

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

*One Hundred Seventy-Seven
Annual Convocation*

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

State of Missouri

HELD

JUNE 8, 2024

UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

177TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY)

Vendor will be on site for the whole event (Taneycomo)

Hospitality Room for the whole event (Lake of the Ozarks)

Photographers Room (Arkansas)

Friday, June 7, 2024

9:30 p.m. “Old Goats” Meeting (Past Grand High Priests) (*Board Room*)

Saturday, June 8, 2024

7:00 a.m. **KYCH Breakfast Meeting – Members Only** (*Kansas*)

Others, Breakfast – On Your Own

7:00 a.m. **Registration** (Credentials Committee) *Chapter Only– until 11:00 am (Lobby)*

8:30 a.m. **Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2**

Open to All Royal Arch Masons (Colorado/Illinois)

9:00 a.m. **Grand Chapter Reception of Distinguished Guests**

Open to Ladies and Guests (Colorado/Illinois)

Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Introduction of the District Deputy Grand High Priests

Introduction of the 2023-2024 Grand Chapter Officers

Brief Welcoming Comments by the Grand High Priest

Reception of the Past Grand High Priests of Missouri

Reception of the Out of State Grand Chapter Officers

Reception of the General Grand Chapter Officers

Reception of the General Grand High Priest or Representative & brief remarks

Reception of Grand Lodge Officers

Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks

Presentation of Awards – Lewis & Clark, Chapter Achievement Awards

Summary Address of the Grand High Priests

Necrology: Part of the Grand High Priest’s Address

Grand Chorister Presentation

Dismissal of the Ladies and Non-Member Guests

10:15 a.m. **Formal Opening of the 177th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Missouri**

Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee

11:00 a.m. **Election of the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter Officers**

Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

Report of the Finance Committee Report of the Grand Treasurer

Report of the Grand Secretary

Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

Report of the Election Committee

Acceptance of the Grand Chapter Officers Elect

- Report of the Grand High Priest Elect – with Appointments
Report of the Committee on Time and Place
Address of the General Grand High Priest or Representative
Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri or Representative
- 12:00 p.m. **Grand Chapter Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.**
- 12:00 p.m. **Open Lunch** – Open to All (*Kansas*)
- 1:30 p.m. **Order of High Priesthood** (*Colorado/Illinois*)
- 3:00 p.m. **Grand Chapter Resumes Labor** (concludes remaining business, if any)
- 3:30 p.m. **Close of the 177th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri**
- 3:45 p.m. **Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter Officers**, Open to All
Pictures immediately following installation
- 6:30 p.m. **Open Seating for Banquet** – Grand Officers Line Up (*outside Oklahoma/Kansas*)
- 7:00 p.m. **Grand York Rite Banquet** – Cash Bar – Open to All (*Oklahoma/Kansas*)
Musical Accompaniment by the Springfield Symphony String Quartet

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
2023-2024 Elected and Appointed Officers**

Mark A. Bean.....	Grand High Priest
John S. Lambros.....	Grand King
Loren D. Lloyd.....	Grand King pro tem
Michael L. Dodd.....	Grand Scribe
Russell S. Hanson.....	Grand Treasurer
Donald MacCormick.....	Grand Secretary
Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP.....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Kevin M. Ritter.....	Grand Captain of the Host
James E. McManigle.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
W. Larry Wilson.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Donald E. Gilkerson.....	Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Gregory J. Walker.....	Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Nicholas R. Young.....	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Christian M. Jessen.....	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry.....	Grand Chorister
Roy L. Gilkey, PGHP.....	Grand Historian
Gregory J. Walker.....	Grand Lecturer
John C. Caraker.....	Grand Lecturer-East
W. Stuart English.....	Grand Lecturer-West
Russell A. Bradshaw.....	Grand Chaplain
Roy L. Gilkey.....	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Curtis M. Rickman.....	Grand Sentinel
Timothy L. Ritter.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Rex A. Dix.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
W. Stuart English.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Thomas D. Miller.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Larry F. Walters.....	Grand Photographer
Debbie L. Hanson.....	Executive Assistant to the Grand Secretary

District Deputy Grand High Priests

Ashley W. Young.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 1
Larry F. Walters.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 2
Corey B. Huntsucker.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 3
Russell A. Bradshaw.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 4
Michel S. Smith.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 5
Robert G. Fisher.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 6
Jeff A. Stokes.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District A
Christopher L. Story.....	District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District B

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Jeffrey L. Knight.....	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1
John D. Toynton.....	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2
Richard A. Riepe.....	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3
Wayne B. Fryer.....	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4
Nicholas R. Young.....	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5
Dennis W. Houck	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6
Timothy S. Southard	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District A
William J. Sherman.....	District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District B

