

Preliminary Proceedings
OF THE
One Hundred Forty-Fifth
Annual Assembly
OF THE
Grand Council
OF
Cryptic Masons
OF THE
State of Missouri



HELD AT
LODGE OF FOUR SEASONS, LAKE OZARK, MISSOURI
MAY 13, 2010, A.:.DEP.:.3010

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI

GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI - 2010

Lodge of Four Seasons

Lake Ozark, MO

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 PM Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing
3:00 PM Early Registration - All 3 Bodies
6:00 PM Golf Awards Banquet - Open to All

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - All 3 Bodies - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Breakfast - Open to All
9:30 AM Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC - Open to Ladies and Guests
9:50 AM Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Presentation of Grand Council Officers
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
10:00 AM Formal Opening of the 145th Grand Council
Welcoming Comments by Grand Master
Reception of Missouri Past Grand Masters
Reception of Missouri Regional Deputy Grand Masters
Reception of Grand Lecturer and Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Council Officers
Reception of General Grand Council Officers
Reception of General Grand Council Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
10:30 AM Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
Address of Grand Master
Report of Committee on Grand Masters Address
10:50 AM Report of Jurisprudence Committee
Report of Finance Committee
Address of General Grand Council Officer
11:50 AM Election of Officers
Routine Business
Report of Election of Officers
Acceptance of Officers
Report of Grand Master Elect
Report of Committee on Time and Place
12:00 PM Grand Council Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
Lunch on Your Own
1:00 PM Order of the Silver Trowel
3:00 PM Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to All
2008-2009 Grand Council Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Council Officers
5:00 PM Close Grand Council
Pictures
Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - Chapter and Commandery only - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Yeomen of York Breakfast - Open to All
8:00 AM Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 - Royal Arch Masons
9:00 AM Presentation of Missouri Grand Chapter Officers - Open to Ladies and Guests

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Thursday, May 13, 2010 (cont)

Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
Formal Opening of the 164th Grand Chapter
Reception of Missouri Past Grand High Priests
Reception of Missouri District Deputy Grand High Priests
Reception of Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Lecturers
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of General Grand Chapter Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
Address of Grand High Priest
Report of Jurisprudence Committee
Resume Labor and Remaining Business
Report of Finance Committee
Report of Grand Treasurer
Report of Grand Secretary
11:00 AM Election of Officers
Routine Business
Report of Election of Officers
Acceptance of Officers
Report of Grand High Priest Elect
Report of Committee on Time and Place
11:45 AM Address of General Grand Chapter Officer
12:00 PM Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
Lunch on Your Own
1:30 PM Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Open to All Master Masons
3:00 PM Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to All
2008 - 2009 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Officers
5:00 PM Close Grand Chapter
Pictures
5:30 PM Order of High Priesthood
7:00 PM Grand Chapter Officers Dinner
Grand Council Officers Dinner
Grand Commandery Officers Dinner
Dinner on your own
8:00 PM Grand Preceptory of Yeomen of York

Friday, May 14, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - Commandery only - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast - Open to All
8:00 AM Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander
Formal Opening of 149th Grand Commandery - Open to Ladies and Guests
Roll Call and Introduction of Grand Commandery Officers
Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders
Reception of Missouri Regional Grand Commanders
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers
Reception of Grand Encampment Officers
Reception of Grand Encampment Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
Address of Grand Commander
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
9:00 AM Reconvene Grand Commandery
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee

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Friday, May 14, 2010 (cont)

	Report of Finance Committee
	Report of Grand Treasurer
	Report of Grand Recorder
10:30 AM	Election of Officers
	Additional Committee Reports - as needed
	Routine Business
	Report of Election of Officers
	Acceptance of Officers
	Report of Grand Master Elect
	Report of Committee on Time and Place
11:15 AM	Address of Grand Encampment Officer
11:30 AM	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
11:45 AM	Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting
12:00 PM	Yeomen of York - Lunch - Open to All
1:00 PM	Past Commanders Association
3:00 PM	Grand Commandery Reconvened - Open to All
	2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
	Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers
5:00 PM	Grand Commandery Called from Labor
	Pictures
6:00 PM	Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Reception, Banquet and Entertainment
	Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander
	Reception of Presiding Distinguished Guests
8:00 PM	Knights of York Cross of Honour business meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010

7:00 AM	Breakfast - Open to All
7:00 AM	Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges
8:00 AM	Grand Commandery Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All
6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation - Open to All

Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:00 AM	Religious Service - Open to All
9:00 AM	Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to All

Ladies Program

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 PM	Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing
6:00 PM	Golf Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

8:30 AM	Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
9:30 AM	Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC
9:50 AM	Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76
	Pledge of Allegiance
	National Anthem
	Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
10:00 AM	Assorted Games
3:00 PM	Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to All
	2007-2008 Grand Council Awards Presentation
	Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Council Officers
5:00 PM	Close Grand Council
	Pictures
	Dinner on your own

Ladies Program (cont)

Thursday, May 13, 2010

8:00 AM Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
3:00 PM Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to All
2007-2008 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Officers
Close Grand Chapter
Pictures
7:00 PM Grand Chapter Officers Dinner
Grand Council Officers Dinner
Grand Commandery Officers Dinner
Dinner on your own

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:00 AM Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
8:00 AM Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander
Formal Opening of 149th Grand Commandery - Open to Ladies and Guests
12:00 PM Ladies Luncheon
3:00 PM Grand Commandery Reconvened - Open to All
2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers
6:00 PM Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Reception, Banquet and Entertainment
Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander
Reception of Presiding Distinguished Guests

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6:30 PM Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation - Open to All

Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:00 AM Religious Service - Open to All
9:00 AM Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to All

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GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
2009-2010

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Danny D. Smothers (45)	Grand Master
James G. Haddox (1)	Deputy Grand Master
George M. Merkle (1)	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM (32)	Grand Treasurer
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (49)	Acting Grand Recorder
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM (27,34)	Assistant Grand Recorder
William C. Woolsey (39)	Grand Captain of the Guard
David C. Witte (49)	Grand Conductor of the Council
Terry R. Struse (40)	Grand Marshal
William G. Snyder (49,45)	Grand Steward
Roger D. Salyer (49)	Grand Sentinel
Paul R. Cannon (39,42,34)	Asst. Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver (48)	Grand Chaplain
Robert L. Wright, PGM (48)	Grand Lecturer
John E. Schofield (20,49,50)	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry (49)	Grand Chorister

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Michael L. Dodd	Region 1 (44,47,59)
Lloyd F. Waller	Region 2 (9,28,37,53)
Aaron M. Shoemaker	Region 3, District A (24,45,50,51)
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Region 3, District B (38,42,49)
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM	Region 4 (32,34,39)
Thomas L. Thomason	Region 5 (1,40,48)
Lee L. Francis	Region 6 (20,27,43)
Joseph P. Krill	Region 7, District A (25,35,56,58)
Walter W. Doyle	Region 7, District B (30,41,46)

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

Harley L. Kropf	Region 1 (44,47,59)
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Region 2 (9,28,37,53)
George L. Duncan	Region 3, District A (24,45,50,51)
Mark S. Schroer	Region 3, District B (38,42,49,57)
Robert H. Bray, PGM	Region 4 (32,34,39)
Kevin E. Weaver	Region 5 (1,40,48)
Johnny L. Schlenker	Region 6 (20,27,43)
Bradley T. Hicks	Region 7, District A (25,35,56,58)
Christopher C. McLemore, III	Region 7, District B (30,41,46)

2009-2010 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	Returns of Councils	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Ted W. Harrison Jerry Bradford
Finance and Accounts	James E. Snavelly, Chairman George M. Merkle Donald L. Trabue (ex-officio) Kevin B. Sample (ex-officio) Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (ex-officio)	Review	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.

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2009-2010 GRAND COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Audit	Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman Russell S. Hanson Terry R. Struse Grand Line Officers	Membership	Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman Roger D. Salyer
Charity and Charity Endowment Fund	Joseph P. Krill (Calendar Money)	Ritual	Robert L. Wright, Chairman Kevin B. Sample Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers
General Grand Council Charity Committee	William G. Buckner, Chairman	Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor, Missouri Section	Roy L. Gilkey, Editor
Education	Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman Aaron M. Shoemaker Russell S. Hanson Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Time and Place	James G. Haddox, Chairman
Endowed Membership	Walter W. Doyle, Chairman José R. Palacios Thomas C. Yunick	Triennial	Stanton T. Brown, Chairman Teddie E. Harrison Robert L. Wright
Golf Tournament	James E. Snavely Donald L. Trabue	York Rite Conference	James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman
		Youth	Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman 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

LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS

G. Fred Kling	1966-1967
Everette L. Gloyd	1978-1979
George R. Johnson	1980-1981
Robert N. Hunter	1981-1982
William G. Buckner	1984-1985
Blair C. Mayford	1986-1987
Jack R. Clark, Sr.	1987-1988
John V. Crampton	1992-1993
Lawrence R. Albright, II	1993-1994
Paul K. Kawakami	1994-1995
C. Richard Carter	1995-1996
Frederick H. Neal	1997-1998
E. Allen Kohler, Honorary	1998

LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS

Bob L. Detherow	1998-1999
Teddie E. Harrison	1999-2000
William J. Bowser	2000-2001
LeRoy D. Unruh	2001-2002
Richard J. Holmes	2002-2003
Gary A. Phillips	2003-2004
Stanton T. Brown	2004-2005
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary	2005
Robert H. Bray	2005-2006
Albert H. Miller	2006-2007
Robert L. Wright	2007-2008
Donald L. Trabue, Honorary	2008

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(by order of Grand Master)

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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

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, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets June 1, 2009		\$ 32,249.17
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 30,199.75	
Interest Earned	268.95	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>2,617.61</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 33,086.31	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59328 - #1921 thru 1932	\$ 3,713.70	
Jefferson Act. #74544 - #2449 thru 2578	23,215.11	
Jefferson Act. #74325 - #1214 thru 1215	13.42	
Jefferson Act. #464155 Debits	<u>700.99</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 27,643.22	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 5,443.09
Balance, General fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 37,692.26

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59328, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$ 500.60	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	135.91	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	133.72	
Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	5,000.29	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	10,017.20	
C.D. #126426, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.85%, Matures 12/22/10	5,023.15	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>16,881.39</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 37,692.26

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 32,133.94
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 477.23	
Increase in Market Value, American Balanced Fund	<u>2,643.61</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 3,120.84	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 3,120.84
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2010		\$ 35,254.78

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 1,427.59	
C.D. #256806, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.45%, Matures 6/2/11	23,323.04	
American Balanced Fund (thru Premier Bank-Jefferson City)	<u>\$ 10,504.15</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2010		\$ 35,254.78

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 75,940.39
Receipts: Memberships (12)	\$ 4,700.00	
Interest Earned	899.02	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>5,708.78</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 11,307.80	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 11,307.80
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 87,248.19

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 10,977.23	
CD #124643, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 6/18/10	39,454.17	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>36,816.79</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 87,248.19

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CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND IN MEMORY OF BRUCE HARMON HUNT

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 116,855.68
Receipts: Various Contributions	\$ 482.60	
Interest earned	<u>1,976.93</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,459.53	
Disbursements: Charities	\$ 1,000.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ <u>1,459.53</u>
Balance, Foundation Account, March 31, 2010		\$ 118,315.21

Statement of Assets – Charity Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 5,815.96	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	7,271.54	
CD #15309, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 3.50%, Matures 5/17/10	38,622.87	
CD #256807, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.45%, Matures 4/1/11	31,620.18	
CD #90173983, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.70%, Matures 6/2/11	<u>34,984.66</u>	
Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 118,315.21

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 492.92
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1.87	
Total Receipts	\$ 1.87	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ <u>1.87</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 494.79

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 494.79	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 494.79

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 3,425.68
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 3,534.15	
Interest Earned	<u>19.03</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 3,553.18	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ <u>3,553.18</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 6,978.86

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 6,978.86	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 6,978.86

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2010 **\$285,984.09**

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND SECRETARY/ RECORDER

Companions of the York Rite of Missouri;

My first duty to my Companions is to give them, each and everyone, a hearty Thank You for this opportunity to serve the Grand York Rite of Missouri as the Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder. It has been a pleasurable and enlightening experience, and I now have a deeper respect for those who have “gone before”.

I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge those who have “patiently” assisted this office in supporting your Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder. No surprise to any, is the untiring efforts of our Clerical Assistant, Lady Joyce A. Sample, who has been a resource for my daily inquiry of procedures, and a right hand to keep me informed of things to be done.

Another very supportive confidante is our Grand Treasurer, Companion and Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue. His untiring attention to my eccentricities has been a burden on his personal time, and I cannot thank him appropriately for his guidance.

Although I have left many things for the new Secretary/Recorder to finalize, I will still be “in the wings” with the rest of the support staff. To that end, I can only recommend that the Office of Grand Secretary/Recorder be,

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again, reconstituted and reside in one location. The experience of having separate quarters for this office has compounded the work load, and expense, and placed a disparate amount of work on everyone.

Although my intention to relinquish this office was announced early in the year, only four names have surfaced to be considered by the Grand York Rite for this position: Companions Paul R. Cannon, Stephen C. Derendinger, Jared A. Price and Kevin E. Weaver. Each of these Companions bring a host of experience to the forefront of our Fraternity, and it is up to you, now, to select your next Secretary/Recorder.

I would extend a grateful acknowledgement to our Presiding Grand Officers and their line of officers for their patience and understanding for my lack of experience and oft times slow response to duty and responsibility. It has been a signal honor to work with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George L. Duncan and Lady Mary, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Danny D. Smothers and Lady Holly, and the Grand Commander, Ronnie E. Green and Lady Margaret.

And I most assuredly thank my Lady of 50 years for her support and understanding for these past several months of putting our personal life on hold.

Fraternally submitted,
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. PGC
Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORTS OF GRAND RECORDERS OFFICE

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

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*)

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.

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Councils	30
Number of Members, December 31, 2008	3499
Number Greeted	84
Number Affiliated	9
Number Reinstated	20
Total Gains	113
Number Dimitted	33
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	0
Number Suspended by Lodge or Chapter	149
Number Suspended By Council NPD	13
Number Died	107
Total Losses	302
Total Members, December 31, 2009	3310
Net Loss	189

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2009-2010 Council 25-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
East, Joe C.	Zabud	25	05-May-84	04-Nov-09
Furtak, Daniel L.	Zabud	25	07-May-83	04-Nov-09
Huff, Howard W.	Zabud	25	05-May-84	04-Nov-09
Mease, Densyl L.	Zabud	25	23-Jun-84	04-Nov-09
Morris, Billy R.	Zabud	25	03-Nov-84	04-Nov-09
Morris, Ralph T.	Zabud	25	03-Nov-84	04-Nov-09
Hartley, Wallace Gordon	Centralia	34	25-Oct-84	11-Jan-10
Jacobs, Everett P.	Centralia	34	14-Apr-84	11-Jan-10
Kelley, Gerald Eugene	Centralia	34	14-Apr-84	11-Jan-10
Scott, Noel Robert	Centralia	34	14-Apr-84	11-Jan-10
Spears, Dennis Wayne	Centralia	34	30-Jun-84	11-Jan-10

2009-2010 Council 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
Beal, William Fletcher	Jeremiah	48	07-Nov-58	08-Sep-09
Davis, Roy J.	Zabud	25	21-Nov-59	04-Nov-09
Hammons, R. Dwain	Zabud	25	16-Jun-59	04-Nov-09
Huxley, Dane E.	Zabud	25	21-Nov-59	04-Nov-09
Lee, Jimmie D.	Zabud	25	21-Nov-59	04-Nov-09
Price, John M.	Zabud	25	21-Nov-59	04-Nov-09
Cleveland, Carroll Lavon	Centralia	34	4-Nov-59	11-Jan-10
Fowler, Jesse Eugene	Centralia	34	11-Jun-59	11-Jan-10
Long, Robert William	Centralia	34	11-Jun-59	11-Jan-10
Kerr, Sr., Robert E.	Poplar Bluff	27	20-Feb-60	07-Apr-10

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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)

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 2009

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	Larry W. Schulze	Kent A. Kramer	Wayne R. Williams	Michael D. Kassel	4th Wed in March	4th Wednesday	1-Mar-10
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	could not find	LeRoy L. Salmon	Daryl Price	Elbert Turner, Jr.	William W. Mier	4th Wed in Oct	4th Wednesday	30-Jan-10
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	Johnny L. Schlenker	Dennis W. Houck	Tim L. Morgan	Michael E. Perry	1st Wed in Dec	1st Wednesday	5-Mar-10
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891				Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday	
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	Fred S. Livingston	Paul G. Kingsley	Henry A. McClure	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	26-Feb-10
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	Bobby G. Livesay	James N. Leslie	Ernest J. Phelan	Earnie D. Wilson	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday	5-Feb-10
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	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Robert P. Gephardt	Aaron M. Hailey	Richard A. Lowrey	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	22-Feb-10
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	Steven C. Derendinger	Michael Rohman	Clifford Dobbins	Donald L. Trabue	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	30-Apr-10
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	C. Brent Stewart	Jerry Bradford	William R. Brantley	4th Mon in Nov	4th Monday	26-Mar-10
35	Fidelity	Mountain Grove	April 26, 1920	23-7550898	Dennis N. Smith	Marshall J. Biesen	Roger T. White	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-10
37	Trenton	Trenton	April 25, 1921	23-7550900	James Staples	Gary Black	Michael Moore	Larry T. Odum	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	26-Feb-10
38	Westport	Kansas City	April 25, 1921	43-6071585	Frank Benson	Timothy Holmes	Tom Holmes	Roy N. Thomas	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	22-Feb-10
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150				Phil A. DeLashmit	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	Guy D. Ross	Gale B. Morrison	John W. Sixel, III	John E. Trower	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	27-Feb-10
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	Paul L. Daniels	Gary L. Jones	Lawrence M. Cripps	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	25-Feb-10
42	Sedalia	Sedalia	April 10, 1922	23-7550904	M. David Hockaday	Kenneth Sizemore	Frank O. Bell	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	3-Mar-10
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	Harry L. Tripp	David L. Leiter	Charles E. Sloan	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday	14-Jan-10
44	Kirkville	Kirkville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	Clyde F. Bondy III	Charles E. Cooper	Jeremy A. Lloyd	Thomas C. Yumick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	17-Mar-10
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	William G. Snyder	Jerry O. Snyder	Yale Turnham	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	1-Mar-10
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	Roy E. Cochran	K. Dennis Taylor	Matthew D. Ruth	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	6-Mar-10
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	Edgar D. Piles	Roger D. Flier	Robert L. Sanders	Kevin E. Weaver	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	2-Mar-10
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	William G. Snyder	Gentry Sloan	Stanton T. Brown, II	Glen E. Means	4th Thur in April	4th Thursday	30-Jan-10
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	Donald E. Lake	Forest W. Dugan	Loran D. Frazier	Vargil L. Bailey	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	23-Feb-10
51	East Gate	Kansas City	April 24, 1950	23-7550912	David Miller	Aaron Shoemaker	William VanMeter	Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thur in June	3rd Thursday	23-Feb-10
53	Harmony	Belhany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	Glen Fitzgerald	Garden Hendren	James Gibbons	John Thraikill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	25-Feb-10
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	Bradley T. Hicks	David W. O'Dell	William E. Bremmen	William E. Bremmen	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	15-Feb-10
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	John W. Shoemaker	Gary D. Matthews	Clark A. McLenore	James A. Nunn	1st Thurs in May	1st Thursday	26-Feb-10
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	Joe. Eisen	Jerry L. Miles	Thomas E. Christine	Darrell A. Wilham	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday	15-Apr-10
	TOTAL										

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PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI

No.	Council	08 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 2009	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	08 Debits	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Credit for 50-year Remissions	Credit for Life Members	Credit for General Grand Council Endowed Members	08 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Council	
1	Hiram	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	1	0	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 663.00	\$ 22.05	\$ 685.05	\$ 13.00	\$ -	\$ 52.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620.05
9	St. Joseph	296	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	27	1	11	39	259	20	13	18	7.00	3,367.00	-	3,374.00	260.00	169.00	234.00	-	-	-	663.00	2,711.00
20	Cape	94	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	7	0	5	13	84	7	7	1	21.00	1,092.00	-	1,113.00	91.00	91.00	13.00	-	44.45	239.45	873.55	
24	Shekinah	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	19	-	910.00	-	910.00	-	-	247.00	-	58.80	305.80	604.20	
25	Zabud	388	16	2	5	23	6	0	0	25	7	9	47	364	9	34	18	112.00	4,732.00	-	4,844.00	117.00	442.00	234.00	-	44.10	837.10	4,006.90	
27	Poplar Bluff	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	2	0	3	-	637.00	-	637.00	26.00	-	39.00	0.35	-	65.35	571.65	
28*	Chillicothe	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	1	-	1,235.00	2,338.50	-	3,573.50	-	-	13.00	-	13.00	3,560.50	
30	Jasper	67	12	0	5	17	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	81	0	2	10	84.00	1,033.00	-	1,137.00	-	26.00	130.00	-	-	156.00	981.00	
32	Ezra	134	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	131	56	18	6	35.00	1,703.00	29.05	1,767.05	728.00	234.00	78.00	-	-	1,040.00	727.05	
34	Centalia	239	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	7	235	1	20	65	21.00	3,055.00	7.35	3,083.35	13.00	260.00	845.00	0.35	-	1,118.35	1,965.00	
35	Fidelity	33	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	0	4	0	14.00	442.00	-	456.00	-	52.00	-	-	-	52.00	404.00	
37	Trenton	81	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	78	1	2	2	-	1,014.00	15.00	1,029.00	13.00	26.00	26.00	-	-	65.00	964.00	
38	Westport	63	3	1	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	63	0	6	0	21.00	819.00	-	840.00	-	78.00	-	-	-	78.00	762.00	
39	Rolla	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	0	0	23	-	1,885.00	53.45	1,938.45	-	-	299.00	-	-	299.00	1,639.45	
40	York	66	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	4	9	59	9	3	10	-	767.00	7.65	774.65	117.00	39.00	130.00	-	-	286.00	488.65	
41	Carthage	101	4	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	100	6	7	1	28.00	1,300.00	-	1,328.00	78.00	91.00	13.00	-	15.05	197.05	1,130.95	
42	Sedalia	86	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	6	8	79	2	3	7	7.00	1,027.00	66.15	1,001.15	26.00	39.00	91.00	-	-	156.00	944.15	
43	Bonne Terre	102	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	8	14	88	8	2	8	-	1,144.00	7.35	1,151.35	104.00	26.00	104.00	-	-	234.00	917.35	
44	Kirksville	307	3	0	1	4	2	0	0	41	0	2	45	266	0	12	6	21.00	3,438.00	-	3,479.00	-	156.00	78.00	-	154.35	388.35	3,090.65	
45	Kansas City	69	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	5	64	1	11	0	-	832.00	-	832.00	13.00	143.00	-	-	7.35	163.35	668.65	
46	Neosho	86	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	9	0	3	12	77	1	4	2	14.00	1,001.00	14.35	1,029.35	13.00	52.00	26.00	-	-	91.00	938.35	
47*	Trinity	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	-	468.00	399.90	867.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	867.90	
48	Jeremiah	193	9	0	1	10	5	0	0	0	0	9	14	189	19	4	32	63.00	2,457.00	80.40	2,600.40	247.00	52.00	416.00	-	-	715.00	1,885.40	
49	Independence	180	6	0	2	8	2	0	0	13	0	7	22	166	3	11	25	42.00	2,138.00	22.05	2,222.05	39.00	143.00	325.00	-	-	507.00	1,715.05	
50	Liberty	201	2	2	1	5	4	0	0	11	0	9	24	182	7	4	20	14.00	2,366.00	-	2,380.00	91.00	52.00	260.00	-	88.20	491.20	1,888.80	
51	East Gate	70	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	69	2	0	4	7.00	897.00	110.25	1,014.25	26.00	-	52.00	-	-	78.00	936.25	
53	Harmony	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	47	0	0	0	-	611.00	-	611.00	-	-	-	-	395.15	395.15	215.85	
56	Lebanon	74	5	2	0	7	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	76	1	1	12	35.00	988.00	7.35	1,030.35	13.00	13.00	156.00	-	-	182.00	848.35	
58	Bert S. Lee	36	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	35	3	0	4	21.00	455.00	7.35	483.35	39.00	-	52.00	-	-	91.00	392.35	
59	Shelby	35	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	1	21.00	494.00	7.35	522.35	-	13.00	13.00	-	-	26.00	496.35	
	TOTAL	3499	84	9	20	113	33	0	0	149	13	107	302	3310	159	169	302	\$ 588.00	\$ 43,030.00	\$ 3,195.55	\$ 46,813.55	\$ 2,067.00	\$ 2,197.00	\$ 3,926.00		\$ 807.45	\$ 8,998.15	\$ 37,815.40	
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No.	Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	09 Credits	09 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/09	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited
1	Hiram	\$ -	\$ 620.05	\$ 614.40	\$ -		\$ 614.40		\$ 5.65	\$ 580.74	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 103.40	\$ 380.00	\$ 1,804.14	\$ 25.85	\$ -	\$ -	No	No	Yes
9	St. Joseph	-	2,711.00	2,659.00	-		2,659.00		52.00	4,483.67	30,990.00	500.00	800.00	-	36,883.67	20.00	1,000.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Cape	-	873.55	779.30	-		779.30		94.25	1,152.44	9,854.99	4,000.00	240.00	-	15,247.43	13.00	220.00	153.30	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	Shekinah	30.00	634.20	-	-		-	-	634.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-	-
25	Zabud	-	4,006.90	3,809.95	-		3,809.95		196.95	5,146.31	-	1,000.00	-	-	6,146.31	23.00	128.00	80.10	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Poplar Bluff	-	571.65	571.65	-		571.65		-	411.67	-	-	30.00	-	441.67	15.00	47.45	47.45	No	No	Yes
28*	Chillicothe	30.00	3,590.50	-	-		-	-	3,590.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-	-
30	Jasper	-	981.00	992.00	-		992.00	11.00	-	1,750.02	10,213.77	592.33	338.00	-	12,894.12	13.00	-	33.33	Yes	Yes	Yes
32	Ezra	30.00	757.05	774.00	-		774.00	16.95	-	4,413.62	11,139.25	2,500.00	580.00	-	18,632.87	20.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
34	Centralia	15.00	1,980.00	1,918.35	-		1,918.35		61.65	4,142.04	-	25,000.00	-	-	29,142.04	28.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
35	Fidelity	-	404.00	404.00	-		404.00		-	3,264.38	25,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	30,764.38	10.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
37	Trenton	-	964.00	964.00	-		964.00		-	1,425.75	-	-	182.00	-	1,607.75	13.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
38	Westport	-	762.00	775.00	-		775.00	13.00	-	1,368.20	-	-	-	-	1,268.20	32.35	36.50	29.20	No	No	Yes
39	Rolla	30.00	1,609.45	-	-		-	-	1,609.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.35	-	-	-	-	-
40	York	-	488.65	488.65	-		488.65		-	2,469.31	811.45	-	-	-	3,280.76	29.35	25.00	25.00	No	No	Yes
41	Carthage	-	1,130.95	1,150.95	-		1,150.95	20.00	-	2,825.97	-	300.00	182.00	-	3,307.97	16.00	101.00	-	-	-	No
42	Scandia	-	944.15	905.15	-		905.15		39.00	156.39	-	-	37.50	50.00	143.89	8.50	-	-	No	No	Yes
43	Bonne Terre	-	917.35	865.35	-		865.35		52.00	3,625.00	-	100.00	-	-	3,725.00	17.00	287.70	140.65	Yes	Yes	Yes
44	Kirksville	15.00	3,105.65	3,042.65	-		3,042.65		63.00	8,292.34	20,003.33	-	1,350.00	2,256.45	27,426.22	28.00	288.30	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
45	Kansas City	-	668.65	668.65	-		668.65		-	525.00	-	-	225.00	-	750.00	22.95	20.00	42.20	Yes	Yes	Yes
46	Neosho	-	938.35	925.85	-		925.85		12.50	2,222.89	-	-	-	-	2,222.89	9.35	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
47*	Trinity	30.00	897.90	-	-		-	-	897.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-	-
48	Jeremiah	-	1,885.40	1,000.00	-		1,000.00		885.40	676.38	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,676.38	25.50	-	-	No	No	Yes
49	Independence	-	1,715.05	1,715.05	-		1,715.05		0.00	1,631.87	14,597.81	-	-	-	16,229.68	24.70	-	-	-	-	-
50	Liberty	-	1,888.80	2,031.80	-		2,031.80	143.00	-	6,199.05	41,172.39	-	-	-	47,371.44	15.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	No
51	East Gate	-	936.25	932.25	-		932.25		4.00	933.63	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,933.63	10.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
53	Harmony	-	215.85	185.30	-		185.30		30.55	700.00	-	-	-	-	700.00	14.00	-	-	No	No	No
56	Lebanon	-	848.35	810.70	37.65	15-Feb-10	848.35	0.00	-	1,379.94	-	1,025.00	-	-	2,404.94	20.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
58	Bert's Lee	-	392.35	372.00	-		372.00		20.35	1,151.48	-	-	-	-	1,151.48	13.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
59	Shelby	30.00	526.35	476.35	-		476.35		50.00	1,500.88	-	1,000.00	-	-	2,500.88	22.50	-	-	No	No	Yes
TOTAL		\$ 210.00	\$ 38,025.40	\$ 29,832.15	\$ 37.65		\$ 29,870.00	\$ 203.95	\$ 8,359.35	\$ 62,365.97	\$ 163,692.99	\$ 44,017.33	\$ 4,067.90	\$ 2,686.45	\$ 271,457.74	\$ 557.40	\$ 2,153.95	\$ 551.23			
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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

Your committee on the Grand Masters Address has read the same and find it to be proper and well written.

The section dealing with Edicts, Dispensations and By-law changes will be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

Congratulations are in order for most Illustrious companion Danny on his year as Grand Master.

I move the acceptance of his Address and this report and that they be printed in the proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Wright, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

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

Here with is my report as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council of Missouri. The annual Grand Council School of instruction was held on the 3rd Saturday in September, 2010 at Columbia. I'm sorry to report here were only 7 in attendance. The companions from Rolla Council No. 39 asked for another school, which was held after the Region 4 York Rite Conference at Montgomery City with over 30 companions present.

I recommend that the annual school be held after the Region 4 York Rite Conference as it will be centrally located and hopefully well attended. The new Council Ritual books have been well received although there are some minor mistakes, which will be corrected in later editions. It was my pleasure to present Grand Council Ritual Certificates to:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| • William Gene Snyder | Certificate # 021 |
| • Charles Matthew Huey | Certificate # 009 |
| • Johnny Lee Schlenker | Certificate #'s 008, 011 |

I strongly urge all council officers to study the ritual book and learn their part. So they can open and close without reading from the book. Companions it isn't that hard, all it takes is a little dedication and a sense of a job well done.

In closing I would like to thank the Deputy Grand Lecturers for their time and talents.

Fraternally,

Robert L. Wright, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample, Grand Lecturer

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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

Proposed 2010-2011 Grand Council Budget	
Income	
Per Capita, Membership 2,467 @ \$13.00	\$ 32,071.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,575.00
Greeting Fees, 75 @ \$7.00	525.00
General Fund	
Interest	100.00
Earnings	820.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	35,341.00
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 (2,780 @ \$1.00)	2,780.00
Grand Officer Expense	750.00
Insurance	100.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00
Office Equipment	2,000.00
Office Expenses	2,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities	1,800.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	450.00
Postage	600.00
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	\$ 32,720.00
Total Income	\$ 35,341.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 32,720.00
Balance	\$ 2,621.00

Fraternally submitted,
George M. Merkle
James E. Snavelly, Chairman

Donald L. Trabue (ex-officio)
Kevin B. Sample (ex-officio)

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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

Be it resolved that the By-laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons be amended by inclusion of the following:

A Committee on Time and Place is hereby established and shall consist of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and one designated by them as an assistant who will be empowered by this Grand Council

1. to establish the dates of the Annual Assemblies of this Grand Jurisdiction, keeping in mind that such dates may not conflict with the dates of the Annual Conclaves of Grand Jurisdictions of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment;
2. to investigate, locate and designate the headquarters facility and geographic location for the Grand Assemblies of the Grand Council;
3. to solicit, receive and analyze bids for services as noted in item number 4;
4. to negotiate room rates, complimentary amenities, hospitality suites, meeting room locations (size, layout and design, furniture, appurtenances and accessories), dressing room locations, specialty services, cost of meals (breakfast, lunches, dinners, banquets as needed), and the use and rental of associated electronic equipment and media as required;
5. to enter into and negotiate contracts with facilities selected as the headquarters while keeping in mind the financial bearing of the membership and this Grand Jurisdiction;
6. to sign or otherwise execute such contracts in the name of and in the behalf of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri; and,
7. to closely coordinate all efforts, discussions, visits, written communications and planning with representatives approved and designated for these purposes by the Grand Chapter of Royal Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of this jurisdiction."

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

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

Companions: On April 13, 2010 your committee examined the returns of the 30 Councils in this jurisdiction and found the majority were neatly prepared on the proper forms.

The following Councils have not submitted their returns to date. They are, Shekinah No. 24, Chillicothe No. 28, Ezra No. 32, Rolla No. 39 and Trinity No. 47. Also, to date Chillicothe No. 28 and Trinity No. 47 have still not submitted their 2008 returns and Shelby No. 59 did not send any payment with their 2009 returns. All returns received late will be assessed penalties in accordance with current By-Laws when received.

Many of the returns contained errors which were caused by not keeping an accurate record of events as they occur. There were also many mathematical errors.

Fraternally submitted,
Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVIEW

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

GRAND YORK RITE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT 2010

The combined committee met on March 27, 2010 with the Grand Treasurer, Donald L. Trabue, and the Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder at the beautifully apportioned home and office space of Excellent Companion, Illustrious Companion and Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, and his lovely Lady Roma. The committee thanks our most gracious and tolerant hosts for the amenities offered, the unbounded hospitality extended and the use of facilities.

