

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Eighth
Annual Convocation

of the

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Missouri

held

May 14, 2014
Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri



Grand Council of Missouri

168th Grand Convocation Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time	Wednesday, May 14, 2014
7:00 am	Registration - All 3 Bodies - to 10:00 am (Atrium) Breakfast on your own
8:00 am	Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 - Open to All Royal Arch Masons (Capitol/Truman)
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 and National Anthem Introduction of 2013-2014 Grand Chapter Officers Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
9:30 am	Formal Opening of Grand Chapter Reception of Past Grand High Priests Reception of District Deputy Grand High Priests Reception of Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Lecturers Recognition of Grand Representatives Reception of Out of State Grand Chapter Officers Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers Reception of General Grand Chapter Representative Reception of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Election of Grand Chapter Officers

Time	Wednesday, May 14, 2014 (continued)
	Address of Grand High Priest Report of Committee on Grand High Priest's Address Report of Jurisprudence Committee Report of Finance 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 Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
12:00 noon	Grand Chapter Called from Labor until 3:30 pm Lunch Sponsored by Tall Cedars - Open to All (Jefferson)
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
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own
7:00 pm	Necrology Service for all 3 Bodies (Jefferson)

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri
2012-2013**

Elected and Appointed Officers

Roy L. Gilkey (64) - Grand High Priest
Roy N. Thomas (145) - Grand King
Loren D. Lloyd (123) - Grand Scribe
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP (34, 2) - Grand Treasurer
Russell S. Hanson (17) - Grand Secretary
John W. Siscel, III (146) - Grand Captain of the Host
Ronald L. Barrett (3) - Grand Principal Sojourner
Jerry L. Miles (99) - Grand Royal Arch Captain
David L. Leirer (129) - Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Jerry Bradford (93) - Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Dan G. Daniel (80) - Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (14, 2) - Grand Historian
Jack E. Timmons (43) - Grand Lecturer
Steven C. Monrotus, PGHP (129) - Grand Organist
John E. Schofield, PGHP (75, 12, 3) - Assistant Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry (12) - Grand Chorister
Rev. Ralph E. Nolan (12) - Grand Chaplain
Sam L. Land (34) - Grand Sentinel
Gary Walden (64) - Assistant Grand Sentinel
Don Vandergriffe (32) - Assistant 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)
Richard Jones (80) - Region 2, District A (30, 66, 80)
William M. Mier (14) - Region 2, District B (4, 14)
John S. Lambros (12) - Region 3, District A (3, 10, 12, 18, 43, 90)

District Deputy Grand High Priests (continued)

George L. Duncan (3, 2) - Region 3, District B (28, 102, 136, 284)
Mark A. Bean (17) - Region 4, District A (17, 27, 93)
Clifford Dobbins (34) - Region 4, District B (32, 34, 58)
Kyle R. Palacios (146) - Region 5 (1, 25, 78, 131, 146, 148)
Harry L. Tripp (129) - Region 6 (75, 114, 129)
Edward L. Choate (15) - Region 7, District A (5, 15, 64, 110, 137)
John C. Kuehn (15) - Region 7, District B (38, 52, 56, 61, 91)

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, 18, 43, 90)
Forrest G. Lowe (136) - Region 3, District B (28, 102, 136, 284)
Matthew W. Price (17) - Region 4, District A (17, 27, 93)
Timothy R. Lehnhoff (32, 148) - Region 4, District B (32, 34, 58)
Lee L. Francis (129) - Region 5 (1, 25, 78, 131, 146, 148)
Johnny L. Schlenker (75) - Region 6 (75, 114, 129)
Walter W. Doyle, PGHP (110, 38) - Region 7, District A (5, 15, 64, 110, 137)
Stephen Thompson (110) - Region 7, District B (38, 52, 56, 61, 91)

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand High Priest

John E. Schofield, PGHP

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert Schmidt

Nathan Carrington

Standing Committees (continued)**Education**

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

David L. Leirer

C. C. McLemore, III, PGHP

Steven C. Monrotus, PGHP

Walter L. Wilson

Kyle R. Palacios

Lee L. Francis

Finance and Accounts

Roy N. Thomas, Chairman

Loren D. Lloyd

John W. Siscel, III

Ronald L. Barrett

Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chairman

Walter W. Doyle, PGHP

Glenn E. Means

Steven C. Monrotus, PGHP

C. Brent Stewart

Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP

Stanton T. Brown

Returns of Chapters

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert Schmidt

Nathan Carrington

Time and Place

Roy N. Thomas, Chairman

Loren D. Lloyd

John W. Siscel, III

Triennial

Harley L. Kropf, PGHP, Chairman

Walter W. Doyle, PGHP

José R. Palacios, PGHP

Roy A. Welshon, Sr., PGHP

Special Committees**Audit**

Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chairman

Roy N. Thomas

Russell S. Hanson

Grand Chapter Line Officers

Charity

Harley L. Kropf, PGHP, Chairman

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., PGHP

Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP

Robert E. Hardester, PGHP

Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, PGHP, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP

Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP

David L. Leirer

Membership and Youth Activities

Lionel J. Goede, Chairman

David W. Haywood

Kevin E. Weaver

Jerry Bradford

Ritual

Jack E. Timmons (Grand Lecturer), Chairman

Calvin D. Schroff, PGHP/PGL

Kevin E. Weaver, PGL

Robert L. Wright, PGL

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Loren D. Lloyd, Chairman

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

John W. Siscel, III

Jerry L. Miles

John C. Kuehn

Special Committees (continued)

Royal Arch Research Assistance

José R. Palacios, PGHP, Chairman

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., PGHP John W. Siscel, III

York Rite Conference

Loren D. Lloyd, Chairman

Ronald L. Barrett Jerry L. Miles

District Deputy Grand High Priests

Order of High Priesthood of Missouri

Kevin E. Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer

Living Past Grand High Priests

Charles A. Bottermuller (1971-1972)

E. Allen Kohler (1976-1977)

Gene M. Zinn (1981-1982)

David A. Watson (1983-1984)

Virgil L. Bailey (1984-1985)

Richard D. Carroll (1987-1988)

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)

Roy A. Welshon, Sr. (2002-2003)

Delbert R. Gentry (2003-2004)

Walter W. Doyle (2004-2005)

Living Past Grand High Priests (continued)

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)

Steven C. Monrotus (2011-2012)

Claude M. Eckert, Honorary (2012)

John E. Schofield (2012-2013)

Grand Chapter RepresentativesJurisdictionTo Missouri**United States of America**

Alabama.....Claude M. Eckert

AlaskaRoger D. Fleer

ArizonaJames G. Wade

ArkansasLionel J. Goede

California.....Louis L. Monken

Colorado (not on GGC list).....Scott Crawford

ConnecticutLoren D. Lloyd

DelawareJose' R. Palacios

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

FloridaVacant

Georgia.....Jerry Bradford

HawaiiStanton T. Brown

Idaho.....Jerry Miles

IllinoisGeorge L. Duncan

IndianaWilliam B. Stephenson, Jr.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
Iowa.....	W. Larry Wilson
Kansas.....	Jack E. Timmons
Kentucky	Gale B. Morrison
Louisiana	John C. Kuehn
Maine.....	Fred F. Stuecken
Maryland.....	William W. Mier
Massachusetts.....	Vacant
Michigan.....	Jerry F. Ward
Minnesota	Farrell D. Sexson
Mississippi.....	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Missouri, PHA (not on GGC list).....	Robert R. Anderson, Jr.
Montana.....	D. Keith Duren
Nebraska	Guy D. Ross
Nevada.....	Clark McLemore
New Hampshire	Albert A. "Sony" Miller
New Jersey.....	Marion W. "Mick" Dey
New Mexico	Vacant
New York.....	Joseph P. Krill, Jr.
North Carolina	Delbert R. Gentry
North Dakota.....	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Ohio	Teddie E. Harrison
Oklahoma	Bobby L. Detherow
Oregon	Vacant
Pennsylvania.....	Phillip W. Engel
Rhode Island	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
South Carolina.....	Vacant
South Dakota	Dan Daniel
Tennessee	Charles A. Bottermuller
Texas	Ralph P. Bunnell

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
Utah	Charles M. Huey
Vermont.....	Roy A. Welshon, Sr.
Virginia	Harold J. Richardson
Washington	Clyde F. Bondy, Jr.
West Virginia	Roy N. Thomas
Wisconsin	Ronald L. Barrett
Wyoming	Larry D. Wyatt

Canada/Mexico

Alberta	Richard J. Holmes
British Columbia & Yukon	Paul R. Cannon
Manitoba.....	Harley L. Kropf
Mexico	Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.
Newfoundland & Labrador.....	Matthew Quesenberry
New Brunswick.....	Harry C. Reed, Jr.
Nova Scotia.....	Stephen C. Derendinger
Ontario	Kevin B. Sample
Quebec	Robert W. Schlichter
Saskatchewan	William W. Gray

Other Jurisdictions

Argentina	Robert E. Hardester
Austria.....	LeRoy D. Unruh
Belgium	Gary A. Phillips
Brazil	Marion L. Briggs
England	John W. Siscel, III
Finland.....	Rocky E. Weaver
France	Vacant
Germany.....	Terry Struse
Greece.....	Ronnie E. Green
India	David R. Vogler

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
Ireland	David L. Leirer
Israel	Kevin E. Weaver
Italy	Vacant
Netherlands	Fred M. Harle, Sr.
New South Wales & Australia	Vacant
New Zealand	Ervin A. Drewing
Panama	Lewis C. Odneal
Paraguay (from GGC list)	(new)
Philippines	Kyle R. Palacios
Portugal	William J. Bowser
Queensland	M. Robert Berger
Romania (from GGC list)	William R. Brantley
Scotland	Christopher M. Jessen
South Australia	Edgar D. Piles
Spain	Steven C. Monrotus
Switzerland (not on GGC list)	George M. Merkle
Togo (from GGC list)	New
Venezuela (from GGC list)	New
Victoria	Walter W. Doyle
West Australia	C. C. McLemore, III

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST - 2014

MEC Roy L. Gilkey was born on August 3, 1945 in Clinton, Missouri and grew up on the family farm in St. Clair County between Lowry City and Appleton City, MO. He attended Appleton City Schools and graduated from Appleton City High School in 1963. Following high school, he attended the University of Missouri – Rolla (UMR) graduating in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. On graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Intelligence Corp through the ROTC program at UMR. Roy married his college sweetheart Linda Matrow on June 17, 1969.

In March of 1970, Roy reported for duty in the U.S. Army and went through combat arms training in the Armor School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He then went on to complete counter intelligence training at Fort Holibird, Maryland. From training, he went to serve in Vietnam as an intelligence advisor to Vietnamese troops near the ancient imperial capital of Hue. On returning to the States in October 1971, he was assigned to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois and worked in the Army Intelligence Field Office in downtown Chicago conducting background investigations for military personnel needing security clearances. Before leaving the army, he was a member of the team which started the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) Chicago Field Office, which combined investigative services for all of the branches of the military. On June 24, 1973, two months before being discharged from military service, Roy and Linda's son Jefferson Scott Gilkey was born in the hospital at Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Ft. Sheridan. They returned to their home near Crocker, Missouri in August of 1973 where they have lived until the present. Their daughter Laura Ellen was born on August 27, 1979.

On returning to Missouri, Roy attended the University of Missouri at Columbia where he earned his teaching credentials. He began working for the Waynesville, MO school district in 1974 teaching English, history, and journalism. He has often said that he was a very fortunate man in that he thought he could never find a profession he loved more than teaching, but a few years later he did. After several years of lay ministry in his church, he was ordained as a Christian Church minister. He was also dually ordained as an Advent Christian Minister while he served as pastor of Brays Advent Christian Church in Iberia MO from March 2005 to August 2012. As of this writing, he is serving as Associate Pastor of Concord Christian near Crocker, MO under Rev. Lee Todd who was his mentor into the ministry. Pastor Todd has served as pastor of Concord Christian Church for over 50 years.

Roy learned a love for music from his father Estil E. Gilkey who was an accomplished guitarist. Roy enjoys playing his several acoustic and electric guitars. In recent years, he has enjoyed playing the harmonica having been started on it by a master of the harmonica who performed at his church's gospel music services. Besides music, reading is his passion. He spends many hours each week reading and studying theology and history.

Roy's Masonic career started in Rolla, MO. As a student at UMR, he was initiated, passed, and raised in Rolla Lodge # 213. He is a Past Master of Rolla Lodge # 213, Rolla, MO; a Past Master of Waynesville Lodge # 375, Iberia, MO; and a

Past Master of Iberia Lodge # 410, Iberia, MO. He has been a long time member of the Missouri Lodge of Research.

In the York Rite, Roy served as EHP, IM, and EC of the Rolla York Rite Bodies. He is currently a member of Lebanon Chapter # 64 RAM in Lebanon, MO, Rolla Council # 39 R&SM in Rolla, MO, and Prince of Peace Commandery # 29 KT in Jefferson City, MO. He is a member of the Missouri Order of the High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and Past Commander's Association. He is a member of the Thrice Illustrious Masters of Iowa. Other memberships include: Harry S. Truman Chapter # 152 of National Sojourners, Missouri Priory # 17, KYCH; House of Lords Tabernacle # LXXII Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York; Mid-Missouri Council #291 Allied Masonic Degrees; Ray V. Denslow York Rite College # 180; Cell Airne Council # 76 Knight Masons; William Riley Probst Chapel # 106 St. Thomas of Acon; Court of Discovery # 80 Order of Athelstan. Roy is a KCCH and serves as the chaplain of the Valley of Columbia AASR and is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

In 2007, Roy was appointed by MEC Kenneth D. Dingman, GHP of Missouri to succeed MIC Robert H. Bray as editor of the Missouri Section of The Royal Arch Mason Magazine. This has been a labor of love for Roy which he prays always shows in his work as editor. He used to think that he would never find anything in Masonry that he enjoyed as much as the ritual. He found something he enjoyed even more in his work as editor.

Roy is a Past Noble Grand of Crocker Lodge # 108 Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) in Crocker, MO. He has served on the governing board of representatives of the Missouri Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows for the last few years and has been the Vice-president of that board for the last two years. He is a member of Lebanon Encampment # 166 of Odd Fellows in Lebanon, Missouri. He is in the advancing grand line of the Missouri Grand Encampment IOOF. He is a member of Crocker Post # 4956 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States where he has served the last several years as the post's adjutant.

Roy has served as the District Deputy Grand High Priest and the District Deputy Grand Lecturer of Region 4B of the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. He was a member of the Grand Chapter Ritual Committee under Grand Lecturer MEC Calvin D. Schroff when the current ritual was revised and put into plain English instead of being coded. He is proud to have his name in the front of the ritual book along with the name of our current Grand Lecturer Jack Timmons and other

distinguished members of that ritual committee in 1997. Roy was elected to the Grand Chapter line in 2007 when MEC Kenneth Dingman was Grand High Priest of Missouri. Roy says that serving as Grand High Priest of Missouri has been a great privilege and a great honor. He hopes that his work has been good work, true work, square work, just such work as the Master is pleased to receive.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST - 2014

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri:

Companions,

Welcome to the 168th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. I hope each of you will have an enjoyable stay here at our Grand Session and that you will find our proceedings productive. I express again our special welcome to our guests from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, from the General Grand Chapter, from other Masonic organizations in Missouri, and from other state jurisdictions. You greatly honor us by your presence here this day. We wish to do everything possible to make your time with us a wonderful experience.

As I look back over my time as your GHP, I am amazed that a year can go by so quickly. A few days ago, my wife Linda asked if I was anxious to have my time of leadership over. I had to admit to her that I almost wish that I had another year to serve so that I could apply in that year all that I have learned in this year. Rising to leadership, serving our time, and then willingly surrendering the leadership to the next person elected is what Freemasonry has contributed to our world. It is the concept that has formed our national form of government which is the greatest human government of all time. It is not without regret that I find my time in the sun coming to an end, but I am also ready and willing to allow my worthy successor to take my place. I remember so vividly the feeling of awe and wonder I felt when I was elected into the advancing Grand Chapter line. It took several days for the reality to set in. Serving as a grand line officer and as your GHP has been an honor far greater than I ever could have imagined when I began my Masonic journey. My prayer is that my service has been such as our Lord and you, the craft, are pleased to receive.

I have been even more in awe of the great men that I have served with in this Grand Line. You, my grand officers, are men that I have been so proud to have worked with. I truly believe that as good as my year may have been, your years

as GHP's will be even better. Thank you for all you have done for me and for this Grand Chapter.

I extend my deep heartfelt thanks to my District Deputy Grand High Priests and District Deputy Grand Lecturers. You are where it is happening. All that we Grand Line Officers may plan and hope for will not happen without you there doing all that you do.

I also thank each member of my various committees. You have served us with distinction in the missions to which we have called you.

To our Grand Treasurer and to our Grand Secretary and his lady who serves as his Administrative Assistant, I say thank you. You have done everything for me that I have asked you to do.

I thank the Order of the High Priesthood for the beautiful Grand High Priest apron, and my home chapter Lebanon # 64 for the apron case in which to carry it.

I have been most fortunate to serve with two awesome counterparts this year, MIC David C. Witte, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri, and Sir Knight James L. Woodfin, Jr., RE Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Missouri. You, my august companions, have my undying admiration and my eternal friendship. We are comrades in arms who have fought the good fight together. There are no others with whom I would rather have served than you. Thank you for all we have shared together. You are the real deal.

Every GHP brings his personality and his perspective to his leadership. I have brought a pastor's perspective to this office. Many years ago when I was elected for the first time as a Worshipful Master of a Blue Lodge, an older and wiser brother advised me that I had only one power as the Master – the power of persuasion. I have never forgotten that advice. It has been of ultimate value to me not only during my times of Masonic leadership but also in my profession as a pastor, because the church is the ultimate voluntary organization. If a member of a voluntary organization stops wanting to be a member, there is no way to stop him from leaving, nor can you force him to do anything he does not want to do. Persuasion is the only power. Giving respect to each companion is more important to me than all the programs we can create. Without peace and harmony prevailing there is no unity. Without unity, we will not succeed. Without unity, our fraternity will not continue to exist. This is the heart and the attitude which I have brought to this office. This has never been about me. It has been

about the good of the order and about the glory of our Lord and Creator in Whom alone we find our purpose and the meaning for our existence.

EDICTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The edict is a power provided to the Grand High Priest by the Grand Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, but I believe it is a power that should be used very rarely. As a voluntary and democratic organization, our decisions should be made through legislation. The only edict that I issued was to overturn the decision of the Grand Chapter regarding the question of a companion's membership in the Grand Chapter of Missouri. This action was taken on the advice of the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee. It was also taken so that the Grand Chapter would be in accordance with action taken by the Grand Council of Missouri and the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

I granted routine dispensations for certain chapters to hold meetings at times other than their regular stated meetings. This was for the purpose of conferring degrees and allowing balloting on candidates at the times of those meetings. To one chapter I granted dispensation to hold two of their stated communications in another city to inspire interest of the brethren there in joining York Rite Masonry. I also granted dispensation for a brother from Missouri to receive his Chapter degrees in Illinois ritual at a Joint Illinois/Missouri Day in Granite City, IL on March 22, 2014. These dispensations were granted with the advice and consent of the Jurisprudence Committee.

TRAVELS, VISITS, AND EVENTS

My travels as GHP have not been as many as I might have hoped. The harsh winter we have experienced curtailed some trips that I had planned. My approach to scheduling visits was to do so by invitation. By invitation, local chapters could have me come at a time that is good for them rather than have my coming require them to rearrange their schedules to accommodate my visits. It was sometime in late January or early February of this year that I realized that I was not going to receive many invitations. At first this made me wonder if the companions across the state were trying to tell me something! Then I realized that what the chapters were telling me was that they were not accustomed to inviting the GHP. Were I granted another year to serve as your GHP, I would be more proactive in calling the local chapters to ask if they would like for me to come. My wife Linda and I have greatly enjoyed each visit we have made. For years she has wanted us to travel. When I came home from serving in Vietnam, I

think something in me said, "I'm home now and I never want to go anywhere ever again!" Our travels have been good for Linda, and they have been good for me as well in getting me to where I will travel again. We especially enjoyed our trip to Little Rock, Arkansas to attend the South Central York Rite Conference.

I was honored to travel to Granite City, Illinois for the first Joint Illinois/Missouri Royal Arch Degree Day at the invitation of MEC Alan Hubble, GHP of IL. This was the start of what I hope will become a long tradition between our two state jurisdictions. I would hope that we might invite the Grand Chapter of Illinois to be our guests here in Missouri in the near future.

On the first Saturday in March, we held the third annual Grand Master's Class in Columbia to honor MWB Jon Broyles, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This event was well attended in spite of threatening weather. MEC Steve Monrotus told us that three years of this event has established it as a tradition. Since MEC Monrotus started this great tradition, I asked him to make the presentation to our Grand Master which he did most eloquently. MEC John E. Schofield who was GHP during the Second Annual Grand Master's Class was present and participated in the degree work. Somehow he got away before I could include him in the presentation ceremony. I thank both of these men whose footprints have been difficult for my small feet to fill.

A most enjoyable event happened as a result of a call I received from the Missouri State Fair Foundation informing me that they had received a Royal Arch Mason ribbon from the 1930 Grand Chapter Session which was held in Monett, MO. On examination, the artifact was determined to be the credential ribbon worn at the Grand Session that year when MEC Ray V. Denslow was our Grand Secretary. The ribbon and other Masonic artifacts were donated by the daughter of Clay T. Davis who served as King of Cameron Chapter # 67 in 1930. These artifacts were presented to the Masonic Museum of Missouri at the meeting of Mid-Missouri Council # 291 in Columbia, MO on October 30, 2013, with MS Wendy Faulconer of the Missouri State Fair Foundation, Ronald Miller, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, MEC Robert Schlichter, Sovereign Master of Mid-Missouri Council # 291, AMD, and myself as GHP presiding at the ceremony. A friend of the Davis family was present and shared wonderful memories. It was events like this that I really enjoyed as your GHP.

I attended three of our York Rite Conferences this year held in Shelbina, MO; Bolivar, MO; and Independence, MO. I appreciated the muffin presented to me in Independence on my birthday. Had it been larger I would have shared it with

those of you who were present. On the day of the Conference in Farmington, our Grand King and I were in Springfield where Masonic dignitaries from England had come to consecrate and constitute William R. Probst Chapel # 106, St. Thomas of Acon. I regret missing that conference, but I believe that we have all learned that there is more Freemasonry than there are days on the calendar. I appreciate our Grand Scribe, REC Loren D. Lloyd representing me in Farmington on that day.

I want to give a special thank you to those chapters who invited me to install your officers. I have enjoyed doing those installations more than any other visits to the local chapters. Those installations made me feel a special closeness with your chapter and your officers. My wife and I wish to thank you for your hospitality, your good meals, and your communications of good wishes which have made this year so special for us. With you as our friends and companions, we know how incredibly wealthy we really are. You will always hold a very special place in our hearts and we will always be thankful for your expressions of love and good will to us.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Each of us wants to make a difference in the world as we move through the days of life our Lord has given to us. This is especially true of GHP's. Earlier in the year, the Grand Commander, the Grand Master and I were discussing the fact that recommendations in these addresses are too often not heeded. So many of those wise recommendations past grand presiding officers made in their addresses could be made again this year. As I prepared for this office, I was aware that my traveling around the state so you could behold my face was not enough to make a difference, nor would traveling across the state and having my ego inflated by grand honors be good for me spiritually. Actually, if Masonry is feeding one's ego, he has missed what Masonry is entirely. I chose to continue the great program started by MEC Steve Monrotus – the 3 X 3 program – which encompasses so much of what Grand High Priests through the years have recommended so that we will make a difference in our world. I thank our education committee under the Chairmanship of our Grand Captain of the Hosts, Dr. John Siscel for continuing to present that program and educate us in it. Still, I wanted to make three things from that program of special emphasis. They have been, Our First Duty, Communication, and Ritual.

Our Service to God is our first duty as Freemasons. We do not teach a religious doctrine nor do we recommend any specific faith or denomination, but we are

taught to take care of our duty to God beyond all other duties. The first duty of Freemasonry is performed, not in the lodge or chapter, but in our individual places of worship. Without the blessing of Deity, all that we do is shifting sand and chaff in the wind. With the blessing of Deity, what we do will prevail and will make a difference in our community, our family, and our lodge and chapter. If we trust our Lord, we need not fear. He will lead us by His love and by His truth. I fear that too many of us look to our own wisdom rather than seeking our Lord's wisdom. Our Masonic prayer in opening our meetings is form and ritual instead of earnest communication to our Lord and Creator to seek His divine guidance. It is a rote prayer that we have heard so many times that we probably do not think about its meaning. Once our meetings are open, we very likely do not think of our Lord again until it is time to end our meeting with a similar rote prayer. How different would our fraternity be if each of us truly sought in our hearts the love and guidance of our Lord **throughout** our meetings? Until we do that – until we really mean what each one of us professed in our first degree in Freemasonry **that it is God in Whom we put our trust** – until we really do that, are we truly seeking our Lord's guidance? We are not to tell a companion where to worship or how to worship, but we should encourage each other to worship in our chosen places of worship. If we all would do that, I doubt that any outsider would ever accuse us of being devil worshipers as some have done. There is no Masonic duty higher or more important than our duty to worship and serve our Creator. Freemasonry calls us to be builders – builders of a life that is pleasing to God in Whom we professed to put our trust. That is what Freemasonry is. We can never be what we are called to be as Masons if we do not attend to our first duty – **OUR DUTY TO OUR CREATOR.**

Communication is the common denominator of strong lodges and chapters. That is not a mystery. Chapters that communicate with their members let them know that they are valued and that their attendance is desired at their meetings. You cannot feel valued by someone who does not communicate with you. If a chapter communicates with members only with dues notices, what is communicated is that the chapter wants the companion's money but not necessarily him. Even a companion who is unable to attend meetings appreciates the chapter informing him of what is happening in his chapter. Communication with the community is what will bring in new members. When the community knows the good that we do, many will want to become one of us. As I have served you this year, I have become aware that the Grand Chapter also needs much improvement in its communications. It has been hard for me to criticize

local chapters for lack of communication when we need improvement at the Grand Chapter level. I have also become aware that communications are not really improving with the new devices we carry with us. Communication requires courtesy to respond and commitment to connect with others. Improving our communications is vital to the success and the growth of our chapters. I recommend that each chapter have a communications officer – preferably not the secretary who already has more than enough to do – and a plan for regular and frequent communication with every member of the chapter, with the community, and with the Grand Chapter.

