

# PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Forty-Seventh  
Annual Assembly

of the

Grand Council of Cryptic  
Masons of the State of Missouri

held

May 16, 2012  
Capital Plaza Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri



# Grand Council of Missouri

## 147th Grand Assembly Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 16, 2012</b>
7:00 am	Registration - All 3 Bodies - to 10:00 am (Atrium)
9:00 am	Welcome by Missouri Grand High Priest, Grand Master and Grand Commander - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman)
9:15 am	Presentation & Posting of Colors, Heroes of '76 Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Introduction of 2011-2012 Grand Council Officers Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
9:30 am	Formal Opening of 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 Remarks Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Election of Grand Council Officers

<b>Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 16, 2012 (continued)</b>
	Address of Grand Master Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address Report of Jurisprudence Committee Report of Finance Committee Report of Grand Treasurer Report of Grand Recorder Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed) Report of Election of Grand Council Officers Acceptance of Grand Council Officers Elect Report of Grand Master Elect Report of Committee on Time and Place Address of General Grand Council Representative
12:00 noon	Grand Council Called from Labor until 3:30 pm
1:30 pm	Order of the Siver Trowel (Missouri)
3:30 pm	Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Grand Council Awards Presentation Installation of Grand Council Officers
5:00 pm	Close Grand Council Pictures
7:00 pm	Presentation of the Feast of Belshazzar - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman)

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri  
2011-2012**

**Elected and Appointed Officers**

George M. Merkle (1) - Grand Master  
William C. Woolsey (39) - Deputy Grand Master  
David C. Witte (49) - Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM (32) - Grand Treasurer  
Russell S. Hanson (34) - Grand Recorder  
Terry R. Struse (34) - Grand Captain of the Guard  
William G. Snyder (49, 45) - Grand Conductor of the Council  
Todd A. Schulze (48, 1) - Grand Marshal  
Johnny L. Schlenker (20) - Grand Steward  
William B. Stephenson, Jr. (1, 48) - Grand Sentinel  
Thomas L. Thomason (40, 1) - Asst. Grand Sentinel  
Charles M. Huey (20, 1) - Asst. Grand Sentinel  
Thomas D. Martin (40) - Asst. Grand Sentinel  
Kevin E. Weaver (48) - Grand Chaplain  
Robert L. Wright, PGM (48) - Grand Lecturer  
Chris M. Jessen (39) - Grand Organist  
Steven C. Monrotus (43) - Asst. Grand Organist  
Daniel R. Quesenberry (49) - Grand Chorister

**Regional Deputy Grand Masters**

Joseph P. Elsen (59) - Region 1 (44, 47, 59)  
Lloyd F. Waller (9) - Region 2 (9, 28, 37, 53)  
Aaron M. Shoemaker (51) - Region 3, District A (24, 45, 50, 51)  
Daniel R. Quesenberry (49) - Region 3, District B (38, 42, 49, 57)  
James M. Mosley (34) - Region 4 (32, 34, 39)  
John E. Trower (40) - Region 5 (1, 40, 48)  
Lee L. Francis (43) - Region 6 (20, 27, 43)

**Regional Deputy Grand Masters (continued)**

Paul G. Kingsley (25) - Region 7, District A (25, 35, 56, 58)  
Robert P. Gephardt (30) - Region 7, District B (30, 41, 46)

**Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers**

Harley L. Kropf (34, 59)- Region 1 (44, 47, 59)  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (9) - Region 2 (9, 28, 37, 53)  
Roger D. Salyer (49) - Region 3, District A (24, 45, 50, 51)  
Mark S. Schroer (49) - Region 3, District B (38, 42, 49, 57)  
Kevin B. Sample (27, 34) - Region 4 (32, 34, 39)  
Kevin E. Weaver (48) - Region 5 (1, 40, 48)  
Johnny L. Schlenker (20) - Region 6 (20, 27, 43)  
Bradley T. Hicks (56) - Region 7, District A (25, 35, 56, 58)  
Gary A. Phillips (30, 58) - Region 7, District B (30, 41, 46)

**Standing Committees**

**Address of the Grand Master**

James G. Haddox, Chairman

**Credentials**

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Emeritus

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

Robert L. Schmidt

**Finance & Accounts**

James E. Snavelly, Chairman

William C. Woolsey

Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio

Russell S. Hanson, Ex-officio

**Jurisprudence**

Stanton T. Brown, Chairman

Robert W. Schlichter

C. Brent Stewart

Todd A. Schulze

**Standing Committees (continued)**

## Returns of Councils

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Emeritus

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

Robert L. Schmidt

**Special Committees**

## Audit

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

William G. Snyder

Grand Council Line Officers

## Charity &amp; Charity Endowment Fund

Joseph P. Krill, Chairman (Calendar Fundraiser)

## Distinguished Council

Terry R. Struse, Chairman

Kevin E. Weaver

Robert L. Wright

Robert H. Bray

Stanton T. Brown

## General Grand Council Charity Committee

William G. Buckner, Chairman

## Education

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

Charles M. Huey

Russell S. Hanson

Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

## Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

José R. Palacios

Thomas C. Yunick

## Golf Tournament

Ronald E. Wood, Jr. Chairman

James E. Snavelly

**Special Committees (continued)**

## Membership

Thomas L. Thomason, Chairman

Roger D. Salyer

## Regional Deputy Grand Masters

David C. Witte, Chairman

## Ritual

Robert L. Wright, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

## Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

## Time and Place

William C. Woolsey

## Triennial

Stanton T. Brown, Chairman

Teddie E. Harrison

Robert L. Wright

Terry R. Struse

## York Rite Conference

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman

David C. Witte

## Youth

Roger D. Salyer, Chairman

Phillip Cole



**Living Past Grand Masters**

G. Fred Kling (1966-1967)  
 Everette L. Gloyd (1978-1979)  
 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)  
 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)  
 Danny D. Smothers (2009-2010)  
 James G. Haddox (2010-2011)

**Grand Council Representatives**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Alabama .....	William G. Snyder
Alaska .....	Frederick H. Neal
Arizona .....	Donald L. Huggins
Arkansas .....	Columbus Craft
Brazil .....	Russell S. Hanson
California .....	William Gordon Buckner
Colorado .....	James M. Williams
Connecticut .....	Richard J. Holmes
Delaware .....	Jack D. Brown
District of Columbia.....	John V. Crampton
Eastern Canada .....	Jack R. Clark, Sr.
England .....	LeRoy D. Unruh
Florida .....	George R. Johnson
France .....	Marion W. Dey
Georgia .....	Paul R. Cannon
Germany .....	Teddie E. Harrison
Greece.....	George M. Merkle
Hawaii.....	James G. Haddox
Idaho .....	Freddie D. Adams
Illinois.....	William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Indiana .....	Harley L. Kropf
Iowa .....	Aaron M. Shoemaker
Israel.....	Christopher A. Gower
Italy .....	Francis A. Latragna
Kansas .....	Danny D. Smothers
Kentucky .....	Bob L. Detherow
Louisiana.....	Robert W. Schlichter

**Grand Council Representatives (continued)**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Maine .....	Everette L. Gloyd
Maryland .....	William E. Brenneman
Massachusetts .....	Albert H. Miller
Michigan .....	John E. Schofield
Jurisdiction .....	To Missouri
Minnesota .....	Lewis C. Odneal
Mississippi .....	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Montana .....	Calvin D. Schroff
Nebraska .....	James G. Wade
Nevada .....	Barry V. Cundiff
New Hampshire .....	William C. Woolsey
New Jersey .....	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
New Mexico .....	Norman G. Schlagenhauf
New York .....	Paul K. Kawakami
North Carolina .....	C. C. McLemore, III
North Dakota .....	Lester J. Brown
Ohio .....	Stanton T. Brown
Oklahoma .....	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Ontario Canada .....	David C. Witte
Oregon .....	Steven C. Monrutus
Pennsylvania .....	Jose' R. Palacios
Philippines .....	Richard G. Harrison
Portugal .....	William J. Bowser
Rhode Island .....	Gale B. Morrison
Romania .....	William R. Brantley
Scotland .....	K. Trent Moreland
South Carolina .....	Roy N. Thomas

**Grand Council Representatives (continued)**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
South Dakota .....	Robert H. Bray
Tennessee .....	Kevin B. Sample
Texas .....	Alfred L. Mason
Utah .....	P. Vincent Kinkad
Vermont .....	Glenn E. Means
Washington .....	Corey B. Huntsucker
Western Canada .....	Matthew L. Quesenberry
Wisconsin .....	Ted W. Harrison
Wyoming .....	Walter W. Doyle

**ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER - 2012**

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri:

Companions,

Welcome to the 147th Annual Assembly of Missouri Royal and Select Masters. To the Companions of other jurisdictions, and the General Grand Council, a warm welcome to the "Show Me" state and I hope that you will enjoy your stay here. To all Representatives and Companions, your presence here is very much appreciated. A special welcome to Officers of Appendant Bodies, and of course the Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and his corps of Officers.

Before proceeding further, please join with me in paying tribute to our departed Companions. Right Illustrious Companion Kevin Weaver will give the necrology.

Companions the past year as your Most Illustrious Grand Master has been an exciting and rewarding experience. I have traveled throughout the state visiting subordinate Councils and attending Regional Conferences. I have witnessed a revived spirit in our order especially from our newer and younger members. I noticed a positive attitude in them in taking offices and learning parts in degree work.

I also had the privilege of granting dispensations for Companions to form not one but two additional Councils. They are Byron E. Hams Council and William H. Graham Council. A special appreciation is given to Rolla Council No. 39 and Jeremiah Council No. 48 from where the Companions were originally greeted.

A list of my itinerary and official visits is on file with the Grand Recorder's office. Let me state, however, that I was privileged to attend the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council Triennial meetings in Raleigh, North Carolina, last August 2011. In September 2011, I attended the South Central Regional York Rite Conference in Kansas City and the Missouri Grand Lodge session in Columbia. I do, however, recommend that Regional Conferences held in the eastern and western parts of the state begin at 1:00 pm. This would enable visitors from far away to not have to leave in the early hours at night or have to seek local lodging the night before.

Two of my projects were in increasing the number of endowed members in the General Grand Council and revamping the requirements in achieving the Distinguished Council Award. The endowed membership is \$25.00 and relieves

the Grand Council from having to pay per capita to the General Grand Council which eventually benefits all Companions, in general. The endowed membership forms are available at the reception desk and I urge those Companions that are not members to make application. A committee for the Council Merit Award is being chaired by Very Illustrious Companion Terry Struse, and I plan to join that committee when I leave office.

Companions, the past year I made some new appointments of Regional Grand Masters and Lecturers. It is my opinion that Regional Grand Masters be limited to a term of no more than two years and not also serve as Regional Officers at the same time in the other York Rite Bodies. In this way, they can concentrate their efforts on their Grand Council duties. Regional Grand Lecturers give rise to a different situation. Since their duties involve the ritual, they are difficult to replace and should be retained until a qualified replacement is found. A classic example is my appointment to the Grand Council advancing line, Johnny L. Schlenker. He also serves as the Regional Grand Lecturer for Region 6 as well as for the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter. Men of his caliber are very difficult to replace.

I recently filled some vacancies for Grand Representative. I have resigned as Grand Representative for Alabama, and have taken the Grand Representative position for Greece, replacing the late Emory Hampel. I did this because Greece is from where my family descended and I am able to speak the language. I appointed Very illustrious Companion William Snyder to fill the position for Alabama.

I have accepted the resignation of Right Illustrious Companion, Dave Witte as Grand Representative for Israel and have appointed him as Grand Representative for Ontario.

Companion Christopher A. Gower was appointed Grand Representative for Israel replacing Companion Witte.

My other appointments include Very Illustrious Companion William B. Stephenson, Jr. as Grand Representative for Illinois, replacing the late Nicholas Steinmetz, and Illustrious Companion Gale B. Morrison as Grand Representative for Rhode Island.

When I was installed last year as your Grand Master, I discussed with Very Illustrious Companion Bob Detherow of Zabud Council No. 25, the possibility of

portraying the Feast of Balshezzar at this Grand Session. I am pleased to say that this has come to fruition and the play will be performed this evening at 7:00 pm. This was a concentrated effort spearheaded by the Companions of Zabud Council and the cast includes other Companions from various Councils throughout the state.

In conclusion, I was so honored to serve concurrently with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Stephen Monrotus and Right Eminent Grand Commander Daniel Quesenberry. Their input, as well as that of my Lady, Kathy, and Mom Royann Quesenberry, helped greatly in making all the conferences and this session a success.

I thank all of you Companions for the honor of serving as your Most Illustrious Grand Master. May God bless all of you as well as our Masonic Order.

Faternally,

George M. Merkle

Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

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

Companions,

Your committee on the Grand Master's address commend and applaud Grand Master George M. Merkle as he presides at the 147th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. We applaud the time that he spent visiting the Councils around this great state and for his heartfelt, forthright and sincere words in his Address.

We congratulate him on his efforts to establish two new Councils and the groundbreaking determination of these Councils. This also stops a trend where Councils reorganize and merge.

His encouragement of each local Council to perform their own ritual is recognized and should make each of us examine our Councils of Royal and Select Masters and encourage the younger members to get involved and learn the ritual. The younger members are joining with a sincerely enthusiastic feeling for the York Rite as a whole so we need to encourage their participation.

Grand Master Merkle represented the Craft throughout the state on his visits where he promoted each member to join the General Grand Council, which benefits the Missouri Grand Council. His appointments to the Regional and Grand lines ensure that the Grand Council keeps pace with modern times while retaining traditions of the Grand Council.

Lastly, sincere thanks goes to the Grand Master for his service to the Cryptic Rite as he advanced to the Grand East, his love and service to the fraternity throughout his life, and for making difficult decisions regarding what is in the best interests of the Grand Council of Missouri.

I move the acceptance of the Grand Master's Address and this report, and that they be printed in the proceedings of the 147th Annual Grand Assembly.

Faternally submitted,

James G. Haddox, Chairman

### **REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

It was determined that a preliminary report was not necessary.

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE****Grand Council Finance Report**

Companions,

The following is the proposed budget for the 2012 - 2013 year.

**INCOME**

Per Capita, Membership (2,875 @ \$13.00) .....	\$ 37,375.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership .....	1,600.00
Greeting Fees, 75 @ \$7.00 .....	525.00
General Fund, Interest .....	200.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	250.00
<b>Total Income 2012 -2013 .....</b>	<b>\$ 39,950.00</b>

**SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES**

Grand Master Expense .....	\$ 2,500.00
Grand Treasurer .....	1,000.00
Grand Recorder .....	6,500.00
Clerical Assistant .....	5,000.00
Employment Taxes .....	790.00
Annual Assembly .....	1,500.00
Audit .....	150.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (2,875 @ \$1.00) .....	2,875.00
Grand Officer Expense .....	750.00
Insurance .....	165.00
Miscellaneous .....	250.00
Office Equipment .....	1,500.00
Office Expense .....	2,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities .....	1,900.00
Past Grand Master Jewel .....	450.00
Postage .....	600.00
Printing of Proceedings .....	2,000.00
Royal Arch Magazine .....	3,000.00
Royal Arch Magazine, Editor .....	50.00
Storage Rent .....	950.00
Triennial Fund (2875 @ \$ 0.06) .....	175.00
<b>Total Salaries and Allowances .....</b>	<b>\$ 34,105.00</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,845.00</b>

Fraternally submitted,

James E. Snively, Chairman

William C. Woolsey, Donald L. Trabue (Ex-Officio),  
and Russell S. Hanson (Ex-Officio)

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE****Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits**

**May 16, 17 & 18, 2012**

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Greetings:

The Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits, as undersigned, following due consultation with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder, have determined that it would be more appropriate to conduct the audits of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery following the close of business of the Grand York Rite Convocations on May 18, 2012 to permit the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder to finalize all financial transactions for the ending fiscal year.

The Joint Chairmen recommend and suggest to their successors that these audits be held sometime in the June/July 2012 time frame or as soon after the close of the fiscal year as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman  
Grand Chapter Audit Committee  
Grand Council Audit Committee

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman  
Grand Commandery Audit Committee

**REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER****Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri**

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report

June 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

**GENERAL FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 37,050.77**

## Receipts:

Grand Secretary, etc. \$ 4,667.41

Interest Earned 173.02

Total Receipts: \$ 4,840.43

## Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#59328 - 2005 thru 2014 \$ 2,500.00

#74544 - 2726 thru 2794 17,228.70

#74325 - 1216 thru 1218 286.70

#464155 (Debits) 396.94

Total Disbursements: \$ 20,412.34

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (15,571.91)Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 21,478.86**

## Statement of Assets - General Fund

Interest Checking Act. #59328,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% \$ 509.66Interest Checking Act. #74544,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% 301.73Interest Checking Act. #74325,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% 7.17Money Mkt. Act. #464155,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% 5,126.59Money Mkt. Act. #30000211,  
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% 10,348.09CD #131541,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.20%,  
Matures 6/29/12 5,185.62Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 21,478.86****GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 36,923.99**

## Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 276.13

Increase in Market Value, etc.

American Balanced Fund 838.47

Total Receipts: \$ 1,114.60

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Total Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 1,114.60Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012 **\$ 38,038.59**

## Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account)

Money Mkt. Act. #464155,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% \$ 1,441.19American Balanced Fund  
(thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) 12,665.04CD #265378,  
Central Bank - Jefferson City, 1.20%,  
Matures 11/30/12 23,932.36Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012 **\$ 38,038.59****ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 95,306.96**

## Receipts:

Memberships (4 ) \$ 1,925.00

Interest Earned 673.62

Total Receipts: \$ 2,598.62

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 2,598.62Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2012 **\$ 97,905.58**

## Statement of Assets - Endowed Membership Fund

Money Market Act. #464155,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% \$ 51,447.32

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND (continued)**

## Statement of Assets - Endowed Membership Fund (continued)

CD#132905,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 10/24/12 46,458.26Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 97,905.58****CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 117,550.62**

## Receipts:

Various Contributions \$ 168.30

Interest Earned 990.13

Total Receipts: \$ 1,158.43

Disbursements: \$ 1,000.00

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 158.43Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 117,709.05**

## Statement of Assets - Charity Endowment Fund

Money Market Act. #464155,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% \$ 42.19

Money Mkt. Act. #30000211,

Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% 2,147.47

CD#264669,

Central Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 6/1/12 32,318.60

CD#1243910,

Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 7/27/12 47,243.21

CD#1244500,

Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 8/3/126/2/11 35,957.58Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 117,709.05****TRIENNIAL FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 696.99**

## Receipts:

From General Fund \$ 340.00

Interest Earned 1.01

Total Receipts: \$ 341.01

Disbursements: \$ 1,037.75

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (696.74)Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 0.25**

## Statement of Assets - Triennial Fund

Money Market Act. #464155,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% \$ 0.25Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 0.25****SUPPLY FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 9,327.12**

## Receipts:

From Grand Secretary, etc. \$ 1,369.45

Interest Earned 29.05

Total Receipts: \$1,398.50

Disbursements: \$ 2,763.87

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (1,365.37)Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 7,961.75**

## Statement of Assets - Supply Fund

Money Market Act. #464155,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% \$ 0.25Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 7,961.75**Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2012 **\$ 283,094.08**

Fraternally submitted,

Donald L. Trabue, HPGM

Grand Treasurer

**REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER**

As my first year draws to a conclusion, I have to admit that this year has been more of a challenge than I could have ever imagined. There is no "Grand Secretary/Recorder Manual" to read and consult. There is no "Grand Secretary/Recorder College" to attend in order to learn everything that the job entails. Yet the position features a nearly vertical learning curve. The job essentially demands that a new Grand Secretary/Recorder, raised in the loving environment of Masonic Fraternity, hit the ground running, fully educated in the relatively

harsh ways of the Masonic business world and, in deed, the unforgiving business world at large.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri faced many more challenges, obstacles, issues, and problems than possibly any of us may have imagined. We began the 2011-2012 Grand York Rite year off with the sudden wholesale removal of the Grand York Rite web site. A significant effort was required to regain control of our domain name, set up a contract for hosting services, and re-establish our web presence. The Grand Treasurer's unfortunate home accident required assuming a portion of his duties for a relatively brief time. Even from his hospital bed, Don worked miracles with our bank to get funds transferred so I could pay bills. Debbie and I were frustrated most of the time by not knowing where information was kept whether physical or electronic. We used every "discovery" no matter how small as a moment to celebrate in order to keep our spirits up.

