	1,800.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	375.00
Postage	750.00
Printing of Proceedings	2,000.00
Royal Arch Magazine	1,800.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor	50.00
Storage Rent	950.00
Triennial Fund (3,287 @ \$0.06)	200.00
Total	\$31,692.00

Total Income	\$38,027.98
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$31,692.00
Balance	\$ 6,335.98

Fraternally submitted,
 George M. Merkle
 Donald L. Trabue (ex-officio)
 James E. Snively, Chairman

Danny D. Smothers
 Kevin B. Sample (ex-officio)

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

Companions: Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report as follows:

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS.

We approve the dispensations and permissions pertaining to matters of Subordinate Councils on the basis of their being within the discretion of the Grand Master and consistent with Grand Council Law. This will also pertain to the Grand Council By-Law changes.

We congratulate our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Edgar F. Coonrod, as he has under the most trying conditions carried out the necessary actions required by our Constitution and By-Laws. Well done good and faithful servant.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter
Stanton T. Brown, Chairman

C. Brent Stewart

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ARTICLE III. SEC. 17. Grand Council, Committees. be amended by the addition of: **9. Triennial**

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The Chairman of the following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation:

1. Credentials
2. Reports of Grand Officers
3. Jurisprudence
4. Finance and Accounts
5. Returns of Councils
6. Mileage and Per Diem (Deleted 5/8/1998)
7. Fraternal Correspondence
8. Youth and Membership (Added May 7, 1986)

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ: The Chairman of the following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation:

1. Credentials
2. Reports of Grand Officers
3. Jurisprudence
4. Finance and Accounts
5. Returns of Councils
6. Mileage and Per Diem (Deleted 5/8/1998)
7. Fraternal Correspondence
8. Youth and Membership (Added May 7, 1986)
9. Triennial

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As long as the Grand Council is a member of the General Grand Council, this should be a standing committee, and as such, duties and responsibilities specifically outlined in the by-laws.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff No. 27

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of. be amended by the addition of paragraph (9), to wit: **The Committee on Triennial** shall consist of three Past Grand Masters and the Grand Council Officer who shall be Grand Master at the next Triennial Session of the General Grand Council, to be appointed at the annual assembly following the annual assembly of the General Grand Council, and who shall serve for three years. The Chairman of the Triennial Committee shall receive the accumulated funds from the Grand Treasurer and pay them out according to the provisions of Article IV, Section 23. The Triennial Committee will be responsible for arranging for a State dinner and entertainment, at no cost either to the Chairman or to the Grand Council of Missouri, for the assembled Missouri companions

and ladies. The Chairman will also give a report of his actions at the annual assembly following the Triennial Assembly of General Grand Council.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To formally establish a standing triennial committee, establish the appointment process, the duties of those committee members, and to provide governance of Section 23 of these by-laws.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Standing Resolution, Grand Lecturer*, be amended by addition of paragraph (h), to wit:

(h) That the Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: *Grand Lecturer*, Be it resolved that effective May 8, 1998 the office of Grand Lecturer is established. The duties of the Grand Lecturer are as follows:

(a) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the three degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

(b) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council.

(c) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance.

(d) To supervise the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers and give guidance and assistance in the responsibilities of their office.

(e) To prepare a written schedule, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, of at least one Regional Assembly in each region per year.

(f) To approve and accredit degree teams throughout the state, for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees.

(g) To direct the Regional Degree Teams through the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers to confer the Super Excellent Master degree at Regional Assemblies. The Grand Lecturer reports directly to the Grand Master or his appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee. *(Adopted 5/8/98)*

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: *Grand Lecturer*, Be it resolved that effective May 8, 1998 the office of Grand Lecturer is established. The duties of the Grand Lecturer are as follows:

(a) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the three degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

(b) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council.

(c) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance.

(d) To supervise the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers and give guidance and assistance in the responsibilities of their office.

(e) To prepare a written schedule, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, of at least one Regional Assembly in each region per year.

(f) To approve and accredit degree teams throughout the state, for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees.

(g) To direct the Regional Degree Teams through the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers to confer the Super Excellent Master degree at Regional Assemblies. The Grand Lecturer reports directly to the Grand Master or his appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee. *(Adopted 5/8/98)*

(h) That the Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To improve and strengthen the ritualistic performance of those in charge of teaching the ritual, thereby resulting in a stronger Council.

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Standing Resolution, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer*, be amended by addition of paragraph (g), to wit:

(g) That each Regional Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: *Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer*, Be it resolved that effective May 8, 1998 the office of Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer is established. The duties of the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer are as follows:

(a) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

(b) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council.

(c) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance.

(d) To prepare and conduct, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, at least one Regional Assembly in his region per year.

(e) To recommend and, in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer, approve and accredit degree teams in his region for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees.

(f) To have the Super Excellent Master degree conferred at Regional Assemblies.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: *Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer*, Be it resolved that effective May 8, 1998 the office of Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer is established. The duties of the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer are as follows:

(a) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

(b) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council.

(c) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance.

(d) To prepare and conduct, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, at least one Regional Assembly in his region per year.

(e) To recommend and, in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer, approve and accredit degree teams in his region for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees.

(f) To have the Super Excellent Master degree conferred at Regional Assemblies.

(g) That each Regional Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To improve and strengthen the ritualistic performance of those in charge of teaching the ritual, thereby resulting in a stronger Council.

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS

(no report available at time of printing, although one Grand Representative did file a report:)

Report of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Louisiana near Missouri

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

I traveled to Hammond, Louisiana for the Grand Chapter/Grand Council Convocations March 7-10, 2009. This was an interesting experience for me as this represented the first time I had traveled to a jurisdiction from which I had been appointed to Missouri. It was my privilege to meet personally with MIC Edward Reine, GM of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Louisiana (he pronounces it Ryan). I first met MIC Reine last year during our own Grand Sessions here in Missouri. He is a fine man, a true Southern gentleman, an excellent leader, a very fine orator and, well respected by his peers in Louisiana. I met with several other PGM's as well and had the distinct pleasure of being invited to a dinner with them at a local eatery on the only free evening we had. The hospitality was superb and the fellowship even better. I like to think I made a lot of new friends in Louisiana during my visit was surprised to learn that it had been a long, long time since anyone from Missouri had visited the sessions in that Great State. I remained through the installations on Tuesday to congratulate my friend MIC Reinke on what I observed to be a very successful Grand Council Assembly. During my visit I

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also had the opportunity to observe a Super Excellent Master Degree and was received as an honorary member of the KYCH, the Order of the Silver Trowel, the Red Cross of Constantine and the Order of High Priesthood as well as the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Louisiana. And, to top it off, I met up with the only member of the Yeomen of York in Louisiana. He belongs to Columbia Preceptory No. VIII right here in Missouri. All in all it was a grand old time and a visit I shall not likely forget. Perhaps I will get the opportunity to return some day. All were invited to attend the Grand Sessions here in Missouri. Fraternal submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

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

Companions: On April 23, 2009 your committee examined the returns of the 30 Councils in this jurisdiction. Warrensburg No. 57 merged with Sedalia No. 42.

Chillicothe No. 28 and Trinity No. 47 have not filed their returns and will be assessed penalties when received by the Grand Recorder. Shekinah No. 24, Jasper No. 30, Trenton No. 37, Rolla No. 39, York No. 40, and Kirksville No. 44 were received late and assessed required penalties.

Many of the returns contained miscellaneous errors caused by recorders not keeping an accurate record of all events as they occur. A few Audit sheets were not completed or signed.

Fraternal submitted,
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVIEW

(see reports of Grand Recorder)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(See Joint Committee Report on Page 12)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

Companions: Your committee on the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund is pleased to report the balance of the fund in the hands of the Grand Treasurer as of April 14, 2009 is \$107,021.73.

The following subordinate Councils made gifts to the fund since June 1, 2008:

Trenton Council No. 37	\$ 11.30
Zabud Council No. 25	17.30
Shekinah Council No. 24	60.00
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	140.65
Calendar Fund	<u>5,958.42</u>
Total Donations to date:	\$6,197.67

The committee expects additional donations will be made before the end of the Grand Council Year on May 31, 2009.

We sincerely thank and acknowledge all the Companions for their support which helps this fund to continually grow. It is a great tribute to the late Grand Master Bruce Harmon Hunt and his dedicated and long service to the York Rite of Freemasonry in Missouri.

The Charity Endowment Fund Calendar Project has been the single most important method of fund raising for the Charity Endowment Fund.

Here is a historical record of the fund's balances:

1994	\$ 3,810.00	2001	50,547.96
1995	5,079.09	2002	55,828.56
1996	7,738.79	2003	64,484.18
1997	10,008.43	2004	71,907.21
1998	17,070.79	2005	79,062.60
1999	22,984.36	2006	86,356.56
2000	29,125.35	2007	95,662.44

The Committee gratefully acknowledges MIC William J. Bowser for instituting the Fund Raising Calendar Project and administering it for the past fourteen years as it successfully raised \$50,000.00 for the Endowment Fund. The amount raised could have been \$100,000.00 had the subordinate councils and individual Companions earnestly supported the program and sold calendars.

We commend Most Illustrious Companion Edgar F. Coonrod for his gifts to the Order of DeMolay (\$500.00), Order of the Rainbow for Girls (\$500.00), and Jobs Daughters (\$500.00). These gifts came from earned endowment fund income and not from the budget of the Grand Council.

Since 2000, the three youth groups have received \$13,350.00 from the Charity Endowment Fund. This is a significant contribution from Cryptic Masons making a difference in the lives of our Masonic Youth.

Fraternally submitted,
Joseph P. Krill
Jack R. Clark, Sr.

Lawrence R. Albright, II
Robert H. Bray, Chairman

REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY

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

Companions: For the period May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$8,793.20. Currently, Missouri ranks seventh with respect to other jurisdictions and twelfth since the inception of the program. Our grand total is \$101,682.61.

Extenders have been awarded to:

Centralia Council No. 34
St. Joseph Council No. 9
Sedalia Council No. 42
Jeremiah Council No. 48
Independence Council No. 49
Liberty Council No. 50

Triangular plaques were awarded to:

Harry S. Truman York Rite College No. 167

The top ten subordinate councils in contributions for this period were:

1.	Sedalia Council No. 42	\$ 2,800.00
2.	Centralia Council No. 34	1,340.00
3.	Independence Council No. 49	1,226.00
4.	St. Joseph Council No. 9	1,036.50
5.	Jeremiah Council No. 48	640.00
6.	Bonne Terre Council No. 43	287.70
7.	Carthage Council No. 41	106.00
8.	Shekinah Council No. 24	105.85
9.	Hiram Council No. 1	100.00
10.	Rolla Council No. 39	75.00

If a council contributes at least \$1.00 per member it is entitled to receive the 100% certificate. Unfortunately, it is up to the council to make this known when remitting funds.

Fraternally submitted,
William Gordon Buckner, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

This Committee did not undertake to produce any papers this year, as there was much fine material already on file with the Grand York Rite office for the use of the constituent Councils to help them qualify for the Grand Council Merit Award. If any constituent Council has not already done so, it is strongly urged to obtain copies of three papers (Officer Tools, To Reach Inside Ourselves, and Six Keys to Performing Effective Ritual) produced during the 2007-2008 Grand York Rite year and begin making use of them. To what extent the three fine papers produced during the 2005-2006 Grand York Rite year have been used by the constituent Councils is not known, as we received no feedback. These continue to be posted

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on, and are available for downloading and printing from, the Missouri York Rite web site. Many Councils are having their own members offer educational talks covering what appears to be fine topics for discussion.

The recommendations of this Committee are as follows:

1) that, until a more comprehensive training document can be made available, the three above mentioned papers on file with the Grand York Rite office be studied, saved, and used to teach constituent and Grand officers about responsibility, accountability, what they need to know, and know well, about being officers, what they need to be studying, and what they owe the constituent bodies;

2) that since the Grand Council Merit Award Committee's only function has been to act as a clearing house for the processing of data submitted on applications, and that the requirements for the Award fall under the auspices of the Grand Council Education Committee, the latter should have oversight of the Award;

3) that the requirements for the Merit Award be converted into a point system to permit the constituent Councils the freedom to fulfill the requirements with different activities rather than having to slavishly following a set pattern (it is proper, for example, for those Councils who have been extraordinarily active in conferring the degrees to receive credit for this where credit is due), provided however, that the requirements of a minimum representation at important York Rite events, support of Cryptic Masons Medical Research, and submission of an on-time completed annual return with required audit and fees/per capita payments, be kept mandatory;

4) that Grand officers not only read, study, and save the Proceedings, but follow up on the ideas and recommendations made in the Committee Reports;

5) that Grand officers take full advantage of the guidance that this Committee is making available to them and utilize the available materials;

6) that Education for Preservation become the focus of a combined Grand York Rite effort to provide essential solutions and to address membership decline; where there is education there is interest, and where there is interest, the waters are stirred to stimulate membership;

7) that this Committee collaborate in the future with the Education Committees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in developing a training document for a common program of education for teaching constituent and Grand officers about a) reorganizing the way we do business, b) creating management methods where none currently exist, c) managing dysfunctional organizations including reforming the management structure in the State, d) providing a quality experience for the membership, and e) maintaining the prestige of holding York Rite membership so the world at large can better see us for what we are;

8) that a designated Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer in each constituent York Rite body in Missouri be made a requirement by edict or general order; and

9) that recommendations numbers 6, 7, and 8 be supported and promoted in perpetuity by all Grand presiding officers of the York Rite of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson

Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Kevin E. Weaver

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

(See Joint Committee Report on Page 13)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

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

Companions: As we close another year, the Endowed Membership has had a little growth of ten (14) members. An increase is great no matter how small. As you all are aware these investments have had no growth. We have had a loss on paper of \$7,800 as of the date of this report. We need to work harder on inviting new members and work harder on our investment strategy.

The Endowed Membership Committee would be willing to speak at any programs if called upon to do so.

Fraternally submitted,
Jose' R. Palacios
Thomas C. Yunick

Paul K. Kawakami
Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Companion	Council	Greeted	Issued
420	Scheinost, Floyd Emil	24	16-Dec-78	21-May-08
421	Means, Glenn E.	49	05-Nov-83	23-Jun-08
422	Erfurdt, Jr., John L.	48	02-Jun-98	25-Jun-08
423	Struse, Terry R.	34	16-Oct-93	26-Jun-08
424	Steinmetz, Gregory Alan	40	10-Nov-86	06-Oct-08
425	Wright, Robert Leon	48	15-Mar-82	27-Oct-08
426	Trimble, Rodney Lee	30	03-Nov-01	07-Nov-08
427	Schroff, Nikolaus Alexander	34	19-Jul-08	18-Nov-08
428	Hicks, Bradley Thomas	56	06-May-06	21-Nov-08
429	DeVenney, Jr., Russell F.	34	23-Jul-07	24-Nov-08
430	Vogel, Dennis Neal	9	02-Apr-66	11-Dec-08
431	Fryer, Lowell D.	39	26-Jun-99	04-Mar-09
432	Baker, Lawrence Larry	39	22-Aug-87	04-Mar-09
433	Kuehn, John Charles	30	08-Nov-08	18-Apr-09

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MERIT AWARD

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

The following applications for the Grand Council Merit Award for the year 2008-2009 have been received by the Chairman of the Award Committee, and are being forwarded to the Grand Recorder:

Hiram Council No. 1	St. Louis	Todd Alan Schulze
St. Joseph Council No. 9	St. Joseph	James D. Jeffers
Rolla Council No. 39	Rolla	Bernard A. McIntyre
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	Bonne Terre	James E. Snaveley
Kansas City Council No. 45	Kansas City	William Snyder
Jeremiah Council No. 48	Webster Groves	Arnold D. Haddock, Jr.