One of my decisions this year for which I am most proud is my appointment of our Grand Lecturer Jack Timmons. This appointment was enthusiastically applauded by our Past Grand Lecturers as well. Jack and I served together for several years on the Grand Chapter Ritual Committee. I know his talent as a ritualist and the wonderful manner in which he instructs in the ritual. Our ritual is our only opportunity to make a first impression on a newly made Royal Arch Mason. We communicate to him how we value Royal Arch Masonry by how well we communicate the degrees to him. We have come to where some of our chapters either do not do the degrees or they read the ritual from the book during the degree work. Some have even grown to where they read from the ritual books to open and close their meetings. In one of our grand officers meetings this year, we agreed that we need to set a time in the near future when we will not allow an open ritual book in a tiled Chapter, other than one to be used by a prompter. Improving our proficiency in the ritual is essential to the success and growth of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri. Our Grand Lecturer and his team of District Deputy Grand Lecturers have the plan for this improvement and I appreciate the improvements that have been made this year.

CONCLUSION

The minutes and seconds are dwindling down to a precious few until I will be a **has been**, but it is much better to be a **has been** than a **never was**. After I am out as GHP, will anyone ever care what I have to say? Probably not and perhaps that is rightly so. Still, it is the duty of **every companion** to speak out – in the spirit of brotherly love – both in praise of what is done well and in counsel for what might be done better in our fraternity. To do so is to be a Builder – a Builder as our Lord has called us to be. I pray for the success of Roy Thomas as he takes my place and for each of you grand line officers as you advance to your next station. I thank every one of you from each chapter and every station which

you hold for all you have done to make my year a success. Please forgive me if I have failed to find ways I might have done better. As I prepare to ride off into the sunset, you will still find me in the Missouri Section of **The Royal Arch Mason Magazine**. You have afforded me one of the greatest honors and one of the best years of my life.

I am ever your servant.

Most Respectfully and Fraternally,

Most Excellent Companion Roy L. Gilkey

Grand High Priest 2013-2014

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri

REPORT OF ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST COMMITTEE

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

Roy, your address said it all, and very well. The Jurisprudence Committee will report separately on their evaluation of your edicts, dispensations, and other actions. I completely agree with the thoughts and feelings you expressed. This Committee hereby approves the balance of your address.

Fraternally submitted,

John E. Schofield, PGHP

Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Greetings:

A copy of the Grand High Priest's Address was belatedly provided to us for consideration and all appears to be in order.

The edicts issued and dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest have been reviewed and found to be within the scope of his inherent powers.

A review of the By-laws changes for Subordinate Chapters that were approved or disapproved by him were considered. Those decisions appear to be in compliance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Companion Roy Laverne Gilkey should be commended for his diligence, perseverance, and attention to the Craft.

The Committee thanks the Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter and bids him well in all future endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PGHP, Chairman

Stanton T. Brown, Chairman Emeritus

C. Brent Stewart

Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP

Glenn E. Means

Todd A. Schulze

Walter W. Doyle, PGHP

PASSED

FAILED

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WITHDRAWN

The following was proposed at the 2013 Annual Grand Convocation and passed:

Be it resolved that the By-laws at **ARTICLE II Grand Officers, Section 6. Who are eligible?** be amended by addition of " of a Missouri Chapter," between "High Priest" and "and a".

The Section currently reads:

Section 6. Who are eligible? Any Companion shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter who is, at the time of election or appointment, a Past High Priest, or a High Priest, and a member of this Grand Chapter, except Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel and Grand Organist, who shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, provided that not more than one elected officer may be a member of the same Chapter. (amended May 9, 1998)

If amended the Section will read:

Section 6. Who are eligible? Any Companion shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter who is, at the time of election or appointment, a Past High Priest, or a High Priest, of a Missouri Chapter, and a member of this Grand Chapter, except Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel and Grand Organist, who shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, provided that not more than one elected officer may be a member of the same chapter.

Walter W. Doyle, PHP Vincil Chapter No. 110

Subsequent to that vote, a challenge was presented that the proposal was not correctly cited, thereby rendering it unenforceable. The Jurisprudence Chairman reviewed the challenge and did observe that the proposal was incorrect as to form and recommended to the Grand High Priest that he set aside the vote. Most Excellent Companion Roy Laverne Gilkey agreed with the assessment of the Chairman and did set aside the vote.

Now comes before you the corrected piece as follows:

Be it resolved that the By-laws at **ARTICLE II Grand Officers, Section 6. Who are eligible?** be amended by addition of " of a Missouri Chapter," between "High Priest" and "and a".

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Walter W. Doyle, PHP Vincil Chapter No. 110

I move its adoption.

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The following pieces were received and will lie over until the 2015 Grand Convocation Per **ARTICLE XXVIII Change of By-Laws, Section 227. Timely Submission:**

1) Be it resolved that **ARTICLE XXVIII Change of By-Laws, Section 227. Timely Submission** be amended by replacing the word "thirty" with "ninety".

Section 227. Timely Submission. currently reads, "Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee not later than thirty days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented. (Adopted May 16, 2003)"

If amended it will read, "Any proposed legislation to alter, amend, enact, or repeal sections of these by-laws shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee not later than ninety days prior to the Grand Session at which it is to be presented. (Adopted May 16, 2003, May 14, 2014)".

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter PHP Liberty Chapter No. 3
Chairman Jurisprudence Committee

Statement of purpose: To attempt to avoid the last minute clamor that has been occurring recently by submission of proposed amendments in the waning days immediately prior to the Grand Convocation. Fact is, thirty days just does not allow the Jurisprudence Committee sufficient time for any review, alteration or contact with the authors should a need arise in the preparation of the material. Then too, there are times when members of the Committee are busy with their lives and unable to immediately respond when asked for their opinions.

2) Be it resolved that the ritual, namely the closing prayer of the Royal Arch Chapter, be changed from, "By the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest may we be directed, by His strength may we be enabled, and by the beauty of virtue may we be incited to perform the obligations here enjoined on us; to keep inviolably the mysteries here unfolded to us, and invariably to practice out of the Chapter all of those duties which are inculcated in it. Amen." to "Supreme High Priest, grant us wisdom that we may be directed, strength that we may be enabled and the beauty of virtue that we may be incited to perform the obligations here enjoined on us; to keep inviolably the mysteries here unfolded to us, and invariably to practice out of the Chapter all those duties which are inculcated in it. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

Jack E. Timmons PHP Wyoming Chapter No. 43
Chairman Ritual Committee

I move the adoption of the complete report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Companions:

In building the budget for the coming year we had to look at quite a few items. There is a new line item for investments. We need to make our money work for us. So a small excess from 2013 is going to be put in a fund to earn but also give us liquidity if needed. EDUCATION Committee: there is a new leadership book to be printed, which we hope will do much good in the chapters. YRIS SUPPORT: this is the buy in for the new record keeping system. We are getting in now at the lower price rather than wait. WEB MASTER: our web site needs work and a person who has time to keep up with the changes. Everything else is pretty much the same. As with all budgets this has to be flexible.

After two long meetings we hope that we have a budget that will meet your approval.

The following is the proposed budget for the 2014 - 2015 year.

INCOME

Per Capita, Membership (3,154 @ \$13.50)	\$ 42,579.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,800.00
Exaltation Fees (100 @ \$10.00)	1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	1,270.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	316.00
Cash Reserve	20,000.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total Income.....	\$ 68,215.00

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

Grand High Priest Honorarium	\$ 3,500.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine Editor Honorarium.....	50.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium.....	1,000.00
Grand Secretary Salary	8,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	7,500.00
Employment Taxes	1,500.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	300.00
Ritual Committee	100.00
Office Expenses.....	3,000.00
Printing of Proceedings.....	2,500.00
Office Rent	2,400.00
Storage Rent	1,400.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (3,000 @ \$1.00).....	3,000.00

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES (continued)

Annual Convocation	2,750.00
Grand Officer Expense.....	1,400.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	400.00
Royal Arch Magazine	8,000.00
Triennial Fund (3,154 @ \$0.07).....	220.78
Education Committee	400.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	316.00
YRIS Support.....	500.00
Web Master	500.00
Investments.....	4,500.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra.....	500.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 54,486.78
Balance	\$ 13,728.22

Faternally submitted,

Roy N. Thomas, Chairman

Loren D. Lloyd

John Siscel

Ronald L. Barrett

Move the adoption of the proposed budget for the 2014 - 2015 year.

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Move the adoption of the complete report of the Finance Committee.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits
May 14, 15 & 16, 2014

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Greetings:

There appears to be a gross misunderstanding as to the function of these committees and perhaps the name assigned should be changed to something like "oversight committee." But then that might be closely construed with that fiasco of our "government."

That said, these committees, some time ago, made the affirmation that a function such as a dollars and cents audit by the internal membership is not feasible as it is very much time consuming which most of us can not even afford, even those of us that are retired.

In the last many years, these committees have functioned more as an oversight or regulatory committee rather than anything else. In other words, they have served to review and track the processes utilized by the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the handling of the assets of these 501(c)3/10 organizations. They did no less in this year.

At last year's Grand Sessions the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery included in their budgets funds to hire outside experts in the field to conduct a dollars and cents audit of all three Grand York Rite Bodies. Unfortunately, that did not come to fruition. However, the committees did prevail in insuring that funding would remain in each of the three budgets for such purposes in the upcoming year.

This year's meeting, albeit very abbreviated, did allow most of the committee members and several nonmembers as well, to observe first hand the workings of the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the handling and protection of the monetary assets of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

The Chair thanks the Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Grand Treasurer for making themselves and their books available. It is regrettable that a more in depth review was not in the picture. Hopefully, the plan will get underway next year.

Faternally & respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
Grand York Rite Audit Committees

Move the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Missouri

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report
June 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City, Investor Services at Central Bank, American Balanced Fund through Central Bank, and American Income Fund through Central Bank. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges and with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution. Investments in common stock

or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 44 of the the By-Laws are being utilized (Investor Services, American Balanced Fund, and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013	\$ 21,696.47
Receipts:	
Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 32,711.03
Interest Earned	12.52
Increase in Market Value, etc.	
American Income Fund	243.82
Increase in Market Value, etc.	
<u>Investors Services</u>	<u>1,455.20</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 34,422.57
Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):	
#58915 - 2057 thru 2071	\$ 6,880.45
#74544 - 3014 thru 3077	17,358.33
#74325 -	-0-
<u>#463929 - Debits</u>	<u>95.36</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 24,334.14
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 10,088.43</u>
Balance, General Fund, Mach 31, 2014	\$ 31,784.90

Statement of Assets General Fund, March 31, 2014

Interest Checking Act. #58915,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 731.88
Interest Checking Act. #74544,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	953.69
Interest Checking Act. #74325,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	13.56
Money Mkt. Act. #463929,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	17,430.17
Business Investment Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	207.58

GENERAL FUND (continued)

American Income Fund (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) (Market Value)	1,969.26
Investors Services (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) (Market Value)	10,478.76

**Total Assets,
General Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 31,784.90**

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2013	\$ 149,099.99
Receipts:	
Interest Earned	\$ 336.38
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	7,183.12
Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	4,224.80
Total Receipts:	\$ 11,744.30
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ 11,744.30
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014	\$ 160,844.29

**Statement of Assets
General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 2,089.80
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	202.38
American Balanced Fund (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City)	51,635.43
Investors Services (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) (Market Value)	30,446.79
CD #274378, Central Bank - Jefferson City, 0.65%, Matures 05-30-2014	45,364.90
CD #473677, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 10-03-2015	10,142.23

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT) (continued)

CD #480630, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00% Matures 01-15-2016	20,962.76
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**Total Assets,
General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014** **\$ 160,844.29**

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 127,470.20**

Receipts:	
Interest Earned	\$ 483.55
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Income Fund	5,880.06
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	2,515.60
Total Receipts:	\$ 8,879.21
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	\$ 8,879.21
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2014	\$ 136,349.41

**Statement of Assets
Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014**

Checking Act. #58915, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ -0-
Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	5,190.92
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	2,100.48
American Income Fund (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) (Market Value)	47,490.66
American Balanced Fund (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) (Market Value)	20,964.11
CD #1264225, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 07-01-2015	19,832.89
CD #1265605, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 07-13-2015	10,770.35

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND (continued)

CD #1243915, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 07-06-2016	30,000.00
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014	\$ 136,349.41

FOUNDATION FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013	\$ 143,018.73
Receipts:	
<u>Interest Earned</u>	\$ 817.88
Total Receipts:	\$ 817.88
Disbursements:	\$ 600.00
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 217.88</u>
Balance, Foundation Fund March 31, 2014	\$ 143,236.61

**Statement of Assets,
Foundation Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 1,344.32
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	1,079.60
CD #472514, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 09-20-2015	33,271.99
CD #1243920, Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 07-06-2016	25,000.00
CD #516139, Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 12-23-2016	50,673.41
CD #137546, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 01-03-2017	31,867.29

**Total Assets,
Foundation Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 143,236.61**

PALMYRA FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013	\$ 5,891.66
Receipts:	
Interest Earned	\$ 2.69
Increase in Market Value, etc. <u>American Income Fund</u>	<u>378.09</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 380.78
Disbursements:	\$ -0-
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 380.78</u>
Balance, Palmyra Fund March 31, 2014	\$ 6,272.44

**Statement of Assets,
Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 3,089.62
Business Investment Act. #30000211, Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	128.99
American Income Fund (thru Central Bank - Jefferson City) (Market Value)	3,053.83

**Total Assets,
Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 6,272.44**

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013	\$ 13,683.02
Receipts:	
Inventory Sales	\$ 1,615.84
<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>11.69</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,627.53
Disbursements:	\$ 7.56
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 1,619.97</u>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2014	\$ 15,302.99

**Statement of Assets,
Supply Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 15,302.99
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SUPPLY FUND (continued)

**Total Assets,
Supply Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 15,302.99**

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 433.09**

Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 0.34

Total Receipts: \$ 0.34

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 0.34

Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 433.43**

**Statement of Assets,
Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 433.43

**Total Assets,
Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 433.43**

LEADERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ -0-**

Receipts:

Grand Secretary, etc. \$ 93.00

Total Receipts: \$ 93.00

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 93.00

Balance, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 93.00**

**Statement of Assets,
Leadership Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #463929,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 93.00

**Total Assets,
Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 93.00**

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2014 **\$ 494,317.07**

Faternally Submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGHP
Grand Treasurer

Move the adoption of the preliminary report of the Grand Treasurer.

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REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

As my third year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder draws to a close, I believe that Debbie and I have continued to make significant progress in managing the challenges of the job. Debbie and I have worked very hard to balance the load of keeping the aging office equipment operating, dealing with legacy issues, and coping with the constant torrent of information that flows into the Grand York Rite Office.

This year has not been an easy one for Debbie and I. During June our youngest daughter, Rebecca, underwent emergency surgery to remove a life-threatening growth from her reproductive system. Fortunately, it was not malignant and we did not have to worry about a cancer threat. While she lost an ovary and fallopian tube, she should still be able to have children. Debbie provided post-surgical care for the first two weeks after Rebecca was released from the hospital.

During the months of June and July I implemented a major revision of the MU Hazardous Waste Management Summer Institute (held each August now going on 33 years). During the months of November and December I implemented a major revision of the MU Hazardous Waste Management Winter Institute (held each January now going on 18 years). The Summer and Winter Institutes are designed to train managers, consultants, regulators, and workers in the requirements, correct procedures, problem solving techniques, and compliance issues associated with the generation, storage, and shipment of hazardous waste as well as the proper packaging, documentation, marking, and labeling of hazardous materials including hazardous wastes and hazardous substances. The Institutes are hosted by the MU College of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department where I am an adjunct Instructor – a part-time academic position funded by proceeds from the Institutes (I also hold a full-time administrative position in the Department of Environmental Health and Safety where I am a Senior Chemist and the Environmental Management Officer now going on 35 years). I am the Chairman, Administrator, Editor, and primary

Instructor for the Institutes. While I am essentially the chief cook and bottle washer, I am not a one-man show. I work with two instructor/partners who handle some of the teaching duties, but both work for industry-related companies outside the Columbia area which makes coordination of the course materials challenging.

In January Debbie's younger sister died after fighting multiple sclerosis for most of her adult life. Once the funeral plans were finalized we drove to Georgia to be with Joe, Kim's husband of 30 years, Randarius, their adopted son, as well as their extended church family and quite a few of the 98 foster children that she and Joe lovingly raised during Kim's medically challenged life. Debbie's parents and youngest brother preceded Kimberly in death leaving only Debbie and her brother Patrick.

My primary focus since taking office has been to modernize and streamline the operations of the Grand York Rite Office. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century is a constant theme in the Grand York Rite Office. Along the way, several operations were resurrected and others were renovated. We are relying more and more to "just in time" electronic delivery which saves time and money.

However, nothing is ever finished at the Grand York Rite Office. All of the programs and operations, forms and records, calls and correspondence require constant attention and maintenance. Debbie has been instrumental in dealing with both the day to day operations of the office and helping me to focus my time on the most critical tasks that only I can perform.

Another of my focus areas is to tame the paper monster at the Grand York Rite Office that threatens to bury us under mountains of physical records destined to become nothing more than dead paper in a forgotten file cabinet. With respect to the present, we have established a paperless storage system. Every sheet of critical (and some not so critical) paper goes across a scanner for electronic storage. Mission-critical files are backed up by redundant storage systems that utilize both on site and off site methods. With respect to the past, Ron Skiles is making steady progress on the MGYR Dead Paper project.

Unfortunately, the MGYR web site was a casualty of my busy professional life. It has languished essentially untouched for most of the year due to my lack of free time to dedicate to its maintenance and further development. I recruited Scott Crawford to assist me with the web site and we were in the process of setting up

a DropBox folder system for sharing the web site files when it was decided that the Grand York Rite would hire someone to replace me as web master.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their continued understanding and support. It is especially important for everyone to understand that Debbie cannot do everything that I can do, but she is continuing to learn. We apologize for not being able to meet everyone's expectations, but we are committed to and are striving for smoother operations in the ensuing year.

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
MGYR Office

Move the adoption of the report of the Grand Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Companions,

Your Committee on Education is most appreciative of this dual opportunity we have had to create and to serve – create avenues of activities for constituent chapters for self improvement and serving our fellow companions through increased educational opportunities throughout the year now ending.

The crown jewel of this Grand Chapter is it's ever evolving, ever moving and, hopefully, improving Distinguished Chapter Award which soon begins another successful secular year of activity for Missouri Capitular Masonry. This year saw self reflection and improvement on the 2013-2014 form and, true to form, 2014-2015 will see its share of regeneration. The 2014-2015 forms will be available at Grand Session on May 14, both to DDGHP's and all others who may request a copy. Additionally, it is expected to be on our website.

Results for 2013-2014 are as follow:

Bronze Level (600-799 points)

Harry D. Brown, Jr. No. 284 Mark T. Schmidt, HP 607 points

Keystone No. 146 Dennis L. Hammack, HP 622 points

Silver Level (800-999 points)

Bellefontaine No. 25	Michael S. Smith, HP	800 points
Mitchell No. 14	Dennis N. Vogel, HP	884 points

Gold Level (1,000 points and up)

Springfield No. 15	Carlin Smittle, HP	1065 points
Webb City No. 119	Alvin W. Shaw, HP	1200 points
Jefferson City No. 34	Sam L. Land, HP	1250 points
St. Charles Missouri No. 1	Chris Newbold, HP	2310 points
Uel No. 129	Clifton Wayne Wofford, HP	2504 points

A brief recap shows 2 bronze, 2 silver and 5 gold. The number of gold, or the highest level, have significantly increased pointing to the increasing innovative leadership finding its way into our constituent chapter leadership, and for that we are both happy and PROUD! The proof is however in the pudding – two chapters “took the top off” as all can see; 2310 & 2504 respectively! That companions IS something to crow about – congratulations to ALL, a special Hat's Off to these two. Earlier we talked of future improvement to the DCA in 2014-2015; these will occur. One we call out in particular; that has reference to attendance at Grand Chapter. The requirement of 2 of the 5 elective officers remains, the improvement is in the fact that one must be the actual, the second can be a legally proxied chapter member. We are convinced that this will enhance attendance at Grand Chapter which is a major goal of our committee.

The goals for 2014-2015 are twofold, first improvement in DCA participation and development of a chapter officer manual, scheduled for introduction at the May 2015 session.

We thank MEC Roy L. Gilkey for his faith and confidence and look forward to working with REC Roy Thomas as we move our collective dreams toward reality.

To all of you we say thank you for what you do!! Together we cannot be stopped.

Fraternally submitted,

Committee on Education:

John W. Siscel, Ed. D., Chairman
Steven C. Monrotus, DMD, PGHP
Lee L Francis

David L. Leirer
Kyle Palacios

W. Larry Wilson

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REPORT OF THE YORK RITE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The York Rite Conferences were well attended. The Regional's dropped the ball and didn't get the attendance record to the committee or the Grand Secretary. There were a good number of Companions at Shelbina on 06-29-2013, at Farmington on 07-13-2013, at Independence on 08-03-2013, and at Bolivar on 09-14-2013. Education was presented at each Conference, with lengthy remarks on 990 filing with the IRS given by EC Bill Snyder at the Bolivar Assembly. The Grand High Priest, MEC Roy L. Gilkey or his designee gave a program on the status of the craft and ways we might explore to alleviate the problems we face. All present were pleased with the Grand High Priest's remarks. All in all the York Rite Conferences in the four quadrants of the State appear to be working very well and this committee recommends the continuation of four area conferences in 2014 and beyond.

Recommendation: The District Deputies from each region should select one of their number to act as a representative for the region to both the Grand Secretary and the York Rite Conference Committee Chairman.

Respectfully submitted

Loren D. Lloyd, Chairman

Ronald L. Barrett Jerry L. Miles District Deputy Grand High Priests

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REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

The Grand Chapter has been paying 75% of the Missouri RAM magazine cost with 25% assistance from the Grand Council each year. This cost is approximately \$8,000.00 for the Grand Chapter and \$2,100.00 for the Grand Council each year. While the Grand Council is entitled to space in the Missouri Section of the magazine, they do not seem overly eager to contribute articles for the quarterly issues. The Grand Council of Missouri is considering withdrawing its monetary support for the Missouri Section. If this should actually take place, then

the Grand Chapter would have to pay for the Missouri Section on its own. This would more than likely require each RAM member to begin paying a fee for the RAM magazine in the form of a per capita increase. I regret such bad news but sometimes the truth must be faced. Yes, the Magazine is being published on-line but the Missouri section does not make it to the on-line version of the magazine. There is an option with a Life Subscription to the RAM magazine at a onetime cost of \$100.00, saving your Grand Chapter the cost of your magazine for your life.

Our Grand High Priest, MEC Roy L. Gilkey, is the current editor for the Missouri Section of the RAM Magazine. He does an excellent job and deserves your appreciation.

Respectfully submitted

Loren D. Lloyd, Chairman

Roy L Gilkey, Editor

John W. Siscel, III

Jerry L. Miles

John C. Kuehn

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MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2013-2014

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 2013 - 2014 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.