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand High Priest

Kyle R. Palacios, Chairman
Jerry L. Miles

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Randy L. Presley
Robert L. Schmidt
Kevin L. Swain
Roy N. Thomas

Education

W. Larry Wilson, Chairman
Roy L. Gilkey
Donald MacCormick
James E. McManigle
Nicholas R. Young

Finance

Michael L. Dodd, Chairman
Elected Grand Chapter Officers
Russell S. Hanson (Ex-Officio)
Donald MacCormick (Ex-Officio)
Kevin B. Sample (Ex-Officio)

Jurisprudence

Todd A. Schulze, Chairman
William G. Snyder, Vice Chairman
John C. Caraker
Adam M. Iwanow
Kevin B. Sample

Returns of Chapters

David L. Leirer, Chairman
Loren D. Lloyd

Time and Place

Michael L. Dodd, Chairman
Donald MacCormick
Kevin B. Sample
Roger D. Fleer
Russell S. Hanson
Matthew D. Ruth
Bobbie E. White

Triennial

Kyle R. Palacios, Chairman
Mark A. Bean
Michael L. Dodd
~~Harley L. Kropf~~

Special Committees

Annual Convocation

Mark A. Bean, Chairman
Dr. Paul L. Daniels
Russell S. Hanson
~~John S. Lambros~~
Donald MacCormick
Tara Ornsbey
Kevin B. Sample
Tina Woolsey

Charity

James E. McManigle, Chairman
Michael L. Dodd
~~John S. Lambros~~
David L. Leirer
Donald E. Gilkerson
Dr. John W. Siscel, III

Endowed Membership

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman
David L. Leirer
Donald MacCormick

Examiners

~~John S. Lambros, Chairman~~
James E. McManigle, Chairman
Grand Chapter Line Officers

Grand Masters Invitational

Kyle R. Palacios, Chairman
Mark A. Bean
Donald MacCormick

Investments

Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman
Loren D. Lloyd
James E. McManigle
Jeffery Parrotte

Membership Recruitment

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Mark A. Bean
Dr. Paul L. Daniels
~~John S. Lambros~~
Kevin B. Sample
District Deputy Grand High Priests
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

Publications

W. Larry Wilson Chairman/Chief Editor
Michael S. Smith
Mark A. Bean
Dr. Paul L. Daniels
Steven F. Eberharter
Roger D. Fleer
Russell S. Hanson
Adam M. Iwanow
Donald MacCormick
Kevin B. Sample
Jacob W. Thompson
W. Larry Wilson
Ashley W. Young

Regional York Rite Conferences

Kevin M. Ritter, Chairman
Terry D. Coppotelli
Taz A. Meyer
District Deputy Grand High Priests
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Ritual

Gregory J. Walker, Chairman
John C. Caraker
W. Stuart English
Roy N. Thomas
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Royal Arch Research Assistance

~~John S. Lambros, Chairman~~
Mark A. Bean
Michael L. Dodd
Kevin M. Ritter
Kyle R. Palacios

Social Media/Communications/Internet

Donald MacCormick, Chairman/Web Master
Gregory J. Walker
Kevin B. Sample

Strategic Planning

Mark A. Bean, Chairman
Michael L. Dodd
~~John S. Lambros~~
Donald MacCormick

Youth Activities

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Jeffrey J. Bodenstein
Michael S. Smith
Larry F. Walters
W. Larry Wilson

Order of High Priesthood

Terry D. Coppotelli, Secretary

Living Past Grand High Priests

Charles A. Bottermuller	(1971-1972)	Claude M. Eckert, Honorary	(2012)
E. Allen Kohler	(1976-1977)	John E. Schofield	(2012-2013)
Gene M. Zinn	(1981-1982)	Roy L. Gilkey	(2013-2014)
Richard D. Carroll	(1987-1988)	Roy N. Thomas	(2014-2015)
Robert W. Schlichter	(1998-1999)	Loren D. Lloyd	(2015-2016)
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	(2000-2001)	John W. Siscel, III	(2016-2017)
Roy A. Welshon, Sr.	(2002-2003)	Jerry L. Miles	(2018-2019)
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary	(2005)	David L. Leirer	(2019-2021)
Steven C. Monrotus	(2011-2012)	Kyle R. Palacios	(2021-2023)