It is to be noted that Jeremiah Council did not submit the application until April 9, 2009

Fraternally submitted,
Emory J. Hampel, Chairman

Kevin E. Weaver

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

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

Herewith is my report as Grand Lecturer

The annual school of instruction, held the 2nd Saturday in September, was fairly well attended, with two grand officers and two Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers in attendance. I received no requests to conduct a school from any council.

As of this date, only one RDGL has submitted his report of councils visited. The two conferrals of the Select Master Degree and one of the Royal Master Degree, in which I participated, were well done. I can only guess of the condition of the council ritually across the state with no reports from the RDGL's. My thinking is that this is fair, certainly there are bright spots. On the positive side, there has been a little more interest in the certificates of proficiency.

I need not remind the companions that ritual is the strength and backbone of any Masonic organization, and as the ritual goes, so goes the council. I don't want to see the council following in the footsteps of other organizations that have to rely on the ritual book to do their work.

Due to heal problems and other concerns, I will not serve another year as Grand Lecturer. It has been a pleasure serving and I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,
Albert H. "Sonny" Miller, Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF RITUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

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

By special appointment, the 2008-2009 Ritual Revision Committee is pleased to present this updated and corrected edition of the 1980 Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri Ritual. The Committee on Work producing the 1980 Ritual were: Lloyd P. Sharp, Kirksville; Chester H. Hazen, Independence; Richard H. Kerr, Rolla; Woodrow W. Blunt, Overland; Dewey E. Aly, DeSoto; Dudley C. Barnbes, Joplin; and Logan E. Wing, Jr., Saint Joseph, Chairman.

This document contains corrections and clarifications made by the several Committees on Ritual since 1980. It also contains a Balloting on Petitions Procedure which concludes the ritualistic portion of this document.

Other materials included are for educational, informational and ceremonial purposes. They are Introductions of Distinguished Guests; Honorary and Official Titles; Reception of Distinguished Guests and Floor Work; Presentation of the Fifty-Year Veteran Service Pin; Ceremony for the Installation of Officers; and other information describing the degrees of Cryptic Masonry and History of the Cryptic Rite in the State of Missouri.

We acknowledge the contributions of these late Cryptic Masons: Bruce Harmon Hunt, Past Grand Master, Grand Recorder; James H. Pennington, Past Grand Commander; and James H. Cockerham, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander.

We also acknowledge the work of many others including Paul R. Cannon, Sedalia, who made significant contributions to the production of this document.

It is our hope that this Official Ritual will serve the Grand Council of Missouri and the subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters and Super Excellent Masters for many years to come as well as serving as an important educational document for the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

Albert H. "Sonny" Miller, Past Grand Master, Grand Lecturer, Ste. Genevieve

Robert L. Wright, Past Grand Master, Pacific

Gary A. Phillips, Past Grand Master, Webb City

Kevin E. Weaver, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, House Springs

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Past Grand Recorder, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, St. Joseph

Calvin D. Schroff, Past Grand Lecturer, Montgomery City

Kevin B. Sample, Honorary Past Grand Master, Past Grand Lecturer, Grand Recorder, Columbia

Edgar F. Coonrod, Grand Master, St. Louis

Robert H. Bray, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Lecturer, Chairman, Fayette

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

REPORT OF EDITOR OF ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

The 76th General Grand Chapter / 43rd General Grand Council Triennials were held on August 27 to August 30, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 South Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

The General Grand Council raised their per capita from thirty-five cents to one dollar.

Fraternally submitted,

Edgar F. Coonrod

William J. Bowser, Chairman

Stanton T. Brown

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 is a step in the right direction, this new format is a direction we hope will continue. 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. It is the suggestion of this committee that the Grand officers in charge, appoint RDGMs that will do the job

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they are appointed to do, such is not always the case. Also, the topics that the RDGMs should be bringing up at their official visits should be used at the official visit and not the conferences

Fraternally submitted,
James L. Woodfin, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

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

As Chairman of the Grand Council Committee on Youth, it is with great pleasure to report that all three Masonic Youth Organizations are continuing to be prosperous in their many endeavors. This committee strongly encourages all Royal and Select Masters to attend and support each of the Masonic Youth Organizations in their respective areas as much as possible. The greatest challenge each organization is facing today is local Masonic support. Masonic Advisors and adult workers are needed to maintain the tenants that are the bases of our foundation. This committee also encourages each Royal and Select Master to promote membership in to these organizations to the sons and daughters of family and friends.

Fraternally Submitted.
Roger D. Salyer
Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman

Matthew A. Marrone

Preliminary Proceedings
OF THE
One Hundred Forty-Eighth
Annual Conclave
OF THE
Grand Commandery
OF
Knights Templar
OF THE
State of Missouri



HELD AT
CAPITAL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 15, 2009, A.:O.:891

**2008-2009 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

James Joseph 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

2008-2009 REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDERS

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. Snavely	Returns of Commanderies	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Ted W. Harrison Jerry Bradford James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Credentials	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Ted W. Harrison Jerry Bradford	Review	Ronald E. Wood, Jr. Kevin B. Sample
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		Triennial	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman Harold J. Richardson Ronnie E. Green

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2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Conclave Program Book	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman Virginia L. Goede, Editor	Honor Commandery Award	Ronnie E. Green, Chairman Russell S. Hanson Daniel R. Quesenberry
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Drill/Tactics Workshop	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman	Knights Templar Magazine	Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Editor
Easter Sunrise Service, D.C.	James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman Regional Grand Commanders	Membership	Harley L. Kropf, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders
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		Youth Organizations	LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman William W. Mier Lionel J. Goede Ginny L. Goede

Grand Encampment Officers

F. Douglas Mitchell
William H. "Billy" Koon, II

South Central Department Commander
Grand Master

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(from the floor)

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE I, The Grand Commandery, Section 3. Of whom composed, Subsection A,* be amended by addition of: A single nomination for the Station of Grand Warder may be made by any Constituent Commandery providing that, the Constituent Commandery is legally represented at the Annual Conclave at which the nomination is being made. Such Constituent Commandery must have prepared a short biography in writing and made presentation of same to the Credentials Committee at the time of registration. The Constituent Commandery must select a single speaker who will verbally present the nomination at the time called for the election of officers during the Annual Conclave. The traditional and past practice by the Past Grand Commanders of suggesting a mystic knight shall not be infringed. However, the Past Grand Commanders will also select a single speaker to make a nomination and verbally present a short biography at the time called for the election of officers during the Annual Conclave.

IF ADOPTED, this wording will appear as the next sentences following “installed.” in the fourth paragraph of the Subsection.

THIS SUBSECTION AT PARAGRAPH FOUR CURRENTLY READS: A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The proposed amendment attempts to address the numerous complaints voiced by the membership as regards the process for electing an individual to fill the station of the Grand Warder. It appears that confusion most always abounds among the voting delegates as to a proper nominee. While the Past Grand Commanders have performed impeccably well in suggesting a potential nominee, unfortunately, such implication rarely is adequately disseminated. There has been much concern expressed that the process is less than fair in that, some of the Constituent Commanderies feel that they have well qualified individuals who are not getting the opportunity for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(by order of Right Eminent Grand Commander)

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Little did I dream when I became a member of the York Rite that I would be standing before you as the Grand Commander of Missouri for 2008-2009. This has been a year I will never forget. I am humbled by your trust in me by allowing me to serve you this past year as your Grand Commander. I would like to thank each of you for your friendship, advice, and encouragement during my in-line years.

Recognition is due our ladies who have supported and loved us these past years. Without the Ladies, our fraternity would not be what it is.

The Sir Knights of Missouri have a right to be proud. Our fraternity stands for all that is good in the world. Remember that we are being judged by others—by the things we do and say and the way we conduct ourselves.

The Commandery will continue if we all follow the rules and principles as we should. Every action should be influenced by your love of God and the Fraternity. Others cannot know our principles if we do not practice them.

I want to extend my gratitude to my in-line officers and to Sir Knight Kevin Sample, Grand Recorder; Sir Knight Donald Trabue, Grand Treasurer; Sir Knight Robert Schlichter, Jurisprudence Chairman, for all their help this past year.

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Thank you to all the Past Grand Commanders who have stood ready to help when needed and to Sir Knight Ronald Wood, Jr. for his assistance with my articles for the Knight Templar Magazine.

To my wife, Sue, for her help in all the correspondence, typing, internet work, and being my traveling companion, I extend my love and appreciation. Without her help, I would have had a difficult time doing my job.

Continue, Sir Knights, to work for the good of our York Rite family.

NECROLOGY

When a Sir Knight passes to his reward, we lose their physical presence, but each of them leaves their years of service and accomplishments to our Fraternity. We all have learned things from them, had the wisdom of their advice, and have many pleasant memories in our hearts. May we always honor and remember them.

Please join Sir Knight Ronald E. Wood, Jr., our Eminent Grand Prelate, as he delivers the necrology service in honor of the valiant Knights that have passed on to their reward.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Prelate

It is that time of year when we pause to remember those who have been our Knight Companions, but are not gone. We have lost two Past Grand Commanders: Sir Knight Jacob C. Baird on December 4, 2008 who was Grand Commander 1988-1989 and Sir Knight James Joseph Gibbons on July 1, 2008. He was Grand Commander 1998-1999. They will be sorely missed. Sir Knight Baird had written several good works on the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

It has also been a year when we lost 152 members of the Grand Commandery. Several Commanderies out through the state have suffered the loss of one or more of these Sir Knights. Each in his unique way added a measure to the fraternity. Each in his own way made this presence felt; whether he was a working in the quarry or one who attended faithfully the meetings of his Commandery or simply one who desired to wear the title Sir Knight, they will each be missed. We extend our deepest sympathies to each of their families.

Prayer: It is with a deep sense of loss that we pause to ask our Heavenly Father to receive into this eternal care these Sir Knights who have died this past year. They were an asset to the fraternity, and have come to deserve this time of recognition of their service. To their families and friends we mingle our sorrow at passing with yours. Be with us all Heavenly Father as we say "farewell" to these Sir Knights, and we say "thank you" for their willingness to become members of the fraternity. All this we say in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen!

Solo, Sir Knight Daniel R. Quesenberry, Eminent Grand Chorister

VISITATIONS

5/24/08	York Rite College Bruce Harmon Hunt No. 162, Clayton	7/31/08	Olin S. McDaniel Council No. 259, Jackson
5/25/08	DeMolay Conclave, Jefferson City	8/08-09	Reg. Assembly Red Cross of Constantine, Jefferson City
5/29/08	Olin S. McDaniel Council No. 259 AMD, Farmington	8/12/08	York Rite Bodies of Bonne Terre Summer Dinner, Park Hills
6/06/08	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington	8/16/08	Bonne Terre Council No. 43 Council Degrees, Farmington
6/09/08	Head of Bodies Meeting, St. Louis	8/23/08	St. Thomas of Acon, Buckner
6/10/08	UEL Chapter No. 129 and Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington	8/23/08	Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Buckner
6/12-16	Royal Order of Scotland, Denver, Colo.	8/24/08	Reception for Edgar Coonrod, G.M., Fenton
6/17/08	York Rite Bodies, Cape Girardeau	9/03/08	Order of Red Cross at Ascalon Commandery No. 6, St. Louis
6/21/08	KYCH Priory No. 17, Columbia	9/05/08	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
6/26/08	Job's Daughters Grand Session, Jefferson City	9/06/08	Red Cross of Constantine, Farmington
6/27/08	Meeting with Capitol Plaza Hotel Staff, Jefferson City	9/17/08	Order of Malta Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis
6/29/08	Inspection of Time Capsule, Branson	9/19-20	S. W. York Rite Conference, Manhattan, KS
6/29/08	Rainbow Girls State Assembly, Springfield	9/21/08	Grand Lodge Grand Session, Columbia
7/12/08	Grand Officer's Meeting, Columbia	10/01/08	Order of Temple at Ascalon No. 16, St. Louis
7/13/08	Cornerstone Ceremony for Jefferson Lodge No. 43 A.F.&A.M., Jefferson City	10/03/08	Desoto Commandery No. 56 Official Visit, Farmington
7/19/08	Grotto Toothbrush Day, Potosi	10/05/08	Open House at Jefferson Lodge, Jefferson City
7/22/08	Reception for Leola Unruh, G. R. Order of Eastern Star, Farmington	10/07/08	Cape Commandery No. 55 Official Visit, Cape Girardeau
7/26/08	Reception for Grand Commander, Farmington		
7/27/08	Reception for Bob Hardester, GHP, St. Louis		

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10/10/08	St. Grail Commandery No. 12 Official Visit, Columbia	1/31/09	MOCHIP Workshop, Annapolis
10/11/08	Palestine No. 17 Commander's Prayer Breakfast, Independence	2/06/09	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
10/12/08	Region 6 KYCH Club Breakfast, Farmington	2/07/09	Yeoman of York, Columbia
10/13/08	Rolla Commandery No. 59 Official Visit, Rolla	2/10/09	Uel Chapter No. 129, Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington
10/14/08	Malta Commandery No. 72 Official Visit, Shelbina	2/17/09	Red Cross Practice, Clayton
10/18/08	Region 1 Drill Practice, Shelbina	2/21/09	Region 6 Conference, Farmington
10/20/08	Prince of Peace No. 29 Official Visit, Jefferson City	2/24/09	Planning meeting for Grand Session, Park Hills
10/21/08	Lebanon Commandery No. 33 Official Visit, Lebanon	2/28/09	St. Thomas of Acon, SRCF, Columbia
10/25/08	Hopewell Lodge No. 239, Lesterville	3/03/09	Red Cross Practice, Clayton
10/26/08	Presentation of 25, 40, and 50 Year Certificates, Crusade Commandery No. 23, Mexico	3/06/09	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
10/30/08	AMD, Farmington	3/07/09	Grand Commander's Breakfast, Ascalon No. 17, St. Louis
11/01/08	Region 1 York Rite Conference, Shelbina	3/09/09	Rolla Commandery No. 59, Rolla
11/07/08	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington	3/10/09	Tancred No. 25 Installation of Officers, Moberly
11/08/08	HRAKTP, Columbia	3/14/09	Conferral of Red Cross Degrees, Clayton
11/11/08	UEL Chapter No. 129, Farmington	3/24/09	Official Visit Crusade Commandery No. 23, Mexico
11/17/08	Hugh de Payens No. 4 Official Visit, St. Joseph	3/25-29	Kansas Grand Session, Manhattan
11/19/08	Ascalon No. 16 Official Visit, St. Louis	4/02/09	Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 Election of Officers, Macon
11/22/08	Region 3 York Rite Conference, Buckner	4/03/09	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
11/24/08	Meeting with Capitol Plaza Staff for Grand Session, Jefferson City	4/05/09	Masonic Youth Breakfast, Park Hills
12/02/08	Official Visit St. Omer Commandery No. 11, Sedalia	4/06/09	Liberty Commandery No. 6 Table Commandery, Liberty
12/04/08	Official Visit Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Florissant	4/12/09	Rolla Commandery No. 59 Easter Observance, Rolla
12/05/08	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington	4/14/09	Uel Chapter No. 129, Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington
12/06/08	Officer's Installation Red Cross of Constantine, St. Louis	4/18/09	Grand Officer's Meeting, Finance Committee, Columbia
12/09/08	Uel Chapter No. 129, Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington	4/19/09	Grand Master's Breakfast, St. Louis
12/13/08	Job's Daughters Installation, Farmington	4/25/09	Hopewell Lodge No. 239, Lesterville
12/13/08	AMD Meeting, Cape Girardeau	4/26/09	Region 6 KYCH Breakfast, Farmington
12/14/08	Beauceant Assembly No. 29 Dinner, St. Louis	4/30/09	AMD Meeting, Cape Girardeau
1/03/09	York Rite Conference Region 2, St. Joseph	5/01/09	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
1/10/09	Grand Officer's Meeting, Columbia	5/09/09	KRAKTP, Yeomen of York, York Rite College, Columbia
1/11/09	Officer's Installation Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville	5/12/09	Grand York Rite Planning Session Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City
		5/13-17	Grand York Rite Session, Jefferson City