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Freddie Lee Altiser	10-23-2012	CH 123, CO 37, KT 24
Marvin E. Bally	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Larry Wayne Beck	Not Known	CH 32, CO 39, KT 59
Glendon Everett Berrier	03-25-2012	CH 10, CO 28, KT 3
Melvin J. Billingsley	10-14-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Gordon G. Bixler	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Spenser Leroy Blankenship	02-15-2014	CH 3, CO 50, KT 6
Robert Harris Bray	10-09-2013	CH 17, CO 34, KT 12
Billy Bob Briscoe	Not Known	CH 129, CO 43, KT 56

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
William C. Bruce	08-??-2013	CH 123, CO 37, KT 22
Clifford A. Buck	03-03-2013	CH 148, CO 1, KT 8
Thomas A. Burnett	01-16-2014	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
Richard Darrell Cantrell	10-21-2013	CH 15, KT 20
Ronald Ray Cisco	12-22-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
Charles E. Curless	02-14-2014	CH 56, KT 15
William Lloyd Davis	??-??-2014	CH 14, KT 4
Robert Henry Dugan	11-??-2009	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
John P. Durham	08-26-2013	CH 10, KT 20
John H. Elliott	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Gene Allen Evans	11-11-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Carl E. Everett	Not Known	CH 43, CO 38, KT 11
Hervey R. Fox	08-??-2011	CH 56, KT 15
Robert Allen Frazier	08-??-2012	CH 123, CO 38, KT 24
Ronald Lee Gaylord	06-13-2013	CH 129, CO 43
Joseph P. Gerren	04-18-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Luther L. Gregg, III	12-01-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
James Ralph Hamilton	10-04-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
Alva Lee Hodge, Jr.	08-01-2013	CH 114, CO 27, KT 67
Gordon E. Hopkins	02-09-2014	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
James K. Houts, Sr.	06-16-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Jack Jerome Hubbell	11-11-2013	CH 15, KT 20
Robert Nelson Hunter	06-03-2014	CH 34, CO 32, KT 29
Robert M. Hutchison	04-24-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Paul Kazuo Kawakami	02-06-2014	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
Ralph M. Keeney	04-22-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Paca Vincent Kinhead	04-02-2014	CH 129, CO 43, KT 56
Alvin S. Lawson	04-26-2014	CH 110, CO 25, KT 20
Russell J. Lampertz	Not Known	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Charles E. Linville, Jr.	07-23-2013	CH 14, KT 4
Thomas D. Martin	05-17-2013	CH 25, CO 40, KT 8
James M. Miller	03-23-2014	CH 22, KT 7
William C. Moyer	12-19-2013	CH 56, KT 15
William C. Nast	11-24-2013	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
Thomas D. Neuschafer	06-19-2011	CH 7, CO 47, KT 5
Raymond C. Norton, Jr.	??-??-2011	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Affiliations</u>
James Allen Payne	01-20-2013	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
James Chrisman Ramsey	04-11-2013	CH 114, CO 27, KT 67
Charles A. Redecker	Not Known	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Robert C. Rieansnider	06-07-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Wylie Gene Roddy	02-27-2014	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
George Davis Ruyle	07-11-2012	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
L. LeRoy Salmon	09-04-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Eugene H. Sam	12-02-2013	CH 148, CO 1
James K. Schatz	12-12-2013	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
James Blou Shields	12-12-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Raymond E. Silvey	03-13-2014	CH 114, KT 67
Marvin A. Simon	03-20-2013	CH 25, CO 40
Robert Norris Smith	07-27-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Richard O. Snyder	05-09-2013	CH 10, KT 3
Donald G. Starkey	01-24-2014	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
John W. Stilgenbauer, Jr.	02-18-2014	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Benny Rice Swan	03-16-2012	CH 7, CO 47, KT 5
Gerald E. Thomas	08-11-2013	CH 22
Kenward Ray Tippie	06-01-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
R. L. Tichenor	02-13-2014	CH 3, CO 50, KT 6
William Mac Williams	03-24-2013	CH 15, KT 20

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
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PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Forty-Ninth
Annual Assembly

of the

Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons of the State of Missouri

held

May 15, 2014
Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri



Grand Council of Missouri

149th Grand Assembly Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time	Wednesday, May 14, 2014
9:00 pm	Order of the Silver Trowel (Missouri)
Time	Thursday, May 15, 2014
6:30 am	Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Meeting - Members Only (Carnegie)
7:00 am	Registration - Chapter and Commandery only - to 10:00 am (Atrium) Breakfast on your own
8:00 am	Grand Council Introductions - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers Introduction of the Regional Deputy Grand Masters Introduction of 2013-2014 Grand Chapter Officers Welcoming Comments by the Grand Master Dismissal of Ladies and Non-Member Guests
8:30 am	Formal Opening of Grand Council Welcoming Comments by the Grand Master Reception of Past Grand Masters Recognition of Grand Representatives Reception of Out of State Grand Council Officers Reception of General Grand Council Officers Reception of General Grand Council Representative Reception of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri

Time	Thursday, May 15, 2014 (continued)
	Address of Grand Master Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee Report of Committee on Address of Grand Master Report of Jurisprudence Committee Report of Finance Committee Election of Grand Council Officers 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 Address of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
11:45 am	Grand Council Called from Labor until 1:30 pm
12:00 noon	Anthony O'Sullivan Lunch & Learn - Open to All (Carnegie)
1:30 pm	Grand Council Resumes Labor - Open to Ladies and Guests (Capitol/Truman) Grand Council Awards Presentation Installation of Grand Council Officers
3:30 pm	Close Grand Council Pictures
6:00 pm	Tex-Mex Banquet and Mini Golf - Open to All (Jefferson & Missouri)

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri
2013-2014**

Elected and Appointed Officers

David C. Witte (49) - Grand Master
Terry R. Struse (34) - Deputy Grand Master
William G. Snyder (49, 45) - Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM (32) - Grand Treasurer
Russell S. Hanson (34) - Grand Recorder
Todd A. Schulze (48, 1) - Grand Captain of the Guard
Johnny L. Schlenker (20) - Grand Conductor of the Council
Michael E. Day (56) - Grand Marshal
Nathan Carrington (9) - Grand Steward
Stanton T. Brown, II (49) - Grand Sentinel
John S. Lambros (49) - Asst. Grand Sentinel
Thomas L. Truman (49) - Asst. Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver (48) - Grand Chaplain
Byron E. Hams (48) - Asst. Grand Chaplain
Paul G. Kingsley (25) - Asst. Grand Chaplain
Mark Dobson (49) - Asst. Grand Chaplain
Robert L. Wright, PGM (48) - Grand Lecturer
Fred M. Harle, Sr. (49) - 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)
Daryl Price (9) - Region 2 (9, 28, 37, 53)
Donald L. Huggins (24) - Region 3 (24, 38, 45, 51)
Gentry E. Slone (49) - Region 4 (42, 49, 50)
Matt Ruth (46) - Region 5 (30, 41, 46)

Regional Deputy Grand Masters (continued)

Bradley T. Hicks (56) - Region 6 (25, 35, 56, 58)
Harry L. Tripp (43) - Region 7 (20, 27, 43)
Dennis E. Fetter (1, 48) - Region 8 (1, 40, 48, 61)
Jerry Bradford (34) - Region 9 (32, 34, 39, 60)

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Harley L. Kropf (34, 59) - Region 1 (44, 47, 59)
L. LeRoy Salmon (9) - Region 2 (9, 28, 37, 53)
Aaron Rose (24, 49) - Region 3 (24, 38, 45, 51)
Don Gilkerson (50) - Region 4 (42, 49, 50)
David Phillips (30) - Region 5 (30, 41, 46)
Steve Thompson (25) - Region 6 (25, 35, 56, 58)
Dennis Houk (20) - Region 7 (20, 27, 43)
Scott Fowler (1) - Region 8 (1, 40, 48, 61)
Matthew B. James (34) - Region 9 (32, 34, 39, 60)

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand Master

William C. Woolsey, PGM, Chairman

Credentials

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Emeritus

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

J. Joseph Hayes

Robert L. Schmidt

Finance & Accounts

Kevin B. Sample, HPGM, Chairman

William G. Snyder

Donald L. Trabue, HPGM, Ex-officio

Russell S. Hanson, Ex-officio

Standing Committees (continued)

Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Glenn Means

C. Brent Stewart

Todd A. Schulze

Kevin B. Sample

Returns of Councils

Fred F. Stuecken, Chairman Emeritus

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

J. Joseph Hayes

Robert L. Schmidt

Special Committees

Audit

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

George M. Merkle, PGM

Dan D. Smothers, PGM

Grand Council Line Officers

Charity & Charity Endowment Fund

Joseph P. Krill, Chairman

Nathan Carrington

Social Media/Communications

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

Matthew B. James

Distinguished Council

Todd A. Schulze, Chairman

Kevin E. Weaver

George M. Merkle, PGM

William G. Snyder

General Grand Council Charity Committee

William G. Buckner, PGM, Chairman

Michael E. Day

Special Committees (continued)

Education

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

Byron E. Hams

Russell S. Hanson

Mike Lockwood

Pat West

Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

Russell S. Hanson

Donald L. Trabue, HPGM

William G. Snyder

Todd A. Schulze

Membership

Stephen T. Thompson, Chairman

Michael E. Day

Spencer A. Riley

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Terry R. Struse, Chairman

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

William G. Snyder, Chairman

Ritual

Robert L. Wright, PGM, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample, HPGM

William G. Snyder

Charles M. Huey

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

Time and Place

Terry R. Struse, Chairman

Triennial

David C. Witte, Chairman

Terry R. Struse

William G. Snyder

Todd A. Schulze

Special Committees (continued)

York Rite Conference

Terry R. Struse, Chairman

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Youth

Danny D. Smothers, PGM, Chairman

Bylaws Review Committee

William G. Snyder, Chairman

Todd A. Schulze

Nathan Carrington

Kevin B. Sample, HPGM

Glenn E. Means

Council Development and Renewal Committee

Roger Slayer, Chairman

Mike Smith

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Richard L. Mansfield

General Grand Life Membership

John S. Lambros, Co-Chairman

Charles M. Huey, Co-Chairman

William G. Snyder

Johnny L. Schlenker

Joseph P. Krill

Living Past Grand Masters

Everette L. Gloyd (1978-1979)

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)

C. Richard Carter (1995-1996)

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)

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)

George M. Merkle (2011-2012)

William C. Woolsey (2012-2013)

Grand Council RepresentativesJurisdictionTo Missouri**United States of America**

AlabamaWilliam G. Snyder

AlaskaVacant

ArizonaDonald L. Huggins

ArkansasColumbus Craft

CaliforniaWilliam Gordon Buckner

ColoradoVacant

ConnecticutRichard J. Holmes

DelawareJack D. Brown

District of Columbia.....John V. Crampton

FloridaVacant

GeorgiaPaul R. Cannon

Hawaii.....James G. Haddox

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
Idaho	Freddie D. Adams
Illinois.....	William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Indiana	Harley L. Kropf
Iowa	Aaron M. Shoemaker
Kansas	Danny D. Smothers
Kentucky	Bob L. Detherow
Louisiana.....	Robert W. Schlichter
Maine	Everette L. Gloyd
Maryland	William E. Brenneman
Massachusetts.....	Albert H. Miller
Michigan	John E. Schofield
Minnesota	Lewis C. Odneal
Mississippi.....	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Montana.....	Terry R. Struse
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	Vacant
North Carolina	C. C. McLemore, III
North Dakota.....	Vacant
Ohio	Stanton T. Brown
Oklahoma	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Oregon	Steven C. Monrotus
Pennsylvania	Jose' R. Palacios
Rhode Island	Gale B. Morrison
South Carolina	Roy N. Thomas
South Dakota	Vacant

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
Tennessee	Kevin B. Sample
Texas.....	Alfred L. Mason
Utah	Vacant
Vermont	Glenn E. Means
Virginia (from GGC list)	New
Washington.....	Corey B. Huntsucker
West Virginia (from GGC list)	New
Wisconsin	Ted W. Harrison
Wyoming.....	Walter W. Doyle
Canada/Mexico	
Eastern Canada	Jack R. Clark, Sr.
Ontario Canada	David C. Witte
Western Canada	Matthew L. Quesenberry
Mexico (from GGC list)	New
Other Jurisdictions	
Africa (from GGC list)	New
Brazil	Russell S. Hanson
Central America (from GGC list)	New
Croatia (from GGC list)	New
El Salvador (from GGC list)	New
England & Wales	LeRoy D. Unruh
France	Marion W. Dey
Germany	Teddie E. Harrison
Greece.....	George M. Merkle
Israel.....	Christopher A. Gower
Italy	Vacant
Japan (from GGC list).....	New
Panama (from GGC list).....	New
Peru (from GGC list).....	New

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
Philippines.....	Richard G. Harrison
Portugal	William J. Bowser
Puerto Rico (from GGC list).....	New
Romania	William R. Brantley
Scotland	K. Trent Moreland
Taiwan (from GGC list)	New
Togo (from GGC list)	New
Virgin Islands (from GGC list).....	New

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND MASTER - 2014

Most Illustrious Companion Witte was born to Carl and Wilma Witte on July 10, 1963 in Richmond, Missouri. Growing up in a rural community, his summers were filled with baseball, raising vegetables, running a lawn service, scouting, County Fairs and exploring the woods and creeks around Richmond. His mother often tells the story of his reading the entire Bible and the Britannica Encyclopedia A to Z during a period of being grounded for a bit of misbehavior. After graduating from Richmond High School in May of 1981, he attended the University of Central Missouri (formerly Central Missouri State University). After studying business, physics, public relations, and taking a three year sabbatical in the world of work, MIC Witte received a degree in Political Science and English in 1989.

After college, Witte worked as a Benefit Analyst for Cigna, converting the recently acquired Equicor Health Maintenance Organization of Wichita and Salina, KS to a Cigna HMO networks. Leaving Cigna in 1992 to pursue a career in politics, he worked as a field organizer for the presidential campaign of then Governor Bill Clinton. Spending the next several years in similar roles for the Missouri Democratic Party, the Greater Kansas City AFL-CIO, and Missouri Pro-Vote, MIC Witte was introduced to Masonry through trade union members he met.

In 1997, armed with a book on programing and one on computer networking, Witte designed a new membership and accounting program for an SEIU Local in Kansas City. This lead to a job with Paxton Lumber and eventually Jackson County as a Network Engineer. In 2011, he earned a Master's Degree in Public Affairs with an emphasis in budget and management from Park University.

Outside of Masonry, David served as the Treasurer of his Episcopal Parish for three years. As Treasurer, he revised the parish investment strategy to help close budget shortfalls. He has also served as a board member of the Industrial Development Authority and the Citizen Advisory Committee on Solid Waste for the City of Independence, Missouri.

On November 20, 2004, MIC Witte married Arla Bosch. Shortly after being married, David and Arla became foster parents for the Missouri Children's Division. In five years of foster parenting, they had over 30 different children in their home at some point. Of these 30 children they adopted five, CJ, Jake, Emma, Nicholas and Alexandra, who along with Arla's daughter Heather, gives the Wittes a total of six children. Besides corralling children during their marriage, Arla has worked as an attorney, both in private practice and for the Missouri Children's Division. She currently works for the Federal government supervising a team of paralegals redacting US records concerning immigration.

Masonic History

Craft Masonry

Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 6th 1999

Received a Missouri Grand Lodge Sub 3 Ritual proficiency card in 2001

Served on the Missouri Grand Lodge Education Committee, 2002-2004 & 2008

Served on the Missouri Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee, 2003-2004
Master, Independence Lodge # 76 (2003-2004)

Awarded Truman Honor Lodge 2004

Awarded Public Relations Trophy 2004

Treasurer, Independence Lodge # 76 (2011-2013)

Royal Arch Masonry

Mount Washington Chapter of Royal Arch # 142

High Priest (2003-2004)

Awarded Distinguished Chapter Award 2004

Order of the High Priest 2007

Independence Chapter # 12, Past High Priest upon merger of Chapters

Cryptic Rite

Independence Council # 49

Master (2005-2006)

Awarded Council Merit Award 2006

Silver Trowel 2007

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
Regional Grand Lecturer, Region 3b (2006 to 2008)
Received the Grand Council Ritual Proficiency Card 2007
Appointed to the advancing line in May of 2007
Grand Master (2013-2014)

Chivalric Masonry

Palestine Commandery # 17
Commander (2008-2009)
Past Commanders Association 2009
Awarded Honor Commandery Award 2009

Scottish Rite

Founded the Kansas City Chapter of the Knights of St Andrew 2003
Founding member of the College of Consistory 2002
Appointed by the Sovereign Grand Commander as a Regional Conference Fellow 2004
Received the Knight Cross Court Honor 2005
Venerable Master, Kansas City Valley, Orient of Missouri (2009)
Organized and moderated the Orient Leadership Symposium 2010
Coronated a 33rd Degree 2011
Board Member of the Orient of Missouri Foundation, 2010 to present

Allied Masonic Degrees

Founding Junior Deacon of Santa Fe Council # 417 Allied Masonic Degrees 2003
Sovereign Master of Santa Fe Council # 417, Allied Masonic Degrees 2007
Secretary of Santa Fe Council # 417, Allied Masonic Degrees (2008 to 2011)

Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon

Founding Knight of Immanuel Chapel # 56 (2007)
Marshal (2013-2014)

Order of DeMolay

Chairman of the Independence Chapter's Advisory Board 2010 to 2013
Awarded the Legion of Honor (2008)

The Masonic Order of Athelstan, Missouri Court of Discovery

Founding Junior Warden 2012

Other Appendant bodies

Harry S Truman York Rite College #167
Seneschal (2013-2014)
Charlemagne Council of Knight Masons #479

Sentinel (2013-2014)
Missouri College of SRICF

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER - 2014

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri:

Companions,

First and foremost, I want to thank all my brothers and companions for their hospitality and support they have given me over the past year. Forgive me for not using proper etiquette by excluding the proper honorifics in my statement of gratitude. As Freemasons, we meet upon the level as brothers, but also as companions traveling on individual paths of social, moral and spiritual improvement, though the path may be different the destination is the same. This journey is filled with highs and lows, the secret is to keep moving toward the ultimate goal found only through the obtainment of light.

Since we last met as a Grand Council, some of our companions have left our Earthly realm to live in that house not made with hands. Very Illustrious Companion Chaplain, please lead us in a moment of remembrance for our fallen companions.

Thank you, Very Illustrious Companion. As a side note, this year we lost several past Grand Masters; these men who served the Grand Council deserved a Masonic memorial from the Cryptic Rite. Using an example from the Grand Council of Texas, Most Illustrious Companion Kevin Sample and I developed a ceremony for Missouri that is attached to this report, and I recommend its use for future memorials.

During the past year, I have had the pleasure of traveling this beautiful State of ours visiting companions, installing officers and granting dispensation for two Councils and setting them to work. When it came to setting a Council to work under dispensation, no one knew quite how it was done. Most Illustrious Companions Woolsey and Sample told me what had been done in the recent past. After a little research, I found an actual ceremony that was used by the Grand Council in 1896. This is the ceremony I used and I have attached a copy to my report. I have also attached a copy of the historic installation of officers ceremony from 1870 that I have adapted and used. I recommend the continued use of both of these ceremonies until such time that the Annual Assembly shall be asked to approve a revised version.

The Grand Council also worked to improve communication with our members by starting an electronic newsletter, creating a proper Facebook presence and a new website. As a result of this improved communication, we discovered a number of Councils that had not filed their IRS form 990 resulting in their loss of nonprofit tax recognition status. I issued an edict requiring all Councils to give their Regional Deputy Grand Master proof of their 990 and found a few more Councils that were in tax trouble. Our Grand Treasurer worked with these Councils and got them on the road to tax compliance. We owe him and the companions who worked very hard to solve this issue a special thank you.

We had a few reporting issues of our own. The Grand Line officers were having a difficult time finding out our financial status. We were not sure where we stood in regards to the budget. I was not receiving a copy of the monthly warrants to review. After some pleasantries were exchanged, the information began to flow.

State of the Craft

Like the people in the Renaissance that looked back to antiquity for answers to solve the problems of their day, I believe there is nothing new under the Sun. For example, after the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the teachings of the early church fathers began to recede until they were only available in Monasteries. Before the Renaissance, the Reformation and the Counter Reformation, the level of knowledge had devolved to a point that most priests ministering to the peasants could not understand Latin, but some could say the words without knowing their meaning. Others, just made noises that they thought sounded like Latin. Needless to say it was not a fulfilling experience for the average parishioner. As the people became better educated, they demanded a higher quality spiritual experience.

Today, we are something very similar, men come to the masonic fraternity with a higher level of knowledge because of the internet. They are craving knowledge about masonry to make them a better man. Around this State, there are Masonic organizations starting to prosper, by getting back to the fundamentals of masonry. These Masons are making an effort every single day to live up to the obligations that each of you have made to God, your family and your fraternity.

1. Realize the responsibility for educating the next generation of masons is yours.
2. Never point out a problem or fault if you are unwilling to find a solution or be part of the solution.

Striving individually to be our best is the quickest way to improve and strengthen Cryptic Masonry.

This year I have communicated about the need for, us as Cryptic Masons, to celebrate what makes us unique. It is our duty to preserve the treasures of Freemasonry, but in order to accomplish preservation, we have to know what we are preserving. Is it the ritual, is it the meaning of the various Masonic symbols or is it the framework of the Masonic system? The answer is, yes, as all of these are our precious heritage. In many respects, the metaphor of lost knowledge is the cornerstone of masonic teachings. We live in an age with vast amounts of information at our fingertips, but we are losing knowledge every day. Bits of our history are perishing with every hard drive crash or a deleted email. The stories of masonic events and the masonic knowledge stored in the heads of our older companions need to be preserved. These stories will make each of us better leaders. This is not a new concept. *New Ideas from Dead CEOs: Lasting Lessons from the Corner Office* by Todd G. Buchholz, published in 2007, makes this very point for the business world. As a matter of fact, we could write a book called *New Ideas from Dead Masonic Leaders*. Just compile all the recommendations from every Grand Officer that has served the Grand Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery of Missouri into one volume. You will find that virtually all of these have been ignored or forgotten. We would soon realize nothing has really changed but the names and technology.

Through discussions with my many mentors and the experiences I had in my first year as a Grand line officer, I shaped my views of what needed to be done if I made it to the Grand East. During that first year, Most Illustrious Companion Robert Wright, Most Excellent Companion Ken Dingman and Right Eminent Sir Knight Fred Troxel held a planning session concerning the future of the York Rite. The meetings always ended with a brow beating by Most Illustrious Kevin B. Sample telling us the obvious: that we were the leadership of the York Rite in Missouri and we needed to lead. I felt part of something greater than myself, a team that was going to reverse the slide of York Rite Freemasonry in Missouri.

Then at my first Grand Session something was said that was seared into my brain. Most Illustrious Robert Bray told the Grand Assembly, which for the sake of decorum, I will paraphrase as: if we don't get off our dead derrieres, our fraternity will perish. As a point of reference, 2007, the year I was appointed to the Grand Line, we had 3968 members. Today, we have an estimated 2650 members, which equates to a one third reduction in membership in seven years.

If this trend continues, by the time my appointment reaches the East, we will have less than 1800 members. However, this trend cannot continue, must not continue, and will not continue. It will be reversed in the coming years.

Before I tell you why it is going to change, let me explain how we arrived at this point. First and foremost, realize that membership levels in the Masonic Fraternity have always ebbed and flowed from near extinction after the Morgan Affair to the post World War II membership explosion. Since that time membership numbers have receded, though the number of Select Masters did increase after the Grand Commandery made Cryptic Masonry a requirement for membership. Our numbers were also inflated by the Shrine requirement for York Rite or Scottish Rite membership, but that requirement was eliminated in 2000. This means that the Master Mason joining the Chapter, Council and Commandery was looking for what we as the York Rite had to offer them. However, our business model and our operating practices have pretty much stayed the same.

For over forty years, we took the money of quite a few companions for whom the York Rite was a tollgate on the way to the Shrine. Times were good, we were fat and happy, but we got lazy, we got used to people bringing us candidates and not finding them ourselves. As leaders, we became lazy too. We made the Recorder's desk the dumping ground for everything no one else wanted. A large number of masons think the secretary/recorder runs the organization. As a matter of fact, ten years ago when I was on the Grand Lodge Education Committee, I had a future Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri tell me that Masters and Wardens don't need leadership training, because the secretary runs the Lodge. I even had a past Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri confide in me, that I can make all the changes I want, give all the orders I want because all the Grand Recorder will do is ignore them until your term is over. This phenomena I refer to as the "Cult of the Secretary" will only end when officers decide to lead. The long forgotten truth is that historically, the Recorder and Treasurer roles were administrative, not management or leadership positions. The duties of every officer are spoken at every meeting so you should know what you are supposed to do. Officers, Grand or local, do your job, run your Councils, and embrace our sworn duty to preserve the treasures of Freemasonry.

Recorders and Treasurers, too many times, helping or assisting becomes doing. If our parents had carried us everywhere and catered to our every whim, how long would it have taken us to learn to walk? You need to let officers learn to

walk, even if it means them falling down. Even if you know in your heart of hearts that an idea will fail, ask questions to help explore the weaknesses to improve the idea. If you stonewall an idea or flat out reject it in the planning stage, seeds of resentment are planted. When Thomas Edison was asked about his many failed attempts at creating an incandescent light bulb, he reportedly said, "I did not fail, I discovered a thousand ways not to make a light bulb." If the idea is a failure, the brother has, hopefully, like Edison learned a way to improve the process. Failure is not a bad thing, it is part of life, without failure there could not be success. We, as humans, were made in God's image and just like a copy of a copy of a copy, imperfections and fragilities become more apparent with each successive copy. Because of our innate imperfection, humans are born to fail, but as brothers and companions we ease the sting of failure through compassion and celebrate success.

Success and failure are as much about perception as reality. What if you have a Council of 50 members, but only 6 come on a regular basis? This is a very real situation. The six regulars decide to call the rest of the members and invite them to the next meeting. At that meeting the Master gives a Masonic education presentation that he spent hours preparing that sparks a lively discussion. Is this a success or failure? What if I told you a total of 8 companions came to a meeting? Or even just 9 so they could open the Council. My answer is yes. Anytime you can get a companion through the door it is a win. Now you have to keep him coming back and that is the challenge facing all of masonry.

That is not our only challenge, we live in a society where destroying your competitor; twisting words and actions masquerades as dialogue; and truth is seen as a liability. These very attitudes have seeped into our sacred retreat of friendship and virtue. I have seen fights between temple associations and Masonic organization get very ugly. I have seen brothers blatantly disregard their obligations and claim to be a victim when called to account for their actions. I have seen competing visions tear apart the very organization we profess to love.