New faces were welcomed to the committee and time was taken for an explanation of processes and procedures. The chair made substitutions to the individual committees as some of those appointed were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The absences of the most recent Past Grand Secretary/Recorder and Administrative Assistant were felt. However, the Grand Treasurer and Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder did an amiable job of fielding questions from individual committee members and filling in voids.

We will, once again, report that in our opinion, the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies (Bodies) are well protected, in good hands and, the investments are doing as well as can be expected taking into consideration our By-laws, Rules and Regulations and the current state of affairs with the economy.

The report encompasses the transactions of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder for the period June 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. The transactions for the combined sessions of 2009 were available however, time did not permit an exhaustive review. The transactions of the Grand Council charities were scrutinized with no aberrations noted. The transactions of the charities and educational funds, although available, of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, respectively, were, likewise, not reviewed due to time constraints. The transactions of the Grand Chapter fund raiser (new item for the committee) were examined and, without exception, found to be in order. The most recent report and record of Excellent Companion Steven C. Monrotus, Grand Scribe, was accepted.

Having said that, the committee must also address other matters of concern to its individual members, some of which directly refer to spreadsheets and recapitulation (recap) sheets.

One of these involves a rather large expenditure which appears to have been a double entry. This observation was made by first time participant Fred Troxel who is to be commended for this "catch". The committee reviewed this entry and determined that it would have an impact on the bottom line for total expenditures but that removal of same would have the effect of a reduction of total expenditures. That's a good thing and will be reflected in the annual report of the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Some members of the committee noted the absence of warrant numbers on specific checks written to pay the bills. While this has no effect on the bottom line, it was a practice begun under a prior administration as a means for double tracking and accounting for funds. It also makes it much easier for the committee to track expenditures from the Grand Secretary/Recorder to the records maintained by the Grand Treasurer.

In relation thereto, the committee also noted the absence of some warrant numbers on the recaps attached to the checks, warrants, statements and other bills. While the expenditure can still be tracked and justified, the inclusion of warrant numbers on this document does minimize the process. Also, this document depicts the breakdown of expenses charged to the individual Bodies per the percentage of the membership for each. This is a tool that can be used by the Finance and Budget Committees when deliberating the preparation of a budget. It also makes it easier for the Audit Committee to track individual expenditures of the Bodies back to the line items contained in the spreadsheet.

Another concern as pointed out by several members of the committee was the grouping of several (more than one) warrant numbers on a single check but not noting same on the spreadsheet or providing a description of the item on the spreadsheet. While the warrants were eventually tracked and the expenditure for each determined, the process for doing so was confusing and time consuming.

It was noted that some receipts, statements, etc. which would ordinarily be used to corroborate expenditures were lacking.

It appears that some expenditures may have been incorrectly calculated in relation to the percentage breakdown charged to each Body by policy. An incorrect calculation could result in a Body being charged more/less than the actual percentage breakdown calls for. Such situation could have an effect upon the bottom line of a particular Body.

The committee has some concern about the percentage split for the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, the cost of which is reportedly \$5,385.39. It appears that the Grand Chapter is charged with 75% of the cost while the Grand Council is charged only 25%. This appears to be a disparate division of assets which will effect the bottom line of each Body as well as the budget preparation process. If it should be that the Grand Chapter actually has the greater percentage

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of members, i.e., to equate to a 75%-25% split, then the concern is unjustified. However, no justification was included for it.

The committee noticed an entry on the spreadsheets labeled "EFT". We recognize this as an electronic funds transfer. However, no explanation is included as to "from where or to where" the transfer was made or for what purpose. We also note that EFT is sometimes documented under description and sometimes under Ck No. and sometimes not entered at all. In addition, some EFT entries have associated warrant numbers, some do not.

The committee is still experiencing some confusion as to figures that appear in parenthesis under some line items. Generally speaking, figures in parenthesis represent negatives as would appear in the bottom line indicating that the particular line item had exceeded that which had been appropriated for the line item in the approved budget. In this case however, the figures in parenthesis have the totally different connotation that a negative charge has been assessed against that particular line item and not that the particular line item has exceeded appropriated funds.

In relation to this, the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council each have an endowment program. It is the understanding of this committee that participation in these programs reduces the per capita tax paid to each and the cost of the Royal Arch Mason Magazine. Participation in these two programs by individual members could have the effect of reducing expenditures for each Body.

It appears that the policy heretofore has been to refund previously paid costs for meals for the Grand Sessions when a member contacts us for a cancellation. In most cases, we suspect that the Grand York Rite Bodies have already committed to the facility for a certain number of meals for the event. This has the effect of increased costs for the Grand Sessions which ultimately effects the bottom line of the budget. While the committee recognizes there may be exigent circumstances requiring a cancellation, these should be minimal and related to emergencies such as personal or family injury or death to an immediate family member that would prohibit the member's attendance. The committee does not feel that it should be blanket policy to refund these costs simply because a member decides not to attend the assemblies.

The committee again points out the ever ongoing situation with the storage in that, the Bodies are, and have been for quite some time needlessly appropriating rather large sums of money to maintain facilities to house unused furniture and/or other items that have not been needed or utilized by the Bodies for many a year.

In addition, various records, files and documents are being stored in a facility not even under the direct control of the Bodies and certainly not immediately accessible to the administrative staff. These contain the historical background of the Bodies and their individual memberships and are utilized mostly by administrative staff for research purposes, especially for the families of deceased members.

The committee notes that these have been a line item in the budget for many a year, have been addressed several times in prior years by this committee's reports and have heretofore been ignored.

In the Grand York Rite year of 2008-2009, the actual costs associated with the maintenance of storage for that period alone, totaled \$3,160.00. That figure does not take into account the funds spent in prior years. It is money that could be put to better use. For instance, the funds already expended over the years could already have covered the costs to reduce the historical files to electronic media and/or, perhaps, given an incentive to administrative staff. Or perhaps, to help reduce the effects of a failing economy and the loss of investment earnings.

The committee notes the absence of a direct correlation of the proposed/actual budget with/to the actual annual recorded income and/or the funds existing in the general fund (that fund from which accrued expenses are deducted) at the time of the preparation of the budget.

For instance, in the adopted budget for 2008-2009, the budgeted expense for the annual conventions was \$4,000.00 across the board. Yet, no actual costs were considered or included. Under miscellaneous for the same period, \$6,726.97, across the board, was budgeted. Yet, again, no actual costs were included or considered.

These two expense items, if included and by themselves, would have increased total reportable expenditures by a rather healthy sum thereby further increasing the negative balance of the bottom line which is directly proportionate to the availability of funds from income and earnings on investments and the general fund.

It also seems consistent with the above theme that it would be more accurate to report fixed expenditures such as the Grand Secretary/Recorder's and the Administrative Assistant's actual salaries as the actual costs expended rather than a projection for a budgeted entry. At least until such time as either one of them or both is given an increase/decrease. Doing so would have realized a \$7,085.47 reduction of expenditures in the adopted budget.

The items noted in the above 3 paragraphs are not intended as a slam on the Finance and Budget Committees because "that is the way it has always been done". Perhaps it is time to change the "good ole boys routine" and come up with a more accurate method of reporting.

Recommendations:

1. That the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them, take immediate steps to dispose of unneeded, unused, unwanted and unnecessary furniture, equipment, etc. within this coming Grand York Rite year (2010-2011) but certainly, as soon as feasibly possible to eliminate this line item in the budget.

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2. That the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them, investigate the means and costs associated with reducing the historical files, records, documents, etc. to some form of electronic media that can be placed into the hands of administrative staff for instant access. Thereby doing away with storage maintained in an off site, not readily accessible facility and, any costs associated therewith. The Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them must closely coordinate with the Finance and Budget Committees of the Bodies to ascertain the availability of funding. Certainly, some funding will be available for this purpose from that as will be appropriated in the current budget (2010-2011) and, more especially, if item #1 is immediately and without haste, disposed of. This situation also needs immediate attention and certainly within this Grand York Rite year (2010-2011).
3. That the Finance and Budget Committees develop a more accurate means of reporting actual income/expenses in relation to the actual availability of funds in the general fund.
4. That the Grand Secretary/Recorder continue to place the warrant numbers on all checks with the exception of those issued as salaries and/or honorariums so as to maintain the double system of checks and balances previously established and to maintain an additional level of accountability and tracking.
5. That warrants be individually listed on the spreadsheet or if grouped under a single check, further identified in the description for the expenditure.
6. That the Grand Secretary/Recorder insure that all warrants are included in the recapitulation sheets (breakdowns) for expenditures charged to the individual Bodies.
7. That a copy of the aforementioned document be provided to the Committees on Finance and Budget.
8. Insure that all documentation justifying expenditures are included with the recap sheets.
9. Insure that all calculations and charges relating to the percentage breakdowns per individual Body are accurate and properly applied.
10. Review the percentage of split for the Royal Arch Magazine.
11. That the Grand High Priest and Grand Master (2010-2011) include the endowment program of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in their individual agendas and pursue a hard sell for individual participation.
12. That expenditures by credit card be further identified as such in the description on the spreadsheets. And the splits per Body appear to be disparate.
13. Checks received for Knighting fees and per capita should be reported separately when reporting income on the spreadsheets.
14. That the current policy on refunds be further investigated with an eye toward a more restrictive policy.
15. That a descriptive entry be made on the spreadsheets for all entries labeled EFT. The entry should include descriptive information identifying from which and to which accounts the transfer was made and for what purpose. Policy should be developed to decide where the entry should be made. Should it be in the description or under Ck No. Whatever the case, it should be done the same throughout the spreadsheets of the individual Bodies. Measures should be taken to insure that all such entries are actually recorded on the spreadsheets. Warrant numbers should be associated with all EFT entries.
16. That it would be appropriate to include a descriptive explanation for all entries within a line item that are enclosed in parenthesis to avoid further confusion.

Referrals:

Item #1 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for immediate action.

Item #2 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for immediate action.

Item #3 is referred to the Committees on Finance and Budgets for their consideration, comments, actions.

Items #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 are referred to the administrative staff.

Items #6, 7 & 10 are referred to the Committees on Finance and Budget.

Item #11 is referred to the Grand High Priest and Grand Master.

Item #14 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for further review and investigation.

Item #15 is referred to the Grand Treasurer.

Suggestions:

1. That the Finance and Budget Committees of the individual Bodies form into one single entity and prepare a combined report, similar to that of this committee, that addresses the budget preparation and reporting of the Bodies in one centralized document thereby eliminating the need for individual reports for each Body and thereby providing for immediate scrutinization without having to flip through a number of individual

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reports. It is sheer nonsense for the individual Finance and Budget Committees to meet in separate locations at separate times and possibly on separate dates when all can be accomplished in perhaps one sitting by simple appointment and retention of core members of each Body across the board.

2. That the Finance and Budget Committees either be combined with the Audit Committee, across the board, or at the very least, both be instructed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander to meet together in one central location and at the same time. It is sheer nonsense for these two to meet at separate intervals then instruct the Finance and Budget Committee to take into consideration the findings of the Audit Committee when deliberating a proposed budget when no member of the Audit Committee is present to speak to or offer further explanation for the findings. This is a serious disconnect to our system and a detraction thereto.
3. That the Finance and Budget Committee receive and review the document identified in items # 6 & 7 above as a possible tool when considering budget preparation.
4. As to item #16, perhaps it might be an idea to include a legend explaining the differences utilized for the parenthesis to avoid confusion.

Grand Chapter

George L. Duncan
Russell S. Hanson
Donald L. Trabue
Frederick A. Troxel
Loren D. Lloyd
C. C. McLemore III
Steven C. Monrotus
John W. Sisco
Claude M. Eckert(*absent*)
John E. Schofield(*absent*)
Roy L. Gilkey(*absent*)
Roy N. Thomas(*absent*)

Grand Council

George L. Duncan
Russell S. Hanson
Donald L. Trabue
Frederick A. Troxel
Loren D. Lloyd
George M. Merkle
Terry R. Struse(*absent*)
James G. Haddox(*absent*)
Danny D. Smothers(*absent*)
William C. Woolsey(*absent*)
David C. Witte(*absent*)

Grand Commandery

Harold L. Coots
Russell S. Hanson
Donald L. Trabue
Frederick A. Troxel
Loren D. Lloyd
James G. Haddox(*absent*)
James E. Snavely(*absent*)
Larry T. Odom(*absent*)
Harold J. Richardson(*absent*)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

REPORT OF GRAND COUNCIL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Companions:

We want to thank the Council for electing us to serve on the Endowed Membership Committee for this year.

It is our desire that each Council's, Illustrious Master and Secretary would get behind this program and support it 110% by promoting it.

As the title says, this is an endowment which will benefit your Council after their passing because you will continue to receive funds on them. We know that we are in a recession but I am pleased to announce that through November 10, 2009, we had thirteen (13) new members giving us a total membership of 446 endowed members.

If anyone would desire to have our committee men make a presentation in their Council on endowed membership, all you need to do is call us.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

Jose' R. Palacios

Thomas C. Yunick

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

(no report available at time of printing)

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REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY
REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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

Companions: For the calendar year of 2009 the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$3,233.50. Currently, Missouri ranks fifteenth with respect to other jurisdictions and twelfth since the inception of the program. Our grand total is \$104,916.11.

Extenders have been awarded to:
Sedalia Council No. 42

No triangular plaques were awarded.

The top ten subordinate councils with cumulative totals are:

Centralia Council No. 34	\$21,403.20
Sedalia Council No. 42	15,276.00
St. Joseph Council No. 9	8,192.05
Independence Council No. 49	6,984.35
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	5,072.32
Rolla Council No. 39	3,034.00
Hiram Council No. 1	2,864.00
Lebanon Council No. 56	2,465.75
Jeremiah Council No. 48	2,335.00
Liberty Council No. 50	2,000.00

For the period May 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 the only four subordinate councils that have contributed are:

Rolla Council No. 39	\$ 15.00
York Council No. 40	25.00
Sedalia Council No. 42	1,000.00
Neosho Council No. 46	15.00
TOTAL	\$1,055.00

Respectively submitted,
William Gordon Buckner, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Grand Council Education Committee is pleased to congratulate and salute the following Councils and Illustrious Masters for their commitment this year to the Merit Award requirements. All have been satisfied and the Award is presented to:

Hiram Council No. 1, Larry William Schulze
Rolla Council No. 39, Larry Wayne Beck
York Council No. 40, Guy D. Ross

Jeremiah Council No. 48, Edgar D. Piles
Independence Council No. 49, William G. Snyder

Companions, it is disappointing to report that only these 5 of our Councils have labored toward this end. The requirements are not that difficult to attain, and no change is recommended for next term. Any Council that honestly and sincerely tries will succeed. The Education Committee urges the officers and members of all our Councils to be about the pride that comes from being members of a select few of the Fraternity who belong and are active in the Cryptic Rite. We trust that the ensuing term of office will bring even more Councils this recognized achievement.

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Companion	Council	Greeted	Issued
434	Siscel, III, John W.	40	31-Oct-70	03-Jun-09
435	Matthews, Gary Dean	58	08-Nov-08	09-Sep-09
436	Hill, Gerald Ray	56	02-May-09	02-Nov-09
437	McDaniel, David Paul	30	03-May-02	17-Nov-09
438	Colvin, Donald Cardel	32	02-May-09	30-Oct-09
439	Morgan, Tim Lee	20	04-Feb-08	17-Nov-09
440	Richardson, Jeremiah Seth	30	03-May-09	20-Nov-09
441	Monrotus, Steven Caine	43	15-May-93	07-Feb-10
442	Roman, Jr., Willis C.	58	07-May-05	18-Feb-10
443	Volner, Kevin Carol	43	26-Oct-74	22-Feb-10
444	McIntyre, Bernard Anthony	39	13-Aug-01	16-Mar-10
445	Beck, Larry Wayne	39	10-Nov-03	16-Mar-10
446	Handlin, Larry Ralph	34	22-Oct-05	08-Mar-10

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP*(no report available at time of printing)***REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL***(no report available at time of printing)***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***(no report available at time of printing)***REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCES***To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

The regional conference format was to be changed to an aid for educational and leadership training. Education and leadership training should be the primary duty of the conferences.

Again we should leave the duty of promoting our charities, the honor program, the endowed membership, etc. to the region deputies. The conferences should be a training ground for the present and future officers.

Fraternally submitted,
James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH*(no report available at time of printing)*

Grand Masters Address
at the
145th Annual Assembly
of the
Grand Council
of
Cryptic Masons
of the
State of Missouri



Held At
The Lodge of Four Seasons
Lake Ozark, Missouri
May 14, 2010

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER - 2010

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

My Beloved Companions:

The Grand Council Officers and I welcome you this morning to our 145th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. I particularly want to welcome our Past Grand Masters, not only for what they have done in the past years in guiding this Grand Council, but in grateful acknowledgement of all that they continue to do for this Grand York Rite as a whole.

I would be remiss if I did not start my Grand Master's address in honor of my Grand Council Grandfather Most Illustrious Companion Teddie Harrison. 3111 N. Juanita Drive in Buckner, Missouri. This is the address of the Grand Master!

I extend a personal welcome to all of the Masonic leaders from other jurisdictions. We are most pleased to have you with us and hope that you will enjoy the beautiful surroundings the Lake of the Ozarks provide. We have struggled in the past trying to get all of the Grand York Rite business done as quickly as possible. This year we are slowing things down just a bit so you will have ample time to enjoy the area. The Lake of the Ozarks is a destination for many families around the Midwest each year, so since we are here this year, let's enjoy it! Who knows you might even see this Grand Master up on the dam playing some video games this week!

You will see in the Schedule of Events that each of the Grand York Rite bodies will have their own day for the business of the craft. This is a break from the past few years where we have doubled or tripled the amount of Masonic business done in a day.

I also want to tell you that there is plenty of great shopping available in and around this hotel so please also feel free to get your wife or lady a new or special dress.

With guarded anticipation and a sense of humble pride I embarked this year on a journey that would have many rewards, a few of which I would like to touch on now. I have always been in awe of the many acts of kindness that the Masons of this great state have shared with the world in which we live and the continued dedication of the members that have guided this young man down the road of life. You see standing before you this morning a most humble man, one who has had the opportunity and privilege to lead this Grand Council during this past year. Many of you are aware of my triple role of service to the Masonic Fraternity. I have been the Treasurer of Ararat Shrine Temple for the past six years and serve on the Executive Board of the Temple. The responsibilities that this job entails is more than one can imagine on its own, but combined with the other responsibilities that I also have with being Personal Representative of the Kansas City Valley Scottish Rite for the past five years makes the days and weeks go by faster sometimes than a speeding locomotive. Needless to say, I have tried to become the most organized person in America! I have some of the best technologies to handle the endless amount of information from the old fashioned snail mail, to emails, phone calls, and texts, etc. for the organizations that I have been honored to serve for the past few years.

The York Rite Bodies, especially this Grand Council has been near and dear to me since I was asked to serve on the line. Even with the other responsibilities that came my way during the years I have tried earnestly to make the right decisions regarding the welfare and future of this organization with the hope that I will be welcome to sit with the other Past Grand Masters at the conclusion of this Grand Council year.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER - 2010

Being asked to serve the fraternity in any capacity from the Lodge to the York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc. takes dedication. The form of dedication I am talking about is simple, putting the meeting in your calendar, the difficult part is to continue to show-up. The world and this fraternity is ran by the people that show up. So continue your journey and show-up to the meetings that you have committed yourself to be at.

The Officers and Committees of the Grand Council have been very supportive of your Grand Master this past year and to you I offer you the highest gratitude of appreciation. I know that I cannot adequately express my appreciation and know that a "Thank you" seems to be so little.

To the Regional Deputy Grand Masters and Lecturers I would like to express my most heartfelt appreciation for your service. I know that you have all had issues in your respective Regions before I became involved, usually it was taken care of before I became involved because of your care and love of the fraternity. You are very much appreciated and I want you to know that your feedback is an invaluable service to your Grand Officers and your Grand Master.

I know that this was a trying year for the Grand York Rite of Missouri with the split of the responsibilities of the Grand York Rite office. A special thanks is due to the Acting Grand Recorder Fred Troxel, aka FAT, Jr. and of course to office clerical assistant Joyce Sample. Lady Roma was always there to give me advice about the best way to do something or the extra little touch to help the fraternity. Roma you have always been a special person in my life and I "Thank you" for the encouragement along the way. The joint offices worked well together and were very efficient in any matter that needed attention. I am sad to see a very qualified individual in our acting Grand Recorder not able to stay in the position, but know that the Companions will choose the successor wisely.

To my Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the South Central Region, Most Illustrious Stanton T. Brown and his Lady Johnnie, I extend my most humble gratitude for your support, guidance and attendance at this years session. Little did I know seven years ago when you appointed me to this Grand Line in Missouri that I would be able to call you my Boss again! Your friendship with my family over the years has been immeasurable and I thank you for all of the help and advice over the years, you are second to none as far as I am concerned and it will always be my pleasure to work for you. You have been a most dedicated member to this fraternity for over 50 years now and have held leadership positions from our Grand Lodge to leadership positions in Masonic bodies across the county. Your stewardship has definitely made a major impact to the fraternity and has been a major source of inspiration to me. Companions will you please stand and give Most Illustrious Companion Stanton T. Brown a rousing applause of appreciation for his continued service.

To our Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, Companion Joe Vale, your attendance at Missouri's Session is very much appreciated and will leave a lasting memory of this Grand Session. The beautiful coins that you have made for your Triennial have become a great collectible piece for many companions and will be an added boost of Missouri's contribution to the CMMRF.

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With a grateful heart, I express my appreciation and love to my best friend and wife Holly. Even though she may not always be with me her dedication to helping me and giving advice is always needed. To my three beautiful daughters, Bailee, Rilee and Jaynee, thank you so much for believing in your Grand Master Daddy to do the right thing. The special times that we have had will continue in the future. I am ready to go swimming!

I have dedicated this year to two very special Past Grand Masters of Missouri, Most Illustrious Companion Edgar F. Coonrod, and Most Illustrious Companion George R. Johnson. Companion Coonrod was in front of me in the line for many years and served the Grand Council faithfully. Last year he passed away about 10 days before this session. I would have loved to have waited that extra 10 days to take the helm of the Grand Council responsibilities but duty called for me to step-up. I feel fortunate that as Companion Coonrod's health was deteriorating, I called PGM Robert Wright to recognize Edgar and present him with his Past Grand Master jewel and certificate from the General Grand Council. Most Illustrious Companion George R. Johnson was a great leader in the Masonic fraternity and a good friend to many of us in the Kansas City area. He was Grand Master 30 years ago and was still going to many meetings only a month from when he passed away. The loss of these two great Missouri Companions and their dedication will be sorely missed and it makes all of us have to work just a little bit harder.

Our Bylaws (Article 2, Sec. 11, (9) require that the Grand Master present a written report of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Council and of the condition of the Rite within the jurisdiction together with such recommendations as he may deem conducive to its prosperity and advancement at each Grand Assembly.

It is my ardent prayer that the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth will look with favor upon all we have done and attempted to do. May his wisdom and grace be with you all in the coming years, and may he bless this Fraternity with prosperity, peace and mutual respect.

NECROLOGY

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we did for others and the world remains and is immortal.” This famous quote by Albert Pike, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite, is the foundation for what the fraternity is all about. This one particular quote is what I have tried to live my life by.

To make the fraternity just a little better than it was before us...because one by one, they pass away, the Brothers of our adoption, the Companions of our choice, for we must all answer the summons of the grim reaper. Many of our Companions have been called from labor to refreshment and we mourn their passing and send our heartfelt sympathies to their families and friends.

We will now have the Memorial Service by our Grand Chaplain.

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SURETY BOND

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

VISITATIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS

It was my honor and privilege to appoint the following Companions as Grand Council officers for the year 2009-2010.

David C. Witte	Grand Conductor of the Council
Terry R. Struse	Grand Marshal
William G. Snyder	Grand Steward
Roger D. Salyer	Grand Sentinel
Paul R. Cannon	Asst. Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver	Grand Chaplain
Robert L. Wright, PGM	Grand Lecturer
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
John E. Schofield	Grand Organist

I was also pleased to appoint the following Companions as Regional Deputy Grand Officers of the Grand Council for the year 2009-2010

Michael L. Dodd	RDGM	1	Harley L. Kropf, RDGL
Lloyd F. Waller	RDGM	2	Ronald E. Wood, Jr., RDGL
Aaron M. Shoemaker	RDGM	3a	George L. Duncan, RDGL
Daniel R. Quesenberry	RDGM	3b	Mark S. Schroer, RDGL
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM	RDGM	4	Robert H. Bray, PGM, RDGL
Thomas L. Thomason	RDGM	5	Kevin E. Weaver, RDGL
Lee L. Francis	RDGM	6	Johnny L. Schlenker, RDGL
Joseph P. Krill	RDGM	7a	Bradley T. Hicks, RDGL
Walter W. Doyle	RDGM	7b	CC McLemore, III, RDGL

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

Iowa - Aaron Shoemaker
Arizona - Donald Huggins

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MASONIC YOUTH

It was my honor and privilege to attend the State Conclave of Missouri DeMolay over the Memorial Day weekend last year and present the Grand Council Masonic Youth Award to Andrew Scholl from Excelsior Chapter in Jackson, Missouri. Being a Senior DeMolay from Missouri, I always feel like I am coming home each year when I attend Missouri's State Conclave. I have been going for almost 30 years now without missing! I am starting to feel old! Your Grand Commander Ronnie Green and his wife Margaret and I were ritual judges of some great ritualists. We need to capitalize on the young DeMolays and bring them into the fraternity. I know that their skills in memorization is something that we could all learn and apply to our beautiful ritual ceremonies. Then, we can watch great ritual work in our York Rite.

It was my honor and privilege to attend the Missouri Job's Daughter session in Jefferson City on June 25th, 2009 and present the Grand Council Masonic Youth award to Ashley Ray from Bethel 43 from Fenton, Missouri.

It was also my honor and privilege to attend the Missouri Rainbow Girls Grand session in Springfield, Missouri on June 28th and present the Grand Council Masonic Youth award to Taylor Morris from Assembly 78 from Waynesville, Missouri.

Both of these female organizations are working well and are doing great membership programs. They are very fortunate to have good leadership in their Bethels and Assemblies.

All three of the Masonic Youth Groups were presented with a \$500 check for an investment in their programs. If you are not involved at some level with a Masonic Youth group you do not know what you are missing. The reward of seeing the growth of the young Masonic kids into mature young people is one of the special blessings that only an advisor to the youth will get to see. This is especially gratifying when they see these young people exercising the same Masonic principals that we all follow.

TIME CAPSULE

On June 28th, 2009 Grand High Priest George Duncan, Right Emminent Grand Commander Ronnie Green and myself assembled in Branson, Missouri to inspect the area around the time capsule. Everything was found to be in good order.

EDICTS, DISPENSATIONS & BY-LAW CHANGES

I apologize for the many different decisions during the year not being included in this Grand Master's address. I had some computer problems and was not able to retrieve the file that I had stored some of these documents in. Most of the changes were minor and were a matter of approval by the head of the body.

Also, most of these decisions were sent to the Grand York Rite office and are on record at the office and in the Councils that made the requests.

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WEBSITE

At the conclusion of last years session I volunteered to reorganize and make the website into a more efficiently ran system and be completely updated. This was a six month process of many calls and meetings and emails, etc. to make the dream become a reality. The look of the new website is now cleaner and more up to date. The webmaster, Companion and Sir Knight Brent Marchant has this website hosted on a system for the Grand York Rite for free! He also dedicated many hours of time and labor to make the site one of the best on the internet. When you see Brent give him a tip of the Old chapeau! Thank you Brent for a job well done!

CHARITIES AND CALENDAR PROJECT

The Grand Council is fortunate to have the Bruce Harmon Hunt Endowment to fund the three Masonic Youth Groups each year. The calendar project is a continuing source of money for this fund. During my year as Deputy Grand Master I talked to the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to see if they would like to be involved in the calendar project for their endowments. They both agreed and this year it was the Calendar Project of all three of the Grand Bodies for Missouri. I hope this continues into the future so that we will continue to see the benefit of this labor in our finances. Every little bit helps.

RITUAL

As we journey on in time the ritual of our beloved Council is still as beautiful as it was many years ago when the Councils were bigger. However, with the attrition and loss of the members, the number of Companions that know the bigger parts is becoming harder to find. At this point I am aware of only two Councils in Missouri that can put on the full Super Excellent Master degree. We continue to use the Festival system to bring new members into the York Rite. One of my main concerns is what kind of work will be done back in the Councils when these new Companions start showing up. They will need to use the ritual books to become familiar with the work, so we need to encourage them to use it a few times and concentrate on learning their parts so they can put the books down. The degree work that I saw at the Festivals this past year was incredibly well done! And to the brothers that know the big parts, start looking for somebody who is interested in the part and mentor them in learning the part as your back-up. This will help our Councils in the future.

I know that there are many Councils around Missouri that are doing well. This is indicated by the reports that I have received from Regional Deputy Grand Masters. I offer my most hearty "thank you" for a job well done this year and past years. Please continue to recruit and train the new Companions that join our ranks.

TRAVELS OUTSIDE OF MISSOURI

Because of my work responsibilities and other Masonic responsibilities I only travelled outside of Missouri only three times during this Grand Council year. In July of

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last year I attended the York Rite Sovereign College of North America's annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The amount of information that a person receives by going outside of the jurisdictional lines is incredible. In September, 2009, I attended the Southwest Conference of York Rite Masons in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This is another great event and it is nice to meet with the Regional officers of the Midwest States. In April, 2010, I attended the Grand Council of Kansas. I was welcomed and treated extremely well by our next door neighbors. It really was a lot of fun meeting and talking to the Companions in Kansas and seeing how they conduct their meeting.

APPOINTMENTS FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE MISSOURI

I was proud to appoint Robert W. Schlichter as my representative to the Grand Council Meetings in the States of Louisiana and Arkansas. I was also happy and most pleased to appoint Aaron Shoemaker as my representative to attend a Grand Meeting of Masons in Wales, England. Companion Shoemaker was fortunate to have dinner with the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. I know that he had a great time, when you see him this weekend stop and talk to him about this fabulous trip.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

While this section of the outgoing Grand officer is some of the most anticipated remarks to be read by the Companions, it is also one of the hardest to write and not get too wordy. There is a problem in certain York Rite bodies that your current Grand officers have talked about but without much action taken. In some of the York Rite Bodies around the state there are groups that are not meeting but still sending in "annual returns and per capita money" for the membership of these groups. In some cases it has been two years since a meeting. Inherently they are shutting their selves down by not encouraging a meeting at least every other month. This can be accomplished by rotating the Chapter and Council meeting and declaring one of the bodies open. There are many Councils that struggle to open without the aid of books and the requirement of nine members being present. Several times this year, even with the meeting being scheduled months in advance with the Grand Master and other guests present, we almost would not have been able to open the Council. This is very disheartening to me and your Grand officers. We are not sure what we can do to help bring the enthusiasm back into your York Rite bodies. We will be more than happy to assist but we cannot do your job for you. You know the Masons in your area better than we do. You have to get your wives involved and invite interesting speakers that will interest the Companions and their wives. Show a Masonic movie, have a quality catered meal, and they will want to come back!!!

Enthusiasm breeds more ideas and help. Get the newer and younger Companions involved and ask them for their ideas. I have heard the stories about "if the tire is working there is no reason to fix it. However, if the tire stays on long enough it will go flat." Change it up a bit and let's get the York Rite back up to what it used to be.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Each year it falls to the outgoing Grand Master to make his recommendations to the Craft in those areas that he feels would benefit the Fraternity and its members. The recommendations that I offer are borne from my strong affection for the ritual and the knowledge that doing what is right will be for the betterment of the Craft.

1. The Grand Bodies in joint session would be for the host for Regional York Rite Conferences. This would solidify the dates, and they could be set on specific dates for several years out. Your Grand Officers tried to make it to all of the Regional conferences, however, some we did not know about and others we found out too late and things were already scheduled. There was even one instance that there were two Regional conferences on the same day.

We know these conferences are important and this can be accomplished because our Grand Lodge of Missouri runs the dates of the region meetings for the state. The Regional Deputy Grand Officers could still run the meetings but the dates and times and locations would be set by the Grand Officers of the three bodies. We also think that some of the Regions could combine together for a more beneficial meeting by having more Companions and Sir Knights in attendance.

2. Continue to support the Blue Lodges and their work. This is main place for us to get our future Companions from. If we are not “showing-up” then we will not be able to recruit.

3. Continue to work on committing the Opening and Closing to memory. This coincides with Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Sonny Miller in committing at least the Opening and Closing to memory with minor use of the ritual book in the Council room. This should also be a major focus for the Festival way of bringing in new members at once. To look at a book and then look at a new candidate detracts from the degree work being presented.

4. Continue to support the Bruce Harmon Hunt Charity Endowment fund in joint cooperation with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery Calendar project. This will hopefully get more people out selling the calendars.

5. Make an effort to have a calling program to make sure a member that has not paid his dues is not dropped until a member has contacted him to ascertain the cause of his non-payment. This has worked well in many jurisdictions around the country.

CLOSING REMARKS

To the many Companions around the state that I did not get a chance to meet here or there or all of the meetings in between I apologize. Time just ran out.

There are many Companions that I would like to thank for their support and encouragement this past year. I would first like to thank Most Illustrious Companion Stanton T. Brown for his appointment of me to the Grand Council Officer line and his presiding at my Installation one year ago.

To all of the Grand Officers and Regional Deputies, Committee appointments, Past Grand Masters and Companions “thank you” for your help in keeping the York Rite alive and kicking in particular the Grand Council for the past 145 years! We just need to continue working a little bit harder each day.