In spite of the challenges, I believe that the Grand York Rite Office has made significant progress in establishing operating procedures that allow the business of the Grand York Rite to be smoothly transacted. However, while a good start, it is still a work in progress. Below is an update on just a couple of our most significant projects.

The Grand Treasurer and I have been exploring the relatively new territory of cloud services in order to share critical financial information in a more timely manner. Through a shared cloud storage service, Don was provided with direct access to my transaction spreadsheet as well as scans of all bills and checks received by the Grand York Rite Office. The system relies on simple administrative controls, uses common application components, is cross-platform compatible, and provides automatic multiple redundant backup of our mission-critical data. The next step in the project is to move the system from my personal cloud service to a Grand York Rite account with the same service.

The web site, though not "pretty" is very functional. However, we continue to receive "help desk" calls suggesting that the web site is not functioning properly. In most of the cases a browser refresh to force the reloading of the page corrects the issue. Also, many of the site's users had bookmarked frequently visited pages in the old site and need help finding those assets on the new site. Unfortunately, sometimes the answer is that what they want is not up yet or still under construction. While I would love to spend all of my time programming the web site, I don't have that luxury. Little by little, the content of the previous web

site is being restored. In addition, I have begun to evaluate template-based web page designer software with the intent of establishing a public portal to certain Grand York Rite web site content. I continue to explore the implementation of web-based forms for making requests and providing information to the Grand York Rite Office.

During this first year, the Grand York Rite Office has undergone yet another transition both in where the Office is located and who is staffing it. As Debbie and I have struggled to come to terms with our responsibilities, we have begun to critically evaluate the operation of the Office from a financial standpoint and how to work better while spending less.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their understanding. We apologize for not being able to meet everyone's expectations, but we firmly believe that next year will run much more smoothly.

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri

Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant

## **REPORT OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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

Companions,

For the period April 15, 2011 through April 14, 2012 the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$3,428.95 (\$7,716.35 - last year). Currently, Missouri ranks fourteenth with respect to other jurisdictions and eleventh since the inception of the program. Our grand total is \$116,061.41.

Extenders have been awarded to:

Zabud Council No. 25

Rolla Council No. 39

Independence Council No. 49 (2 bars)



No triangular plaques were awarded to any councils.

A triangular plaque was awarded to:

James G. Haddox

The top five councils for 2011 were:

Independence Council No. 49	\$ 1,520.00
Rolla Council No. 39	525.00
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	250.25
Kirksville Council No. 44	155.95
Zabud Council No. 25	104.75

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

Respectfully submitted,

William Gordon Buckner, Chairman

## 2011 - 2012 NECROLOGY REPORT

Companions,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported to the Grand York Rite Office as having passed away during the 2011 - 2012 Grand York Rite year. This list is by no means comprehensive, but it is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
McKitterick, III, James A.	11/22/1926	06/14/2011
Knabe, James Robert	09/25/1931	12/15/2010
Mansfield, Harvey Lewis	12/19/1934	01/17/2011
Huddleston, Jr., Quincy L.	10/07/1924	03/10/2011
Dittemore, Marion Dale	01/01/1935	06/25/2011
Eckert, Robert Winston		07/10/2011
Tuck, Sam Gail	06/15/1921	07/21/2011
Cain, Dale J.	06/25/1928	08/21/2011
Williams, James Merrill	08/06/1928	08/02/2011
Matlock, Louis G.	08/03/1925	07/03/2010
Lawrence, Ronald A.	01/01/1927	10/30/2011
Knowles, Gary E.	01/01/1945	11/15/2011

Feaster, Roger Lee	01/01/1935	03/24/2011
Hunt, Joe Elbe	10/23/1923	10/25/2011
Woelbling, Ralph Adolph	10/11/1927	11/17/2011
Carr, James Richard	07/07/1931	11/25/2011
Morris, Jim Leroy	11/13/1944	11/21/2011
Elliott, James W.	12/06/1921	02/10/2011
Heins, Jr., Gerald L.	03/22/1958	05/10/2011
Van Zandt, Richard Cole	01/01/1939	12/02/2011
Baker, Donald W.	06/20/1927	04/02/2011
Sinclair, Stewart ?		11/29/2011
Bledsoe, Thomas Michael	04/21/1945	12/16/2011
Munger, Carl G.	01/01/1924	2010
Ryder, Harvey B.	01/01/1918	2010
Scholz, Larry W.	02/04/1947	08/22/2011
Saucier, Melvin Corbett	09/03/1921	11/13/2011
Carr, Grover H.	11/02/1920	01/08/2012
Haynes, C. Lloyd	12/21/1924	10/14/2010
Ferguson, Sr. Dean R.	09/20/1931	01/19/2012
Boyer, Eugene Travis	10/14/1934	08/27/2011
Guinn, Charles Virgil	04/16/1937	02/14/2012
Earll, Leroy M.	07/13/1944	02/20/2012
Conradi, Robert Wilson	05/07/1916	12/10/2010
Hanna, Cody Allen	08/13/1944	02/10/2012
Nunn, James Albert	09/09/1928	02/10/2012
Buckwick, Theodore	11/09/1930	11/15/2011
Steinmetz, Nicholas F.	05/28/1928	01/01/2012
Wolfe, Charles W.	03/03/1927	10/?/2011
Cundiff, William Vincil	11/29/1928	07/28/2011
Smith Lealon R.	12/20/1926	06/03/2011
Knight, Homer Roy	02/27/1922	10/02/2011
Brooks, Arly Hedrick	06/17/1923	2011
Murry, Thomas Douglas	01/01/1946	01/12/2011
Stewart, George Oliver	02/23/1922	12/02/2011
Warner, Clark F.	07/05/1917	12/24/2011
Montgomery, Robert J.	01/01/1938	12/30/2011
Yard, Alvin N.	04/22/1938	01/?/2011
Coy, Eldon Leon	09/22/1938	12/19/2011
Mason, Harold Robert	01/01/1944	07/03/2011

# Preliminary Proceedings

## 147th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri

May 16, 2012

Wood, Earl Edwin	03/18/1917	02/23/2012
Guthrie, Lawrence McCoy	06/21/1953	03/04/2012
Roach, Don H.		12/15/2011
Kenyon, Robert Lee	10/16/1925	03/07/2012
Garrett, John Boswell	06/27/1914	02/13/2011
Thornberg, Ted	01/01/1935	11/09/2010
Haak, Charles P.	01/01/1928	02/12/2011
Harris, William Robert	11/17/1921	04/05/2011
Baker, Jr. John Russell	01/01/1921	01/05/2009
Woods, Jr. Marvin Joe	01/22/1932	07/06/2011
Smith, Alex Wilson	04/25/1915	09/09/2011
Smith, Eugene L.	01/01/1931	10/18/2011
Bradshaw, Robert Russell	01/14/1934	12/13/2011
Downey, D. Robert	05/13/1927	04/05/2012
Chapman, William H.	06/10/1923	03/21/2012
Shadowens, James R.	05/24/1939	03/07/2012
Kassing, Louis E.	10/03/1963	11/18/2011
McCormick, Ronald M.	06/05/1933	02/17/2012

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri

Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant







# PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Sixth  
Annual Convocation

of the

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Masons of the State of Missouri

held

May 17, 2012  
Capital Plaza Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri



# Grand Council of Missouri

## 166th Grand Convocation Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Thursday, May 17, 2012</b>
7:00 am	Registration - Chapter & Commandery - to 10:00 am (Atrium)
8:00 am	Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 Open to All Royal Arch Masons (Capitol/Truman)
9:15 am	Introduction of the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter Officers Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
9:30 am	Formal Opening of 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 Remarks Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Election of Grand Chapter Officers Address of Grand High Priest

<b>Time</b>	<b>Thursday, May 17, 2012 (continued)</b>
	Report of Committee on Grand High Priest's Address Report of Jurisprudence Committee Report of Finance Committee Report of the Supplemental Fund Committee Report of Grand Treasurer Report of Grand Secretary Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed) Report of Election of Grand Chapter Officers Acceptance of Grand Chapter Officers Elect Report of Grand High Priest Elect Report of Committee on Time and Place Address of General Grand Chapter Representative
12:00 noon	Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 3:30 pm
1:30 pm	Order of High Priesthood (Missouri)
3:30 pm	Grand Chapter Resumes Labor - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Grand Chapter Awards Presentation Installation of Grand Chapter Officers
5:00 pm	Close Grand Chapter Pictures
6:30 pm	Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Dinner and Entertainment - An Evening of Magic (Jefferson/ Missouri)

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri**  
**2011-2012**

**Elected and Appointed Officers**

Steven C. Monrotus (129) - Grand High Priest  
Claude M. Eckert (66) - Grand King  
John E. Schofield (75, 12, 3) - Grand Scribe  
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP (34, 2) - Grand Treasurer  
Russell S. Hanson (17) - Grand Secretary  
Roy L. Gilkey (64) - Grand Captain of the Host  
Roy N. Thomas (145) - Grand Principal Sojourner  
Loren D. Lloyd (123) - Grand Royal Arch Captain  
John W. Siscel, III (146) - Grand Master of the 3rd Veil  
Ronald L. Barrett (3) - Grand Master of the 2nd Veil  
Jerry L. Miles (99) - Grand Master of the 1st Veil  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2) - Grand Historian  
Robert L. Wright (148) - Grand Lecturer  
Chris M. Jessen (32) - Grand Organist  
Fred M. Harle, Sr. (12) - Asst. Grand Organist  
Daniel R. Quesenberry (12) - Grand Chorister  
Kevin E. Weaver (148) - Grand Chaplain  
James E. Snaveley (129) - Grand Sentinel  
Harold J. Richardson (129) - Asst. Grand Sentinel  
Glen H. Needham (129) - Asst. Grand Sentinel  
Harry L. Tripp, Jr. (129) - Asst. Grand Sentinel

**District Deputy Grand High Priests**

Charles E. Cooper (53) - Region 1, District A (53, 123)  
Michael L. Dodd (99) - Region 1, District B (7, 22, 86, 99)  
Dan G. Daniel (80) - Region 2, District A (30, 66, 80)  
William M. Mier (14) - Region 2, District B (4, 14)

**District Deputy Grand High Priests (continued)**

John S. Lambros (12) - Region 3, District A (3, 10, 12)  
George L. Duncan (3, 2) - Region 3, District B (28, 102, 136, 139)  
Farrell D. Sexson (43) - Region 3, District C (18, 43, 90, 145)  
Jerry Bradford (93) - Region 4, District A (17, 27, 93)  
Stephen C. Derendinger (58) - Region 4, District B (32, 34, 58)  
Gale B. Morrison (1) - Region 5 (1, 25, 78, 131, 146, 148)  
Jack D. Cade (129) - Region 6 (75, 114, 129)  
John W. Shoemaker (38, 110) - Region 7, District A (5, 15, 64, 110, 137)  
Christopher C. McLemore, IV (38) - Region 7, District B (38, 52, 56, 61, 91)  
Paul G. Kingsley (25) - Region 7, District A (25, 35, 56, 58)  
Robert P. Gephardt (30) - Region 7, District B (30, 41, 46)

**District Deputy Grand Lecturers**

David A. Lloyd (123) - Region 1, District A (53, 123)  
Harley L. Kropf, PGHP (99, 2) - Region 1, District B (7, 22, 86, 99)  
Delbert R. Gentry, PGHP (66, 2) - Region 2, District A (30, 66, 80)  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2) - Region 2, District B (4, 14)  
Scott S. Crawford (10) - Region 3, District A (3, 10, 12)  
Forrest G. Lowe (136) - Region 3, District B (28, 102, 136, 139)  
Jack E. Timmons (43) - Region 3, District C (18, 43, 90, 145)  
Russell S. Hanson (17) - Region 4, District A (17, 27, 93)  
Timothy R. Lehnhoff (32, 148) - Region 4, District B (32, 34, 58)  
Robert L. Wright (148) - Region 5 (1, 25, 78, 131, 146, 148)  
Johnny L. Schlenker (75) - Region 6 (75, 114, 129)  
Walter W. Doyle, PGHP (110, 38, 2) - Region 7, District A (5, 15, 64, 110, 137)  
Christopher C. McLemore, III, PGHP (38, 61, 110, 2) - Region 7, District B (38, 52, 56, 61, 91)

**Standing Committees**

## Address of the Grand High Priest

Christopher C. McLemore, III, Chairman

## Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

## Education

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

David L. Leirer

Charles M. Huey

Larry Wilson

Lee L. Francis

Russell S. Hanson

## Finance

Claude M. Eckert, Chairman

John E. Schofield

Roy L. Gilkey

## Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Stanton T. Brown

Walter W. Doyle

C. Brent Stewart

## Returns of Chapters

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

Claude M. Eckert

## Time and Place

Claude M. Eckert, Chairman

## Triennial

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

Harley L. Kropf

Roy A. Welshon, Sr.

José R. Palacios

**Special Committees**

## Audit

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson

Grand Chapter Line Officers

## Charity

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample

Donald L. Trabue

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

## Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample

Donald L. Trabue

## Golf Tournament

Ronald E. Wood, Jr. Chairman

James E. Snively

## Membership and Youth Activities

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman

David W. Haywood

Kevin E. Weaver

## Ritual

Robert L. Wright, Chairman

Calvin D. Schroff

Walter W. Doyle

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

## Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

## Royal Arch Research Assistance

José R. Palacios

Foster S. Crawford

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.



**Special Committees (continued)**

## York Rite Conference

John E. Schofield, Chairman

Claude M. Eckert

Roy N. Thomas

District Deputy Grand High Priests

## Musicians Training

John E. Schofield, Director General

## Supplemental Fund Committee

Steven C. Monrotus, Chairman

Claude M. Eckert

Robert E. Hardester

C.C. McLemore, III

John W. Siscel, III

**Living Past Grand High Priests**

Charles A. Bottermuller (1971-1972)

E. Allen Kohler (1976-1977)

P. Vincent Kinkead (1980-1981)

Gene M. Zinn (1981-1982)

David A. Watson (1983-1984)

Virgil L. Bailey (1984-1985)

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)

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)

**Living Past Grand High Priests (continued)**

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)

Robert E. Hardester (2008-2009)

George L. Duncan (2009-2010)

Christopher C. McLemore, III (2010-2011)

**Grand Chapter Representatives****Jurisdiction****To Missouri**

Alabama.....Claude M. Eckert

Alaska .....Roger D. Fleer

Alberta Canada .....Richard J. Holmes

Argentina .....Robert E. Hardester

Arizona .....James G. Wade

Arkansas .....Lionel J. Goede

Austria.....LeRoy D. Unruh

Belgium .....Gary A. Phillips

Brazil .....Marion L. Briggs

British Columbia &amp; Yukon .....Paul R. Cannon

California.....Louis L. Monken

Colorado .....Scott Crawford

Connecticut .....Loren D. Lloyd

Delaware .....Jose' R. Palacios

District of Columbia.....Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.

England .....John W. Siscel, III

**Grand Chapter Representatives (continued)**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Finland.....	Rocky E. Weaver
Florida .....	George R. Johnson
France .....	Robert H. Bray
Georgia .....	Calvin D. Schroff
Germany .....	Terry Struse
Greece .....	Ronnie E. Green
Hawaii .....	Stanton T. Brown
Idaho.....	Jerry Miles
Illinois .....	George L. Duncan
India.....	David R. Vogler
Indiana .....	William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Iowa.....	W. Larry Wilson
Ireland .....	David L. Leirer
Israel.....	Kevin E. Weaver
Italy .....	Francis A. Latragna
Kansas.....	Jack Timmons
Kentucky .....	Gale B. Morrison
Louisiana .....	John C. Kuehn
Maine .....	Fred F. Stuecken
Manitoba.....	Harley L. Kropf
Maryland .....	William W. Mier
Massachusetts.....	John E. Thrailkill
Mexico .....	Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.
Michigan.....	Jerry F. Ward
Minnesota .....	Farrell D. Sexson
Mississippi.....	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Missouri, PHA .....	Robert R. Anderson, Jr.

**Grand Chapter Representatives (continued)**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Montana.....	D. Keith Duren
Nebraska .....	Guy D. Ross
Netherlands.....	Fred M. Harle, Sr.
Nevada.....	Clark McLemore
New Brunswick Canada .....	Harry C. Reed, Jr.
New Hampshire .....	Albert A. "Sony" Miller
New Jersey.....	Marion W. "Mick" Dey
New Mexico .....	Allen B. Bess
New South Wales, Australia.....	
New York.....	David A. Watson
New Zealand .....	Ervin A. Drewing
Newfoundland.....	Matthew Quesenberry
North Carolina .....	Delbert R. Gentry
North Dakota.....	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Nova Scotia.....	Stephen C. Derendinger
Ohio .....	Teddie E. Harrison
Oklahoma .....	Bobby L. Detherow
Ontario Canada.....	Kevin B. Sample
Oregon .....	Foster S. Crawford
Panama.....	Lewis C. Odneal
Pennsylvania.....	Phillip W. Engel
Philippines.....	Kyle R. Palacios
Portugal .....	William J. Bowser
Quebec Canada .....	Robert W. Schlichter
Queensland, Australia .....	M. Robert Berger
Rhode Island .....	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Saskatchewan Canada .....	William W. Gray

**Grand Chapter Representatives (continued)**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Scotland .....	Christopher M. Jessen
South Australia, Australia .....	Edgar D. Piles
South Carolina .....	Jerry Bradford
South Dakota .....	Dan Daniel
Spain .....	Steven C. Monrotus
Switzerland .....	George M. Merkle
Tennessee .....	Charles A. Bottermuller
Texas .....	Ralph P. Bunnell
Utah .....	Charles E. Huey
Vermont .....	Roy A. Welshon, Sr.
Victoria, Australia .....	Walter W. Doyle
Virginia .....	Harold J. Richardson
Washington .....	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.
West Virginia .....	Roy N. Thomas
Western Australia .....	C. C. McLemore
Wisconsin .....	Ronald L. Barrett
Wyoming .....	Larry D. Wyatt

**ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST - 2012**

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri:

Companions,

I bid each and every one of you a most warm welcome to this 166th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. I look forward to shaking every hand in fraternal brotherhood and friendship before you leave this weekend, and I hope you have enjoyed our Grand York Rite Session thus far and what remains of this day and our time together this week. If there is anything anyone needs, please do not hesitate to ask me or any of the Grand Chapter officers who are here to assist you in any way we can.

On May 19, 2011 you elected and installed me as the 160th person to be Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. It is an honor which comes to but few, and for your blessing to move forward in this honorable office you have my sincerest thanks and most profound gratitude. I have enjoyed all my visitations and meetings this year along with all the fellowship experienced at these sessions, in state and out. I am grateful to have been afforded the opportunities to meet and cultivate new friends in my travels this year. Thank you.

**NECROLOGY**

Companions, we are but frail men, presuming to walk through this gift of life, and we forget how pathetically small we are in relation to our Creator. We watch for years as many of our friends, the Companions of our choosing, pass to their eternal home. In the span of fifteen days we lost two Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companion Kenneth Dean Dingman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri 2007-2008, back on July 18, 2011, and Most Excellent Companion James Merrill Williams, Grand Historian Emeritus and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri 1985-1986, back on August 2, 2011. Additionally, many more Royal Arch Companions from Missouri have been called from labor since our last annual convocation. As we pay respects to these fallen leaders of our Craft and mourn their loss, let us not forget their contributions to our fraternity, but their love of life, their laughter, and the families who also mourn.