None of this is new. The Founding Fathers would spread vicious rumors about one another, make completely false charges of corruption, while wrapping themselves in the flag and praising God. If you look at the correspondence of masonic leaders of the past, our human fragilities are on full display. The difference is the speed of communications. We can react without contemplation with a few angry keystrokes. The internet, like the phone and printing press, led to a communications revolution. It is a tool that we must use responsibly. Please

remember everything on the internet is public. We need to be that beacon of light in the dark, despite our most base of human instincts.

A very wise Russian Count of German descent, named Sergei Witte said "I am neither a liberal nor a conservative; I am simply a civilized man. I cannot send someone to Siberia simply because he doesn't think as I do, and I cannot take away his civil rights simply because he does not worship God in the same church as I." Likewise, Freemasonry is neither a liberal or conservative organization; it is simply a civilized one. Freemasons do not shun our brothers over disagreements, we whisper counsel in their ear. We pray in our sacred sanctuary with all those that worship the one true God, no matter their religious tradition. Freemasonry is a force of civility in a profane world. We can, we must, and we will, I pray, work harder to live our masonic obligations.

This is how we rebuild our fraternity! By finding the unique voice of Cryptic Masonry and living our obligation.

Recommendations

My recommendations for Cryptic Masonry are few.

Please read the recommendations of all the past Grands and make their recommendation your next brilliant idea.

This year, I, like all my predecessors for the past 10 years, issued an edict stating that Councils could meet together without special dispensation for the purpose of conferring degrees and official visits. I would recommend and now move that this edict be adopted as a standing resolution.

It is my recommendation that my edict on providing a copy of 990 or its future equivalent be adopted as a standing resolution to avoid the issues of the past year. I would move that we would adopt this edict.

The only other recommendation I have is that you give the companions a reason to come to Council meetings; give master masons a reason to want to join the York Rite; and most of all give all the freemasons who have gone before us a reason to be proud of each of you.

Thank you.

Faternally,

Most Illustrious Companion David C. Witte,
Grand Master 2013-2014

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri Strategic Plan 2013-2020 Executive Summary

The officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri developed this plan on the eve of the Grand Council's Sesquicentennial to ensure future viability of the organization. The content of this document is based on the concerns expressed at regional meetings, official visits and a survey conducted at the Regional York Rite Conferences. The plan is divided into four sections: fraternal, administrative, Grand Session, and outreach. Fraternal is the part of the plan that deals with the Grand Council's relationship with its constituent Councils and membership.

Mission Statement

It is our mission to preserve the treasures of Freemasonry for future generations.

Fraternal Goals

- Develop and maintain a leadership development program to train the next generation of leaders.
- Eliminate the use of ritual books or other memory aids during meetings and degree work.
- Improve communications throughout the State.
- Have at least one Companion per Council that has earned the ritual proficiency card for opening and closing a Council.
- Rebuild struggling Councils and charter new councils where appropriate.
- Increase our membership from the current 7% of the membership of the Grand Lodge of Missouri to 10%.

Fraternal Strategic Plan

- A minimum of two training sessions per year for the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers.
- The Deputy Grand Lecturers will hold a Regional Ritual School on opening and closing a Council and the Royal and Select Master Degrees.
- The Grand Council will sponsor leadership training programs and membership incentive programs.
- Give struggling and new Councils a group of ombudsmen, mentors or consultants to assist them to develop the tools the Council needs to succeed.
- Develop an e-newsletter and social media sites in order to better communicate with our membership.

Administrative Goals

- Have 100% participation in the General Grand Life Membership Program.
- Improve communication between the Grand Office and the subordinate Councils.
- Reduce expenses that do not help Cryptic Masonry carry out its mission.
- Have a long term funding plan and a contingency fund equal to half of average yearly expenses.
- Improve the working relationship between the Grand Office and the constitute Councils.
- Develop checks and balances in the Grand Councils financial and contractual obligations.
- Simplify forms and procedures to reduce the burden on recorders.

Administrative Strategic Plan

- Reduce storage costs by finding alternative methods for storing historical documents and records by loaning these documents to the Missouri Lodge of Research's Library.
- Build an endowment fund that's income will be used to defer part of the administrative costs of the Grand Council. The income from the fund will not be used until the fund reaches \$100,000.
- Have mid-year meetings/training sessions with Council recorders to help maintain constructive discourse, as well as a special session with the Treasurer and Recorder at the Regional York Rite Conferences.
- Develop a list of specific duties for each Grand Officer and a Grand Officers manual.
- Use a modified zero sum budgeting technique where 50% of unencumbered funds are allowed to roll into the next year and the balance split between a contingency fund and the aforementioned endowment fund.
- Create a Board of Trustees consisting of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Missouri and the current dais officers.
- Increase the Greeting fee to include a life membership for the General Grand Council.
- Include the cost of a life membership in the General Grand Council in the fee structure of the endowed membership.
- Change the Endowed membership to a flat fee and adopt the Grand Lodges method of distributing income: income divided in half with one

half going to the Grand Council and the balance divided equally among the participant and sent to their Council.

Grand Session Goals

- Improve the experience for the membership, while holding cost down.
- Make the sessions productive and long enough for the necessary business, with minimal down time.
- Make the session fun.

Grand Session Strategic Plan

- Modernize the registration process with online registration and barcode check in.
- Color coded delegate badges for voting and nonvoting members of the Grand Council.
- Have a masonic scholar or other inspirational speaker as entertainment at a banquet or luncheon.
- Negotiate hotel restaurant meal vouchers for breakfast and lunch.
- Have package meal plan giving companions a break if they attend more than one meal at Grand session.
- Have a necrology service for all of our fallen Companions before the session to give them the tribute they deserve.
- Move the Order of the Silver Trowel to a mid-year meeting in conjunction with other events.

Outreach Goals

- Improve Cryptic masonry's visibility in the masonic community in Missouri.
- Develop mutually beneficial relationships with other Masonic bodies in Missouri.
- Live up to our mission to preserve the treasures of Freemasonry for future generations.

Outreach Strategic Plan

- Adopt the Missouri Lodge of Research's Library and Museum Fund as the Grand Council's instate charity.
- Develop regional Second Degree teams (Cryptic Players) to assist Symbolic Lodges in performing degree work and for Chance to Advance Classes.

- Increase efforts to disseminate information concerning the CMMRF to other masonic orders and the general public.
- Work with the Masonic Youth organizations to find avenues for mutual cooperation.
- Perform the Captivity scene at Scottish Rite and Shrine Meetings.

INSTITUTING A COUNCIL UNDER DISPENSATION

The time having arrived for the ceremony, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or his duly appointed Deputy, (who must be a Past Illustrious Master) assumes the chair, and fills the stations with proper officers opens the council in the degree of Select Master, and reads the letter of Dispensation.

He then causes the three principal officers named in the Dispensation to assume their stations, and delivers to them and the other officers appropriate charges and instructions. The subordinate officers U. D. are appointed by the Illustrious Master. Officers of Council U. D. are not installed.

The following is the form to be used when officers of a Council U. D. are assigned to their stations.

CHARGE TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

Illustrious Master: The superintendence and government of the Companions who are to compose this Council while under Dispensation having been committed to your care, you cannot be insensible of the obligations, which devolve on you as their head; nor of your responsibility to the faithful discharge of the important duties appertaining to your appointment. Conduct the affairs of the Council wisely and well, so that the Grand Council may approve your work, and perpetuate your organization by granting you a Charter in due time.

THE DEPUTY MASTER.

Companion: You have been appointed Deputy Master of this Council while under Dispensation, and will now assume the duties of your station. It will be your duty to aid and support your Chief in all the requirements of his office. In his absence you are to preside and perform his duties.

THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

Companion: You have been appointed Principal Conductor of the work of this Council while under Dispensation and will now assume the duties of your station. In the absence of both of your superior officers, it will be your duty to preside

over the Council.

THE TREASURER.

Companion, having been appointed Treasurer of this Council, you will now enter upon the discharge of your duties. These you will perform with fidelity and care, thus proving your devotion to our Order.

THE RECORDER.

Companion, you have been appointed Recorder of this Council, and are now assigned to your office. Your duties are important, requiring promptness, accuracy and fidelity. Let your record and your conduct command the approval and merit the confidence of your Companions.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

Companion, you have been appointed Captain of the Guard, and will now assume the duties of your station. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the worthy and the faithful. Be ever attentive to the commands of Chief, and prompt to see them duly executed.

THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

Companion, you have been appointed Conductor of the Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. Be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

THE MARSHAL.

Companion, you have been appointed Marshal, and will now assume the duties of your station to take special care that none are permitted to enter our sacred retreat but such as have proved their title to our favor and friendship.

THE STEWARD.

Companion, you have been appointed Steward of this Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

THE SENTINEL.

Companion, you have been appointed Sentinel of this Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. Be attentive, vigilant and faithful.

The presiding officer may conclude with such personal instructions and advice as he deems proper, and then he proclaims the Council duly instituted and regularly at work, as follows:

In the name and by the authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, I declare this Council duly instituted under Dispensation, and regularly at work, with the Officers in their proper station.

Handing the Illustrious Master the Dispensation and the gavel, he takes his seat beside the Master, and the Council proceeds with its regular business.

CONSTITUTING A COUNCIL UNDER CHARTER

The Grand Master or his duly appointed proxy assumes the chair and fills the various stations with suitable companions who may be present, and opens the Council on the degree of Select Master. He then explains the object of the assembly and causes to be read the Charter under which the new Council is to be constituted. An ode may be sung or appropriate music rendered. Then the Chaplain shall offer the following or some other suitable prayer:

Most holy and glorious Lord God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, thou who governs the world in the secrecy and silence of thine omniscient counsels, and who shows mercy unto all who trust in thy holy and ineffable name; we invoke thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. May this Council be established to thy honor, and consecrated to thy glory; may its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern and fidelity to pursue its true interests and may its members, remembering that they have been chosen as a select band to preserve for the Craft that Divine Truth which is the Foundation Stone of all Masonry, be ever mindful of the duty which they owe to thee, the Eternal Builder, the obedience they owe their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good-will they owe to all mankind. Amen.

Response. So mote it be.

The constituting officer then causes the members of the new Council to be formed in line west of the Altar, facing the East. He then rises and constitutes the new Council in the following form, all the Companions standing:

In the name and by the authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, I do now form and constitute you my worthy Companions, into a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters by the name of Council No. ____ ; Henceforth you and your successors are authorized and empowered to open and hold said Council, and to do and perform all such things as may appertain thereunto; conforming in all your doings to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, and may the God of our fathers be with you to guide and direct you in all your doings. Amen.

Response: So mote it be.

The following Dedicatory Declaration shall then be pronounced by the Grand Master:

To our Ancient and Most Illustrious Grand Master Solomon King of Israel, we solemnly dedicate this Council; May the blessing of Him who presides in the Grand Council above, descend and rest upon its members and may He so direct their labors that His name may be magnified, now and forever. Amen.

Response: So mote it be.

(These ceremonies may be interspersed with suitable music.) The Constituting officer then causes an election to be held for the officers of the New Council. He then appoints some suitable Companion to act as Marshal and precedes to install the newly elected and appointed officers.

An oration may here be delivered or appropriate addresses may be made by the Grand Master and other Companions. The new Council will now proceed with its regular business, and after all business is transacted the Council should be closed in due form.

Grand Master Witte's INSTALLATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICERS 2013-2014 AS ADAPTED FROM THE 1880 INSTALLATION

The Council being duly assembled and in working order, the installing officer shall direct the Recorder to read so much of the records as refer to the election of the officers presenting themselves for installation, after which he shall say:

Companions of Council, No. ____ , do you remain satisfied with the choice you have made in the selection of your officers for the ensuing Masonic year?

The answer being in the affirmative, the officers elect shall be arranged by the Marshal (an officer to be appointed for the occasion) in due form in front of the installing officer, when they shall be required to make the following:

You will say I, state your full name and repeat after me:

I, _____, do solemnly promise that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected or selected in this Council, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the By-Laws of this Council, and the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri so far as they may come to my knowledge.

The officers-elect shall then resume their seats among the Companions or at seats near the Altar.

The following, or some suitable prayer, shall then be delivered by the Installing Chaplain:

Installing Chaplain's Prayer

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great and Mighty Father of all men, we, Thy humble servants, desire to approach Thee with all reverence, and to implore Thy blessing upon the Companions selected to preside over and conduct the affairs of this Council, and now before Thee. Fill their hearts, we beseech Thee, with Thy fear, that their tongues and actions may promote Thy glory. Make them steadfast in Thy service. Grant them firmness of mind. Animate their hearts and strengthen their endeavors, May they be enabled to teach Thy judgments and Thy laws. Bless them, O Lord, and bless the work of their hands. Accept us in mercy. Hear Thou from Heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions. Glory be to God as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be.

The Marshal will then present the officers elect severally, according to rank, for installation.

Addressing the installing officer, by his proper Masonic title, he shall say:

Installing Marshal: Installing Grand Master, I present to you Companion (or Illustrious, etc.) _____, for installation as Master of this Council. I find him to be well skilled in the Royal Mysteries, zealous in diffusing the sacred principles of

our fathers, and in whose integrity and fidelity his Companions of Council, No. _____, repose the highest confidence.

The installing officer will then complete the ceremonies by delivering the following Address and Charges, severally, to the officers elect, as they are severally presented to him, according to rank, by the Installing Marshal.

INSTALLING GRAND MASTER ADDRESS AND CHARGE TO THE ELECTED MASTER:

I feel great pleasure in receiving you as the presiding officer of this Council. It is a station highly honorable to him who diligently and faithfully performs the duties it imposes upon him. Before investing you, however, with the appropriate insignia of your office, I must require your unequivocal assent to the following interrogatories:

- 1. Do you solemnly promise that you will use your best endeavors to correct the vices and purify the morals of your Companions, and to promote the peace and prosperity of your Council?**
- 2. That you will not suffer your Council to be opened when there are less than nine Select Masters present?**
- 3. That you will not suffer any one to pass the circle of perfection in your Council, in whose integrity, fervency and zeal you have not entire confidence?**
- 4. That you will not acknowledge or hold intercourse with any Council that does not work under some regular and constitutional authority?**
- 5. That you will not admit a visitor into your Council who has not been regularly and lawfully invested with the degrees conferred therein, without his having previously been formally healed?**
- 6. That you will faithfully observe and support such By-Laws as may be made by your Council, in conformity with the Constitutions and Bylaws of the Order?**
- 7. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the Grand Officers, when duly installed, and sustain them in the discharge of their lawful duties?**
- 8. Do you submit to these requirements, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?**

RESPONSE: I do.

With entire confidence in the rectitude of your intentions, and in the integrity of your character as a Select Master, I now invest you with the appropriate insignia of your office.

Having been honored with the free suffrages of your Companions, and elevated to the highest office within their gift, it becomes your duty to set them an example of diligence, industry and fidelity; to see that the officers associated with you faithfully perform their respective duties, and that the interest and reputation of your Council are not endangered by imprudence or neglect. The important trusts committed to your charge will call forth your best exertions, and the exercise of your best faculties.

As the representative of the wise King of Israel, it will be your duty to recite the secret traditions, and illustrate the moral principles of the Order, to cherish the worthy, and to hold in due veneration the ancient landmarks.

By a frequent recurrence to the By-laws of your Council, and the Bylaws and Constitutions of the Grand Council, you will be enabled to fulfill the important obligations resting upon you with honor to yourself and with credit to the Craft.

And may He, without whose approving smiles our labors are all in vain, give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

CHARGE TO THE ELECTED DEPUTY MASTER.

COMPANION _____ : Having been elected to the second office in this Council, I, with great pleasure, invest you with the insignia of your office.

The duties of the important office to which your Companions have elevated you will require your constant and earnest attention. You are to occupy the second seat in the Council, and it will be your duty to aid and support your chief in all the requirements of his office. In his absence you will be called upon to preside in the Council, and to discharge all the important duties annexed to his station.

Although the representative of a king, and elevated in rank above your Companions, yet may you never forget that in all the duties you owe to God, your neighbor and yourself, you and they stand upon the same level of equality. Let the bright example of your predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty, and when the King of kings shall summon you to His immediate presence, may you receive from His hand a crown of glory that shall never fade away.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

COMPANION _____ : As the third officer of this Council, I now invest you with the insignia of your office. It is your duty to sound the silver trumpet at early dawn and eve of day, when the sun's first and last beams gild the mountain-tops, to announce high noon, and proclaim the time of rest and labor.

In the absence of either of your superior officers, you will be required to perform the duties annexed to his station respectively; and as the interests of your Council ought never to suffer from the want of intelligence in its officers, you will allow me to urge upon you the necessity of being always qualified and fully prepared to meet the emergency, should it ever arise. Having been admitted to the fellowship of Kings, you will be frequently reminded that the office of mediator is both honorable and praiseworthy. Let it therefore be your constant care to preserve harmony and unanimity of sentiment among the members of your Council. Discountenance whatever may tend to create divisions and dissensions among the Brethren in any of the departments of Masonry. And as the glorious sun at its meridian dispels the mists and clouds that obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the mist of jealousy and discord, should any such ever unfortunately arise in your Council.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

COMPANION: You have been elected to a very important and responsible office in this Council, and I now, with pleasure invest you with the

insignia of your office. It is your duty to number and weigh out the shekels of the sanctuary, and to provide for the helpless orphan. The qualities which should distinguish you are accuracy and fidelity; accuracy in keeping a fair and true account of the receipts and disbursements; fidelity in carefully preserving the property and funds of the Council, and in rendering a just account of the same when required.

Your interest in this Council, your attachment to the Craft, and your known integrity of character, are a sure guaranty that your duties will be faithfully performed.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE RECORDER.

COMPANION: I now invest you with the insignia of your office. The qualities which should distinguish you in discharging the various duties annexed to your station are, correctness in recording the proceedings of your Council; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be written; regularity in making the returns to the Grand Council; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through your hands, and fidelity in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these qualities has designated you as a suitable Companion for the important office to which you have been elected, and I entertain no doubt but that you will discharge all the duties incumbent on you with fidelity and honor. And when you shall have completed the records of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted to the Grand Council above, and find your name recorded in the book of life.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE ELECTED CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

COMPANION: Having been elected Captain of the Guard in this Council, I present you with the insignia of your office. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the faithful and the worthy. Be ever attentive to the commands of your chief, and be always near at hand to see them duly executed.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE APPOINTED CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANION: The office to which you have been appointed is one of much importance in the proceedings of this Council. In the discharge of the duties appertaining to it, and with which you are doubtless familiar, be fervent and zealous; you will thus secure the respect and esteem of your Companions, and the consent of your own conscience.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE APPOINTED CHAPLAIN.

COMPANION: You have been appointed Chaplain of this Council. Your good inclinations will undoubtedly aid you in the performance of those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their Great Creator, and which, when offered by one whose holy profession it is to point to Heaven and lead the way, may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the presence of our Supreme Grand Master, where happiness will be as perfect as it is endless.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO THE APPOINTED MARSHAL.

COMPANION: The duties of your office require but little elucidation. It is your duty, in connection with the Conductor, to attend to the examination of visitors, and to take special care that none are permitted to enter but such as have proved their title to our favor and friendship. I present you with the implement of your office, in the confident belief that it is entrusted to competent and faithful hands.

You will now be escorted to your station.

CHARGE TO: THE APPOINTED STEWARD AND SENTINEL.

COMPANIONS: You have been appointed to the office of Steward and Sentinel, respectively, and I now, with pleasure, invest you with the appropriate insignias of your offices.

Let the sword placed in your hands serve as a constant admonition to you to set a guard at the entrance of your thoughts, to place a watch at the door of your lips, to post a sentinel at the avenues of your affections, thereby excluding every unworthy thought, word and deed,

and enabling you to preserve your consciences void of offense toward God and man.

You will now be escorted to your stations.

CHARGE TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL.

WORTHY AND BELOVED COMPANIONS: **From the nature of our beloved institution, some must of necessity rule and others obey. And while justice and moderation are required of the officers in the discharge of their official duties, subordination and respect for their rulers are equally demanded of the members. The relation is reciprocal. The interests of both are inseparable, and without mutual cooperation the labors of neither can succeed. Let the avenues to your passions be strictly guarded. Let no curious intruder find his way into the secret recesses of your retirement, to disturb the harmony which should ever prevail among the select and chosen. In so doing, you will best secure the prosperity of your Council, the respect of your Companions and the commendation of your own consciences.**

The Installing Marshal will NOW make the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION BY INSTALLING MARSHAL

Marshal: By virtue of the powers in me vested by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, I do hereby declare the officers of ____ Council No. ____, regularly installed, in due and ancient form.

IM: Companion Installing Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Installing Chaplain Benediction:

Eternal and ever blessed Jehovah, most humbly do we beseech Thee to look down with an eye of favor upon this Council, now assembled before Thee. Bless, if it shall please Thee, the proceedings of this hour, and grant that every transaction of this body may tend to Thy glory and to our advancement in knowledge and virtue, and to Thy great name shall be ascribed eternal praises, world without end. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be.

The Installing Acting Grand Master turns the Gavel of Authority to the newly installed Master.

Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons Memorial Ceremony

Presiding Officer

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Traditionally, there are three standard burial services, one from the Grand Lodge, one from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and the Rose Croix service of the Scottish Rite. Companions, we are not here to add too or take away from any of them, but it is only proper and right, that we acknowledge this Companions service to our beloved Cryptic Rite, with this simple ceremony. Companion Chaplain please give an opening prayer.

Chaplain

Opening Prayer

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Presiding Officer

Companions we are here today to honor the memory and to recognize the service of our Most Illustrious Companion:

_____, who served as the Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Grand Council of the State of Missouri in _____

Masonic history of the Companion Being Honored

Companions, the foundation of Ancient Freemasonry is in the Craft Lodge, and the lessons begun there are completed in the Royal Arch Chapter, with the discovery of the long lost master's word, and after the Summit of Ancient Craft Masonry is passed, the history of the preservation of that Word is found in the Council of Royal and Select Masters by those known as Cryptic Masons.

Which leads us to ask the question, what is a Cryptic Mason?

Presiding or Alternate Officer

"What is a Cryptic Mason?"

A Cryptic Mason is a Companion who has been exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, and to make his knowledge of the Royal Art more complete he is greeted a Royal Master. He learns something of the Alpha, and something of the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Being faithful to his trust and diligent in the discharge of his duties to God, his country, his neighbor and himself, he passes the Summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, by being entrusted with the Cardinal Virtues of a Select Master – Secrecy and Silence.

As an Ish-Sodi, he dangerously learns through curious zeal, that Justice swiftly calls, but Mercy boldly answers. Leaving him with the realization “that embodied within the Cryptic lays the Soul of Freemasonry.”

Presiding Officer

Companions, The lessons taught in every Masonic degree are meaningful in every sense of the word, and are taught by the use of symbols, emblems, and allegory. It is for each of us in our own way to apply those lessons to our lives in such a manner that reflects obedience to those lessons, and that further demonstrates our reverential belief in and duty to obey our Great Creator.

In the Cryptic Rite, our colors are White and Purple and our emblems are the Sword, Trowel, Broken Triangle and Unbroken Triangle, please allow me to give a brief explanation :

White is Ancient Masonry’s final reminder of that Purity of Life, symbolized in the first apron you received as an Entered Apprentice.

Purple, the color of Kings, exhorts us to rule well our lives, that we may be numbered with that Select Nobility who truly practice the Royal Art.

The Sword designates us as Guardians whose peculiar duty is the preservation of those sacred treasures, which are ours through Masonic heritage.

The Trowel reminds us that we are builders, and that our lives should be constructive in their influence upon the Brotherhood and upon the world.

The Broken Triangle speaks to us of Mortality – of the uncertainty of our tenure of life – of the importance of an industrious use of our time and our faculties, and of the place of wages, refreshment and rest, which awaits our entrance through the gate of death.

Enclosing this emblem of our mortal life is the Unbroken Triangle, emblematic of the deity, whose love enfolds us all, whose justice and mercy are alike infinite and alike prefect, and whose Word points the way of life immortal.

Finally, Companions let us remember our charge as Cryptic Masons; to let Brotherly love prevail, to be emulous of each other in all good works, and all the

while striving to promote peace and unity. Let each of us act daily in the bonds of “Sincere Friendship”, remembering the example of our Honored Companion here today, and just like him, that we too, through our service and dedication to the Cryptic Rite can make a positive difference in the world today.

Chaplain

Ritual Closing Prayer

Most glorious God, author of all good and giver of all mercy, pour down Thy blessings upon us and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection. May the present instance of mortality remind us of our own approaching fate and, by drawing our attention toward Thee the only refuge in time of need, induce us to regulate our conduct here, that when the final moment shall arrive at which we must quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of Thy mercy may dispel the fear of death; and that after our departure hence, in peace and Thy favor, we may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom and there join in union with our friend and enjoy that uninterrupted and unceasing felicity which is allotted to the souls of just men made perfect. Amen.

All

So mote it be.

**11/11/2013**

Rodney Terry
7314 Garfield
Kansas City, MO 64132 (816) 582-7185

Companions Terry,

It is my pleasure to grant dispensation to form William H. Reynolds Council. I have appointed the following officers: Master Rodney Terry; Deputy Master Kenneth W. Isaac; and Principal Conductor of the Work Ivory Graham. This leaves the balance to be appointed by you as the first Master of William H. Reynolds Council. Please contact me to make arrangements for me to set your Council to Work.