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To the York Rite offices: Fred Troxel and his wife Roma for keeping me going and giving me advice on many different issues. And to Joyce Sample, for keeping me informed of all the projects and meetings going on in Missouri and around the Country.

To all of the Companions of Kansas City Council #45, thank you for the case for my Grand Masters apron and the great reception that you hosted with Harry S Truman York Rite College at my home lodge in Buckner Missouri. I am glad that I can call you my home Council.

And to my travelling counterparts in the Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Grand High Priest George Duncan and his wife Mary, the Grand Commandery, Right Emminent Grand Commander Ronnie Green and his wife Margaret, "thank you for your support and dedication." It was a great year and a lot of fun to be associated with you and your wives.

And lastly to my family for their support and love to me during this intense year of Masonic business that I needed to work on at different times.

I knew at the beginning of this year that there would be many challenges as we ventured down the road, but I feel we have overcome and learned to be better Companions. I hope you feel the same way that I do.

Yours in the faith,

Fraternally,

Dan Smothers, Grand Master 2009-2010

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



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LODGE OF FOUR SEASONS, LAKE OZARK, MISSOURI
MAY 13, 2010 A.M. 2540

GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI - 2010

Lodge of Four Seasons

Lake Ozark, MO

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 PM Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing
3:00 PM Early Registration - All 3 Bodies
6:00 PM Golf Awards Banquet - Open to All

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - All 3 Bodies - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Breakfast - Open to All
9:30 AM Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC - Open to Ladies and Guests
9:50 AM Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Presentation of Grand Council Officers
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
10:00 AM Formal Opening of the 145th Grand Council
Welcoming Comments by Grand Master
Reception of Missouri Past Grand Masters
Reception of Missouri Regional Deputy Grand Masters
Reception of Grand Lecturer and Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Council Officers
Reception of General Grand Council Officers
Reception of General Grand Council Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
10:30 AM Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
Address of Grand Master
Report of Committee on Grand Masters Address
10:50 AM Report of Jurisprudence Committee
Report of Finance Committee
Address of General Grand Council Officer
11:50 AM Election of Officers
Routine Business
Report of Election of Officers
Acceptance of Officers
Report of Grand Master Elect
Report of Committee on Time and Place
12:00 PM Grand Council Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
Lunch on Your Own
1:00 PM Order of the Silver Trowel
3:00 PM Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to All
2008-2009 Grand Council Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Council Officers
5:00 PM Close Grand Council
Pictures
Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - Chapter and Commandery only - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Yeomen of York Breakfast - Open to All
8:00 AM Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 - Royal Arch Masons
9:00 AM Presentation of Missouri Grand Chapter Officers - Open to Ladies and Guests

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Thursday, May 13, 2010 (cont)

Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
Formal Opening of the 164th Grand Chapter
Reception of Missouri Past Grand High Priests
Reception of Missouri District Deputy Grand High Priests
Reception of Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Lecturers
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers
Reception of General Grand Chapter Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
Address of Grand High Priest
Report of Jurisprudence Committee
Resume Labor and Remaining Business
Report of Finance Committee
Report of Grand Treasurer
Report of Grand Secretary
11:00 AM Election of Officers
Routine Business
Report of Election of Officers
Acceptance of Officers
Report of Grand High Priest Elect
Report of Committee on Time and Place
11:45 AM Address of General Grand Chapter Officer
12:00 PM Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
Lunch on Your Own
1:30 PM Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Open to All Master Masons
3:00 PM Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to All
2008 - 2009 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Officers
5:00 PM Close Grand Chapter
Pictures
5:30 PM Order of High Priesthood
7:00 PM Grand Chapter Officers Dinner
Grand Council Officers Dinner
Grand Commandery Officers Dinner
Dinner on your own
8:00 PM Grand Preceptory of Yeomen of York

Friday, May 14, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - Commandery only - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast - Open to All
8:00 AM Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander
Formal Opening of 149th Grand Commandery - Open to Ladies and Guests
Roll Call and Introduction of Grand Commandery Officers
Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders
Reception of Missouri Regional Grand Commanders
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers
Reception of Grand Encampment Officers
Reception of Grand Encampment Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
Address of Grand Commander
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests

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Friday, May 14, 2010 (cont)

9:00 AM	Reconvene Grand Commandery Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee Report of Finance Committee Report of Grand Treasurer Report of Grand Recorder
10:30 AM	Election of Officers Additional Committee Reports - as needed Routine Business Report of Election of Officers Acceptance of Officers Report of Grand Master Elect Report of Committee on Time and Place
11:15 AM	Address of Grand Encampment Officer
11:30 AM	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
11:45 AM	Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting
12:00 PM	Yeomen of York - Lunch - Open to All
1:00 PM	Past Commanders Association
3:00 PM	Grand Commandery Reconvened - Open to All 2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers
5:00 PM	Grand Commandery Called from Labor Pictures
6:00 PM	Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Reception, Banquet and Entertainment Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander Reception of Presiding Distinguished Guests
8:00 PM	Knights of York Cross of Honour business meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010

7:00 AM	Breakfast - Open to All
7:00 AM	Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges
8:00 AM	Grand Commandery Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All
6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation - Open to All

Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:00 AM	Religious Service - Open to All
9:00 AM	Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to All

Ladies Program

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 PM	Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing
6:00 PM	Golf Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

8:30 AM	Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
9:30 AM	Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC
9:50 AM	Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76 Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
10:00 AM	Assorted Games
3:00 PM	Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to All 2007-2008 Grand Council Awards Presentation

Ladies Program (cont)

5:00 PM Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Council Officers
Close Grand Council
Pictures
Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 13, 2010

8:00 AM Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
3:00 PM Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to All
2007-2008 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Officers
Close Grand Chapter
Pictures
7:00 PM Grand Chapter Officers Dinner
Grand Council Officers Dinner
Grand Commandery Officers Dinner
Dinner on your own

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:00 AM Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
8:00 AM Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander
Formal Opening of 149th Grand Commandery - Open to Ladies and Guests
12:00 PM Ladies Luncheon
3:00 PM Grand Commandery Reconvened - Open to All
2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers
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Reception of Presiding Distinguished Guests

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GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
2009-2010

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

George L. Duncan (3)	Grand High Priest
Christopher C. McLemore, III (38,61,110)	Grand King
Steven C. Monrotus (129)	Grand Scribe
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP (34,2)	Grand Treasurer
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (12)	Acting Grand Secretary
Claude M. Eckert (66)	Grand Captain of the Host
John E. Schofield (75,12)	Grand Principal Sojourner
Roy L. Gilkey (64)	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Roy N. Thomas (145)	Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil
Loren D. Lloyd (123)	Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil
John W. Sisco (146)	Grand Master of the 1 st Veil
Daniel R. Quesenberry (12)	Grand Chorister
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14,2)	Grand Historian
James M. Williams, PGHP (14,2)	Grand Historian Emeritus
Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP (93,2)	Grand Lecturer
Fred M. Harle, Sr. (12)	Grand Organist
Ralph E. Nolan (12)	Grand Chaplain
Ronald L. Barrett (3)	Grand Sentinel

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Charles E. Cooper	Region 1, District A (53,118,123)
Michael L. Dodd	Region 1, District B (7,22,79,86,99)
Dan G. Daniel	Region 2, District A (30,66,80)
William W. Mier	Region 2, District B (4,14)
Ronald L. Barrett	Region 3, District A (3,10,12)
Robert A. Duncan	Region 3, District B (28,102,136,139)
Farrell D. Sexson	Region 3, District C (18,43,90,145)
Terry R. Struse	Region 4, District A (17,27,93)
Stephen C. Derendinger	Region 4, District B (32,34,58)
Dennis E. Fetter	Region 5 (1,25,78,131,146,148)
Alfred L. Mason	Region 6 (75,114,129)
James A. Nunn	Region 7, District A (5,15,64,110,137)
Christopher C. McLemore, IV	Region 7, District B (38,52,56,61,91)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

David A. Lloyd	Region 1, District A (53,123)
Harley L. Kropf, PGHP	Region 1, District B (7,22,79,86,99)
Delbert R. Gentry, PGHP	Region 2, District A (30,66,80)
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Region 2, District B (4,14)
Scott S. Crawford	Region 3, District A (3,10,12)
Forrest G. Lowe	Region 3, District B (28,102,136,139)
Jack E. Timmons	Region 3, District C (18,43,90,145)
Russell S. Hanson	Region 4, District A (17,27,93)
Timothy R. Lehnhoff	Region 4, District B (32,34,58)
Robert L. Wright	Region 5 (1,25,78,131,146,148)
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200-2010 GRAND CHAPTER STANDING COMMITTEES

Address of Grand High Priest	Robert E. Hardester, Chairman	Jurisprudence	Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman Stanton T. Brown C. Brent Stewart Walter W. Doyle
Credentials	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Ted W. Harrison Jerry Bradford	Returns of Chapters	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Ted W. Harrison C. C. McLemore, III
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Finance	C.C. McLemore, III, Chairman Steven C. Monrotus Claude M. Eckert	Triennial	George L. Duncan, Chairman Harley L. Kropf José R. Palacios Kenneth D. Dingman

2009-2010 GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit	Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman Russell S. Hanson Grand Chapter Line Officers	Ritual	Calvin D. Schroff, Chairman Scott S. Crawford Roy L. Gilkey District Deputy Grand Lecturers
Charity	Harley L. Kropf, Chairman Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. Donald L. Trabue Kevin B. Sample	Royal Arch Mason Magazine	Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman
Endowed Membership	Walter W. Doyle, Chairman Donald L. Trabue Kevin B. Sample	Royal Arch Research Assistance	José R. Palacios, Chairman Foster S. Crawford Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Golf Tournament	James E. Snavely Donald L. Trabue	York Rite Conference	John E. Schofield, Chairman Claude M. Eckert Roy N. Thomas District Deputy Grand High Priests
Membership and Youth Activities	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman David W. Haywood Kevin E. Weaver		

General Grand Chapter Officers

Harley L. Kropf	General Grand Chapter Ambassador in Missouri
Burt F. Lee	Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
Emory J. "Smokey" Ferguson	General Grand High Priest

NECROLOGY

Rev. Ralph E. Nolan, Grand Chaplain

"O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart" Ps 15:1-2

Today we, the living, have gathered together once again, to renew the friendships and brotherly love that have been bonded together by months, years, and, perhaps, decades of sharing the common goal, of being companions composing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. This year, as in past years, we are saddened knowing that 80 of our companions and friends with whom we have shared life are no longer with us, but have heard their names called by the God that created them. We think of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Clarence L. Alumbaugh whose direction we followed in 1993-1994, whose name was called by his Creator on March 28, 2010, and of Marie Wood, wife of Rev. Ronald E. Wood Jr. They have started a new journey along with the companions that had heard their names called by their Creator in years past. They are on a journey that we, the living, must still experience. Our companions that have heard their names called this Grand Chapter year are not forgotten. Their deeds, their work in the various Chapters around the state, and their memories will be with us until we, too, enter that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Delno J. Spellman	1970-1971
Charles A. Bottermuller	1971-1972
E. Allen Kohler	1976-1977
P. Vincent Kinhead	1980-1981
Gene M. Zinn	1981-1982
David A. Watson	1983-1984
Virgil L. Bailey	1984-1985
James M. Williams	1985-1986
Richard D. Carroll	1987-1988
Foster S. Crawford	1988-1989
Ervin A. Drewing	1989-1990
Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.	1990-1991
Larry L. Muir	1992-1993
William E. Brenneman	1995-1996

LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Ralph P. Bunnell	1996-1997
Calvin D. Schroff	1997-1998
Robert W. Schlichter	1998-1999
José R. Palacios	1999-2000
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	2000-2001
Roy A. Welshon, Sr.	2002-2003
Delbert R. Gentry	2003-2004
Walter W. Doyle	2004-2005
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary	2005
Donald L. Trabue, Honorary	2005
Harley L. Kropf	2005-2006
William B. Stephenson, Jr.	2006-2007
Kenneth D. Dingman	2007-2008
Robert E. Hardester	2008-2009

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

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

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

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 36,013.19
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 43,195.97	
Interest Earned	328.79	
Increase in Market Value (Investors Services)	4,249.82	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 47,774.58</u>	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #58915 - #1807 thru 1819	\$ 9,701.16	
Jefferson Act. #74544 - #2450 thru 2576	35,901.98	
Jefferson Act. #74325 - #1214 thru 1215	17.16	
Jefferson Act. #463929 - Debits	<u>2,208.04</u>	
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ 47,828.34</u>	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts:		(\$ 53.76)
Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 35,959.43

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #58915, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$ 496.87	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	172.50	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	172.37	
Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	(4,590.67)	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	1,297.97	
CD #5630, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.51%, Matures 7/27/10	18,449.65	
Investors Services (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	<u>\$ 19,860.74</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 35,959.43

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$119,276.62
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1,161.34	
Increase in Market Value, etc. (Commerce Bank Special Act.)	2,323.21	
Increase in Market Value, etc. (American Balanced Fund)	11,768.64	
Increase in Market Value, etc. (Investors Services)	<u>680.59</u>	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 15,933.78</u>	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 15,933.78</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2010		\$135,210.40

Statement of Assets – General Fund (Special Account)

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 5,783.19	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	198.99	
C.D. #901183554, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.80%, Matures 3/6/11	20,000.00	
C.D. #256805, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.45%, Matures 6/2/11	43,303.33	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00(Market Value)	14,982.72	
American Balanced Fund (thru Premier Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	40,761.58	
Investors Services (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	<u>3,180.59</u>	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2010		\$135,210.40

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSOURI

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER (cont)

June 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 96,627.23
Receipts: Memberships (16)	\$ 6,580.00	
Interest Earned	1,266.15	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>7,501.42</u>	
Total Receipts	\$15,347.57	
Disbursements: (Overpayment Refund)	\$ 60.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$ 15,287.57
Balance, Life Membership Fund, March 31, 2010		\$111,914.80

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 12,040.02	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	613.94	
CD #15308, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 5/17/10	21,713.51	
CD #337536, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 11/21/10	18,904.41	
CD #7604, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 12/5/10	10,265.08	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>\$ 48,377.84</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 111,914.80

FOUNDATION FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$135,879.88
Receipts: Interest earned	\$ 2,964.78	
Disbursements to Charities	\$ 1,000.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>1,968.74</u>
Balance, Foundation Account, March 31, 2010		\$137,844.66

Statement of Assets – Foundation Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 358.64	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	4,770.85	
CD #15307, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 5/17/10	21,835.37	
C.D. #5531, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 2.51%, Matures 7/12/10	34,006.83	
C.D. #126425, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.85%, Matures 12/22/10	27,125.04	
C.D. #8413, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.01%, Matures 2/8/11	34,241.73	
C.D. #7702, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.01%, Matures 2/11/11	15,506.20	
Total Assets, Foundation Account, March 31, 2010		\$137,844.66

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 745.16
Receipts: Interest Earned	<u>1.40</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 1.40	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 1.40</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 746.56

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 746.56	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 746.56

PALMYRA FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 3,287.13
Receipts: Interest Earned	2.29	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Commerce Bank Special Act.	<u>394.98</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 397.27	
Disbursements: Secretary/Treasurer Bond	\$ 100.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 297.27</u>
Balance, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 3,584.40

Statement of Assets – Palmyra Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 4,910.30	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	(3,873.17)	
Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Sub-Account #06846-00 (Market Value)	<u>\$ 2,547.27</u>	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 3,584.40

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER (cont)

June 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 10,125.18
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 2,635.29	
Interest Earned	21.28	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,656.57	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 2,656.57
Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 8,730.46
Statement of Assets – Supply Fund		
Prime Advantage Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 12,781.75	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 12,781.75
Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2010		\$438,042.00

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP
Grand Treasurer

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARYS OFFICE

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.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND SECRETARY/ RECORDER

Companions of the York Rite of Missouri;

My first duty to my Companions is to give them, each and everyone, a hearty Thank You for this opportunity to serve the Grand York Rite of Missouri as the Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder. It has been a pleasurable and enlightening experience, and I now have a deeper respect for those who have “gone before”.

I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge those who have “patiently” assisted this office in supporting your Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder. No surprise to any, is the untiring efforts of our Clerical Assistant, Lady Joyce A. Sample, who has been a resource for my daily inquiry of procedures, and a right hand to keep me informed of things to be done.

Another very supportive confidante is our Grand Treasurer, Companion and Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue. His untiring attention to my eccentricities has been a burden on his personal time, and I cannot thank him appropriately for his guidance.

Although I have left many things for the new Secretary/Recorder to finalize, I will still be “in the wings” with the rest of the support staff. To that end, I can only recommend that the Office of Grand Secretary/Recorder be, again, reconstituted and reside in one location. The experience of having separate quarters for this office has compounded the work load, and expense, and placed a disparate amount of work on everyone.

Although my intention to relinquish this office was announced early in the year, only four names have surfaced to be considered by the Grand York Rite for this position: Companions Paul R. Cannon, Stephen C. Derendinger, Jared A. Price and Kevin E. Weaver. Each of these Companions bring a host of experience to the forefront of our Fraternity, and it is up to you, now, to select your next Secretary/Recorder.

I would extend a grateful acknowledgement to our Presiding Grand Officers and their line of officers for their patience and understanding for my lack of experience and oft times slow response to duty and responsibility. It has been a signal honor to work with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George L. Duncan and Lady Mary, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Danny D. Smothers and Lady Holly, and the Grand Commander, Ronnie E. Green and Lady Margaret.

And I most assuredly thank my Lady of 50 years for her support and understanding for these past several months of putting our personal life on hold.

Fraternally submitted,

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. PGC
Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder

2009-2010 Chapter 25-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued
East, Joe C.	Springfield	15	04-May-84	04-Nov-09
Huff, Howard W.	Springfield	15	04-May-84	04-Nov-09
Mease, Densyl L.	Springfield	15	23-Jun-84	04-Nov-09
Morris, Ralph T.	Springfield	15	02-Nov-84	04-Nov-09

2009-2010 Chapter 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Chapter	No.	Exalted	Issued	60 Years
Beal, William Fletcher	Oriental	78	05-Nov-55	08-Sep-09	
Huxley, Dane E.	Springfield	15	21-Nov-59	04-Nov-09	
Marsh, Robert A.	Springfield	15	09-May-58	04-Nov-09	
Morris, James F.	Springfield	15	14-Oct-55	04-Nov-09	
Covington, Charles M.	Triune	93	20-Jan-49	31-Mar-10	60 years
Dowling, Kerry Norman	Triune	93	02-May-50	31-Mar-10	60 years
Niedergerke, William Joseph	Triune	93	02-May-50	31-Mar-10	60 years
Schroff, Calvin Douglas	Triune	93	02-May-50	31-Mar-10	60 years
Kerr, Sr., Robert E.	Poplar Bluff	114	13-Jan-60	07-Apr-10	
Derendinger, Harvey	California	58	06-Mar-59	22-Apr-10	
Matthews, Donald	California	58	18-Dec-59	22-Apr-10	
Melton, Donald	California	58	18-Dec-59	22-Apr-10	

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Chapters	47
Number of Members, December 31, 2008	4546
Number Exalted	102
Number Affiliated	79
Number Reinstated	24
Total Gains	205
Number Dimitted	105
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	2
Number Suspended by Lodge	8
Number Suspended By Chapter NPD	171
Number Died	137
Total Losses	423
Total Members, December 31, 2009	4328
Net Loss	218

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

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2009

No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	High Priest	King	Scribe	Secretary	Election of Officers	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles	May 14, 2004	23-7526764				Thomas L. Thomson	2nd Wed in March	2nd Wednesday	
2	Palmyra	at large	September 14, 1848	23-7526765				Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	N/A	N/A	
3	Liberty	Liberty	October 16, 1847	43-0960409	Forest W. Dugan	Loran D. Frazier	Donald E. Gikerson	Virgil L. Bailey	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	23-Feb-10
4	Weston	Weston	October 16, 1847	23-7526767	None	None	None	Joseph H. Collison	4th Thur in Dec	4th Thursday	16-Mar-10
5	Bolivar	Bolivar	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	Raymond A. Gravely	James E. McManigle	John W. Bennett	John W. Bennett	3rd Wed in Dec	3rd Wednesday	25-Jan-10
7*	Humboldt	Humboldt	May 24, 1861	23-7526769				Roger McGregor	1st Tues in Oct	1st Tuesday	
10	Lexington	Lexington	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	Scott Crawford	Gary L. Bennett	Eddie M. Ludlam	Gentry E. Stone	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	25-Feb-10
12	Independence	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	John S. Lambros	Stanton T. Brown, II	Matthew L. Quesenberry	Glenn E. Means	2nd Thurs in April	2nd Thursday	30-Jan-10
14	Michell	St. Joseph	May 23, 1849	23-7526774	LeRoy L. Salmon	Lowell Fox	Ray Jones	William W. Mer	1st Wed in Nov	1st Wednesday	30-Jan-10
15	Springfield	Springfield	May 16, 1851	44-0449355	Hershel S. Bledsoe	Paul G. Kingsley	Gerald R. McCoy	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	26-Feb-10
17	Columbia	Columbia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	Ronald L. Skiles	Matthew W. Price	Mark A. Bean	Russell S. Hanson	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	25-Feb-10
18	Scalia	Scalia	October 10, 1867	23-7526777	Hulen H. Luetjen	Bret E. Manual	James R. Hamilton	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	3-Mar-10
22	Macon	Macon	May 23, 1854	23-7526780	Ronald L. Perkins	David A. Hutton	Johnnie D. Hamilton	Russell D. Kohl	1st Thurs in Nov	1st Thursday	25-Feb-10
25	Bellefontaine	Hazlewood	May 23, 1856	23-7526781	Metvin A. Ash	Larry D. Ross	Richard J. Holmes	Richard J. Holmes	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday	15-Feb-10
26	Mexico	Mexico	May 22, 1858	43-0728998	Philip J. Moody	Richard A. Mills	Richard A. Mills	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday expt. Dec	27-Feb-10
28	Kansas City	Kansas City	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	Jerry O. Snyder	John Kosman	Oscar Barkhurst	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	1-Mar-10
30*	Lone Star	Chillicothe	May 19, 1859	23-7192094				Mevin L. Gregg	3rd Monday in Dec	3rd Monday, quarterly	
32	Rolla	Rolla	May 24, 1866	23-7137509				Phil A. Delastint	1st Mon in March	1st Monday	
34	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	May 24, 1866	23-7526791	Harold F. Coats	Larry D. Wyatt, II	Clifford Dobbins	Donald L. Traube	2nd Mon in April	2nd Monday	28-Apr-10
38	Greenfield	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7137510	Billy L. Cooper	Harry E. Madden	Walter W. Doyle	C. C. McLemore, III	1st Wed in April	1st Wednesday	1-Mar-10
43	Wyoming	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	Jack E. Timmons	Glen R. Osborn	Russell L. Helming	James F. Lospach	1st Mon in March	1st Monday	5-Feb-10
52	Tyrion	Nescho	October 7, 1869	23-7189471	Roy E. Cochran	K. Dennis Taylor	Matthew D. Ruth	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	6-Mar-10
53	Calwell	Kirkville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	Myran W. McAuley	Kenneth D. Ronney	Marcus A. Dew	Thomas C. Yumick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	17-Mar-10
55*	Ralls (merged w/7 10/7/09)	Center	October 6, 1870	23-7526795				Deceased	2nd Mon in Jan	2nd Monday	N/A
56	Nevada	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	Charles E. Morlan	Eugene F. Deming	James J. Ogle	Gary Jones	2nd Mon in Nov	2nd Monday	19-Jan-10
58	California	California	October 6, 1870	23-7526797	George Shelley	Steve Lethi	Vacant	Stephen C. Derendinger	1st Thurs in Sept	1st Thursday	26-Feb-10
61	Meridian Sun	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799	C. C. McLemore, III	David W. Jones	James O. Loomis	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	25-Feb-10
64	Lebanon	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	Bradley T. Hicks	David W. O'Dell	David W. Pyatt	William E. Breneman	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	15-Feb-10
66	Trenton	Trenton	October 6, 1870	23-7526801	James Staples	Robert McVay	Gary Black	Larry T. Odum	3rd Thur in Nov	3rd Thursday	26-Feb-10
75	Wilson	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	Johnny L. Schlenker	Lee W. Crites	Tim L. Morgan	Michael E. Perry	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	5-Mar-10
78	Oriental	Wesley Grove	October 9, 1873	43-0443570	Rayman Bequette	Kent A. Kramer	Philip A. Cole	Edgar D. Piles	1st Thurs in March	1st & 3rd Thursday	29-Mar-10
79	Moberly (merged w/7 10/7/09)	Moberly	October 9, 1873	23-7526811				E. Allen Kohler	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Tuesday	N/A
80	Bethany	Bethany	October 9, 1873	23-7526812	Jack Kruse	David Calloway	Burt Rice	John Thraill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	25-Feb-10
86	Pike	Louisiana	October 7, 1875	23-7137511				William F. Strode	3rd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	
90	George Frank Gouley	Appleton City	October 10, 1878	23-7137512	Arthur J. Dines	Orin D. Bailey	Douglas A. Dines	John B. Browning	2nd Tues in Nov	2nd Tuesday	3-Mar-10
91	Joplin	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	Royce P. Wall, Jr.	Robert P. Gephardt	Aaron M. Halley	Richard A. Lowrey	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	22-Feb-10
93	Truine	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	Jerry Bradford	David W. Barker	Phillip W. Engel	Verle T. Naughton	1st Mon in Dec	1st Monday	27-Feb-10
99	Shelbina	Shelbina	May 3, 1883	23-7526817	Jerry L. Miles	Thomas F. Christine	Clement Gunn	Darrell A. Wilham	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	15-Apr-10
102	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645				Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday	
110	Vincil	Springfield	May 10, 1888	44-0506099	John W. Shoemaker	C. C. McLemore, III	Gary D. Matthews	James A. Nunn	1st Thurs in May	1st Thursday	26-Feb-10
114	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 26, 1893	23-7526825	Ernest J. Phelan	Dean A. Cholson	Charles W. Carlstrom	Dean A. Wilson	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday	5-Feb-10
123	Pinnum	Pinnum	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	Clyde F. Bondy, III	Jeremy A. Lloyd	Thomas C. Yumick	Loen D. Lloyd	4th Tues in Dec	4th Tuesday	27-Feb-10
129	Uel	Bonne Terre	April 28, 1909	23-7526833	Charles E. Sloan	Glen H. Needham	Harry L. Tripp, Jr.	Steven C. Monrois	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday	14-Jan-10
131	Rabboni	Wesley Grove	April 23, 1913	23-7526835	Lawrence W. Brockmeyer	L. Grant Willis, Jr.	Miles T. Lansing	David W. Haywood	1st Mon in Feb	1st Monday	21-Apr-10
136	East Gate	Kansas City	April 12, 1922	23-7526839	William VanMeter	Forest Lowe	Oville Newberry	Robert W. Brizendine	3rd Thurs in June	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-10
137	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	Marshall J. Bieson	James P. Payton	Jon D. Baltz	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thur in Nov	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-10
139	William F. Kuhn	Kansas City	April 23, 1923	23-7526842	Kenneth D. Best, Sr.	Charles A. Farris	Vacant	James A. Payne	1st Tues in March	1st Tuesday	27-Feb-10
145	Grandview	Grandview	April 25, 1958	23-7526847	Thomas Holmes	Shane McNay	Michael Dolan	Roy N. Thomas	2nd Mon in May	2nd Monday	22-Feb-10
146	Keystone	Mechville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	James Wescott	Dennis Fetter	Edward Fesmeyer	Thomas T. Herick	2nd Wed in Feb	2nd Wednesday	15-Jan-10
148	Mt. Nebo	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	Joseph C. Bruns	AD Haddock, Jr.	Robert L. Wright	Kevin E. Weaver	2nd Wed in March	2nd & 4th Wednesday	2-Mar-10
* No Annual Return received for 2008											
TOTAL											

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GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2009

No.	Chapter	08 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 2009	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Exaltation Fees	Per Capita	08 Debits	Total Per Capita and Fees	Credit for Remissions	Credit for 50-year Remissions	Credit for Life Members	Credit for General Grand Chapter Endowed Members	08 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Chapter		
1	St. Charles Missouri	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	9	\$ -	\$ 1,620.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.50	\$ 1,498.50	
2	Palmyra	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	32	\$ -	\$ 526.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.85	\$ 508.65	
3	Liberty	197	2	2	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	11	26	176	7	10	21	20.00	\$ 2,376.00	48.65	2,444.65	87.50	125.00	283.50	230.00	1.00	-	-	496.00	\$ 1,948.65
4	Weston	66	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	65	1	8	4	\$ -	\$ 877.50	12.85	890.35	12.50	100.00	54.00	0.90	-	-	166.50	\$ 723.85	
5	Bolivar	57	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	5	11	0	30.00	\$ 783.00	4.70	817.70	62.50	137.50	-	-	-	-	200.00	\$ 617.70	
7*	Hannibal	41	0	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ 796.50	428.80	1,225.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,225.30	
10	Lexington	84	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	80	2	20	7	10.00	\$ 1,080.00	34.10	1,124.10	25.00	250.00	94.50	1.00	-	-	369.50	\$ 754.60	
12	Independence	189	6	0	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	14	6	21	177	4	20	25	60.00	\$ 2,389.50	37.40	2,486.90	50.00	250.00	337.50	1.00	-	-	638.50	\$ 1,848.40
14	Mitchell	288	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	12	38	252	20	30	20	10.00	\$ 3,402.00	96.45	3,508.45	250.00	375.00	270.00	0.90	-	-	895.90	\$ 2,612.55
15	Springfield	252	13	2	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	26	8	35	232	6	37	12	130.00	\$ 3,132.00	-	3,262.00	75.00	462.50	162.00	-	-	699.50	\$ 2,562.50	
17	Columbia	133	5	51	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	183	10	28	31	50.00	\$ 2,470.50	51.15	2,571.65	125.00	350.00	418.50	-	-	893.50	\$ 1,678.15	
18	Sealdia	95	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	9	89	3	10	8	10.00	\$ 1,201.50	40.95	1,252.45	125.00	108.00	-	-	270.50	\$ 981.95		
22	Macon	25	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	5	21	0	3	0	\$ -	\$ 283.50	12.60	296.10	-	37.50	-	-	37.50	\$ 258.60		
25	Bellefontaine	35	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	32	5	1	11	-	\$ 432.00	6.20	438.20	62.50	12.50	148.50	0.90	-	-	224.40	\$ 213.80	
27	Mexico	62	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	60	1	13	6	20.00	\$ 810.00	-	830.00	12.50	162.50	81.00	-	-	256.00	\$ 574.00	
28	Kansas City	70	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	67	1	20	0	\$ -	\$ 904.50	40.52	945.02	12.50	250.00	-	-	-	262.50	\$ 682.52	
30*	Lone Star	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	1	\$ -	\$ 1,134.00	2,264.55	3,398.55	-	-	13.50	-	-	-	13.50	\$ 3,385.05	
32	Rolla	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	0	0	25	\$ -	\$ 2,052.00	119.65	2,171.65	-	-	337.50	-	-	-	337.50	\$ 1,834.15	
34	Jefferson City	136	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	132	52	20	8	30.00	\$ 1,782.00	161.25	1,973.25	650.00	250.00	108.00	0.45	-	1,008.45	\$ 964.80	
38	Greenfield	47	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	3	7	8	30.00	\$ 648.00	6.20	678.00	37.50	87.50	108.00	-	-	32.72	265.72	\$ 412.28	
43	Wyoming	91	6	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	93	2	14	0	60.00	\$ 1,255.50	40.70	1,356.20	25.00	175.00	27.00	-	-	200.00	\$ 1,156.20		
52	Tyran	93	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	12	84	1	7	20.00	\$ 1,134.00	25.70	1,179.70	12.50	87.50	27.00	-	-	127.00	\$ 1,052.70	
53	Caldwell	302	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	4	36	3	45	260	0	20	6	30.00	\$ 3,510.00	16.40	3,556.40	-	250.00	81.00	-	-	331.00	\$ 3,225.40	
55*	Rolls (merged w/7 3/18/2009)	51	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
56	Nevada	51	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	47	0	12	0	10.00	\$ 634.50	13.95	638.45	-	150.00	-	-	-	150.00	\$ 508.45	
58	California	55	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	54	1	3	4	10.00	\$ 729.00	6.20	745.20	12.50	37.50	54.00	-	-	104.00	\$ 641.20	
61	Meridian Sun	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	46	2	7	1	\$ -	\$ 621.00	14.50	635.50	25.00	87.50	13.50	-	-	126.00	\$ 509.50	
64	Lebanon	106	5	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	107	1	4	3	50.00	\$ 1,444.50	-	1,494.50	12.50	50.00	40.50	1.45	0.70	105.15	\$ 1,389.35	
66	Trenton	83	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	80	1	2	2	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	18.40	1,098.40	12.50	25.00	27.00	-	-	64.50	\$ 1,033.90	
75	Wilson	116	3	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	11	109	8	19	3	30.00	\$ 1,471.50	37.05	1,538.55	100.00	237.50	40.50	-	-	378.00	\$ 1,160.55	
78	Oriental	145	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	133	9	14	3	10.00	\$ 1,795.50	-	1,805.50	112.50	175.00	40.50	-	-	328.00	\$ 1,477.50	
79	Moberly (merged w/17 10/7/09)	51	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
80	Bethany	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	54	0	0	2	\$ -	\$ 729.00	-	729.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
86	Pike	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ 243.00	4.65	247.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	247.65	\$ 247.65
90	George Frank Gouley	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	0	9	0	\$ -	\$ 445.50	25.45	470.95	-	112.50	-	-	-	-	112.50	\$ 358.45	
91	Joplin	69	11	0	5	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	82	0	2	10	110.00	\$ 1,107.00	-	1,217.00	-	25.00	135.00	-	-	160.00	\$ 1,057.00	
93	Trine	55	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	8	10	40.00	\$ 796.50	12.40	848.90	-	100.00	135.00	0.45	-	-	235.45	\$ 613.45	
99	Shelbina	72	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	74	1	12	1	30.00	\$ 999.00	31.70	1,060.70	12.50	150.00	13.50	-	-	176.00	\$ 884.70		
102	Orient	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	19	\$ -	\$ 945.00	18.15	963.15	-	-	256.50	-	-	-	256.50	\$ 706.65	
110	Vincil	168	3	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	11	6	20	152	5	20	33	30.00	\$ 2,052.00	-	2,082.00	62.50	250.00	445.50	-	2.25	760.25	\$ 1,321.75	
114	Poplar Bluff	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	2	1	3	\$ -	\$ 675.00	4.65	679.65	25.00	12.50	40.50	0.45	-	-	78.45	\$ 601.20	
123	Punam	39	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	3	1	3	\$ -	\$ 540.00	22.60	562.60	37.50	12.50	40.50	-	-	90.50	\$ 472.10		
129	Uel	125	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	9	110	8	12	11	40.00	\$ 1,485.00	-	1,525.00	100.00	150.00	148.50	-	21.55	420.05	\$ 1,104.95	
131	Rabboni	81	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	79	12	16	3	\$ -	\$ 1,066.50	-	1,066.50	150.00	200.00	40.50	-	-	390.50	\$ 676.00		
136	Last Gate	83	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	90	2	7	3	80.00	\$ 1,215.00	144.70	1,439.70	25.00	87.50	40.50	-	-	153.00	\$ 1,286.70	
137	Mountain Grove	38	2	0	2	0	0	0	0																					