I will now call for the Necrology from Very Excellent Companion Kevin Weaver, Grand Chaplain:

(text to be inserted in final proceedings)

Companions, the future of any group depends upon its foresight. This past year your Grand High Priest attended every Regional York Rite Conference, made official visits in all seven Missouri York Rite regions, attended the annual meetings of all three Masonic Youth organizations, and traveled to North Carolina, Virginia, and Arkansas to represent you. This traveling was eye opening and served to prove what many already knew, that a man's vision can be limited unless he gets himself out of his immediate environment. In order to share in the rebuilding of the City and Temple of the Lord in the form of our Royal Craft, we need to leave our locale and do some traveling to get to know the other workmen. We need, in a symbolic sense, to make our own journey from Babylon to Jerusalem. We have it in our genes, after all, to be traveling men.

The basic precept for any Masonic organization is to be able to confer the work on new members, all of which provides avenues for enlightenment and education. Every one of our organizations needs to look into developing a team, not necessarily consisting of officers, who can exemplify the work, and, if necessary, recruit from the outside. There are times when every Chapter needs a helping hand, and this means knowing those Companions from nearby Chapters who are capable of and available for lending us that helping hand. This was one of the main purposes for introducing the Traveling Keystone this year. It had to do with every Chapter being able to confer the work, one reason why your Chapter needs to be using this tool and not laying it aside. We were blessed to have an artisan among us this year who worked for nothing to specially hand craft these trophies for us. The Grand Chapter supplied only a fraction of his materials, he and I donated the rest, and I am pleased to report that not one penny of it came from per capita or investment income. The creation and utilization of York Rite Council Clubs to facilitate conferring the work also was promoted this year, and we are grateful for the fine ritual schools of instruction conducted this year by our capitular Grand Lecturer Robert Wright and his team of Deputies. The advantages of purchasing endowed memberships were also essayed, and the concept of holding workshops for expanding and training our supply of Masonic musicians, including the proposed production of a compact disk containing prerecorded music for Masonic occasions, was explored. Three Times Three as a long range program for building a future for Missouri capitular Masonry was unearthed and presented at the 2011 South Central Regional Conference in Kansas City. It was also mailed in electronic copy, at their request,

to several officers of other jurisdictions who took a keen interest in it at the Conference, and it was subsequently posted as a Chapter Document on the Grand York Rite of Missouri web site ([gyr@moyorkrite.org](mailto:gyr@moyorkrite.org)). Among this long range program's objectives was to create traveling trophies and get them to move around, switch the Distinguished Chapter Award form to a points system and remove its top to give Chapters more freedom for qualifying, post an electronic tutorial for officer training and accountability, and provide a step-by-step Royal Arch mentoring plan, a format for Royal Arch presentations to the Lodges, and a standardized Table Chapter script for Missouri use. In addition, a Court for the Masonic Order of Athelstan appendant to the Royal Arch Chapters was brought to Missouri soil for the first time, and the first of its kind Grand Master's Royal Arch Class was held in honor of M.W.Bro. John W. Hess, Grand Master of Missouri. This latter event was attended by ninety capitular Masons, fifteen of whom were candidates, and special certificates of participation were mailed for distribution to these candidates. Those who took part proved that it could be done, and if you were unable to attend this happening you missed a wonderful experience. Some very impressive degree work was conferred that day, and no finer gesture demonstrating the equal partnership between the Lodge and the Chapter in the education of the Master Mason could be made than by conducting an event of this type to honor the office of the Grand Master and he in turn honoring the event with his presence. The work of our Missouri Editor was also given recognition this year at the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, in Raleigh, NC. The visible work of our brethren and fellow Companions in Lebanon to assist Joplin residents in the wake of devastating tornado damage made a significant contribution to that community's recovery effort. Companions, each of you, in your own individual ways, made all of this happen this year yourselves. A presiding Grand officer, all by himself, can do little or nothing. This Grand Chapter year has been nothing short of overwhelmingly positive because of you, and each and every one of you are to be commended for it.

Some developments also occurred this past year with the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International which relate to highlighting Missouri's Royal Arch success. The Board of Royal Arch Research Assistance concluded their study of organizations in need of funding to continue research into central auditory processing disorder (CAPD), long our object of support, and have determined to provide grants to the University of Connecticut CAPD Research Project under the direction of Dr. Frank Muziek; to the Hearing Health Foundation permitting them

to issue four grants to CAPD researchers; and to Autism Speaks to permit them to check for CAPD signs as they test toddlers (ages 12-36 months) for autism. Having been honored with the appointment of Missouri Ambassador, I was among those who received the full training explanation of this program at the triennial, and the response and reaction to the initial announcement of this decision also has been overwhelmingly positive. To provide the public relations and fund raising assistance that will be needed, three officers regionally located have been appointed, one to assist in the east coast regions, one to assist in the west coast regions, and Dr. John Siscel, from Missouri, to assist in the central regions and to be the chairman of these three officers. With considered direction and dedication, these associations are poised to bring our Royal Craft into the forefront of Masonic charitable activity in Missouri such as we have never before enjoyed and to move us forward into new horizons of demonstration of service to the community.

Invariably however, there are some challenges and duties common to all positions of responsibility which are never so satisfying. One year, while serving on the Finance Committee, I had occasion to observe 35% of our chartered Chapters being overdue in filing their annual reports from the previous year. The unpaid per capita from these overdue Chapters, in aggregate, comprised some 50% of that year's annual operating budget. This happened despite the fact that the forms for filing the annual report were posted on the web site nearly four months in advance of the deadline specified in our law. With these violations holding up the entire state budgeting process I resolved when I took office this year, being charged in fact with seeing that our law is strictly and promptly obeyed, to do something about any oversupply of overdue annual reports that came to my attention. I dug in my heels with resolve and worked hard with my Deputies this year to try to get every Chapter whatever help it needed. I am proud to report that all of my Deputies acted with industry and dispatch, and we patiently waited four long months past the deadline to give every Chapter every chance to comply. At the end of this time eight Chapters remained overdue in filing their 2010 annual reports. Certified letters from me through the Grand York Rite office were then mailed to the last known High Priests and Secretaries of these eight Chapters. None of these sixteen letters returned undeliverable. Five of these Chapters responded to this letter and succeeded in making and transmitting their annual reports to the Grand Secretary. Reliable sources then informed me that the remaining three had not met for quite some time, and one of them had not met for ten consecutive years. I want to stress that neither my

predecessors in office nor I were privy to this information, and it did not come to light, until this very time. Great time and effort, not to mention significant out of pocket expense, was invested in trying to establish or maintain contact with, offer help to, and retrieve membership information from, the last known High Priests or Secretaries of these three Chapters. In spite of persistent and coordinated attempts which included emailings and dozens of phone calls, two of these three were recalcitrant and remained incommunicado with me. The third one refused to submit its report until supplied with an accurate membership roster from the Grand York Rite office. This in turn could not be supplied until the Chapter filed its annual report. There also appeared to be no recoverable membership information at all from the last known Secretaries of these three Chapters. In the end, regrettably, there appeared to be a one to one correspondence between the term "gross irregularity" written into our law and what my Deputies and I had encountered in trying to get these three Chapters some help. In my judgment the condition of these three Chapters was seriously dysfunctional and endangering their own best interests, which led me to the agonizing decision, after all other avenues were exhausted finally, to arrest their charters with the best interests of capitular Masonry in mind. Had I ignored this situation there would have been no watchful care or supervision of these Chapters expressed by the presiding Grand officer, not to mention sending the message to the Lodges in the local areas that membership in a Chapter has nothing better to offer their Master Masons. We need to ask ourselves whether or not this could ever be the image that we want our Chapters to project to the 44,000 Freemasons in this state. Situations are what they are, and, at times, when they are not getting better, we just have to operate knowing that we can work to bring those Chapters back in the years to come. A letter from me was drafted and directed to be sent regular mail through the Grand Secretary's office to every name in the last known membership records on file for these three Chapters, notifying them of the condition of their Chapter and to ascertain the feelings of the affected membership, with records being kept of the replies. For those who wished to continue their membership, I chose to forgive those dues for the years they may have been delinquent and offered them the opportunity to transfer their membership to another Chapter of their choice, thus providing them with the latitude of selecting a Chapter with which they may wish to affiliate.

Companions, how often we have heard a past presiding Grand officer or Regional General Grand officer utter the phrase, "Don't be afraid to try something new."

Our fraternity has long suffered from missed opportunities never seized. We should never permit a chance to better ourselves to go unrecognized or let it slip through our fingers when it is within our grasp. An unusual stroke of timing this year caused a rare window of opportunity to present itself to upgrade the officers collars, a task long overdue, and to invest in Past Grand High Priests jewels, both at very substantial savings. It also carried the promise of removing the jewels as a line item from the budget for the next ten years. The authorization of these expenditures required from me a time-sensitive executive decision from the top, which I made in consultation with, and with the approval of, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and other brethren who have business experience, using monies donated to help feed the General Fund. Per capita and investment income remained untouched for these expenditures, and every one of the experienced gentlemen with whom I discussed this matter, to a man, agreed with me that to proceed with it was just good business. The cost of the collars was further reduced by receiving donations in return from any Missouri Royal Arch Mason who wished to keep one of the old, worn collars for its historic value. Companions, we had one chance, and it was this year, to take advantage of this worm hole before it closed and the means available to us had evaporated. My decision to proceed was made after careful thought, seeking the wisdom of other experienced business men, time spent in prayer, and trusting in Him who hears it. We have therefore every reason to believe that these positive moves will prove themselves more and more as time passes.

Companions, as you know, the Grand Chapter's primary mission is, firstly, governance, and, secondly, teaching the leadership in our subordinate Chapters how to lead. The second part of that mission could be better realized when a measure of interest is shown in the statistical page and the two compact papers on leadership training and accountability ("Officer Tools" and "To Reach Inside Ourselves") now posted in the Box Folder (<http://www.box.net/shared/dm6i6mcyaz>) which offer in a nutshell what our officers need to understand about how to be officers, what is expected of them, what will happen if those expectations are not met, and recent trends in membership and their projections. This is Masonic education at its most essential level. In addition, knowing that they are the leaders of our organization, at our first meeting this year I supplied our officers with material from my own resources to help them cultivate the art of getting along with people so that they might help others carry on the work of their Chapter in a creditable manner and cause their influence for good to be far-

reaching. This was done also to help nurture and preserve the all-important working relationship.

As to other matters for consideration, making all Regional Conferences official visits of the Grand High Priest for those Chapters having difficulty participating in joint communications or joint official visits is an idea that works and should be continued. I would like to see the Regional Conferences continue, be scheduled during the first six months of the Grand York Rite year, and begin to reach those who most need to attend them. I would like for every Deputy to visit every Chapter in his Regional District and report its condition to the Grand High Priest during the first six months of the Grand York Rite year. When deemed expedient for two adjacent Regions, the practice of conducting one Dual Regional York Rite Conference has been found productive. I would like to see everyone remember that the presiding Grand officer, whoever he is, does not sit on a throne. He sits on a job. Every other officer also sits on a job. No matter how noble his motives may be, no officer can do whatever he wants, and no Chapter can do whatever it wants, without being bound by and accountable to our law. I would like to see that law and its history as interpreted by Jurisprudence studied, any lawful edicts issued by my successors in office followed, and any lawful directives they happen to issue acknowledged and performed. I would also like to see these communications actually read and understood before the presiding Grand officer is lectured about their content. I would like to see the Education Committee continue, if possible, with its current composition and functions save for the addition of more members if deemed advantageous, with the educational material currently posted on the web supplemented from time to time with Committee approved, worthy educational articles including, but not limited to, papers submitted by Companions affiliated with the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. I would like to see more subordinate Chapters take full advantage of the opportunity to make use of the Missouri Table Chapter script and floor layout developed and approved this year by the Education Committee. I would like to see copies of the General Grand Chapter endowed membership application which is posted on its web site made available at the registration desk of our annual convocations, and any contributions collected for Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) sent quarterly to the Grand Secretary. I would like for everyone to consider using the form on the inside of the back cover of the Royal Arch Mason magazine to apply for a life subscription to the magazine. Lastly, I would also like for every High Priest to know where the charter for his Chapter is, and see that it remains prominently displayed during

his meetings.

### **SURETY BOND**

Following my installation as Grand High Priest Most Excellent Companion C.C. McLemore, III passed on to me a copy of the fidelity bond issued by Old Republic Surety Company. It covered the Grand Treasurer in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the Grand Secretary in the amount of \$10,000.00 and was due to expire in 2012. Since then this company is no longer in business to issue fidelity bonds. A new policy insuring the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in the amount of \$25,000.00 each is currently being set up, copy of which will be delivered to my successor in office.

### **EDICTS**

Number One (issued 5/21/2011): Honorary Titles

The honorary title of Very Excellent Companion shall apply to the following Grand Chapter officers provided they shall have served as High Priest of a Missouri Chapter of Royal Arch Masons: Assistant Grand Sentinel, Assistant Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Chorister, and Assistant Grand Lecturer. Such honorary title shall also be applied to any current or Past High Priest having held any of the above listed offices. This edict shall not affect those Companions entitled to the honorary title of Right Excellent Companion or Most Excellent Companion.

Number Two (issued 5/21/11): Transaction of Business

Chapter business, excepting the voting on or conferral of advanced degrees, may be transacted while the Chapter is at labor in any degree. The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch must be conferred in the proper lodges and chapter, respectively.

Number Three (issued 5/21/11): Educational Programs

Programs to promote Masonic membership are strongly encouraged and may be sponsored, promoted, or conducted by Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction. If the program is billed to the public as an educational tool, then the content of the educational presentations is to be submitted to the Grand High Priest for review by the Education Committee prior to the program or event taking place. The Chapter holding the event shall notify the Grand High Priest as

to the time and place where the event will be conducted. The same program may be conducted by other Chapters of Royal Arch Masons upon notification to the Grand High Priest.

#### Number Four (issued 5/21/11): Annual Reports

Chapters in this jurisdiction are required to send to the Grand Secretary a completed annual return in time for it to be received on or before March 1 of the following year. The annual return shall be deemed complete when, at minimum, the seal of the Chapter, per capita owed, fees owed, the required signatures, and required audit, are included. Any Chapter which does not submit a completed annual return and/or late filing fees to the Grand Secretary's office not later than 30 days prior to the annual convocation (April 17, 2012) in compliance with Grand Chapter law shall forfeit its rights and privileges to representation and voting. Any extenuating circumstances which are known or expected to interfere with the submission of a timely, completed annual return shall be reported to the District Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary prior to March 1.

#### Number Five (issued 5/21/11): Regional Conferences

Any Regional York Rite Conference may be counted as an official visit of the Grand High Priest to any Chapter represented at the Conference. Chapters which cannot attend joint communications and joint official visits may thereby, if represented at a Regional Conference, still participate in and count the Regional Conference as an official visit of the Grand High Priest.

#### Number Six (issued 3/2/12): Penalty and Requirement Waived

For any chartered Chapter which fails to make and transmit to the Grand Secretary a 2011 annual report in complete form as defined by edict on or before the first day of March, the monthly penalty for said overdue report specified at Article XII, Section 103 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws shall be waived, further, that for any such Chapter, the mandatory requirement of the filing of a completed 2011 annual report for the Distinguished Chapter Award for the current year shall also be waived.

#### Number Seven (issued 3/21/12): Dues / Transfer of Membership

For those members of Weston Chapter No. 4, R.A.M., Pike Chapter No. 86, R.A.M., and George Frank Gouley Chapter No. 90, R.A.M., who wish to continue their Royal Arch membership with another Chapter, the pre-2012 Chapter dues

for any years that they may have been delinquent shall be forgiven, further, they shall not be arbitrarily assigned to a substitute Chapter, but be given the latitude of selecting a Chapter with which they may wish to affiliate.

#### Number Eight (issued 4/1/12): Representation and Voting

Any chartered Chapter following the prescribed protocol for submission of 2011 annual reports which fails to pay its annual per capita dues to the Grand Chapter, its per capita owed to the General Grand Chapter, and its proper sum for all members whose dues have been remitted, on or before April 17, 2012 for no other reason than failure to receive a bill for same at least five (5) mailing days in advance, shall have its rights to representation and voting at the 2012 annual convocation preserved, and in no case will its voting rights be abridged.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

#### Travel Schedule & Visitations First Quarter 2011-2012

#### MAY-AUG

- 5/27/11 Alhambra Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Webster Groves Masonic Temple, Saint Louis, served as Organist in ceremonial, accepted donation from the Grotto to Lebanon Chapter for benefit of Joplin residents
- 5/28/11 Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College No. 162, Freedom Temple, Saint Louis, participated in conferral of Order of Knight of York, was installed Governor for 2011-2012
- 5/29/11 DeMolay State Conclave, Hall of Fame and Masonic Recognition Banquet, State Sweetheart Pageant and Coronation, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, presented Grand Chapter Youth Award
- 5/30/11 DeMolay Awards Banquet, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City
- 6/2/11 Saint Francois Lodge No. 234, A.F. & A.M., Libertyville, accepted donation from the Lodge to Lebanon Chapter for benefit of Joplin residents
- 6/3/11 Installation of Officers, DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington, Installation of Officers
- 6/4/11 Saint Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Cape Girardeau
- 6/11/11 Ascalon Commandery No. 16, K.T., New Masonic Temple, Saint Louis, special conclave, participated in conferral of Orders



6/14/11 Installation of Officers, Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington, served as Installing Officer

6/14/11 Installation of Officers, Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington, served as Installing Chaplain

6/18/11 Missouri Priory No. 17, Knights of York Cross of Honor, Masonic Temple, Jefferson City, annual meeting and Installation of Officers

6/23/11 Grand Bethel Banquet and Formal Opening of Grand Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

6/25/11 Valley of Columbia Reunion, A.A.S.R., Columbia, served as Director of Music

6/26/11 Grand Opening Ceremonies, Rainbow Grand Assembly, University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, presented Grand Chapter Youth Award

6/30/11 Olin S. McDaniel Council No. 259, Allied Masonic Degrees, Cape Girardeau

7/9/11 York Rite Council Club of Greater St. Louis picnic, BPO Elks Lodge No. 9, Saint Louis

7/16/11 Grand Master's reception, Saint Charles Lodge, Saint Charles

7/17/11 Grand Commander's reception, installed John E. Schofield into office as Grand Scribe, Independence Masonic Hall, Independence

7/23/11 Education Committee meeting, Gardenville Temple, Saint Louis

7/24/11 Grand High Priest's reception, Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

7/30/11 Honor Guard and speaker at Memorial Service for Past Grand High Priest Kenneth D. Dingman, Waynesville Memorial Chapel, Waynesville

8/12/11 thru 8/13/11 26th Annual Regional Assembly, Red Cross of Constantine, Hilton Garden Inn, Independence

8/27/11 thru 8/30/11 Triennial of the 44th Assembly of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, and 68th Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh, NC

## Travel Schedule &amp; Visitations Second Quarter 2011-2012

**SEP-NOV**

9/2/11 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

9/3/11 Education Committee meeting, Gardenville Temple, Saint Louis

9/8/11 Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114, R.A.M., Poplar Bluff, official visit

9/10/11 Region 7 York Rite Conference, Springfield

9/12/11 Columbia Chapter No. 17, R.A.M., Columbia, official visit

9/13/11 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

9/14/11 Saint Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., Saint Charles, official visit

9/16/11 South Central Regional Conference of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, and the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO

9/19/11 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25, R.A.M., Hazelwood, official visit