David C. Witte
Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

**04/09/2014**

Very Illustrious Companions Ruth,

It is my pleasure to grant dispensation to form Adoniram Council. I have appointed the following officers: Master Matt Ruth; Deputy Master James Ferguson; and Principal Conductor of the Work William Davis. This leaves the balance to be appointed by you as the first Master of Adoniram Council. Please contact me to make arrangements for me to set your Council to Work.

David C. Witte
Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The text of this report was not available when the preliminary proceedings were drafted, but will be inserted later.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS COUNCIL, UD

April 21, 2014

(Received by the Grand Recorder on April 19, 2014)

To: David C. Witte
Grand Master
Cryptic Masons of Missouri

From: Rodney Terry
Illustrious Master
William Reynolds Council, UD

We the Members of William Reynolds Council, UD listed below are requesting to be granted a Charter under the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Illustrious Master Rodney Terry

Deputy Master Ivory Graham

Principal Conductor of the Work Kenneth W. Isaac

Treasurer Kenneth Johnson

Recorder Malcolm D. Morris

Captain of the Guard Lawrence E. Tolliver

Conductor of the Council Paul M. Pinckney

Chaplain Richard Richardson

Steward Mario M.A. Gaitan

Marshal Jerome Wilkins

Sentinel Sidney Malone

MEMBERS:

Anthony L. Curry
Franklin Richardson
Charles H. Conner, Sr.
Steve E. Brown, Sr.

Raymond G. Jones
Curtis C. West, Sr.
Ronald E. Woods
Ray Walker
Wilfred Saunders

Antonyo Byrd
Dexter Johnson
William E. Baker
Lawrence A. Jones, Jr.

Fraternally,

Rodney Terry

Illustrious Master

Malcolm D. Morris

Recorder

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, UD

(Received by the Grand Recorder on April 28, 2014)

Most Illustrious Grand Master David C. Witte,

The following members of Adoniram Council, U.D. respectfully request a Charter from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

Master-Matthew Ruth

Deputy Master-James Ferguson

PCW-William Davis

Sec-John Kuehn

Tres. -Keith Robertson Jr.

Capt of Guard-Robert Ferguson

Conductor-Brent Burney

Steward-Charles Hagen

Chap-Chad Ward

Mar-Mark Hagen

Sent-Maurice Clark

MEMBERS:

Chris Adolphson, Forest Jones, Chris Lynch II, Jeremiah Richardson, Josh Thompson, Carl Brandon, Lloyd Bethel, Keith Roberston Sr, Keith Todd.

Fraternally,

Matthew Ruth

John C. Kuehn

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following is the proposed budget for the 2014 - 2015 year.

INCOME

Per Capita, Membership (2,625 @ \$13.00)	\$ 34,125.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,950.00
Greeting Fees, 75 @ \$7.00	525.00
General Fund Interest Income.....	600.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	262.50
2013-2014 Audit Allocation	1,600.00
2013-2014 Printing Proceedings Allocation	2,000.00
Total Income.....	\$ 41,062.50

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

Grand Master Honorarium.....	\$ 3,000.00
Royal Arch Magazine Editor Honorarium	50.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium.....	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary	6,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	5,000.00
Employment Taxes	950.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	1,600.00
Office Expenses.....	4,100.00
Printing of Proceedings.....	2,000.00
Office Rent	1,900.00
Storage Rent	1,200.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (2,625 @ \$1.00).....	2,625.00
Annual Assembly	1,750.00
Grand Officer Expenses	600.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	450.00
Royal Arch Magazine	3,000.00
Triennial Fund (2,625 @ \$ 0.06).....	157.50
Emerging Leaders Fund	262.50
YRIS Support.....	500.00
Web Master	500.00
Unencumbered Audit Expense.....	1,600.00
Unencumbered Printing Proceeds Expense.....	2,000.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 40,845.00
Balance	\$ 217.50

Move the adoption of the proposed budget for the 2014 - 2015 year.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits
May 14, 15 & 16, 2014

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Greetings:

There appears to be a gross misunderstanding as to the function of these committees and perhaps the name assigned should be changed to something like "oversight committee." But then that might be closely construed with that fiasco of our "government."

That said, these committees, some time ago, made the affirmation that a function such as a dollars and cents audit by the internal membership is not feasible as it is very much time consuming which most of us can not even afford, even those of us that are retired.

In the last many years, these committees have functioned more as an oversight or regulatory committee rather than anything else. In other words, they have served to review and track the processes utilized by the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the handling of the assets of these 501(c)3/10 organizations. They did no less in this year.

At last year's Grand Sessions the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery included in their budgets funds to hire outside experts in the field to conduct a dollars and cents audit of all three Grand York Rite Bodies. Unfortunately, that did not come to fruition. However, the committees did prevail in insuring that funding would remain in each of the three budgets for such purposes in the upcoming year.

This year's meeting, albeit very abbreviated, did allow most of the committee members and several nonmembers as well, to observe first hand the workings of the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the handling and protection of the monetary assets of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

The Chair thanks the Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Grand Treasurer for making themselves and their books available. It is regrettable that a more in depth review was not in the picture. Hopefully, the plan will get underway next year.

Fraternally & respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
Grand York Rite Audit Committees

Move the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee.

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

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report
June 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in banking institutions in Jefferson City, American Balanced Fund through Central Bank, and American Income Fund through Central Bank. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges and with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution. Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 135 of the By-Laws is being utilized (American Balanced Fund and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 31,726.83**

Receipts:

Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 29,598.14
Interest Earned	44.16
Increase in Market Value, etc.	
<u>American Balanced Fund</u>	<u>540.39</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 30,182.69

Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#59328 - 2098 thru 2111	\$ 5,020.50
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GENERAL FUND (continued)

#74544 - 3014 thru 3077	10,464.51
#74325 -	-0-
<u>#464155 (Debits)</u>	<u>649.73</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 16,134.74
<u>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 14,047.95</u>
Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2014	\$ 45,774.78

Statement of Assets

General Fund, March 31, 2014

Interest Checking Act. #59328,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 1,012.16
Interest Checking Act. #74544,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	1,084.58
Interest Checking Act. #74325,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	7.17
Money Mkt. Act. #464155,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	14,997.27
Money Mkt. Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	7,364.65
CD #137548,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,	
Matures 01-03-2017	17,263.85
American Balanced Fund	
<u>(thru Central Bank - Jefferson City)</u>	<u>4,045.10</u>

Total Assets,

General Fund, March 31, 2014

\$ 45,774.78

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 33,092.36**

Receipts:

Interest Earned	\$ 108.57
Increase in Market Value, etc.	
<u>American Balanced Fund</u>	<u>1,638.25</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,746.82

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 1,746.82

Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014 **\$ 34,839.18**

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT) (continued)**Statement of Assets****General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014**

Money Mkt. Act. #464155,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 397.71
American Balanced Fund	
(thru Central Bank - Jefferson City)	12,263.07
CD #274379,	
Central Bank - Jefferson City, 0.65%,	
Matures 05-30-2014	\$ 22,178.40

Total Assets,**General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014** **\$ 34,839.18****ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 101,329.78**

Receipts:

Interest Earned	\$ 350.82
Increase in Market Value, etc.	
American Income Fund	7,314.74
Total Receipts:	\$ 7,665.56

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 7,665.56Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 108,995.34****Statement of Assets****Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Act. #464155,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 4,623.62
CD #1281055,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,	
Matures 05-26-2014	45,293.73
American Income Fund	
(thru Central Bank - Jefferson City)	59,077.99

Total Assets,**Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 108,995.34****CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 123,579.37****CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)**

Receipts:

Various Contributions	\$ 202.30
Interest Earned	\$ 721.74

Total Receipts: \$ 924.04

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 924.04Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 124,503.41****Statement of Assets****Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Act. #464155,	
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 1,873.67
Money Mkt. Act. #30000211,	
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15%	1,153.28
CD #482161,	
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,	
Matures 02-07-2016	32,889.37
CD #1243910,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,	
Matures 07-06-2016	48,009.69
CD #1244500,	
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,	
Matures 73-06-2016	40,577.40

Total Assets,**Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 124,503.41****SUPPLY FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 9,046.25**

Receipts:

Inventory Sales	\$ 2,211.13
Interest Earned	22.71

Total Receipts: \$ 2,233.84

Disbursements: \$ 909.19

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 1,324.65Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 10,370.90****Statement of Assets****Supply Fund, March 31, 2014**

SUPPLY FUND (continued)

Money Market Act. #464155,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 10,370.90

**Total Assets,
 Supply Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 10,370.90**

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 175.25**

Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 0.39

Total Receipts: \$ 0.39

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 0.39

Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 175.64**

**Statement of Assets
 Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Act. #464155,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 175.64

**Total Assets,
 Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 175.64**

LEADERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ -0-**

Receipts:

From Councils \$ 65.90

Total Receipts: \$ 65.90

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 65.90

Balance, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 65.90**

**Statement of Assets
 Leadership Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Act. #464155,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 65.90

**Total Assets,
 Leadership Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 65.90**

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2014 **\$ 324,725.15**

Fraternally Submitted,
 Donald L. Trabue, HPGM
 Grand Treasurer

Move the adoption of the preliminary report of the Grand Treasurer.

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REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

As my third year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder draws to a close, I believe that Debbie and I have continued to make significant progress in managing the challenges of the job. Debbie and I have worked very hard to balance the load of keeping the aging office equipment operating, dealing with legacy issues, and coping with the constant torrent of information that flows into the Grand York Rite Office.

This year has not been an easy one for Debbie and I. During June our youngest daughter, Rebecca, underwent emergency surgery to remove a life-threatening growth from her reproductive system. Fortunately, it was not malignant and we did not have to worry about a cancer threat. While she lost an ovary and fallopian tube, she should still be able to have children. Debbie provided post-surgical care for the first two weeks after Rebecca was released from the hospital.

During the months of June and July I implemented a major revision of the MU Hazardous Waste Management Summer Institute (held each August now going on 33 years). During the months of November and December I implemented a major revision of the MU Hazardous Waste Management Winter Institute (held each January now going on 18 years). The Summer and Winter Institutes are designed to train managers, consultants, regulators, and workers in the requirements, correct procedures, problem solving techniques, and compliance issues associated with the generation, storage, and shipment of hazardous waste as well as the proper packaging, documentation, marking, and labeling of hazardous materials including hazardous wastes and hazardous substances. The Institutes are hosted by the MU College of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department where I am an adjunct Instructor – a part-time academic position funded by proceeds from the Institutes (I also hold a full-time administrative position in the Department of Environmental Health and Safety where I am a Senior Chemist and the Environmental Management Officer now going on 35 years). I am the Chairman, Administrator, Editor, and primary

Instructor for the Institutes. While I am essentially the chief cook and bottle washer, I am not a one-man show. I work with two instructor/partners who handle some of the teaching duties, but both work for industry-related companies outside the Columbia area which makes coordination of the course materials challenging.

In January Debbie’s younger sister died after fighting multiple sclerosis for most of her adult life. Once the funeral plans were finalized we drove to Georgia to be with Joe, Kim’s husband of 30 years, Randarius,their adopted son, as well as their extended church family and quite a few of the 98 foster children that she and Joe lovingly raised during Kim’s medically challenged life. Debbie’s parents and youngest brother preceded Kimberly in death leaving only Debbie and her brother Patrick.

My primary focus since taking office has been to modernize and streamline the operations of the Grand York Rite Office. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century is a constant theme in the Grand York Rite Office. Along the way, several operations were resurrected and others were renovated. We are relying more and more to “just in time” electronic delivery which saves time and money.

However, nothing is ever finished at the Grand York Rite Office. All of the programs and operations, forms and records, calls and correspondence require constant attention and maintenance. Debbie has been instrumental in dealing with both the day to day operations of the office and helping me to focus my time on the most critical tasks that only I can perform.

Another of my focus areas is to tame the paper monster at the Grand York Rite Office that threatens to bury us under mountains of physical records destined to become nothing more than dead paper in a forgotten file cabinet. With respect to the present, we have established a paperless storage system. Every sheet of critical (and some not so critical) paper goes across a scanner for electronic storage. Mission-critical files are backed up by redundant storage systems that utilize both on site and off site methods. With respect to the past, Ron Skiles is making steady progress on the MGYR Dead Paper project.

Unfortunately, the MGYR web site was a casualty of my busy professional life. It has languished essentially untouched for most of the year due to my lack of free time to dedicate to its maintenance and further development. I recruited Scott Crawford to assist me with the web site and we were in the process of setting up

a DropBox folder system for sharing the web site files when it was decided that the Grand York Rite would hire someone to replace me as web master.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their continued understanding and support. It is especially important for everyone to understand that Debbie cannot do everything that I can do, but she is continuing to learn. We apologize for not being able to meet everyone’s expectations, but we are committed to and are striving for smoother operations in the ensuing year.

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
MGYR Office

Move the adoption of the report of the Grand Secretary.

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**REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
CHARITY COMMITTEE**

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Status Report

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

Companions,

For the period April 13, 2013 through April 19, 2014 the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$1,641.37 (\$4,131.17 - last year). Currently, Missouri ranks twenty-third with respect to other jurisdictions and twelfth since the inception of the program. Our grand total is \$121,833.95.

Extenders have been awarded to:

Bonne Terre Council No. 43

Independence Council No. 49

A triangular plaque was awarded to:

None

The top five councils for 2013 were:

Independence Council No. 49

\$393.08

Bonne Terre Council No. 43	\$203.55
Zabud Council No. 25	\$121.00
Lebanon Council No. 56	\$100.00
Mark Twain F.T.C.	\$100.00

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

Total amount of CMMRF grants awarded to Indiana University School of Medicine: \$3,670,298.86.

Respectfully submitted,
William Gordon Buckner, Chairman

Move the adoption of the report of the General Grand Council Charity Committee.

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

The following minor revisions were authorized to be made in the text of the ritual book. The book currently available from the Grand York Rite Office includes these revisions.

Page 6, line 7, D.M. is speaking

Change the word "Treasurers" to "Treasures"

Should read: "Illustrious King Solomon, it is my ardent desire to see the Sacred Vault completed and the Sacred **Treasures** safely deposited therein..."

Page 14, line 2, Stw. Is speaking

Insert the word "is" between "Masters" and "duly"

Should read "_____ Council No. _____ of Select Masters **is** duly at labor, you will guard accordingly."

Page 16, line 17, end of 3rd paragraph

Add after "forever." **(K.S. returns to station)**

Page 21, line 23, C.G. is preparing to speak

C.G. (goes to door and opens it) Enter in the name of the Lord.

(After Candidate passes, closes door and returns to station, and Conductor of the Council and Candidate proceed)

Note: Changes to page 24 may require repagination changes to pages 25 - 27

Page 24, line 7, insert before K.S. speaks

(goes to Altar)

Page 24, line 32, insert at end of speech by K.S

(returns to four foot line)

Page 93, line 5, change "the" to "that"

Should read "Zedekiah, who reigned at **that** time in Jerusalem, was the uncle of"

Move the adoption of the report of the Ritual Committee.

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Companions,

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters remain in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and many foreign jurisdictions and the General Grand Councils of Cryptic Masons International. This committee has received no request for recognition from other jurisdictions. The committee thanks the Most Illustrious Grand Master for his confidence in making this appointment and charging the committee with its responsibilities. The only states to send the Grand Recorder's office a copy of their proceedings that were readable were Florida and North Carolina.

Fraternally Submitted,

Charles M. Huey, Chairman

Fraternal Correspondence

Arkansas - No proceedings available. <http://www.yorkrite.com/ar/gcrsm/>

Florida - The One Hundred Thirty-third Annual Grand Assemble of Grand Council of Florida reports there are 36 councils within the state and membership at the end of 2013 was 4,876. At the grand session last year there were present 36 out of the 36 councils. <http://www.flgyr.org/category/grand-council/>

Illinois - The mission of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Illinois is to bring 'further light in masonry' to its companions by completing the story of the preservation of the ancient master mason's word.

This mission will be accomplished by presentation of our degrees in a dignified, entertaining and informative manner; fostering a spirit of cooperation and coordination among the constituent Councils of Cryptic Masons; encouraging and assisting the other York Rite bodies, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Masonic youth organizations in spreading the light of the ideals of Freemasonry. <http://www.cm-il.org/>

Iowa - No current proceedings available. <http://www.rsm.iayorkrite.org/>

Kansas - No current proceedings available. <http://www.council.ksyorkrite.net/>

Kentucky - The Grand Council of Kentucky has focused on the ritual of the council and getting the councils in the state to confer their own work as the address by M.I.C. Raleigh C. Foster during his installation last grand session stated. "This year, we will continue to promote those programs that have been so beneficial to our Councils over the years. The inspections will continue as they have in the past. The Arch Deputies will visit your Councils and evaluate each Council's ability to open, close and confer work. Companions, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of conferring work in our own Councils. The ability to confer our own work is one of the best ways to increase interest and to educate our membership. Please remember to support our Philanthropy, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and continue to be an active and effective part in your local Council. We have inherited the greatest Fraternal Organization in the history of man. Companions, we owe it to those who will inherit it from us to leave it in as good a condition, if not better than we found it." <http://www.yorkriteky.org/grandcouncil/>

Nebraska - No current proceedings available. <http://www.yorkrite.com/ne/gccm/>

North Carolina - The One Hundred Thirty-Sixth annual Grand Assemble of the Grand Council of North Carolina was held on March 19th, 2013. The Grand Master stated in his address "The Grand York Rite of North Carolina has always had a healthy outlook. He states they need to keep up the membership recruiting, the beautiful ritual work, and most importantly the comradely formed by our members". The Grand Recorder reports that there are currently 27 councils in the state with membership at 3,227. There were 21 subordinate councils represented with 123 voting members present. <http://www.yorkrite.com/nc/gcrsm/>

Oklahoma- The Grand Council of Oklahoma reports that they have 17 councils in the state and membership at the end of 2012 was 1,365. At the grand session

last year there were present 14 out of the 17 councils and 84 voting members present. The Grand Master has made his year about membership. On February 2nd, 2013 there was a York Rite Festival held in Oklahoma City, 51 Master Masons were present and advanced in further light of the craft. This was the largest class the state had ever had. The 2014 Grand Session was held on April 24 through April 26 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Oklahoma City. <http://www.okyorkrite.org/officers-council.htm>

Tennessee- No current proceedings available. <http://www.tngrandyorkrite.org/index.php?chapters=Y&page=CM>

Move the adoption of the report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

PASSED

FAILED

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WITHDRAWN

MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2013-2014

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 2013 - 2014 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.

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Freddie Lee Altiser	10-23-2012	CH 123, CO 37, KT 24
Marvin E. Bally	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Larry Wayne Beck	Not Known	CH 32, CO 39, KT 59
Glendon Everett Berrier	03-25-2012	CH 10, CO 28, KT 3
Melvin J. Billingsley	10-14-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Gordon G. Bixler	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Spenser Leroy Blankenship	02-15-2014	CH 3, CO 50, KT 6
Robert Harris Bray	10-09-2013	CH 17, CO 34, KT 12
Billy Bob Briscoe	Not Known	CH 129, CO 43, KT 56
William C. Bruce	08-??-2013	CH 123, CO 37, KT 22
Clifford A. Buck	03-03-2013	CH 148, CO 1, KT 8
Thomas A. Burnett	01-16-2014	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
Richard Darrell Cantrell	10-21-2013	CH 15, KT 20
Ronald Ray Cisco	12-22-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
Charles E. Curless	02-14-2014	CH 56, KT 15

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
William Lloyd Davis	??-??-2014	CH 14, KT 4
Robert Henry Dugan	11-??-2009	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
John P. Durham	08-26-2013	CH 10, KT 20
John H. Elliott	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Gene Allen Evans	11-11-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Carl E. Everett	Not Known	CH 43, CO 38, KT 11
Hervey R. Fox	08-??-2011	CH 56, KT 15
Robert Allen Frazier	08-??-2012	CH 123, CO 38, KT 24
Ronald Lee Gaylord	06-13-2013	CH 129, CO 43
Joseph P. Gerren	04-18-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Luther L. Gregg, III	12-01-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
James Ralph Hamilton	10-04-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
Alva Lee Hodge, Jr.	08-01-2013	CH 114, CO 27, KT 67
Gordon E. Hopkins	02-09-2014	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
James K. Houts, Sr.	06-16-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Jack Jerome Hubbell	11-11-2013	CH 15, KT 20
Robert Nelson Hunter	06-03-2014	CH 34, CO 32, KT 29
Robert M. Hutchison	04-24-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Paul Kazuo Kawakami	02-06-2014	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
Ralph M. Keeney	04-22-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Paca Vincent Kinkad	04-02-2014	CH 129, CO 43, KT 56
Alvin S. Lawson	04-26-2014	CH 110, CO 25, KT 20
Russell J. Lampertz	Not Known	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Charles E. Linville, Jr.	07-23-2013	CH 14, KT 4
Thomas D. Martin	05-17-2013	CH 25, CO 40, KT 8
James M. Miller	03-23-2014	CH 22, KT 7
William C. Moyer	12-19-2013	CH 56, KT 15
William C. Nast	11-24-2013	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
Thomas D. Neuschafer	06-19-2011	CH 7, CO 47, KT 5
Raymond C. Norton, Jr.	??-??-2011	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
James Allen Payne	01-20-2013	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
James Chrisman Ramsey	04-11-2013	CH 114, CO 27, KT 67
Charles A. Redecker	Not Known	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Robert C. Rieansnider	06-07-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Wylie Gene Roddy	02-27-2014	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
George Davis Ruyle	07-11-2012	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
L. LeRoy Salmon	09-04-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Eugene H. Sam	12-02-2013	CH 148, CO 1
James K. Schatz	12-12-2013	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
James Blou Shields	12-12-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Raymond E. Silvey	03-13-2014	CH 114, KT 67
Marvin A. Simon	03-20-2013	CH 25, CO 40
Robert Norris Smith	07-27-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Richard O. Snyder	05-09-2013	CH 10, KT 3
Donald G. Starkey	01-24-2014	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
John W. Stilgenbauer, Jr.	02-18-2014	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Benny Rice Swan	03-16-2012	CH 7, CO 47, KT 5
Gerald E. Thomas	08-11-2013	CH 22
Kenward Ray Tippie	06-01-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
R. L. Tichenor	02-13-2014	CH 3, CO 50, KT 6
William Mac Williams	03-24-2013	CH 15, KT 20

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
 MGYR Office



PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Fifty-Third
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of the State of Missouri

held

May 16, 2014

Capital Plaza Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri



Grand Commandery of Missouri

153rd Grand Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time	Friday, May 16, 2014
6:30 am	Knights of York Cross of Honor Breakfast Meeting - Members Only (Carnegie)
7:00 am	Registration - Commandery only - to 10:00 am (Atrium) Breakfast on your own
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 Recognition of Grand Representatives Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders Reception of Regional Grand Commanders Reception of Out of State Grand Commandery Officers Reception of the Grand Encampment Officers Reception of Grand Encampment Representative Reception of Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Missouri Brief Remarks by Grand Encampment Representative Brief Remarks by Grand Master of Grand Lodge Address of Grand Commander Report of Committee on Address of Grand Commander Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests Reconvene Grand Commandery

Time	Friday, May 16, 2014 (continued)
	Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee 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 Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge
12:00 noon	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:30 pm
12:00 noon	Yeomen of York Lunch - Open to All (Carnegie) 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
6:00 pm	Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests Buffet and Entertainment - Open to All - Aloha Luau (Jefferson & Missouri)
9:00 pm	Grand Preceptory Yeomen of York Business Meeting - Members Only (Lincoln)

Time Saturday, May 17, 2014

7:00 am	Breakfast on your own
7:15 am	Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges (Capital/Truman)
	Drill Team Waiting Room (Missouri)
	Drill Team Practice Room (Jefferson)
8:00 am	Deadline for First Drill Team to Submit Entry
8:15 am	Grand Commandery of Missouri Asylum Drill Competition - Open to All (Capitol/Truman)
	Welcome by Grand Commander
	Class C Drill Team Competition
	Class B Drill Team Competition
	Class A Drill Team Competition
12:30 pm	Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch & Lecture (Jefferson)
2:30 pm	Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting (Joplin)
3:00 pm	Allied Masonic Degree Constitution Ceremony (Capital/Truman)
6:00 pm	Grand York Rite Banquet and Awards Presentation - Open to All (Jefferson & Missouri)

Time Sunday, May 18, 2014

8:00 am	Religious Service - Open to All (Capitol)
9:00 am	Grand Officers Breakfast (Carnegie)

2014 Drill Competition Schedule - REVISED**Formation of Drill Committee and Drill Judges****Deadline for First Drill Team to Submit Entry**

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

Pledge & Prayer

Welcoming Remarks

Final Instructions

Start of Competition (Judges review First Drill Team Entry)

Commandery	Class C Hand	Class C Sword	Class B	Class A	Drill Time
Rolla 59		X			8:30 15 min intervals
Ivanhoe 8			X		8:45
DeSoto 56			X		9:00
Liberty 6			X		9:15
15 minute break					9:30
Oriental 35			X		9:45
Prince of Peace 29			X		10:00
Ascension 39			X		10:15
St. Graal 12			X		10:30
Ely 22			X		10:45
15 minute break					11:00
Palestine 17				X	11:15 30 min intervals
Ascalon 16				X	11:45
End of Competition					12:15 pm
Closed Drill Committee Review and Scoring Meeting					2:30