SURETY BOND

At the time of my installation as Grand Commander, I received notice that the Surety Bonds issued by the Old Republic Surety Company were in effect covering the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary/Recorder, specifically Bond No. RPS0582576 for the Grand Commandery of Missouri and Bond No. RPS0582575 for the Knights Templar Education Foundation Division of Missouri.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS

Aide-de Camp
Grand Historian
Grand Prelate
Grand Sentinel
Grand Chorister
Grand Organist
Inner Guard

Harold J. Richardson
Roy N. Thomas
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
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Daniel R. Quesenberry
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G. Harry (Buck) Needham

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Inner Guard
Inner Guard

Harry L. Tripp
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REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDERS

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Region 2	Nathan L. Carrington
Region 3A	Aaron M. Shoemaker
Region 3B	William E. Criss
Region 4	Harold F. Coots
Region 5	K. Trent Moreland
Region 6	Richard E. Jump
Region 7A	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.
Region 7B	Gary A. Phillips

DECISIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

May 22, 2008	Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24, Permission granted to march in the Memorial Day parade without full uniform.
August 26, 2008	East Gate Commandery No. 70, Issued a special dispensation to hold its election and installation of officers on Sept. 4, 2008.
November 1, 2008	Harve de Grace Commandery No. 63, Harve de Grace Commandery No. 63 Knights Templar continues to be in arrears in the filing of annual returns and the payment of per capita dues to the Grand Commandery of Missouri. The Grand Commandery has not received the annual returns and the per capita payments of Harve de Grace Commandery for the past several years. Nor has Harve de Grace Commandery submitted evidence that an audit of its books, finances, and property has been conducted. These are violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri. Following several attempts to have some member assume the responsibilities and duties, and to take charge of Harve de Grace Commandery No. 63, which produced no results, it appears there is no alternative but to arrest the Charter of Harve de Grace Commandery No. 63. It was so ordered. The Charter, Seal, books, finances and any other remaining property were collected by my representative of the Grand Commandery on November 6, 2008, at the Marceline Masonic Temple, Marceline, MO.
December 17, 2008	Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Approved the proposed removal of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, KT from its temporary location at the Capital Shrine Club located at 2432 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO to its new and permanent location at the Jefferson City Masonic Lodge located at 3211 Masonic Court, Jefferson City, MO and herein grant said removal.
January 13, 2009	Tancred Commandery No. 25, Dispensation to hold a special election on February 10, 2009.
February 2, 2009	Jasper Commandery No. 31, Permission given to temporarily remove from the Lodge Building in Carthage to the Lodge Building in Alba.
March, 2009	Decision reinstating Brother Charles A McBeth to membership in Emmanuel Commandery No. 7 at Macon, MO.
March, 2009	Decision ordering the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence to review and reduce the number of General Orders.
April 2, 2009	Emmanuel Commandery No. 7, Healed to hold an election

BY-LAWS

I have approved the following by-law changes:

December 17, 2008	Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 (complex amendments, on file with Grand Recorder)
December 18, 2008	West Port Commandery No. 68, complete revision of their by-laws

March 5, 2009

Palestine Commandery No. 17, complete revision of their by-laws

CONSOLIDATIONS

We have lost one Commandery through consolidation. Mary Commandery No. 19 consolidated with St. Omer Commandery No. 11 on December 17, 2008.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

I look forward to seeing each of you at the 64th Triennial Conclave, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA on August 17th-19th at Roanoke, Virginia.

SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT

The 2008 South Central Department Conference was held in Manhattan, Kansas on September 19-20. I was well pleased with the number of Grand Officers who attended. This Conference is open to all Sir Knights. It would be beneficial to all Sir Knights to attend.

CHARITIES

Please continue your support for the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund. Missouri did not send a minister to the Holy Land this year. One was selected but because of personal problems, he was unable to go.

The Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation needs your support. Missouri continues to provide assistance where it is needed. Remember what a wonderful gift sight is and open your pockets and hearts to aid those in need. Every penny donated is appreciated. The Eye Foundation is the primary charity of Missouri Knights Templars.

This year, we have started a new endowment fund for the Charities. Please support it.

MASONIC YOUTH

I attended the DeMolay State Conclave, Job's Daughter's International Grand Session, and the State Assembly of Missouri Rainbow Girls. I was honored and well received by each body. I had the pleasure of presenting a check for \$500.00 from the Grand Commandery to each organization and to present a young man or lady with a certificate and medal for outstanding leadership qualities in each organization.

The continued support of Missouri Sir Knights for these youth organizations is appreciated and needed.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

Membership in the Masonic Lodge seems to be increasing. We must work to interest these new members in the York Rite. The Fraternity's growth depends on our participation and work to enlist these people into the York Rite. It has been my pleasure to be associated with many good men in this great Fraternity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

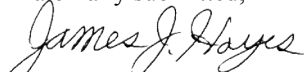
Every Sir Knight has an obligation to be a good example of the Christian virtues set forth in the Commandery. We are a Christian fraternity and we should be practicing Christian principles. Your light should shine in your community, in your Commandery, and with everyone you meet.

CONCLUSION

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your Grand Commander for 2008-2009. I have tried to be an example of what a Sir Knight should be.

My theme for the year has been, "Let your light shine in 2009". May it continue to shine and reflect well on our Fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,



James Joseph Hayes, Grand Commander

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

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, 2008 through March 31, 2009

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$162,420.12
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 44,161.07	
Interest Earned	<u>3,539.82</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 47,700.89	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59336—Checks 1510 thru 1556	\$ 41,009.00	
Jefferson Act. #74544—Checks 2206 thru 2392	21,652.11	
Jefferson Act. #74325—Checks 1203 thru 1211	579.90	
Jefferson Act. #463996 – Debits	<u>7.75</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 62,851.90	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 15,151.01)</u>
Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2009		\$147,269.11

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59336, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$ 500.81	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	76.69	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	149.70	
Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%	36,149.08	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	27,871.55	
CD #11067403620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 5.25%, Matures 5/24/09	22,749.14	
CD #118258, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/9/09	17,929.83	
CD #120290, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 4.25%, Matures 10/15/09	6,827.20	
CD #9750, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 3.50%, Matures 1/11/10	16,018.18	
CD #9000025864, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/29/10	<u>18,996.93</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2009		\$147,269.11

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 70,739.08
Receipts: Memberships (10)	\$ 5,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>1,880.62</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 6,880.62	
Disbursements: 2007 Earnings Distribution to Commanderies	\$ 918.46	
2007 Earnings Distribution to Grand Commandery	<u>1,958.46</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 2,876.92	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 4,003.70</u>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 74,742.78

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 3,731.49	
CD #11663, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/11/09	15,034.93	
CD #11067673621, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 5/24/09	4,549.82	
CD #118257, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 6/2/09	10,871.55	
CD #9000025863, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 1/29/10	18,580.73	
CD #11534, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 3/6/10	<u>21,974.26</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 74,742.78

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 98,982.73
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1,251.37	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 1,251.37</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2009		\$ 100,234.10

Statement of Assets – Retirement Fund

CD #234532, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/15/09	\$ 59,463.22	
CD #9000025794, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 4/22/10	40,770.88	
Total Assets, Retirement Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 100,234.10

TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 20,107.33
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 798.12	
Disbursements: Interest Earned – Transferred to Triennial Fund	\$ 798.12	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 20,107.33

Statement of Assets – Triennial Endowment Fund

C.D.#12350, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.10%, Matures 9/21/09	\$ 20,107.33	
Total Assets, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 20,107.33

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 2,595.48
Receipts: Account Interest Earned	\$ 44.26	
Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund	<u>798.12</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 842.38	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 842.38</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 3,437.86

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 503.23	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	2,596.31	
CD #12350, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.10%, Matures 9/21/09	<u>338.32</u>	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 3,437.86

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 79,701.27
Receipts: Interest earned	\$ 2,715.72	
Misc. Contributions	<u>2,667.92</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 5,383.64	
Disbursements: Knight Templar Eye Foundation	\$ 7,242.64	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 1,859.00)</u>
Balance, Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 76,842.27

Statement of Assets – Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund

CD #7964, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 4/20/09	\$ 32,619.58	
CD #7277, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 4.50%, Matures 10/8/09	12,584.72	
CD #5223, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 8/28/10	<u>31,637.97</u>	
Total Assets, Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 76,842.27

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 5,505.32
Receipts: Grand Recorder, Etc.	\$ 805.44	
Interest	<u>33.14</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 838.58	
Disbursements:	\$ 1,340.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 501.42)</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 5,003.90

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 5,003.90	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 5,003.90

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 39,422.43
Receipts: Various Donations	\$ 330.45	
Interest Earned	<u>1,456.37</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,786.82	
Disbursements: Interest Earned – Transferred to Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund	\$ 1,456.37	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 330.45</u>
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 39,752.88

Statement of Assets – Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	(\$ 90.30)	
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	6,200.00	
CD #12814, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 4.50%, Matures 8/24/09	13,913.24	
CD #342668, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 8/17/10	<u>13,661.65</u>	
Total Assets, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 39,752.88

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 8,824.67
Receipts: Various Donations	\$ 11.00	
Refund from Canceled Trip	2,597.30	
Interest from Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund	<u>1,456.37</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 4,231.97	
Disbursements:	\$ 2,597.30	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 1,634.67</u>
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 10,459.34

Statement of Assets – Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 1,609.78	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 4.07%	7,005.64	
CD #234529, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 3.00%, Matures 5/15/09	366.52	
CD #11067593620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 5/24/09	852.23	
CD #12814, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 4.50%, Matures 8/24/09	307.08	
CD #342688, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 8/17/10	<u>318.09</u>	
Total Assets, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 10,459.34

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2008		\$ 960.83
Receipts: Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 10.00	
Interest Earned	<u>5.43</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 15.43	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ <u>15.43</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, March 31, 2009		\$ 976.26

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$ 976.26	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2009		<u>\$ 976.26</u>
Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2009		\$478,825.83

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Grand Treasurer

REPORTS OF GRAND RECORDER

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

(See Joint Report for Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, page 13)

As of May 1, 2009, we have yet to receive the annual return of Paschal Commandery No. 32. Paschal has not submitted a report since 2005.

Regrettably, we lost one Commandery as outlined in the address of the Grand Commander.

The reports on Commandery audits and bonds can be found in the tabular statements of the Commanderies. Of the Commanderies reporting, six failed to submit an audit or submitted an incomplete audit: Ascalon No. 16, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24, Ascension No. 39, Bethany No. 42, St. Elmo No. 43, and Rolla No. 59 (due to illness of Secretary). This office cannot stress enough to the officers of each of these Commanderies the importance of their complete knowledge of their organization's financial condition. Each should be followed up with to ensure there is no appearance of impropriety on the part of the Recorder or Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Grand Recorder

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Commanderies	36
Number of Members, December 31, 2007	3821
Number Knighted	81
Number Affiliated	82
Number Reinstated	36
Total Gains	199
Number Dimitted	153
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	1
Number Suspended by Lodge, Chapter, or Council	177
Number Suspended By Commandery NPD	26
Number Died	152
Total Losses	509
Total Members, December 31, 2008	3511
Net Loss	310

Commandery Tax Identification Numbers: The Grand Encampment filed with the office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri on May 7, 2009, an official accounting of constituent Commandery Tax ID numbers to be used. Each Commandery is herein required to take due notice and correct all financial records accordingly, including the filing of the appropriate 990 return. That report from the Grand Encampment is herein attached:

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

				reported "old No.	IRS List	IF Numbers are the SAME use that number only
GC MISSOURI		325 E. STARLA RD.	COLUMBIA, MO 65202	KEVIN B. SAMPLE	23-7135694 23-7135694	SAME
WESTON	2		WESTON, MO	JOSEPH H COLLISON	23-7550915 23-7550915	SAME
DE MOLAY	3	1114 1/2 MAIN ST	LEXINGTON, MO	MARK STANLEY SCHROER	43-0160306 23-7550916	05-07-2009 per IRS Letter May 04, 2009 this is the number to use.
HUGH DE PAYENS	4	6TH & ROBIDOUX ST	SAINT JOSEPH, MO	WILLIAM MIER	23-7135711 23-6055522	this is the number to use.
EXCALIBAR	5	117 NORTH 5TH STREET	HANNIBAL, MO	WILLIAM W SNELL	43-6031955 23-7550918	this is the number to use.
LIBERTY	6	10 E FRANKLIN ST	LIBERTY, MO	VIRGIL L BAILEY	None 43-1209412	this is the number to use.
EMMANUEL	7	201 PEARL ST	MACON, MO	RUSSELL DOUGLAS KOHL	43-1875189 43-1875189	SAME
IVANHOE	8	12030 NEW FALLS FERRY RD	SAINT LOUIS, MO	RICHARD J HOLMES	43-6064303 43-6064303	SAME
KANSAS CITY	10	8640 HOLMES	KANSAS CITY, MO	STEVEN M ANDERSON	23-7136544 23-7136544	SAME
ST OMER	11	601 W BROADWAY	SEDALIA, MO	ALLEN BRADFORD BESS	43-1092250 43-1092250	SAME
ST GRAAL	12	9TH & WALNUT	COLUMBIA, MO	RUSSELL S HANSON	43-6031660 23-7550924	this is the number to use.
O SULLIVAN	15	221 W WALNUT	NEVADA, MO	GARY L JONES	23-7550926 23-7550926	SAME
ASCALON	16	3681 LINDELL BLVD	SAINT LOUIS, MO	KEVIN E WEAVER	43-0625812 43-0625812	SAME
PALESTINE	17	120 S PLEASANT	INDEPENDENCE, MO	GLENN E MEANS	43-6041703 23-7550928	this is the number to use.
MARY	19	402 E RUSSELL ST	WARRENBURG, MO	GLEN E HENNESS	43-1837227 43-1837227	SAME
ST JOHNS	20	1930 W CATALPA	SPRINGFIELD, MO	JAMES H MERCER	44-0506379 44-0506379	SAME
ELY	22	217 E HARRISON ST	KIRKSVILLE, MO	THOMAS C YUNICK	43-0258995 43-0258995	SAME
CRUSADE	23	708 WEST BOULEVARD	MEXICO, MO	JARED PRICE	43-0728972 43-0728972	SAME
GODFREY DE BOUILLION	24	1010 MAIN ST	TRENTON, MO	LARRY THOMAS ODOM	None 23-7550935	this is the number to use.
TANCRED	25	401 W ROLLINS ST	MOBERLY, MO	E ALLEN KOHLER	43-1129325 23-7550936	this is the number to use.
CONSTANTINE	27		GREENFIELD, MO	CHRISTOPHER C MCLEMORE III	None 23-7136595	this is the number to use.
PRINCE OF PEACE	29	603 ELLIS BLVD	JEFFERSON CITY, MO	DONALD TRABUE	23-7550940 44-6014676	this is the number to use.
JASPER	31	215 WEST 7TH	CATHAGE, MO	MARVIN FROST	43-1815493 23-7136605	
PASCHAL	32	709 CHERRY	CHILLICOTHE, MO	BERL RAY WILLIAMS	43-1309200 23-7151280	this is the number to use.
LEBANON	33	2ND & MADISON ST	LEBANON, MO	WILLIAM E BRENNEMAN	None 43-1854198	this is the number to use.
ORIENTAL	35	903 HARRISON ST	KANSAS CITY, MO	GARY LEE FROST	44-0316370 44-0316370	SAME
ASCENSION	39	FIRST & WALL AVE	JOPLIN, MO	RICHARD LOWREY	23-7550949 23-7281863	this is the number to use.
BETHANY	42	HIGHWAY 136 E	BETHANY, MO	JOHN E THRAILKILL	36-8249511 23-7550952	this is the number to use.
ST ELMO	43	KILLINGSWORTH AVE	BOLIVAR, MO	LELAND CHARLES PYLE	23-7550953 23-7550953	SAME
CAPE GIRARDEAU	55	2307 BROADWAY	CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO	CHARLES MATHEWS HUEY	51-0245852 51-0245852	SAME
DE SOTO	56	211 W COLUMBIA	FARMINGTON, MO	JAMES E SNAVELY	43-1250091 43-1250091	SAME
NEOSHO	57	101 1/2 S WASHINGTON ST	NEOSHO, MO	VERNON K POGUE	23-7189747 23-7136628	
ROLLA	59	400 EAST 2ND ST	ROLLA, MO	PAUL R CANNONGEORGE ORNSE	23-7276610 23-7550964	this is the number to use.
HAYRE DE GRACE	63	201 N KANSAS	MARCELINE, MO	IVAN R BUCKMAN	Not listed 23-7135740	
MOUNTAIN GROVE	66	CORNER 4TH & MAPLE ST	MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO	DENNIS SMITH	23-7550970 23-7550970	SAME
POPLAR BLUFF	67		POPLAR BLUFF, MO	BILL A HUMBLE	82-0576235 82-0576235	SAME
WESTPORT	68	1800 HIGHGROVE RD	GRANDVIEW, MO	ROY N THOMAS	43-6071587	
EAST GATE	70	3516 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF	KANSAS CITY, MO	ROBERT W BRIZENDINE	44-6014554 23-7281863	this is the number to use.
MALTA	72	CENTER STREET	SHELBYNA, MO	DARRELL ALLEN WILHAM	43-1178442 23-7550975	this is the number to use.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