9/20/11 Wilson Chapter No. 75, R.A.M., Cape Girardeau, official visit

9/24/11 Region 5 York Rite Conference, Freedom Temple, Saint Louis

9/25/11 thru 9/26/11 Annual communication of Grand Lodge of Missouri, A.F. & A.M., Holiday Inn Select, Columbia

9/28/11 Mount Nebo Chapter No. 148, R.A.M., Robertsville, official visit

9/30/11 Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., special assembly to confer Royal Master and Select Master degrees

10/1/11 Region 1 and 4 Dual York Rite Conference, Grand Chapter / Council Ritual Schools of Instruction, Burroughs Masonic Temple, Mexico

10/1/11 K.C.C.H. Investiture, Scottish Rite Temple, Columbia, served as Grand Musician

10/3/11 Triune Chapter No. 93, R.A.M., Montgomery City, official visit

10/5/11 Mitchell Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., Saint Joseph, official visit, presented 2011 Lewis and Clark Service Medal for Region 2

10/8/11 Region 3 York Rite Conference, Liberty Masonic Temple, Liberty

10/10/11 Keystone Chapter No. 146, R.A.M., Saint Louis, official visit (daylight), served as Installing Officer to install the Chapter's Scribe

10/10/11 Jefferson City Chapter No. 34, R.A.M., Jefferson City, official visit

10/11/11 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Farmington, official visit Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

10/13/11 Caldwell Chapter No. 53, R.A.M., Kirksville, official visit

10/16/11 Bethel 34, International Order of Job's Daughters, presented Grand Chapter Youth Award

10/18/11 Lebanon Chapter No. 64, R.A.M., Lebanon, official visit

10/22/11 Region 6 York Rite Conference, Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

10/22/11 Outdoor opening of Grand Lodge of Missouri, Battle of Fredericktown reenactment battlefield, Fredericktown

10/24/11 Springfield Chapter No. 15, R.A.M., Springfield, official visit

10/30/11 Algabil-Freedom Lodge Past Master's Breakfast, Freedom Temple, Saint Louis

11/3/11 Saint Francois Lodge No. 234, A.F. & A.M., Libertyville

11/4/11 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

11/5/11 Reception to honor Most Worshipful Brother John W. Hess, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Buckner Masonic Temple, Buckner

11/7/11 Wyoming Chapter No. 43, R.A.M., Pleasant Hill, official visit

11/8/11 Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Table Chapter dinner meeting, Uel Chapter No 129, R.A.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

11/10/11 Independence Chapter No. 12, R.A.M., Independence, official visit

11/17/11 Oriental Chapter No. 78, R.A.M., Webster Groves Temple, official visit

## Travel Schedule &amp; Visitations Third Quarter 2011-2012

**DEC-FEB**

12/10/11 Olin S. McDaniel Council No. 259, Allied Masonic Degrees, Delmonico's Restaurant, Cape Girardeau, meeting and Installation of Officers

12/13/11 Shelbina Chapter No. 99, R.A.M., Shelbina Masonic Lodge, Shelbina, official visit

12/17/11 Region 2 York Rite Conference, Masonic Temple, Saint Joseph

1/4/12 Masonic Time Capsule, Branson, official visit

1/5/12 Saint Francois Lodge No. 234, A.F. & A.M., Libertyville

1/6/12 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

1/7/12 Saint Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Missouri Athletic Club, Saint Louis, meeting and Installation of Officers

1/8/12 Installation of Officers, Caldwell Chapter No. 53, R.A.M., Kirksville, served as Installing Officer

1/10/12 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

1/11/12 Saint Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., Saint Charles, received presentation from Donald G. Bowers

1/28/12 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Royal Arch Class (conferral of Mark Master and Past Master degrees), Farmington

1/30/12 York Rite Council Club of Greater Saint Louis, Fenton Masonic Temple, Fenton, presided as President

2/3/12 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

2/4/12 2012 Grand York Rite Session planning meeting, York Rite Temple, Columbia

2/6/12 thru 2/10/12 National Masonic Week, Alexandria, VA

2/14/12 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

- 2/18/12 Multi state Lodge Class in conjunction with 97th Celebration of George Washington's birthday, Grove Lodge No. 187 Oklahoma degree team (First Degree), Pittsburgh No. 187 Kansas degree team (Second Degree), and Webb City Chapter No. 119, R.A.M. (Third Degree, in full costume), the event sponsored by Webb City Lodge No. 512 in Webb City, Mineral Lodge No. 471 in Oronogo, and Criterion Lodge No. 586 in Alba, Webb City Masonic Temple, Webb City
- 2/25/12 Met with Capitol Plaza hotel management to finalize plans for the 2012 Grand York Rite Session.

## Travel Schedule &amp; Visitations Fourth Quarter 2011-2012

**MAR-MAY**

- 3/2/12 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 3/3/12 Columbia Chapter No. 17, Grand Master's Royal Arch Class in honor of M.W.Bro. and York Rite Mason John W. Hess, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri 2011-2012 (partipated in conferral of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees), York Rite Temple, Columbia
- 3/8/12 thru 3/9/12 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Arkansas, annual convocation, Wyndham Riverfront hotel, North Little Rock, AR
- 3/10/12 Grand Commander's Breakfast, Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College No. 162, presided as Governor, participated in conferral of the Order of Knight of York, New Masonic Temple, Saint Louis
- 3/13/12 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Table Council dinner meeting, Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 3/24/12 Finance Committee meeting, Masonic Temple, Jefferson City
- 3/31/12 Limerick Council No. 88, Knight Masons, Annual Installation of Officers, served as Installing Marshall, Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington

- 4/6/12 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 4/7/12 Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., special assembly, participated in conferral of Royal Master and Select Master degrees, Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 4/10/12 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 4/12/12 Annual Grand Court Session, Grand Court of Missouri, Order of the Amaranth, Holiday Inn Southwest Viking Conference Center, Saint Louis
- 4/14/12 Valley of Saint Louis Reunion, Scottish Rite Cathedral, Saint Louis, participated in conferral of 32nd degree
- 4/21/12 Ascalon Commandery No. 16, K.T., New Masonic Temple, Saint Louis, participated in conferral of Commandery Orders
- 4/22/12 Grand Master's Breakfast, Scottish Rite Cathedral, Saint Louis, Education Committee meeting, Gardenville Temple, Saint Louis
- 4/28/12 Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan, Columbia
- 5/4/12 DeSoto Commandery No. 56, K.T., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 5/8/12 Uel Chapter No. 129, R.A.M., Bonne Terre Council No. 43, R. & S.M., Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington
- 5/10/12 New Hope Lodge No. 199, A.F. & A.M., Elsberry, presented Gold Honor Award from York Rite Sovereign College of North America to Companion Donald G. Bowers
- 5/16/12 Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, annual assembly
- 5/17/12 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, presided at annual convocation

**DECISIONS**

- 8/1/11 Arrested the charter of Pike Chapter No. 86 following notice given to the Chapter by certified mail dated 7/5/11 for failure to make and transmit a completed 2010 annual report to the Grand Secretary's

office on or before the first day of March, a violation of edict and the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at Article XII, Section 103.

- 8/8/11 Arrested the charter of George Frank Gouley Chapter No. 90 following notice given to the Chapter by certified mail dated 7/5/11 for failure to make and transmit a completed 2010 annual report to the Grand Secretary's office on or before the first day of March, a violation of edict and the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at Article XII, Section 103.
- 11/28/11 Arrested the charter of Weston Chapter No. 4 following notice given to the Chapter by certified mail dated 7/5/11 for failure to make and transmit a completed 2010 annual report to the Grand Secretary's office on or before the first day of March, a violation of edict and the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at Article XII, Section 103.

#### **NOTIFICATIONS AND DIRECTIVES**

- 7/5/11 Issued a certified letter to the last known High Priests and Secretaries of eight chartered Chapters notifying them that the Grand Secretary had not received their completed 2010 annual reports, a violation of edict and the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at Article XII, Section 103, further, that said Chapters would be subject to arrest of charter if a completed 2010 annual report, or a copy thereof, was not made and transmitted to the Grand Secretary by August 1, 2011.
- 9/28/11 Made request in writing to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, A.F. & A.M., to extend fraternal recognition to the Masonic Order of Athelstan, Provincial Grand Court of the United States of America, and to grant to such recognized body permission to constitute a Court in the State of Missouri for the purpose of allowing membership of Missouri Masons, which was subsequently granted in writing by decision of the Grand Master on 11/21/11.
- 1/4 /12 Issued an email directive to the Grand Secretary invoking the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at Article VI, Section 32, that a 2011 Chapter annual report form be posted immediately on the Grand York Rite of Missouri web

site which, in compliance with edict, allows for the seal of the Chapter, per capita and fees, required signatures, and required audit, as a minimum, to be included, further, that the Chapter Secretaries be notified immediately via email copied to the Grand High Priest as to where this form may be obtained, and that the Chapter Secretaries who were not able to send or receive email be notified of same by regular mail.

- 1/23/12 Issued an email directive to the Grand Secretary, invoking the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at Article VI, Section 32, that, inasmuch as the State of Missouri Limited Exemption from Missouri Sales and Use Tax on purchases and sales (social fraternal) issued to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri expired on 12/30/11 and the need for renewal is immediate, the application process through the State of Missouri for renewal of this limited exemption proceed immediately, further, that when said renewal is obtained, a copy of the document shall be mailed to the Grand High Priest and to the Secretary of Lebanon Chapter No. 64, R.A.M. to assist with the purchasing of food and other needed items for the relief of Joplin residents.

#### **DISPENSATIONS**

- 6/12/11 Dispensation granted for Rabboni Chapter No. 131 to open during the months of July and August, 2011 for the purpose of conferral of degrees, and no other.
- 8/17/11 Dispensation granted for East Gate Chapter No. 136 to hold its installation of officers on the third Thursday in August, 2011.

#### **CONSOLIDATIONS**

- 1/1/12 Approved the consolidation of Rabboni Chapter No. 131, R.A.M., in Webster Groves with Oriental Chapter No. 78, R.A.M., in Webster Groves under the name and charter of Oriental Chapter No. 78, R.A.M.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

I was honored to make the following appointments for the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter year:

Grand Lecturer

Robert L. Wright

Grand Organist

Christopher M. Jessen

Assistant Grand Organist

Fred M. Harle

Grand Chorister

Daniel R. Quesenberry

Grand Chaplain

Kevin E. Weaver

Grand Sentinel

James E. Snavely

Assistant Grand Sentinel

Harold J. Richardson

Assistant Grand Sentinel

Harry L. Tripp, Jr.

Assistant Grand Sentinel

Glen H. Needham

Director General, Musicians Training

John E. Schofield

Grand Chapter Representatives to Missouri:

Alaska .....Roger D. Fleer

Connecticut.....Loren D. Lloyd

England .....John W. Siscel, III

Idaho .....Jerry Miles

Iowa.....W. Larry Wilson

Ireland .....David L. Leirer

Kentucky .....Gale B. Morrison

Louisiana .....John C. Kuehn

Minnesota .....Farrell D. Sexson

Nova Scotia.....Stephen C. Derendinger

Philippines.....Kyle R. Palacios

Scotland .....Christopher M. Jessen

South Carolina.....Jerry Bradford

Switzerland .....George M. Merkle

Utah .....Charles E. Huey

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

Address of Grand High Priest

C.C. McLemore III, PGHP, Chairman

Triennial

John W. Siscel III, Chairman

Harley L. Kropf, PGHP

Jose R. Palacios, PGHP

Roy A. Welshon, PGHP

Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chairman

C. Brent Stewart

Stanton T. Brown

Walter W. Doyle, PGHP

Finance

Claude M. Eckert, Chairman

John E. Schofield

Roy L. Gilkey

Returns of Chapters

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Claude M. Eckert

Jerry Bradford

Place of Annual Convocation

John E. Schofield, Chairman

Education

John W. Siscel III, Chairman

David L. Leirer

Lee L. Francis

W. Larry Wilson

Charles M. Huey

Jose R. Palacios, PGHP

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Supplemental Fund	Steven C. Monrotus, GHP, Chairman
	John W. Siscel III
	Robert E. Hardester, PGHP
Audit	Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chairman
	Grand Chapter Line Officers
Charity	Harley L. Kropf, PGHP, Chairman
	Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP
	Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP
	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., PGHP
Endowed Memberships	Walter W. Doyle, PGHP, Chairman
	Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP
	Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP
Golf Tournament	Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Chairman
	James E. Snavelly
Membership and Youth Activities	Lionel J. Goede, Chairman
	David W. Haywood
	Kevin E. Weaver
Ritual	Robert L. Wright, Chairman
	Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP
	Walter W. Doyle, PGHP
	District Deputy Grand Lecturers
Royal Arch Mason Magazine	Roy L. Gilkey, Editor
Royal Arch Research Assistance	Jose R. Palacios, PGHP, Chairman
	Foster S. Crawford, PGHP
	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., PGHP
York Rite Conferences	John E. Schofield, Chairman
	Claude M. Eckert
	District Deputy Grand High Priests

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Region 1, District A	Charles E. Cooper
Region 1, District B	Michael L. Dodd
Region 2, District A	Dan G. Daniel
Region 2, District B	William W. Mier
Region 3, District A	John S. Lambros
Region 3, District B	George L. Duncan, PGHP
Region 3, District C	Farrell D. Sexson
Region 4, District A	Jerry Bradford
Region 4, District B	Stephen C. Derendinger
Region 5	Gale B. Morrison
Region 6	Jack D. Cade
Region 7, District A	John W. Shoemaker
Region 7, District B	Christopher C. McLemore IV

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS**

Region 1, District A	David A. Lloyd
Region 1, District B	Harley L. Kropf, PGHP
Region 2, District A	Delbert R. Gentry, PGHP
Region 2, District B	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
Region 3, District A	Scott S. Crawford
Region 3, District B	Forrest G. Lowe
Region 3, District C	Jack E. Timmons
Region 4, District A	Russell S. Hanson
Region 4, District B	Timothy R. Lehnhoff
Region 5	Robert L. Wright
Region 6	Johnny L. Schlenker
Region 7, District A	Walter W. Doyle, PGHP
Region 7, District B	C.C. McLemore III, PGHP

**GRAND OFFICER CONFERENCES**

- 7/2/11 Grand Chapter officers meeting, Masonic Temple, Jefferson City  
11/19/11 Grand Chapter officers meeting, Masonic Temple, Jefferson City  
3/24/12 Grand Chapter advancing line officers meeting, Masonic Temple, Jefferson City

**REGIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

- 9/10/11 Region 7 York Rite Conference, Masonic Temple, Springfield  
9/24/11 Region 5 York Rite Conference, Freedom Temple, Saint Louis  
10/1/11 Region 1 / Region 4 Dual York Rite Conference, Burroughs Masonic Temple, Mexico  
10/8/11 Region 3 York Rite Conference, Liberty Masonic Temple, Liberty  
10/22/11 Region 6 York Rite Conference, Eugene M. Cole Masonic Center, Farmington  
12/17/11 Region 2 York Rite Conference, Masonic Temple, Saint Joseph

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

- 5/29/11 Presented charitable donation from the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Missouri to Missouri DeMolay, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City  
6/23/11 Presented charitable donation from the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Missouri to Missouri Job's Daughters, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City  
6/26/11 Presented charitable donation from the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Missouri to Missouri Rainbow, University Plaza Hotel, Springfield

**DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER AWARDS**

(Awardees will be added to the address following the presentations)

**MASONIC TIME CAPSULE IN BRANSON**

On Wednesday, January 4, 2011 your Grand High Priest visited the Masonic time capsule at the corner of US Highway 65 and Shepherd of the Hills Boulevard, Highway 248, in Branson and found the site to be properly maintained and in order.

**PROGRAM (3 X 3)****FIRST PILLAR -- THE CHAPTER OFFICERS**

1. Traveling Keystone
2. Distinguished Chapter Award
3. Box Folder for York Rite Education

**SECOND PILLAR -- THE NEW CANDIDATE**

1. Royal Arch Ambassador Presentations to Lodges
2. Step by Step Mentoring System
3. York Rite Council Clubs

**THIRD PILLAR -- INVESTING SOMETHING OF OURSELVES**

1. Endowed Memberships
2. Coaching of Masonic Musicians
3. Table Chapters to Benefit RARA

**STATE OF THE CRAFT / RECOMMENDATIONS**

An exact Royal Arch membership count from the Grand Secretary's office as of December 31, 2011 has not yet been made available. We are now welcoming about 150 new Companions into our folds every year, losing on average about 275 due to deaths, withdrawals, and suspensions, with the average annual net loss being 125. This is a significant improvement over the trend in average annual net loss over the years 2000-2008, which stood at 423. We are also showing 556 endowed members. Companions, we are turning the corner on membership decline, and I congratulate each and every one of you for your efforts at recruitment and retention which are being reflected in these figures.

I refer the following unresolved issues to the incoming Grand High Priest and our Grand Secretary:

1. Completing the transfer of members from Weston Chapter No. 4, Pike Chapter No. 86, and George Frank Gouley Chapter No. 90 to any chartered Chapter with which they may wish to affiliate.

2. Issuing a duplicate charter, the original of which having disappeared, for Rabboni Chapter No. 131 for purposes of maintaining this historical document among the archives of the Grand Secretary's office and to complete the process for consolidation of this Chapter with Oriental Chapter No. 78.

3. Issuing a duplicate charter, the original of which having disappeared, for Pike Chapter No. 86, pursuant to its arrest for purposes of maintaining this historical document among the archives of the Grand Secretary's office.

4. Overseeing the filing of 2011 annual reports and recovery of per capita, the issuance of bills for payment, and reconciling the filing protocol with our law.

5. Checking that all mailing addresses for the Royal Arch Mason magazine are current and on file with the General Grand Secretary.

### **LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS**

Companions, it is my pleasure to announce the following recipients of the Grand Chapter Lewis & Clark Service Award:

Region 1 --

Region 2 --

Region 3 --

Region 4 --

Region 5 --

Region 6 --

Region 7 --

(Awardees will be added to the address after the presentation)

### **APPRECIATION**

Companions, from the moment I was exalted a Royal Arch Mason I knew that the Chapter would be among my dearest loves in the Masonic fraternity, but I never in my wildest dreams ever suspected that it would lead to serving in this honorable office. It is with the most profound gratitude I can muster that I thank you for electing and installing me as your Grand High Priest. As I traveled the state this year I received a warm welcome in all seven Regions, every Chapter I

visited was able to open, and attendance was good. I was humbled to have been allowed this great privilege, and I count this year as one of my life's great adventures. When you throw a pebble into a pond you never know where the ripple will end, but my prayer is that the emphasis placed this year on Masonic education in the Royal Arch will ever grow from this year forward. Where concentration goes, energy flows, and that is what grows.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to Most Worshipful Brother John Hess, Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion George Merkle, cryptic Grand Master, and Sir Knight Daniel Quesenberry, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for a wonderful year in promoting York Rite Freemasonry, together. I respect the work of these gentlemen and am grateful for the guidance they have given to our Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery this year. To all the Past Grand High Priests and to the Grand Chapter officers for their efforts and support, for sharing their wisdom and understanding on all occasions, for their back breaking work, and for generously donating their time, talents, and even compensation, thank you. To the committeemen who shared their expertise and made a success of their assignments, thank you. For the hospitality I was shown on my visits, and to those who offered hospitality that I was not able to accept, thank you. I express my special thanks to Roy Gilkey, not only for his fine work as Missouri Editor but for sharing his precious wisdom with me many, many times, and to our General Editor and General Grand Scribe Jim Hodge, who has been a great friend to us here in Missouri in many diverse ways. I also want to express my special thanks and gratitude to Fred Harle, Dr. Chris Jessen, and John Schofield, those unsung heroes who quietly and without fanfare pack their musical equipment in and out and all around the building for us, meeting after meeting, raising dust in every corner with their powerful sounds and creating severe power shortages in the entire surrounding district, not to mention preparing and practicing for weeks, if not months, in advance of our gatherings. Companions, if you don't think much work is involved in being one of our organists you should try doing it for just one year. To Vincent Kinkead, my Masonic father from the beginning -- to Roy Welshon, who cared for me as a son -- to Dr. John Siscel, the heart and soul of the Education Committee who traveled thousands of miles with me in all kinds of weather -- to Jose Palacios, in whose gentle tirades laced with humor I found some of the greatest encouragement -- to Robert Wright, what can I say, just knowing this man is enough to illuminate an existence -- to Kevin Weaver, who was always there when I needed him -- and to Kevin Sample, whose enthusiasm, energy, and love for this fraternity has



been a never ending source of inspiration to me, thank you. To my Masonic family in Farmington, you know who you are, I could not have done this without your support, and I am honored to know you and to call you my friends. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you for accepting this sleep deprived city boy into your number. I also want to thank my wife Joan without whose love, support, and self-sacrifice I would not be standing here today. And lastly, but foremost, my thanks and appreciation must go to our special son whose infirmities from birth first put my feet on the straight and narrow path which led to the door of a Masonic Lodge. Thank you Jimmie, for everything you have done for me. You have taught me more than all of my professors in school put together.