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GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHAPTERS, DECEMBER 31, 2009

No	Chapter	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	09 Credits	09 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/09	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited
1	St. Charles Missouri	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,518.50	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,518.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27.95	\$ -			
2	Palmyra	-	508.65	-	-		-		508.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	-			
3	Liberty	-	1,948.65	2,386.15	-		2,386.15	437.50	-	6,240.46	34,547.70	10,000.00	-	-	50,788.16	15.00	-	Yes	No	No
4	Weston	10.00	733.85	748.85	-		748.85	15.00	-	676.19	-	-	-	-	676.19	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
5	Bolivar	-	617.70	631.20	-		631.20	13.50	-	4,121.76	70,000.00	-	-	-	74,121.76	10.00	25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
7*	Hannibal	20.00	1,245.30	-	-		-		1,245.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	-			
10	Lexington	-	754.60	754.60	-		754.60	0.00	-	5,473.22	-	3,000.00	-	-	8,473.22	24.95	5.05	No	No	Yes
12	Independence	-	1,848.40	1,848.40	-		1,848.40		-	1,793.77	12,061.66	-	-	-	13,855.43	25.90	306.86	No	No	Yes
14	Mitchell	-	2,612.55	2,592.45	-		2,592.45		20.10	5,609.29	25,100.00	500.00	780.00	-	31,989.29	20.00	0.30	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Springfield	-	2,562.50	2,422.15	-		2,422.15		140.35	1,900.65	-	6,000.00	-	-	7,900.65	26.50	105.50	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Columbia	-	1,678.15	1,664.20	-		1,664.20		13.95	17,991.98	-	5,000.00	899.00	-	23,890.98	18.00	23.00	No	No	Yes
18	Seabla	-	981.95	917.40	-		917.40		64.55	288.25	-	-	39.00	50.00	277.25	8.50	-	No	No	Yes
22	Macon	-	258.60	312.60	-		312.60	54.00	-	893.66	5,105.19	-	-	-	5,998.85	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
25	Bellefontaine	-	213.80	213.80	-		213.80	0.00	-	865.56	60,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	63,365.56	21.50	25.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Mexico	-	574.00	561.50	-		561.50		12.50	998.12	-	-	-	-	998.12	20.55	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	Kansas City	-	682.52	682.52	-		682.52		-	1,889.25	-	-	240.00	-	2,129.25	22.95	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
30*	Lone Star	120.00	3,505.05	-	-		-	-	3,505.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-			
32	Rolla	20.00	1,854.15	-	-		-	-	1,854.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.00	-			
34	Jefferson City	20.00	984.80	988.80	-		988.80	4.00	-	3,637.65	19,224.93	1,000.00	1,300.00	-	25,162.58	25.00	50.00	No	No	Yes
38	Greenfield	-	412.28	412.28	-		412.28		-	1,191.01	-	-	-	-	1,191.01	16.00	-	No	No	Yes
43	Wyoming	-	1,156.20	1,156.20	-		1,156.20		62.30	2,173.84	2,000.00	2,500.00	36.00	-	6,709.84	18.00	97.00	No	No	Yes
52	Tyran	-	1,052.70	990.40	-		990.40		175.40	3,748.70	9,479.21	-	375.00	3,679.20	9,923.71	25.00	316.90	Yes	Yes	Yes
53	Cadwell	10.00	3,235.40	3,060.00	-		3,060.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	-			
55*	Ralls (merged w/731821009)	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
56	Nevada	-	508.45	477.20	31.25	02-Apr-10	508.45		0.00	1,478.00	-	500.00	516.00	-	2,494.00	21.50	51.00	No	No	Yes
58	California	-	641.20	641.20	-		641.20		-	608.58	2,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	7,608.58	20.00	-	No	No	Yes
61	Meridian Sun	-	509.50	509.50	-		509.50		-	1,816.47	-	800.00	120.00	-	2,736.47	12.00	46.00	No	No	Yes
64	Lebanon	-	1,389.35	1,342.05	115.50	15-Feb-10	1,455.55	66.20	-	607.41	-	13,250.00	180.00	-	14,037.41	30.00	200.00	No	No	Yes
66	Trenton	-	1,033.90	1,035.90	-		1,035.90	2.00	-	1,695.46	-	-	782.00	-	2,477.46	17.00	-	No	No	Yes
75	Wilson	-	1,160.55	916.55	-		916.55		244.00	2,424.68	11,206.53	4,000.00	270.00	-	17,901.21	16.50	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
78	Oriental	10.00	1,487.50	1,546.00	-		1,546.00	58.50	-	1,579.60	92,494.78	4,500.00	-	-	98,574.38	25.00	500.00	No	No	Yes
79	Moberly (merged w/171071009)	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
80	Bethany	-	690.85	230.65	-		230.65		460.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-			No
86	Pike	20.00	267.65	-	-		-		267.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-			
90	George Frank Gouley	-	358.45	232.65	-		232.65		125.80	180.00	-	3,000.00	-	-	3,180.00	10.00	-	No	No	Yes
91	Joplin	-	1,057.00	1,030.00	-		1,030.00		27.00	2,371.63	10,213.78	592.33	338.00	-	13,515.74	17.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
93	Truist	-	613.45	626.95	-		626.95	13.50	-	790.59	4,885.63	1,524.86	-	-	7,201.08	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
99	Shebana	20.00	904.70	884.70	-		884.70		20.00	730.88	2,762.15	5,000.00	-	-	8,493.03	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
102	Orient	20.00	726.65	-	-		-		726.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-			
110	Vincel	-	1,321.75	1,463.75	-		1,463.75	142.00	-	1,809.87	9,637.50	5,000.00	-	-	16,447.37	15.45	19.00	No	No	Yes
114	Poplar Bluff	-	601.20	601.20	-		601.20	0.00	-	646.54	-	-	36.00	-	682.54	17.00	47.45	No	No	Yes
123	Puam	-	472.10	436.00	-		436.00		36.10	1,364.61	-	-	60.00	-	1,424.61	15.00	-	No	No	Yes
129	Uel	-	1,104.95	1,080.95	-		1,080.95		24.00	2,575.23	-	2,800.00	782.00	-	6,157.23	23.00	175.20	No	No	Yes
131	Rabboni	20.00	696.00	741.65	-	21-Apr-10	761.65	65.65	-	2,181.86	-	200.00	320.00	268.96	2,432.90	25.00	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
136	East Gate	-	1,286.70	1,300.70	-		1,300.70	14.00	-	2,639.48	-	5,000.00	-	-	7,639.48	15.00	-	No	No	Yes
137	Mountain Grove	-	468.85	468.85	-		468.85		-	4,044.02	25,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	31,544.02	12.00	-	No	No	Yes
139	William F. Kuhn	-	202.25	191.40	-		191.40		10.85	1,643.80	-	100.00	-	-	1,743.80	29.00	39.50	No	No	Yes
145	Grandview	-	799.05	799.05	-		799.05		-	420.39	-	-	-	-	420.39	28.95	25.55	No	No	Yes
146	Keystone	-	554.75	568.25	-		568.25	13.50	-	400.82	-	20,000.00	450.00	250.00	20,600.82	22.50	242.70	No	No	Yes
148	Mt. Nebo	-	874.30	540.00	-		540.00		334.30	386.05	-	1,200.00	513.00	-	2,099.05	19.00	90.00	No	No	Yes
*No Annual Return received for 2008																				
TOTAL		\$ 310.00	\$ 50,671.40	\$ 40,008.65	\$ 164.75		\$ 93,813.64	\$ 899.35	\$ 11,397.35	\$ 93,813.64	\$ 395,719.06	\$ 105,467.19	\$ 8,036.00	\$ 4,248.16	\$ 598,787.73	\$ 916.65	\$ 2,561.01			

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST ADDRESS

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

Companions: I have reviewed the address of Most Excellent Companion George L. Duncan, and commend him for his dedication to the Grand York Rite in general and to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri in particular.

I commend him for his 47 visits to subordinate chapters and attendance at 6 York Rite Conferences during his year as Grand High Priest. I am grateful to his Lady Mary, for accompanying him on his travels as she has done for all the years he has been a Grand Officer.

His decisions concerning by-law changes and dispensations have been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. Charitable gifts have been handled in conformance with established guidelines of the Finance Committee.

He has received the surety bond and will transfer it to his successor in office. He has complied with his responsibility to visit the time capsule and reported on its condition.

He sanctioned the Fund Raising Committee to operate a raffle during his year and they have raised an amount that has yielded a net profit over \$7,500.00.

I extend to him and his Lady, Mary a sincere wish for a successful future, and to George a welcome to the Past Grand High Priest Ranks as our newest member.

Fraternally Submitted,
Robert E. Hardester PGHP, Chairman

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(from the floor)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

This year seven High Priests qualified for the Distinguished Chapter Award for 2009-2010 while Lebanon Chapter No. 64 submitted reports for two High Priests from previous years, 2006-2007, and 2008-2009.

Getting the message out to our Blue Lodge brethren appears to continue to be a major obstacle to finding new members, and making the chapter meetings something we desire to attend continues to be a point of great concern.

There are many papers and programs available from the Grand York Rite office which offer excellent ideas which may be adapted for your use or in many cases can suggest ideas that you can implement in your own community.

The Distinguished Chapter Awards for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Forest Wayne Dugan	Liberty Chapter No. 3
Jerry W. Hunter, Sr.	Columbia Chapter No. 17
James G. Haddox	Rolla Chapter No. 32
Jack E. Timmons	Wyoming Chapter No. 43
Bradley T. Hicks	Lebanon Chapter No. 64
Larry R. Clemens (2008-2009)	Lebanon Chapter No. 64
Howard Edward Ridgely (2006-2007)	Lebanon Chapter No. 64
Rayman L. Bequette	Oriental Chapter No. 78
Joseph C. Bruns	Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148

Fraternally submitted,
John E. Schofield, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson
Roy N. Thomas

Roy E. Gilkey
Claude M. Eckert
Scott S. Crawford

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

In keeping with legislation adopted at the Grand Conclave on May 14, 2009,

1. The Jurisprudence Committee requests approval to strike the double wording in **ARTICLE XV, Ballot, Section 136. Ballot at stated or special communication."**

2. The Committee also requests approval to change the 7 in the parenthesis in the 3rd line at **ARTICLE I, Convocations of the Grand Chapter, Section**

1. **Annual Convocations**, to a G to make the reference compatible with the subsection designator of **ARTICLE X, Standing Committees, Section 47, Duties of Committees.**

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Following is the proposed budget for 2010-11:

Income	
Per Capita, Membership 3,172 @ \$14.50	\$ 45,994.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,250.00
Exaltation Fees, 125 @ \$10.00	1,250.00
General Fund Interest Income	
Interest	476.48
Earnings	1,440.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	\$ 51,660.48

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 (3,528 @ \$2.00)	7,056.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	500.00
Grand Officer Expense	1,000.00
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	\$ 51,226.00

Total Income	\$ 51,660.48
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 51,226.00
Balance	\$ 434.48

Fraternally submitted,
C.C. McLemore, III Chairman

Steven C. Monrotus
Claude M. Eckert

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Be it resolved that **ARTICLE X, *Standing Committees, Section 47, Duties of Committees, Subsection G, The Committee on Time and Place***, be amended by striking all after shall and inserting, “consist of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and one designated by them as an assistant who will be empowered by this Grand Chapter:

1. to establish the dates of the Annual Convocations of this Grand Jurisdiction, keeping in mind that such dates may not conflict with the dates of the Annual Conclaves of Grand Jurisdictions of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment;

2. to investigate, locate and designate the headquarters facility and geographic location for the Grand Convocations of the Grand Chapter;

3. to solicit, receive and analyze bids for services as noted in item number 4;

4. to negotiate room rates, complimentary amenities, hospitality suites, meeting room locations (size, layout and design, furniture, appurtenances and accessories), dressing room locations, specialty services, cost of meals (breakfast, lunches, dinners, banquets as needed), and the use and rental of associated electronic equipment and media as required;

5. to enter into and negotiate contracts with facilities selected as the headquarters while keeping in mind the financial bearing of the membership and this Grand Jurisdiction;

6. to sign or otherwise execute such contracts in the name of and in the behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; and,

7. to closely coordinate all efforts, discussions, visits, written communications and planning with representatives approved and designated for these purposes by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of this jurisdiction.”

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri:

Companions: On April 13, 2010 your committee examined the returns of the 48 Chapters in this jurisdiction and found the majority were neatly prepared on the proper forms. We had two mergers during the past year. Ralls No. 55 merged with Hannibal No. 7 and Moberly No. 79 merged with Columbia No. 17.

The following Chapters have not submitted their returns to date: They are, St. Charles Missouri No. 1, Hannibal No. 7, Lone Star No. 30, Rolla No. 32, Jefferson City No. 34, Pike No. 86, Orient No. 102 and Rabboni No. 131. Also, to date Hannibal No. 7 and Lone Star No. 30 have still not submitted their 2008 returns and Shelby No. 99 did not send any payment with their 2009 returns. All returns received late will be assessed penalties in accordance with the current By-Laws when received.

Many of the returns contained errors which were caused by the secretaries evidently not keeping an accurate record of degree work, affiliations, deaths, dimits and other events as they occur. There were also many mathematical errors as well as other minor errors noted.

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

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE GRAND YORK RITE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT 2010

The combined committee met on March 27, 2010 with the Grand Treasurer, Donald L. Trabue, and the Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder at the beautifully apportioned home and office space of Excellent Companion, Illustrious Companion and Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, and his lovely Lady Roma. The committee thanks our most gracious and tolerant hosts for the amenities offered, the unbounded hospitality extended and the use of facilities.

New faces were welcomed to the committee and time was taken for an explanation of processes and procedures. The chair made substitutions to the individual committees as some of those appointed were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The absences of the most recent Past Grand Secretary/Recorder and Administrative Assistant were felt. However, the Grand Treasurer and Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder did an amiable job of fielding questions from individual committee members and filling in voids.

We will, once again, report that in our opinion, the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies (Bodies) are well protected, in good hands and, the investments are doing as well as can be expected taking into consideration our By-laws, Rules and Regulations and the current state of affairs with the economy.

The report encompasses the transactions of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder for the period June 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. The transactions for the combined sessions of 2009 were available however, time did not permit an exhaustive review. The transactions of the Grand Council charities were scrutinized with no aberrations noted. The transactions of the charities and educational funds, although available, of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, respectively, were, likewise, not reviewed due to time constraints. The transactions of the Grand Chapter fund raiser (new item for the committee) were examined and, without exception, found to be in order. The most recent report and record of Excellent Companion Steven C. Monrotus, Grand Scribe, was accepted.

Having said that, the committee must also address other matters of concern to its individual members, some of which directly refer to spreadsheets and recapitulation (recap) sheets.

One of these involves a rather large expenditure which appears to have been a double entry. This observation was made by first time participant Fred Troxel who is to be commended for this "catch". The committee reviewed this entry and determined that it would have an impact on the bottom line for total expenditures but that removal of same would have the effect of a reduction of total expenditures. That's a good thing and will be reflected in the annual report of the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Some members of the committee noted the absence of warrant numbers on specific checks written to pay the bills. While this has no effect on the bottom line, it was a practice begun under a prior administration as a means for double tracking and accounting for funds. It also makes it much easier for the committee to track expenditures from the Grand Secretary/Recorder to the records maintained by the Grand Treasurer.

In relation thereto, the committee also noted the absence of some warrant numbers on the recaps attached to the checks, warrants, statements and other bills. While the expenditure can still be tracked and justified, the inclusion of warrant numbers on this document does minimize the process. Also, this document depicts the breakdown of expenses charged to the individual Bodies per the percentage of the membership for each. This is a tool that can be used by the Finance and Budget Committees when deliberating the preparation of a budget. It also makes it easier for the Audit Committee to track individual expenditures of the Bodies back to the line items contained in the spreadsheet.

Another concern as pointed out by several members of the committee was the grouping of several (more than one) warrant numbers on a single check but not noting same on the spreadsheet or providing a description of the item on the spreadsheet. While the warrants were eventually tracked and the expenditure for each determined, the process for doing so was confusing and time consuming.

It was noted that some receipts, statements, etc., which would ordinarily be used to corroborate expenditures were lacking.

It appears that some expenditures may have been incorrectly calculated in relation to the percentage breakdown charged to each Body by policy. An incorrect calculation could result in a Body being charged more/less than the actual percentage breakdown calls for. Such situation could have an effect upon the bottom line of a particular Body.

The committee has some concern about the percentage split for the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, the cost of which is reportedly \$5,385.39. It appears that the Grand Chapter is charged with 75% of the cost while the Grand Council is charged only 25%. This appears to be a disparate division of assets which will effect the bottom line of each Body as well as the budget preparation process. If it should be that the Grand Chapter actually has the greater percentage of members, i.e., to equate to a 75%-25% split, then the concern is unjustified. However, no justification was included for it.

The committee noticed an entry on the spreadsheets labeled "EFT". We recognize this as an electronic funds transfer. However, no explanation is included as to "from where or to where" the transfer was made or for what purpose. We also note that EFT is sometimes documented under description and sometimes under Ck No. and sometimes not entered at all. In addition, some EFT entries have associated warrant numbers, some do not.

The committee is still experiencing some confusion as to figures that appear in parenthesis under some line items. Generally speaking, figures in parenthesis represent negatives as would appear in the bottom line indicating that the particular line item had exceeded that which had been appropriated for the line item in the approved budget. In this case however, the figures in parenthesis have the totally different connotation that a negative charge has been assessed against that particular line item and not that the particular line item has exceeded appropriated funds.

In relation to this, the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council each have an endowment program. It is the understanding of this committee that participation in these programs reduces the per capita tax paid to each and the cost of the Royal Arch Mason Magazine. Participation in these two programs by individual members could have the effect of reducing expenditures for each Body.

It appears that the policy heretofore has been to refund previously paid costs for meals for the Grand Sessions when a member contacts us for a cancellation. In most cases, we suspect that the Grand York Rite Bodies have already committed to the facility for a certain number of meals for the event. This has the effect of increased costs for the Grand Sessions which ultimately effects the bottom line of the budget. While the committee recognizes there may be exigent circumstances requiring a cancellation, these should be minimal and related to emergencies such as personal or family injury or death to an immediate family member that would prohibit the member's attendance. The committee does not feel that it should be blanket policy to refund these costs simply because a member decides not to attend the assemblies.

The committee again points out the ever ongoing situation with the storage in that, the Bodies are, and have been for quite some time needlessly appropriating rather large sums of money to maintain facilities to house unused furniture and/or other items that have not been needed or utilized by the Bodies for many a year.

In addition, various records, files and documents are being stored in a facility not even under the direct control of the Bodies and certainly not immediately accessible to the administrative staff. These contain the historical background of the Bodies and their individual memberships and are utilized mostly by administrative staff for research purposes, especially for the families of deceased members.

The committee notes that these have been a line item in the budget for many a year, have been addressed several times in prior years by this committee's reports and have heretofore been ignored.

In the Grand York Rite year of 2008-2009, the actual costs associated with the maintenance of storage for that period alone, totaled \$3,160.00. That figure does not take into account the funds spent in prior years. It is money that could be put to better use. For instance, the funds already expended over the years could already have covered the costs to reduce the historical files to electronic media and/or, perhaps, given an incentive to administrative staff. Or perhaps, to help reduce the effects of a failing economy and the loss of investment earnings.

The committee notes the absence of a direct correlation of the proposed/actual budget with/to the actual annual recorded income and/or the funds existing in the general fund (that fund from which accrued expenses are deducted) at the time of the preparation of the budget.

For instance, in the adopted budget for 2008-2009, the budgeted expense for the annual conventions was \$4,000.00 across the board. Yet, no actual costs were considered or included. Under miscellaneous for the same period, \$6,726.97, across the board, was budgeted. Yet, again, no actual costs were included or considered.

These two expense items, if included and by themselves, would have increased total reportable expenditures by a rather healthy sum thereby further increasing the negative balance of the bottom line which is directly proportionate to the availability of funds from income and earnings on investments and the general fund.

It also seems consistent with the above theme that it would be more accurate to report fixed expenditures such as the Grand Secretary/Recorder's and the Administrative Assistant's actual salaries as the actual costs expended rather than a projection for a budgeted entry. At least until such time as either one of them or both is given an increase/decrease. Doing so would have realized a \$7,085.47 reduction of expenditures in the adopted budget.

The items noted in the above 3 paragraphs are not intended as a slam on the Finance and Budget Committees because "that is the way it has always been done". Perhaps it is time to change the "good ole boys routine" and come up with a more accurate method of reporting.

Recommendations:

1. That the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them, take immediate steps to dispose of unneeded, unused, unwanted and unnecessary furniture, equipment, etc. within this coming Grand York Rite year (2010-2011) but certainly, as soon as feasibly possible to eliminate this line item in the budget.
2. That the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them, investigate the means and costs associated with reducing the historical files, records, documents, etc. to some form of electronic media that can be placed into the hands of administrative staff for instant access. Thereby doing away with storage maintained in an off site, not readily accessible facility and, any costs associated therewith. The Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them must closely coordinate with the Finance and Budget Committees of the Bodies to ascertain the availability of funding. Certainly, some funding will be available for this purpose from that as will be appropriated in the current budget (2010-2011) and, more especially, if item #1 is immediately and without haste, disposed of. This situation also needs immediate attention and certainly within this Grand York Rite year (2010-2011).

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3. That the Finance and Budget Committees develop a more accurate means of reporting actual income/expenses in relation to the actual availability of funds in the general fund.
4. That the Grand Secretary/Recorder continue to place the warrant numbers on all checks with the exception of those issued as salaries and/or honorariums so as to maintain the double system of checks and balances previously established and to maintain an additional level of accountability and tracking.
5. That warrants be individually listed on the spreadsheet or if grouped under a single check, further identified in the description for the expenditure.
6. That the Grand Secretary/Recorder insure that all warrants are included in the recapitulation sheets (breakdowns) for expenditures charged to the individual Bodies.
7. That a copy of the aforementioned document be provided to the Committees on Finance and Budget.
8. Insure that all documentation justifying expenditures are included with the recap sheets.
9. Insure that all calculations and charges relating to the percentage breakdowns per individual Body are accurate and properly applied.
10. Review the percentage of split for the Royal Arch Magazine.
11. That the Grand High Priest and Grand Master (2010-2011) include the endowment program of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in their individual agendas and pursue a hard sell for individual participation.
12. That expenditures by credit card be further identified as such in the description on the spreadsheets. And the splits per Body appear to be disparate.
13. Checks received for Knighting fees and per capita should be reported separately when reporting income on the spreadsheets.
14. That the current policy on refunds be further investigated with an eye toward a more restrictive policy.
15. That a descriptive entry be made on the spreadsheets for all entries labeled EFT. The entry should include descriptive information identifying from which and to which accounts the transfer was made and for what purpose. Policy should be developed to decide where the entry should be made. Should it be in the description or under Ck No. Whatever the case, it should be done the same throughout the spreadsheets of the individual Bodies. Measures should be taken to insure that all such entries are actually recorded on the spreadsheets. Warrant numbers should be associated with all EFT entries.
16. That it would be appropriate to include a descriptive explanation for all entries within a line item that are enclosed in parenthesis to avoid further confusion.

Referrals:

Item #1 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for immediate action.

Item #2 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for immediate action.

Item #3 is referred to the Committees on Finance and Budgets for their consideration, comments, actions.

Items #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 are referred to the administrative staff.

Items #6, 7 & 10 are referred to the Committees on Finance and Budget.

Item #11 is referred to the Grand High Priest and Grand Master.

Item #14 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for further review and investigation.

Item #15 is referred to the Grand Treasurer.

Suggestions:

1. That the Finance and Budget Committees of the individual Bodies form into one single entity and prepare a combined report, similar to that of this committee, that addresses the budget preparation and reporting of the Bodies in one centralized document thereby eliminating the need for individual reports for each Body and thereby providing for immediate scrutinization without having to flip through a number of individual reports. It is sheer nonsense for the individual Finance and Budget Committees to meet in separate locations at separate times and possibly on separate dates when all can be accomplished in perhaps one sitting by simple appointment and retention of core members of each Body across the board.
2. That the Finance and Budget Committees either be combined with the Audit Committee, across the board, or at the very least, both be instructed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander to meet together in one central location and at the same time. It is sheer nonsense for these two to meet at separate intervals then instruct the Finance and Budget Committee to take into consideration the findings of the Audit Committee when deliberating a proposed budget when no member of the Audit Committee is present to speak to or offer further explanation for the findings. This is a serious disconnect to our system and a detraction thereto.
3. That the Finance and Budget Committee receive and review the document identified in items # 6 & 7 above as a possible tool when considering budget preparation.
4. As to item #16, perhaps it might be an idea to include a legend explaining the differences utilized for the parenthesis to avoid confusion.

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Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

**REPORT OF GRAND CHAPTER SUPPLEMENTAL FUND COMMITTEE
2009-2010**

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

At a meeting of Grand Chapter officers held at Jefferson City Masonic Temple on June 13, 2009, it was voted that the Grand Chapter establish and hold a special fund raiser during the 2010 calendar year, subject to all applicable regulations, for the purpose of rebuilding the base of the General Fund to a safe level of operation. The Grand High Priest appointed for this purpose a special Supplemental Fund Committee charged to research and investigate, plan, assemble, conduct, and oversee the project. Those appointed to the Committee were Dr. Steven C. Monrotus Chairman, Christopher C. McLemore III, Claude M. Eckert, Dr. John W. Siscel, and PGHP Robert E. Hardester as special advisor. The Committee determined that donations to the Supplemental Fund would be requested from the Missouri Royal Arch membership using tickets which either could be a) kept and the requested amount donated, b) filled out and the ticket stubs returned with the donations, or c) sold outside the constituent Chapters and the ticket stubs and monies returned to the Chairman. Monthly cash awards totaling \$2,050 annually, divided unequally over 12 months, were to be given away during the 2010 calendar year with a complimentary endowed membership in the General Grand Chapter, or the equivalent cash award, given at the end of the year to the Companion who submitted the most donations. Using seed monies generously offered by Companions Thomas C. Yunick, Richard L. Mansfield, Loren D. Lloyd, and Dr. John W. Siscel, a non-interest bearing checking account to be exclusively used for this fundraiser was opened in the name of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Missouri under its own tax ID number at New Era Bank in Farmington. The account was set up so that checks could be written under the single signature of the Chairman, or, in the event of his inability to do so, under the single signature of another committeeman, Dr. John W. Siscel. After Lone Oak Printing in Waynesville provided the Committee with the lowest possible bid, and deeming the project worthy, the Committee on Finance approved a temporary loan of some \$4,000.00 from the General Fund to cover the initial start up costs. This sum was deposited into the checking account at New Era Bank on November 5, 2009, and, once the project was underway, the same amount was subsequently repaid in full back to the General Fund on December 10, 2009. These monies were used to a) purchase a bulk rate mailing permit, b) cover the first year postal fee to use the permit, c) purchase and print 4,400 mailing envelopes which were addressed and collated in zip code order by the Grand York Rite office, and d) print 4,400 cover letters, 4,400 return envelopes, and 53,000 loose tickets almost all of which were hand stapled by volunteers to save money. A State of Missouri limited exemption from Missouri sales and use tax, social fraternal category, was obtained and utilized for all purchases. Mailing envelopes were stuffed, taken to the post office on November 16, 2010, and, in conformity with postal regulations, mailed standard bulk rate to all Missouri Royal Arch Masons in good standing as their addresses appeared in the membership database on file at that time with the Grand York Rite office. The entire work force for this monumental effort, exclusive of the Chairman, Acting Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, consisted of thirteen individuals: five belonging to Uel Chapter, one belonging to Mt. Nebo Chapter, one belonging to Lebanon Chapter, one Past Grand High Priest, one officer from the advancing line, and four ladies.

Records of credits and debits for the project were tabulated in written form in general accounting books and stored electronically in the form of an Excel spreadsheet which was forwarded to the Grand Treasurer for his records. Of the 4,400 mailings which were sent, 4,069 (92.5 %) were deliverable. As of April 12, 2010 the total number of participants was 304, a figure translatable to 7.5 % of the Missouri York Rite capitular membership. Total donations by participants amounted to \$12,260.00. The accrued cost of the project totaled \$4,754.09 leaving a net gain of \$7,505.91. The average donation per participant was \$40.33 translatable to \$3.01 per member. Winning tickets were drawn at random on the first Friday of every month by the ladies of Saint Louis Assembly No. 29, S.O.O.B., with photos taken on these occasions. Presentations were made in person, when possible, by the Chairman and District Deputy Grand High Priest, again with photos taken. All available photos were mailed to the Missouri Editor for possible publication in the Missouri Section of the Royal Arch Mason magazine.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSOURI

This endeavor, while its true potential remains mostly untapped, has proven itself more successful than any other fund raising project in Grand Chapter history, and plans are underway for continuing it past the 2010 calendar year and beyond. This Committee would like to specially recognize and sincerely thank the following persons for making their own critically important contributions in a substantive way toward helping to get this project firmly established: Ms. Joyce Sample, Mrs. Rita Woodfin, Mrs. Sandra Sloan, Mrs. Joan Monrotus, Robert E. Hardester, Dr. John W. Siscel, Rev. Kevin E. Weaver, Joseph P. Krill, James E. Snavely, James L. Woodfin, Jr., Charles E. Sloan, Harry L. Tripp, Jr., and G.H. "Buck" Needham.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman
Christopher C. McLemore, III
Dr. John W. Siscel

Claude M. Eckert
Robert E. Hardester, PGHP

2009 - 2010 GRAND CHARITY DONATIONS

As reported by Don Trabue, Grand Treasurer, the following has been spent by George Duncan for Charity:

\$500	Rainbow for Girls Leadership Conference
\$500	Jobs Daughters Leadership Conference
\$500	DeMolay Leadership Conference Scholarship
\$1,500	Total

Proposed Grand Chapter Charity Donations for 2010 - 2011. After conferring with CC McLemore, the following is proposed:

\$500	DeMolay Leadership Conference Scholarship
\$500	Rainbow for Girls Leadership Conference
\$500	Jobs Daughters Leadership Conference
\$500	Royal Arch Research Assistance
\$2,000	Total

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

Respectfully submitted,
Harley Kropf, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(no report available at time of printing)

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

<u>Cert.</u>	<u>Companion</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Exalted</u>	<u>Issued</u>
518	Siscel, III, John W.	146		03-Jun-09
519	Matthews, Gary Dean	110	07-Nov-08	09-Sep-09
520	McDaniel, David Paul	91	02-May-02	17-Nov-09
521	Beck, Larry Wayne	32	20-Oct-03	17-Nov-09
522	Colvin, Donald Cardel	34	14-Mar-09	30-Oct-09
523	Richardson, Jeremiah Seth	91	02-May-09	20-Nov-09
524	Lehnhoff, Timothy Ray	148	19-May-03	30-Dec-09
525	Coy, Charles Garton	148	01-Apr-92	30-Dec-09
526	Newbold, Christopher John	1	14-Jul-08	29-Jan-10
527	Parker, Glenn Barry	1	14-Jul-08	29-Jan-10
528	Tilley, Christopher Eugene	1	28-Oct-09	29-Jan-10
529	Monrotus, Steven Caine	129	15-May-93	07-Feb-10
530	Roman, Jr., Willis C.	110	06-May-05	18-Feb-10
531	Volner, Kevin Carol	129	06-Oct-74	22-Feb-10
532	Haddox, James George	32	16-Oct-76	15-Mar-10
533	Cook, David B.	131	10-Nov-78	21-Apr-10
534	McManigle, James Edward	5	2-Nov-07	26-Apr-10

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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 are constantly striving to open new Bethels and Chapters, as well as Rainbow.

I am sorry to say that in many cases, especially Job's Daughters, they can find girls who want to join but are unable to find the 9 adults to serve on their Council.

Job's Daughters continues to strive to get adults to bet their Certified Adult Volunteer Status. All adults serving on Councils and Committees must take this training and become certified.

Job's Daughters still hold two HIKES a year to help their philanthropic project, Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund, plus other charities. Life Skills was the recipient of over \$3,000.00 this year raised by the Grand Bethel of Mo.

There is legislation in the Supreme J.D. to let a girl be sponsored by a Master Mason to become a Job's Daughter instead of having the true Masonic relationship.

Rainbow is also working to open new Assemblies. This year they devoted a lot of time and attention to domestic violence shelters in Missouri. Their Grand Worthy Advisor was Kristyn Sample, daughter of Kevin and Joyce Sample. They too, along with the Job's Daughters need quality leaders to help with organizations. 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.