2008-2009 Commandery 25-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Beard, Tommy Lee	DeMolay	3	19-Apr-80	07-Aug-08
Bennett, Gary L.	DeMolay	3	07-Nov-68	07-Aug-08
Cravens, Wesley A.	DeMolay	3	19-Apr-80	07-Aug-08
Crawford, Scott	DeMolay	3	23-Oct-82	07-Aug-08
Dothage, Delmar E.	DeMolay	3	09-Jun-79	07-Aug-08
Dye, Ralph L.	DeMolay	3	11-Nov-78	07-Aug-08
England, James Thomas	DeMolay	3	10-Oct-75	07-Aug-08
Gregg, Smith Ivan	DeMolay	3	05-May-69	07-Aug-08
Griffin, Dwight Eugene	DeMolay	3	24-Mar-69	07-Aug-08
Harbert, Bruce L.	DeMolay	3	08-Nov-80	07-Aug-08
Heins, Jr., Gerald Lee	DeMolay	3	18-Apr-81	07-Aug-08
Martin, David R.	DeMolay	3	14-Oct-68	07-Aug-08
McCrary, James R.	DeMolay	3	13-Nov-82	07-Aug-08
Miller, Dean Elwood	DeMolay	3	19-Jul-69	07-Aug-08
Miller, Lloyd Edward	DeMolay	3	07-Aug-82	07-Aug-08
Murry, Thomas Douglas	DeMolay	3	02-May-70	07-Aug-08
Rodenberg, Delbert E.	DeMolay	3	11-Nov-78	07-Aug-08
Schnare, Roger A.	DeMolay	3	19-Jul-69	07-Aug-08
SellersStephen Wentworth	DeMolay	3	08-Aug-81	07-Aug-08
Shatto, James Lee	DeMolay	3	18-Apr-81	07-Aug-08
Staton, Roy Barclay	DeMolay	3	05-Aug-78	07-Aug-08
Strathman, Norman Gale	DeMolay	3	28-Apr-69	07-Aug-08
Stratton, III, William E.	DeMolay	3	13-Nov-82	07-Aug-08
Thomas, III, Lewis Albert	DeMolay	3	18-Apr-81	07-Aug-08
Walden, Jr., Thomas Allen	DeMolay	3	19-Apr-80	07-Aug-08
Williams, Ralph Austin	DeMolay	3	14-Jun-69	07-Aug-08
Crawford, Foster Smith	Palestine	17	15-Jun-71	07-Aug-08
Keith, Terry L.	Crusade	23	28-Aug-82	24-Sep-08
Schmidt, Robert L.	Crusade	23	29-Oct-83	24-Sep-08
Sinclair, Sr., Stewart L.	Crusade	23	29-Oct-83	24-Sep-08
Foster, Billy R.	St. John's	20	29-May-68	14-Oct-08
Fulks, Roger D.	St. John's	20	30-Jul-83	14-Oct-08
Gamblin, James E.	St. John's	20	31-Mar-83	14-Oct-08
Harris, Donald L.	St. John's	20	05-Nov-83	14-Oct-08
Luttrell, Clarence R.	St. John's	20	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Strothkamp, Thomas P.	St. John's	20	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Tolliver, Mickey E.	St. John's	20	30-Jul-83	14-Oct-08
Wester, James O.	St. John's	20	07-May-83	14-Oct-08
Adams, Donnie D.	St. Omer	11	23-May-81	11-Dec-08
Adams, Freddie D.	St. Omer	11	14-Apr-73	11-Dec-08
Baker, Rex	St. Omer	11	2-May-69	11-Dec-08
Baker, Walter E.	St. Omer	11	30-Nov-72	11-Dec-08
Banion, John J.	St. Omer	11	21-Jul-73	11-Dec-08
Bess, Allen B.	St. Omer	11	21-Jul-73	11-Dec-08
Bohlken, Francis R.	St. Omer	11	13-Jun-75	11-Dec-08
Borer, Walter E.	St. Omer	11	18-Sep-71	11-Dec-08
Boston, William S.	St. Omer	11	16-Aug-80	11-Dec-08
Bower, Eugene L.	St. Omer	11	18-Sep-71	11-Dec-08
Clark, Paul A.	St. Omer	11	11-May-74	11-Dec-08
Copeland, Jesse C.	St. Omer	11	4-Jun-79	11-Dec-08
Criss, William E.	St. Omer	11	12-Jun-71	11-Dec-08
Curry, Porter D.	St. Omer	11	31-Jul-73	11-Dec-08
Davis, Van L.	St. Omer	11	18-Sep-71	11-Dec-08
Ferguson, Danny L.	St. Omer	11	21-Nov-70	11-Dec-08
Gray, William M.	St. Omer	11	10-Apr-76	11-Dec-08
Hatfield, Bennie B.	St. Omer	11	28-Jun-75	11-Dec-08
Hatfield, Floyd W.	St. Omer	11	7-Aug-82	11-Dec-08
Hatfield, Ray W.	St. Omer	11	31-Jul-73	11-Dec-08
Hauser, Jr., Russell L.	St. Omer	11	7-Jun-69	11-Dec-08

2008-2009 Commandery 25-year Certificates Issued, Continued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Hilburn, Sr., John V.	St. Omer	11	4-Apr-70	11-Dec-08
Hunter, Ronald E.	St. Omer	11	18-Sep-71	11-Dec-08
McBurney, Frederic A.	St. Omer	11	16-Mar-74	11-Dec-08
Meads, Daniel D.	St. Omer	11	5-Aug-78	11-Dec-08
Owsley, William L.	St. Omer	11	18-Oct-75	11-Dec-08
Schell, Rollin J.	St. Omer	11	29-Sep-73	11-Dec-08
Sheffer, John F.	St. Omer	11	16-Apr-83	11-Dec-08
Talbott, Roy E.	St. Omer	11	18-Sep-71	11-Dec-08
Van Meter, Howard H.	St. Omer	11	20-Nov-71	11-Dec-08
Wansing, Charles J.	St. Omer	11	31-Jul-73	11-Dec-08
Williams, James W.	St. Omer	11	13-May-78	11-Dec-08
Woodward, Henry E.	St. Omer	11	8-Aug-81	11-Dec-08
Yeager, Wendell L.	St. Omer	11	5-Aug-67	11-Dec-08
Barrow, Chelmer L.	Tancred	25	4/21/1973	22-Dec-08
Sisemore, Kenneth Lee	DeMolay	3	11/18/1983	06-Jan-09

2008-2009 Commandery 40-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Eckhoff, Lloyd R.	DeMolay	3	02-Aug-68	07-Aug-08
Brashear, Howard C.	Crusade	23	01-Jul-49	24-Sep-08
Campbell, Sterling T.	Crusade	23	25-Oct-68	24-Sep-08
Hadfield, Charles L.	Crusade	23	31-Jan-68	24-Sep-08
Holt, Joe D.	Crusade	23	10-Aug-68	24-Sep-08
Naughton, Verle T.	Crusade	23	18-Nov-68	24-Sep-08
Sayers, William E.	Crusade	23	18-Nov-68	24-Sep-08
Willenbrink, Robert L.	Crusade	23	31-Jan-68	24-Sep-08
Hainline, William R.	St. John's	20	16-Nov-68	14-Oct-08
Maness, Harold D.	St. John's	20	29-May-68	14-Oct-08
Mcguire, Jr., Thomas K.	St. John's	20	16-Nov-68	14-Oct-08
Hartle, David E.	Cape Girardeau	55	12-Nov-66	27-Oct-08
Baile, Charles C.	St. Omer	11	18-Apr-61	11-Dec-08
Brenner, Glen A.	St. Omer	11	13-May-67	11-Dec-08
Buckner, William G.	St. Omer	11	30-Jul-66	11-Dec-08
Campbell, Jr., Albert J.	St. Omer	11	15-Oct-60	11-Dec-08
Day, Harold L.	St. Omer	11	21-May-66	11-Dec-08
Howard, Olen	St. Omer	11	02-Apr-66	11-Dec-08
Keith, James H.	St. Omer	11	30-Jul-66	11-Dec-08
Poulson, Raymond E.	St. Omer	11	04-Aug-66	11-Dec-08
Stoll, Samuel L.	St. Omer	11	18-Nov-67	11-Dec-08
Trainer, John K.	St. Omer	11	25-Nov-61	11-Dec-08
Tuck, Sam G.	St. Omer	11	26-Nov-61	11-Dec-08
Bloesser, Tom	O'Sullivan	15	10-Aug-68	24-Dec-08
Cripps, Lawrence K.	O'Sullivan	15	10-Aug-68	24-Dec-08
Bledsoe, Jr., Herschel S.	St. John's	20	23-Oct-65	24-Dec-08
Cobb, Eldon L.	St. John's	20	16-Nov-68	24-Dec-08
Bennett, Gary L.	DeMolay	3	07-Nov-68	06-Jan-09
Martin, David R.	DeMolay	3	14-Oct-68	06-Jan-09

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2008-2009 Commandery 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
McCartney, Francis Ford	Excalibar	5	17-Apr-58	30-May-08
Coil, Richard W.	Crusade	23	14-Feb-58	24-Sep-08
Davenport, Edgar R.	Crusade	23	31-Mar-58	24-Sep-08
Billingsley, Melvin J. (60 years)	St. John's	20	23-Sep-46	14-Oct-08
Bird, Robert G. (60 years)	St. John's	20	21-May-47	14-Oct-08
Manley, Ralph K.	St. John's	20	15-May-58	14-Oct-08
Marsh, Robert A.	St. John's	20	21-May-58	14-Oct-08
Mathias, William E.	St. John's	20	20-Jun-58	14-Oct-08
Mitchell, William B. (60 years)	St. John's	20	25-Nov-48	14-Oct-08
Nahon, Paul G.	St. John's	20	29-Nov-58	14-Oct-08
Norris, Robert U. (60 years)	St. John's	20	22-Oct-43	14-Oct-08
Pruitt, Andrew J. (60 years)	St. John's	20	29-Nov-48	14-Oct-08
Sechler, Errett C., Jr. (60 years)	St. John's	20	11-Jun-47	14-Oct-08
Sims, Robert D.	St. John's	20	21-May-58	14-Oct-08
Steele, Davis T. (60 years)	St. John's	20	03-Jun-46	14-Oct-08
Swenson, Alden G. (60 years)	St. John's	20	20-Nov-44	14-Oct-08
True, Bertram E.	St. John's	20	20-Jun-58	14-Oct-08
Walker, Hubert B. (60 years)	St. John's	20	24-Nov-44	14-Oct-08
Wolter, William E., Jr. (60 years)	St. John's	20	24-May-46	14-Oct-08
Cunningham, Clarence L.	Neosho	57	25-Oct-57	16-Oct-08
Baker, Albert L.	St. Omer	11	19-Apr-58	11-Dec-08
Bishop, Vencil W.	St. Omer	11	03-Apr-47	11-Dec-08
Cook, Maurice G.	St. Omer	11	19-Mar-08	11-Dec-08
Everett, Dr. Carl E.	St. Omer	11	31-Oct-47	11-Dec-08
Garrison, William W.	St. Omer	11	20-Apr-56	11-Dec-08
Gregg III, Luther L.	St. Omer	11	01-Jan-49	11-Dec-08
Hamilton, James R.	St. Omer	11	06-Mar-56	11-Dec-08
Marsh, Glenn L.	St. Omer	11	15-Nov-66	11-Dec-08
Meads, Thomas A.	St. Omer	11	04-May-54	11-Dec-08
O'Dell, Woodrow W.	St. Omer	11	15-Feb-51	11-Dec-08
Wallace, Charles R.	St. Omer	11	22-Nov-52	11-Dec-08
Welch, Jr., Ralph W.	St. Omer	11	26-Jul-48	11-Dec-08
Spaethe, Jr., Clarence F. (60 years)	Ivanhoe	8	28-Oct-47	24-Dec-08
Frieden, Gary A.	O'Sullivan	15	29-Nov-58	24-Dec-08
Lewis, John G. (60 years)	O'Sullivan	15	18-Feb-47	24-Dec-08
Phillips, Grover G. (bad health)	O'Sullivan	15	28-Nov-59	24-Dec-08
Pursley, J. Wayne	O'Sullivan	15	03-May-58	24-Dec-08
Van Zandt, Richard Cole	DeMolay	3	17-Nov-58	06-Jan-09
Crain, Carlos C.	Oriental	35	11-Nov-58	15-Jan-09
Morgan, John Bruce	Ascalon	16	19-May-56	30-Jan-09