Thank you all, for all that you've meant to me, and may God continue to guide you and bless you as a member of this Royal Craft in all that you do to make this world a better place, one man at a time.

Most Respectfully and Fraternally,

M.E.Comp. Steven C. Monrotus

Grand High Priest 2011-2012

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address was not available for printing.

### REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

It was determined that a preliminary report was not necessary.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following is the proposed budget for the 2012 - 2013 year.

#### INCOME

Per Capita, Membership (3,500 @ \$14.50) .....	\$ 50,750.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership .....	2,400.00
Exaltation Fees (100 @ \$10.00) .....	1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income	
Interest.....	150.00
Earnings.....	3,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	250.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$ 57,550.00</b>

#### SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

Grand High Priest Expense.....	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer .....	1,000.00
Grand Secretary .....	8,500.00
Clerical Assistant .....	7,500.00
Employment Taxes .....	1,200.00
Annual Convocation .....	1,750.00
Auditor.....	100.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (3,500 @ \$2.00) .....	7,000.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra.....	500.00
Grand Officer Expense.....	1,000.00
Insurance.....	165.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00
Office Equipment.....	1,500.00
Office Expenses .....	,000.00
Office Rent .....	2,400.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel .....	400.00
Postage.....	1,000.00
Printing of Proceedings.....	2,500.00
Royal Arch Magazine .....	8,000.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine, Editor .....	50.00
Ritual Committee .....	100.00
Storage Rent .....	1,200.00
Triennial Fund (3,500 @ \$0.07).....	245.00
<b>Total Salaries and Allowances .....</b>	<b>\$ 51,210.00</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,340.00</b>

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE****Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits****May 16, 17 & 18, 2012**

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Greetings:

The Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits, as undersigned, following due consultation with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder, have determined that it would be more appropriate to conduct the audits of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery following the close of business of the Grand York Rite Convocations on May 18, 2012 to permit the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder to finalize all financial transactions for the ending fiscal year.

The Joint Chairmen recommend and suggest to their successors that these audits be held sometime in the June/July 2012 time frame or as soon after the close of the fiscal year as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman  
Grand Chapter Audit Committee  
Grand Council Audit Committee

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman  
Grand Commandery Audit Committee

**REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER****Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Of Missouri**

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report

June 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

**GENERAL FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 33,515.29**

## Receipts:

Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 10,435.68
Interest Earned	116.55
Increase in Market Value, etc.	
<u>Investors Services</u>	<u>628.68</u>

Total Receipts: \$ 11,180.91

## Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#58915 - 1929 thru 1943	\$ 3,725.00
#74544 - 2726 thru 2794	25,736.43
#74325 - 1216 thru 1218	458.97
<u>#463929 - Debits</u>	<u>6,052.49</u>

Total Disbursements: \$ 35,972.89

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: **\$ (24,791.98)**

Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 8,723.31**

## Statement of Assets - General Fund, March 31, 2012

Interest Checking Account #58915,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 513.58
Interest Checking Act. #74544,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	369.87
Interest Checking Act. #74325,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	13.55
Money Mkt. Act. #463929,	
Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	3,878.14
Business Investment Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.40%	23.27
Investors Services	
(thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	
<u>(Market Value)</u>	<u>3,924.90</u>

Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 8,723.31**

**GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 143,655.53**

## Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 604.13

Increase in Market Value, etc.,  
American Balanced Fund) 3,732.64

Increase in Market Value, etc.  
Investors Services 450.95

Total Receipts: \$ 4,787.72

## Disbursements:

Trans. to General Fund \$ 4,988.08

Total Disbursements: \$ 4,988.08

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (200.36)

Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012 **\$ 143,455.17**

## Statement of Assets - General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012

Money Mkt. Act. #463929,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 5,782.88

Business Investment Act. #30000211,  
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% 201.59

American Balanced Fund  
(thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) 56,381.30

Investors Services  
(thru Central Bank - Jefferson City)  
(Market Value) 14,984.32

CD #1240435,  
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%,  
Due 5/11/12 20,645.77

CD #265377,  
Central Bank - Jefferson City, 1.45%,  
Matures 6/2/11 45,459.31

Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012 **\$ 143,455.17**

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 114,423.48**

## Receipts:

Memberships (5) \$ 2,625.00

Transferred from General Fund 4,988.08

Voided Distribution Checks -0-

Deceased Members Distribution -0-

Interest Earned 563.65

Total Receipts: \$ 8,176.73

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 8,176.73

Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2012 **\$ 122,600.21**

## Statement of Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2012

Money Mkt. Act. #463929,  
Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 41,507.83

Business Investment Act. #30000211,  
Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.40% 2,014.92

Investors Services  
(thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)  
(Market Value) 9,500.00

CD #1243915,  
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,  
Matures 7/27/12 29,596.94

CD #1264225,  
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.05%,  
Matures 2/23/13 19,428.88

CD #1265605,  
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.05%,  
Matures 3/8/13 10,551.64

CD #473677,  
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 0.85%,  
Matures 10/3/13 10,000.00

Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 122,600.21**

**FOUNDATION FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 141,241.49**

## Receipts:

Grand Secretary, Etc. \$ -0-

Interest Earned 1,311.49

Total Receipts: \$ 1,311.49

Disbursements: \$ 1,000.00

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 311.49

Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2012 **\$ 141,552.98**

## Statement of Assets, March 31, 2012

**FOUNDATION FUND (continued)**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 4,285.23	
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.40%	780.92	
CD #901580759, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 4/15/12	51,463.07	
CD #131540, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.20%, Matures 6/29/12	27,405.37	
CD #1243920, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 7/27/12	24,891.32	
CD #472514, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 0.85%, Matures 9/20/13	32,727.07	
Total Assets, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 141,552.98</b>

**TRIENNIAL FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011		<b>\$ 1,052.17</b>
Receipts:		
From General Fund	\$ 510.00	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	0.82	
Total Receipts:	\$ 510.82	
Disbursements:	\$ 1,375.19	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		<b>\$ (864.37)</b>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 187.80</b>
Statement of Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012		
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 187.80	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 187.80</b>

**PALMYRA FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011		<b>\$ 3,981.89</b>
Receipts:		
From General Fund	\$ 500.00	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	6.96	
Total Receipts:	\$ 506.96	
Disbursements:	\$ -0-	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		<b>\$ 506.96</b>
Balance, Palmyra Fund March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 4,488.85</b>
Statement of Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2012		
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 4,360.36	
Business Investment Act.#30000211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40%	128.49	
Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 4,488.85</b>

**SUPPLY FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2012		<b>\$ 15,106.22</b>
Receipts:		
Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 1,380.83	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	21.12	
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,401.95	
Disbursements:	\$ 2,373.96	
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>		<b>\$ (972.01)</b>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 14,134.21</b>
Statement of Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012		
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 14,134.21	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 14,134.21</b>
Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2012		<b>\$ 435,142.53</b>

Fraternally Submitted,

Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP

Grand Treasurer

**REPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUND COMMITTEE****2011-2012**

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

During this second year of continuation of the fund raiser a total of 4,105 mailings were sent, 91.2% (3,744) of which were deliverable. There were 306 participants compared with 311 reported from last year, which translated to only 8.2% of the total deliverable. The number of stubs returned was 2,074 compared with 2,637 from last year, a reduction in support of some 21.4%. The second year net gain was \$5,757.80 compared with \$7,890.91 reported from last year, representing a 27% reduction in net gain. The total money market interest realized was \$28.77.

Due to a reduction in participation during its second year, waning support, and the need for the fund raiser to meet its expenses year to year, it was deemed advisable not to continue it into a third year. The cumulative net gain for the two years of its existence, while falling far short of its potential, was a record \$13,648.71 in deposits and additional bill paying power for the General Fund. This is by far the highest sum ever generated by a fund raiser for the Grand Chapter thus far in its history, and, considering the time and effort involved in launching and maintaining this type of undertaking, it is unlikely that this sum will ever be exceeded.

On April 12, 2012, all remaining monies in the primary checking account and money market account in New Era Bank in Farmington were withdrawn and sent to the Grand Treasurer for deposit in the Grand Chapter General Fund, thus closing out these accounts. These transactions were added to the running totals on the Excel spread sheet for the fund raiser and subsequently emailed to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for their records.

The Committee wishes to thank the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri and to all within and outside the Masonic fraternity who supported this project for their confidence and the opportunity to serve in this honorable capacity.

Faternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Steven C. Monrotus, GHP, Chairman  
Dr. John W. Siscel, III

Robert E. Hardester, PGHP

**REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER**

As my first year draws to a conclusion, I have to admit that this year has been more of a challenge than I could have ever imagined. There is no "Grand Secretary/Recorder Manual" to read and consult. There is no "Grand Secretary/Recorder College" to attend in order to learn everything that the job entails. Yet the position features a nearly vertical learning curve. The job essentially demands that a new Grand Secretary/Recorder, raised in the loving environment of Masonic Fraternity, hit the ground running, fully educated in the relatively harsh ways of the Masonic business world and, in deed, the unforgiving business world at large.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri faced many more challenges, obstacles, issues, and problems than possibly any of us may have imagined. We began the 2011-2012 Grand York Rite year off with the sudden wholesale removal of the Grand York Rite web site. A significant effort was required to regain control of our domain name, set up a contract for hosting services, and re-establish our web presence. The Grand Treasurer's unfortunate home accident required assuming a portion of his duties for a relatively brief time. Even from his hospital bed, Don worked miracles with our bank to get funds transferred so I could pay bills. Debbie and I were frustrated most of the time by not knowing where information was kept whether physical or electronic. We used every "discovery" no matter how small as a moment to celebrate in order to keep our spirits up.

In spite of the challenges, I believe that the Grand York Rite Office has made significant progress in establishing operating procedures that allow the business of the Grand York Rite to be smoothly transacted. However, while a good start, it is still a work in progress. Below is an update on just a couple of our most significant projects.

The Grand Treasurer and I have been exploring the relatively new territory of cloud services in order to share critical financial information in a more timely manner. Through a shared cloud storage service, Don was provided with direct access to my transaction spreadsheet as well as scans of all bills and checks received by the Grand York Rite Office. The system relies on simple administrative controls, uses common application components, is cross-platform compatible, and provides automatic multiple redundant backup of our mission-critical data. The next step in the project is to move the system from my personal cloud service to a Grand York Rite account with the same service.

The web site, though not “pretty” is very functional. However, we continue to receive “help desk” calls suggesting that the web site is not functioning properly. In most of the cases a browser refresh to force the reloading of the page corrects the issue. Also, many of the site’s users had bookmarked frequently visited pages in the old site and need help finding those assets on the new site. Unfortunately, sometimes the answer is that what they want is not up yet or still under construction. While I would love to spend all of my time programming the web site, I don’t have that luxury. Little by little, the content of the previous web site is being restored. In addition, I have begun to evaluate template-based web page designer software with the intent of establishing a public portal to certain Grand York Rite web site content. I continue to explore the implementation of web-based forms for making requests and providing information to the Grand York Rite Office.

During this first year, the Grand York Rite Office has undergone yet another transition both in where the Office is located and who is staffing it. As Debbie and I have struggled to come to terms with our responsibilities, we have begun to critically evaluate the operation of the Office from a financial standpoint and how to work better while spending less.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their understanding. We apologize for not being able to meet everyone’s expectations, but we firmly believe that next year will run much more smoothly.

Fraternally submitted,  
  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC  
Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Missouri  
Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Missouri  
Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri  
  
Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant

**REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri,  
  
Companions,  
  
Enclosed herewith is the report of the Committee on Education for this Grand Chapter.

The committee's first duty is to thank our MEC Steven C. Monrotus for his confidence in his appointment of the members to this task. His appointment of EC Charles Huey, EC Larry Wilson, EC David Leirer, EC Lee Francis, MEC Jose Palacios and myself as Chairman not only was appreciated on its own merit but for the opportunity it offered these companions to advance the Three X Three program throughout the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

At its initial meeting, the following appointments were made, David Leirer as Secretary, Charles Huey as Traveling Keystone Director, and Larry Wilson as Mentoring Program Director. Additionally, Lee Francis w as given the responsibility of reviewing the Grand Chapter of Indiana's Table Chapter script for potential use, with appropriate revisions, in Missouri. Also, at that meeting, the requirements of the Distinguished Chapter Award. After discussion, it was agreed that, in the interest of expanding the value of the award and in expanding the opportunity of ALL chapters to avail themselves of this signal opportunity their chapter award requirements would be changed from an “all of the above” direction to one of choice and opportunity.

Also that day the decision was taken to approve the placement of all previous Education papers to the York Rite Box Folder <http://www.box.net/shared/dm6i6mcyaz>.

At our next meeting Companion Francis reported on the revisions he had made to the Indiana Grand Chapter script and, upon committee vote, the changes became the approved presentation to our Grand Chapter. It is now on the York Rite website [www.moyorkrite.org](http://www.moyorkrite.org). Additionally, Companion Wilson presented a script for review and approval for the Lodge visitation requirement of the new DCA. It was approved with thanks.

The Distinguished Chapter Award successful applicants are as follows:

- 2010-2011
- Mitchell 14.....Nathan Carrington
- 2011-2012
- Independence 12.....Matthew Quisenberry
- Mitchell 14.....Nathan Carrington
- Springfield 15 .....Gerald R. McCoy
- Jefferson 34 .....Michael Rohman
- Wyoming 43 .....Clarence R. Jennings

2011-2012 (continued)

Oriental 78 .....Philip A. Cole  
 Uel 129 .....Harry L. Tripp, Jr.  
 Keystone 146.....Charles M. Huey  
 Mt. Nebo 148.....Robert L. Wright

In his Installation address, GHP Monrotus announced that the Chapter that had the highest number of points would receive a special certificate attesting to that fact. Accordingly, Keystone Chapter 146 and its High Priest, Charles Huey, with 1305 points are to be congratulated for this signal achievement.

At its next meeting the committee reviewed and made changes to the 2012-2013 Award requirements. These will be forthcoming.

The committee thanks, again, MEC Monrotus for his faith in new people and new ideas. The efforts of this committee are meant clearly to enhance the value of Royal Arch membership to companions both now and in the future, only time will show if this is all we hoped it would be.

Respectfully,

John W. Siscel, III Ed.D. Chairman

W. Larry Wilson

Lee Francis

Jose R. Palacios, PGHP

Charles M. Huey

David L. Leirer

## REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

Companions,

Your Grand Chapter Committee on the Triennial is proud to you that your Grand Chapter was not only represented at the Triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter, RAMI held in August, 2011 in Raleigh, NC but it distinguished itself by the following activities:

1. Missouri's Grand High Priest, Steven C. Monrotus, DMD was appointed to serve as the GGC's Missouri's Ambassador for the Triennium 2011-2014.
2. MEC Monrotus was selected by GGHP Ferguson to carry Missouri's state flag in the impressive Entrance of the Flags ceremony

3. Missouri Supplement Editor, VEC Roy Gilkey was called out specifically by RAM magazine Editor, MEC Jim Hodge, as one of his 2 best State Editors in all of those possible.
4. Missouri's Grand Master of the Third Veil, VEC Dr. John Siscel, was appointed by GGHP and RARA President Harrison to the post of chairman of Publicity and Public Relations for RARA's Board of Directors.

The Session was both exciting and inspiring for GHP Monrotus and your Committee Chairman. It called all to a higher effort and it highlighted service to a cause greater than self. Attending this session on your behalf was an honor beyond description. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

John W. Siscel, III Triennial Chairman

Jose R. Palacios, PGHP

Roy A. Welshon, PGHP

Harley L. Kropf, PGHP

## 2011 - 2012 NECROLOGY REPORT

Companions,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported to the Grand York Rite Office as having passed away during the 2011 - 2012 Grand York Rite year. This list is by no means comprehensive, but it is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
McKitterick, III, James A.	11/22/1926	06/14/2011
Knabe, James Robert	09/25/1931	12/15/2010
Mansfield, Harvey Lewis	12/19/1934	01/17/2011
Huddleston, Jr., Quincy L.	10/07/1924	03/10/2011
Dittemore, Marion Dale	01/01/1935	06/25/2011
Eckert, Robert Winston		07/10/2011
Tuck, Sam Gail	06/15/1921	07/21/2011
Cain, Dale J.	06/25/1928	08/21/2011
Williams, James Merrill	08/06/1928	08/02/2011
Matlock, Louis G.	08/03/1925	07/03/2010
Lawrence, Ronald A.	01/01/1927	10/30/2011
Knowles, Gary E.	01/01/1945	11/15/2011

## Preliminary Proceedings

## 166th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri

May 17, 2012

Feaster, Roger Lee	01/01/1935	03/24/2011
Hunt, Joe Elbe	10/23/1923	10/25/2011
Woelbling, Ralph Adolph	10/11/1927	11/17/2011
Carr, James Richard	07/07/1931	11/25/2011
Morris, Jim Leroy	11/13/1944	11/21/2011
Elliott, James W.	12/06/1921	02/10/2011
Heins, Jr., Gerald L.	03/22/1958	05/10/2011
Van Zandt, Richard Cole	01/01/1939	12/02/2011
Baker, Donald W.	06/20/1927	04/02/2011
Sinclair, Stewart ?		11/29/2011
Bledsoe, Thomas Michael	04/21/1945	12/16/2011
Munger, Carl G.	01/01/1924	2010
Ryder, Harvey B.	01/01/1918	2010
Scholz, Larry W.	02/04/1947	08/22/2011
Saucier, Melvin Corbett	09/03/1921	11/13/2011
Carr, Grover H.	11/02/1920	01/08/2012
Haynes, C. Lloyd	12/21/1924	10/14/2010
Ferguson, Sr. Dean R.	09/20/1931	01/19/2012
Boyer, Eugene Travis	10/14/1934	08/27/2011
Guinn, Charles Virgil	04/16/1937	02/14/2012
Earll, Leroy M.	07/13/1944	02/20/2012
Conradi, Robert Wilson	05/07/1916	12/10/2010
Hanna, Cody Allen	08/13/1944	02/10/2012
Nunn, James Albert	09/09/1928	02/10/2012
Buckwick, Theodore	11/09/1930	11/15/2011
Steinmetz, Nicholas F.	05/28/1928	01/01/2012
Wolfe, Charles W.	03/03/1927	10/?/2011
Cundiff, William Vincil	11/29/1928	07/28/2011
Smith Lealon R.	12/20/1926	06/03/2011
Knight, Homer Roy	02/27/1922	10/02/2011
Brooks, Arly Hedrick	06/17/1923	2011
Murry, Thomas Douglas	01/01/1946	01/12/2011
Stewart, George Oliver	02/23/1922	12/02/2011
Warner, Clark F.	07/05/1917	12/24/2011
Montgomery, Robert J.	01/01/1938	12/30/2011
Yard, Alvin N.	04/22/1938	01/?/2011
Coy, Eldon Leon	09/22/1938	12/19/2011
Mason, Harold Robert	01/01/1944	07/03/2011