You will find that the Rainbow and Jobs Daughters are always working toward helping those lest fortunate, we should be extremely proud of their endeavors.

One of the tasks of this committee is to assist the G.H.P. in selecting the Youth Awards that are presented by the Grand High Priest at their Session.

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

Lon Goede, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

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

This year no state-wide Schools on Ritual were held.

DDGLs

Reports were received from nine DDGLs reporting on nineteen Chapters, showing a low percent of the Officers know their parts, creating a need for books. Several reported that their new Officers who showed a lot of interest and doing a good job in their parts.

The DDGLs who have several Chapters assigned seem to make regular visits aside from their official ones. Several DDGLs have inspired some Chapters in their area to confer degrees at regular meetings, which seems better than waiting for Festivals.

PROFICIENCY

At present, there are fifteen certified cards in the Proficiency Program, consisting of:

2 Part One	1 Part Five A
3 Part Two	1 Part Five B
3 Part Three	3 Part Five C
2 Part Four	

Ritual seems to be the least important to the Companions.

Fraternally submitted,
Calvin D. Schroff, 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

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

HOW IT CAME ABOUT:

From Saturday to Sunday

By

Samuele Bacchhoechi

*(Roman repressive measures following the first
and second Jewish revolts spurred Christian change to Sunday worship.)*

Scholars have long debated how the first day of the week---Sunday---came to be adopted by a majority of Christians as the day of rest and worship in place of the Bible prescribed, seventh day Sabbath. (In Hebrew, the seventh day is called *Sabbath* from which the English word Sabbath is derived!)

The classic explanation, as stated by Thomas Aquinas, is that “the observance of the Lord’s Day took place of the observance of the Sabbath not by virtue of the “Biblical precept but by the institution of the Church.” In other words, the adoption of Sunday observance has been traditionally attributed to ecclesiastical authority rather than to Biblical or apostolic precepts. This has been the position of most historians who have studied the question.

Recently, however, some scholars have argued that Sunday observance has a Biblical or apostolic origin. According to these scholars, from the inception of the Church, the Apostles themselves chose the first day of the week in place of the seventh day in order to commemorate the resurrection or Easter appearance of Jesus three days after his crucifixion.

My own assessment of the sources is that this thesis is wrong—on two counts. First, the change from Saturday to Sunday occurred sometime after 135 A.D. Second, the change originated in Rome, not Jerusalem.

The view that the apostolic Jerusalem Church pioneered Sunday worship rests on two incorrect assumptions. The first incorrect assumption is that because the resurrection and appearance of Jesus occurred in Jerusalem on Sunday, the Apostles instituted Sunday worship to commemorate these events by the distinctive Christian liturgy. The second incorrect assumption is that the Apostles were encouraged by the fact that the earliest Christians in Jerusalem “no longer felt at home in the Jewish Sabbath service.”

The earliest documentary sources refute both these assumptions. Nothing in the New Testament prescribes or even suggests the commemoration of Jesus’ resurrection on Sunday. In fact, Sunday is consistently denominated not as the “Day of the Resurrection”, but as the “first day of the week.”

The earliest explicit references to the observances of Sunday as Christian Sabbath are by Barnabas (ca. 135 A.D.) and Justin (ca. 150 A.D.). Both writers do not mention the resurrection as a basis for Sunday observance but only as the second of two reasons, important but not predominant.” These references hardly confirm the contention that the origin of Sunday, as sometimes claimed, “is to be found solely in the facts of the resurrection of Christ on the day after the Sabbath.

If the early Jerusalem Church had pioneered and prompted Sunday observance, we would expect to find that the primitive Christian community in Jerusalem broke away almost immediately from Jewish religion—its traditions and services. Those who argue for an apostolic origin of Sunday observance make precisely this contention. But the opposite is the case. The book of Acts as well as several Judeo-Christian documents persuasively demonstrate that both the ethnic composition and the theological orientation of the Jerusalem Church were profoundly Jewish. Luke’s characterization of the Jerusalem Church as “zealous for the Law” (Acts 21:20), is an accurate description.

The attachment of the Jerusalem Church to the Mosaic Law is reflected in some of the decisions of the so-called Jerusalem Council held about 40-50 A.D. (See Acts 15). The exemption from circumcision is there granted only “to the brethren who are of the Gentles” (Acts 15:2). No concession is made for Jewish-Christians, who must continue to circumcise their children. Moreover, of the four provisions made applicable by the Jerusalem Council to Gentiles, one is moral (abstention from “unchastity”), but three are *ceremonial* (even *Gentile* Christians are ordered to abstain “from contact with idols [eating] what has been strangled and from [eating] blood” (Acts 15:20). This concern of the Jerusalem Council for ritual defilement and Jewish food laws reflects its continued attachment to Jewish ceremonial law and its commands. It would be unthinkable that this Church at this early time would change Sabbath to Sunday.

James’ statement at the Jerusalem Council in support of this proposal that concessions be made to Gentile Christians is also significant”: “For generations past Moses has had spokesmen in every city; he is read every Sabbath in the Synagogues” (Acts 15:21). All interpreters recognize that both in his proposal and in its justification, James reaffirms the binding nature of the Mosaic Law which was customarily taught every Sabbath (Saturday) in the synagogue.

Paul’s last visit to Jerusalem (58-60 A.D.) provides further insight. The Apostle was informed by James and elders that thousands of converted Jews were “*all zealous for the Law*” (Acts 21:20); Paul was then pressured by the same leaders to prove that he also *live[d] in observance of the Law*” (Acts 21:24) by undergoing a rite of purification at the Temple. In the light of this deep commitment to the observance of the Law, it is hardly conceivable that the Jerusalem Church would have abrogated one of its chief precepts—Sabbath-keeping—pioneered Sunday worship instead.

Evidence such as this has led some scholars to argue for the Palestinian origin of Sunday observance at a slightly later time—after the Roman destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D. The flight of the Christians from Jerusalem to Pella as well as the psychological impact of the destruction of the Temple weaned Palestinian Christians away from Jewish observances such as Sabbath-keeping, it is argued.

Both Eusebius and Epiphany inform us, however, that the Jerusalem Church after 70 A.D. and until Hadrian's siege of Jerusalem in 135 A.D. was composed of an administered by converted Jews, characterized as "zealous to insist on the literal observance of the Law." The orthodox Palestinian Jewish-Christian sect of the Nazarenes who most scholars regard as "the very direct descendants of the primitive community" of Jerusalem, retained Sabbath-keeping on Saturday until the fourth century. Indeed, Saturday Sabbath-keeping was regarded as one of this Church's distinguishing characteristics. This implies that Saturday Sabbath observance was not only the traditional custom of the Jerusalem Church, but also of Palestine Jewish-Christians long after 70 A.D.

This conclusion is corroborated by the "Curse of the Christians" (*Birkath-ha-Minim*), a prayer introduced by the Palestine rabbinical authorities (80-90 A.D.) as an effective bar to clandestine Jewish-Christian participation in Jewish synagogue services. Participation by Jewish-Christian in Saturday synagogue service would hardly be a concern to the rabbinical authorities if Palestinian Christmas had adopted Sunday as their Sabbath.

Of all the Christian Churches, the Jerusalem Church was both ethnically and theologically the closest and most loyal to Jewish religious traditions, and thus the least likely to change the day of the Sabbath.

After 135 A. D., radical changes occurred in the Jewish world. In that year, the Roman Emperor Hadrian crushed the Second Jewish Revolt which had been unsuccessfully led by Bar-Kokhba. Jerusalem became a Roman colony from which Jews (and Jewish-Christians) were excluded. Hadrian renamed the city Aelia Capitolina. He prohibited the practice of the Jewish religion throughout the Empire. Sabbath observance was especially condemned.* A whole body of *Adversus Judaeos* ("Against the Jews") literature began to appear. Following the Roman lead, Christians developed a "Christian" theology of separation from and contempt for the Jews. Characteristic Jewish Customs such as circumcision and Sabbath-keeping were castigated.

Sunday observance could well have been introduced at this time as an attempt to emphasize to the Roman authorities the Christian distinction from Judaism.

[*The rabbinic sources speak abundantly of the restrictions imposed during Hadrian's reign, which is commonly referred to in the Talmud as "the age of persecution—*shemad*—," or "the age of the edict—*gezerah*" (cf Sabbath 60a; S. Krauss, "*Barkokba*," Jewish Encyclopedia, 1907, II, p. 509.) The following quotation is a sample of statements often found in the Talmud regarding Hadrian's anti-Jewish policies: "The Government of Rome had issued a decree that they should not study the Torah and that they should not circumcise their sons and that they should profane the Sabbath" (*Rosh Hashanah* 19a in *The Babylonian Talmud*, trans. I. Epstein London: The Soncino Press, 1938I XIII, 78).]

New Jewish festivals such as Sunday-keeping could be adopted and enforced only by a church that has severed its ties with Judaism. As we have seen, this excludes the Jerusalem Church prior to 135 A.D. After 135 A.D., The Jerusalem Church lost its religious prestige and went almost into oblivion, so it could hardly have been the source of so important a change.

The most likely church for the source of this change is the Church of Rome. Here can be found the social, religious and political conditions which permitted and encouraged the abandonment of Saturday as the Sabbath and the adoption of Sunday worship instead.

Contrary to most eastern churches, the Church of Rome was predominantly composed of Gentile converts. Paul in his Epistle to this church explicitly affirms: "I am speaking to you Gentiles" (Romans 11:13). The predominant Gentile membership apparently contributed to an early Christian differentiation from the Jews in Rome. In 64 A. D., for instance, Nero placed the charge of arson exclusively on Christians, thus distinguishing them from Jews. **

[According to Tacitus, Nero, "fastened the guilt of arson and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class of hated for their abomination, called Christians by the populace." (*Annales* 15:44).]**

Beginning with the First Jewish Revolt against in (66 A. D.), various repressive measures—military, political and fiscal—were imposed upon the Jews, especially as their resurgent nationalism resulted in violent uprising, in many places outside of Palestine. Militarily, Vespasian and Titus crushed the First Jewish Revolt; and Hadrian, the Second Jewish Revolt (132-135). Politically, Vespasian (69-79 A.D.) abolished the Sanhedrin and the office of the High Priest; later Hadrian outlawed the practiced of Judaism altogether (ca. 135A.D.). Finally, the Jews were subjected to a discriminatory tax (*the fiscus Judaicus*) which as introduced by Vespasian and increased first by Domitian (81-96 A.D.) and later by Hadrian.

That these repressive measures were intensely experienced in Rome is indicated by the contemptuous anti-Jewish literary comments of such writers as Seneca (d65 A.D.), Persius (34-62 A.D.), Petronius (ca. 66 A.D.), Quintillian (ca. 35-100 A.D.), Martial (ca. 40-104 A.D.), Plutarch (ca. 46-119 A.D.), Juvenal (125 A.D.) and Tacitus (ca. 55-120 A. D.), all of whom lived in Rome most of their professional lives. They revile the Jews racially and culturally, deriding Sabbath-keeping and circumcision as examples of Judaism's degrading superstitions.

Mosaic of Jesus represented as the Sun-god with a nimbus behind his head irradiating seven rays and ascending to heaven in a chariot drawn by four white horses. The mosaic was discovered in recent excavations at the Vatican necropolis. The mosaic is dated between 200 A.D. and 240 A.D. Accordingly, it is the earliest known Christian mosaic. The room in which the mosaic was found has been identified as a chapel built by a wealthy Roman to memorialize his child. The figure in the mosaic is identified as Jesus because in the small chapel were found other clearly recognized Christian scenes—the resurrection of Lazarus, the Good Shepherd, and a Fisherman (Jesus or

Peter). This chapel was covered in 320 A.D. by Constantine's basilica of St. Peter. The light area on the bottom retains the impression of the mosaic although the stones themselves have fallen off.

The mounting hostility of the Roman populace against the Jews forced Titus, though "unwillingly" (*invitus*), to ask the Jewess Berenice, sister of Herod the Younger, whom he wanted to marry, to leave Rome. These circumstances as well as the conflict between Jews and Christians, apparently encouraged not only the production of a whole body of anti-Jewish literature in which a "Christian" theology of contempt for the Jews was developed, but also the repudiation of characteristic Jewish customs such as Sabbath-keeping.

The Church of Rome adopted concrete measures to wean Christians away from Sabbath veneration in order to enhance Sunday worship exclusively. Justin Martyr, for instance, writing in the mid-second century, reduces the observance of the Sabbath to a temporary Mosaic ordinance which God imposed exclusively on the Jews as "a mark to single them out for punishment they so well deserve for their infidelities."

This kind of negative reinterpretation of the Sabbath led Christians to transform their Saturday Sabbath observance from a day of feasting, joy and religious celebration into a day of fasting—with not Eucharistic celebration or religious assemblies permitted.

The Saturday fast served not only to express sorrow for Christ's death, but also, as emphatically stated by Pope Sylvester (314-335 A.D.), to show "contempt for the Jews" (*exsecratione Judaeorum*) and for their Sabbath "feasting (*destructive ciborum*). The sadness and hunger resulting from the fast would enable Christians to avoid "appearing to observe the Sabbath with the Jews and would encourage them to enter more eagerly and joyfully into the observance of Sunday.

Because the basic function of the Christian Saturday fast was to discourage the observance of this day as a Sabbath and to enhance Sunday worship, it seems likely that the Saturday fast and Sunday worship both originated contemporaneously and at the same place. There is no question that the Saturday fast was introduced by the Church of Rome.

Moreover, the weekly Saturday fast developed as an extension or counterpart of the annual Holy-Saturday of Easter season, when all Christians fasted. The Easter fast, like Saturday-Sabbath fast, was designed to express not only sorrow for Christ's death but also contempt for those whom Christians considered its perpetrators, namely the Jews. Moreover, since the weekly Sunday observance and Easter-Sunday are frequently presented by the Church Fathers as interrelated in their meaning and function, presumably all these practices originated at the same time as part of the Easter-Sunday celebration. It is important, therefore, to ascertain the time, place and causes of the origin of Easter-Sunday, since this could well mark the genesis of Sunday observance as well.

In his account of the Easter observance, Eusebius describes Bishop Victor of Rome (189-199 A.D.) as the champion of the Easter-Sunday custom, and Polycrates, Bishop of Ephesus, as the defender of the Quartodeciman tradition. Quartodeciman means 14 and refers to the date the feast is observed according to the Jewish calendar, that is, the 14th of the Jewish month of Nisan, when Jews observe Passover.

Irenaeus Bishop of Lyon (from ca. 178 A.D.), intervened as peacemaker in the controversy. He urged Bishop Victor to emulate his predecessors, namely "Anicetus and Pius and Hyginus and Telephoros and Sixtus" who though they celebrated Easter on Sunday, nevertheless were at peace with those who observed it on the 14th of Nisan. The fact that Irenaeus mentions Bishop Sixtus (ca. 116-126 A.D.) as the first bishop who did not observe the Quartodeciman Passover suggests the possibility that the feast began to be celebrated in Rome on Sunday at about that time. The innovation could well have been motivated by the desire to avoid Hadrian's repressive measures against Judaism. This hypothesis is indirectly supported by Epiphanius' statement that the Easter controversy "arose after the time of the exodus of the bishops of the circumcision" from Jerusalem. This exodus occurred after Hadrian crushed the Second Jewish Revolt in 135 A.D. Since Sixtus (ca. 116-126 A.D.) was Bishop of Rome only a few years earlier, he could well have been the initiator of Easter Sunday. Some time must be allowed before a new custom becomes sufficiently widespread to provoke a controversy.

While the exact date of the origin of Easter Sunday may be a subject of dispute, there seems to be a consensus of scholarly opinion that it was in Rome that the new custom was introduced for avoiding "even the semblance of Judaism." Constantine, in his letter to the Christian bishops at the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) exemplifies the marked anti-Judaic motivation for the repudiation of the Quartodeciman Passover. He writes:

We ought not therefore to have anything in common with the Jews, for the Savior has shown us another way. ... [I]n unanimously adopting this mode [i.e. Easter Sunday] we desire, dearest brethren, to separate ourselves from the detestable company of Jews.

The letter of the Council of Nicaea represents the culmination of a controversy initiated two centuries earlier which centered in Rome.

The same anti-Judaic motivations which caused the replacement of the Jewish Quartodeciman Passover with Easter Sunday, also accounts for the contemporaneous substitution of Sabbath-keeping with Sunday worship. This argument is supported not only by the fact that the Jewish Sabbath shared the same anti-Judaic condemnation as the Jewish Quartodeciman Passover, but also by the close of nexus between the observance of Easter Saturday Sunday (a fast followed by a day of joy) and that of its weekly counterpart (the Saturday fast followed by Sunday worship). The basic unity between these Easter and weekly observances is explicitly affirmed by the Fathers, and further suggests a common origin in the Church of Rome at the same time and owing to similar causes.

Moreover, only in Rome was there the "preeminent authority" (*potentior principalitas*), exercised by the Bishop of Rome, capable at that time of influencing the majority of Christians to adopt new religious observances. Thus, it seems clear

that Sunday observances originated in Rome in the early part of the second century (but after 135 A.D.) for the reasons I have outlined.

While these social, political, and religious conditions explain why a day of worship was substituted for the Saturday Sabbath, they do not explain why Sunday rather than Friday (the day of Christ's passion) or another day was chosen. The influence of sun worship with its "Sun-Day" provides the most plausible explanation.

The *cult of Sol Invictus*—The Invincible Sun—as shown by Gaston H. Halsberghe, became "dominant in Rome and in other parts of the Empire from the early part of the second century A.D."

We know that the Roman sun-cults otherwise influenced Christian and liturgy. The Church Fathers' frequently condemn Christian veneration of the sun. In early Christ art and literature, the sun is often used as a symbol to represent Christ. The orientation of early Christian Churches was changed; instead of facing Jerusalem like synagogues, churches were oriented to the East. The *dies natalis Solis Invicti* (the birthday of the Invincible Sun) was chosen as the Christian Christmas.

A second century change in the Roman calendar also suggests the influence of Sun worship on the Christian choice of Sunday as the new Sabbath. The seven day week was first adopted by the Roman Empire in the first century A.D., that time the days of the week were named after the planets (as they still are). Saturn's day (Saturday) was originally the first day of the week. The Sun's day (Sunday) was originally the second day of the week. Under the influence of Sun Worship, however, a change occurred in the second century: The Sun's day (Sunday) became the first day of week, the most honored position. (Each of the other days was advanced one day; Saturn's day thereby became the seventh day of the week.) This development probably influenced Roman Christians with a pagan background to adopt and adapt the Sun's day for their Christian worship. This would serve to emphasize to non-Christian Romans the Christian similarity to familiar Roman practice and the dissimilarity to Jewish custom. All of this supports—if only indirectly—the suggestion that Sunday was chosen for Christian worship because it was the Sun's day.

A more direct indication is provided by the use of the sun as a symbol to justify Sunday observance. The motifs of light and of the sun are frequently invoked by the Church Fathers to develop a theological justification for Sunday worship. God's creation of light on the first day and the resurrection of the Sun of Justice which occurred on the same day coincided with the day of the sun. Jerome, to cite only one example, explains: "If it is called the day of the sun by the pagans, we most willingly acknowledge it as such, since it is on this day that the light of the world appeared and on this day the Sun of Justice has risen." The day of the Sun, then, may well have been viewed by Christians familiar with its veneration, as a providential and valid substitution for the seventh day Sabbath, since the substitution could well explain Biblical mysteries to the pagan mind by means of effective and familiar symbols.

"Is Your Cable To The "Easy Button"

Not long ago, while serving as Master or may Lodge, I had a brother send a summons to ME, the MASTER, to visit him. He had something that he wanted to discuss with me in the privacy of his home.

When I arrived, the Master Mason was pleased to see me. He asked me to sit down, and then exited the room. He returned with a small box in his hand. He said, in a halting manner, that he wanted me to have the box and what was in it. When I opened the box, I beheld a Master Mason's Trowel, given to him when he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, many years before.

I asked him why he was giving it to me. He replied quite simply: "My health is failing and I can no longer attend lodge, so I feel duty bound to surrender my trowel. I can no longer live up to my obligation." I was stunned. Never before had I met a man with such conviction concerning the promise he had made upon the Volume of the Sacred Law. He stated that his cable tow was now "too short."

I fumbled for words. I was speechless. Then I did what I believed was the right thing to do: I told him that as a Master of the Lodge, I was empowered to forgive this matter, or heal it if you will. I also bade him to keep his Trowel until such time as he surrendered to the Grand Architect of the Universe. I further promised him a Masonic Burial and I would see to it that his Trowel would be laid up in the Archives of the Lodge.

Reflecting upon this incident, as well as other Masonic situations I have encountered, I have come to the conclusion that we have let the length of our cable tow becomes an easy excuse for not attending lodge or becoming involved in other Masonic Activities to the betterment of the community.

All too often, it is easier to justify why we are not attending Lodge, not living up to the other obligations that we swore, while kneeling before the Great Lights of our Craft. At that time we promised, before God, in front of a Lodge of Master Masons, that we would obey all signs and summons issued by a lodge, or given by a Brother "if within the length of our cable tow."

I found the following paragraph, defining the length of the cable tow, in the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. The New Revised Edition, Volume 1, 1921, by Macey and McClenahan.

Quote: Gadick says that, "according to ancient law of Free Masonry, every brother must attend his lodge, if within the length of his cable tow. "The old writers define the length of the cable tow, which they sometimes called "A cables length, to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice. But the expression is really symbolic, and, as, defined by the Baltimore Convention in 1842, **means the scope of a man's reasonable ability.**

Question: Has our cable tow become so short that it is choking our lodges??? Have WE allowed the caveat, "if within the length of my cable tow" to become our Easy Button? Have we, in fact, lost OUR CHARACTER?

Character can be expressed as: having the conviction to carry through with a promise long after the spirit in which it was made has cooled. Are we loosing our character and consequently becoming just another organization of men who sometime go to meetings.

“For remember at the Altar you have promised.”

My Dad used to tell me when I was a young man, “if I said I was going to do something, I had better “man up” and do it.

To this, I admonish you in the gentlest but most ASSERTIVE of manners:

Mason Up!

Live up to our obligations. Fulfill the hearts and souls of mankind with out presence and practices. Become that Beacon of Light and Hope to those who need us.

It pains my heart to even contemplate that by use of an “Easy Button” as a convenient substitute for the length of our cable tow, we could loose sight of our duty our dignity and our sense of purpose as Freemasons.

Look in the mirror and say to your self—Mason Up, my brother, MASON UP!!! Go to lodge. Your Lodge needs you. The Fraternity needs you. The World needs you.

TEMPLE

The word *Temple* is derived from the Latin word *Templum*. The root of this word is *Temp* meaning “to cut or scribe” as in *template*. The ancients observed flights of birds and cut or scribed their direction on the ground with sticks. Ancient seers then used these markings to get their bearings and guide their travels.

Masonic Temples similarly help their members “to get their bearings.” So *Temple* does not mean a place of worship to Freemasons, but rather a place to find direction for successful living. It is indeed an “Ancient Masonic usage, “which also alludes to that various levels of King Solomon’s Temple where Masons met. This meaning is taught to all Masons who take the Scottish Rite Degrees.

In days gone by, all of our Masonic buildings were prominently labeled temples. Political correctness has now caused them to become “Centers, Buildings, or Lodges.” We, I suppose, don’t want the public to think that Freemasonry is a religion, so rather than explain the ancient Masonic meaning of Temple, someone changed it.

But that someone could not be a Freemason, as all Freemasons, have sworn to conform to al ancient Masonic usages, so far as the same shall come to their knowledge! They have also admitted that it is not in the power of man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry! So the desecration of out *Temples* appears to be the work of the same people who demoted The Holy Ghost to the holy spirit, and changed BC (before Christ) and AD (after death) to BCE (before current era) and CE (Common Era).

Watch carefully, Brethren—the Holy Bible could soon disappear from our altars. It looks far too religious, and I’m sure the politically correct *Temple* desecrators certainly must have it squarely in their sights.

Do you remember Peter, Paul and Mary, who sang?

“Where have all the temples gone, longtime passing?

Where have all the temples gone a long time ago?

Where have all the temples gone, gone to centers every one

When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Gary C. Carlson, Jr., Grand Chaplain, New Mexico Freemason, Fall 2007

WHAT KIND OF LEADER ARE YOU?

By Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Grand Historian

Be Punctual!

Plans!

Where do you want to go?

Know your people.

Don’t be afraid to make good decisions.

Know your by-laws---as a tool

Don’t try to be something that you are no good at....telling humorous stories.

The bottom line is to lead.....

This is not Leadership 101. There is no class that specifically addresses the subject. The armed forces have such courses, but we in normal course of life do not. The ability to lead comes from schooling, experience and common sense. The first prerogative to being a good leader is to recognize problems, sometimes before they get to be problems, and to address each situation with determination. If you have a hole in the sole of a shoe, you will eventually get your foot wet or worse. BE PUNCTUAL!

Meetings scheduled to start on the hour or otherwise should be started on time. It is unfair to start late. It is also your responsibility to see that the room is ready and that the meeting gets started on time. Even though you delegate the preparation of the room to someone else, it is your place to arrive early and see that everything is in place.

Starting on time can be troublesome. Men and women knowing that they haven’t been able to contact you earlier and having something, which is to them of importance, will often wait and ambush you as you come into the meeting room. It is no accident, and you need to be aware that it can happen. Bishop Goodrich impressed me to no end with the manner in

which he handled such an encounter. Talking to someone who had caught him, the bishop noted it was time to start the meeting. He excused himself and started the meeting on time. The person left behind may have contacted him later, but the meeting started on time.

No one wants to be classed as a bad leader, but it can happen. We can and must make every effort to avoid such a tragedy. But the question is more often, “where do we begin so as to prevent this from happening?” We start quite simply by making preparations. During your tenure in the advancing line, you will need to note what has worked and what hasn’t. You will need to know why some programs worked and why some didn’t. You cannot always determine these facts from internal information. You have to step back and look at the whole picture.

There is no reason that you cannot make plans to accomplish certain things when you are first elected to the line. Expect to change these plans on several occasions because some of your ideas may be used by those in line ahead of you. You cannot let this discovery become a problem. There are a lot of good things to be done.

More often than not, we are fascinated by the fact that we were elected. We have nothing but the vaguest idea of where we want to go. You had enough problems making your schedule fit the new responsibilities you have just garnered.

But the time is now! This is the day that you begin to formulate a plan for tomorrow. The biggest headache you will face coming into your year as a leader of a grand body, is the selection of members to serve on boards and as your appointed officers. You have to have an idea. This is a problem that we encounter when coming into a new position of authority. A question that needs to be answered early on, “When do I begin asking people to assume some office?” This can be done quite easily. You can create a list, of those whom you would like to serve in a notebook or elsewhere. This can be done during your visits to the subordinate bodies, but do it discretely. Invariable someone wants to be the first to announce that they have been selected by you to serve in an official position. This leak can be offensive to the person now serving as head of the body. Begin to announce your selections at a appropriate time agreed upon by you and your predecessor. But be prepared to move as soon as agreed.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

Having selected those to serve with you, the next big job is, “What do you want to accomplish?”

Where do you want go. What do you want to get done during the coming year? It must explicit. You cannot come in saying I want to try this, but this will work. It will bring us immediate results. The nuts and bolts of any new plan must be something that you can get across in a simple and easy fashion. If you attempt to involve the members in a complex and complicated program, you will lose them. They will listen, and then tune you out. If it is too complicated, it may be difficult to sell.

There are all kinds of salesmen in our society. For instance, let’s assume that you want to buy a new car. The ordinary person will be concerned about color, tires, engine, seats and today—gas mileage. If the salesman has a few choice cars to dispose of, and you aren’t interested, he may try to change your mind. But you don’t want to change your mind. You leave. It is the same with programs that do not appeal to the membership. The good programs will survive.

There are an abundant number of good choices for programs which to emphasize during your year as a leader. Every charity has need of additional funds. It is a good time to educate the Companions and Sir Knights of the different charities that are supported by the York Rite. You cannot go wrong when you pursue this type of programming. But there are other worthy goals for you to establish for your year.

GOOD DECISIONS

What constitutes “a good decision?” **Learn to trust yourself!** You must be able to lead with a firm reliance on your instincts and common sense. Education only makes it possible for you to assimilate facts and factors more rapidly. It also enables you to review or see the direction of a developing situation. But more important, a decision must be made for the benefit of the fraternity rather than the good will of a few.

The main ingredient in decision making is decisiveness. You cannot waffle. If you equivocate, you are betraying yourself as uncertain about a decision. This is the province of politicians. Ask a question, and you will more times than not be led around the fairgrounds. It is the old timer in the mountains of Tennessee when asked how far it was to a certain point replied, “It is two pipes full.” To him the way of traveling was on foot. Two pipes full of tobacco would accomplish the trip.

Ask someone you can trust to provide aid when it is a difficult decision. The greatest problem we have is the “Solomon syndrome.” We do not have all the answers. Don’t be afraid to seek help. Advising a person that you would need more information is not a failure to answer, but to determine the best way to proceed.

Being decisive is difficult, but it is much better than equivocating.

KNOW YOUR PEOPLE

You aren’t expected to know everyone in the Chapter, Council, or Commandery, but you can get acquainted with those who are leaders, and those who are not. This is essential. There are a lot of decisions to be made where knowledge of the people in the state will be beneficial. You have District and Regional Deputies, but they too may not know all the people in their area. It is up to you to know these people and how much you can trust their judgment.

Donald Trump tells of relying on the men he hired to manage Trump’s different projects. Each of them is expected to have a direct approach to a problem and to provide a direct answer. One of these men when asked to survey a project was asked his opinion. He waltzed around the question without providing an answer. Trump then asked him for his candid opinion, the man replied, “It stinks.”

KNOW THE BY-LAWS

Learning the by-laws is a valuable education. Don't rely on someone else for the information. Learn to find it for yourself. You will save yourself a great deal of trouble by doing this for yourself. If you rely on others, they may realize that you don't know where to find the particular by-law and provide partial or incorrect information. It is still your responsibility to rule on the situation, but do so with complete knowledge. Don't rely on others.

By-laws are not to be used as a "baseball bat." You may tell your wife that it is your right to do a certain thing. She will be kind enough to provide sleeping material for the couch. The by-laws may be black and white, but they are not to be used to brow beat individuals or Commanderys.

A good knowledge is essential. If you are given information, be sure to check it yourself, even if it came from a friend. It isn't that you don't trust him; it is your job to check and make sure the information is correct. You may not feel that the by-laws are all that important. But the by-laws can be your salvation in more instances than not. When there is a particularly difficult situation, the by-laws will prove to be the final authority.

DON'T TRY TO DO SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO

Some of the most boring moments and trying moments come when someone who has no idea of pitch, attempts to sing. The whole room suddenly becomes quite, and some start to slip out. People today have no patience with those who have no grasp of what they are doing.

There is a gentleman in Israel who is Curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He has a treasurer trove of knowledge, but he does three things wrong. His audience is composed of tourist who have an interest in history. They are not doctrinal candidates: 1) He talks to these tourists as if they were doctrinal students at a University. He was so far over their heads that they did not have the slightest notion of what he was saying. What he did in simple language, was to tell them about the discovery of the scrolls. He defined for the tourists the many problems accompanying their discovery. 2) He didn't know when to quit. He was boring and monotonous, and talked far too long. One by one the people in the room disappeared. It was embarrassing for those who had invited him to speak, but each year it was the same. 3.) He also tells of the problems of translating the scrolls using official numbers and descriptions. Tell the story in an understandable fashion.

Not everyone is a public speaker. If you aren't, it is not a sin. You will not be delivered to "Hell's Fire" if you cannot address an audience. Don't be afraid to provide yourself notes and a time line. The biggest sin is using too much time to say nothing. Your companions and sir knights will appreciate your ability to get the job done in a timely manner.

If you are a good speaker, you need to be sure to arrange your topic so that you don't talk too long. I was impressed with Senator Bond when he spoke to the Downtown Rotary Club in St. Joseph. He recognized time constraints. But he did something to make sure that he did not violate them. He stationed a member of his staff on each side of the room. They started in the back of the room. As time passed, they slowly moved toward the front. He did not have to look at his watch. When these two staff people reached the front of the room, he immediately began to draw his speech to a close. As a Senator, he knew the Rotarians would overlook his taking longer than usual, but he did not exercise that privilege.

There is another evil that creeps into our job as leaders. Story telling! If you can't get to the punch line successfully, don't try to tell jokes. Too often the joke is on you and you end up with egg on your face. Jokes and some tales require timing. If you don't have it, don't tell jokes. You can learn, but it will require practice and patience on the part of those who will be your audience.

Humor helps gain the attention of the audience, but when it is bad, they want you to hurry on to the next point. If you don't have anything to say, keep quiet.

One of the great dangers you will encounter, is a companion or sir knight who is starved for attention. He gains the floor and has nothing to say. However, he rambles on for a good period of time. A young minister called on a certain brother to pray at the close of worship service. Having been warned not to do so, he did so anyway. After about ten minutes of prayer by the brother, the young minister announced, "We will sing our closing hymn while our brother continues to pray."

Learn to use power properly. You have the power--you are in charge--be in charge! You don't have to lose your temper, but very graciously assume that which for the moment you have—responsibility for the direction of a meeting.

THE POWER OF FREEMASONRY

The following is an excerpt from the Allocution delivered by the Sovereign Grand Commander at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council at Pittsburg on August 28.

*[This article was published in the "November Light- in November--1989]
By FRANCIS G. PAUL 33^o*

Several months ago, a reporter from a major daily newspaper in the Southeastern part of our country began work on Masonic new story. In order to get helpful background information, he went to the paper's "morgue" and combed the files. There he found a number of news clipping about our fraternity. What struck was the date of the most current news clipping--it was March, 1959.