2008-2009 GRAND COMMANDERY RECAPITULATION

As of May 1, 2009

Income	Budgeted	Actual	Projected	Balance
Per Capita, Membership 3,182 @ \$23.50	\$74,777.00	\$70,631.40	\$78,022.00	\$3,245.00
Per Capita from Endowed Membership	1,282.10	1,958.46	1,958.46	676.36
Knighting Fees, 100 @ \$10.00	1,000.00	800.00	800.00	(200.00)
Investments	3,850.31	3,265.51	4,162.38	312.07
Miscellaneous	250.00	-	-	(250.00)
Total	81,159.41	76,655.37	84,942.84	3,783.43
Expenses				
Grand Commander Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Grand Recorder Salary	7,500.00	6,250.00	7,500.00	-
Clerical Assistant Salary	8,000.00	6,666.60	8,000.00	-
Employment Taxes	1,200.00	1,026.59	1,224.22	(24.22)
Annual Conclave	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
Auditor	150.00	67.42	67.42	82.58
Drill Committee	750.00	335.34	750.00	-
Grand Encampment Per Capita, 3,800 @ \$10.00	38,000.00	37,516.00	37,516.00	484.00
Grand Officer Expense	750.00	164.19	500.00	250.00
Insurance	500.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Knight Templar Magazine, Editor	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
Miscellaneous	250.00	-	-	250.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00	1,460.27	2,000.00	500.00
Office Expenses	2,500.00	1,414.03	2,000.00	500.00
Office Rent & Utilities	1,920.00	1,550.00	1,920.00	-
Past Grand Commander Regalia	500.00	243.00	500.00	-
Postage	750.00	750.01	850.00	(100.00)
Proceedings	2,600.00	209.25	2,000.00	600.00
Storage	1,100.00	1,086.55	1,086.55	13.45
Triennial Fund, 3,500 @ \$0.10	350.00	351.40	351.40	(1.40)
Youth Organizations	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	-
Total	76,420.00	64,290.65	73,465.59	2,954.41
Income	81,159.41	76,655.37	84,942.84	3,783.43
Expenses	76,420.00	64,290.65	73,465.59	2,954.41
Balance / Overall Difference	4,739.41	12,364.72	11,477.25	6,737.84

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2008

No.	Commandery	Location	Chartered	EIN	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Recorder	Election of Officers	Stated Conclaves	Annual Return Received
2	Weston	Weston	October 22, 1853	23-7550915	Ralph P. Bunnell	Charles D. Wood	James D. Wall	Joseph H. Collison	4th Thur in Dec	4th Thursday	4-Mar-09
3	DeMolay	Lexington	October 5, 1869	43-0160306	Gentry E. Stone	Shawn F. Crawford	Gary L. Bennett	Mark S. Schroer	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	2-Mar-09
4	Hugh de Payens	St. Joseph	October 7, 1867	23-7135711	Lance Lovejoy	LeRoy Salmon	Daryl Price	William W. Mier	3rd Mon in Nov	3rd Monday	28-Jan-09
5	Excelsior	Hannibal	May 16, 1865	43-6031955	J. R. Latta	Carl Barbee	Roger McGregor	William Stoll	1st Thur in Oct	1st Thursday	2-Mar-09
6	Liberty	Liberty	May 21, 1866		Robert Alan Duncan	George Loren Duncan	Ronald Lee Barrett	Virgil L. Bailey	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	25-Feb-09
7	Emmanuel	Macon	October 8, 1867	43-1875189	Ronald L. Perkins	Bobby L. Wilcox	Harry H. Moehle	Russell D. Kohl	1st Thur in Nov	1st Thursday	6-Apr-09
8	Ivanhoe	St. Louis	October 8, 1867	43-6064303	Dennis E. Fetter	George M. Merkle	Gale B. Morrison	Richard J. Holmes	1st Thur in April	1st Thursday	10-Feb-09
10	Kansas City	Kansas City	October 6, 1868	23-7136544	Michael R. Lundeen	E. Ross Miller	Yale Tumbham	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	27-Feb-09
11	St. Omer	Sedalia	October 5, 1869	43-092250	Glen E. Henness	William E. Criss	Hubert R. Butler	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-09
12	St. Graal	Columbia	October 5, 1869	43-6031660	Jerry Winston Hunter, SR	Ronald Lee Skiles	Matthew Wayne Price	Russell S. Hanson	2nd Fri in Nov	2nd Friday	25-Feb-09
15	O'Sullivan	Nevada	October 4, 1870	23-750926	Paul L. Daniels	J. D. Riddle	James J. Ogle	Gary Jones	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	21-Jan-09
16	Aselton	St. Louis	October 4, 1870	43-0625812	A. D. Haddock, Jr.	Roger D. Fleer	Marion L. Briggs	Kevin E. Weaver	1st Wed in March	1st & 3rd Wednesday	27-Feb-09
17	Palestine	Independence	October 3, 1871	43-6041703	David C. Witte	William G. Snyder	John S. Lambros	Glen E. Means	1st Thurs in April	1st Thursday	9-Feb-09
19	Mary (merged w/St. Omer 11/1/2008)	Warrensburg	October 8, 1872	44-1837227				Glen E. Henness	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	N/A
20	St. John's	Springfield	October 8, 1872	44-0506379	Stephen D. Walker	Clark A. McEmore	Horace R. Higgins	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	9-Mar-09
22	Ely	Kirksville	October 7, 1873	43-0258995	Clyde F. Bondy, III	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.	Charles E. Cooper	Thomas C. Yumick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	28-Mar-09
23	Crusade	Mexico	October 7, 1873	43-0728972	Jerry Bradford	Phillip J. Moody	Henry Powell	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday	19-Feb-09
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	Trenton	October 6, 1874	23-0358749	Delbert Gentry	James C. Moore	Roger L. Cain	Larry T. Odum	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	14-Mar-09
25	Tancred	Moberly	October 6, 1874	7550936	James V. Rockenfield	Max L. Borron	Marvin J. Woods	E. Allen Kohler	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	15-Jan-09
27	Constantine	Greenfield	October 5, 1875		David Allen Smothers	Alfred Ray Painter	Aaron D. Jones	C. C. McEmore, III	1st Wed in April	1st Wednesday	25-Feb-09
29	Prince of Peace	Jefferson City	October 7, 1877	23-7550940	Larry D. Wyatt, II	Roy L. Gilkey	Kenneth D. Dingman	Donald L. Trabue	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	2-Mar-09
31	Jasper	Carthage	October 8, 1878	43-1815493	Christopher C. McEmore, III	David W. Jones	Wendel G. Curry	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-09
32*	Praschal	Chillicothe	May 4, 1880	43-1309200				Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday Qtr	
33	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 3, 1881	43-1854198	Larry R. Clemens	Bradley T. Hicks	Michael E. Day	William E. Brennan	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	13-Feb-09
35	Oriental	Kansas City	May 3, 1881	44-0316370	Martin G. Morford	Joseph L. Helig	Dennis A. Aernathy	Gary L. Frost	1st Fri in June	1st Friday	18-Mar-09
39	Ascension	Joplin	May 3, 1882	43-1289497	W. Harry Guinn	royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Robert P. Gephardt	Richard A. Lowrey	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	16-Mar-09
42	Bethany	Bethany	May 1, 1883	36-8249511	Gutland Hendren	Charles Nichols	Dan Daniel	John Thraillkill	3rd Tuesday in Dec	3rd Tuesday	21-Feb-09
43	St. Elmo	Bolivar	May 6, 1884	23-7550953	Jeffrey F. Boyce	Raymond A. Gravelly	James E. McManigle	Leland C. Pyle	3rd Wed in Dec	3rd Wednesday	11-Feb-09
55	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau	April 22, 1890	51-0245852	Michael E. Perry	Alfred L. Mason	John E. Crites	Charles M. Huey	1st Tues in Dec	1st Tuesday	4-Mar-09
56	DeSoto	Farmington	April 21, 1891	43-1250091	Steven F. Perkins	David L. Leirer	Steven C. Monrois	James E. Snively	1st Fri in May	1st Friday	17-Jan-09
57	Nesho	Nesho	April 24, 1894	23-7189747	Grover Cochran	Roy Cochran	Keith D. Taylor	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	23-Feb-09
59	Rolla	Rolla	April 24, 1900	23-7276610	Ralph L. Davis	James G. Haddock	William F. Keys, IV	George E. Ormsbey	2nd Mon in March	2nd Monday	7-Apr-09
63	Harve de Grace (Charter Arrested 11/6/08)	Marceline	May 29, 1907					Deceased	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	N/A
66	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	May 29, 1912	23-7550970	Dennis N. Smith	Roger T. White	Marshall J. Biesen	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	31-Jan-09
67	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	May 23, 1917	82-0576235	Ernest J. Phelan	James N. Leslie	Bobby G. Livesay	Bill A. Humble	3rd Mon in Nov	3rd Monday	12-Jan-09
68	Westport	Kansas City	May 26, 1920	43-6071587	Michael R. Lundeen	Francis W. Benson	Timothy T. Holmes	Roy N. Thomas	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	3-Mar-09
70	East Gate	Kansas City	May 23, 1923	44-6014554	David E. Miller	Thomas R. Alber	Spencer D. Warren	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thurs in June	1st Thursday	28-Feb-09
72	Malta	Shelbina	May 9, 1959	43-1178442	Jerry L. Miles	Michael L. Dodd	Joe P. Elsen	Darrell A. Wilham	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	7-Mar-09
TOTAL											
* No Annual Return since for 2005											

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GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2008

No.	Commandery	07 Membership															07 Credits												
		Knights	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	Expelled	Suspension by Lodge, Chapter or Council	Died	Total Losses	Total Year End Membership 2008	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Endowed Members	Knighting Fees	Per Capita		07 Debits	Subtotal Per Capita and Fees	KTEF Contributions Before Credits	KTEF Credit for Remissions	KTEF Credit for Life Sponsors	Total KTEF Credits	Total KTEF Contributions	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Living Endowed Members Credit		
2	Weston	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	10	52	7	0	\$ -	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 94.50	\$ -	
3	DeMolay	74	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	7	68	10	6	10.00	1,530.00	-	1,540.00	68.00	10.00	6.00	16.00	52.00	1,592.00	135.00	31.50	
4	Hugh de Payens	294	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	2	1	13	16	283	14	23	40.00	6,367.50	-	6,407.50	283.00	14.00	20.00	34.00	249.00	6,656.50	189.00	517.50	
5	Excelsior	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	-	675.00	-	675.00	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	705.00	-	-	
6	Liberty	207	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	9	10	25	183	11	0	-	4,117.50	27.00	4,144.50	183.00	11.00	54.00	65.00	118.00	4,262.50	148.50	-	
7	Emmanuel	17	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15	0	0	-	337.50	-	337.50	15.00	-	3.00	3.00	12.00	349.50	-	-	
8	Ivanhoe	94	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	4	6	15	80	5	7	-	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	80.00	5.00	24.00	29.00	51.00	1,851.00	67.50	157.50	
10	Kansas City	70	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	70	16	1	-	1,575.00	-	1,575.00	70.00	16.00	3.00	19.00	51.00	1,626.00	216.00	22.50	
11	St. Omer	59	1	71	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	129	1	6	10.00	2,902.50	8.00	2,920.50	129.00	1.00	13.00	14.00	115.00	3,035.50	13.50	135.00	
12	St. Graal	110	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	4	6	11	104	21	12	40.00	2,340.00	-	2,380.00	104.00	21.00	18.00	39.00	65.00	2,445.00	283.50	270.00	
15	O'Sullivan	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	41	0	0	-	922.50	-	922.50	41.00	-	-	-	41.00	963.50	-	-	
16	Ascalon	228	5	0	3	8	0	0	1	16	0	6	23	213	29	0	50.00	4,792.50	391.00	5,233.50	213.00	29.00	82.00	111.00	102.00	5,335.50	391.50	-	
17	Palatine	194	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	13	0	6	24	173	15	2	10.00	3,892.50	62.00	3,964.50	173.00	15.00	23.00	38.00	135.00	4,099.50	202.50	45.00	
19	Mary (merged w/St. Omer 11/11/20/08)	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	St. John's	409	10	0	4	14	5	0	0	29	1	18	53	370	46	1	100.00	8,325.00	-	8,425.00	370.00	46.00	43.00	89.00	281.00	8,706.00	621.00	22.50	
22	Ely	281	1	0	7	8	0	0	0	1	0	7	8	281	0	1	10.00	6,322.50	-	6,332.50	281.00	-	11.00	11.00	270.00	6,602.50	-	22.50	
23	Crusade	82	7	1	1	9	1	0	0	9	0	4	14	77	11	2	70.00	1,732.50	1.00	1,803.50	77.00	11.00	4.00	15.00	62.00	1,865.50	148.50	45.00	
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	83	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	3	9	74	1	2	-	1,665.00	-	1,665.00	74.00	1.00	5.00	6.00	68.00	1,733.00	13.50	45.00	
25	Tancred	46	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	46	8	1	-	1,035.00	-	1,035.00	46.00	8.00	3.00	11.00	35.00	1,070.00	108.00	22.50	
27	Constantine	35	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	39	0	0	50.00	877.50	-	927.50	39.00	-	4.00	4.00	35.00	962.50	-	17.50	
29	Prince of Peace	135	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	133	76	2	-	2,992.50	-	2,992.50	133.00	76.00	14.00	90.00	43.00	3,035.50	1,026.00	45.00	
31	Jasper	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	49	9	0	-	1,102.50	36.00	1,138.50	49.00	9.00	5.00	14.00	35.00	1,173.50	121.50	-	
32*	Paschal	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	-	1,485.00	2,102.80	3,587.80	66.00	-	1.00	1.00	65.00	3,652.80	-	-	
33	Lebanon	91	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	4	1	5	10	91	6	1	100.00	2,047.50	70.00	2,217.50	91.00	6.00	7.00	13.00	78.00	2,295.50	81.00	22.50	
35	Oriental	84	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	20	1	0	22	63	0	20	10.00	1,417.50	-	1,427.50	63.00	-	23.00	23.00	40.00	1,467.50	-	450.00	
39	Ascension	62	6	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	64	0	5	60.00	1,440.00	-	1,500.00	64.00	-	21.00	21.00	43.00	1,543.00	-	112.50	
42	Bethany	50	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	48	0	0	-	1,080.00	-	1,080.00	48.00	-	2.00	2.00	46.00	1,126.00	-	11.20	
43	St. Elmo	58	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	0	3	13	46	4	1	10.00	1,035.00	-	1,045.00	46.00	4.00	7.00	11.00	35.00	1,080.00	54.00	22.50	
55	Cape Girardeau	87	1	0	4	5	1	0	0	5	0	4	10	82	9	0	10.00	1,845.00	-	1,855.00	82.00	9.00	8.00	17.00	65.00	1,920.00	121.50	52.00	
56	DeSoto	100	3	0	3	6	0	0	0	8	2	0	10	96	5	6	30.00	2,160.00	-	2,190.00	96.00	5.00	11.00	16.00	80.00	2,270.00	67.50	135.00	
57	Neosho	89	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	7	0	1	8	86	0	0	40.00	1,935.00	-	1,975.00	86.00	-	3.00	3.00	83.00	2,058.00	-	6.00	
59	Rolla	142	10	0	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	6	11	141	7	10	100.00	3,172.50	-	3,272.50	141.00	7.00	22.00	29.00	112.00	3,384.50	94.50	225.00	
63	Harve de Grace (Charter Arrested 11/6/08)	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
66	Mountain Grove	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	9	35	0	0	-	787.50	-	787.50	35.00	-	3.00	3.00	32.00	819.50	-	-	-
67	Poplar Bluff	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	6	49	2	3	-	1,102.50	-	1,102.50	49.00	2.00	8.00	10.00	39.00	1,141.50	27.00	67.50	-
68	Westport	44	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	5	8	39	0	0	10.00	877.50	-	887.50	39.00	-	4.00	4.00	35.00	922.50	-	8.50	-
70	East Gate	88	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	0	4	27	62	2	0	10.00	1,395.00	9.00	1,414.00	62.00	2.00	32.00	34.00	28.00	1,442.00	27.00	-	-
72	Malta	31	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	33	1	0	40.00	742.50	-	782.50	33.00	1.00	-	1.00	32.00	814.50	13.50	-	7.50
TOTAL		3821	81	82	36	199	153	0	1	177	26	152	509	3511	316	112	\$ 810.00	\$ 78,997.50	\$ 2,776.80	\$ 82,584.30	\$ 3,511.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 488.00	\$ 804.00	\$ 2,707.00	\$ 85,291.30	\$ 4,266.00	-	\$ 1,293.60
* No Annual Return since for 2005																													