Grand Representatives

**Jurisdiction To Missouri
United States of America**

Alabama	Claude M. Eckert
Alaska	Alfred L. Mason
Arizona.....	Vacant
Arkansas.....	Vacant
California	Louis L. Monken
Colorado.....	Vacant
Connecticut.....	Vacant
Delaware	Kyle R. Palacios
District of Columbia	Vacant
Florida.....	Vacant
Georgia.....	Roy N. Thomas
Hawaii.....	Vacant
Idaho	Vacant
Illinois	Vacant
Indiana	Vacant
Iowa	Vacant
Kansas.....	Vacant
Kentucky.....	Gale B. Morrison
Louisiana.....	Robert W. Schlichter
Maine	E. Allen Kohler
Maryland.....	William W. Mier
Massachusetts	Norman G. Schlagenhauf, Jr.
Michigan	George M. Merkle
Minnesota.....	Loren D. Lloyd
Mississippi	Daniel R. Quesenberry
Missouri, PHA	Robert R. Anderson, Jr.
Montana	Vacant
Nebraska	Guy D. Ross
Nevada	Clark McLemore
New Hampshire	Vacant
New Jersey.....	Vacant
New Mexico.....	Roy L. Gilkey
New York.....	Vacant
North Carolina	John E. Schofield
North Dakota.....	Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Ohio	Vacant
Oklahoma.....	Bobby L. Detherow
Oregon	James E. McManigle
Pennsylvania	Phillip W. Engel
Rhode Island	Vacant
South Carolina	Clifton W. Wofford
South Dakota.....	Vacant
Tennessee.....	Charles A. Bottermuller
Texas.....	Vacant
Utah.....	J. Joseph Hayes
Vermont	Roy A. Welshon, Sr.
Virginia	Vacant

Washington	Dennis N. Vogel
West Virginia	Roy N. Thomas
Wisconsin.....	Vacant
Wyoming.....	Vacant

**Jurisdiction To Missouri
Canada/Mexico**

Alberta Canada.....	Vacant
British Columbia and Yukon	David L. Leirer
Manitoba	Vacant
Mexico	Vacant
New Brunswick Canada.....	Harry C. Reed, Jr.
Newfoundland and Labrador	Matthew Quesenberry
Nova Scotia	Bill A. Humble
Ontario Canada	Kevin B. Sample
Quebec Canada	Robert W. Schlichter
Saskatchewan Canada	Vacant

Jurisdiction To Missouri

Other Jurisdictions

Argentina.....	Vacant
Austria.....	Vacant
Belgium.....	Gary A. Phillips
Brazil.....	Vacant
Central America	Dennis E. Fetter
Croatia.....	Jerry L. Miles
England	Stanton T. Brown, II
Finland	Rocky E. Weaver
France.....	Michael L. Dodd
Greece	Ronnie E. Green
India	Vacant
Ireland	Larry F. Walters
Israel.....	Vacant
Italy	Russell S. Hanson
Netherlands	Vacant
New South Wales, Australia	Aaron M. Shoemaker
New Zealand	Vacant
Panama	Vacant
Paraguay.....	Dennis L. Hammack
Philippines.....	Vacant
Portugal	Vacant
Queensland, Australia	Vacant
Romania	Vacant
Scotland.....	John W. Siscoel, III
South Australia, Australia	Vacant
Spain.....	Vacant
Togo	Mark T. Schmidt
Venezuela.....	William W. Mier
Victoria, Australia	Vacant
Western Australia.....	Vacant



Mark A. Bean
Grand High Priest, 2023-2024

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

M.:E.:C.: Mark Allen Bean was born on June 20, 1963 in Los Gatos, California, the only child of Richard D. Bean and H. Diane (Pasetta) Bean. Following his parents divorce, he came to live with his maternal Grandfather; Nicholas J. Pasetta who raised him and taught him many of life's lessons, especially Integrity, Loyalty, and Honor. Lessons that he would continue to live by his whole life.

He is a graduate of Blackford High School. Following High School, he attended West Valley College where he took drafting and general education classes. He worked for Santa Clara Land Title Company as a Title Officer, which became Financial Title Company, before transferring to the IT department, where after many years he retired as the Network Administrator for Northern California. It was while working at Santa Clara Land Title Co. that he met, and married, his best friend, the love of his life, and his wife of 28 years, Lady Margaret Catherine (Burns) Bean (Deceased). It was Lady Margaret who first asked him if he ever considered becoming a Mason.

M.:E.:C.: Bean did not come from a Masonic family. However, Lady Margaret did, her grandfather was a Mark Master Mason from Scotland and a Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star and her Father was a Master Mason; her Grandmother, and Aunts were all Past Worthy Matrons of Eastern Star. For a time, she was a member of the Rainbow Girls. Such was her favorable impression of what the Masons were composed of, she asked M.:E.:C.: Bean to think about joining them. Not knowing any Masons, (that he was aware of) he was surprised when visiting the home of a coworker to set up remote office access, to see a Trestle Board from a local Lodge. He asked about it and how one could become a Mason, the response he received was "you just did it." WB Robert Christiansen then became his top line signer and proficiency coach, guiding him in his first steps in Freemasonry. But it was his Lady Margaret who became his biggest supporter in all his Masonic activities.