Wood, Earl Edwin	03/18/1917	02/23/2012
Guthrie, Lawrence McCoy	06/21/1953	03/04/2012
Roach, Don H.		12/15/2011
Kenyon, Robert Lee	10/16/1925	03/07/2012
Garrett, John Boswell	06/27/1914	02/13/2011
Thornberg, Ted	01/01/1935	11/09/2010
Haak, Charles P.	01/01/1928	02/12/2011
Harris, William Robert	11/17/1921	04/05/2011
Baker, Jr. John Russell	01/01/1921	01/05/2009
Woods, Jr. Marvin Joe	01/22/1932	07/06/2011
Smith, Alex Wilson	04/25/1915	09/09/2011
Smith, Eugene L.	01/01/1931	10/18/2011
Bradshaw, Robert Russell	01/14/1934	12/13/2011
Downey, D. Robert	05/13/1927	04/05/2012
Chapman, William H.	06/10/1923	03/21/2012
Shadowens, James R.	05/24/1939	03/07/2012
Kassing, Louis E.	10/03/1963	11/18/2011
McCormick, Ronald M.	06/05/1933	02/17/2012

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri

Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant









# PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Fifty-First  
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights  
Templar of the State of Missouri

held

May 18, 2012  
Capital Plaza Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri



# Grand Commandery of Missouri

## 151st Grand Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, May 18, 2012</b>
7:00 am	Registration - Commandery only - to 10:00 am (Atrium)
8:00 am	Welcoming Comments by Grand Commander - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman)
	Formal Opening of Grand Commandery
	Roll Call and Introduction of Grand Commandery Officers
	Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders
	Reception of Regional Grand Commanders
	Reception of Grand Representatives
	Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers
	Reception of the Grand Encampment Officers
	Reception of Grand Encampment Representative & Brief Remarks
	Reception of Grand Lodge Officers
	Reception of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri & remarks
	Address of Grand Commander
	Report of Committee on Address of Grand Commander
	Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
	Reconvene Grand Commandery
	Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee

<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, May 18, 2012 (continued)</b>
	Election of Grand Commandery Officers
	Report of Jurisprudence Committee
	Report of Finance Committee
	Report of Grand Treasurer
	Report of Grand Recorder
	Routine Business & Additional Reports (as needed)
	Report of Election of Grand Commandery Officers
	Acceptance of Grand Commandery Officers Elect
	Report of Grand Commander Elect
	Report of Committee on Time and Place
	Address of Grand Encampment Representative
12:00 noon	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:30 pm
	Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee Meeting (Joplin)
1:30 pm	Past Commander's Association (Missouri)
3:30 pm	Grand Commandery Resumes Labor - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman)
	Grand Commandery Awards Presentation
	Installation of Grand Commandery Officers
5:00 pm	Grand Commandery Called from Labor
	Pictures
<b>Time</b>	<b>Saturday, May 19, 2012</b>
8:00 am	Grand Commandery of Missouri Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All (Capitol/Truman)
2:30 pm	Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting
6:30 pm	Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation - Open to All (Jefferson/Missouri)

## 2012 Drill Competition Schedule

**Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges** **7:00 am**  
**Deadline for First Drill Team to Submit Entry** **7:50**

All Drill Teams available at 8:00 am are requested to assemble inside the Drill Room for the Grand Commander's welcoming remarks. At the conclusion the Drill Teams will be excused and the first Class C Team will be instructed to form up for inspection.

**Drill Competition Event Opening by the Grand Commander** **8:00**

Pledge & Prayer

Welcoming Remarks

Final instructions

**Start of Competition (Judges review First Drill Team Entry)** **8:15**

Commandery	Class C Hand	Class C Sword	Class B	Class A	Drill Time	
St. John's	X				8:20	15 min intervals
Hugh De Payens		X			8:35	
Rolla		X			8:50	
<b>10 minute break</b>					<b>9:05</b>	
St. Graal			X		9:15	15 min intervals
Liberty			X		9:30	
Ascension			X		9:45	
Prince of Peace			X		10:00	
<b>10 minute break</b>					<b>10:15</b>	
Oriental			X		10:25	15 min intervals
Ivanhoe			X		10:40	
DeSoto			X		10:55	
Ely			X		11:10	
<b>10 minute break</b>					<b>11:25</b>	
Ascalon				X	11:35	30 min intervals
Palestine				X	12:05	pm

**End of Competition** **12:35**

**Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting** **2:30**

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - Jefferson City, Missouri

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri**  
**2011-2012**

**Elected and Appointed Officers**

Daniel R. Quesenberry (17) - Grand Commander  
Richard L. Mansfield (22) - Deputy Grand Commander  
James L. Woodfin, Jr. (56) - Grand Generalissimo  
Harold F. Coots (29) - Grand Captain General  
Larry T. Odom (24, 4) - Grand Senior Warden  
Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Grand Junior Warden  
Ralph E. Nolan (17) - Grand Prelate  
Donald L. Trabue, PGC (29) - Grand Treasurer  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC (12) - Grand Recorder  
K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Grand Standard Bearer  
L. LeRoy Salmon (4) - Grand Sword Bearer  
Roger D. Fleer (16) - Grand Warder  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. HPGC (4, 19) - Grand Historian  
Matthew L. Quesenberry (17) - Aide-De-Camp  
Teddie E. Harrison (17, 35) - Aide-De-Camp  
John W. Gibson (6) - Aide-De-Camp  
Glenn E. Means (17) - Grand Sentinel  
Fred M. Harle, Sr. (17) - Grand Organist  
Steven C. Monrotus (56) - Asst. Grand Organist  
Matthew L. Quesenberry (17) - Honor Guard Captain/Inner Guard  
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (17) - Inner Guard  
William G. Snyder (17) - Inner Guard  
John S. Lambros (17) - Inner Guard  
Robert D. Whitney (17) - Inner Guard  
Aaron E. Rose (17, 35) - Inner Guard  
Stanton T. Brown, II (17) - Inner Guard

**Elected and Appointed Officers (continued)**

Clayton Riley (6) - Grand Photographer  
William R. Brantley (12) - Asst. Grand Photographer  
J. Joseph Hayes, PGC (56) - KTEF Representative  
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC (4, 19) - Golf Tournament Coordinator  
James E. Snively, PGC (56) - Asst Golf Tournament Coordinator

**Regional Officers**

**Region 1: 5, 7, 22, 72**

James L. Woodfin, Jr. (56) - Regional Officer  
Jeremy A. Lloyd (22) - Regional Grand Commander  
Loren D. Lloyd (22) - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 2: 2, 4, 24, 32, 42**

Harold F. Coots (29) - Regional Officer  
Nathan D. Carrington (4) - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 3: 3, 6, 10, 11, 17, 35, 68, 70**

Larry T. Odom (24, 4) - Regional Officer  
Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Regional Grand Commander  
William E. Criss (11) - Regional Grand Commander  
Aaron M. Shoemaker (70) - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 4: 12, 23, 29, 59**

Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Regional Officer  
David E. Foldesh (29) - Regional Grand Commander  
Jeffrey A. Keevil (12) - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 5: 8, 16**

K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Regional Officer  
Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Regional Grand Commander

**Regional Officers (continued)****Region 6: 55, 56, 67**

L. LeRoy Salmon (4) - Regional Officer

Glen H. "Buck" Needham (56) - Regional Grand Commander

**Region 7: 15, 20, 27, 31, 33, 39, 43, 57, 66**

Roger D. Fleeer (16) - Regional Officer

Bob L. Detherow (20) - Regional Grand Commander

C. Scott Houge (20) - Regional Grand Commander

Joseph P. Krill (33) - Regional Grand Commander

J. R. Wahl, Jr. (50) - Regional Grand Commander

**Standing Committees**

## Address of Grand Commander

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

Ronnie E. Green

J. Joseph Hayes

## Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

Robert L. Schmidt

## Educational Foundation

David C. Witte (2012), Chairman

Robert H. Bray (2013)

Kevin E. Weaver (2014)

LeRoy D. Unruh (2015)

Forrest G. Lowe (2016)

Donald L. Trabue, Treasurer, non-voting

Russell S. Hanson, Secretary, non-voting

**Standing Committees (continued)**

## Finance and Accounts

James E. Snavelly, Chairman

Harold J. Richardson

Larry T. Odom

Richard L. Mansfield

Robert W. Schlichter

## Hospitaler

Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman

James L. Woodfin, Jr.

Harold F. Coots

## Investment

Donald L. Trabue, Chairman

James E. Snavelly

Richard L. Mansfield

## Returns of Commanderies

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Jerry Bradford

Robert L. Schmidt

## Templar Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Matthew L. Quesenberry

J. Joseph Hayes

Stanton T. Brown

Fred A. Troxel, Jr.

Glenn E. Means

C. Brent Stewart

## Time and Place

Russell S. Hanson

Donald L. Trabue

Richard L. Mansfield

## Triennial

J. Joseph Hayes, Chairman

Ronnie E. Green

Richard L. Mansfield

**Special Committees**

## Annual Conclave

Harold F. Coots, Chairman	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Richard L. Mansfield	Glenn E. Means
Donald L. Trabue	Russell S. Hanson

## Audit

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman	
James E. Snavelly	Richard L. Mansfield
Larry T. Odom	Harold F. Coots
Robert W. Schlichter	William G. Snyder

## Conclave Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, Editor

## Drill

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman  
 Russell S. Hanson, Co-Chairman  
 Jerry F. Ward, (Ritual Committee Chairman)  
 José R. Palacios, Class A Judging Squad Leader  
 Kevin E. Weaver, Class B/C Judging Squad Leader

## Endowment Fund

Donald L. Trabue, Chairman  
 Harold J. Richardson

## Forms and Publications

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman  
 Aaron M. Shoemaker

## Holy Land Pilgrimage

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

## Honor Commandery Award

Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman	
James L. Woodfin, Jr.	Harold F. Coots

**Special Committees (continued)**

## Knight Templar Magazine

Russell S. Hanson, Editor  
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

## Patriotic and Civic Activities

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman	
Harold F. Coots	Larry T. Odom

## Ritual

Jerry F. Ward, Chairman	
Ronnie E. Green	Kevin B. Sample

## York Rite Conference

Richard L. Mansfield, Chairman

## Regional Officers

Regional Grand Commanders

## Youth Organizations

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

**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)



**Living Past Grand Commanders**

Vern H. Schneider, Honorary (1996)  
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr., Honorary (1996)  
 Harold J. Richardson (1997-1998)  
 Lionel J. Goede (1999-2000)  
 Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)  
 Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)  
 Nicholas F. Steinmetz (2004-2005)  
 James E. Snavely (2005-2006)  
 Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)  
 Marvin W. Frost (2006-2007)  
 Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (2007-2008)  
 J. Joseph Hayes (2008-2009)  
 Ronnie E. Green (2009-2010)  
 Russell S. Hanson (2010-2011)

**Grand Commandery Representatives**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Alabama .....	Frank R. von Geyso
Arizona .....	Jerry F. Ward
Arkansas .....	Jose' R. Palacios
California .....	Russell S. Hanson
Colorado .....	P. Vincent Kinhead
Connecticut .....	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Delaware .....	James G. Wade
District of Columbia .....	Stanton T. Brown
Florida .....	Harold F. Coots
Georgia .....	Brian J. Densmore
Idaho .....	Larry D. Wyatt
Illinois .....	

**Grand Commandery Representatives (continued)**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>To Missouri</u></b>
Indiana.....	James E. Snavely
Iowa .....	Rocky E. Weaver
Italy .....	Francis A. Latragna
Kansas .....	Bob L. Detherow
Kentucky.....	Robert G. Bird
Louisiana .....	Harold J. Richardson
Maine .....	Richard L. Mansfield
Maryland .....	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Massachusetts/Rhode Island .....	William R. Robbins
Michigan .....	Marion W. Dey
Minnesota.....	Thomas C. Yunick
Mississippi.....	Marvin W. Frost
Montana .....	Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
Nebraska .....	Frederick H. Neal
Nevada.....	Jeffrey A. Keevil
New Hampshire .....	J. Joseph Hayes
New Jersey.....	Blair C. Mayford
New Mexico .....	
New York .....	Harry C. Reed, Jr.
North Carolina .....	Ronnie E. Green
North Dakota .....	
Ohio .....	
Oklahoma.....	Lionel J. Goede
Oregon .....	Larry T. Odom
Pennsylvania .....	Billy J. Boyer
Philippines.....	Charles W. Carlstrom
Portugal .....	William J. Bowser
South Carolina .....	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

South Dakota.....	Robert H. Bray
Tennessee .....	Kevin B. Sample
Texas.....	LeRoy D. Unruh
Utah .....	Kevin E. Weaver
Vermont .....	Paul R. Cannon
Virginia .....	Donald L. Trabue
Washington .....	Teddie E. Harrison
West Virginia .....	Robert W. Schlichter
Wisconsin .....	Clyde F. Bondy
Wyoming .....	Mark S. Schroer

### Biographical

#### Daniel Roy Quesenberry

#### Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

#### 2011-2012

Daniel Roy Quesenberry was born May 15, 1957, on his father's birthday, to Arlie H. and Royann S. (Indseth) Quesenberry at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He has one brother who is three years his elder, Matthew L. Quesenberry. The family has one very spoiled yet gorgeous dog named Mojo Bear Quesenberry III, a two year and 2 month old Chow-Chow. The family grew up in Lee's Summit, Missouri and moved to Raytown, Missouri in 1977.

Sir Knight Dan graduated from Lee's Summit High School in 1975, Longview Community College in 1976 with an A.A., University of Missouri, Kansas City in 1979 with a B.A. in Theatre Education, and the University of Missouri, Kansas City in 1981 with a M.A. in Acting and Directing.

Sir Knight Dan taught theatre at Raytown High School during college and then worked for Priority Air Courier till he retired as Vice-president of Operations in 1995. Always interested in music, he began singing professionally full time in 1994 doing one man shows. His singing career includes entertaining at conferences, organizations, awards banquets, and churches and extends from local and regional performances to national and overseas performances.

Sir Knight Dan is a staunch Christian and has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Raytown for 22 years. There he has served as a deacon and sung in the choir. He also regularly performs with a Christian men's chorus, the Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus.

Sir Knight Dan began his Masonic career in 1986 at Raytown Lodge No. 391 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1993. He earned with his Lodge the Grand Lodge Achievement Award. Also he has served as the treasurer for 12 years. In 2010 he became an endowed member. He has served the Grand Lodge in various positions: as Grand Tyler in 2001; Grand Representative to Alberta, Canada; served on the Speakers Bureau, the Masonic Education Board, and the Forms and Ceremonies Committee.

Sir Knight Dan was constituted and proclaimed a 32 Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Kansas City in 1986. Here he is also a charter member of the Life Endowment Fund. He was invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2003 and coronated an Inspector General Honorary 33 in 2011. Dan was Master of Kadosh of the Kansas City Consistory in 2004 and is a member of the Knights of St. Andrew and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Sir Knight Dan was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Independence Chapter No. 12 on October 29, 1993. Here he has served as High Priest in 2002. He received the Distinguished Chapter Award in 2003 and the Order of the High Priesthood. He is now serving his Chapter again as King. In the Grand Chapter he has been Grand Chorister or Assistant Grand Chorister from 1997 to the present.

Sir Knight Dan was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Independence Council No. 49 on October 30, 1993. He served as Illustrious Master in 2002, received the Grand Council Merit Award in 2003 and the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2003. Dan was placed in the officer's line of the Order of the Silver Trowel and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2009-2010. In 2004 he was presented the Grand Council Lewis and Clark Award for Region 3B. In the Grand Council he has served as Regional Deputy Grand master, Region 3B from 2003-20012, Assistant Grand Chorister or Grand Chorister since 1997, and is the Grand Representative to Mississippi.

Sir Knight Quesenberry was knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 17 in Independence on October 30, 1993. He served as Commander in 2004 and earned the Grand Commandery Honor Award in 2005. He earned the Grand

Commandery Lewis and Clark Award for Region 3A in 2003. He has belonged to the Past Commanders Association since 2005. In the Grand Commandery he has served as Grand Chorister several years since 2000. In 2005 he was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Sir Knight Quesenberry belongs to numerous appendant, affiliate, and honor bodies: Ararat Shrine 1981-2006; Excellent Chief of Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons; Past Pre-eminent Governor of Harry S. Truman York Rite College No. 167, Order of the Purple Cross; Past Sovereign 2002, Red Branch of Eri and Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri, 2008, Santa Fe Council No. 417, Allied Masonic Degrees; Missouri Priory No. 17, KYCH, 2006; Harry S. Truman Chapter No. 113 Sword of Bunker Hill, 1987; Missouri College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, 2005; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Our Lord's Tabernacle No. LIV, 2008; Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, 2004; DeMoley Legion of Honor, Mother Preceptory 2002; Missouri Lodge of Research, 1987; Scottish Rite Research Society, 1997-2010; and Order of Past Master, 2001.

### **ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER - 2012**

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

I can not begin to express how honored, humbled, and privileged I am to be your Grand Commander for the 2011-2012 year. It is as I stated in song when I accepted this position, an "Impossible Dream". I hope I departed myself as a Grand Commander of Missouri so that the Sir Knights and Past Grand Commanders will be proud.

My year has been full of travel, new friends, old friends, and priceless experiences. I thank all the Sir Knights everywhere for your hospitality, friendship, and support. I particularly would like to thank my Grand officers and my Regional Grand Commanders for working so hard with the Sir Knights in their regions. They made my work as Grand Commander much easier. Of course our Ladies are deserving of a great thank you as well. More specifically I owe a huge amount of gratitude to my mother, Royann Quesenberry, and my brother, Eminent Sir Knight Matthew Quesenberry. They have been there for me all year.

I extend a hearty welcome to all Sir Knights, distinguished guests, and their Ladies to our Grand Session. I thank everyone for taking the time from your busy schedules to attend, and I hope you enjoy yourselves.

I would also like to acknowledge my companions in crime this year, Steve and George. It has been wonderful running with and into the two of you all year long.

Everywhere I have gone I have been greeted with enthusiasm and pride in our Commanderies and in being a Sir Knight. We have every right to stand tall and be proud of what we are because we are Christian Knights and defenders of the faith. Never forget this and always remember if our trust is in God – who can stand against us? The answer is No One. Remember our motto "In Hoc Signo Vincas".

My sincere thanks goes to numerous Sir Knights for support, advice, care, restraint, and friendship throughout this last year. It is truly a memorable time in my life that was made possible only by all you Sir Knights. Thank you again for allowing me to achieve the "Impossible Dream". I wish all of you well with God's Blessings.

### **NECROLOGY**

Each year the Angel of Death removes from us beloved Sir Knights – ones whose voices will not be heard and whose presence will not be felt or seen ever again. But we rest in the hope that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior has gathered them into His arms and they are smiling down from Heaven. They have enriched our lives and we can recall their names with smiles, laughter, love, and tears. Many Sir Knights have departed this year; among them are three Past Grand Commanders: William S. Hall, William R. Robbins, and Nicholas F. Steinmetz. Let our prayers be with their families and friends as our Grand Prelate, the Reverend Ralph Nolan, delivers our memorial service.

### **Charities**

Sir Knights, part of our reason for being is charity – charity to the poor, the widows, and the helpless orphans. Let us always remember them and those who are suffering. One way we can remember is to continue our donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation which helps children with sight problems and funds research for prevention and relief of various eye maladies. We also should

support the Knights Templar Education Foundation. This assists youth in their pursuit of a college education. We also need to continue supporting the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This is a worthy cause that allows pastors to walk where Jesus walked and inspires their minds and ministries. We must always be aware of those around us that need our care, compassion, and support.