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2008

No.	Commandery	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Commandery	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Commandery	Paid	Knighting Fees	KTEF Credits	Per Capita	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	08 Credits	08 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/08	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Commandery
2	Weston	\$ 94.50	\$ 1,189.50	\$ -	\$ 1,189.50	\$ 1,190.50	\$ -	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,145.50	\$ -		\$ 1,190.50	\$ 1.00		\$ 211.16	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 511.16
3	DeVoloy	301.50	1,290.50	-	1,290.50	1,289.50	10.00	52.00	1,228.50	-		1,289.50		1.00	2,634.06	-	3,000.00	-	-	5,634.06
4	Hugh de Pavens	864.50	5,792.00	-	5,792.00	5,726.00	40.00	249.00	5,503.00	-		5,726.00		66.00	3,645.93	100,000.00	1,500.00	2,850.00	-	107,995.93
5	Excilbur	148.50	556.50	-	556.50	556.50	-	30.00	526.50	-		556.50			1,886.75	-	-	-	-	1,886.75
6	Liberty	148.50	4,114.00	-	4,114.00	4,116.00	-	118.00	3,996.00	-		4,116.00	2.00		5,998.43	19,264.63	11,500.00	-	-	36,763.06
7	Emmanuel	-	349.50	20.00	1,591.50	1,567.00	-	12.00	357.50	-		369.50			368.83	-	-	-	-	368.83
8	Ivanhoe	259.50	1,591.50	-	1,591.50	1,567.00	-	51.00	1,540.50	-		1,567.00		24.50	11,346.05	43,034.32	6,000.00	-	-	60,380.37
10	Kansas City	342.20	1,283.80	-	1,283.80	1,094.30	-	51.00	1,232.80	-		1,094.30		189.50	2,613.19	14,000.00	-	-	-	2,613.19
11	St. Omer	208.50	2,827.00	-	2,827.00	2,082.00	10.00	115.00	2,702.00	-		2,082.00		745.00	327.92	-	5,000.00	-	500.00	13,827.92
12	St. Graal	636.00	1,809.00	-	1,809.00	1,761.00	40.00	65.00	1,704.00	-		1,761.00		48.00	8,519.78	-	500.00	-	-	14,834.78
15	OSullivan	-	963.50	-	963.50	963.50	-	41.00	922.50	-		963.50		4,944.00	2,255.65	-	5,000.00	-	-	7,255.65
16	Ascelon	391.50	4,944.00	-	4,944.00	-	50.00	102.00	4,792.00	-		-		364.50	1,800.97	22,692.48	-	-	-	24,493.45
17	Palatine	247.50	3,852.00	-	3,852.00	3,487.50	10.00	135.00	3,707.00	-		3,487.50			-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Mary (merged w/St. Omer 11/11/20/08)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		1.00	7,390.93	-	10,360.00	-	-	17,750.93
20	St. John's	976.50	7,739.50	10.00	7,739.50	7,738.50	100.00	281.00	7,358.50	-		7,738.50		26.00	10,152.04	26,039.87	-	561.00	3,948.00	32,804.91
22	Ely	47.00	6,555.50	10.00	6,565.50	6,539.50	10.00	270.00	6,285.50	-		6,539.50			925.85	-	-	-	-	925.85
23	Crusade	193.50	1,672.00	-	1,672.00	1,672.00	70.00	62.00	1,540.00	-		1,672.00			79.96	-	-	756.00	-	835.96
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	182.50	1,550.50	10.00	1,560.50	1,503.50	-	68.00	1,492.50	57.00	27-Apr-09	1,560.50			1,979.08	-	1,000.00	-	11,893.00	(8,913.92)
25	Tancred	148.00	922.00	-	922.00	922.00	-	35.00	887.00	-		922.00		83.50	1,098.68	-	-	-	-	1,098.68
27	Constantine	17.50	945.00	-	945.00	861.50	50.00	35.00	860.00	-		861.50		108.50	1,776.83	25,702.56	1,500.00	-	-	28,979.39
29	Prince of Peace	1,112.00	1,923.50	-	1,923.50	1,815.00	-	43.00	1,880.50	-		1,815.00		35.50	1,063.58	-	800.00	242.00	-	2,105.58
31	Jasper	121.50	1,052.00	-	1,052.00	1,016.50	-	35.00	1,017.00	-		1,016.50		3,662.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
32*	Paschal	-	3,652.80	10.00	3,662.80	-	-	65.00	3,597.80	-		-		2.00	2,737.70	1,959.85	1,700.00	165.00	-	6,562.55
33	Lebanon	103.50	2,192.00	-	2,192.00	2,190.00	100.00	78.00	2,014.00	-		2,190.00			1,309.01	-	10,000.00	-	-	11,309.01
35	Oriental	465.50	1,002.00	10.00	1,012.00	1,080.50	10.00	40.00	962.00	-		1,080.50	68.50		799.29	11,814.09	582.33	-	-	13,195.71
39	Ascension	112.50	1,430.50	10.00	1,440.50	1,476.50	60.00	43.00	1,337.50	-		1,476.50	36.00		891.84	-	-	-	-	891.84
42	Bethany	11.20	1,114.80	-	1,114.80	1,036.30	-	46.00	1,068.80	-		1,036.30		78.50	1,783.00	71,198.80	-	-	-	72,981.80
43	St. Elmo	76.50	1,003.50	-	1,003.50	976.50	10.00	35.00	958.50	-		976.50		27.00	1,212.18	20,269.20	4,000.00	-	-	25,481.38
55	Cape Girardeau	173.50	1,746.50	-	1,746.50	1,694.00	10.00	65.00	1,671.50	-		1,694.00		52.50	2,291.19	-	1,500.00	-	-	3,791.19
56	DeSoto	208.50	2,061.50	-	2,061.50	2,062.50	30.00	80.00	1,951.50	-		2,062.50	1.00		2,493.76	-	-	-	-	2,493.76
57	Neosho	-	2,058.00	-	2,058.00	1,873.00	40.00	83.00	1,935.00	-		1,873.00		185.00	193.99	27,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	47,193.99
59	Rolla	336.20	3,048.30	20.00	3,068.30	3,144.30	100.00	112.00	2,856.30	-		3,144.30	76.00		-	-	-	-	-	-
63	Harve de Grace (Charter Arrested 11/6/08)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		1.00	1,697.14	28,535.20	2,500.00	-	-	32,732.34
66	Mountain Grove	-	819.50	-	819.50	818.50	-	32.00	787.50	-		818.50			824.98	-	-	52.00	-	876.98
67	Poplar Bluff	94.50	1,047.00	-	1,047.00	1,047.00	-	39.00	1,008.00	-		1,047.00			1,218.00	-	-	-	-	1,218.00
68	Westport	8.50	914.00	-	914.00	918.00	10.00	35.00	869.00	-		918.00	4.00		3,067.2	38,000.00	-	-	-	38,306.72
70	East Gate	27.00	1,415.00	-	1,415.00	1,400.00	10.00	28.00	1,377.00	-		1,400.00		15.00	293.46	-	500.00	-	-	793.46
72	Malta	21.00	793.50	-	793.50	400.00	40.00	32.00	721.50	-		400.00		393.50	\$ 85,677.67	\$ 449,511.00	\$ 87,242.33	\$ 5,941.00	\$ 16,341.00	\$ 612,031.00
TOTAL		\$ 8,079.60	\$ 77,211.70	\$ 100.00	\$ 77,311.70	\$ 66,388.90	\$ 810.00	\$ 2,707.00	\$ 73,794.70	\$ 57.00		\$ 66,445.90	\$ 188.50	\$ 7,391.50	\$ 85,677.67	\$ 449,511.00	\$ 87,242.33	\$ 5,941.00	\$ 16,341.00	\$ 612,031.00

* No Annual Return since for 2005

No.	Commandery	Annual Dues	KTEF Donations	Holy Land Endowment Fund	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited	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	StB	SwB	W	S
2	Weston	\$ 25.00			No	No	Yes	52	4	9	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	3	3	4	4		2	1	1	0
3	DeMolay	27.50	-	-	No	No	Yes	67	10	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	9	4	9	9	9	9	10	9	8	7	3	2
4	Hugh de Payens	20.00	85.00	83.90	Yes	Yes	274	9	17	3	6	5	1	0	9	9	4	9	9	9	9	9	7	9	9	9	7	
5	Excalibur	30.00	-	-	No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6	Liberty	15.00			Yes	Yes	150	10	8	6	4	6	0	0	0	4	7	5	3	2	0	8	5	4	0	0	1	4
7	Emmanuel	13.00	-	-	No	No	Yes	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	Ivanhoe	20.00	294.00	162.55	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	12	8	2	4	2	0	10	10	8	9	7	6	3	10	10	2	8	6	1	
10	Kansas City	16.00			Yes	Yes	Yes	3	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	4	5	5	2	6	6	1	0	0	4	5	
11	St. Omer	15.00	130.00	-	No	No	Yes	127	10	16	0	10	0	1	3	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
12	St. Graal	29.00	742.00	75.00	No	No	Yes	193	12	10	2	1	6	0	2	6	11	10	11	4	8	4	12	10	1	2	9	2
15	O'Sullivan	35.00	-	-	No	No	Yes	41	9	6	0	9	0	0	0	7	0	5	7	5	2	9	0	9	0	0	2	
16	Ascalon	33.00	101.00		No	No		188	20	18	9	11	9	0	15	20	20	20	14	18	20	17	8	15	14	10	0	
17	Palestine	21.80	246.00	117.00	No	No	Yes	170	10	13	8	2	8	0	8	9	9	8	7	7	8	6	7	7	7	7	7	
19	Mary (merged w/St. Omer 11/1/20/08)																											
20	St. John's	29.00	291.10	229.10	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	19	3	7	6	0	0	5	8	5	5	5	8	10	8	5	7	7	8	8	
22	Ely	33.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	12	5	1	7	0	1	10	6	5	5	6	4	6	5	4	5	5	6	5	
23	Crusade	29.50	168.22	79.45	Yes	Yes	Yes	77	11	10	5	6	0	0	0	0	11	10	8	7	9	11	8	9	9	10	2	
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	27.00	40.25	29.00	Yes	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25	Tancred	20.00	35.00	14.60	No	No	Yes	45	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	
27	Constantine	16.00	50.00	14.00	No	No	Yes	12	11	10	0	11	0	0	0	11	10	11	9	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	
29	Prince of Peace	30.00	-	25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	9	7	3	0	0	1	8	8	9	9	10	4	10	8	9	10	9	10	10	
31	Jasper	22.00	54.00	-	No	No	Yes	13	8	9	4	5	0	2	4	7	7	5	4	8	8	5	7	5	6	5	8	
32*	Paschal	22.00																										
33	Lebanon	26.50	100.00	-	No	No	Yes	85	11	15	0	12	2	0	2	12	12	10	12	11	10	12	9	6	10	7	10	
35	Oriental	20.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	59	10	9	5	10	0	1	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
39	Ascension	23.00	-	-	No	No	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
42	Bethany	14.00	30.00	-	No	No	No	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
43	St. Elmo	15.00	97.30	15.00	No	No	No	47	8	11	0	8	0	2	6	0	5	8	7	8	8	8	6	6	8	8	8	
55	Cape Girardeau	28.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	10	11	9	1	0	0	10	9	9	10	9	10	9	9	10	10	10	10	9	
56	DeSoto	28.00	18.25	34.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	75	10	13	9	1	7	0	0	12	8	6	6	9	8	9	8	9	9	7	6	
57	Noosho	20.50	-	-	No	No	Yes	0	12	10	0	12	0	0	0	11	11	12	10	12	4	4	12	6	11	10	2	
59	Rolla	21.30	160.00	62.05	No	No	Yes	123	10	25	10	0	0	0	0	20	8	10	1	0	7	6	10	5	2	10	10	4
63	Harve de Grace (Charter Arrested 11/6/08)	-			No	No	Yes	35	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	4	12	4	0	2	0	0	
66	Mountain Grove	20.00			No	No	Yes	0	4	9	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	
67	Poplar Bluff	26.00	50.00	31.85	No	No	Yes	0	4	9	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	
68	Westport	20.00	65.00	65.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	9	0	9	0	0	0	2	6	6	4	3	6	6	0	1	1	4	0	0	
70	East Gate	30.00	-	-	No	No	Yes	3	8	10	6	2	3	2	0	6	3	8	8	8	8	7	8	4	4	8	8	
72	Malta	15.00	-	-	No	No	Yes	32	4	9	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	2	2	3
TOTAL		\$ 836.10	\$ 2,757.12	\$ 1,038.25																								

**PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI
GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Commandery	No.	Reg	2008							2009					
			Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Weston	2	2													
DeMolay	3	3													
Hugh De Payne	4	2													
Excalibar	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Liberty	6	3	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1			
Emmanuel	7	1	1				1	1	1	1					
Ivanhoe	8	5													
Kansas City	10	3	1	1		1	1	1	1	1					
St. Omar	11	3													
St. Graal	12	4													
O'Sullivan	15	7													
Ascalon	16	5													
Palestine	17	3													
Mary	19	3	Cons w/11, 11/20/2008												
St. Johns	20	7			1										
Ely	22	1								1	1				
Crusade	23	4													
Godfrey de Bouillon	24	2				1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Tancred	25	1													
Constantine	27	1			1										
Prince of Peace	29	4		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Jasper	31	3			1										
Paschal	32	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Lebanon	33	7				1				1					
Oriental	35	3									1	1			
Ascension	39	7	1	1	1	1	1	1							
Bethany	42	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
St. Elmo	43	7								1					
Cape Girardeau	55	6					1				L				
DeSoto	56	6													
Neosho	57	7													
Rolla	59	4	L				1					1			
Harve de Grace	63	1	1	1	1	1	1			Charter Pulled					
St. Amand	64	3													
Mountain Grove	66	7	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Poplar Bluff	67	6													
Westport	68	3								1					
East Gate	70	3				1					1				
Malta	72	1													
Total			9	8	10	11	13	10	9	13	11	10	0	0	0

blank=report filed on time
1=no report received
L=report received late

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

*(no report available at time of printing)**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Following is the proposed budget for 2009-2010:

Income

Per Capita, Membership 2,877 @ \$23.50	\$67,609.50
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,385.05
Knighting Fees, 100 @ \$10.00	1,000.00
Interest	2,387.98
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$72,632.53

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	1,250.00
Annual Conclave	2,000.00
Auditor	150.00
Drill Committee	750.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita, 3,195 @ \$10.00	31,950.00
Grand Officer Expense	750.00
Insurance	100.00
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	900.00
Proceedings	2,000.00
Storage	1,100.00
Triennial Fund, 3,195 @ \$0.10	320.00
Youth Organizations	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$70,040.00
Total Income	\$72,632.53
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$70,040.00
Balance	\$2,592.53

Fraternally submitted,
 Harold J. Richardson
 Larry T. Odom
 Harold F. Coots

Lionel J. Goede
 James E. Snavelly
 Ronnie E. Green, Chairman

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights, I would like to personally thank all of the Recorders for their written reports of Christmas and Easter Observances. While most of the reports were received by standard mail, a few were received by email. The reports ranged from simple hand written notes to typed letters, but all were very informative and adequately described when and how the Commanderies listed below celebrated the important Templar Observances of Christmas and Easter. Several Commanderies observed these events during their regular stated conclaves and others held dinner programs open to families and friends. Most notable of the celebrations were the inaugural Christmas Observance Table Commandery sponsored by St. Graal Commandery during which \$500 was raised for KTEF and the Religious Service Easter Observance sponsored by Ascalon Commandery at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The following Commanderies reported holding a Christmas Observance:

DeMolay Commandery No. 3
Hugh dePayens Commandery No. 4
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
St. Graal Commandery No. 12
St. John's Commandery No. 20
Crusade Commandery No. 23

Constantine Commandery No. 27
Jasper Commandery No. 31
Lebanon Commandery No. 33
Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55
Desoto Commandery No. 56
Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

The following Commanderies reported holding an Easter Observance:

Hugh dePayens Commandery No. 4
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
St. Graal Commandery No. 12
Ascalon Commandery No. 16

St. John's Commandery No. 20
Ely Commandery No. 22
Crusade Commandery No. 23

However celebrated and however reported, each Missouri Commandery is most sincerely urged to observe these important events and report that observance to the Hospitaler Committee each and every year.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
Richard L. Mansfield

Daniel R. Quesenberry

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights: On April 23, 2009 your Committee on Returns of Commanderies examined the returns of the 36 Commanderies in this jurisdiction and presents the following report:

During the past year the Charter was arrested for Harve de Grace No. 63 and Mary No. 19 merged with St. Omer No. 11.