As incredible as it may seem, there was evidently no news from the Masons in that metropolitan area for the 30 years! For three decades, Freemasonry has been highly invisible.

In that same city—as well as in other parts of our country—you will see Masonic bumper stickers that read, "The Quite Fraternity." The truth of the matter is that we are not just quite; we're not making a sound!

But that's not all. It is important to note that over those same 30 years—1959 to 1989--- Masonic membership in that state had dropped 40 %! This same story is repeated in city after city—and state after state--- across the country.

When we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that our fraternity has gone on retreat. We are marching backward at a faster pace. In fact, we are now running out of breath.

In this situation, we must ask ourselves, "Why would any man want to be a Mason? Another question is even more to the point, "Why would any man want to become a Mason?"

These are the tough questions facing Freemasonry today. Quite honestly, we have not done a very good job of providing solid, sound, meaningful answers. When you and I are faced with these issues, we stumble and fumble for answers. Our words are less than convincing. To many, it must appear that we are unsure of ourselves.

Maybe that's true. We may not know what to say. We are unclear about what it means to be a Mason. If there is power in Freemasonry, it has somehow eluded us.

It is time that all of this should stop! There *is* power in Freemasonry. Deep down inside we all know it. Unfortunately, we are doing a poor job communicating our message to each other and to the outside world. We have, in fact, become the *quite* fraternity.

Let me suggest that Masonry is just as powerful today as it was 50 or 100 years ago.

First, I have never met a Brother Mason who was not proud to be a member of our fraternity.

He may not have darkened the doorway of a lodge room in 20 years, yet, there is a sense of pride that is just as strong as the day he was raised a Master Mason.

I cannot think of any other organization that can even come close to matching Masonry for pride of membership. A Masonic dues card is the most important card in a man's wallet and he never leaves home without it.

The experience of becoming a Master Mason is *lasting*. It makes an indelible impression, a permanent imprint on a man's life. It is totally unique and it never fades. There is a feeling of being ushered into more than an organization. As Masons, we have a belief about ourselves that is so special it creates a sense of unparalleled pride.

Second, we have a sense of brotherhood that draws us together in an inexplicable way.

When we use the word "brotherhood," it has a special meaning for us because there I a bond between Masons that is powerful beyond comprehension. It is real. It is meaningful. It is very special. It says, "I may not know you, but you must be all right." It says, "You don't need to say another word because you are already my friend." It says, "You can count on me."

Show me any other organization in the world that has such a deep feeling of genuine brotherhood. You find it *only* in Masonry.

Third, Masonry gives a man the recognition he deserves---and doesn't get anywhere else in life.

To those who say that our fraternity has run its course and is no longer relevant to men today, I say -----wrong!

In the kind of society we live in, men are made to feel insignificant. Your Social Security Number is more important than your name; your credit card account number is more important than you name, and your bank account number is more important than your name. Unless you're a sports star or a TV celebrity, you are made to feel that you don't count for much.

Nothing worse can happen to a man than to believe that he isn't very important. For most men, the only time their names get in the newspaper is when they are born, when they get married, and when they die. Unfortunately, they are only able to read it once!

Masonry takes every man seriously.

Fourth, Masonry gives every man an opportunity to develop his skills and talents. Whether you are a truck driver or an attorney, whether you are starting out on a career or coming into retirement, you can become more than you are. That's Masonry's message. Show me any other group that opens so wide the doors of possibility.

As its best, Masonry is both classroom and a workshop. And the product is *men*. We give a man the opportunity to hone his skills. We make it possible for him to test himself. We show men how to become more that they are at the moment.

Of all our symbols, it seems to me that the two stones—the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar—are among the most meaningful. We should talk about them more because they represent what our fraternity is all about.

The ashlar portray the power of Freemasonry. We believe that men have possibilities inside them. We believe that a man can improve himself. We believe that given the right opportunity men can achieve greatness of character. And, most important, we believe that a man can reach toward perfection.

Show me another organization that has this philosophy. Show me another group that holds out such a challenge to men today. Show me another organization that gives a man an opportunity to get involved and make a difference in his community, in the live of others and in the world.

You and I may be so close to Freemasonry that we cannot see our fraternity for what it really is. You and I may be so wrapped up in what we are doing as Masons that we miss the incredible power of our fraternity.

Yet, Masonry is not for every man. We know that. It is for those who care about becoming the best they can be. It is for those who have a deep love of country and who care about the basic values of honesty, integrity, justice and brotherhood. Masonry is for men who refuse to let others take responsibility for their lives.

If all this is true, if we have a great message for men today---if there is power in our fraternity that makes a difference in men's lives, then what should we be doing? What are our challenges? Where should we be spending out time--and money?

There are several key items that must be on our Masonic agendas today—including those of our local lodges, our Grand Lodges, the Scottish Rite, and every other Masonic body.

First, it's time for us to remind our members what Masonry is all about. We need to get them excited about. What they already know deep down inside. We must communicate the power of Freemasonry to our own members. Masonry is exciting; Masonry is unique. To be a Mason is to want the best in life. Our members need to get this message.

We must quickly look for effective ways of achieving a new level of Masonic education. Dry letters by ill-informed and poorly prepared Brothers will not suffice. We have outstanding educators among our members. What are we not this resource for the benefit of Freemasonry?

Second, we must keep our standards of membership high. A recent study of organizational membership show that member loyalty is directly correlated to membership standards. The higher the standards, the greater the member's commitment. We've known this all along, yet, there are some who feel that lowering our standards is the way to survive.

Third, we must expect more---much more—from our Masonic leadership. Just getting to the top is not good enough. Just putting in time going through "the line" is not the measure of good leadership. Just getting through the year---in the same way the 20 men who preceded you did it---is not acceptable.

Where are we going? What more can we be doing? Where will we be five, ten, and fifteen years from now? What changes should we be making? Are we really meeting the needs of our members? These are the questions Masonic leaders should be dealing with right now.

We must never allow a man to assume a leadership position unless we can be certain he is willing and able to make a significant contribution to the improvement to our fraternity.

Fourth, we must increase Freemasonry's visibility---dramatically. In other words, we must stop being the quite, invisible fraternity. Why is this so important? Because we are better---far better---than the image we portray.

If the public perception of Freemasonry is confused and inaccurate, we have allowed it to happen. If men do not understand what it means to be a Mason, then we are at fault. If men are not asking to become Masons, then we have left them in darkness.

What we need now is more action. The time has come for us to unlock and release the power of Freemasonry.

Southern California Research Lodge F & AM
IRREGULAR MASONS, COWANS AND EAVESDROPPERS
Brother Lt. Commander David, PM

There must be a large numbers of Freemasons who, having heard the expression "cowans and eavesdroppers" have questioned more elderly brethren as to the meaning of the term and no doubt received various answers. It has become fashionable today to refer to cowans as drystoned dykers-men capable of only rough work in stone. This is great misconception, probably caused as the passage of time increases our distance from the origin cowans. Before the advent of Freemasonry, when Masonic lodges were organizations of working craftsmen, there were three grades of mason in each lodge, Apprentice, Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft. The Apprentice was not full member, he appeared only when instructed to do so, and no Lodge work or ceremonial was exercised in his presence, a situation which changed completely when he passed through the ceremony of being entered in the official records of the Lodge. The Entered Apprentice was a full member of the Lodge and was allowed a vote in all matters. Not all of them became Fellows of the Craft, the great majority remaining as Entered Apprentice all their working lives. Apprentices were entered not at a specific stage of the Apprenticeship, but when their brethren considered they were sufficiently mature for the privilege, and from the moment they were entered, they were particularly enjoined to beware of Cowans. They were not to work with cowans, or become involved with them in anyway under numerous bloodthirsty penalties. There was of course, a specific and over-riding reason for this.

At the Entering ceremony, the apprentice witnessed rituals for the first time and was told that in due course he would be expected to have to display this knowledge. The final part of the ceremony was when he witnessed the passage of the Mason-word. This was not a simple word, but a complex catechism between two men which the apprentice would be expected to know by heart and in which it was expected that he would in the future be capable of participating. Under no circumstance should any part of the ceremony by the Mason-word be uttered in the presence of a Cowan and the apprentice should guard against such a transgression with the greatest of care. This was because Cowan was 'a mason without the word' and there is our definition, just as it was in those early days.

The modern version of Cowan is to certain extent, the Irregular or Clandestine Mason. From time to time, those members of the Order intending to travel abroad on holiday are advised in the first instance to contact Grand Secretary before making contact with Masons overseas and before visiting their lodges. This is sound and sage advice and should be followed meticulously but the possibility for error exists much closer to home. For example, there are at least three clandestine Lodges holding meetings in Glasgow and at least one in Edinburgh and this does not include the Lodges of women masons (so called) which meet in both cities.

[From The Ashlar, "A window into the world of Freemasonry", a Scottish publication, September 2008]

Grand High Priest Address
at the
164th Annual Convocation
of the
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of the
State of Missouri



Held At
The Lodge of Four Seasons
Lake Ozark, Missouri
May 13, 2010

Grand High Priest Address - 2010

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

On this occasion of our One Hundred Sixty Fourth Annual Convocation, I want to welcome all companions of the State of Missouri. I also wish to welcome all of the distinguished visitors from all other Grand Jurisdictions. Hope all of you will enjoy your stay while in the State of Missouri. If we can improve on anything during your visit, let any of my officers know.

It gives me great pleasure to greet my distinguished predecessors the Past High Priest who have given much of their time to this great fraternity.

To the Grand Officers elected and appointed, District Deputy Grand High Priests, and District Deputy Grand Lecturers thank you for the great job you all have done.

I want to thank my traveling companion Ron Barrett who went with me on most of the trips, and my wife who also traveled with me during the week. I couldn't have done this without her consent for ten years of traveling.

I want to thank all the companions who participated in the fund raiser that the Grand Officers started this year.

One year ago you elected me Grand High Priest. I was deeply honored for the Distinction, and this will be a year I will never forget. It will always be special to me and my wife. I have enjoyed my travels around the state and have met many new companions. I would never have met you without this opportunity.

NECROLOGY

The grim reaper has continued in his ways and we have lost many companions to death.. As each receives his summons, he is greatly missed by those who have known him. Each time we lose a companion we lose part of ourselves and part of our history. It seems there is always a void that is impossible to fill. Many of those that pass are the hard working members and almost impossible to replace. My condolences go out to the families of those that have lost these loved ones. Our prayers are with you.

SURETY BOND

I received the necessary bonds upon my election and will turn them over to my successor.

VISITATIONS

June 25, 2009 Went to Jefferson City to present a check for \$500.00 JOBS Daughters for Their Scholarship fund

June 28, 2009 Went to Springfield to present a check for \$500.00 to the Rainbow Girls

July 12, 2009 Liberty Chapter R. A, M. held my Reception, 2 P. to 4 P. M. Thank you Liberty Chapter.

I visited 47 Chapters during this year and 6 region York Rite conferences. Throughout the year I have attended as many of my local meetings as possible.

Grand High Priest Address - 2010

APPOINTMENTS

Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
Ronald E. Wood Jr.	Grand Historian
James M Williams PGHP	Grand Historian Emeritus
Calvin D. Schroff PGHP	Grand Lecturer
Fred M. Harle Sr.	Grand Organist
Ralph E. Nolan	Grand Chaplain
Ronald L. Barrett	Grand Sentinel

District Deputy Grand High Priest and District Deputy Grand Lecturers were appointed for each District.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	Raymond C. Dunn
Germany	Dr. Juan Brackins-Romero
Idaho	Gary A. S. LaBruyere
Ireland	Edward F. McClenahan
Kentucky	David B. Williams
New York	Frank Parshley
North Dakota	R.J. Stohler
Nova Scotia	Donald R. MacKay
Pennsylvania	Bryan L. Berry

CONSOLIDATIONS

Moberly Chapter No. 79 consolidated with Columbia Chapter No. 17 on October 17, 2009

FUND RAISER

The Grand Officers started a fund this year to raise money for some of the Grand Chapter expenses. The net gain for the fund raiser reached a milestone of \$7,900.91 on March 29, 2010. I want to thank Steve Monrotus for chairing this project.

BY-LAWS

July 27, 2009 To amend the By-Laws of Springfield Chapter #15 Royal Arch Masons.

Article 1.- Section 3.

Stated convocations shall be held at 7:00 P.M. on the fourth Monday of each month, except the month of December, when the meeting shall be on the second Monday. By vote, Chapter meetings may be dispensed with during the months of August and September.

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DISPENSATIONS

July 1, 2009	It was with pleasure the Grand Chapter and myself to appoint Fred Troxel as the Acting Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter of Missouri
May 30, 2009	The High Priest of Oriental Chapter #78 request to hold regular Convocation at the Mizpa-Mount Moriah Temple.
July 1, 2009	It is with pleasure to reinstate Frank Lukenbill to Good Standing in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the state of Missouri effective July 1 st 2009.
September 30, 2009	Orient Chapter would like to request to meet on the first Friday of each month, until the next Grand York Rite session.
December 8, 2009	High Priest of Lexington request to hold the election of officers at the next meeting that they have a quorum.
January 7, 2009	Jefferson Chapter No. 34 to move the regular scheduled meeting on Monday January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to the California Masonic Hall On Monday January 11, 2010. Such meeting is to be held jointly with California Chapter No. 58 and to be considered a lawful Convocation for each of the aforesaid Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.
November 30 2009	California Chapter #58 is requesting to move our regular convocation on December 3 rd 2009 and February 4 th 2010 held at California Masonic Temple to December 14, 2009 and February 8 th 2010 at the Jefferson City Masonic Temple for business meeting and conferring of degrees.
December 10, 2009	California requesting to move regular meeting from the first Thursday of December 12/3/09 to the second Monday of December 12/14/09
December 14, 2009	Lexington Chapter No. 10 request to hold election of officers at the next meeting January 12, 2010.

TIME CAPSULE

On June 28, Ronnie Green, Danny Smothers and I, visited the Memorial in Branson Missouri. It was in excellent condition.

COURTESY 50 YEAR RECOGNITION - KAY WENDELL NELSON

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Members of the Corpus Christ Chapter No. 91, the Grand Chapter of Missouri and the members of the Chapters of Royal Arch Mason of the state of Missouri it was my pleasure to delegate this presentation to Excellent Companion James A. Nunn, District Deputy Grand High Priest for region 7A of the State of Missouri.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that we get back to having some pride in our organization. Stay active in your Lodge and visit other Lodges in your area. And ask for members. We have only about one percent of the membership of the symbolic lodges. Very few Chapters cannot open unless they use their books. They need to study rituals.

Grand High Priest Address - 2010

CLOSING REMARKS

I would like to thank my counterparts, Danny Smothers, Grand Master and Ronnie Green, Grand Commander, for their friendship and the time we spent together.

George L. Duncan
Grand High Priest 2009-2010

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



HELD AT
LODGE OF FOUR SEASONS, LAKE OZARK, MISSOURI
MAY 14, 2010, A.:O.:892

GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI - 2010

Lodge of Four Seasons

Lake Ozark, MO

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 PM Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing
3:00 PM Early Registration - All 3 Bodies
6:00 PM Golf Awards Banquet - Open to All

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - All 3 Bodies - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Breakfast - Open to All
9:30 AM Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC - Open to Ladies and Guests
9:50 AM Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Presentation of Grand Council Officers
Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
10:00 AM Formal Opening of the 145th Grand Council
Welcoming Comments by Grand Master
Reception of Missouri Past Grand Masters
Reception of Missouri Regional Deputy Grand Masters
Reception of Grand Lecturer and Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers
Reception of Grand Representatives
Reception of Out of State Grand Council Officers
Reception of General Grand Council Officers
Reception of General Grand Council Representative & Brief Presentation
Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
10:30 AM Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
Address of Grand Master
Report of Committee on Grand Masters Address
10:50 AM Report of Jurisprudence Committee
Report of Finance Committee
Address of General Grand Council Officer
11:50 AM Election of Officers
Routine Business
Report of Election of Officers
Acceptance of Officers
Report of Grand Master Elect
Report of Committee on Time and Place
12:00 PM Grand Council Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
Lunch on Your Own
1:00 PM Order of the Silver Trowel
3:00 PM Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to All
2008-2009 Grand Council Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Council Officers
5:00 PM Close Grand Council
Pictures
Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:00 AM Registration - Chapter and Commandery only - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM Yeomen of York Breakfast - Open to All
8:00 AM Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 - Royal Arch Masons
9:00 AM Presentation of Missouri Grand Chapter Officers - Open to Ladies and Guests

Thursday, May 13, 2010 (cont)

	Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest
	Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
	Formal Opening of the 164th Grand Chapter
	Reception of Missouri Past Grand High Priests
	Reception of Missouri District Deputy Grand High Priests
	Reception of Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Lecturers
	Reception of Grand Representatives
	Reception of Out of State Grand Chapter Officers
	Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers
	Reception of General Grand Chapter Representative & Brief Presentation
	Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
	Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee
	Address of Grand High Priest
	Report of Jurisprudence Committee
	Resume Labor and Remaining Business
	Report of Finance Committee
	Report of Grand Treasurer
	Report of Grand Secretary
11:00 AM	Election of Officers
	Routine Business
	Report of Election of Officers
	Acceptance of Officers
	Report of Grand High Priest Elect
	Report of Committee on Time and Place
11:45 AM	Address of General Grand Chapter Officer
12:00 PM	Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 PM	Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Open to All Master Masons
3:00 PM	Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to All
	2008 - 2009 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
	Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Officers
5:00 PM	Close Grand Chapter
	Pictures
5:30 PM	Order of High Priesthood
7:00 PM	Grand Chapter Officers Dinner
	Grand Council Officers Dinner
	Grand Commandery Officers Dinner
	Dinner on your own
8:00 PM	Grand Preceptory of Yeomen of York

Friday, May 14, 2010

7:00 AM	Registration - Commandery only - to 10:00 AM
7:00 AM	Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast - Open to All
8:00 AM	Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander
	Formal Opening of 149th Grand Commandery - Open to Ladies and Guests
	Roll Call and Introduction of Grand Commandery Officers
	Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders
	Reception of Missouri Regional Grand Commanders
	Reception of Grand Representatives
	Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers
	Reception of Grand Encampment Officers
	Reception of Grand Encampment Representative & Brief Presentation
	Reception and Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
	Address of Grand Commander
	Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
9:00 AM	Reconvene Grand Commandery
	Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee

Friday, May 14, 2010 (cont)

	Report of Finance Committee
	Report of Grand Treasurer
	Report of Grand Recorder
10:30 AM	Election of Officers
	Additional Committee Reports - as needed
	Routine Business
	Report of Election of Officers
	Acceptance of Officers
	Report of Grand Master Elect
	Report of Committee on Time and Place
11:15 AM	Address of Grand Encampment Officer
11:30 AM	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 PM for Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers
11:45 AM	Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting
12:00 PM	Yeomen of York - Lunch - Open to All
1:00 PM	Past Commanders Association
3:00 PM	Grand Commandery Reconvened - Open to All
	2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
	Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers
5:00 PM	Grand Commandery Called from Labor
	Pictures
6:00 PM	Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Reception, Banquet and Entertainment
	Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander
	Reception of Presiding Distinguished Guests
8:00 PM	Knights of York Cross of Honour business meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010

7:00 AM	Breakfast - Open to All
7:00 AM	Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges
8:00 AM	Grand Commandery Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All
6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation - Open to All

Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:00 AM	Religious Service - Open to All
9:00 AM	Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to All

Ladies Program

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

12:00 PM	Annual Grand York Rite Charity Golf Outing
6:00 PM	Golf Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

8:30 AM	Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
9:30 AM	Welcome by GHP, GM, & GC
9:50 AM	Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76
	Pledge of Allegiance
	National Anthem
	Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
10:00 AM	Assorted Games
3:00 PM	Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to All
	2007-2008 Grand Council Awards Presentation
	Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Council Officers
5:00 PM	Close Grand Council
	Pictures
	Dinner on your own

Ladies Program (cont)

Thursday, May 13, 2010

8:00 AM Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
3:00 PM Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to All
2007-2008 Grand Chapter Awards Presentation
Installation of 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Officers
Close Grand Chapter
Pictures
7:00 PM Grand Chapter Officers Dinner
Grand Council Officers Dinner
Grand Commandery Officers Dinner
Dinner on your own

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:00 AM Ladies Registration - Hospitality Room
8:00 AM Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander
Formal Opening of 149th Grand Commandery - Open to Ladies and Guests
12:00 PM Ladies Luncheon
3:00 PM Grand Commandery Reconvened - Open to All
2008-2009 Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
Installation of 2009-2010 Grand Commandery Officers
6:00 PM Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Reception, Banquet and Entertainment
Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander
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Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:00 AM Religious Service - Open to All
9:00 AM Grand Officers Breakfast - Open to All

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
2009-2010**

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Ronnie E. Green (16,8)	Grand Commander
Russell S. Hanson (12)	Deputy Grand Commander
Daniel R. Quesenberry (17)	Grand Generalissimo
Richard L. Mansfield (22)	Grand Captain General
James L. Woodfin, Jr. (56)	Grand Senior Warden
Harold F. Coots (29)	Grand Junior Warden
Kevin E. Weaver (16)	Grand Prelate
Donald L. Trabue, PGC (29)	Grand Treasurer
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC (17)	Acting Grand Recorder
Kevin B. Sample, HPGC (67,12)	Assistant Grand Recorder
Larry T. Odom (24,4)	Grand Standard Bearer
Robert W. Schlichter (6)	Grand Sword Bearer
K. Trent Moreland (8,16)	Grand Warder
Roy L. Thomas (68)	Grand Historian
Richard J. Holmes (8)	Aide-De-Camp
David R. Vogler (16)	Grand Sentinel
Daniel R. Quesenberry (17)	Grand Chorister
Steven C. Monrotus (56)	Grand Organist
Charles G. Coy (16,8)	Inner Guard
Gale B. Morrison (8)	Inner Guard
James L. Inukai (16)	Inner Guard

REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDERS

Loren D. Lloyd	Region 1 (5,7,22,25,72)
Nathan D. Carrington	Region 2 (2,4,24,32,42)
Aaron M. Shoemaker	Region 3, District A (3,6,10,17,35,68,70)
William E. Criss	Region 3, District B (11,15)
Jeffery A. Keevil	Region 4 (12,23,29,59)
Roger D. Fleer	Region 5 (8,16)
David L. Leirer	Region 6 (55,56,67)
C. Scott Houge	Region 7, District A (20,33,43,66)
Gary A. Phillips	Region 7, District B (27,31,39,57)

2009-2010 GRAND COMMANDERY STANDING COMMITTEES

Address of Grand Commander	James J. Hayes, Chairman Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. Marvin W. Frost	Returns of Commanderies	Phillip W. Engel, Chairman Fred F. Stuecken Ted W. Harrison Jerry Bradford
Credentials	Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Phillip W. Engel Jerry Bradford	Templar Jurisprudence	Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman C. Brent Stewart William S. Hall Glenn E. Means James E. Snavelly Stanton T. Brown Harold J. Richardson
Finance and Accounts	Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Harold J. Richardson James E. Snavelly Larry T. Odom Harold F. Coots	Time and Place	Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Russell S. Hanson Richard L. Mansfield
Hospitaler	Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry Richard L. Mansfield	Triennial	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman Harold J. Richardson Ronnie E. Green

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

2009-2010 GRAND COMMANDERY SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Annual Conclave	Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry Kevin B. Sample	Golf Tournament	Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman James E. Snavelly
Audit	Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman James G. Haddox Harold L. Coots Russell S. Hanson Harold J. Richardson James E. Snavelly Larry T. Odom	Holy Land Pilgrimage	Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman Ralph E. Nolan Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Charity	Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders	Honor Commandery Award	Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Richard L. Mansfield Daniel R. Quesenberry
Conclave Program Book	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman Virginia L. Goede, Editor	Investments	James E. Snavelly, Chairman William S. Hall Russell S. Hanson Harold F. Coots Donald L. Trabue
Drill	Jerry F. Ward, Chairman Workshop Coordinator, Russell S. Hanson Event Assistant, Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. Event Assistant, William S. Hall	Knights Templar Eye Foundation	James E. Snavelly, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders
Drill Judges	José R. Palacios, Senior Judge Stanton T. Brown Brian J. Densmore Kevin E. Weaver Ralph E. Nolan	Knights Templar Magazine	Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Editor Ronnie E. Green Russell S. Hanson
Easter Sunrise Service, D.C.	James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman Regional Grand Commanders	Membership	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Chairman Dennis E. Fetter Regional Grand Commanders
Education	David C. Witte, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry	Patriotic and Civic Activities	Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman Richard L. Mansfield Harold F. Coots
Education Foundation	Forrest G. Lowe, Chairman LeRoy D. Unruh Kevin E. Weaver Robert H. Bray David C. Witte Frederick A. Troxel, Jr, Secretary Donald L. Trabue, Treasurer	Religious Activities	Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman Ralph E. Nolan Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Endowed Membership	Harold J. Richardson, Chairman Donald L. Trabue Kevin B. Sample	Ritual	William S. Hall, Chairman Jerry F. Ward Rocky E. Weaver
Forms & Publications	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Chairman Aaron M. Shoemaker Russell S. Hanson	York Rite Conference	Harold F. Coots, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders
		Youth Organizations	Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman LeRoy D. Unruh Lionel J. Goede David L. Leirer

Grand Encampment Officers

Howard F. Entwistle	South Central Department Commander
William H. "Billy" Koon, II	Grand Master

LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

William R. Robbins	1964-1965
Blair C. Mayford	1975-1976
Robert D. Jenkins	1983-1984
Robert G. Bird	1984-1985
Donald L. Hiatte	1985-1986
Jerry F. Ward	1990-1991
Ronald D. Tarr	1992-1993
Donald L. Trabue	1994-1995
E. Allen Kohler, Honorary	1995
Billy J. Boyer	1995-1996
Vern H. Schneider, Honorary	1996
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary	1996
Danny L. Ferguson, KTCH	1996-1997
Harold J. Richardson	1997-1998

LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary	1996
Danny L. Ferguson, KTCH	1996-1997
Harold J. Richardson	1997-1998
Lionel J. Goede	1999-2000
Rocky E. Weaver	2000-2001
William S. Hall	2002-2003
Thomas C. Yunick	2003-2004
Nicholas F. Steinmetz	2004-2005
James E. Snavelly	2005-2006
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary	2006
Marvin W. Frost	2006-2007
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.	2007-2008
James J. Hayes	2008-2009

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(from the floor)

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

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010

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 \$250,000 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, 2009 through March 31, 2010

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$167,309.08
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 64,354.39	
Interest Earned	<u>2,589.58</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 66,943.97
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59336—Checks 1568 thru 1610	\$ 38,546.90	
Jefferson Act. #74544-Checks 2450 thru 2578	25,720.16	
Jefferson Act. #74325-Checks 1215 thru 1216	13.42	
Jefferson Act. #463996 – Debits	<u>949.99</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 65,230.47	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 1,713.50
Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 169,022.58

Statement of Assets – General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59336, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$ 503.82	
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	134.59	
Interest Checking Act. #74325, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	134.13	
Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	74,612.34	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	28,371.64	
CD #124500, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 6/9/10	18,375.20	
CD #11067403620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 6/24/10	23,207.37	
CD #126428, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.85%, Matures 12/22/10	7,052.16	
CD #9750, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.80%, Matures 3/11/11	16,531.33	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2010		\$169,022.58

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 78209.24
Receipts: Memberships (14)	\$ 7,300.00	
Interest Earned	<u>1,407.45</u>	
Total Receipts:		\$ 8,707.45
Disbursements: 2008 Earnings Distribution to Commanderies	\$ 636.33	
2008 Earnings Distribution to Grand Commandery	<u>1,776.30</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 2,412.63	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 6,294.82
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 84,504.06

Statement of Assets – Endowed Membership Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 3,101.45	
CD #124499, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 6/9/10	14,188.48	
CD #11067673621, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 6/24/10	4,661.47	
CD #901880729, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 4/19/11	40,000.00	
CD #901156068, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 5/12/11	<u>22,552.66</u>	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 84,504.06

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$101,832.12
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 1,792.80	
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 1,792.80
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2010		\$ 103,624.92

Statement of Assets – Retirement Fund

CD #9000025794, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 4/22/10	\$ 41,892.04	
CD #253640, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.65%, Matures 12/10/10	<u>61,732.88</u>	
Total Assets, Retirement Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 103,624.92

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 20,107.33
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 223.35	
Funds Returned from 2009 Triennial	915.24	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 1,138.59</u>	
Disbursements: Interest Earned – Transferred to Triennial Fund	\$ 223.35	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 915.24</u>
Balance, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 21,022.57

Statement of Assets – Triennial Endowment Fund

C.D.#17866, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.06%, Matures 11/25/10	\$ 21,022.57	
Total Assets, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 21,022.57

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 3,927.95
Receipts: Account Interest Earned	\$ 319.86	
Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund	223.35	
Appropriation from General Fund	<u>351.01</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 894.31</u>	
Disbursements:	\$ 4,432.27	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 3,537.96)</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 389.99

Statement of Assets – Triennial Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	(\$ 2,313.98)	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	1,480.62	
CD #17866, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 2.04%, Matures 11/25/10	<u>1,223.35</u>	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 389.99

MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 79,728.69
Receipts: Interest earned	\$ 2,575.85	
Misc. Contributions	<u>1,224.67</u>	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 3,800.52</u>	
Disbursements: Knight Templar Eye Foundation	\$ 5,542.62	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>(\$ 1,742.10)</u>
Balance, Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 77,986.59

Statement of Assets – Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund

CD #5223, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 8/28/10	\$ 32,286.01	
CD #7277, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 1.75%, Matures 10/8/10	12,639.91	
CD #357340, Exchange Bank-Jefferson City, 2.72%, Matures 10/22/10	<u>33,060.67</u>	
Total Assets, Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 77,986.59

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 6,004.43
Receipts: Grand Recorder, Etc.	\$ 2,433.74	
Interest	<u>14.80</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 2,448.54</u>	
Disbursements:	\$ 150.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 2,298.54</u>
Balance, Capital Assets Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 8,302.97

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 8,302.97	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 8,302.97

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 42,569.62
Receipts: Various Donations	\$ 1,037.61	
Interest Earned	<u>753.68</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,791.29</u>	
Disbursements: Interest Earned – Transferred to		
Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund	\$ 753.68	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		<u>\$ 1,037.61</u>
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 43,607.23

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Statement of Assets – Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 1,382.01	
CD #11067593620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.80%, Matures 6/24/10	7,100.92	
CD #342668, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 8/17/10	13,979.74	
CD #15626, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 2.10%, Matures 10/27/10	14,487.84	
CD #253641, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.65%, Matures 12/10/10	6,656.72	
Total Assets, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 43,607.23

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 10,937.26
Receipts: Various Donations	\$ 93.28	
Interest Earned	129.68	
Interest from Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund	753.68	
Total Receipts:	\$ 976.64	
Disbursements:	\$ 6,115.95	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		(\$ 5,139.31)
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 5,797.95

Statement of Assets – Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund

Prime Advantage Act. #463996, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	(\$ 1,923.61)	
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 1.09%	7,131.34	
CD #11067593620, UMB Bank-Jefferson City, 2.00%, Matures 6/24/10	124.86	
CD #342668, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.75%, Matures 8/17/10	286.13	
CD #15626, Premier Bank – Jefferson City, 2.10%, Matures 10/27/10	152.31	
CD #253641, Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.65%, Matures 12/10/10	26.92	
Total Assets, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 5,797.95

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2009		\$ 1,430.34
Receipts: Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 1,130.00	
Interest Earned	3.60	
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,133.60	
Disbursements:	\$ 0.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 1,133.60
Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 2,563.94

Statement of Assets – Supply Fund Fund

Prime Advantage Account, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.30%	\$ 2,563.94	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2010		\$ 2,563.94

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2010 **\$ 516,822.80**

Fraternal submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PGC
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND SECRETARY/ RECORDER

Companions of the York Rite of Missouri;

My first duty to my Companions is to give them, each and everyone, a hearty Thank You for this opportunity to serve the Grand York Rite of Missouri as the Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder. It has been a pleasurable and enlightening experience, and I now have a deeper respect for those who have “gone before”.

I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge those who have “patiently” assisted this office in supporting your Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder. No surprise to any, is the untiring efforts of our Clerical Assistant, Lady Joyce A. Sample, who has been a resource for my daily inquiry of procedures, and a right hand to keep me informed of things to be done.

Another very supportive confidante is our Grand Treasurer, Companion and Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue. His untiring attention to my eccentricities has been a burden on his personal time, and I cannot thank him appropriately for his guidance.

Although I have left many things for the new Secretary/Recorder to finalize, I will still be “in the wings” with the rest of the support staff. To that end, I can only recommend that the Office of Grand Secretary/Recorder be, again, reconstituted and reside in one location. The experience of having separate quarters for this office has compounded the work load, and expense, and placed a disparate amount of work on everyone.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

Although my intention to relinquish this office was announced early in the year, only four names have surfaced to be considered by the Grand York Rite for this position: Companions Paul R. Cannon, Stephen C. Derendinger, Jared A. Price and Kevin E. Weaver. Each of these Companions bring a host of experience to the forefront of our Fraternity, and it is up to you, now, to select your next Secretary/Recorder.

I would extend a grateful acknowledgement to our Presiding Grand Officers and their line of officers for their patience and understanding for my lack of experience and oft times slow response to duty and responsibility. It has been a signal honor to work with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George L. Duncan and Lady Mary, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Danny D. Smothers and Lady Holly, and the Grand Commander, Ronnie E. Green and Lady Margaret.

And I most assuredly thank my Lady of 50 years for her support and understanding for these past several months of putting our personal life on hold.

Fraternally submitted,
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. PGC
Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORTS OF GRAND RECORDERS OFFICE

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

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.

STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Commanderies		35
Number of Members, December 31, 2008		3508
Number Knighted	77	
Number Affiliated	55	
Number Reinstated	20	
Total Gains		152
Number Dimitted	75	
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0	
Number Expelled	0	
Number Suspended by Lodge, Chapter, or Council	150	
Number Suspended By Commandery NPD	16	
Number Died	101	
Total Losses		342
Total Members, December 31, 2009		3318
Net Loss		190

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

2009-2010 Commandery 25-year Certificates Issued

Name	Commandery	No.	Knighted	Issued
East, Joe C.	St. John's	20	5/5/1984	04-Nov-09
Furtak, Daniel L.	St. John's	20	5/7/1983	04-Nov-09
Harrington, John A.	St. John's	20	5/5/1984	04-Nov-09
Huff, Howard W.	St. John's	20	5/5/1984	04-Nov-09
Mease, Densyl L.	St. John's	20	7/7/1984	04-Nov-09
Morris, Ralph T.	St. John's	20	11/3/1984	04-Nov-09

2009-2010 Commandery 40-year Certificates Issued

Name	Commandery	No.	Knighted	Issued
Bradford, Walter E.	St. John's	20	22-Nov-69	04-Nov-09
Burgess, George A.	St. John's	20	28-May-69	04-Nov-09
Drennon, David L.	St. John's	20	30-Apr-69	04-Nov-09

2009-2010 Commandery 50-year Certificates Issued

Name	Commandery	No.	Knighted	Issued
Huxley, Dane E.	St. John's	20	28-Nov-59	04-Nov-09
Craker, Claude E. (60 years)	St. John's	20	14-Oct-49	04-Nov-09
Holt, Nelson J. (60 years)	St. John's	20	21-Apr-49	04-Nov-09
Turk, Harlan C. (60 years)	St. John's	20	19-Apr-49	04-Nov-09
Reams, Jr., Charles W.	Ascalon	16	19-Nov-50	02-Dec-09
Badstebner, Norman F.	Ascalon	16	20-Apr-57	08-Mar-10
Bodine, Arthur R. (60 years)	Ascalon	16	20-Mar-48	08-Mar-10
Campbell, Robert L.	Ascalon	16	13-Nov-54	08-Mar-10
Chapman, William H. (60 years)	Ascalon	16	06-Dec-47	08-Mar-10
Conradi, Robert W.	Ascalon	16	08-Apr-50	08-Mar-10
Holland, Raymond	Ascalon	16	07-Nov-50	08-Mar-10
Jacobs, Ronald R.	Ascalon	16	17-Nov-53	08-Mar-10
Kassing, Louis E.	Ascalon	16	06-Apr-53	08-Mar-10
Latourette, Jr., Brainerd W.	Ascalon	16	19-Apr-55	08-Mar-10
Mayford, Blair C. (60 years)	Ascalon	16	21-Oct-47	08-Mar-10
Montgomery, Joel A. (60 years)	Ascalon	16	21-May-46	08-Mar-10
Mueller, Glenn J.	Ascalon	16	16-Jun-53	08-Mar-10
Nordquist, Howard O.	Ascalon	16	13-Nov-54	08-Mar-10
Reid, John C.	Ascalon	16	20-Jun-53	08-Mar-10
Reinhardt, Nelson F.	Ascalon	16	31-Oct-59	08-Mar-10
Sopp, Richard A.	Ascalon	16	01-Nov-55	08-Mar-10
Sotier, Raymond O.	Ascalon	16	19-Feb-55	08-Mar-10
Wood, Roger E.	Ascalon	16	08-Nov-58	08-Mar-10

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

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

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2009

No.	Commandery	Location	Chartered	EIN	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Recorder	Election of Officers	Sated Conclaves	Annual Return Received
2	Weston	Weston	October 22, 1853	23-7550915	None	None	None	Joseph H. Collison	4th Thur in Dec	4th Thursday	16-Mar-10
3	DeMody	Lexington	October 5, 1869	25-7550916	Foster S. Crawford	Shawn F. Crawford	Gary L. Bennett	Gentry E. Stone	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	25-Feb-10
4	Hugh de Payens	St. Joseph	October 7, 1867	23-6055522	LeRoy L. Salmon	Daryl Price	Elbert Turner, Jr.	William W. Mier	3rd Mon in Nov	3rd Monday	30-Jan-10
5	Excalibur	Hamdal	May 16, 1865	23-7550918	J. R. Latta	Carl Barbee	Roger McGregor	William Shell	1st Thur in Oct	1st Thursday	9-Mar-10
6	Liberty	Liberty	May 21, 1866	43-1209412	Frank R. vonGeyso, III	Ronald L. Barrett	James V. Windsor	Virgil L. Bailey	1st Mon in May	1st Monday	23-Feb-10
7	Emanuel	Macon	October 8, 1867	43-1875189	Ronald L. Perkins	Bobby L. Wilcox	Harry H. Moelle	Russell D. Kohl	1st Thur in Nov	1st Thursday	25-Feb-10
8	Ivanhoe	St. Louis	October 8, 1867	43-4064303	George M. Merkle	Dennis L. Hammack	Dennis E. Fetter	Richard J. Holmes	1st Thur in April	1st Thursday	15-Feb-10
10	Kansas City	Kansas City	October 6, 1868	23-7136544	E. Ross Miller	Yale Tunham	John Kosman	Steven M. Anderson	3rd Mon in May	3rd Monday	1-Mar-10
11	St. Omer	Sedalia	October 5, 1869	43-1092250	M. David Hockaday	Paul R. Cannon	Dean A. Borchers	Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday	3-Mar-10
12	St. Graal	Columbia	October 5, 1869	23-7550924	Ronald L. Skiles	Matthew W. Price	Mark A. Bean	Russell S. Hanson	2nd Fri in Nov	2nd Friday	25-Feb-10
15	O'Sullivan	Nevada	October 4, 1870	23-7550926	Paul L. Daniels	J. D. Riddle	Eugene E. Denning	Gary Jones	2nd Mon in Dec	2nd Monday	19-Jan-10
16	Ascalon	St. Louis	October 4, 1870	43-4625812	Roger D. Flier	Marion L. Briggs	Robert L. Sanders	Kevin E. Weaver	1st Wed in March	1st & 3rd Wednesday	2-Mar-10
17	Palestine	Independence	October 3, 1871	23-7550928	William G. Snyder	John S. Lambros	Stanton T. Brown, II	Glenn E. Means	1st Thurs in April	1st Thursday	30-Jan-10
20	St. John's	Springfield	October 8, 1872	44-0506379	Clark A. McLemore	Horace R. Higgins	Paul G. Kingsley	James H. Mercer	4th Mon in April	4th Monday	27-Feb-10
22	Ely	Kirksville	October 7, 1873	43-4025895	Charles E. Cooper	Loren D. Lloyd	Jeremy A. Lloyd	Thomas C. Yunkick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday	17-Mar-10
23	Crusade	Mexico	October 7, 1873	43-0728972	Jerry Bradford	Philip J. Moody	Henry Powell	Jared A. Price	4th Tues in Nov	4th Tuesday	27-Feb-10
24	Godfrey de Bonillon	Trenton	October 6, 1874	23-7550935	James Staples	James C. Moore	Gary Black	Larry T. Odum	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	26-Feb-10
25	Tancred (merged w/12 10/7/09)	Moberly	October 6, 1874	44-6014676				E. Allen Kohler			N/A
27	Constantine	Greenfield	October 5, 1875	23-7136595	Aaron D. Jones	Richard E. Sprengle	Harry E. Madden	C. C. McLemore, III	1st Wed in April	1st Wednesday	1-Mar-10
29	Prince of Peace	Jefferson City	October 7, 1877	44-6014676	C. C. McLemore, III	Wendal G. Curry	David W. Jones	Donald L. Trabue	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	25-Feb-10
31	Jasper	Carthage	October 8, 1878	23-7136605			David W. Jones	Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday	15-Feb-10
32*	Paschal	Chillicothe	May 4, 1880	23-7151280			David V. Pyeatt	Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday Qtr	
33	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 3, 1881	43-1854198	Bradley T. Hicks	David W. O'Dell	David V. Pyeatt	William E. Bremman	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday	
35	Orrental	Kansas City	May 3, 1881	44-0316370			Gary L. Frost	Gary L. Frost	1st Fri in June	1st Friday	
39	Ascension	Joplin	May 3, 1882	23-7281863	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	Robert P. Geplhardt	Aaron M. Hailey	Richard A. Lowrey	1st Tues in June	1st Tuesday	22-Feb-10
42	Bethany	Bethany	May 1, 1883	23-7550952	Dan Daniel	Dale Daniel	Vacant	John Thrallkill	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	25-Feb-10
43	St. Elmo	Bolivar	May 6, 1884	23-7550953	Raymond A. Gravely	James E. McManigle	John W. Bennett	James H. Whitman	3rd Wed in Dec	3rd Wednesday	25-Jan-10
55	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau	April 22, 1890	51-0245852	Alfred L. Mason	Wilbert E. Daune	John E. Crites	Michael E. Perry	1st Tues in Dec	1st Tuesday	5-Mar-10
56	DeSoto	Farmington	April 21, 1891	43-1250091	David L. Leiter	Steven C. Moratus	Charles E. Sloan	James E. Staveley	1st Fri in May	1st Friday	16-Jan-10
57	Neosho	Neosho	April 24, 1894	23-7136628	Roy E. Cochran	K. Dennis Taylor	Matthew D. Ruth	Vernon K. Pogue, Jr.	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday	6-Mar-10
59	Rolla	Rolla	April 24, 1900	23-7550964			Edward L. Jones	Phil A. Delashmitt	2nd Mon in March	2nd Monday	
66	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	May 29, 1912	23-7550970	Roger T. White	Marshall J. Biesen	Edward L. Jones	E. Joe Slater	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-10
67	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	May 23, 1917	82-0576235	James N. Leslie	Bill A. Humble	Charles W. Carlstrom	Fannie D. Wilson	3rd Mon in Nov	3rd Monday	5-Feb-10
68	Westport	Kansas City	May 26, 1920	43-6071587	Timothy Holmes	Frank Benson	Thomas Holmes	Roy N. Thomas	3rd Tues in Dec	3rd Tuesday	22-Feb-10
70	East Gate	Kansas City	May 23, 1923	23-7281863	Forest G. Lowe	Paul M. Peterman	William E. VanMeier	Robert W. Brzdzendine	1st Thurs in June	1st Thursday	23-Feb-10
72	Malta	Shelbina	May 9, 1959	23-7550975	Michael L. Dodd	Joe P. Elen	Thomas E. Christine	Darrel A. Wilham	2nd Tues in Dec	2nd Tuesday	15-Apr-10
TOTAL											
*No Annual Return received for 2008											

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

No.	Commandery	08 Membership	Knighted	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	Expelled	Suspension by Lodge, Chapter or Council	Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	Total Losses	Total Year End Membership 2009	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Endowed Members	Knighting Fees	Per Capita	08 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	08 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Commandery	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Commandery		
2	Wescon	54	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	53	8	0	\$ 1,192.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 1,222.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,294.00	\$ 108.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,156.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,166.00	
3	Delidley	70	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	66	14	10.00	1,485.00	47.00	1,532.00	66.00	14.00	8.00	22.00	44.00	1,586.00	189.00	135.00	-	-	324.00	1,262.00	-	1,262.00
4	High de Payens	203	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	27	4	12	43	242	44	25	10.00	5,465.00	34.50	5,499.50	242.00	44.00	21.00	65.00	177.00	5,666.50	594.00	502.50	-	-	1,156.50	4,510.00	-	4,510.00
5	Excalibur	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	-	630.00	-	630.00	28.00	-	1.00	1.00	27.00	657.00	-	-	-	-	657.00	20.00	677.00	
6	Liberty	186	2	1	5	4	0	0	0	11	0	8	23	168	7	0	20.00	3,780.00	70.50	3,870.50	168.00	7.00	52.00	59.00	109.00	3,979.50	94.50	-	-	-	94.50	3,885.00	-	3,885.00
7	Emmanuel	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	-	337.50	-	337.50	15.00	-	3.00	3.00	12.00	349.50	-	-	-	-	349.50	-	349.50	
8	Lumber	79	0	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	78	8	-	1,755.00	78.00	1,755.00	78.00	10.00	25.00	35.00	43.00	1,798.00	135.00	180.00	-	-	315.00	1,483.00	-	1,483.00
10	Kansas City	67	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	62	17	0	-	1,395.00	119.00	1,514.00	62.00	17.00	3.00	20.00	42.00	1,556.00	229.50	-	-	-	229.50	1,326.50	-	1,326.50
11	St. Onor	117	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	9	13	107	5	6	10.00	2,407.50	465.00	2,882.50	107.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	92.00	2,974.50	67.50	135.00	-	-	202.50	2,772.00	-	2,772.00
12	St. Graal	104	0	46	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	146	24	15	-	3,285.00	465.00	3,285.00	146.00	24.00	23.00	47.00	99.00	3,384.00	324.00	337.50	-	-	661.50	2,722.50	-	2,722.50
15	O'Sullivan	41	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	1	8	35	1	0	10.00	787.50	-	797.50	35.00	1.00	-	1.00	34.00	831.50	13.50	-	-	-	13.50	818.00	-	818.00
16	Ascalon	208	5	0	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	8	11	205	38	1	50.00	4,567.50	-	4,617.50	205.00	38.00	6.00	99.00	104.00	4,721.50	513.00	22.50	93.00	428.50	4,093.00	-	4,093.00	
17	Palatine	173	5	0	2	7	1	0	0	12	0	6	19	161	21	2	50.00	3,622.50	368.50	4,041.00	161.00	21.00	17.00	38.00	123.00	4,164.00	203.50	45.00	-	-	328.50	3,835.50	-	3,835.50
20	St. John's	370	16	2	2	20	4	0	0	31	2	11	48	342	51	3	160.00	7,865.00	10,000.00	7,865.00	342.00	51.00	32.00	83.00	259.00	8,124.00	688.50	67.50	-	-	756.00	7,368.00	-	7,368.00
21	Ely	284	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	38	0	2	41	246	4	4	30.00	5,535.00	16.50	5,581.50	246.00	-	8.00	8.00	238.00	5,819.50	-	90.00	-	-	90.00	5,729.50	10.00	5,739.50
23	Crusade	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	74	14	2	-	1,665.00	-	1,665.00	74.00	14.00	4.00	18.00	56.00	1,721.00	189.00	45.00	-	-	234.00	1,487.00	-	1,487.00
24	Godfrey de Bouillon	74	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	71	1	2	-	1,597.50	-	1,597.50	71.00	1.00	5.00	6.00	65.00	1,662.50	13.50	45.00	-	-	58.50	1,604.00	-	1,604.00
25	Tancet (merged w/12/07/09)	46	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.50	-	-	22.50	-	(22.50)	
27	Constantine	39	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	41	4	40.00	925.50	70.00	1,037.50	41.00	4.00	3.00	7.00	34.00	1,066.50	54.00	-	-	-	54.00	1,012.50	-	1,012.50
29	Prince of Peace	133	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	3	-	2,942.50	108.50	3,093.00	133.00	-	14.00	14.00	119.00	3,212.00	-	67.50	-	-	67.50	3,144.50	20.00	3,164.50
31	Jeser	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	45	8	1	-	1,015.50	-	1,012.50	45.00	8.00	3.00	11.00	34.00	1,046.50	108.00	22.50	9.50	-	140.00	906.50	-	906.50
32	Peschal	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	-	1,485.00	3,732.80	5,217.80	66.00	-	1.00	1.00	65.00	5,282.80	-	-	-	-	-	5,282.80	20.00	5,302.80
33	Lebanon	91	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	5	92	4	1	50.00	2,070.00	2.00	2,122.00	92.00	4.00	7.00	11.00	81.00	2,203.00	54.00	22.50	-	-	76.50	2,126.50	-	2,126.50
35	Oriental	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	20	-	1,417.50	-	1,417.50	63.00	-	22.00	22.00	41.00	1,483.50	-	450.00	67.50	317.50	941.00	20.00	961.00	
39	Assension	64	12	0	5	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	78	0	1,735.00	-	1,875.00	78.00	-	21.00	21.00	57.00	1,932.00	-	112.50	34.00	146.50	1,785.50	-	1,785.50	
42	Belhany	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	44	0	0	-	990.00	-	990.00	44.00	-	2.00	2.00	42.00	1,032.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,032.00	-	1,032.00
43	St. Eno	44	3	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	46	0	30.00	1,035.00	3.50	1,068.50	46.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	34.00	1,102.50	81.00	-	-	81.00	1,021.50	-	1,021.50	
55	Cape Girardeau	81	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	4	10	73	11	1	20.00	1,642.50	28.00	1,690.50	73.00	11.00	9.00	20.00	53.00	1,743.50	148.50	22.50	-	-	171.00	1,572.50	-	1,572.50
56	DeSoto	96	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	6	13	84	5	6	-	1,890.00	-	1,890.00	84.00	5.00	11.00	16.00	68.00	1,938.00	67.50	135.00	1.00	203.50	1,734.50	-	1,734.50	
57	Nescho	86	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	9	0	3	12	77	1	0	20.00	1,732.50	185.00	1,937.50	77.00	-	3.00	3.00	74.00	2,011.50	13.50	-	-	-	13.50	1,998.00	-	1,998.00
59	Rolla	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	10	-	3,172.50	-	3,172.50	141.00	-	22.00	22.00	119.00	3,291.50	-	225.00	76.00	301.00	2,990.50	20.00	3,010.50	
66	Mountain Grove	35	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	0	0	20.00	787.50	1.00	888.50	35.00	-	3.00	3.00	32.00	940.50	-	-	-	-	-	840.50	-	840.50
67	Poplar Bluff	49	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	2	3	1,112.50	-	1,112.50	49.00	2.00	7.00	9.00	40.00	1,152.50	27.00	67.50	-	-	94.50	1,058.00	-	1,058.00
68	Westport	39	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	39	0	0	20.00	877.50	-	897.50	39.00	-	3.00	3.00	36.00	933.50	-	-	4.00	4.00	929.50	-	929.50	
70	East Gate	75	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	75	2	30.00	1,657.50	168.00	1,866.00	75.00	2.00	23.00	25.00	50.00	1,936.00	27.00	45.00	-	-	72.00	1,864.00	-	1,864.00
72	Maha	34	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	60.00	900.00	417.00	1,377.00	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	1,417.00	-	-	-	-	1,417.00	20.00	1,437.00	
		3508	77	55	20	152	75	0	0	150	16	101	342	331	288	127	77,040	\$ 74,655.00	\$ 5,668.80	\$ 81,293.80	\$ 3,318.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 733.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 83,878.80	\$ 4,023.00	-	-	\$ 285.00	\$ 76,713.30	\$ 140.00	\$ 76,853.30	

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 2009

No	Commandery	Paid	Knighting Fees	KTEF Credits	Per Capita	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	09 Credits	09 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/09	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of 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	\$ 1,081.50	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,124.00	\$ -		\$ 1,081.50		\$ 84.50	\$ 164.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00			No	No	Yes	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3	Delaney	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -		\$ 1,690.00		\$ 93.00	\$ 2,831.07	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.50			No	No	Yes	46	10	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
4	High de Pines	\$ 4,210.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 177.00	\$ 4,257.00	\$ -		\$ 4,210.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 3,698.10	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,700.00		\$ -	\$ 106,380.10	\$ 300.00		No	Yes	Yes	220	9	21	3	6	4	1	1	10	8	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	8				
5	Eschbacher	\$ 704.00	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -		\$ 704.00	\$ 27.00		\$ 132.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132.15	\$ 300.00		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6	Liberty	\$ 3,765.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 3,760.00	\$ -		\$ 3,765.00		\$ 80.00	\$ 3,974.60	\$ 196,784.11	\$ 11,500.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00		No	Yes	Yes	150	9	12	6	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7	Liberal	\$ 347.00	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 337.00	\$ -		\$ 347.00		\$ 2.50	\$ 59.47	\$ 3,576.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13.00			No	No	Yes	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8	Ironbark	\$ 1,531.00	\$ -	\$ 43.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -		\$ 1,531.00	\$ 48.00		\$ 10,956.67	\$ 43,022.12	\$ 6,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213.35	\$ 42.50		No	Yes	Yes	7	9	14	7	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10	Kansas City	\$ 1,953.50	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,284.50	\$ -		\$ 1,953.50	\$ 177.00		\$ 69.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38.50	\$ 102.00		No	Yes	Yes	2	4	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11	St. Onor	\$ 3,401.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 2,670.00	\$ -		\$ 3,401.00	\$ 620.00		\$ 6,069.04	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,590.04	\$ 200.00		No	No	Yes	109	3	15	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12	St. Gual	\$ 2,755.00	\$ -	\$ 99.00	\$ 2,625.50	\$ -		\$ 2,755.00	\$ 52.50		\$ 6,974.10	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,131.00		\$ -	\$ 13,105.10	\$ 350.00		No	No	Yes	121	12	10	1	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	St. Julian	\$ 830.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 744.00	\$ -		\$ 830.00	\$ 2.00		\$ 1,845.06	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 770.00		\$ -	\$ 3,155.06	\$ 350.00		No	Yes	Yes	35	10	5	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	Ascension	\$ 2,328.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 3,959.00	\$ -		\$ 2,328.00		\$ 1,765.00	\$ 3,601.15	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,601.15	\$ 400.00		No	No	Yes	195	20	18	9	11	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Pharsine	\$ 3,851.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 123.00	\$ 3,625.50	\$ -		\$ 3,851.50		\$ 2.00	\$ 1,241.05	\$ 16,662.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226.42	\$ 33.50		No	Yes	Yes	150	10	14	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	St. John's	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 6,949.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 22,454.00	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 7,214.97	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,249.97	\$ 43.50		No	Yes	Yes	8	9	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22	Elv	\$ 5,405.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 238.00	\$ 5,471.50	\$ -		\$ 5,405.50		\$ 239.00	\$ 2,086.32	\$ 35,070.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,371.45	\$ 47.00		No	Yes	Yes	6	12	4	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
23	Creusade	\$ 1,487.00	\$ -	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,431.00	\$ -		\$ 1,487.00		\$ 142.00	\$ 98.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ 16.00		No	Yes	Yes	24	10	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
24	Grotto de Beaulieu	\$ 1,463.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,539.00	\$ -		\$ 1,463.00		\$ 142.00	\$ 98.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ 16.00		No	Yes	Yes	24	10	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25	Lancel (merged w/12-10-7-09)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.50	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 22.50		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
27	Constance	\$ 980.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 935.00	\$ -		\$ 980.00		\$ 32.50	\$ 1,258.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,258.88	\$ 500.00		No	No	Yes	11	11	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
29	Prince of Peace	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.00	\$ 3,045.50	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,164.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	Jager	\$ 855.50	\$ -	\$ 34.00	\$ 872.50	\$ -		\$ 855.50		\$ 51.00	\$ 1,124.98	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 260.00		\$ -	\$ 2,194.98	\$ 260.00		No	Yes	Yes	15	8	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
32	Boisclair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 5,237.80	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 24.50		\$ 5,302.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.00	\$ -		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
33	Lebanon	\$ 2,151.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 1,965.50	\$ -		\$ 2,151.00	\$ 24.50		\$ 200.62	\$ 979.80	\$ 1,700.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,880.42	\$ 330.00		No	No	Yes	87	12	14	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
35	Oranval	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41.00	\$ 920.00	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 96.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
39	Ascension	\$ 1,774.50	\$ 120.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 1,688.50	\$ -		\$ 1,774.50		\$ 11.00	\$ 2,617.37	\$ 10,217.78	\$ 92.24	\$ 83.00		\$ -	\$ 14,281.89	\$ 210.00		No	Yes	Yes	106	0	11	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Rebany	\$ 990.00	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ 990.00	\$ -		\$ 990.00		\$ 42.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.00	\$ -		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
43	St. Elmo	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 957.50	\$ -		\$ 1,092.00	\$ 70.50		\$ 3,042.37	\$ 71,988.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00		\$ -	\$ 74,271.17	\$ 150.00		No	Yes	Yes	48	10	11	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
55	Cape Girardeau	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 1,495.50	\$ -		\$ 1,525.00		\$ 40.00	\$ 2,259.02	\$ 16,901.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 189.00		\$ -	\$ 22,428.13	\$ 260.00		No	Yes	Yes	100	7	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
56	Boisno	\$ 1,740.00	\$ -	\$ 68.00	\$ 1,665.00	\$ -		\$ 1,740.00		\$ 14.50	\$ 1,382.62	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,882.62	\$ 260.00		No	Yes	Yes	73	10	14	9	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
57	Nashbo	\$ 1,975.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 1,944.00	\$ -		\$ 1,975.50		\$ 24.50	\$ 1,787.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,787.14	\$ 20.50		No	No	Yes	14	12	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
59	Rolla	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.00	\$ 2,891.50	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,010.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.00	\$ -		No	No	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
66	Mountain Grove	\$ 846.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 788.50	\$ -		\$ 846.50		\$ -	\$ 5,666.05	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,566.05	\$ 200.00		No	No	Yes	35	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
67	Pepin Bluff	\$ 1,058.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		\$ 1,058.00		\$ -	\$ 848.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00		\$ -	\$ 926.93	\$ 260.00		No	Yes	Yes	0	5	9	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
68	Westport	\$ 929.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 873.50	\$ -		\$ 929.50		\$ -	\$ 1,493.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,493.64	\$ 43.50		No	No	Yes	7	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
70	East Gate	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,784.00	\$ -		\$ 1,380.00		\$ 475.00	\$ 2,205.59	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,205.59	\$ 360.00		No	No	Yes	45	9	11	7	2	3																			

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

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

Greetings to the Sir Knights of Missouri. The Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander has received that report and found it to be in full and proper form and all in order. We refer all decisions, dispensations, and general orders made by the Grand Commander to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. We recommend and move for the adoption of this report and to its addition to this year's proceedings by a standing ovation from the Sir Knights here assembled.

Fraternally submitted,

Marvin W. Frost, PGC Fred A. Troxel, Jr., PGC James J. Hayes, PGC, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Following is the proposed budget for 2010-2011:

Income	
Per Capita, Membership 2,733 @ \$23.50	\$64,225.50
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,650.00
Knighting Fees, 100 @ \$10.00	1,000.00
Interest	1,390.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	\$68,515.50
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, 3,035 @ \$10.00	30,350.00
Grand Officer Expense	6000.00
Insurance	100.00
Knight Templar Magazine, Editor	100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00
Office Expenses	3,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities	1,920.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia	500.00
Postage	500.00
Proceedings	1,800.00
Storage	1,100.00
Triennial Fund, 3,035 @ \$0.10	303.50
Youth Organizations	1,500.00
Total	\$68,173.50
Total Income	\$68,515.50
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$68,173.50
Balance	\$342.00

Fraternally submitted,

Harold J. Richardson

Larry T. Odom

Harold F. Coots

PASSED

FAILED

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WITHDRAWN

James E. Snavelly
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

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

The Grand Commandery Hospitaler Committee extends its appreciation to all of the Commanderies listed below for the Christmas Observance and Easter Observance reports that were submitted. All of the reports were very informative in describing the manner in which these important Templar Observances were celebrated.

The following Commanderies reported holding a Christmas Observance:

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4	St. John's Commandery No. 20
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8	Crusade Commandery No. 23
St. Graal Commandery No. 12	Constantine Commandery No. 27
Ascalon Commandery No. 16	Jasper Commandery No. 31

The following Commanderies reported holding an Easter Observance:

Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4	Ascalon Commandery No. 16
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8	St. John's Commandery No. 20
St. Graal Commandery No. 12	Crusade Commandery No. 23

However celebrated and however reported, each Missouri Commandery is most sincerely urged to observe these important events and report their observance to the Hospitaler Committee each and every year.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
Daniel R. Quesenberry
Richard L. Mansfield

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES

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

On April 26, 2010 your committee on Returns of Commanderies examined the returns of the 36 Commanderies in this jurisdiction and presents the following report.

Tancred Commandery No. 25 merged with St. Graal Commandery No. 12 on October 7, 2009.

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Paschal Commandery No. 32, Oriental Commandery No. 35 and Rolla Commandery No. 59 have NOT filed a report and will be assessed penalties when received by the Grand Records office. Paschal Commandery No. 32 had NOT filed since 2005.

Most returns were neatly prepared. It was suggested by the Grand Recorder, that the recorders read the instructions carefully when preparing returns. The most errors were mathematical in nature. Incorrect addition and subtraction. Few did not complete the audit page and the audit committee did not sign some.

Fraternally submitted;
Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Jerry Bradford
Ted W. Harrison

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

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

In keeping with the provisions of **ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 36, Duties of Standing Committees, Subsection C, The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence** as amended May 15, 2009, The Committee on Templar jurisprudence recommends correcting the spelling of "hs" to "He" at **ARTICLE VII, Officers, Section 136, Duties of Treasurer, Subsection E.**

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Be it resolved that **ARTICLE X, *Standing Committees, Section 47, Duties of Committees, Subsection G, The Committee on Time and Place***, be amended by striking all after shall and inserting, “consist of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and one designated by them as an assistant who will be empowered by this Grand Chapter:

1. to establish the dates of the Annual Convocations of this Grand Jurisdiction, keeping in mind that such dates may not conflict with the dates of the Annual Conclaves of Grand Jurisdictions of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment;
2. to investigate, locate and designate the headquarters facility and geographic location for the Grand Convocations of the Grand Chapter;
3. to solicit, receive and analyze bids for services as noted in item number 4;
4. to negotiate room rates, complimentary amenities, hospitality suites, meeting room locations (size, layout and design, furniture, appurtenances and accessories), dressing room locations, specialty services, cost of meals (breakfast, lunches, dinners, banquets as needed), and the use and rental of associated electronic equipment and media as required;
5. to enter into and negotiate contracts with facilities selected as the headquarters while keeping in mind the financial bearing of the membership and this Grand Jurisdiction;
6. to sign or otherwise execute such contracts in the name of and in the behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; and,
7. to closely coordinate all efforts, discussions, visits, written communications and planning with representatives approved and designated for these purposes by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of this jurisdiction.”

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Be it resolved that **ARTICLE I, *The Grand Commandery, Section 12. Annual Conclave*** be repealed.

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

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

The Grand Commandery Committee on Time and Place is pleased to report that the One Hundred Fiftieth Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the third Friday and Saturday in May, which in the year 2011 will be May 20 and May 21.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
Daniel R. Quesenberry
Richard L. Mansfield

REPORT OF THE 64TH GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The 64th Triennial was held in Roanoke, Virginia at the Roanoke Conference Center on August 15th thru August 19, 2009. There were 374 voting delegates from 46 Grand Jurisdictions and 6 Countries.

Due to the death of the Grand Master of K.T., Richard Burditt Baldwin who served from August 16, 2006 to August 28, 2007, William H. Koon II had been installed as Most Eminent Grand Master to complete the term of Sir Knight Baldwin.

At the election on Tuesday, August 18th, 2009 the following were elected:

William H. Koon, II Grand Master
David D. Goodwin Deputy Grand Master
Sid C. Dorris III Grand Generalissimo
Duane L. Vaught Grand Captain General
Lawrence E. Tucker Grand Recorder
James M. "Jimmy" Wilson, Jr. Grand Treasurer

A check for \$4,432.37 was given to the Triennial Committee Chairman, Lon Goede, to pay certain expenses for the Missouri delegates that attended. Missouri had seven Knights attend, and six wives accompanied their Sir Knights. They were Commander Ronnie E. Green and his wife, Margaret; Deputy Grand Commander, Russell Hanson; PGC Fred Troxel and his wife, Roma; J. Joseph Hayes, PGC and his wife Sue; Tom Yunick and his wife, Christopher; Lon Goede and his wife, Ginny; and Frank LaTragna and his wife, Anne.

On Monday, August 17th, 2009, the Missouri State Dinner was held at Logan's Road House with all thirteen in attendance. The total bill, tip included, was \$350.00.

Each voting member of the Missouri delegation received their Registration Fee of \$225.00 returned to them. They were Commander, Ronnie E. Green; Deputy Grand Commander, Russell Hanson; Acting Grand Recorder, Fred Troxel, PGC; Tom Yunick, PGC; J. Joseph Hayes, PGC; and Lon Goede, PGC.

The Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri state as follows: "No Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer shall be eligible to receive monies from this fund unless he shall have attended at least two of the three Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery during the Triennium period." All of the above Sir Knights complied with Regulations.

The following is the account of the monies expended from the Triennial Funds.

Missouri State Dinner	\$ 350.00
Grand Commander Hotel Bill	\$417.19
Deputy Grand Commander Hotel Bill	\$399.84
Six Registration Fees @ \$225.00	\$1,350.00
G. C. and Deputy G. C. \$100.00 ea.	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Other 4 voting delegates \$200.00each on lodging	\$800.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,517.03</u>
Returned to the Triennial Fund	\$ 915.24

Lon Goede, Triennial Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONCLAVE

(no report available at time of printing)

GRAND YORK RITE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT 2010

The combined committee met on March 27, 2010 with the Grand Treasurer, Donald L. Trabue, and the Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder at the beautifully apportioned home and office space of Excellent Companion, Illustrious Companion and Sir Knight Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, and his lovely Lady Roma. The committee thanks our most gracious and tolerant hosts for the amenities offered, the unbounded hospitality extended and the use of facilities.

New faces were welcomed to the committee and time was taken for an explanation of processes and procedures. The chair made substitutions to the individual committees as some of those appointed were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The absences of the most recent Past Grand Secretary/Recorder and Administrative Assistant were felt. However, the Grand Treasurer and Acting Grand Secretary/Recorder did an amiable job of fielding questions from individual committee members and filling in voids.

We will, once again, report that in our opinion, the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies (Bodies) are well protected, in good hands and, the investments are doing as well as can be expected taking into consideration our By-laws, Rules and Regulations and the current state of affairs with the economy.