Saturday – May 17, 2014 – Jefferson City, Missouri

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri
2013-2014**

Elected and Appointed Officers

James L. Woodfin, Jr. (56) - Grand Commander
Harold F. Coots (29) - Deputy Grand Commander
Larry T. Odom (24, 4) - Grand Generalissimo
Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Grand Captain General
K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Grand Senior Warden
Roger D. Fleeer (16) - Grand Junior Warden
Ralph E. Nolan (17) - Grand Prelate
Donald L. Trabue, PGC (29) - Grand Treasurer
Russell S. Hanson, PGC (12) - Grand Recorder
Clark A. McLemore (27) - Grand Standard Bearer *
Charles E. Cooper (22) - Grand Sword Bearer
Vacant - Grand Warder **
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. HPGC (4, 19) - Grand Historian
James E. Snavelly, PGC (56) - Aide-De-Camp
Harold J. Richardson, PGC (56) - Aide-De-Camp
Dennis E. Fetter (8, 16) - Grand Sentinel
Kevin E. Weaver (16) - Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC (17) - Grand Chorister
Steven C. Monrotus (56) - Grand Organist ***
Chris M. Jessen (59) - Assistant Grand Organist
Terry Coppotelli (16) - Honor Guard Captain
Clifton W. Wofford (56) - Inner Guard
Tim Morgan (55) - Inner Guard
Joseph Walker (55) - Inner Guard
Charles W. Carlstrom (67) - Inner Guard
Clayton Riley (6) - Grand Photographer

William R. Brantley (12) - Assistant Grand Photographer
J. Joseph Hayes, PGC (56) - KTEF Representative
Ronald E. Wood, Jr., HPGC (4, 19) - Golf Tournament Coordinator
James E. Snavelly, PGC (56) - Asst. Golf Tournament Coordinator
* Richard L. Mansfield, PGC - Substitute Grand Standard Bearer
** Kevin B. Sample, HPGC - Substitute Grand Warder
*** John E. Schofield - Substitute Grand Organist

Regional Officers

Region 1: 5, 7, 22, 72

Larry T. Odom (24, 4) - Regional Officer
David A. Lloyd (22) - Regional Grand Commander
Bill King (22) - Regional Grand Commander

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

Robert W. Schlichter (6) - Regional Officer
Daryl L. Price (4) - Regional Grand Commander

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

K. Trent Moreland (8, 16) - Regional Officer
Dennis A. Abernathy (35) - Regional Grand Commander
Aaron E. Rose (17) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 4: 12, 23, 29, 59

L. LeRoy Salmon (4) - Regional Officer [covered by Roger D. Fleeer]
Jeffrey A. Keevil (12) - Regional Grand Commander
Mike Rohman (29) - Regional Grand Commander

Region 5: 8, 16

Roger D. Fleeer (16) - Regional Officer
Dennis L. Hammack (8) - Regional Grand Commander

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

Clark A. McLemore (27) - Regional Officer

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

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

Charles E. Cooper (22) - Regional Officer

Bob L. Detherow (20) - Regional Grand Commander

James H. Whitman (43) - Regional Grand Commander

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

Standing Committees

Address of Grand Commander

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC, Chairman

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt Nathan D. Carrington

Educational Foundation

Steven C. Monrotus (2018), Chairman

David C. Witte (2017)

Forrest G. Lowe (2016)

LeRoy D. Unruh (2015)

Kevin E. Weaver (2014)

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Treasurer, non-voting

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Secretary, non-voting

Finance and Accounts

James E. Snaveley, PGC, Chairman

Harold J. Richardson, PGC Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Larry T. Odom Robert W. Schlichter

Harold F. Coots Dennis A. Abernathy

Standing Committees (continued)

Hospitaler

Harold F. Coots, Chairman

Larry T. Odom

Robert W. Schlichter

Investment

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman

James E. Snaveley, PGC

Harold J. Richardson, PGC

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Returns of Commanderies

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Nathan D. Carrington

Templar Jurisprudence

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman

Stanton T. Brown, Chairman Emeritus

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC

Glenn E. Means

Walter W. Doyle

C. Brent Stewart

Time and Place

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Harold F. Coots

Triennial

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Co-Chairman

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Co-Chairman

Ronnie E. Green, PGC

Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Special Committees

Annual Conclave

Larry T. Odom, Chairman

K. Trent Moreland

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Roger D. Fleer

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Special Committees (continued)**Audit**

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
 James E. Snavelly, PGC Larry T. Odom
 Harold J. Richardson, PGC Harold F. Coots
 Richard L. Mansfield, PGC Dennis A. Abernathy

Conclave Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Editor
 Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant

Drill

Kevin B. Sample, HPGC, Chairman
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Co-Chairman
 Jerry F. Ward, PGC Ronnie E. Green, PGC
 J. Joseph Hayes, PGC
 Jose' R. Palacios, Class A Judging Squad Leader
 Kevin E. Weaver, Class B & C Judging Squad Leader

Endowment Fund

Donald L. Trabue, PGC, Chairman
 Richard L. Mansfield, PGC Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

Forms and Publications

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage

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

Honor Commandery Award

Harold F. Coots, Chairman
 Larry T. Odom Robert W. Schlichter
 K. Trent Moreland

Knight Templar Magazine

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

Patriotic and Civic Activities

K. Trent Moreland, Chairman
 Clark A. McLemore

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Drill Instructor/Lecturer, Chairman
 Jerry F. Ward, PGC Kevin B. Sample, HPGC
 Ronnie E. Green, PGC Rocky E. Weaver, PGC
 Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC J. Joseph Hayes, PGC

York Rite Conference

Roger D. Fleer, Chairman
 Regional Officers
 Regional Grand Commanders

Youth Organizations

Lionel J. Goede, PGC, Chairman
 LeRoy D. Unruh David L. Leirer
 Steven C. Monrotus

Missouri Association of Past Commanders

Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., PGC, Secretary/Treasurer

Living Past Grand Commanders

Blair C. Mayford (1975-1976)
 Robert D. Jenkins (1983-1984)
 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 (continued)

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)
 James E. Snavelly (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)
 Daniel R. Quesenberry (2011-2012)
 Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)

Grand Commandery Representatives

Jurisdiction To Missouri

United States of America

Alabama.....Frank R. von Geyso
 Alaska (from GE list)New
 Arizona.....Jerry F. Ward
 Arkansas.....Jose' R. Palacios
 California.....Russell S. Hanson
 Colorado.....Vacant
 Connecticut.....Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
 Delaware.....James G. Wade
 District of Columbia.....Stanton T. Brown
 Florida.....Harold F. Coots

Jurisdiction To Missouri

Georgia.....Brian J. Densmore
 Hawaii (from GE list)New
 Idaho.....Larry D. Wyatt
 Illinois.....Vacant
 Indiana.....James E. Snavelly
 Iowa.....Rocky E. Weaver
 Kansas.....Bob L. Detherow
 Kentucky.....Vacant
 Louisiana.....Harold J. Richardson
 Maine.....Richard L. Mansfield
 Maryland.....James L. Woodfin, Jr.
 Massachusetts/Rhode Island.....Vacant
 Michigan.....Marion W. Dey
 Minnesota.....Thomas C. Yunick
 Mississippi.....Marvin W. Frost
 Montana.....Frederick A. Troxel, Jr.
 Nebraska.....Vacant
 Nevada.....Jeffrey A. Keevil
 New Hampshire.....J. Joseph Hayes
 New Jersey.....Blair C. Mayford
 New Mexico.....Vacant
 New York.....Joseph P. Krill
 North Carolina.....Ronnie E. Green
 North Dakota.....Vacant
 Ohio.....Vacant
 Oklahoma.....Lionel J. Goede
 Oregon.....Larry T. Odom
 Pennsylvania.....Billy J. Boyer
 South Carolina.....Ronald E. Wood, Jr.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>To Missouri</u>
South Dakota	Vacant
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

Other Jurisdictions

Croatia (from GE list)	New
Italy	Vacant
Mexico (from GE list).....	New
Panama (from GE list)	New
Philippines.....	Charles W. Carlstrom
Portugal	William J. Bowser
Romania (from GE list)	New
Togo (from GE list)	New

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND COMMANDER - 2014**SYMBOLIC MASONRY:**

PENDLETON LODGE No. 551, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons,
Doe Run, Missouri

Initiated: February 11, 2000

Passed: April 22, 2000

Raised: April 22, 2000

Master: 2006-2007

Endowed Member: March 17, 2005

Lodge Masonic Home Chairman and Education Officer: 2006
to date

CAPITULAR MASONRY:

UEL Chapter No. 129, Royal Arch Masons, Farmington, Missouri

Exalted: October 2000

High Priest: 2004-2005

Endowed Member: 2006

Order of High Priesthood: 2005

Distinguished Chapter Award: 2006-2007

Lewis and Clark Award: May 20, 2006

District Deputy Grand Lecturer Region 6: 2006-2007

CRYPTIC MASONRY:

BONNE TERRE Council No. 43, Royal and Select Masters,
Farmington, Missouri

Greeted: October 2000

Master: 2005-2006

Council Merit Award: 2005-2006

Lewis and Clark Award: 2003

Recorder: 2007 to date

Endowed Member: 2006

Order of the Silver Trowel: 2006

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 6: 2005-2008

State Chairman for Regional Conferences: 2008-2012

Grand Representative to Oklahoma: March 26, 2007

Grand Masters Club: May 7, 2007

CHIVALRIC MASONRY:

DESOTO Commandery No. 56, Knights Templar, Farmington,
Missouri

Knighthood: October 2000

Commander: 2003-2004

Grand Commander: 2013-2014

Past Commanders Association: May 15, 2004

Honor Commandery Award: 2004

Class B Competition Drill Team Member: Since 2000

Endowed Member: September 11, 2006

Grand Commanders Club: 2006

Knight of Siloam Award: May 2006

Appointed Grand Sentinel: 2005-2006

Elected to the Advancing line of the Grand Commandery of Missouri: 2006

Grand Representative to Maryland

SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY:

Valley of St. Louis, Orient of Missouri, 32nd Degree: 2000

Knight Commander of the Court of Honor: October 15, 2005

Conferral Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary: September 17, 2011

Mineral Area Scottish Rite Club, President: 2005

Endowed Member: 2005

Venerable Master of Kadosh, St. Louis Consistory: 2010

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College No. 162, St. Louis, MO: November 25, 2006

Mo. Priory No. 17, Knight of York Cross of Honor (KYCH): June 21, 2008

Olin S. McDaniel Council No. 259, Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD): May 31, 2007 - Past Sovereign Master: 2012

Limerick Council No. 88, Knight Masons: Charter Member July 30, 2005

Alhambra Grotto, MOVPER, St. Louis, MO: March 22, 2002

Yeomen of York, St. Louis Preceptory: May 2011

St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine: August 2011

DeMolay Legion of Honor, Honorary: November 2013

AAONMS, Moolah Temple, St. Louis, MO: 2000-Demitted

Advisory Board, Uni-Tec Vocational Training: Bonne Terre, MO

Board of Directors, Leadco Credit Union: 1997-2010

Elks Organization from 1969 to date - Current Scholarship Committee: 15 years

PRIVATE AND FAMILY FACTORS:

Born August 16, 1947 in St. Louis, Missouri to James L. Woodfin, Sr. and Dorothy L. (Howell) Woodfin

Private schools: 1st grade at Stono School (8 grades in one room) and 2nd grade through 12th grade at Doe Run School at Doe Run, Missouri, Graduated in 1964

Enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966 and was discharged in 1970

Attended Vo-Tec College in Kansas City, MO for Auto Body Repair

Worked in Belton, MO, near Kansas City, from 1970-1974; Moved back to the Farmington area in 1974 and worked in the auto body profession until August 2009; Retired with almost 40 years in the auto body industry and over 30 years as a manager of a body shop; The last 30 years was spent with Wohlschlaeger Auto Body in Farmington, Missouri

Married Rita Ann Satterfield on April 25, 1969

2 children: Brian Scott Woodfin born January 1, 1972 and Melissa Renee Woodfin born January 13, 1976

5 grand children: Lauren Woodfin, Jacob Woodfin, Paige Turley, Dylan Turley, and Kelsi Woodfin

2 great grandsons: Caydem and Trenden

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER - 2014**WELCOME**

Sir Knights , Ladies, Distinguished guests, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 153rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. I want to extend a personal welcome to Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and to Sir Knight T. Michael Fegan, Right Eminent Department Commander of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and to Sir Knight and Most Worshipful Brother Jon B. Broyles, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri. To our out-of-state guests and all of our visitors, it is a pleasure to have you and your ladies at Missouri's Annual Grand Conclave. I hope you enjoy your time with us and we thank you for your presence.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri:

Sir Knights: GREETINGS,

With deep respect for all the Sir Knights and their Ladies across this grand State of Missouri, I humbly stand before you with these words. I truly am grateful for the opportunity to have served this State as your Grand Commander. It has been an honor that will be cherished by me forever. I know that not all I proposed this year met with complete acceptance, but I assure you that in every proposal, every dispensation, every act, that came from me, there was respect, consideration and thought for our fraternity. We have had many problems with which we were faced. Not to postpone or put off and let the next Grand Commander worry about it, I tried to do as much as possible. With the advice of many Past Grand Commanders and Sir Knights across this state, we tried.

I want to thank all the Past Grand Commanders, all the line officers of this Grand Commandery, all the Regional Grand Commanders, and the many Sir Knights who have helped me this year. I want to thank all the Ladies for the hard work, dedication and support they have given to this fraternity. And I want to especially thank my wife, Rita, for without her support and help I would not have made it through this year. To all of you, all I can say is thank you very much.

I have tried to represent you across this State and several other States with dignity and with the thought, please do not let me embarrass this fraternity or the Sir Knights of this State in any way.

I want to thank the Jurisprudence Committee for their assistance in helping me with the many decisions that had to be made. I also want to thank each and every Committee for their work, help and support.

I want to extend a hearty welcome to all Sir Knights, distinguished guests and their Ladies to our Grand Session. It is my hope that you enjoy your time here, and if you need anything, please feel free to let myself or any of the Grand Officers know of your needs.

I would like to acknowledge my counterparts, Past Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Roy Gilkey, and Past Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion David Witte. We have traveled to the same locations, attended several meetings, and attended many functions. I hope that some fun was had by both of them. We have been greeted graciously and with respect wherever we traveled. We have talked often to discuss our objectives and our plans and to unify our thoughts.

The term as a Grand Commander starts when you are elected to the bottom of the line. You must state your ideas and get them incorporated as you progress through the line. During your year as Deputy you have to appoint all your committees, the Regional Grand Commanders and appointed officers. Most heads of the York Rite bodies do not accomplish all the things they want to but most try hard.

To this fraternity I must say that we must work together, treat each other as the brothers we are and give our all to the York Rite if we are to grow and continue to exist. We must give our members something in order to retain them. Their time is valuable. If we do not grasp their hands in friendship and give them a reason for being a York Rite Mason, some other organization will give them what they want from a fraternity. Plus we should remember that we are a Fraternity, a Fraternity which gives to charity, and not a charity in itself. We should remember to take care of our own first, then if anything is left, to give it to charity.

Once again, I would like to thank my wife, Lady Rita, for her support and help throughout my tenure in the Grand Commandery line. We have attended many meetings, traveled to most parts of this state, and had the great privilege to meet many great and good Masons from across this state and across this country. To the ladies of the state, without you we would not be able to accomplish much. To the Past Grand Commanders for your leadership and guidance – thank you. Many of the Past Grand Commanders extended to me

invaluable information throughout my term of office, to them I thank you so very much. To the Grand line officers, for your advice and leadership, to the Regional Grand Commander's for their tireless efforts, and to all officers and committees for all their work, guidance and support – thank you. Especially the jurisprudence committee for their many, many work hours, that they put into our organization, to the jurisprudence chairman, Sir Knight Robert Schlichter, Past Grand High Priest, my heartfelt thanks for his time and expertise. To Sir Knight Russell Hanson, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder and Debbie Hanson, Clerical Assistant for their efforts and help through the Grand Records office and to Sir Knight Donald Trabue, Past Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer, for all his service and all the extras he helped with this year, especially with the 990 forms, and to Sir Knight Kevin Sample, Past Grand Commander Honorary for his continued help with the York Rite Information System, and Sir Knight Thomas Yunick, Past Grand Commander for his expert guidance, and to Sir Knight Richard Mansfield, Past Grand Commander for his guidance and help throughout my term in the Grand Commandery line. And to my Aide-De-Camps, Sir Knight Harold J. Richardson and Sir Knight James E. Snavelly, Past Grand Commanders, for their leadership throughout my term as Grand Commander.

All I can say to all who are here assembled, thank you for your service to this great fraternity, may God bless you all with good health and happiness always.

NECROLOGY

We have had several deaths come to members of this fraternity. One among our Grand Officers, our Grand Junior Warder, L. LeRoy Salmon. Our Grand line has been plagued with illness and problems pertaining to health. Please let your prayers be with the families of our departed Sir Knights.

SURETY BOND

On assuming the office of Grand Commander a surety bond was given to me by Past Grand Commander Richard L. Mansfield and will be given to my successor in this office.

DISPENSATIONS AND LAWS AND REGULATIONS

All dispensations and law and regulation changes were sent to the Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration and approval.

May 28, 2013: A dispensation was granted to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to change its meeting date in order to hold an election and/or to conduct normal business or both. To move date from May 28, 2013 to May 29, 2013.

June 5, 2013: A dispensation was granted to Eastgate Commandery No. 70 to change its meeting date in order to hold election of officers and to conduct normal business or both. To move meeting from June 6, 2013 to June 20, 2013.

June 20, 2013: Notified Jasper Commandery No. 31 that standing dispensation to meet at Alba, Missouri has been rescinded as of June 20, 2013. New address is 1339 Oak St., Carthage, MO, 64836.

October 9, 2013: A dispensation was granted to St. Graal Commandery No. 12 to change its meeting date from October 11, 2013 to October 14, 2013 to allow all members to attend funeral of Sir Knight and Most Illustrious Companion Robert H. Bray.

December 9, 2013: A dispensation was granted to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to meet on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 for their regular meeting because December 6, 2013 could not be used due to scheduling issues.

December 9, 2013: A dispensation was granted to St. Graal Commandery No. 12, Crusade Commandery No. 23, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, and Rolla Commandery No. 59 to change their meeting dates and/or places to hold a joint Region 4 Christmas Observance Table Commandery at the Jefferson City Masonic Temple in Jefferson City on December 13, 2013.

January 15, 2014: A special dispensation was granted to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to move their monthly meeting from their regular scheduled meeting night of the first Friday of the month to the third Wednesday beginning January 15, 2014 and continuing to June 2014.

February 6, 2014: Denied a special dispensation to Ascalon Commandery No. 16 to hold a special meeting on Sunday, February 9, 2014. The meeting was to meet with realtors to sell the New Masonic Temple in St. Louis. Meeting on Sunday is prohibited by Grand Lodge law and Grand Commandery law.

February 10, 2014: Dispensation granted to Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 to hold a joint conclave with Rolla Commandery No. 59 on Monday, February 17, 2014.

March 7, 2014: A dispensation was granted to Kansas City Commandery No. 10 to hold a special meeting on March 10, 2014 due to bad weather conditions on scheduled meeting night.

March 24, 2014: A dispensation to form a new Commandery in Webb City was denied at the time due to the fact that the Laws and Regulations, Article V (New Commanderies of the Grand Commandery) and Section 52 (Dispensation-When Not to be issued) were not followed.

BY-LAW CHANGES

July 1, 2013: Notified Kansas City Commandery No. 10 that new by-law changes were approved.

December 30, 2013; Notified Rolla Commandery No. 59 that new by-law changes were approved.

March 24, 2014: Ordered that the corrections requested by Jurisprudence Committee to Per C. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence and Article V Section 50, be authorized.

GENERAL ORDERS

The following General Orders were sent to the Jurisprudence Committee to check if all were appropriate and then sent out to the State.

General Order No. 1 – Be retained

For the general benefit of the Craft, it is my order that Constituent Commanderies may hold joint communications, one with the other and may temporarily move their homes to the home of the visited Constituent Commandery for the purpose of official visits of the Grand Commander or Regional Grand Commander or for the communication of the Orders. It is the duty and responsibility of the visiting Commandery to notify its membership in advance of such a change of meeting location and the reason therefore and will, at the same time, also notify the Grand Recorder and the Grand Commander. The order makes it unnecessary that a visiting Commandery request a separate dispensation for each and every visit.

Although this General Order negates a special dispensation for the events cited, Commanderies meeting under this General Order are reminded to notify the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder of their intent prior to the occurrence.

General Order No. 2

A "Blanket Dispensation" is hereby granted, for this Templar year, whereby any Commandery, within this Grand jurisdiction, is permitted to appear in full Templar uniform, for the purpose of civic activities, church or religious services, laying of cornerstones and ceremonies in connection with Memorial Day, Flay Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day or any dignified public function where Templar Masonry will be promoted or any event or meeting hosted or sponsored by any Masonic Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

General Order No. 3

It should be the goal of every Commandery to get back to the basics. Survival of our order depends on the ability to confer the Orders, especially the Order of the Temple.

Therefore it is my order that each Commandery should in some manner attempt to be able to confer the Order of the Temple. The progress is to be communicated to the Regional Grand Commanders and they to the Grand Officer in charge of the Region and they to the Grand Commander. If a Commandery already confers the Orders, this is to be communicated to the Regional Grand Commanders.

General Order No. 4

It is my order that each Commandery under the jurisdiction of Missouri should be able to enter and navigate the York Rite Information System. If unable to do so, contact the Grand Encampment YRIS officer, John Elkington (713-349-8700) or email him at john@gektusa.org, and learn to navigate YRIS and enter each Commandery's data into YRIS as soon as possible. If a Commandery has trouble or cannot get into YRIS, they should also contact their Regional Grand Commander for assistance.

Additional note: Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Past Grand Commander Honorary has been appointed YRIS coordinator for the State of Missouri for the 2013-2014 Templar year. All inquiries about YRIS should be directed to him.

SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

I attended the 56th South Central Department Conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 20-21, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center. The Grand Officers in attendance were: Deputy Grand Commander

Harold F. Coots, Grand Captain General Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Recorder Russell S. Hanson, Grand Standard Bearer Roger D. Fleer, and Grand Warder Charles E. Cooper. We had several other Sir Knights also in attendance totaling 15 from Missouri.

The Grand Encampment program was wonderful, full of knowledge and information and was well received by all present.

MASONIC YOUTH

I was proud and honored to be present for all three of the Masonic youth organization Grand Sessions. The DeMolay Grand Conclave was held in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza Hotel on May 26-27, 2013, the Jobs Daughter Grand Session was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on June 20, 2013 and the Rainbow for Girls Grand Session was held in Springfield, Missouri on June 30, 2013. Anyone not having been to one of the youth Grand Sessions are invited to attend. Our Masonic youth are remarkable.

CONFERENCES/CONCLAVES

I attended all four Regional York Rite Conference/Regional Conclaves held on June 29, 2013 in Shelbyville for Regions 1 and 4; on July 13, 2013 in Farmington for Regions 5 and 6; on August 3, 2013 in Independence for Regions 2 and 3; and on September 14, 2013 in Bolivar for Region 7.

I extend a thank you to the York Rite Bodies who hosted these events. They were well attended and I commend all our brothers who made these meetings work.

MOTTO

My motto this year was "Securing Our Future" and the steps to accomplish that are:

#1 Participation – #2 Stabilize Membership – #3 Stabilize Finances – #4 Increase Visibility – #5 Improve Ritual – #6 Communication.

The goal of the Grand Encampment and Knights Templar is to expand our beautiful Christian Masonic Order worldwide.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Masonry as a whole and the York Rite in particular have the problem of declining membership to such an extent that we can no longer stand by and watch. We

must be always looking for new younger members. The biggest problem is not getting new members but keeping them. The money reserves of most York Rite bodies is such that we cannot keep up with our building maintenance or our rent and still give to our charities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We should keep recruiting new members especially by visiting our local lodges. We must give our new members a reason to be a York Rite Mason and to come to our meetings. We live in a new and fast paced age where we can get any information instantly. Our new members want a reason to belong and we must give that to them or some other organization will.

When we put our young members into a leadership position, we must stand behind them and give them support.

We must overhaul our dues structures in order to end up with a little extra at the end of each year and to build our future.

We must keep up our membership databases and maintain YRIS.

The "Honor Commandery Award" should be completely rebuilt.

In looking back 20 years on the recommendation of all our past heads of bodies, I see that not many of the recommendations were used.

Many of our committees are non-functional. A good look at many of them should be made.

Our Grand Session should be revised, shortened and condensed to save money and time. Most States have done so.

Unity seems to fade year by year. We need to look at how to actually unify the York Rite.

We need to work with the Grand Lodge and find a way to move a Grand York Rite office into the Grand Lodge building.