Emmanuel No 7, Ely No. 22, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24, Oriental No. 35, Ascension No. 39 and Rolla No. 59 were received late and will be assessed the required penalties when received by the Grand Recorder.

Most returns were very neatly and well prepared with only few errors although a few failed to complete the Audit page and this page was also not signed by the Auditing Committee. Some reports contained errors and omissions of various events evidently caused by the failure to keep accurate records of events as they occur.

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

James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Jerry Bradford

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVIEW

(see reports of Grand Recorder)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

The General Orders issued were reviewed. We approve.

The Dispensations granted to Constituent Commanderies were reviewed. We approve.

The approvals of the By-law amendments requested by Constituent Commanderies were reviewed. We approve.

The Decisions of the Grand Commander were reviewed. We approve.

We do in fact find that the actions taken and decisions made by Grand Commander James Joseph Hayes to be in congruence with the inherent duties and responsibilities of his office. And furthermore, were well within the powers granted him and sanctioned by the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri as well as the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

As such, Sir Knight Hayes has more than earned the respect of the Craft and we should respond to that with a resounding round of applause to return our respect for him and the approval of this report.

Fraternally submitted,
Stanton T. Brown, PC
James E. Snively, PGC
Glenn E. Means, PC

William S. Hall, PGC
Rocky E. Weaver, PGC
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Chairman

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Greetings: A situation has recently come to light concerning the per capita tax charged by the Grand Encampment on 50 (fifty) year members of the Grand Commandery as well as other miscellaneous fees, dues and/or assessments. The Grand Commandery of Missouri, by law, specifically exempts its 50 (fifty) year members from these payments which means that, should a Constituent Commandery also have written its by-laws to accommodate such exemptions, such Constituent Commandery would still have the responsibility of paying the per capita and/or any other fees, dues or assessments to the Grand Commandery for a pass through to the Grand Encampment. By consensus of opinion, the Grand Line Officers feel that this practice is inappropriate and does not exemplify a due respect for those that have served this Grand Commandery for so, so many years. Jurisprudence was directed by the Grand Commander and the current line officers to prepare resolutions addressing both issues, one as a matter of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, the other as a matter of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment for presentation at the upcoming Triennial. While no specific action need be taken by this Grand Commandery, the resolutions are included for informational purposes and as a matter for record.

Suggested amendments to the **CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Constitution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 10 REVENUE AND FINANCES be amended to include the wording, "except that no per capita tax dues shall be levied upon any member of a Grand or Subordinate Commandery that has attained fifty (50) years or more of service", following the third (3rd) reference to Subordinate Commanderies in the paragraph.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the wording "however, no assessment shall be levied against a Grand or Subordinate Commandery for any member that has attained fifty (50) years or more of service" be added following the last word in the paragraph.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: It may levy and collect fees for Dispensations and Charters issued to Grand and Subordinate Commanderies; may levy a fee for each Knight Templar created by Subordinate Commanderies; may levy annual per capita dues upon Grand and Subordinate Commanderies; and may also levy assessments upon Grand and Subordinate Commanderies based upon the membership therein.

IF ADOPTED THIS SECTION WILL READ: It may levy and collect fees for Dispensations and Charters issued to Grand and Subordinate Commanderies; may levy a fee for each Knight Templar created by Subordinate Commanderies; may levy annual per capita dues upon Grand and Subordinate Commanderies except that no per capita tax dues shall be levied upon any member of a Grand or Subordinate Commandery that has attained fifty (50) years or more of service; and may also levy assessments upon Grand and Subordinate Commanderies based upon the membership therein however, no assessment shall be levied against a Grand or Subordinate Commandery for any member that has attained fifty (50) years or more of service.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Those that have attained this longevity should be awarded some measure of recognition for this auspicious accomplishment. Many of these Sir Knights have attained an age that could potentially bring about infirmity, mental lapse, or other malady if it has not already. Indeed, many live on a fixed income that does not quite or barely meets their daily needs given the ever increasing costs of medical support and necessary prescriptions. It seems an injustice to place our Brothers in such a position that they have to make the decision to abandon their membership in order to

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pay for needed expenses. Our fraternity espouses relief and Brotherly Love to our Brotherhood. What better way to demonstrate these attributes than to relieve these Fratres of this burden and give them a small measure of recognition as well?

Statutes:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *CHAPTER II GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Section 120 REVENUE* be amended by addition of the wording, "except that no annual per capita shall be levied upon any member of a Grand or Subordinate Commandery that has attained fifty (50) years or more of service" immediately following the last word of the paragraph.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Each Subordinate Commandery shall pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each Knight Templar created in such Commandery, and an annual per capita of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each member on the roll of such Commandery on the first day of January of each year.

{It is believed that the dollar figures in this Section are no longer valid, however, this Grand Commandery has not received any updates by way of an ADDENDA since 2001.}

IF ADOPTED THIS SECTION WILL READ: Each Subordinate Commandery shall pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each Knight Templar created in such Commandery, and an annual per capita of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each member on the roll of such Commandery on the first day of January of each year except that no annual per capita shall be levied upon any member of a Grand or Subordinate Commandery that has attained fifty (50) years or more of service.

{Again, the proper dollar figures should be inserted into the proposal prior to presentation.}

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Those that have attained this longevity should be awarded some measure of recognition for this auspicious accomplishment. Many of these Sir Knights have attained an age that could potentially bring about infirmity, mental lapse, or other malady if it has not already. Indeed, many live on a fixed income that does not quite or barely meets their daily needs given the ever increasing costs of medical support and necessary prescriptions. It seems an injustice to place our Brothers in such a position that they have to make the decision to abandon their membership in order to pay for needed expenses. Our fraternity espouses relief and Brotherly Love to our Brotherhood. What better way to demonstrate these attributes than to relieve these Fratres of this burden and give them a small measure of recognition as well? And, even though the amount is small, there are times and occasions in the lives of many when even this sum, cheerfully given with a kind word accompanying it, may save a Brother from the pangs of hunger, destitution, or want.

NOTE: THESE AFOREMENTIONED PIECES REQUIRE NO ACTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY. THEY ARE PLACED HERE FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE AT YOUR LEISUR AND FOR HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all references that the Grand Commandery has a Constitution or By-laws, wherever they may be found within the Laws and Regulations or within the ritual, be stricken. Laws and Regulations shall be substituted for any reference to By-laws. This resolution will include a title change for ARTICLE XVIII from Change of By-laws to Change of Laws and Regulations.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Commandery of Missouri has no Constitution. The Grand Commandery of Missouri has no By-laws. It has Laws and Regulations.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE VI, Chartered Commanderies, Section 77. Nominations*, be repealed.

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: No nominations shall be made at an election in any Templar body.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: *Section 77. Nominations (Repealed {Date of repeal})*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The section has been a bone of contention for quite some time. It is time it went away. Elimination of this Section will remove the prohibition against nominations of officers by Constituent Commanderies and open an avenue for nominating a Grand Warder as below.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE II, The Grand Officers, Section 21. Election of Officers*, be amended by addition of the following, "The Office of The Grand Warder shall be filled by nominations made from the floor at each Annual Conclave".

THIS SECTION CURRENT READS: Election of Officers of the Grand Commandery shall be held at each Annual Conclave, at an hour to be announced in the official notice.

IF AMENDED THIS SECTION WILL READ: Election of Officers of the Grand Commandery shall be held at each Annual Conclave, at an hour to be announced in the official notice. The Office of The Grand Warder shall be filled by nominations made from the floor at each Annual Conclave.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: While the office of the Grand Warder will still be an elective office under this proposal as per ARTICLE I, Section 3. A., the process for the election of a Sir Knight to the office will change to permit nominations. Taking the vote by paper ballot is likewise not affected. The current method of balloting is cumbersome and confusing which frequently results in many of the Sir Knights being "left in the dark" about possible qualified candidates that are eligible to hold the office. Complaints are raised at every Annual Conclave from uninformed Sir Knights about the mystique of the current process and the fact that they did not get the "word". While it may be a simple task to review a copy of the program to ascertain who the current line officers are and to either vote to advance the line or write in other names, such is not the case with the office of the Grand Warder. By allowing nominations from the floor, such mystique and confusion should be eliminated.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 36, Duties of Standing Committees, Subsection C, The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence*, be amended by addition of the following paragraph, to wit,

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Rules and Regulations paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo of its findings. On review, the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section (s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence (s) in its annual report to the Grand Commandery and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall consider the decisions made by the Grand Commander, and all the questions of laws referred to it, and report its findings for the action of the Grand Commandery. All proposed amendments or additions to the laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery or any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery, or any other matter which may properly come before this committee, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and in proper form, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Commandery's Annual Conclave. No changes or additions shall be made to the said laws and regulations until the same have been considered and reported upon by this committee.

IF ADOPTED THIS SECTION WILL READ: The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall consider the decisions made by the Grand Commander, and all the questions of laws referred to it, and report its findings for the action of the Grand Commandery. All proposed amendments or additions to the laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery or any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery, or any other matter which may properly come before this committee, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and in proper form, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Commandery's Annual Conclave. No changes or additions shall be made to the said laws and regulations until the same have been considered and reported upon by this committee. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Rules and Regulations paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo of its findings. On review, the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section (s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence (s) in its annual report to the Grand Commandery and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Minor errors in the laws and Regulations have come to the attention of the Committee from time to time. Amendment of the Laws and Regulations normally requires a resolution, the preparation of

which can be both confusing and time consuming. The Committee feels this process in some circumstances is unnecessary and burdensome in light of a minor change as addressed in the resolution that does not affect original intent or meaning.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE VII, Officers, Section 137, Duties of Officers*, be amended by addition of Subsection G, to wit,

G. Will cause to be written and provided to each Sir Knight on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that we support. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with a suggested contribution of \$5.00; the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund with a suggested contribution of \$3.65; and, the Charity Endowment Fund with a suggested contribution of \$5.00. 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 Holy Land Pilgrimage endowment fund. Constituent Commandery Recorders will affix such stickers to the Sir Knight's dues card and send it to the Sir Knight. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder, in a timely and efficient manner, the check written to the Grand Commandery of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field designating the charity as noted above for which it was collected.

IF ADOPTED THIS SECTION WILL READ: Will cause to be written and provided to each Sir Knight on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that we support. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with a suggested contribution of \$5.00; the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund with a suggested contribution of \$3.65; and, the Charity Endowment Fund with a suggested contribution of \$5.00. 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 Holy Land Pilgrimage endowment fund. Constituent Commandery Recorders will affix such stickers to the Sir Knight's dues card and send it to the Sir Knight. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder, in a timely and efficient manner, the check written to the Grand Commandery of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field designating the charity as noted above for which it was collected.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: General Order No. 9 written by PGC Fred Troxel and addressing the issue of voluntary contributions went into effect June 2, 2007. On May 27, 2008, GC Joseph Hayes reissued General Order No. 9 in toto. It has been observed that some Constituent Commandery Recorders have ignored the General Orders. Perhaps a more formal presentation under the Laws and Regulations will capture their attention.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE XI, Dues, Section 171, Members May Not be Exempted*, be amended by deleting the third paragraph and replacing the second paragraph with the following words, "When the dues of any member of a Constituent Commandery shall have been remitted for the reasons set out above, the per capita tax due the Grand Commandery on such member shall be reduced to the amount due the Grand Encampment, provided that a member is exempt from payment of dues, who has been a Knight Templar in good standing for 50 years or more".

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: A Commandery may not exempt a member from all yearly dues by electing him an honorary member, nor as compensation for services rendered: provided, the dues of any member of a Commandery may be remitted, in whole or in part, for inability to pay, upon proper application in person or in writing, or upon a statement made by a Knight justifying such action.

When the dues of any member of a Constituent Commandery shall have been remitted for the reasons set out above, the per capita tax due the Grand Commandery on such member shall be reduced to the amount due the Grand Encampment. Any Constituent Commandery, may, by provision in its By-laws, and with the sanction of the Grand Commandery, remit the dues of its members who have paid dues for fifty (50) years.

IF ADOPTED, THIS SECTION WOULD READ: A Commandery may not exempt a member from all yearly dues by electing him an honorary member, nor as compensation for services rendered: provided, the dues of any member of a

Commandery may be remitted, in whole or in part, for inability to pay, upon proper application in person or in writing, or upon a statement made by a Knight justifying such action.

When the dues of any member of a Constituent Commandery shall have been remitted for the reasons set out above, the per capita tax due the Grand Commandery on such member shall be reduced to the amount due the Grand Encampment, provided that a member is exempt from payment of dues, who has been a Knight Templar in good standing for 50 years or more.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Each year as Commanderies income from dues decreases and per capita increases are put into effect by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment, it is increasingly difficult for these Commanderies to be able to afford to remit the dues of those who have attained 50 years of membership in the Commandery. Each year, 50-year members are proposed for suspension for non-payment of dues. Sir Knights, this is wrong and is long past due for correction. Any Sir Knight who has attained 50 years of membership should be exempt from the payment of dues, as is the case in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The Grand Commandery should recognize that it will become liable for the Grand Encampment per capita on these 50-year members as the Grand Encampment does not allow for the remission of per capita on any member for any reason. Estimated cost to the Grand Commandery annually will be \$1,000.00. Places the burden for the remission of dues of 50 year members upon the Grand Commandery and removes the requirement that a Constituent Commandery amend its By-laws to provide for the remission of dues of 50 members.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 35. Accountability for Funds, be amended by designating the existing paragraph, "A", and adding paragraph "B", to wit,

B. All funds received by any Grand Commandery Committee or individual on behalf of a Constituent Commandery, the Grand Commandery, or its charitable works shall include a signed tabulation sheet documenting the contribution by date, amount, from what source, and its disbursement directive. This shall then be forwarded to the Grand Recorder. All checks shall be made payable to the Grand Commandery of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated destination. The Grand Recorder shall record the receipt thereof and forward the same to the Grand Treasurer for deposit and disbursement as the source of the funds directs or requires.