The report encompasses the transactions of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder for the period June 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. The transactions for the combined sessions of 2009 were available however, time did not permit an exhaustive review. The transactions of the Grand Council charities were scrutinized with no aberrations noted. The

transactions of the charities and educational funds, although available, of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, respectively, were, likewise, not reviewed due to time constraints. The transactions of the Grand Chapter fund raiser (new item for the committee) were examined and, without exception, found to be in order. The most recent report and record of Excellent Companion Steven C. Monrotus, Grand Scribe, was accepted.

Having said that, the committee must also address other matters of concern to its individual members, some of which directly refer to spreadsheets and recapitulation (recap) sheets.

One of these involves a rather large expenditure which appears to have been a double entry. This observation was made by first time participant Fred Troxel who is to be commended for this "catch". The committee reviewed this entry and determined that it would have an impact on the bottom line for total expenditures but that removal of same would have the effect of a reduction of total expenditures. That's a good thing and will be reflected in the annual report of the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Some members of the committee noted the absence of warrant numbers on specific checks written to pay the bills. While this has no effect on the bottom line, it was a practice begun under a prior administration as a means for double tracking and accounting for funds. It also makes it much easier for the committee to track expenditures from the Grand Secretary/Recorder to the records maintained by the Grand Treasurer.

In relation thereto, the committee also noted the absence of some warrant numbers on the recaps attached to the checks, warrants, statements and other bills. While the expenditure can still be tracked and justified, the inclusion of warrant numbers on this document does minimize the process. Also, this document depicts the breakdown of expenses charged to the individual Bodies per the percentage of the membership for each. This is a tool that can be used by the Finance and Budget Committees when deliberating the preparation of a budget. It also makes it easier for the Audit Committee to track individual expenditures of the Bodies back to the line items contained in the spreadsheet.

Another concern as pointed out by several members of the committee was the grouping of several (more than one) warrant numbers on a single check but not noting same on the spreadsheet or providing a description of the item on the spreadsheet. While the warrants were eventually tracked and the expenditure for each determined, the process for doing so was confusing and time consuming.

It was noted that some receipts, statements, etc. which would ordinarily be used to corroborate expenditures were lacking.

It appears that some expenditures may have been incorrectly calculated in relation to the percentage breakdown charged to each Body by policy. An incorrect calculation could result in a Body being charged more/less than the actual percentage breakdown calls for. Such situation could have an effect upon the bottom line of a particular Body.

The committee has some concern about the percentage split for the Royal Arch Mason Magazine, the cost of which is reportedly \$5,385.39. It appears that the Grand Chapter is charged with 75% of the cost while the Grand Council is charged only 25%. This appears to be a disparate division of assets which will effect the bottom line of each Body as well as the budget preparation process. If it should be that the Grand Chapter actually has the greater percentage of members, i.e., to equate to a 75%-25% split, then the concern is unjustified. However, no justification was included for it.

The committee noticed an entry on the spreadsheets labeled "EFT". We recognize this as an electronic funds transfer. However, no explanation is included as to "from where or to where" the transfer was made or for what purpose. We also note that EFT is sometimes documented under description and sometimes under Ck No. and sometimes not entered at all. In addition, some EFT entries have associated warrant numbers, some do not.

The committee is still experiencing some confusion as to figures that appear in parenthesis under some line items. Generally speaking, figures in parenthesis represent negatives as would appear in the bottom line indicating that the particular line item had exceeded that which had been appropriated for the line item in the approved budget. In this case however, the figures in parenthesis have the totally different connotation that a negative charge has been assessed against that particular line item and not that the particular line item has exceeded appropriated funds.

In relation to this, the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council each have an endowment program. It is the understanding of this committee that participation in these programs reduces the per capita tax paid to each and the cost of the Royal Arch Mason Magazine. Participation in these two programs by individual members could have the effect of reducing expenditures for each Body.

It appears that the policy heretofore has been to refund previously paid costs for meals for the Grand Sessions when a member contacts us for a cancellation. In most cases, we suspect that the Grand York Rite Bodies have already committed to the facility for a certain number of meals for the event. This has the effect of increased costs for the Grand Sessions which ultimately effects the bottom line of the budget. While the committee recognizes there may be exigent circumstances requiring a cancellation, these should be minimal and related to emergencies such as personal or family injury or death to an immediate family member that would prohibit the member's attendance. The committee does not feel that it should be blanket policy to refund these costs simply because a member decides not to attend the assemblies.

The committee again points out the ever ongoing situation with the storage in that, the Bodies are, and have been for quite some time needlessly appropriating rather large sums of money to maintain facilities to house unused furniture and/or other items that have not been needed or utilized by the Bodies for many a year.

In addition, various records, files and documents are being stored in a facility not even under the direct control of the Bodies and certainly not immediately accessible to the administrative staff. These contain the historical background of the Bodies and their individual memberships and are utilized mostly by administrative staff for research purposes, especially for the families of deceased members.

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The committee notes that these have been a line item in the budget for many a year, have been addressed several times in prior years by this committee's reports and have heretofore been ignored.

In the Grand York Rite year of 2008-2009, the actual costs associated with the maintenance of storage for that period alone, totaled \$3,160.00. That figure does not take into account the funds spent in prior years. It is money that could be put to better use. For instance, the funds already expended over the years could already have covered the costs to reduce the historical files to electronic media and/or, perhaps, given an incentive to administrative staff. Or perhaps, to help reduce the effects of a failing economy and the loss of investment earnings.

The committee notes the absence of a direct correlation of the proposed/actual budget with/to the actual annual recorded income and/or the funds existing in the general fund (that fund from which accrued expenses are deducted) at the time of the preparation of the budget.

For instance, in the adopted budget for 2008-2009, the budgeted expense for the annual conventions was \$4,000.00 across the board. Yet, no actual costs were considered or included. Under miscellaneous for the same period, \$6,726.97, across the board, was budgeted. Yet, again, no actual costs were included or considered.

These two expense items, if included and by themselves, would have increased total reportable expenditures by a rather healthy sum thereby further increasing the negative balance of the bottom line which is directly proportionate to the availability of funds from income and earnings on investments and the general fund.

It also seems consistent with the above theme that it would be more accurate to report fixed expenditures such as the Grand Secretary/Recorder's and the Administrative Assistant's actual salaries as the actual costs expended rather than a projection for a budgeted entry. At least until such time as either one of them or both is given an increase/decrease. Doing so would have realized a \$7,085.47 reduction of expenditures in the adopted budget.

The items noted in the above 3 paragraphs are not intended as a slam on the Finance and Budget Committees because "that is the way it has always been done". Perhaps it is time to change the "good ole boys routine" and come up with a more accurate method of reporting.

Recommendations:

1. That the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them, take immediate steps to dispose of unneeded, unused, unwanted and unnecessary furniture, equipment, etc. within this coming Grand York Rite year (2010-2011) but certainly, as soon as feasibly possible to eliminate this line item in the budget.
2. That the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them, investigate the means and costs associated with reducing the historical files, records, documents, etc. to some form of electronic media that can be placed into the hands of administrative staff for instant access. Thereby doing away with storage maintained in an off site, not readily accessible facility and, any costs associated therewith. The Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander, and/or a special committee appointed by them must closely coordinate with the Finance and Budget Committees of the Bodies to ascertain the availability of funding. Certainly, some funding will be available for this purpose from that as will be appropriated in the current budget (2010-2011) and, more especially, if item #1 is immediately and without haste, disposed of. This situation also needs immediate attention and certainly within this Grand York Rite year (2010-2011).
3. That the Finance and Budget Committees develop a more accurate means of reporting actual income/expenses in relation to the actual availability of funds in the general fund.
4. That the Grand Secretary/Recorder continue to place the warrant numbers on all checks with the exception of those issued as salaries and/or honorariums so as to maintain the double system of checks and balances previously established and to maintain an additional level of accountability and tracking.
5. That warrants be individually listed on the spreadsheet or if grouped under a single check, further identified in the description for the expenditure.
6. That the Grand Secretary/Recorder insure that all warrants are included in the recapitulation sheets (breakdowns) for expenditures charged to the individual Bodies.
7. That a copy of the aforementioned document be provided to the Committees on Finance and Budget.
8. Insure that all documentation justifying expenditures are included with the recap sheets.
9. Insure that all calculations and charges relating to the percentage breakdowns per individual Body are accurate and properly applied.
10. Review the percentage of split for the Royal Arch Magazine.
11. That the Grand High Priest and Grand Master (2010-2011) include the endowment program of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in their individual agendas and pursue a hard sell for individual participation.
12. That expenditures by credit card be further identified as such in the description on the spreadsheets. And the splits per Body appear to be disparate.
13. Checks received for Knighting fees and per capita should be reported separately when reporting income on the spreadsheets.
14. That the current policy on refunds be further investigated with an eye toward a more restrictive policy.
15. That a descriptive entry be made on the spreadsheets for all entries labeled EFT. The entry should include descriptive information identifying from which and to which accounts the transfer was made and for what purpose. Policy should be developed to decide where the entry should be made. Should it be in the description or under Ck

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No. Whatever the case, it should be done the same throughout the spreadsheets of the individual Bodies. Measures should be taken to insure that all such entries are actually recorded on the spreadsheets. Warrant numbers should be associated with all EFT entries.

16. That it would be appropriate to include a descriptive explanation for all entries within a line item that are enclosed in parenthesis to avoid further confusion.

Referrals:

Item #1 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for immediate action.

Item #2 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for immediate action.

Item #3 is referred to the Committees on Finance and Budgets for their consideration, comments, actions.

Items #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 are referred to the administrative staff.

Items #6, 7 & 10 are referred to the Committees on Finance and Budget.

Item #11 is referred to the Grand High Priest and Grand Master.

Item #14 is referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander (2010-2011) for further review and investigation.

Item #15 is referred to the Grand Treasurer.

Suggestions:

1. That the Finance and Budget Committees of the individual Bodies form into one single entity and prepare a combined report, similar to that of this committee, that addresses the budget preparation and reporting of the Bodies in one centralized document thereby eliminating the need for individual reports for each Body and thereby providing for immediate scrutinization without having to flip through a number of individual reports. It is sheer nonsense for the individual Finance and Budget Committees to meet in separate locations at separate times and possibly on separate dates when all can be accomplished in perhaps one sitting by simple appointment and retention of core members of each Body across the board.
2. That the Finance and Budget Committees either be combined with the Audit Committee, across the board, or at the very least, both be instructed by the Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander to meet together in one central location and at the same time. It is sheer nonsense for these two to meet at separate intervals then instruct the Finance and Budget Committee to take into consideration the findings of the Audit Committee when deliberating a proposed budget when no member of the Audit Committee is present to speak to or offer further explanation for the findings. This is a serious disconnect to our system and a detraction thereto.
3. That the Finance and Budget Committee receive and review the document identified in items # 6 & 7 above as a possible tool when considering budget preparation.
4. As to item #16, perhaps it might be an idea to include a legend explaining the differences utilized for the parenthesis to avoid confusion.

Grand Chapter

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Russell S. Hanson
Donald L. Trabue
Frederick A. Troxel
Loren D. Lloyd
C. C. McLemore III
Steven C. Monrotus
John W. Sisco
Claude M. Eckert(*absent*)
John E. Schofield(*absent*)
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Roy N. Thomas(*absent*)

Grand Council

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George M. Merkle
Terry R. Struse(*absent*)
James G. Haddox(*absent*)
Danny D. Smothers(*absent*)
William C. Woolsey(*absent*)
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Harold J. Richardson(*absent*)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY
(no report available at time of printing)

2010 REPORT ON CONCLAVE PROGRAM BOOK

It is with regret that the Editor (my wife) is retiring from this project after 11 years. It was started in 1999-2000 as a way to help the York Rite bodies financially. It has brought in approximately \$18,000.00 over these years. However, some of the leaders of our three bodies do not seem to realize the importance of this book, or even put a page in the book. This year, you will notice several larger supporters missing (Masonic Home and DeMolay). She has always said she would do the book but it is up to the leaders to get the ads. (But she was the one who followed up on the ads in the past few years to see that they were in the book.) The profit of this endeavor has fallen drastically the last few years.

She would like to see this book continued, but feels due to other commitments she can no longer give it the time that it needs to serve the purpose it was intended for. She has enjoyed being the Editor and thanks everyone who had advertised in the past.

Lon Goede, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRILL

(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:

For the past several years there has been no interest in the trip to Washington, D.C., no interest means no report to make. It is the recommendation of the committee that this committee be dropped as a none functioning committee.

Fraternally Submitted,
James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman

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 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 163 with a total endowed value of \$81,944.45. It had a 2009 distribution value of \$2,505.13 to the Grand Commandery and 23 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 Donald L. Trabue, PGC Harold J. Richardson, PGC, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

(no report available at time of printing)

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Cert.	Sir Knight	Commandery	Knighted	Issued
148	Kuehn, John Charles	39	08-Nov-08	3-May-09
149	Siscel, III John W.	16	03-Dec-70	3-Jun-09
150	Lowrey, Richard Anthony	39	21-Oct-95	2-Jul-09
151	DeVenney, Jr., Russell Frederick	12	09-Nov-07	10-Sep-09
152	Lehnhoff, Timothy Ray	59	12-Jul-03	9-Oct-09
153	McDaniel, David Paul	39	03-May-02	17-Nov-09
154	Hill, Gerald Ray	33	02-May-09	15-Dec-09
155	Colvin, Donald Cardel	29	02-May-09	30-Oct-09
156	Morgan, Tim Lee	55	06-Jun-09	17-Nov-09
157	Richardson, Jeremiah Seth	39	03-May-09	20-Nov-09
158	Salmon, Loyd LeRoy	4	15-Jan-05	1-Dec-09
159	Fetter, Dennis E.	8	09-Jul-05	3-Dec-09
160	Jones, Aaron Donald	27		15-Jan-10
161	Monrotus, Steven Caine	56	15-May-93	7-Feb-10
162	Roman, Jr., Willis C.	20	07-May-05	18-Feb-10
163	Jones, Randall J.	20	06-May-78	26-Mar-10
164	McManigle, James Edward	43	03-Nov-07	27-Apr-10

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HONOR COMMANDERY AWARD

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

The Grand Commandery Committee on Honor Commandery Award extends its congratulations to the following Commanders and Commanderies. By the exemplary efforts of the Officers and Members, these Commanderies have earned the distinction of receiving the Grand Commandery of Missouri Honor Commandery Award.

For the 2008-2009 Templar year:

Sir Knight Lance Lovejoy for Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4

For the 2009-2010 Templar year:

Sir Knight George M. Merkle for Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

Sir Knight Jerry W. Hunter, Sr. for St. Graal Commandery No. 12

Sir Knight Roger D. Fleer for Ascalon Commandery No. 16

Sir Knight Bradley Hicks for Lebanon Commandery No. 33

Sir Knight David L. Leirer for DeSoto Commandery No. 56

Sir Knight James G. Haddox for Rolla Commandery No. 59

Fraternally submitted,
 Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
 Daniel R. Quesenberry
 Richard L. Mansfield

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

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

The only Commanderies that have reported a patriotic and/or civic activity are the following: St. Graal No.12, Prince of Peace No.29, and Rolla No.59. Our congratulations to them and we hope more Commanderies will become involved in the future.

Fraternally submitted,
Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman
Harold F. Coots

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

(no report available at time of printing)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

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Grand Commanders Address
at the
149th Annual Conclave
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Knights Templar
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State of Missouri



Held At
The Lodge of Four Seasons
Lake Ozark, Missouri
May 14, 2010

Address of the Grand Commander - 2010

Greetings Sir Knights:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome all of you to the 149th Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and invite each of you to participate in the proceedings, and particularly, to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as Grand Commander.

It is a humbling and awesome experience; one which I never thought I would achieve in my wildest dreams and one that I could not have achieved without the support and help of all the Grand Officers and the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction. I would like at this time to give a special thanks to Fred Troxel, Don Trabue, Russell Hanson and Robert Schlichter for all the help, support and guidance throughout my year. For without all the help of everyone this would not have been easily performed. I also thank Joyce Sample for her expertise in taking care of the daily responsibilities of the Grand Recorder's office.

My program for the year was "Begin Again in 2009-2010." Go back to the basics. It was to remind us of the reasons we joined the fraternity in the first place. Fellowship, and the true pleasure that we find, is what is essential; everything else is just icing on the cake. And pride. Remember that one of my first official acts was to represent you at the Grand Encampment, and I've told everyone how much pride the Commanderies of Romania have in restarting this part of the Fraternity. And the representatives from Togo; Sir Knights, we pale in comparison. We don't continue to be proud of our Commanderies, not like we once were. Why is that? As comedian Dennis Miller used to say, "Now I don't want to get off on a rant here...but..." Are we too over-burdened with life that we can't take time to dress accordingly? Are we too tired of meetings that we don't care? While it wasn't the case on my official visits, I know that there are many of us in our local settings that can't get officers or drills lines to attend on a regular basis. And, for the life of me, I just do not understand! And my confusion is shared by the individuals who *do* care. Sir Knights, to you who are loyal, who do care, all I can say is, "Do not be so discouraged that you stop caring. Continue to focus on that which is important." The seeds are just dormant, and with your attention and attendance and commitment, those seeds will take root and grow. Just give it time. Take the pride in your Commandery that I know you have, and it will come to pass.

Grand Commandery has set forth a five year plan to improve its internal workings. One change was in class "C" drill. We are relaxing some of the tactic requirements as to the uniform; we are removing obstacles so that all Commanderies in the State of Missouri would be able to participate, but the one obstacle that we cannot remove is apathy. If the officers of any Commandery do not care to fulfill their responsibilities that they must have simply to open a conclave and conduct business or to go further and develop and polish the skills that they need to compete; if the end result is to experience an extra helping of the fellowship we enjoy, then all has been for naught. Sounds like I'm coming back to the same point; well, maybe I am. The Grand Officers are trying their best to show the way for the constituent Commanderies. We believe that having all our Commanderies able to participate in the drill is one of the best ways to do so. It is worth the effort, believe me!

Address of the Grand Commander - 2010

As we traveled throughout the state, I thank everyone for the courtesies and hospitality extended to myself and Lady Margaret. We were well received at my official visits, and the summary of my itinerary is elsewhere in this annual report, so I won't bore you. Likewise are the decisions that I rendered during this year. I am sure that I visited every Commandery, either in a joint Conclave or individually. If I missed yours, I apologize. Sometimes, even a Grand Commander forgets when he doesn't write it down. Also, a special thanks to those who opened their homes to us. The fellowship was enjoyable and the food was exceptional. It extended my belt two sizes.

And the fellowship, both inside and outside our Conclaves is what we were trying to accomplish this year. I trust that we discovered it afresh at our Conclaves, during our refreshments, in our fund-raising, and whenever we met together as Knights. My travels to other Grand Jurisdictions were most enjoyable and a learning experience. It enables us to see how other jurisdictions operate. It may afford us an opportunity to learn different ideas to make our session run more smoothly.

I welcome our visitors and distinguished guests from other jurisdictions. We are honored to have you with us. It is our hope this session will be informative and productive, but that you enjoy your stay with us. Missouri is the "Show Me State" and we hope to have shown you a good time.

I also hope in the future of this Grand Commandery and in the members of this Grand Line of Officers. I trust in their abilities and in their leadership and in the commitment that each of them has as they progress through the line. I wish for them and for all of us the very best in all our efforts, trusting that our blessed Redeemer will crown our efforts in the future with success, even as he has done so in the past.

In closing, I would like to thank the most important person, Lady Margaret. For without all her support and help my travels would have been difficult. She has worked very hard on preparing the session. I can't thank her enough for all her help, love and support.

Sir Knights, I thank you all!

Respectfully,
Ronnie E Green, REGC

Dispensations and Decisions Rendered

- 7/30/09 Approved a request by SK Mike Shively to canvas the Missouri Grand Commandery Dais officers by e-mail to announce candidacy for Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.
- 10/7/09 Approved the consolidation of Tancred Commandery No. 25, KT with St. Graal Commandery No. 12, KT.
- 10/16/09 Approved Dispensation to hold a joint meeting of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 and Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4.

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- 10/21/09 Approved Bylaws revision to change the stated Conclaves of Liberty Commandery No. 6 to be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
- 11/17/09 Approved dispensation for O'Sullivan No. 15, Constantine No. 27 and Jasper No. 31 to meet on a regular basis. This request will be for the balance of my year as Grand Commander.
- 11/17/09 Approved Dispensation to hold the stated conclave of Crusade Commandery in joint with St. Graal Commandery No. 12 in Columbia, Missouri on Friday December 11.
- 11/17/09 Approved Dispensation to hold joint meetings of O'Sullivan, Constantine and Jasper Commanderies, No. 15, 27, and 31.
- 11/20/09 Approved bylaws revision to allow meeting change to Fourth Monday for St. Johns Commandery No. 20.
- 11/27/09 Approved Dispensation to hold the December 2009 meeting of Crusade Commandery with St. Graal Commandery on Friday, December 11, 2009.
- 3/10/10 Disapproved Bylaws revision of Ascension Commandery No. 39 under advice of Templar Jurisprudence.
- 3/27/10 Approved Bylaws revision of Ascalon Commandery No. 16 under advice of Templar Jurisprudence.
- 4/27/10 Approved temporary move of Malta Commandery No. 72 meetings from 2nd Tuesday to 4th Tuesday for ease of opening the Commandery.
- 4/27/10 Approved move of Malta Commandery No. 72 meeting to April 27th to accommodate my Official Visit.

General Order No.1

On review of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the Tactics, Ritual and Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, it is my order that any Constituent Commandery opening in full form shall communicate the Pilgrim Warrior's Word, the Pilgrim Penitent's Word, and the Immaculate Word, recite the Lord's Prayer, and exemplify the Penal Sign and the Grand Sign. As per the ritual of the Grand Encampment, a Constituent Commandery opening in short form need not communicate the Pilgrim Warrior's Word, the Pilgrim Penitent's Word, and the Immaculate Word, nor is it required to exemplify the Penal Sign and the Grand Sign. It must recite the Lord's Prayer.

General Order No.2

It is my order that all Missouri Regional Grand Commanders are authorized and required to wear a green shoulder cord on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2009-2010 Missouri Templar year. It is further ordered that the Aide-de-Camp is authorized and required to wear a silver shoulder cord on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2009-2010 Missouri Templar year. It is also ordered that the Guards are authorized and required to wear a white shoulder cord on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2009-2010 Missouri Templar year. It is my additional order that all Missouri Past Regional Grand Commanders are authorized to wear and may purchase at their own expense, a red cord to be worn on the left shoulder of the Missouri Commandery uniform during the 2009-2010 Missouri Templar year.

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Visitations

May 21, 2009	Oriental Chapter No. 78
May 22, 2009	Alhambra Grotto
May 24-25, 2009	Attended DeMolay State Conclave in Jefferson City, MO – Presented \$500 Donation and presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award.
June 3, 2009	Visited Ascalon No. 16
June 4, 2009	Installation of Ivanhoe No. 8, Florissant, MO
June 5, 2009	DeSoto Commandery No. 56
June 6, 2009	For conferral of Red Cross, Malta, and the Order of The Temple, Ascalon No. 16, St. Louis, MO
June 8, 2009	Rolla Commandery No. 59
June 10-12, 2009	Peoria, Illinois – Grotto Grand Session
June 13, 2009	Attended Grand Officers Meeting, Jefferson City, MO
June 16, 2009	Visited Lebanon Commandery No. 33, Laclede Masonic Temple, presented Lewis & Clark Award
June 20, 2009	Jefferson City, MO for KYCH
June 25, 2009	Jefferson City, MO – Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Presented \$500 Donation and presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award
June 27, 2009	Buckner, MO – Region 3 Forum
June 28, 2009	Springfield, MO – Missouri Rainbow Grand Assembly. Presented \$500 Donation and presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award.
June 28, 2009	Visited and checked the Time Capsule. Picture taken with George Duncan, Mary Duncan and Danny Smothers.
July 9, 2209	Barnes Hospital St. Louis, MO – presented \$35,000 check to Shiming Chen, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences.
July 12, 2009	St. Louis, MO – Freedom Temple Grand Commanders Reception
July 18, 2009	Toothbrush Day (Grotto) Farmington, MO
July 19, 2009	Farmington, MO – Accompanied Margaret to Beauceant Association Meeting
July 21, 2009	Lebanon Commandery No. 33
July 25, 2009	AMD & Knight Masons, St. James, MO
Aug 1, 2009	Jefferson City, MO – York Rite Picnic and Officers Meeting
Aug 14-19, 2009	64th Triennial, Roanoke, VA
Aug 209, 2009	White Shrine, St. Louis, MO.
Sept 2-3, 2009	Official visit Ascalon No.16, St. Louis, MO. and Official visit Ivanhoe No. 8
Sept 4, 2009	Farmington, MO – Official visit DeSoto Commandery No. 56
Sept 11, 2009	St. Louis, MO – Square Club Dinner & Meeting
Sept 12, 2009	Bonne Terre, MO – Red Cross of Constantine
Sept 14, 2009	Official visit to Rolla Commandery No. 59
Sept 15, 2009	Lebanon Commandery No.33 Official visit
Sept 17-19, 2009	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma South West Conference
Sept 20-21, 2009	Columbia, MO – Grand Lodge of Missouri
Sept 25, 2009	St. Louis, MO – Alhambra Grotto

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Sept 28, 2009	Neosho, MO – Official visit Neosho Commandery No.57
Oct 1, 2009	Kansas City, MO – Palestine No. 17 Table Commandery and Official visit. Included East Gate No. 70, KC No. 10, Oriental No. 35, Liberty No. 6. and Westport No. 68.
Oct 3, 2009	St. Louis, MO – Region 5 York Rite Conference
Oct 6, 2009	Official visit Sedalia Commandery No. 42, Sedalia, MO.
Oct 9, 2009	Official visit St. Graal No.12, Columbia, MO.
Oct 16, 2009	St. Louis, MO – Scottish Rite Reunion
Oct 17, 2009	Grand Officers Meeting and KCCH Investiture
Oct 19, 2009	St. Joseph, MO – Official visit Hugh de Payens No. 4 included Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24 and Bethany No. 42.
Oct 23, 2009	St. Louis – Grotto
Oct 24, 2009	AMD and Knight Masons, St. James, MO
Oct 27, 2009	Official visit Crusade Commandery No. 23, Mexico, MO
Nov 3, 2009	Official visit Ascension Commandery No. 39, Joplin, MO
Nov 7-8, 2009	St. Joseph, MO – 33rd Investiture
Nov 9, 2009	Official visit O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15, Constantine No. 27, and Jasper No. 31, Nevada, MO
Nov 20, 2009	Four Seasons Lake of The Ozark – Meeting to discuss menus
Nov 21, 2009	Montgomery City, MO – Region 1 Forum
Nov 27, 2009	St. Louis MO – Alhambra Grotto held elections
Dec 1, 2009	Official visit Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55, Cape Girardeau, MO
Dec 2, 2009	Ascalon No.16, St. Louis, MO – Christmas Program
Dec 4, 2009	DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington, MO.
Dec 5, 2009	Red Cross of Constantine Installation and Christmas party, St. Louis, MO.
Dec 7, 2009	Official visit, Table Commandery Liberty Commandery No. 6, Liberty, MO
Dec 13, 2009	Beauceant Christmas party, Festus, MO
Dec 14, 2009	Rolla Commandery No. 59, Rolla, MO – Christmas party
Dec 20, 2009	St. Louis, MO – Grotto Christmas party
Dec 21, 2009	Jefferson City, MO – Official business
Jan 14, 2010	Craftsmen No. 717, St. Louis, MO
Jan 16, 2010	Region 1 Conference at Shelbina, MO
Jan 17, 2010	Installed Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville, MO
Jan 21-22, 2010	Alhambra Grotto St. Louis, MO
Jan 23, 2010	Jefferson City, MO – Grand Officers meeting and Rolla, MO AMD and Knight Masons
Feb 13, 2010	Springfield, MO – Forum
Feb 20, 2010	Rolla, MO – Ameranth Installaltion
Feb 26, 2010	St. Louis, MO – Grotto
March 6, 2010	Jefferson City, MO – Finance Meeting Columbia, MO, Grand Officers Meeting
Mar 11-13, 2010	Arkansas Grand Session, Little Rock, AR
March 17, 2010	Bolivar, MO – St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 – Official visit

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March 20, 2010	Grand Commanders Breakfast New Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, Rolla, MO – 2pm Installation Rolla Commandery No. 59
March 22, 2010	Springfield, MO – St. John's Commandery No. 20 – Official visit
March 26, 2010	St. Louis, MO – Alhambra Grotto
April 7-9, 2010	Kansas Grand York Rite Session, Manhattan, KS
April 13, 2010	DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Lexington, MO
April 19, 2010	Rolla Council No. 39, Rolla, MO
April 21, 2010	Installation Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, MO
April 23, 2010	Alhambra Grotto
April 24, 2010	Grand Officers Meeting, Jefferson City
April 24, 2010	AMD and Knight Masons, Rolla, MO

Appointments:

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J. Joseph Hayes, Chairman	Federick A. Troxel, Jr.	Marvin W. Frost
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Credentials

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman	Phillip W. Engel	Jerry Bradford
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Educational Foundation

Forrest G. Lowe, Chairman	David C. Witte	Robert H. Bray
	Kevin E. Weaver	LeRoy D. Unruh
Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Secretary, non-voting	Donald L. Trabue, Treasurer, non-voting	

Finance and Accounts

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman	Harold J. Richardson	James E. Snavelly
Larry T. Odom	Harold F. Coots	

Hospitaler

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman	Daniel R. Quesenberry	Richard L. Mansfield
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Investment

James E. Snavelly, Chairman	Donald L. Trabue	Russell S. Hanson
William S. Hall	Harold F. Coots	

Returns of Commanderies

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman	Fred F. Stuecken	Ted W. Harrison
Jerry Bradford		

Templar Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman	Harold J. Richardson	William S. Hall
James E. Snavelly	Stanton T. Brown	Glenn E. Means
C. Brent Stewart		

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Time and Place

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry Richard L. Mansfield

Triennial

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman Harold J. Richardson Ronnie E. Green

Special Committees

Annual Conclave

Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry Kevin B. Sample

Audit

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman Harold J. Richardson James E. Snively
Russell S. Hanson Harold L. Coots Larry T. Odom
James G. Haddox

Charity

Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders

Conclave Program Book

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman Virginia L. Goede, Editor

Drill

Jerry F. Ward, Chairman William S. Hall, Event Assistant
Fred A. Troxel, Jr., Event Assistant Russell S. Hanson, Workshop Coordinator
Jose R. Palacios, Senior Judge Stanton T. Brown, Judge Kevin E. Weaver, Judge
Ralph E. Nolan, Judge Brian J. Densmore, Judge

Easter Sunrise Service

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman Regional Grand Commanders

Education

David C. Witte, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry

Endowed Membership

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman Donald L. Trabue Kevin B. Sample

Forms and Publications

Fred A. Troxel, Jr., Chairman Russell S. Hanson Aaron M. Shoemaker

Golf Tournament

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman Ralph E. Nolan Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

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Honor Commandery Award

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman Daniel R. Quesenberry Richard L. Mansfield

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

James E. Snavelly, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders

Knights Templar Magazine

Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman and Editor Ronnie E. Green
Russell S. Hanson

Membership

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Chairman Dennis E. Fetter Regional Grand Commanders

Patriotic and Civic Activities

Daniel R. Quesenberry, Chairman Richard L. Mansfield
Harold F. Coots

Religious Activities

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman Ralph E. Nolan Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

Ritual Committee

William s. Hall, Chairman Jerry F. Ward Rocky E. Weaver

York Rite Conference

Harold F. Coots, Chairman Regional Grand Commanders

Youth Organizations

Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman LeRoy D. Unruh David L. Leirer
Lionel J Goede

Officers

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., Acting Grand Recorder
Kevin B. Sample, Assistant Grand Recorder
Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Prelate Roy N. Thomas, Grand Historian
Richard J. Holmes, Aide-De-Camp David R. Vogler, Grand Sentinel
Daniel R. Quesenberry, Grand Chorister Steve C. Monrotus, Grand Organist
Charles G. Coy, Inner Guard Gale B. Morrison, Inner Guard
James L. Inukai, Inner Guard

Regional Grand Commanders

Loren D. Lloyd, Region 1 Nathan D. Carrington, Region 2
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Region 3A William E. Criss, Region 3B
Jeffrey A. Keevil, Region 4 Roger D. Fleer, Region 5
David L. Leirer, Region 6 Christopher S. Houge, Region 7A
Gary A. Phillips, Region 7B

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CONDITION OF THE ORDER

It has been my honor to be a member of this great Fraternity. I am sad to report that the membership is still shrinking. We must give the members a reason to attend, inform the public of our good works and charities. Most important, is to impress on the members how important it is for their participation. We must welcome each member and make them feel they are a vital part of the Commandery.

If we all work together we will build strong Commanderies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I believe it is vitally important that The Grand Commandery set in motion a five year program for securing a place to hold Grand Sessions.
2. It is my personal feeling we should find a home in the center of the State (Jeff City or Columbia) for our sessions. This would make it easily accesable to all members.
3. It is also my feeling we should have a Board of Governors or Committee to plan the Grand Sessions of The York Rite. There are members in our organization with expertise in these fields and would be to our advantage to use their knowledge.
4. We should continue to have Grand Officers Meetings every two months. This helps to keep Grand Officers informed and provides a Forum for important information to be communicated.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronnie E. Green
Grand Commander

Added 5/4/2010

Lewis and Clark Awards

Region 1,	Myran Wayne McAuley,	Ely 22
Region 2,	Robert Dean Newcom,	Hugh de Payens 4
Region 3A,	Stanton Thayer Brown, II,	Palestine 17
Region 3B,	Ralph Earl Britz,	St. Omer 11
Region 4,	Columbus Craft,	Rolla 59
Region 5,	Thomas D. Martin,	Ivanhoe 8
Region 6,	Glen Harry Needham,	DeSoto 56
Region 7A,	James Edward McManigle,	St. Elmo 43
Region 7B,	NONE	