VISITATIONS AND MEETINGS

2013:

May 14-19: York Rite Grand Session, Jefferson City, MO

May 24: Alhambra Grotto meeting, Freedom Temple

May 25: Bruce Harmon Hunt No. 162, York Rite College; St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

May 26-27: DeMolay Grand Conclave, Jefferson City
May 27: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run, MO
May 28: Samaritan Lodge No. 424, Bonne Terre, MO
May 30: Olin S. McDaniel AMD, Farmington, MO
June 1: Red Cross of Constantine, Jackson, MO
June 4: Cape Commandery No. 55 – Official visit
June 5: Ascalon Commandery No. 16 – Official visit
June 6: Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 – Installation of Officers
June 7: DeSoto Commandery No. 56 – Installation of Officers
June 8: Leadwood Lodge No. 598, Leadwood, MO
June 11: Uel Chapter No. 129, Installation of Officers; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Installation of Officers
June 12: Valley of St. Louis, Scottish Rite Exe meeting
June 13: National Sojourners, St. Louis, MO
June 15: Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114, Chapter Degrees
June 17: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
June 18: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Ritual School
June 20: Job's Daughters Grand Session, Jefferson City
June 24: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
June 29: Regions 1 & 4 YR Conference/Conclave, Shelby, MO; Grand Chapter School of Instruction, Shelby
June 30: Rainbow for Girls Grand Session, Springfield, MO
July 10: Scottish Rite Exe meeting, St. Louis
July 13: Regions 5 & 6 YR Conference/Conclave, Farmington; Grand Commander's Reception, Farmington; Hiram Council No. 1, 130th Anniversary, St. Louis
July 15: Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 – Official visit
July 20: Red Cross of Constantine, Freedom Temple
July 22: St. John's Commandery No. 20 – Official visit; Springfield Chapter No. 15, visit; Zabud Council No. 25, visit
July 23: Mexico Chapter No. 27, visit; Crusade Commandery No. 23 – Official visit
July 27: St. Louis Assembly S.O.O. B., President luncheon
August 1: St. Francois Lodge, Lamp Light meeting
August 3: Regions 2 & 3 YR Conference/Conclave, Independence, MO; Reception of the Grand Illustrious Master

August 10: Red Cross of Constantine State meeting, St. Louis
August 14: Scottish Rite Exe meeting, St. Louis
August 17: York Rite booth, Doe Run Homecoming
August 29: AMD, Jackson
August 31: York Rite College, Freedom Temple; Knight Masons, Freedom Temple
Sept 4: Ascalon Commandery No. 16 – meeting, St. Louis
Sept 6: DeSoto Commandery No. 56 – meeting, Farmington
Sept 8-9: Funeral for LeRoy Salmon, St. Joseph, MO
Sept 10: Uel Chapter NO. 129, meeting, Farmington; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, meeting, Farmington
Sept 14: Region 7 YR Conference/Conclave, Bolivar, MO
Sept 16: Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 – meeting
Sept 20-21: South Central Conference, Little Rock, AR
Sept 22-24: Grand Lodge, Columbia, MO
Sept 26-28: Supreme S.O.O.B., Indianapolis, IN
Sept 29: DeMoly Chapter meeting, Leadwood
Oct 2: Scottish Rite ritual practice, St. Louis
Oct 4: DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
Oct 5: Chapter Festival, Farmington
Oct 8: Uel Chapter No. 129, meeting, Farmington; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, meeting, Farmington
Oct 11: Funeral for MIC Robert Bray, Fayette, MO
Oct 14: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Oct 16: Scottish Rite ritual practice, St. Louis
Oct 19: Scottish Rite Reunion, St. Louis
Oct 21: Rolla Commandery No. 59 – Official visit
Oct 22: Lodge of Instruction, Samaritan Lodge No. 424
Oct 26: Grand Officer meeting, Jefferson City
Oct 28: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Oct 31: AMD meeting, Farmington
Nov 1: De Molay Legion of Honor, St. Louis
Nov 9: Grand Lodge Area Meeting, Cape Girardeau, MO
Nov 11: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Nov 12: Uel Chapter No. 129, Farmington; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington
Nov 13: Scottish Rite Exe meeting, St. Louis

Nov 16: Order Conferral, Ascalon Commandery No. 16
Nov 22: Alhambra Grotto meeting, Webster Groves, MO
Nov 23: Regional School of Instruction, Doe Run
Nov 25: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Dec 6: DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
Dec 14: AMD, Jackson
Dec 16: Table Commandery Region 4, Jefferson City

2014:

Jan 2: Installation of Officers Marcus Lodge No. 110
Jan 3: DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
Jan 6: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Jan 14: Uel Chapter, Farmington; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington
Jan 18: Meeting with GHP and GM at the Grand Lodge in Columbia; SR 4-Bodies installation, St. Louis
Jan 26: St. Louis Assy S.O.O.B., meeting, Park Hills, MO
Jan 27: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Feb 1: Drill Summit, Columbia
Feb 7: DeSoto Commandery No. 56, Farmington
Feb 8: Meeting with GHP, GM, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Clerical Assistant, and wives for Grand Session planning
Feb 10: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Feb 11: Uel Chapter No. 129, Farmington; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington
Feb 12: Poplar Bluff meeting, Commandery Orders practice
Feb 15: York Rite College meeting, SEM Degree practice; York Rite Bodies of Bonne Terre, Audit meeting
Feb 22: Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 – Commandery Orders
Feb 24: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Feb 25: Samaritan Lodge No. 424, Bonne Terre, Ritual Practice
Mar 1: Grand Master's Royal Arch Class, Columbia
Mar 7: DeSoto Commandery, Farmington
Mar 8: Grand Commander's Breakfast, Ascalon Commandery; York Rite College, New Masonic Temple, St. Louis; Red Cross of Constantine, Freedom Temple
Mar 10: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Old Time Night

Mar 11: Uel Chapter No. 129, Farmington; Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington
Mar 12: Scottish Rite Exe Meeting, St. Louis
Mar 15: Grand Officer meeting, Budget and Finance; Grand Officer meeting, Audit
Mar 20: Visit to Time Capsule, Branson, MO; Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 – Official visit
Mar 24: Pendleton Lodge No. 551, Doe Run
Mar 29: Hiram Council No. 1, Council Degrees; Malta Commandery No. 72 – Installation of Officers

CONCLUSION

It is with deep gratitude and thanks that I say unto all the Sir Knights and Ladies of this State, thank you for all your help and guidance, your thoughts and prayers, and may God be with you always and grant all with good health and happiness all the days of your life.

Fraternally submitted,
James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Grand Commander, 2013-2014

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS**

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

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

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

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri

Greetings:

Jurisprudence finds that the Grand Commander has complied with the Statutory duties of his office as regards the various By-law changes as requested by Constituent Commanderies and his approval or disapproval of same.

We find that the orders issued by him are within the inherent powers of his office.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence thanks the Grand Commander for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Commandery during his year. We express the hope for his continued successes in the years ahead.

Our congratulations to Sir Knight James L. Woodfin, Jr., Grand Commander. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman, Committee on Templar Jurisprudence
Stanton T. Brown, Chairman Emeritus
Kevin B. Sample, HPGC Walter W. Doyle C. Brent Stewart
Glenn E. Means Todd A. Schulze

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

Item No. 1

To the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Missouri

Greetings:

Be It Resolved that **ARTICLE XX, Instruction, Inspection, and Regional Activities, Section 221. Regional Officers. How designated, and Section 222. Regional Officers. Duties.** be amended by replacing the "Grand Officer" with "Regional Grand Commander" in subsection A and striking subsection B of each section.

These sections can be separated and acted upon individually if desired.

These sections currently read:

Section 221. Regional Officers. How designated.

- A.** Immediately following the Annual Conclave, the Grand Commander shall designate a Grand Officer to be in charge of a given region until the ensuing Conclave of the Grand Commandery.
- B.** The Grand Commander may also designate an assistant regional officer to be known as a Regional Grand Commander.

Section 222. Regional Officers. Duties.

- A.** It shall be the duty of each Grand Officer assigned to a region to consult the Grand Commander and assist with his program for the year.
- B.** It shall be the duty of the Regional Grand Commander to assist and work with the Grand Officer assigned to a region in carrying out the program of the Grand Commander for the year.

If adopted these sections will read:

Section 221. Regional Officers. How designated. Immediately following the Annual Conclave, the Grand Commander shall designate a Regional Grand Commander to be in charge of a given region until the ensuing Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

Section 222. Regional Officers. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Regional Grand Commander assigned to a region to consult the Grand Commander and assist with his program for the year.

Statement of Purpose:

The current assignment of a Regional Officer and a Regional Grand Commander is inefficient and confusing. As in Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Cryptic Council the District Deputy or Regional Deputy Grand Officers answer directly to the Grand Presiding Officer and are charged with resolving any issues that arise in their District/Region on his behalf. Approval of this amendment will adopt the proven, efficient method of the aforementioned models.

Fraternally submitted,

K. Trent Moreland, Past Commander
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

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Item No. 2

Be It Resolved that ARTICLE V, New Commanderies, Section 52 be repealed:

The section currently reads:

Section 52. Dispensations – When Not to be Issued. No Dispensation for the formation of a new Commandery shall be issued within three (3) months next preceding the Annual Conclave.

If adopted this section will read:

Section 52. Dispensations – When Not to be Issued. *Repealed (May 16, 2014)*

Statement of Purpose:

Repeal of this section will remove an unnecessary regulation and facilitate the formation of new Commanderies. The intent of this proposed legislation is to eliminate only **Section 52** of **Article V**. The rest of **Article V** would remain intact. Since **Section 52** only restricts the issuance of a Dispensation “within three (3) months next preceding the Annual Conclave” its repeal would not negate any of the other restrictions and controls, particularly **Section 42**, enacted to avoid any nine Sir Knights from walking into the Grand Commandery Asylum with a petition and demanding a charter with no prior Dispensation and probationary period in which to become established. **Section 42** entitled **Commanderies must have a Dispensation or Charter** stipulates “the Grand Commandery will, in no case, issue a Charter direct, but may grant a Dispensation to form a commandery, and the commandery receiving a dispensation direct from the Grand Commandery shall serve under such Dispensation until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.” Repeal of **Section 52** will allow for the issuance of dispensations for new Commanderies without the undo three month moratorium prior to Grand Conclave.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Trent Moreland, Past Commander
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

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Item No. 3

C. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall consider the decisions made by the Grand Commander, and all the questions of laws referred to it, and report its findings for the action of the Grand Commandery. All proposed amendments or additions to the laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery or any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery, or any other matter which may properly come before this committee, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and in proper form, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Commandery’s Annual Conclave. No changes or additions shall be made to the said laws and regulations until the same have been considered and reported upon by this committee. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Rules and Regulations paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo of its findings. On review, the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section(s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence(s) in its annual report to the Grand Commandery and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution. *(Amended May 14, 1976, Amended May 17, 1997, Amended May 15, 2009)*

I submit the following:

1. Strike the word "Constitution" from this section. That it hasn't previously been done is an oversight as the removal of all such references in the Laws and Regulations was ordered some time ago. Replace the word "Statutes" with "laws and regulations". This was an oversight as well. Change "Rules" to "Laws". And that is an oversight.
2. **ARTICLE V Section 50. Signer May Withdraw.** Any singer for a petition for a dispensation for a new commandery, may dissolve his connection with such new commandery before a charter has been granted. Yeah, that's right, we can't have singers on petitions. Anyway, it's a typo that needs to be

corrected. Obviously it should be signer. There are probably some others somewhere. Just haven't cropped up yet.

The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo were properly notified on March 22, 2014 and approval was received.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PC Liberty Commandery No. 6
Chairman, Committee on Templar Jurisprudence

This requires no vote as it is already covered within Subsection C.

Item No. 4

Be it resolved that **ARTICLE III Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees. Subsection C. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence** be amended by replacing, "thirty (30)" with ninety (90).

This subsection currently reads, "**C. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence** shall consider the decisions made by the Grand Commander, and all the questions of laws referred to it, and report its findings for the action of the Grand Commandery. All proposed amendments or additions to the laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery or any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery, or any other matter which may properly come before this committee, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and in proper form, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Commandery's Annual Conclave. No changes or additions shall be made to the said laws and regulations until the same have been considered and reported upon by this committee. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Rules and Regulations paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo of its findings. On review, the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section(s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence(s) in its annual report to the Grand Commandery and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution. (Amended May 14, 1976, Amended May 17, 1997, Amended May 15, 2009)

If amended it will read, "**C. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence** shall consider the decisions made by the Grand Commander, and all the questions of laws referred to it, and report its findings for the action of the Grand Commandery. All proposed amendments or additions to the laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery or any proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery, or any other matter which may properly come before this committee, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and in proper form, at least ninety (90) days prior to the Grand Commandery's Annual Conclave. No changes or additions shall be made to the said laws and regulations until the same have been considered and reported upon by this committee. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall, from time to time, either at its own volition or upon the prompting of others, review the Rules and Regulations paying particular attention to the omission of words or phrases, lack of capitalization, doubled wording, misspelling or other obvious error. On making such observations, the Committee shall notify the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo of its findings. On review, the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo may order that a correction(s) be made so long as the original intent or meaning of the Section(s) is not affected by the change. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall note the occurrence(s) in its annual report to the Grand Commandery and if no objection appears, such changes shall automatically be made without benefit of the presentation of a formal resolution. (Amended May 14, 1976, Amended May 17, 1997, Amended May 15, 2009, Amended May 16, 2014)

Statement of Purpose: It has become increasingly clear over the past two or more years that thirty days does not allow enough time for the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence to review the proposals being submitted, review the laws to which they relate, establish contacts with the proposers when necessary, make any necessary adjustments to insure they comply with the Laws and Regulations of the State of Missouri and those of the Grand Encampment, resubmit the adjustments to the proposers when necessary and still have time to prepare a preliminary report for the Grand Convocation. More especially when the committee is lambasted with an inordinate number of proposals at the 11th hour.

Faternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, PC Liberty Commandery No. 6
Chairman Committee on Templar Jurisprudence

PASSED

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Item No. 5

Informational

I have received several inquiries regarding a proposal to amend that was presented at the Grand Convocation of 2013. It read as follows:

Be it resolved that **ARTICLE IV Revenue and Compensation, Section 40. Revenue of the Grand Commandery** of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery be amended by the addition of Section F, to wit "Each Chartered Commandery shall assess and pay \$.10 (ten cents) for each member name borne on the books on December 31st of each year to provide for a fund to be used to assist the development and training of future leaders within the Grand Commandery and constituent commanderies by supporting attendance at the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery leadership training programs as may be available within the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment or its successor area that includes Missouri."

Statement of Purpose: The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, in partnership with the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council, has initiated an emerging leadership training program for future leaders of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. The Program is presented each year at the Southwest Regional and South Central Department Conference of York Rite Masons. Attendance requires expenses for travel, lodging and meals for those York Rite Masons that have been selected to attend. It is the intent of this proposal to provide a measure of assistance to see that emerging leaders receive the best training we can provide.

According to the audio of the session, a friendly amendment to this proposal was offered prior to any action being taken on the original proposal. The friendly amendment was to insert the wording, " except non dues paying members such as those whose dues have been remitted, Endowed Members and 50 year members whose dues are remitted by their Commandery". An issue was raised regarding the fact that the Grand Encampment does not recognize an exemption from dues for 50 year members. How well we know that. However, and as

appropriately explained by Acting Chairman Glenn E. Means, Missouri Laws and Regulations do permit a Commandery to exempt members with 50 or more years of service from payment of dues. In so doing, the Grand Commandery of Missouri is not in conflict with Grand Encampment law.

The friendly amendment passed. The original motion to amend with the wording of the friendly amendment inserted was then presented, seconded and passed.

As adopted Section F reads, " **F.** Each Chartered Commandery shall assess and pay \$0.10 (ten cents) for each member name, except non dues paying members such as those whose dues have been remitted, Endowed Members and 50 year members whose dues are remitted by their Commandery, borne on the books on December 31st of each year, to provide for a fund to be used to assist the development and training of future leaders within the Grand Commandery and constituent commanderies by supporting attendance at the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery leadership training programs as may be available within the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment or its successor area that includes Missouri. (*Adopted May 17, 2013*)"

No action required here except that members of this Grand Commandery are requested to make pen and ink changes to their copy of the Laws and Regulations until another reprint comes available.

Item No. 6

At the Grand Convocation of May 17, 2014, the following proposal to amend was presented:

Be it resolved that the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery be amended at **ARTICLE 1 The Grand Commandery Section 10. Eligibility to Office.** by adding "of a Missouri Commandery, "between "past Commander" and "and also".

The Section currently reads: **ARTICLE 1 The Grand Commandery Section 10. Eligibility to Office.** No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery except Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at the time a present or past Commander, and also a member of some Commandery working under this Grand Commandery.

If amended it will read: **ARTICLE 1 The Grand Commandery Section 10. Eligibility to Office.** No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery except Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at the time a

present or past Commander of a Missouri Commandery, and also a member of some Commandery working under this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter W. Doyle, PC St John's Commandery No. 20

The proposal was tabled.

Having reviewed the audio of the Jurisprudence presentation, it is clear that a motion was made by Harold Richardson to table this proposal. His motion received a second and a vote was taken resulting in the tabling of the proposal. Unfortunately, this can't happen. Number one, there was already on the floor a motion and a second to approve the resolution presented. Thereafter followed a period of discussion during which the motion to table was presented, seconded and approved. The motion to table should have been ruled out of order and the original motion considered. I will also add that there was some intermittent discussion between the first motion and the motion to table that was not discernible probably because the speaker(s) was (were) not speaking into a microphone. So, the motion to table was not in order and the proposal was not legally tabled. Therefore, it is still in front of this Body as follows:

Be it resolved that the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery be amended at **ARTICLE 1 The Grand Commandery Section 10. Eligibility to Office.** by adding "of a Missouri Commandery, "between "past Commander" and "and also".

The Section currently reads: **ARTICLE 1 The Grand Commandery Section 10. Eligibility to Office.** No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery except Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at the time a present or past Commander, and also a member of some Commandery working under this Grand Commandery.

If amended it will read: **ARTICLE 1 The Grand Commandery Section 10. Eligibility to Office.** No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery except Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at the time a present or past Commander of a Missouri Commandery, and also a member of some Commandery working under this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter W. Doyle, PC St John's Commandery No. 20

Now, either the discussion may be continued where it left off or the Grand Commander may call for the vote on this proposal. It can not be tabled as long as there is a motion to accept on the floor, which is where it currently stands. The Body can only consider one motion at a time.

PASSED

FAILED

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I would add another comment. Sir Knight Donald L. Trabue, Past Grand Commander, made a suggestion that proposals to amend the Laws and Regulations be provided to the Constituent Commanderies sufficiently prior to the Grand Convocation so as to allow a timely review. It is a good suggestion however, those proposals need to be received by Jurisprudence in a sufficient enough length of time to allow that to happen which, by the way, is not happening now. Therefore, the reason for the proposal the extend the reporting time from 30 days to 90 days in this and the other two Grand Bodies. It would do well for folks to remember this when submitting proposals to lessen or repeal filing requirements. One just might find themselves on the receiving end at some future juncture.

I move the adoption and approval of the entire report of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
Committee on Templar Jurisprudence

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following is the proposed budget for the 2014 - 2015 year.

INCOME	
Annual Conclave Income.....	\$ 3,000.00
Estimated Balance - Cash on Hand	18,819.00
Per Capita, Membership (2,600 @ \$23.50)	61,100.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	1,000.00
Knighting Fees (100 @ \$10.00).....	1,000.00
Investments	1,000.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	260.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total Income.....	\$ 86,429.00

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

Grand Commander Honorarium	\$ 3,000.00
Knight Templar Magazine Editor Honorarium.....	100.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium.....	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary	6,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	6,000.00
Employment Taxes	1,250.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	1,600.00
Drill Committee.....	1,200.00
Office Expenses.....	3,800.00
Postage.....	500.00
Printing of Proceedings.....	1,800.00
Office Rent	1,920.00
Storage Rent	1,200.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita (2,600 @ \$10.00)	26,000.00
Annual Conclave.....	5,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	1,000.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia	2,300.00
Triennial Fund (2,600 @ \$ 0.10).....	260.00
Youth Organizations	900.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	260.00
Web Master	500.00
Long-term Investment.....	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 76,440.00

Balance **\$ 9,989.00**

Move the adoption of the proposed budget for the 2014 - 2015 year.

PASSED FAILED TABLED WITHDRAWN

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
Joint Committee on Grand York Rite Audits
May 14, 15 & 16, 2014

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

Greetings:

There appears to be a gross misunderstanding as to the function of these committees and perhaps the name assigned should be changed to something like "oversight committee." But then that might be closely construed with that fiasco of our "government."

That said, these committees, some time ago, made the affirmation that a function such as a dollars and cents audit by the internal membership is not feasible as it is very much time consuming which most of us can not even afford, even those of us that are retired.

In the last many years, these committees have functioned more as an oversight or regulatory committee rather than anything else. In other words, they have served to review and track the processes utilized by the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the handling of the assets of these 501(c)3/10 organizations. They did no less in this year.

At last year's Grand Sessions the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery included in their budgets funds to hire outside experts in the field to conduct a dollars and cents audit of all three Grand York Rite Bodies. Unfortunately, that did not come to fruition. However, the committees did prevail in insuring that funding would remain in each of the three budgets for such purposes in the upcoming year.

This year's meeting, albeit very abbreviated, did allow most of the committee members and several nonmembers as well, to observe first hand the workings of the Grand Secretary/Recorder and Grand Treasurer in the handling and protection of the monetary assets of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

The Chair thanks the Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Grand Treasurer for making themselves and their books available. It is regrettable that a more in depth review was not in the picture. Hopefully, the plan will get underway next year.

Fraternally & respectfully submitted,
 Robert W. Schlichter, Chairman
 Grand York Rite Audit Committees

Move the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee.

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

Grand Treasurer's Preliminary Report
 June 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

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 of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

GENERAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 141,505.70**

Receipts:

Grand Recorder, etc. \$ 63,372.98

Interest Earned 834.65

Total Receipts: \$ 64,207.63

Disbursements (Jefferson Act.):

#59336 - 1715 thru 1743 \$ 30,561.50

#74544 - 3014 thru 3077 9,104.51

#74325 - -0-

#463996 - Debits 98.31

Total Disbursements: \$ 39,764.32

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 24,443.31

Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 165,949.01**

Statement of Assets**General Fund, March 31, 2014**

Interest Checking Account #59336,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% \$ 1,043.17

Interest Checking Act. #74544,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% 760.98

Interest Checking Act. #74325,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% 470.69

Money Mkt. Act. #463996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% 27,514.28

Business Inv. Act. #30000211,
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% 21,516.91

CD #135463,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.65%,
Matures 04-25-2014 24,290.40

GENERAL FUND (continued)

CD #480649,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 01-15-2016 17,325.93

CD #1246185,
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 07-31-2016 50,636.57

CD #137549,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 01-3-2017 22,390.08

**Total Assets,
General Fund, March 31, 2014 \$ 165,949.01**

GENERAL FUND (SPECIAL ACCOUNT)

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 107,531.12**

Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 786.79

Total Receipts: \$ 786.79

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 786.79

Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014 **\$ 108,317.91**

Statement of Assets**General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014**

Interest Checking Account #59336,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05% \$ 4,160.48

CD #276555,
Central Bank - Jefferson City, 0.65%,
Matures 12-05-2014 60,291.45

CD #483478,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 02-22-2016 43,865.98

**Total Assets,
General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2014 \$ 108,317.91**

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 96,281.49**

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND (continued)

Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 691.69

Total Receipts: \$ 691.69

Disbursements:

Distribution to Commanderies \$ 43.94

Distribution to Grand Commandery 802.25

Total Disbursements \$ 846.19

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (154.50)Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 96,126.99****Statement of Assets****Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014**Money Market Account #463996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 1,437.40CD #1277160,
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 06-19-2016 26,094.31CD #483486,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 02-22-2016 44,926.29CD#1246200,
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%
Matures 07-31-2016 23,668.99**Total Assets,
Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 96,126.99****CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 7,948.71**

Receipts:

Misc. Contributions \$ 91.00

Interest Earned 6.38

Total Receipts: \$ 97.38

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 97.38Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 8,046.09****CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)****Statement of Assets****Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014**Money Market Account,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 8,046.09**Total Assets,
Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014** **\$ 8,046.09****MISSOURI KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 77,708.29**

Receipts:

Misc. Contributions \$ 564.25

Interest Earned 479.17

Total Receipts: \$ 1,043.42

Disbursements:

KT Eye Foundation \$ 1,339.85

Total Disbursements \$ 1,339.85

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (296.43)Balance,
Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund,
March 31, 2014 **\$ 77,411.86****Statement of Assets****Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund,
March 31, 2014**Money Market Account #463996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 205.32CD #490040,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 0.65%,
Matures 10-17-2014 12,710.02CD #499498,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 03-15-2016 31,876.94CD #516244,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 12-26-2016 32,619.58**Total Assets,
Missouri Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund,
March 31, 2014** **\$ 77,411.86**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUNDTotal Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 62,445.61**

Receipts:

Misc. Contributions \$ 641.88

Interest Earned 382.43

Total Receipts: \$ 1,024.31

Disbursements:

Interest Earned

Trans to Holy Land

Pilgrimage Operating Fund \$ 382.43

Total Disbursements \$ 382.43

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 641.88Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund,
March 31, 2014**\$ 63,087.49****Statement of Assets****Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund,
March 31, 2014**Money Market Act. #463996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 194.10CD #276554,
Central Bank-Jefferson City, 0.65%,
Matures 12-05-2014 6,946.46CD #1267130,
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 08-04-2015 15,257.62CD #475033,
Hawthorn Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 10-22-2015 15,000.00CD #137833,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 07-29-2016 25,689.31**Total Assets,****Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund,
March 31, 2014****\$ 63,087.49****HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 7,442.92****HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND (continued)**

Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 9.54

Interest from Holy Land

Pilgrimage Endowment Fund 382.43

Total Receipts: \$ 391.97

Disbursements: \$ 3,390.00

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (2,998.03)Balance, Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund,
March 31, 2014**\$ 4,444.89****Statement of Assets****Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund,
March 31, 2014**Money Market Act. #463996,
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 1,235.98Business Investment Act. #30000211,
Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% 3,058.90CD #276554,
Central Bank-Jefferson City, 0.65%,
Matures 12-05-2014 33.74CD #1267130,
Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 1.00%,
Matures 08-04-2015 116.27**Total Assets,****Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund,
March 31, 2014****\$ 4,444.89****TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND**Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 21,035.05**

Receipts:

Interest Earned \$ 133.24

Total Receipts: \$ 133.24

Disbursements:

Interest Earned

Trans. To Triennial Fund \$ 133.24

Total Disbursements \$ 133.24

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ -0-

TRIENNIAL ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)

Balance, Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 21,035.05**

Statement of Assets**Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Act. #463996,
 Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 12.48
 CD #1276540,
 Providence Bank - Jefferson City, 0.75%,
 Matures 02-05-2014 21,022.57

Total Assets,

Triennial Endowment Fund, March 31, 2014 \$ 21,035.05

TRIENNIAL FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 118.59**

Receipts:

Interest from Triennial Endowment Fund \$ 133.24

Total Receipts: \$ 133.24

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 133.24

Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 251.83**

Statement of Assets**Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Act. #463996,
 Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 0.02
 Business Inv. Act. #30000211,
 Premier Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% 251.81

Total Assets,

Triennial Fund, March 31, 2014 \$ 251.83

SUPPLY FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ 10,014.30**

Receipts:

Inventory Sales \$ 723.25

Interest Earned 7.98

Total Receipts: \$ 731.23

Disbursements: \$ 748.76

SUPPLY FUND (continued)

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ (17.53)

Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 9,996.77**

Statement of Assets**Supply Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Account
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 9,996.77

Total Assets,

Supply Fund, March 31, 2014 \$ 9,996.77

LEADERSHIP FUND

Total Assets, June 1, 2013 **\$ -0-**

Receipts:

Grand Recorder, etc. \$ 128.10

Total Receipts: \$ 128.10

Disbursements: \$ -0-

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$ 128.10

Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2014 **\$ 128.10**

Statement of Assets**Supply Fund, March 31, 2014**

Money Market Account
Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.15% \$ 128.10

Total Assets,

Supply Fund, March 31, 2014 \$ 128.10

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2014 \$ 554,795.99

Fraternally submitted,

Donald L. Trabue, PGC

Grand Treasurer

Move the adoption of the preliminary report of the Grand Treasurer.