Stanton T. Brown, II

Honor Guard/Inner Guard

Clayton Riley

Grand Photographer

William R. Brantley

Asst. Grand Photographer

### Surety Bond

After my installation as Grand Commander, I received a copy of the bonds issued by Scott Agency Inc. covering the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer. Policy number RPS0582576 covers the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri. Policy number RPS0582575 covers the Knights Templar Education Foundation. These bonds will be delivered to the new Grand Commander following his installation.

Jeremy A. Lloyd

Regional Grand Commander, Region 1

Loren D. Lloyd

Regional Grand Commander, Region 1

Nathan D. Carrington

Regional Grand Commander, Region 2

Dennis A. Abernathy

Regional Grand Commander, Region 3

William E. Criss

Regional Grand Commander, Region 3

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Regional Grand Commander, Region 3

David E. Foldesh

Regional Grand Commander, Region 4

Jeffery A. Keevil

Regional Grand Commander, Region 4

Dennis Hammack

Regional Grand Commander, Region 5

Glen H. "Buck" Needham

Regional Grand Commander, Region 6

Robert L. Detherow

Regional Grand Commander, Region 7

Joseph P. Krill

Regional Grand Commander, Region 7

J. R. Wahl, Jr.

Regional Grand Commander, Region 7

Rev. Ralph E. Nolan

Grand Prelate

Glenn E. Means

Grand Sentinel

Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (HPGC)

Grand Historian

Fred M. Harle, Sr.

Grand Organist

Steven C. Monrotus

Asst. Grand Organist

Matthew L. Quesenberry

Aide-De-Camp

Teddie E. Harrison

Aide-De-Camp

John W. Gibson

Aide-De-Camp

Matthew L. Quesenberry

Honor Guard Captain/Inner Guard

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.

Honor Guard/Inner Guard

William G. Snyder

Honor Guard/Inner Guard

John S. Lambros

Honor Guard/Inner Guard

Robert D. Whitney

Honor Guard/Inner Guard

Aaron E. Rose

Honor Guard/Inner Guard

### Grand Representatives

I was pleased to nominate the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions near the Grand Commandery of Missouri:

Teddie E. Harrison

Illinois

Dennis Hammack

Massachusetts/Rhode Island

John Lambros

New Mexico

Richard Lowrey

Ohio

Bobbie White

Washington

I am also pleased to appoint the following Sir Knight as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Missouri near Grand Commanderies of other jurisdictions:

Charles R. Krafft

West Virginia

### **General Orders**

#### **General Order No. 1**

It is my order that the monthly fine for overdue annual returns of the constituent Commanderies, which are due on March 1st, be delayed until 30 days after receipt of the per capita bill from the grand recorder. This expires at the end of my term unless reissued by my successor. Pursuant to Article 4 Chartered Commanderies, Section 117, annual return.

So ordered by

Daniel R. Quesenberry

Grand Commander of Missouri

### **Dispensations**

June 12, 2011 – Approved request for dispensation for Westport Commandery No. 68 to change location from Grandview Masonic Lodge, 1800 High Grove Road, Grandview, MO to Swope Park Masonic Lodge, 8521 Oldham Road, Kansas City, MO

August 12, 2011 – Granted dispensation for East Gate York Rite Bodies (East Gate Commandery N. 70) to hold installation on August 18, 2011

September 20, 2011 – Approved request for dispensation to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to temporarily change their stated meetings from the 1st Friday to the 1st Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

October 1, 2011 – Granted dispensation to Malta Commandery No. 72 to hold a joint meeting with Ely Commandery No. 22 at Ely Commandery for the purpose of holding a Region 1 Regional Conclave and the official visit by the Grand Commander on October 13, 2011

November 29, 2011 – Approved the request for dispensation for Ascension Commandery No. 39, O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15, Jasper Commandery No. 31, and Neosho Commandery No. 57 to march in full uniform in the Joplin

Christmas Parade on December 6, 2011

December 1, 2011 – Approved the request for dispensation for St. Graal Commandery No. 12 and Crusade Commandery No. 23 to hold a joint meeting for the purpose of a Table Commandery on December 9, 2011 and to move the location from the York Rite Masonic Temple, 3 North Masonic Drive, Columbia, MO to the Scottish Rite Temple next door

December 12, 2011 – Approved the request for dispensation to Kansas City Commandery No. 10 to hold a joint meeting with Oriental Commandery No. 35 on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m.

### **Decisions**

August 23, 2011 – Approved the request for Westport Commandery No. 68 to change their stated meeting from the 3rd Tuesday to the 3rd Monday of each month

### **Consolidations**

I am pleased to report, that at this time, there have been no consolidations.

### **Grand Encampment**

The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A. Triennial Conclave will be held in August. We are looking forward to having good representation and learning much.

### **South Central Department Conference**

The 2011 Southwest/South Central Department Conference was held in Kansas City at the Westin Hotel on September 16th and 17th, hosted by the Grand Commandery of Missouri. Leadership training was exceptional as were the speeches – particularly Eminent Sir Knight Matthew Quesenberry's speech "Do Right", which should be appearing in the Knights Templar magazine soon. Missouri was fantastically represented by all our Grand officers and enough Sir Knights that the Grand Encampment's Recorder stopped counting at 35. It was a wonderful time for the Sir Knights and their Ladies, and there has been nothing but rave reviews about everything.

**Masonic Youth**

I attended the Job's Daughters International Grand Session and the State Assembly of Missouri Rainbow for Girls. The Deputy Grand Commander represented me at the DeMolay State Conclave. I was well received and honored by each body. It was a great privilege to present a certificate and medal to a truly deserving young man or lady for each organization, along with a check for \$500.00 from the Grand Commandery to each of our youth organizations.

Both the adult and the youth leadership of these groups is inspiring to all. The youth have an enthusiasm to learn and grow. The adults show a deep willingness to support and supervise our youth. We need to continue our support for them because they are our future.

**Visitations**

May 26, 2011 – attended Independence Council No. 49, Independence, MO

May 29, 2011 – sent Deputy Grand Commander Rick Mansfield to the DeMolay State Conclave in Jefferson City to represent the Grand Commandery

May 31, 2011 – attended Sante Fe Council No. 417 AMD, Kansas City, MO

June 2, 2011 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

June 5, 2011 – attended Independence York Rite Installation; installed again as King in Independence Chapter No. 12 and was installing Grand Senior Warden for Palestine Commandery No. 17

June 9, 2011 – attended Independence Chapter No. 12, Independence, MO

June 11, 2011 – participated in Past Grand Commander William Hall's funeral service

June 16, 2011 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

June 17, 2011 – attended Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine social, Lee's Summit, MO

June 18, 2011 – attended a multi-Commandery picnic hosted by Eminent Sir Knight Dennis Abernathy

June 19, 2011 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391 family picnic, Raytown, MO

June 22, 2011 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City dinner meeting

June 23, 2011 – attended the Missouri Job's Daughters Grand bethel, presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award and a donation of \$500.00, Jefferson City, MO

June 26, 2011 – attended the Missouri Rainbow Grand Assembly, presented the Grand Commandery Youth Award and a donation of \$500.00, Springfield, MO

July 7, 2011 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17 Victory Dinner for blue drill bars, Independence, MO

July 16, 2011 – attended practice degree work for Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Buckner, MO

July 17, 2011 – attended the Grand Commander's Reception, Independence, MO. It was fantastic!

July 23, 2011 – attended the Region 2 Conclave at St. Joseph Masonic Temple. It was attended by the following Commanderies: Ely No. 22, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24, Prince of Peace No. 29, Oriental No. 35, Bethany No. 42, Hugh De Payens No. 4, and Palestine No. 17.

July 30, 2011 – attended the Harry S. Truman York Rite College No. 167 and Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons, Buckner, MO

August 6, 2011 – attended the Region 3 Conclave at Buckner Lodge. It was attended by the following Commanderies; DeMolay No. 3, Kansas City No. 10, Palestine No. 17, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24, Oriental No. 35, Westport No. 68, and East Gate No. 70.

August 13, 2011 – participated in degree work at the Missouri Conclave for Red Cross of Constantine, Independence, MO

August 18, 2011 – installed officers of Orient Chapter No. 102, Shekinah Council No. 24, and Oriental Commandery No. 35, Kansas City, MO

August 30, 2011 – attended Sante Fe Council No. 417, AMD, Kansas City, MO

September 1, 2011 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

September 2, 2011 – installed officers East Gate Chapter No. 136, East Gate Council No. 51, and East Gate Commandery No. 70, Kansas City, MO

September 6, 2011 – made my official visit at Ascension Commandery No. 39, attended the installation of officers for Joplin Chapter No. 91, Jasper Council No. 30, and Ascension Commandery No. 39

September 8, 2011 – attended Independence Chapter No. 12, Independence, MO

September 10, 2011 – attended the Region 7 York Rite Conference, Springfield, MO along with Most Excellent Grand High Priest Steven Monrotus and Most Illustrious Grand Master George Merkle. The following Commanderies attended: Ivanhoe No. 8, O'Sullivan No. 15, Ascalon No. 16, Palestine No. 17, St. John's No. 20, Constantine No. 27, Jasper No. 31, Lebanon No. 33, Ascension No. 39, St. Elmo No. 43, and DeSoto No. 56

September 16-17, 2011 – attended the Southwest/South Central Department Conference, Kansas City, MO. The event was hosted by the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

September 17, 2011 – Coronated as an Inspector General Honorary 33 ?, Scottish Rite Temple, Valley of Kansas City

September 22, 2011 – Installing Marshall for Christian Lodge No. 372 for the installation of officers, Oak Grove, MO

September 24, 2011 – attended the Region 4 Conclave, Jefferson City, MO.

The following Commanderies attended: Liberty No. 6, St. Graal No. 12, Palestine No. 17, Ely No. 22, Crusade No. 27, Prince of Peace No. 29, and DeSoto No. 56. A Grand Commandery Officers Meeting followed.

September 25-27, 2011 – attended Grand Lodge, Columbia, MO

September 28, 2011 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

September 29, 2011 – attended Missouri College Rosicruciana, Buckner, MO

October 1, 2011 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391 for Installation of Officers and Past Masters Dinner, Raytown, MO

October 8, 2011 – attended Region 5 Conclave, St. Louis, MO. The following Commanderies attended: Ivanhoe No. 8, Ascalon No. 16, and Palestine No. 17.

October 9, 2011 – Installing Marshall for Summit Lodge No. 263 installation of officers, Lee's Summit, MO

October 12, 2011 – KCCH Investiture practice at Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City

October 13, 2011 – made my official visit to a joint meeting of Ely Commandery No. 22 and Malta Commandery No. 72, Kirksville, MO. Also attended the Region 1 Conclave which was attended by the following Commanderies: Palestine No. 17, Ely No. 22, and Malta No. 72.

October 14-15, 2011 – organized and participated in Independence York Rite Festival, Independence, MO for 18 candidates

October 17, 2011 – attended the Clay-Platte Scottish Rite Club, honoring new 33? and KCCH men, North Kansas City, MO

October 19, 2011 – attended KCCH Investiture practice, Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City

October 20, 2011 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

October 21-22, 2011 – attended the Scottish Rite Reunion, Valley of Kansas City, MO, conferred the 32?

October 26, 2011 – attended the KCCH Investiture, Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City. I conferred the investiture as Sovereign Master.

October 27, 2011 – made my official visit of Independence Council No. 49, Independence, MO as Regional Deputy Grand Master of Grand Council

October 29, 2011 – attended Harry S. Truman No. 167 York Rite College and Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons, Buckner, MO where I was installed as Excellent Chief

November 3, 2011 – made my official visit to Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO. A Table Commandery was held and we were honored to have in attendance the Grand Master John Hess.

November 5, 2011 – attended the Grand Master's Breakfast and area meeting, Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City

November 5, 2011 – attended the Grand master's Reception, Buckner, MO

November 7, 2011 – made my official visit to Liberty Commandery No. 6, Liberty, MO

November 10, 2011 – attended a joint meeting of Independence Chapter No. 12 and Independence Council No. 49. It was the official visit by the Most Excellent High Priest Steven Monrotus.

November 16, 2011 – attended the Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

November 17, 2011 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

November 19, 2011 – attended the Region 6 Conclave, Farmington, MO. The following Commanderies attended: Hugh De Payens No. 4, Palestine No. 17, and DeSoto No. 56.

November 29, 2011 – attended Sante Fe Council No. 417, AMD, Kansas City, MO

December 1, 2011 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

December 8, 2011 – attended a joint meeting of Independence Chapter No. 12 and Independence Council No. 49, Independence, MO

December 10, 2011 – attended the Region 7 Conclave, Springfield, MO. The following Commanderies attended: Ascalon No. 16, Palestine No. 17, St. John's No. 20, Jasper No. 31, Lebanon No. 33, Ascension No. 39, and St. Elmo No. 43.

December 10, 2011 – visited the site of the Grand York Rite time capsule in Branson and all is well.

December 15, 2011 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

December 24, 2011 – attended the Commandery Christmas observance at Masonic Home Chapel, Kansas City, MO. It was officiated by Grand Prelate Rev. Ralph Nolan with 14 Sir Knights present.

December 28, 2011 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

December 29, 2011 – attended Missouri College of Rosicruciana, Buckner, MO

January 5, 2012 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

January 7, 2012 – attended Grand Commandery Officers meeting, Jefferson City, MO

January 12, 2012 – attended Independence Chapter No. 12, Independence, MO

January 14, 2012 – Color Guard for Installation of Officers, Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City

January 18, 2012 – officiated at Sir Knight Frank Chester's Masonic funeral, Kansas City, MO

January 21, 2012 – attended Liberty Lodge wild game dinner, Liberty, MO

January 25, 2012 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

January 28, 2012 – attended the annual Coon Dinner and area meeting at Jewel Lodge No. 480, Pleasant Hill, MO

January 31, 2012 – attended Sante Fe Council No. 417, AMD, Kansas City, MO

February 2, 2012 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

February 4, 2012 – attended a preliminary planning meeting for Grand York Rite Session with Illustrious Grand Master George Merkle and Grand High Priest Steven Monrotus, Columbia, MO

February 5, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

February 9, 2012 – attended Independence Chapter No. 12, Independence, MO

February 12, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

February 16, 2012 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

February 18, 2012 – attended the Drill Summit, Scottish Rite Building, Columbia, MO that was conducted by the Drill Committee

February 19, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO



February 20, 2012 – made my official visit to Liberty Council No. 50 as Regional Deputy Grand master of Grand Council

February 22, 2012 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

February 23, 2012 – attended Independence Council No. 49 for annual white elephant auction for grand Council and grand Chapter charities, Independence, MO

February 25, 2012 – attended the Grand York Rite Session planning meeting with Capital Plaza Hotel. The meeting was attended by Steven Monrotus, George Merkle, Kathy Merkle, Russell Hanson, Debbie Hanson, Don Trabue, Royann Quesenberry, myself, and Maggie Dixon – hotel event planner, Jefferson City, MO

February 26, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

March 1, 2012 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

March 4, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

March 6, 2012 – made my official visit to Sedalia Council No. 42 as Regional Deputy Grand Master for Grand Council, Sedalia, MO

March 8, 2012 – attended Independence Chapter No. 12, Independence, MO

March 10, 2012 – attended the Annual Grand Commander's Breakfast, St. Louis, MO, hosted by Ascalon Commandery No. 16

March 11, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

March 15, 2012 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

March 17, 2012 – attended the Grand Conclave of the Order of true Kindred, Hilton Hotel, Independence, MO

March 18, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

March 22, 2012 – attended Independence Council No. 49, Independence, MO, for the official visit by Most Illustrious Grand Master George Merkle

March 23-24, 2012 – organized and participated in Independence York Rite Festival, Independence, MO. Ten candidates were brought in.

March 25, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

March 28, 2012 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

March 29, 2012 – attended Missouri College of Rosicruciana, Buckner, MO

March 31, 2012 – attended Harry S. Truman No. 167 York Rite College and officiated at Charlemagne Council No. 79, Knight Masons, Buckner, MO

April 1, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

April 2, 2012 – attended the annual Table Commandery hosted by Liberty Commandery No. 6, Liberty, MO

April 5, 2012 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

April 12, 2012 – attended the Grand Court of Amaranth at Holiday Inn, St. Louis, MO

April 15, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

April 19, 2012 – attended Raytown Lodge No. 391, Raytown, MO

April 21, 2012 – attended the Scottish Rite Reunion, Valley of Kansas City, conferred the 32?

April 22, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

April 25, 2012 – attended Scottish Rite, Valley of Kansas City, dinner meeting

April 26, 2012 – attended Independence Council No. 49, Independence, MO

April 28, 2012 – attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting, Jefferson City, MO

April 28, 2012 – attended the Installation of the Supreme Conclave of the Order of True Kindred, Hilton Hotel, Independence, MO, and officiated at the benediction.

April 29, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

May 3, 2012 – attended Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

May 6, 2012 – attended Drill Practice for Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, MO

May 10, 2012 – attended Independence Chapter No. 12, Independence, MO

May 14-20, 2012 – attended the Grand York Rite Session, Jefferson City, MO

### **Condition of the Order**

My travels throughout the state have shown me and Sir Knights have told me of various concerns and problems. Some relate to lack of paraphernalia, others to poor ritual, and of course the constant worry of poor attendance and decreasing membership. These are all definite concerns, but don't forget that nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God.

I believe faith in God and faith in ourselves can lead us out of our predicaments. For too long the naysayers have preached doom and failure – always without offering a solution or any help. If you have noticed, a renewed enthusiasm is growing in our Grand Commandery officers, our Regional Grand Commanders, and the new Sir Knights we are creating. This new enthusiasm, desire, and pride is moving through the ranks of our Sir Knights, and it is slowly revitalizing our membership and therefore our Commanderies. Give it time because Rome was not built in a day.

The key is to nurture and promote quality and soon the quantity will follow. Our growth, our existence, depends on each Sir Knight having the individual desire to make his Commandery strong and healthy – and acting upon that desire.

Do we have problems? Yes, but I believe we have the answers and the power to grow, blossom, and multiply once again. Remember that we are all in this together and I am pulling for you!

### **Recommendations**

**Lack of Paraphernalia:** This problem is already being answered by the Class C Drill Team. There is no reason why any Commandery can not be uniform in appearance during a meeting or on the drill floor. Everyone has shoes, slacks, a shirt, a cap, and your hands – no sword is required. That is all that is needed. The more advanced paraphernalia can be purchased later, after a few fundraisers.

**Poor Ritual:** This problem exists because many of us have become apathetic and sloppy. All that is necessary to improve the ritual or introduce ritual that has been left out and ignored, is for one Sir Knight to start caring. One Sir Knight in each Commandery can learn when to salute and when not to salute, which foot to start on, or how to confer one of the orders. This does not happen overnight, it takes time, patience, and perseverance. It takes Sir Knights willing to act, not just come up with ideas and form committees to look into an idea. Be active – be a part of the solution, not part of the problem. Remember that enthusiasm is catching.

**Membership:** Positive thinking begets positive action. Godly prayer begets Godly results. You, Sir Knights, each one of you, is responsible and needed to make our great Masonic Order grow and gain strength. It can be done if each one of us will sacrifice a little time, energy, and prayer. The membership program that I outlined this year will work, but it takes you to activate it. First of all, pray to God for more new members and stronger more active Commanderies. Then, visit the Blue Lodge. Tell them what York Rite masonry means to you and what it stands for. Let them know every Christian Mason should be a Knights Templar and why.

It works, Sir Knight! Be enthusiastic and positive around new members. Call them, include them, mentor them, educate them, and praise them. The new Sir Knights we are getting now have a desire and drive to belong, support, and grow with our Commanderies. Keep them interested and they will bring in their friend. That friend will bring in his friend and it will never stop. But it all starts with you and it can end with you as well. Are you willing to step up and stand your post? I choose to pray and believe that you will! Remember we are Christian Knights. Our light will be a beacon for others to see and come and join us.