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: Every committee or officer of the Grand Commandery charged with the expenditure of any funds appropriated by the Grand Commandery, shall make a full and complete report of the appropriation, and amount expended, and the balance, if any, remaining in the hands of the officer or committee, shall be turned back to the Grand Recorder and by him lapsed into the general fund. No appropriation shall be continued beyond the current year except by re-appropriation. The Triennial Fund shall be exempted from this provision and any unexpended funds shall be returned to the Triennial Endowment Fund.

IF ADOPTED THIS SECTION WILL READ:

A. Every committee or officer of the Grand Commandery charged with the expenditure of any funds appropriated by the Grand Commandery, shall make a full and complete report of the appropriation, and amount expended, and the balance, if any, remaining in the hands of the officer or committee, shall be turned back to the Grand Recorder and by him lapsed into the general fund. No appropriation shall be continued beyond the current year except by re-appropriation. The Triennial Fund shall be exempted from this provision and any unexpended funds shall be returned to the Triennial Endowment Fund.

B. All funds received by any Grand Commandery Committee or individual on behalf of a Constituent Commandery, the Grand Commandery, or its charitable works shall include a signed tabulation sheet documenting the contribution by date, amount, from what source, and its disbursement directive. This shall then be forwarded to the Grand Recorder. All checks shall be made payable to the Grand Commandery of Missouri, with a notation in the memo field of its designated destination. The Grand Recorder shall record the receipt thereof and forward the same to the Grand Treasurer for deposit and disbursement as the source of the funds directs or requires.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To insure that all charitable funds and other donations received in the name of the Grand Commandery are properly documented for IRS reporting purposes.

Fraternally submitted,
James E. Snavely, PGC, DeSoto Commandery No. 56
Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *ARTICLE XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 230, Endowment Fund* be amended by addition of "Charity" following 230 and striking, "to Masonic youth of Missouri". And by addition of, "Donations to and disbursements from this fund shall be as stipulated in *ARTICLE VII, Officers, Section 137, Duties of Officers, Subsection G* and *ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 35, Accountability for Funds, Paragraph B*, except that non-directed funds may be distributed as the Dais Officers and Charity Committee Chairman deem appropriate. The Grand Treasurer shall maintain an accurate account of all donations to and distributions from the fund and shall include a detailed accounting of same with the Grand Treasurer's annual report and upon request of the Grand Commander".

THIS SECTION CURRENTLY READS: A permanent endowment fund is hereby established to enable the Grand Commander to provide charitable donations on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Missouri to Masonic youth of Missouri, the interest of which will only be made available for distribution.

IF ADOPTED THIS SECTION WILL READ: Charity Endowment Fund. A permanent endowment fund is hereby established to enable the Grand Commander to provide charitable donations on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, the interest of which will only be made available for distribution. Donations to and disbursements from this fund shall be as stipulated in *ARTICLE VII, Officers, Section 137, Duties of Officers, Subsection G* and *ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 35, Accountability for Funds, Paragraph B*, except that non-directed funds may be distributed as the Dais Officers and Charity Committee Chairman deem appropriate. The Grand Treasurer shall maintain an accurate account of all donations to and distributions from the fund and shall include a detailed accounting of same with the Grand Treasurer's annual report and upon request of the Grand Commander.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To correct a misnomer in the title. To provide for proper documentation of the receipt and distribution of charitable funds as required by the IRS.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29
Robert W. Schlichter, PC, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED STANDING RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and its constituent Commanderies are based on patriotic and religious principals.

And Whereas, there is not any provision for the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

And Whereas, there is not any stipulation as to the proper wording of the Pledge which is currently generally considered proper in more than one form by different segments of American society.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America worded as follows:

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.

shall be given after the officers receive the order to be seated at the conclusion of the Opening Drill. In the case that the opening drill is not performed it shall be done prior to any other business or ceremonies of the Commandery. In either case the Pledge of allegiance as worded above shall be considered a required part of the opening of any stated or special meeting of a Commandery under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
William S. Hall, PGC

Action Taken: *Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other*

PROPOSED STANDING RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and its officers and representatives have a need to know who the officers of the constituent Commanderies are and how to contact them on the occasion of their visits to said constituent Commanderies.

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And Whereas, members and visiting members have need of the same information.

And Whereas, the information should be able to be determined as current.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That,

1. A listing of the current line officers of the constituent Commandery, elected and appointed to include telephone number, e-mail 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, e-mail address and mailing address
5. The name of the Grand Commandery line officer appointed to serve the constituent Commandery area including telephone number, e-mail 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.

Fraternally submitted,
William S. Hall, PGC

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

ARREST OF CHARTER

Harve de Grace Commandery No. 63, Marceline, MO

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

The Committee was ordered by the Grand Commander to clean up the General Orders.

General Order No. 2 was presented as a Standing Resolution.

General Order No. 3 was presented as a Standing Resolution.

General Order No. 4 will expire.

General Order No. 9 was proposed as an amendment to the Laws and Regulations.

General Order No. 10 was proposed as an amendment to the Laws and Regulations.

General Order No. 11 was re-written and is being retained as a General Order.

General Order No. 12 was proposed as an incorporation into **ARTICLE VII, Officers, Section 137, Duties of Officers, Subsection G; ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 35, Accountability for Funds, Paragraph B and ARTICLE XXII, Endowment Fund, Section 230, Endowment Fund.**

General Order No. 13 was re-written and is being retained as a General Order.

General Orders that have expired or that have not been retained will no longer be reported as having been rescinded.

The Proceedings for 2008 were reviewed. Some errors were noted. These have been referred to the editor for additional review.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE AS A WHOLE

Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other

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 report that the One Hundred Forty-Ninth Grand Commandery Conclave will be held on May 14th at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. It will again be held in conjunction with the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson
Ronnie E Green, Chairman

Daniel R. Quesenberry

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONCLAVE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Pursuant to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Commandery, the Grand Captain General shall act as a committee on arrangements for the annual conclave. However, as one man is not a committee this is actually a duty assigned to the station of the Grand Captain General. He must verify the physical location of the Grand Conclave and see that it is prepared properly. In this case, the Truman Room in the Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri on Friday May 15, 2009 for the 148th Annual Conclave, prior to the opening all preparations were made. In agreement with the previous Grand Captain General and Grand Line Officers there will be constructed a list of paraphernalia required and description and/or diagram of proper placement. This would be a checklist/committee report to be completed and submitted to the Grand Recorder for inclusion in the official proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
Daniel Quesenberry, Chairman

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(See Joint Committee Report on Page 12)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Our Commanderies help many through donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Education Foundation and many Hospitaler activities. This year with our Grand Commander Joe Hayes and his Lady Sue at the head, we sold York Rite mouse pads to the tune of \$1000.00. However no further fund raising and charity events were reported to this committee. We know there are some out there, please let you committee know so we can congratulate your Commandery.

Fraternally submitted,
Daniel Quesenberry, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONCLAVE PROGRAM BOOK

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRILL

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRILL/TACTICS WORKSHOP

(no report available at time of printing)

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, Jr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS*(See Joint Committee Report on Page 13)***REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP***To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

The Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund has a total membership of 146 with a total endowed value of \$73,444.45. It had a 2008 distribution value of \$2,983.04 to 24 Commanderies.

Investments are in a combination of interest bearing money market accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Current interest rates have limited these monies 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 current economy has necessitated that funds be invested at much lower than desired rates of return. As the economy improves these short term investments can once again be invested at more reasonable rates of return, thusly enhancing the distribution values.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, HPGC
Harold J. Richardson, PGC, Chairman

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Sir Knight	Commandery	Knighted	Issued
134	Means, Glenn E.	17	05-Nov-83	23-Jun-08
135	Carrington, Nathan D.	4	11-Jan-03	9-Aug-08
136	Lloyd, Loren Dale	22	24-Oct-92	19-Sep-08
137	Powell, David Dodd	22	19-Apr-01	19-Sep-08
138	Steinmetz, Gregory Alan	8	25-Oct-86	9-Oct-08
139	Mercer, James Hilton	20	22-May-76	4-Nov-08
140	Trimble, Rodney Lee	39	03-Nov-01	7-Nov-08
141	Vogel, Dennis Neal	4	02-Apr-66	11-Dec-08
142	Dingman, Kenneth Dean	29	05-May-84	27-Dec-08
143	Fryer, Lowell D.	59	27-Nov-99	4-Mar-09
144	Baker, Lawrence Larry	59	22-Aug-87	4-Mar-09
145	Fryer, Luther H.	59	18-Oct-75	4-Mar-09
146	Lewis, Michael Sean	27	04-Nov-00	15-Mar-09
147	Matthews, Gary Dean	20	08-Nov-08	23-Apr-09
148	Kuehn, John Charles	39	08-Nov-08	3-May-09

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

I regret to inform the Sir Knights that the named committee has not met in any official capacity. However, there were numerous email communications between some of the members of the committee and members of other similar and past committees previously tasked to develop an acceptable means of distribution of many of the recurring forms used by the Grand York Rite in general. Such communications involved lengthy discussions pertaining to web-based monthly and annual returns, recurring annual forms such as award nomination applications, electronic document formatting across multiple platforms, and general discussions about what was really needed vs. perceived needs.

It is the consensus of this committee chairman that the committee not having been tasked with any specific purpose or goals, that the committee be discontinued, that the Grand Secretary/Recorder be permitted to discuss with the appropriate grand officers their needs, develop forms as required, and refer the forms to the appropriate committee for approval.

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker
Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

James L. Woodfin, Jr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE*(no report available 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:

2007-2008	Lebanon Commandery No. 33	Joseph Peter Krill, Jr.
2007-2008	Rolla Commandery No. 59	Lawrence Lee Baker
2008-2009	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4	Nathan David Carrington
2008-2009	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8	Dennis E. Fetter
2008-2009	St. Graal Commandery No. 12	Jeffrey Allen Keevil
2008-2009	Ascalon Commandery No. 16	Arnold Dennis Haddock, Jr.
2008-2009	Palestine Commandery No. 17	David Carl Witte
2008-2009	Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55	Johnny Lee Schlenker

Fraternally submitted,
Daniel R. Quesenberry
Ronnie E. Green, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Fraters, the 41st Annual Voluntary Campaign as of April 3, 2009, has received \$4,535.00. During the Campaign, Missouri was honored with Grand Master's Club (\$1,000.00), Knight of Siloam Medals (\$500.00), Patron (\$100.00), Associate Patron (\$50.00), and Life Sponsor (\$30.00). Lebanon Commandery No. 33 donated \$1,050.00, that is \$11.05 per member.

During this Knights Templar year, Missouri had 41 cases submitted with a cost of about \$90,500.

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, brethren 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 J. Joseph Hayes, Grand Commander, and all the other Grand Officers for their help.

“And Let There Be Light”

Fraternally submitted,
Louis L. Monken, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Well, this year, we had a major change in the Supplement. The Grand Encampment moved the Magazine to Texas, and the Editor comes to us from Tennessee. So far, he has been a great help. Especially since I do not yet have PDF. The whole structure of the paper is changed. It would seem that we have less space for our information than before, and it is still questionable as to how much space is available.

We received less material from across the state again this year, but it is hard to send it in time. The Grand Commander as well as those of the past have been excellent in getting their material to me on time, well maybe once, it didn't get done, and I have the pleasant duty of reminding them of their lateness.

Filling out the pages has been fun, but we have found a way add more material to the paper in the new format.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Editor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights, I here present a very dismal picture of our Commandery.

In 2002 our membership stood at 6666, by 2003 we had declined to 6230, in 2004 we fell to 5859, by 2005 our numbers were at 5438, in 2006 they were 5223, and in 2007 they were at 3800. With the partial 2008 returns, we have fallen to a projected number of 3511 (now below that of the Grand Council) and showing a projected number for the end of 2009 to stand at 3195.

In the 10 years since 2000 (7305 membership), we have lost almost 55% of our members.

The previous chairman of the membership committee wondered where we would be in 20 years. At the current rate, we will cease to exist by 2020. We will be just a name.

We are suspending way too many members for non payment of dues. Each Commandery needs to appoint a membership committee of two to three members and follow up on the unpaid members before they are suspended. We need to know why they are not continuing their membership.

The same committee should contact previously suspended members and see about getting them reinstated. They joined our number for some reason and apparently we have not met the need.

We should all be promoting the York Rite in our own Lodges and we need to be visiting all Blue Lodges that do not have a York Rite presence and invite the members to join our order and gain further light in freemasonry and more knowledge.

We keep complaining of dues increases. The dues will continue to rise as our membership declines, because our expenses continue to rise as we now operate.

Sir Knights, we need to replace ourselves with a new member. Make a concentrated effort so we can continue. This is going to take a real effort on each of our parts. Our Grand Officers cannot do this by themselves. They can make recommendations but the end result is in each of our hands.

There is nothing we can do about death, as it eventually comes to each of us, but we can work on suspensions, reinstatements and new members.

Fraternally submitted,
Harley Kropf, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights, I am aware of only one Commandery that participated in an event of a patriotic and civic nature. St. Graal Commandery No. 12 participated in the Memorial Day Observance held by the City of Columbia. A member of that Commandery, a law enforcement officer, helped with traffic control during the annual Memorial Day Parade and was also responsible for the presentation of the Commandery's Memorial Day Wreath prior to the formal Memorial Day ceremonies as only a limited number of presentations are accommodated during the ceremony.

While I certainly hope that all Missouri Commanderies participate in patriotic and civic activities, it may have been only an innocent oversight that such participation was not reported to this Committee. Perhaps more reminders encouraging the reporting of participation in such events could be placed in the Missouri Section of the Knight Templar Magazine during the year. Possibly the Grand Commandery should identify at least a couple of publicly celebrated patriotic or civic events (such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day, etc.) for special emphasis through a published message from the Committee Chairman and required reporting to this Committee (similar to the Hospitaler Committee system for Christmas and Easter Observances).

Fraternally submitted,
Daniel R. Quesenberry
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

Richard L. Mansfield

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL COMMITTEE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

York Rite Conferences this year as in years past continue to be a point of discussion. Do we hold them or do we not? Should the conferences be half or full days? Should each body have their own meeting? How do we make it more interesting and informative so that the congregation will come to the meeting along with the choir? These are just a few of the questions we should ask ourselves. After all it is our Commandery and as members we should be interested in what is taking place in the Commandery. We need to hear from the members thoughts as what they want and how would be the best way to convey that to the membership. No one person has all the answers and by discussing ideas between ourselves, it might be possible to establish a forum by which more people might attend and learn how to make our Commandery better.

This year although some of the conferences were not well attended, several Regional Grand Commanders worked hard to make their conference the best they could and they should be commended on their effort. It is not their fault that apathy plays a part on the attendance, they need our help in making the conferences interesting and not to continue to do what has always been done. It is time to think out of the box.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard L. Mansfield, 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 Organizations 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:
Lionel J. Goede
William W. Mier

Virginia Goede
LeRoy D. Unruh, Chairman