PASSED

FAILED

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REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

As my third year as your Grand Secretary/Recorder draws to a close, I believe that Debbie and I have continued to make significant progress in managing the challenges of the job. Debbie and I have worked very hard to balance the load of keeping the aging office equipment operating, dealing with legacy issues, and coping with the constant torrent of information that flows into the Grand York Rite Office.

This year has not been an easy one for Debbie and I. During June our youngest daughter, Rebecca, underwent emergency surgery to remove a life-threatening growth from her reproductive system. Fortunately, it was not malignant and we did not have to worry about a cancer threat. While she lost an ovary and fallopian tube, she should still be able to have children. Debbie provided post-surgical care for the first two weeks after Rebecca was released from the hospital.

During the months of June and July I implemented a major revision of the MU Hazardous Waste Management Summer Institute (held each August now going on 33 years). During the months of November and December I implemented a major revision of the MU Hazardous Waste Management Winter Institute (held each January now going on 18 years). The Summer and Winter Institutes are designed to train managers, consultants, regulators, and workers in the requirements, correct procedures, problem solving techniques, and compliance issues associated with the generation, storage, and shipment of hazardous waste as well as the proper packaging, documentation, marking, and labeling of hazardous materials including hazardous wastes and hazardous substances. The Institutes are hosted by the MU College of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department where I am an adjunct Instructor – a part-time academic position funded by proceeds from the Institutes (I also hold a full-time administrative position in the Department of Environmental Health and Safety where I am a Senior Chemist and the Environmental Management Officer now going on 35 years). I am the Chairman, Administrator, Editor, and primary Instructor for the Institutes. While I am essentially the chief cook and bottle washer, I am not a one-man show. I work with two instructor/partners who handle some of the teaching duties, but both work for industry-related companies outside the Columbia area which makes coordination of the course materials challenging.

In January Debbie's younger sister died after fighting multiple sclerosis for most of her adult life. Once the funeral plans were finalized we drove to Georgia to be with Joe, Kim's husband of 30 years, Randarius, their adopted son, as well as their extended church family and quite a few of the 98 foster children that she and Joe lovingly raised during Kim's medically challenged life. Debbie's parents and youngest brother preceded Kimberly in death leaving only Debbie and her brother Patrick.

My primary focus since taking office has been to modernize and streamline the operations of the Grand York Rite Office. Bringing the Grand York Rite of Missouri into the 21st Century is a constant theme in the Grand York Rite Office. Along the way, several operations were resurrected and others were renovated. We are relying more and more to "just in time" electronic delivery which saves time and money.

However, nothing is ever finished at the Grand York Rite Office. All of the programs and operations, forms and records, calls and correspondence require constant attention and maintenance. Debbie has been instrumental in dealing with both the day to day operations of the office and helping me to focus my time on the most critical tasks that only I can perform.

Another of my focus areas is to tame the paper monster at the Grand York Rite Office that threatens to bury us under mountains of physical records destined to become nothing more than dead paper in a forgotten file cabinet. With respect to the present, we have established a paperless storage system. Every sheet of critical (and some not so critical) paper goes across a scanner for electronic storage. Mission-critical files are backed up by redundant storage systems that utilize both on site and off site methods. With respect to the past, Ron Skiles is making steady progress on the MGYR Dead Paper project.

Unfortunately, the MGYR web site was a casualty of my busy professional life. It has languished essentially untouched for most of the year due to my lack of free time to dedicate to its maintenance and further development. I recruited Scott Crawford to assist me with the web site and we were in the process of setting up a DropBox folder system for sharing the web site files when it was decided that the Grand York Rite would hire someone to replace me as web master.

In conclusion, Debbie and I thank everyone for their continued understanding and support. It is especially important for everyone to understand that Debbie cannot do everything that I can do, but she is continuing to learn. We apologize

for not being able to meet everyone's expectations, but we are committed to and are striving for smoother operations in the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MISSOURI TACTICS AND MANUAL

REVISED REGULATIONS FOR UNIFORM AND REGALIA, GRAND COMMANDERY
OF MISSOURI

XIII. UNIFORM REGULATIONS

FULL DRESS UNIFORM:

The full dress uniform of a Knight Templar shall consist of a dress coat, chapeau or white garrison cap with insignia of rank, shirt, tie, trousers, shoes, gloves, sword belt, sword and appropriate insignia of rank.

DRESS COAT:

The full dress uniform coat shall be black, double breasted, three buttons down each forepart, to close with two or three buttons, no vent in back and be semi to form fitting. Have two lower pockets without flaps, one pocket over left breast, shall have three buttons on each sleeve and all buttons shall be black. Belt hooks may be utilized.

CHAPEAU:

A military chapeau covered with black silk batters plush, edges trimmed with black silk velvet binding. Two black and one white ostrich plumes, so arranged that the black plumes shall show at the edges of the white over plume; Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one forth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head. On the left side of the chapeau to a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty satin points to the

distance of one-half inch from the edge, is laid one row of quilled satin ribbon, in folds from one-eighth to one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighth inches in width. On the velvet oval shall be a cross, according to rank, as hereafter specified.

For officers with the rank of commander and above, the chapeau shall be trimmed in front with a gold tassel, half round in shape, with bright bullions and dull head; diagonally across the peaks, both sides of front and back, with a band or slasher, according to rank, as hereby specified.

Details of cross and slashers follow.

FOR GRAND COMMANDER:

Cross: A Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered by a single row of #26 gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch in width (over slightly oval mold); in the center, the cross to be two and one-half inches square including embroidery. No twisted bullion at the several corners or angle of the cross.

Slashers: Of black silk velvet, one and one-fourth inches wide, edged with rope pattern embroidery in #26 gold bullion, three-sixteenths of an inch wide, between which shall be embroidered in #26 and #27 gold bullion laurel and olive wreath, in vine, leaf and berry.

FOR PAST GRAND COMMANDERS:

Cross: Same as above described for Grand Commander except with purple centers.

Slashers: Same as above described for Grand Commander.

FOR OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY BELOW THE RANK OF GRAND COMMANDER.

This includes the Grand Sentinel and the Grand Drill Instructor.

Cross: Same as above described for Grand Commander.

Slashers: Of gold wire lace, one and one-fourth inches wide, of vellum pattern (#1962).

FOR COMMANDERS AND PAST COMMANDERS:

Cross: A Passion Cross of red silk velvet, bordered on each edge with one row of #26 gold bullion embroidery one-fourth inch wide (over slightly oval mold), with

rays between the arms of the cross alternately in #26 and #27 gold bullion in open pattern, rays alternately short and long. The cross, including embroidery exclusive of rays, to be three inches high; cross arms to be two inches long; center of the cross between the edges of the embroidery to be three-fourths of an inch wide, the longer lines forming the rays between the arms of the cross being the radius of the circle two and three-eighths inches in diameter measured from the center point of intersection of the arms of the cross, thus extending three-eighths of an inch beyond the three upper arms of the cross, No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the cross.

Slashers: Same as above described for Officers of the Grand Commandery below the rank of Grand Commander.

FOR OFFICERS AND SIR KNIGHTS BELOW THE RANK OF COMMANDER:

Cross: A Passion Cross of red velvet, bordered with #26 silver bullion embroidery. The cross to be the same size and dimensions as that prescribed for Commanders and Past Commanders except that said cross shall have no rays.

Slashers: No tassel, band or slashers of any kind whatsoever.

WHITE GARRISON CAP:

White Garrison Cap with appropriate cross badges according to rank.

For Sir Knights: The cover visor will have NO row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch red metal Passion Cross.

For Past Commanders: The cover visor will have NO row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch gold metal Passion Cross with rays or sunburst.

For Grand Commandery Officers: The cover visor will have NO row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch red metal Templar Cross.

For Grand Commanders: The cover visor will have one row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch red metal Templar Cross.

For Past Grand Commanders: The cover visor will have one row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch purple metal Templar Cross.

The White Garrison Cap may be worn in place of the Chapeau to any Templar function, unless it be Drill, where all Sir Knights must be dressed in accordance with dress code specified by the Drill Committee.

COAT:

The full dress uniform coat shall be black, three button, double breasted, to close with two or three buttons, shall be semi to form fitting, with lower pockets without flaps, with pocket over left breast. There shall be three buttons on each sleeve and all buttons shall be black. Belt hooks may be utilized.

TROUSERS:

The trousers shall be of the same material and color as coat, with plain bottoms.

SHIRT:

The shirt shall be white, plain, with collar attached. No ribbed or ruffle material. Can be short sleeve or long sleeve.

TIE:

The tie shall be black, be long with no stick pin, no tie clasp or chain showing.

GLOVES:

Gloves shall be buff colored.

SOCKS:

Socks shall be black and plain.

SHOES:

Shoes shall be black leather.

SHOULDER STRAPS:

The shoulder straps shall be worn with the outer edge on the sleeve seam, the top about one-quarter inch behind the shoulder seam. In constituent commanderies, the Generalissimo shall wear the straps with the square to the outer side and the lamp to the inner side, the Captain General shall wear the straps with the level to the outer side and the cock to the inner side.

The shoulder straps of Officers and Past Officers of a Grand Commandery shall be as follows:

For the Officers of a Grand Commandery, during their incumbency in office:

Bright red, silk Velvet two inches wide by four inches long, with one row of gold bullion embroidery, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Templar Cross, one inch square of gold bullion embroidery in the center of the strap. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

For Past Grand Commanders: The same as for Officers of a Grand Commandery, except that the color of the shoulder strap shall be royal purple.

For Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos and Past Grand Captain Generals: The same as for Grand Commandery Officers; except with the initials of the office respectively, to be embroidered in Old English characters, of silver bullion, on the lower end of the strap.

The shoulder straps of Officers and Past Officers of Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies shall be as follows:

For Commanders: Emerald green silk velvet, one and three-fourths inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold bullion, three-eighths of an inch wide, the Passion Cross with a halo embroidered of silver bullion in the center; Cross to be one and one-half inches in height; Cross arms to be in proportion to height of Cross. Gold Mylar may be used as an alternate to gold bullion.

For Past Commanders: The same as for Commanders; except for the color of the shoulder strap shall be bright red.

For Generalissimos during incumbency in office: The same as Commanders, except that the Square surmounted with the Paschal Lamb shall be used instead of the Passion Cross.

For Captain Generals during incumbency in office: The same as Commanders except that the Level surmounted with the Cock shall be used instead of the Passion Cross.

For Captain Generals who have retired after six full years of service in office, and who have not attained a higher office: The same as for Captain General except that the color of the shoulder strap shall be bright red.

For Prelates during incumbency in office: The same as Commanders except that the Triple Triangle with small Passion Cross in the center shall be used instead of the Passion Cross.

For Prelates who have retired after six full years of service in office and who have not attained a higher office: The same as for Prelates except that the color of the shoulder strap shall be bright red.

INSIGNIA:

The word, "MISSOURI", in Gothic gold-colored letters, one-third inch in height, mounted on clasp pin, shall be worn on the center of the upper part of the top of the pocket on the left breast. The top of the bar to be on a line with the top of the pocket, and on center of the pocket.

Enameled metal Crosses, one inch in height, with Cross arms in proportion, mounted on pin clasps, shall be worn on the lower part of collar of the coat, on each side.

Cross to be worn in vertical position, bottom of Cross one inch above point where collar and lapel joins, sides of arms equal distance from outer edge of collar and collar seam.

Enameled metal Crosses, one and three-fourth inches in height, with cross arms in proportion, shall be worn on the outer side of sleeve, in the center, lower part of the Cross one inch above the cuff edge of the sleeve.

For officers and members of constituent commanderies the Crosses shall be the red Passion Cross, same for both collar and sleeve.

For Commanders and Past Commanders of constituent commanderies, a gold-colored background, with red Passion Cross with rays superimposed with red enamel, same for both collar and sleeve.

For officers of the Grand Commandery, a red Templar Cross.

For past officers of the Grand Commandery, a red Templar Cross.

For Past Grand Commanders, a royal purple Templar Cross.

GRAND COMMANDERS AND PAST GRAND COMMANDERS CORDS:

The Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Missouri shall be given the option of wearing of a red cord, worn around the neck with jewel suspended. The cord to have tassels at the ends to be held together by sliding holders. Past Grand Commanders the same as Grand Commander except cord to be of Royal Purple.

SHOULDER CORDS:

Cords of distinct color may be worn on the left shoulder to distinguish rank or appointment to specific positions:

Green cord: To be worn by current Regional Grand Commanders.

Red cords: Can be worn by Past Regional Grand Commanders.

White cords: To be worn by current Inner Guards.

Silver cords: To be worn by current Aide-de-Camps.

Other color cords as may be the pleasure of current Grand Commanders.

JEWELS:

Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Meritorious Jewels, Jewels of Office, Badge of Commanderies, and Malta Jewel, in order named, the ranking jewel on the right and the Malta Jewel on the left, and shall be worn on the left breast of coat one inch below the word "MISSOURI".

Jewels to be worn and rank: Grand Commandery Officer, Past Grand Commander, Commander or Past Commander, Jewel of Office, Commandery Badge, Past Commanders Association, Drill and Malta Jewel.

If only the Malta Jewel is worn, it shall be directly below the center of the word "MISSOURI", on the left breast of coat; if two or more jewels are worn they shall be to the right and left of the center of the word "MISSOURI", the Malta Jewel on the left.

Military Service Bar: The military service ribbon is to worn above the word "MISSOURI" and centered.

KYCH Bar: The KYCH bar is to be worn above the word "MISSOURI".

If both the KYCH Bar and the Military Service Bar are worn the Military Service Bar is to be worn to the inside of the KYCH Bar.

BELT:

The belt shall be made of black grain leather, one and three-quarters inches wide, garrison style and equipped with three slings of plain black leather on which to hang the sword; these shall be seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long suspended by clasps or other suitable means of attachment to inside of the belt. Each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy metal

swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a rigid metal sword hook.

The belt shall have silver colored fittings for the Sir Knights, and gold colored fittings for Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders and Past Commanders.

All members of competitive Asylum or Field Teams shall wear the same style belt.

BELT BUCKLE:

The belt buckle shall be rectangular in shape, two by three inches, of hard metal with one-eighth inch polished, raised, beveled edge, without ornamentation whatsoever except the face stippled in vermicelli pattern, dull finish; Passion Cross of red hard enamel, perpendicular arm one and one-fourth inches, transverse arm seven-eighths of an inch; said cross to be without rays and in center of plate, over which shall be displayed in semi-circle, the words, "In Hoc Signo Vinces", in block letters in relief, with polished face; the plate to be attached to the belt with a French fastener, and return end to be held in place by sliding loop of black strap leather one half inch in width. The plate shall be devoid of any jeweled ornamentation of any kind whatsoever, and no name or inscription shall be placed thereon other than that prescribed; provided however, that Officers of the Grand Commandery shall substitute for the red enameled Passion cross in the center of the plate, a Templar Cross in red hard enamel, one and one-half inches square; and Commanders and Past Commanders shall wear the Passion Cross, as above described, except with rays around the intersection of the arms of the Cross. Past Grand Commanders will wear the Templar Cross in Royal Purple hard enamel. For Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Commanders and Commanders the buckle shall be gold plated. For all other Sir Knights the buckle shall be silver plated.

SWORD AND SCABBARD:

The sword shall be thirty-four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head at pommel, straight cross guard, metal scabbard, white grip. The scabbard to have three hard metal mountings, two metal rings at upper and one at lower mount. For Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders and Past Commanders, the white grip to be ornamented in front with monogram of owner, and opposite side with Passion Cross and rays, all metal to be gold plate. There shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard.

For all other Sir Knights, same as for Commanders except all metal trimmings shall be silver plate and grip of sword shall be black, without monogram of owner. On the black grip shall be inlaid the Passion Cross of silver or white metal, without rays.

PRELATE ROBE:

The prelate may wear a prelates robe of optional style or uniform at meetings, conclaves or drill.

OPTIONAL TEMPLAR UNIFORM FOR CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES:

Cap, Mantle, trousers, inside leather or nylon belt and sling, sword and scabbard, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt, long black tie. Officers of Commanderies may wear the Cap and Mantle as prescribed by Grand Encampment in lieu of dress coat and chapeau only when all officers are so clothed. This uniform may be worn to any Templar function. It is recommended that only the jewel of office and the Malta Jewel to be worn.

FATIGUE UNIFORM:

Fatigue Caps: Knights: Pershing style cap or Bell type cap of black cloth. Visor of black leather and gold band one-half inches wide and attached to corner of visor by gold plated Cross and Crown buttons. In the center of the cap a red enameled Passion Cross two-inches in height.

For Commanders and Past Commanders: The same except Passion Cross with rays.

For Grand officers: The same as Commanders except a two inch wide band of gold lace bullion and a red Templar Cross two-inches in height.

For Grand Commanders: The same as Commander except the visor to have one row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). Velvet band with gilt bullion embroidery of a laurel and olive vine, in leaf and berry pattern.

For Past Grand Commanders: The same as for Grand Commander except the Templar Cross to be in Royal Purple.

Dress coat: The same as the dress uniform without the belt and sword.

All other items the same as the dress uniform.

The Fatigue Hat is NOT authorized for wear during the execution of any Knight Templar Order, during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery or during any Grand Encampment or Department assembly.

SUMMER UNIFORM:

The Summer Uniform for Missouri is authorized for wear from March 1 through October 31 of each calendar year, unless otherwise authorized by order of the Grand Commander, the Summer Uniform is NOT authorized for wear, during the execution of any Knight Templar Order, during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery or during any Grand Encampment or Department assembly.

The Summer Uniform shall consist of a cover, shirt, trouser, belt and shoes. Neck ties, sword sling, or belt, and swords are not to be worn, unless authorized by the Grand Commander for Class "C" Drill competition.

COVER: The same as for Fatigue uniform, black or white caps with proper rank insignia.

SHIRT: Shirt will be a white, short sleeve with epaulettes on the shoulders, to be worn open at the neck.

TROUSERS: The same as prescribed for the full dress uniform.

SHOES: The same as prescribed for the full dress uniform.

INSIGNIA – APPLIES TO ALL:

A metal bar depicting the Commandery, Malta Cross and Red Cross emblems (3-Order Bar) can be worn over the left breast pocket.

A metal ribbon representing Military Service and/or KYCH in that order and centered above the 3-Order Bar.

The "MISSOURI" bar to be above and centered on the other bars.

A name tag can be worn above the right breast pocket, name tag shall be the same as dress uniform.

Collar pins will be centered and approximately one-half inch up from the point of collar, Pins will consist of the letters KT on right collar and MO on left collar. Silver in color for those under the Rank of Commander and gold for those of Commander and above.

EPAULETTES: The same one-inch metal crosses according to rank as the dress uniform.

BELT: Belt will be leather or military web style with a military style buckle.

COMMITTEE: James L. Woodfin, Jr., Grand Commander; Harold F. Coots, Deputy Grand Commander; Larry T. Odom, Grand Generalissimo; Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Captain General

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MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2013-2014

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 2013 - 2014 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.

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Freddie Lee Altiser	10-23-2012	CH 123, CO 37, KT 24
Marvin E. Bally	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Larry Wayne Beck	Not Known	CH 32, CO 39, KT 59
Glendon Everett Berrier	03-25-2012	CH 10, CO 28, KT 3
Melvin J. Billingsley	10-14-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Gordon G. Bixler	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Spenser Leroy Blankenship	02-15-2014	CH 3, CO 50, KT 6
Robert Harris Bray	10-09-2013	CH 17, CO 34, KT 12
Billy Bob Briscoe	Not Known	CH 129, CO 43, KT 56
William C. Bruce	08-??-2013	CH 123, CO 37, KT 22
Clifford A. Buck	03-03-2013	CH 148, CO 1, KT 8
Thomas A. Burnett	01-16-2014	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
Richard Darrell Cantrell	10-21-2013	CH 15, KT 20
Ronald Ray Cisco	12-22-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
Charles E. Curless	02-14-2014	CH 56, KT 15
William Lloyd Davis	??-??-2014	CH 14, KT 4

Member Name	Departed	Affiliations
Robert Henry Dugan	11-??-2009	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
John P. Durham	08-26-2013	CH 10, KT 20
John H. Elliott	12-??-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Gene Allen Evans	11-11-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Carl E. Everett	Not Known	CH 43, CO 38, KT 11
Hervey R. Fox	08-??-2011	CH 56, KT 15
Robert Allen Frazier	08-??-2012	CH 123, CO 38, KT 24
Ronald Lee Gaylord	06-13-2013	CH 129, CO 43
Joseph P. Gerren	04-18-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Luther L. Gregg, III	12-01-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
James Ralph Hamilton	10-04-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
Alva Lee Hodge, Jr.	08-01-2013	CH 114, CO 27, KT 67
Gordon E. Hopkins	02-09-2014	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
James K. Houts, Sr.	06-16-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Jack Jerome Hubbell	11-11-2013	CH 15, KT 20
Robert Nelson Hunter	06-03-2014	CH 34, CO 32, KT 29
Robert M. Hutchison	04-24-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Paul Kazuo Kawakami	02-06-2014	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
Ralph M. Keeney	04-22-2013	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Paca Vincent Kinhead	04-02-2014	CH 129, CO 43, KT 56
Alvin S. Lawson	04-26-2014	CH 110, CO 25, KT 20
Russell J. Lampertz	Not Known	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Charles E. Linville, Jr.	07-23-2013	CH 14, KT 4
Thomas D. Martin	05-17-2013	CH 25, CO 40, KT 8
James M. Miller	03-23-2014	CH 22, KT 7
William C. Moyer	12-19-2013	CH 56, KT 15
William C. Nast	11-24-2013	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
Thomas D. Neuschafer	06-19-2011	CH 7, CO 47, KT 5
Raymond C. Norton, Jr.	??-??-2011	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
James Allen Payne	01-20-2013	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
James Chrisman Ramsey	04-11-2013	CH 114, CO 27, KT 67
Charles A. Redecker	Not Known	CH 78, CO 48, KT 16
Robert C. Rieansnider	06-07-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Wylie Gene Roddy	02-27-2014	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
George Davis Ruyle	07-11-2012	CH 284, CO 38, KT 68
L. LeRoy Salmon	09-04-2013	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4

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Eugene H. Sam	12-02-2013	CH 148, CO 1
James K. Schatz	12-12-2013	CH 148, CO 48, KT 16
James Blou Shields	12-12-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Raymond E. Silvey	03-13-2014	CH 114, KT 67
Marvin A. Simon	03-20-2013	CH 25, CO 40
Robert Norris Smith	07-27-2013	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
Richard O. Snyder	05-09-2013	CH 10, KT 3
Donald G. Starkey	01-24-2014	CH 15, CO 25, KT 20
John W. Stilgenbauer, Jr.	02-18-2014	CH 14, CO 9, KT 4
Benny Rice Swan	03-16-2012	CH 7, CO 47, KT 5
Gerald E. Thomas	08-11-2013	CH 22
Kenward Ray Tippie	06-01-2013	CH 18, CO 42, KT 11
R. L. Tichenor	02-13-2014	CH 3, CO 50, KT 6
William Mac Williams	03-24-2013	CH 15, KT 20

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