**Motto**

This year my motto, my cry, has been "Loyalty, Dedication, and Courage". I have presented it at Regional Conclaves and in the Knights Templar magazine inserts. However, I would like to share an outlined version with you once more. These three building blocks, these attributes of a Christian Knight, need to be exemplified by you to everyone – your families, your Commanderies, and your communities.

**A. Loyalty**

1. Loyalty to Christ: Stand up for what is right and true and do not compromise or alter your stand due to your own wants or the wants of society.
2. Loyalty to Yourself: Are we who we say we are or just an empty, false shell? Can we rely on someone like us?
3. Loyalty to our Brethren: Bind Yourselves to one another with brotherly love and trust.

**B. Dedication**

1. In our daily spiritual warfare, count on God for everything, not ourselves and not our own strength.
2. Do we give up and accept failure or keep trying?
3. Grow in wisdom and strength and know your weapon - the Bible. It is your best defense against everything. Do not stagnate or surround yourself with ignorance or apathy.
4. Be willing to stand at your post until relieved, regardless of what comes your way – through good and bad.

**C. Courage**

1. Do what is right and true, not just what we want to do.
2. Show up and support, be active in our organizations. Don't join and then never help or attend. Be proactive and don't wait for someone else to make the first move.
3. Stand against immorality and sin. Do not simply look the other way.

4. Glorify and honor God with all our words and actions. Do not glorify the world.
5. Put on all the armor of God.
6. Trust God, not man.
7. Be a beacon of God's truth and light to your families, your Commanderies, and your communities.

Every Knight Templar needs to develop and grow with the aid of these building blocks. Thus we can stand ready as soldiers of Christ to battle evil and sin. We can be a beacon of light in a dark world. We can truly say, "In Hoc Signo Vincas" – By this sign we Conquer!

**Poem**

Before my conclusion I would like to add this poem, which I have read at all of the Regional Conclaves. It was written by the Reverend Ernest Rice, Superintendent of the West Virginia Masonic Home. He was Eminent Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 3, Parkersburg, West Virginia. It was printed in the Knight Templar Magazine in July 1969.

**The Call To Service**

Let me relate an experience of mine.

In a manner so valiant and sublime,  
A single honor was conferred upon me,  
Knighthood in the Order of Templary.

Now I'm arrayed in Templar black,

With stripped belt around the back,  
Chapeau and crest, with plume of white,  
Armed with the sword so shining bright.

Wearing the Chapeau with honor and pride,

Its symbol of purity never dented;

Uncovering in moments of devotion and prayer,

Kneeling before God with head bowed there.

Carrying the sword with a steady hand,

Obeying the order of one in command;

Always remembering that every true Knight

Draws it only in defense of the right.

Thus is Templary around the world,

Marching for Christ with banner unfurled,

Noted for deeds of kindness and love,

Following the example of our Commander above.

And so should all Knights with ready ear

Hear the command of our Savior clear;

“Be true! Be vigilant!, no matter the loss,

There is no crown, without the cross!”

### **Conclusion**

As I leave the office of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, I feel both joy and loss. The loss is from second guessing that I could have done better, that the travel and the visitations will cease, and that the time spent on certain duties and responsibilities will end. The joy is in the happy reflections on a wonderful, priceless year; the many new friendships made; the old friendships that were renewed; the experiences that happen just once in a lifetime; and the knowledge that out of everyone in the whole state – I got the privilege and blessing to be Grand Commander of Missouri.

My thank yous are endless for the many courtesies and hospitality that was shown to me and my mother by the Sir Knights and Ladies of our state. I have nothing but praise for my Grand Officers and my Regional Grand Officers – their efforts made my year much easier.

I know the incoming officers will do great things for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. So to them and to all of you; I salute you and say good bye, so long, and God bless.

Fraternally Submitted,

Daniel Roy Quesenberry

Grand Commander, 2011-2012

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER’S ADDRESS**

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

Sir Knights,

Sir Knight Quesenberry accomplishments during his year as our Grand Commander merit nothing less than a standing ovation.

I must apologize to my fellow Past Grand Commanders on the Committee for not being able to provide Dan’s address to them prior to the preparation of the preliminary proceedings.

I move for the acceptance of the Grand Commander’s Address and this report, and that they be printed in the proceedings of the 151st Annual Grand Conclave.

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

### **REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

It was determined that a preliminary report was not necessary.

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Grand Commandery Finance Report**

Companions,

The following is the proposed budget for the 2012 - 2013 year.

**INCOME**

Per Capita, Membership (2,675 @ \$23.50) .....	\$ 62,862.50
Per Capita, Endowed Membership .....	-0-
Knighting Fees (100 @ \$10.00) .....	1,000.00
Investments .....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	250.00
<b>Total Income 2012 -2013 .....</b>	<b>\$ 65,112.50</b>

**SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES**

Grand Commander Expense .....	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer .....	1,000.00
Grand Recorder .....	6,500.00
Clerical Assistant .....	6,000.00
Employment Taxes .....	1,250.00
Annual Conclave .....	2,000.00
Audit .....	150.00
Drill Committee .....	1,000.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita (2,675 @ \$10.00) .....	26,750.00
Grand Officer Expense .....	600.00
Insurance .....	165.00
Knight Templar Magazine Editor .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	250.00
Office Equipment .....	2,500.00
Office Expense .....	3,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities .....	1,920.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia .....	2,300.00
Postage .....	500.00
Printing of Proceedings .....	1,800.00
Storage .....	950.00
Triennial Fund (2,675 @ \$ 0.10) .....	267.50
Youth Organizations .....	1,500.00
<b>Total Salaries and Allowances .....</b>	<b>\$ 63,502.50</b>
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,610.00</b>

Fraternally submitted,

James E. Snively, Chairman

Daniel R Quesenberry, Harold J. Richardson, Harold F. Coots, Larry T. Odom

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits**  
**May 16, 17 & 18, 2012**

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Greetings:

The Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits, as undersigned, following due consultation with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder, have determined that it would be more appropriate to conduct the audits of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery following the close of business of the Grand York Rite Convocations on May 18, 2012 to permit the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary/Recorder to finalize all financial transactions for the ending fiscal year.

The Joint Chairmen recommend and suggest to their successors that these audits be held sometime in the June/July 2012 time frame or as soon after the close of the fiscal year as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman  
 Grand Chapter Audit Committee  
 Grand Council Audit Committee

Harold J. Richardson, Chairman  
 Grand Commandery Audit Committee

**REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER****Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri**

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report

June 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

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, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

**GENERAL FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 199,511.11**

## Receipts:

Grand Secretary, etc. \$ 6,412.96

Interest Earned 1,239.33

Total Receipts: \$ 7,652.29

## Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#59336 - 1649 thru 1669 \$ 4,718.20

#74544- 2726 thru 2794 11,737.83

#74325 - 1216 thru 1217 285.01

#463996 - Debits 3,574.29

Total Disbursements: \$ 20,315.33

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (12,663.04)Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 186,848.07**

## Statement of Assets- General Fund

Interest Checking Account #59336,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.10% \$ 500.73Interest Checking Act. #74544,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% 306.67Interest Checking Act. #74325,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% 470.25Money Mkt. Act. #463996,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% 67,544.59Business Inv. Act. #30000211,  
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40% 28,742.36**GENERAL FUND (continued)**CD #1240445,  
Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 1.10%,  
Matures 5/11/12 17,042.37CD# 131542,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.20%,  
Matures 6/29/12 7,280.26CD#1246185,  
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,  
Matures 8/24/12 41,007.24CD#132906,  
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,  
Matures 10/24/12 23,953.60Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 186,848.07****GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 105,432.47**Receipts: Interest Earned \$ 965.25

Total Receipts: \$ 965.25

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Total Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 965.25Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012 **\$ 106,397.72**

## Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012

CD #264944,  
Central Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,  
Matures 6/22/12 \$ 43,105.02CD #269262,  
Central Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,  
Matures 10/24/12 23,953.60Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2012 **\$ 106,397.72****ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ \$91,108.26**

Receipts: Memberships (7) \$ 3,500.00

Interest Earned 750.72

Total Receipts: \$ 4,250.72

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND (continued)**

## Disbursements:

Distribution to Commanderies \$ 46.41

Distribution to Grand Commandery 1,156.85

Total Disbursements \$ 1,203.26

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 3,047.46Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2012 **\$ 94,155.72**

## Statement of Assets, Endowed March 31, 2012

Money Market Account #463996,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 3,619.07

CD #1241950,

Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 6/21/12 \$4,144.68

CD #1243075,

Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 7/12/12 23,187.72

CD#1246200,

Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%

Matures 8/24/12 18,453.26

CD #11067673621,

UMB Bank - Jefferson City, 0.55%,

Matures 8/24/12 4,750.99

Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 94,155.72****TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 21,022.57**Receipts: Interest Earned \$ 169.64

Total Receipts: \$ 169.64

Disbursements: Interest Earned

XFR To Triennial Fund \$ 169.64

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ -0-Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2012 **\$ 21,022.57**

## Statement of Assets, March 31, 2012

CD #1242455,

Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,

Matures 7/5/12 \$21,022.57**TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)**Total Assets, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 21,022.57****TRIENNIAL FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 710.97**

Receipts: Appropriation From General Fund \$ 556.80

Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund 169.64

Interest Earned \$13.82

Total Receipts: \$ 740.26

Disbursements: \$-0-

Excess of Disbursements over Receipts: \$ 740.26Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 1,451.23**

## Statement of Assets, March 31, 2012

Money Market Act.#463996,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ (1,757.66)

Business Investment Act.#30000211,

Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.40% 1,499.97

CD #1242455,

Premier Bank - Jefferson City,1.00%,

Matures 7/5/12 1,708.92Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 1,451.23****MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2011 **\$ 77,299.35**

Receipts: Misc. Contributions \$ 504.52

Interest Earned 370.76

Total Receipts: \$ 875.28

Disbursements:

KT Eye Foundation \$589.70

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$285.58

Balance,

Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund, March 31, 2012 **\$ 77,584.93**

## Statement of Assets, March 31, 2012

Money Market Act.#463996,

Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 73.07

**MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND (continued)**

CD #357340,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.20%,	
Matures 4/22/12	33,108.75
CD #7277,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 0.70%,	
Matures 10/8/12	12,606.75
CD #464120,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,	
<u>Matures 3/14/13</u>	<u>31,796.36</u>
Total Assets,	
Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 77,584.93</b>

**SUPPLY FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011	<b>\$ 9,781.95</b>
Receipts:	
From Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 956.41
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>14.39</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 970.80
Disbursements:	\$ 858.20
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 112.60</u>
Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 9,894.55</b>
Statement of Assets, March 31, 2012	
Money Market Account	
<u>Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%</u>	<u>\$ 9,894.55</u>
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$9,894.55</b>

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011	<b>\$ 6,360.93</b>
Receipts:	
Misc. Contributions	\$ 57.94
Interest Earned	35.85
<u>Interest from Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund</u>	<u>412.98</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 506.77
Disbursements:	\$ -0-

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND**

<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 506.77</u>
Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 6,867.70</b>
Statement of Assets, March 31, 2012	
Money Market Act. #463996,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ (790.29)
Business Investment Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.40%	7,224.52
CD #11067593621,	
UMB Bank - Jefferson City, 0.90%,	
Matures 8/24/12	91.59
CD #269259,	
Central Bank-Jefferson City, 1.10%,	
Matures 6/7/13	86.26
CD #1267130,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.05%,	
<u>Matures 3/28/13</u>	<u>255.62</u>
Total Assets,	
Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 6,867.70</b>

**CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND**

Total Assets, June 1, 2011	<b>\$ 5,580.70</b>
Receipts: Interest	\$ 8.25
Total Receipts:	\$ 8.25
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 8.25</u>
Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 5,588.95</b>
Statement of Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2012	
Money Market Account,	
<u>Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%</u>	<u>\$5,588.95</u>
Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 5,588.95</b>
Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2012	<b>\$ 559,063.40</b>

Fraternally submitted,  
Donald L. Trabue, PGC  
Grand Treasurer



**REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER**

As my first year draws to a conclusion, I have to admit that this year has been more of a challenge than I could have ever imagined. There is no "Grand Secretary/Recorder Manual" to read and consult. There is no "Grand Secretary/Recorder College" to attend in order to learn everything that the job entails. Yet the position features a nearly vertical learning curve. The job essentially demands that a new Grand Secretary/Recorder, raised in the loving environment of Masonic Fraternity, hit the ground running, fully educated in the relatively harsh ways of the Masonic business world and, in deed, the unforgiving business world at large.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri faced many more challenges, obstacles, issues, and problems than possibly any of us may have imagined. We began the 2011-2012 Grand York Rite year off with the sudden wholesale removal of the Grand York Rite web site. A significant effort was required to regain control of our domain name, set up a contract for hosting services, and re-establish our web presence. The Grand Treasurer's unfortunate home accident required assuming a portion of his duties for a relatively brief time. Even from his hospital bed, Don worked miracles with our bank to get funds transferred so I could pay bills. Debbie and I were frustrated most of the time by not knowing where information was kept whether physical or electronic. We used every "discovery" no matter how small as a moment to celebrate in order to keep our spirits up.

In spite of the challenges, I believe that the Grand York Rite Office has made significant progress in establishing operating procedures that allow the business of the Grand York Rite to be smoothly transacted. However, while a good start, it is still a work in progress. Below is an update on just a couple of our most significant projects.

The Grand Treasurer and I have been exploring the relatively new territory of cloud services in order to share critical financial information in a more timely manner. Through a shared cloud storage service, Don was provided with direct access to my transaction spreadsheet as well as scans of all bills and checks received by the Grand York Rite Office. The system relies on simple administrative controls, uses common application components, is cross-platform compatible, and provides automatic multiple redundant backup of our mission-critical data. The next step in the project is to move the system from my personal cloud service to a Grand York Rite account with the same service.

The web site, though not "pretty" is very functional. However, we continue to receive "help desk" calls suggesting that the web site is not functioning properly. In most of the cases a browser refresh to force the reloading of the page corrects the issue. Also, many of the site's users had bookmarked frequently visited pages in the old site and need help finding those assets on the new site. Unfortunately, sometimes the answer is that what they want is not up yet or still under construction. While I would love to spend all of my time programming the web site, I don't have that luxury. Little by little, the content of the previous web site is being restored. In addition, I have begun to evaluate template-based web page designer software with the intent of establishing a public portal to certain Grand York Rite web site content. I continue to explore the implementation of web-based forms for making requests and providing information to the Grand York Rite Office.

During this first year, the Grand York Rite Office has undergone yet another transition both in where the Office is located and who is staffing it. As Debbie and I have struggled to come to terms with our responsibilities, we have begun to critically evaluate the operation of the Office from a financial standpoint and how to work better while spending less.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their understanding. We apologize for not being able to meet everyone's expectations, but we firmly believe that next year will run much more smoothly.

Fraternally submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Missouri

Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri

Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant

**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 180 with a total endowed value of \$90,106.12. It had a 2010 distribution value of \$1,243.04 to the Grand Commandery and Commanderies.

However the distribution was very meager. The earnings must be a minimum of almost 2%, in order to pay the Grand Encampment per capita. Therefore, the only distribution to Commanderies was for those with deceased members. However, on the bright side, Commanderies received a distribution for their deceased endowed members and paid no per capita to the Grand Commandery for their living endowed members.

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,

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

## 2011 - 2012 NECROLOGY REPORT

Companions,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported to the Grand York Rite Office as having passed away during the 2011 - 2012 Grand York Rite year. This list is by no means comprehensive, but it is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
McKitterick, III, James A.	11/22/1926	06/14/2011
Knabe, James Robert	09/25/1931	12/15/2010
Mansfield, Harvey Lewis	12/19/1934	01/17/2011
Huddleston, Jr., Quincy L.	10/07/1924	03/10/2011
Dittemore, Marion Dale	01/01/1935	06/25/2011
Eckert, Robert Winston		07/10/2011
Tuck, Sam Gail	06/15/1921	07/21/2011

Cain, Dale J.	06/25/1928	08/21/2011
Williams, James Merrill	08/06/1928	08/02/2011
Matlock, Louis G.	08/03/1925	07/03/2010
Lawrence, Ronald A.	01/01/1927	10/30/2011
Knowles, Gary E.	01/01/1945	11/15/2011
Feaster, Roger Lee	01/01/1935	03/24/2011
Hunt, Joe Elbe	10/23/1923	10/25/2011
Woelbling, Ralph Adolph	10/11/1927	11/17/2011
Carr, James Richard	07/07/1931	11/25/2011
Morris, Jim Leroy	11/13/1944	11/21/2011
Elliott, James W.	12/06/1921	02/10/2011
Heins, Jr., Gerald L.	03/22/1958	05/10/2011
Van Zandt, Richard Cole	01/01/1939	12/02/2011
Baker, Donald W.	06/20/1927	04/02/2011
Sinclair, Stewart ?		11/29/2011
Bledsoe, Thomas Michael	04/21/1945	12/16/2011
Munger, Carl G.	01/01/1924	2010
Ryder, Harvey B.	01/01/1918	2010
Scholz, Larry W.	02/04/1947	08/22/2011
Saucier, Melvin Corbett	09/03/1921	11/13/2011
Carr, Grover H.	11/02/1920	01/08/2012
Haynes, C. Lloyd	12/21/1924	10/14/2010
Ferguson, Sr. Dean R.	09/20/1931	01/19/2012
Boyer, Eugene Travis	10/14/1934	08/27/2011
Guinn, Charles Virgil	04/16/1937	02/14/2012
Earll, Leroy M.	07/13/1944	02/20/2012
Conradi, Robert Wilson	05/07/1916	12/10/2010
Hanna, Cody Allen	08/13/1944	02/10/2012
Nunn, James Albert	09/09/1928	02/10/2012
Buckwick, Theodore	11/09/1930	11/15/2011
Steinmetz, Nicholas F.	05/28/1928	01/01/2012
Wolfe, Charles W.	03/03/1927	10/?/2011
Cundiff, William Vincil	11/29/1928	07/28/2011
Smith Lealon R.	12/20/1926	06/03/2011
Knight, Homer Roy	02/27/1922	10/02/2011
Brooks, Arly Hedrick	06/17/1923	2011
Murry, Thomas Douglas	01/01/1946	01/12/2011
Stewart, George Oliver	02/23/1922	12/02/2011

Warner, Clark F.	07/05/1917	12/24/2011
Montgomery, Robert J.	01/01/1938	12/30/2011
Yard, Alvin N.	04/22/1938	01/?/2011
Coy, Eldon Leon	09/22/1938	12/19/2011
Mason, Harold Robert	01/01/1944	07/03/2011
Wood, Earl Edwin	03/18/1917	02/23/2012
Guthrie, Lawrence McCoy	06/21/1953	03/04/2012
Roach, Don H.		12/15/2011
Kenyon, Robert Lee	10/16/1925	03/07/2012
Garrett, John Boswell	06/27/1914	02/13/2011
Thornberg, Ted	01/01/1935	11/09/2010
Haak, Charles P.	01/01/1928	02/12/2011
Harris, William Robert	11/17/1921	04/05/2011
Baker, Jr. John Russell	01/01/1921	01/05/2009
Woods, Jr. Marvin Joe	01/22/1932	07/06/2011
Smith, Alex Wilson	04/25/1915	09/09/2011
Smith, Eugene L.	01/01/1931	10/18/2011
Bradshaw, Robert Russell	01/14/1934	12/13/2011
Downey, D. Robert	05/13/1927	04/05/2012
Chapman, William H.	06/10/1923	03/21/2012
Shadowens, James R.	05/24/1939	03/07/2012
Kassing, Louis E.	10/03/1963	11/18/2011
McCormick, Ronald M.	06/05/1933	02/17/2012

Fraternally submitted,

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Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Missouri

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