His Masonic history is as follows:

Lodge

Member of Menlo Park Lodge No. 651, Menlo Park, CA 2001-Present
Initiated: August 19, 2001
First Degree Proficiency: September 20, 2001
Passed: September 20, 2001
Second Degree Proficiency: November 8, 2001
Raised: November 8, 2001
Third Degree Proficiency: June 5, 2003
Cooper Lodge No. 36, Boonville
Affiliated: 2004
Master 2008-2009
Demitted: 2010
Twilight Lodge No. 114 Columbia: 2010-2024
Lodge Building Association Representative: 2011-2018
Treasurer of the Lodge Building Association: 2011-2018
Wallace Lodge No. 456 Bunceton, MO Affiliated: 2024-Present

York Rite

Columbia Chapter No. 17: 2006-Present
Mark Master Degree: September 11, 2006
Past Master Degree: September 30, 2006
Most Excellent Master: September 30, 2006
Royal Arch Degree: September 30, 2006
High Priest: 2012
Secretary: 2013-2022
DDGHP Region 4A: 2012-2016
Grand High Priest: 2023-2024
Honorary Member Grand Chapter of Texas: 2023
Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia: 2006-Present
Greeted a Royal and Select Master: October 21, 2006
Illustrious Master: 2017
Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 9: 2016-2018
St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia: 2006-Present
Knighted: November 25, 2006
Commander: 2012
Recorder of St Graal Commandery No. 12: 2013-2022
Lewis and Clark Award: 2014
York Rite Sovereign College
Heart of Missouri College No. 188: 2008-Present
Royal Order of Scotland: 2013-Present
Masonic Order of Athelstan
Court of Discovery No. 80: 2013-Present
Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon:
Immanuel Chapel No. 10: 2015-Present
Tipperary Council No. 62 Knight Masons: 2007- Present
Excellent Chief: 2021-2022
Allied Masonic Degrees
Marquis De La Fayette Council No. 392: 2012-Present
Sovereign Master: 2021-2023

Societas Roscicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis	
Missouri College:	2017-Present
Yeomen of York, Columbia Preceptory	2019-Present
Director General:	2022-2023
Knights of the York Cross of Honor	
Missouri Priory No. 17:	2021-Present
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests	
Lord of Lords Tabernacle LI:	2017-Present
Red Cross of Constantine	
St. Chrysostom Conclave:	2018-Present
Sword of Bunker Hill	
Marquis De La Fayette Order No.120:	2007-Present
San Jacinto No. 128 Houston, TX:	2023-Present
Order of High Priesthood:	2012
Order of the Silver Trowel:	2017
Past Commanders Association:	2012
President:	2021-2022

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

A year ago, you elected me as your Grand High Priest, and I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve The Grand Chapter of Missouri this past year. This is not a position that I ever sought, but I have done my best to serve you all with the humility and Honor that this Grand Chapter deserves. All I have done this past year has not been for me, but for me to represent you. I did not do any “Official” visits, because that is just not me. I “visited” with as many of you as I could, sometimes unexpectedly, but always very enjoyably.

I would like to thank all our District Deputies for all the hard work that they have done this year. You are the Work Horses for this Grand Chapter and you have all done great work with the Chapters in your Regions.

My thanks to the Grand Chapter Line Officers, for your support, advice, assistance, and for serving alongside me this year. We have done some great things this past year. One of which I am very proud of, is something that had never been done before in the State of Missouri, Chapter Re-Dedications. Thanks to our Grand Lecturer for finding, and modifying for Missouri, a Chapter Rededication Ceremony. Your Grand Chapter Officers did not just one, but two Chapter rededications. First, for Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78 to celebrate their 150th year! And then, Lexington Chapter #10, celebrating their 175th year! Missouri has a long and distinguished Masonic history, and it is my hope, that in the future we will continue to celebrate these milestone Anniversaries for our Chapters throughout the State.

A special thank you to our Grand Secretary REC Donald MacCormick, for all your support, and gentle reminders about the “proper” way things should be done. And, to our Grand Treasurer REC Russell Hanson, I cannot thank you enough for the hours of work you have put in to help not just this Grand Chapter get its finances straightened out, but the Grand York Rite as a whole. You were certainly the right man, in the right place, and at the right time for that task. And we all owe you a debt of gratitude.

I would like to thank my 2 Amigos, Most Illustrious Companion Paul Daniels, and Sir Knight Kevin Sample, the Right Eminent Grand Commander. As the 3 Amigos, we began our terms in Office with Innovation. For the first time in Missouri. We created a joint Installation for all 3 York Rite Bodies at the same time. With a little modification, I believe that is something that could be very successful going forward in the future. We also brought back the Grand York Rite picnic, which is another thing I really hope will continue going forward. We had a shared vision about what we would like to accomplish this year with “York Rite Unity” and I can say that I am happy with what we have been able to do.

You both made this such an enjoyable year for me, and I would not want to have been on this journey with anyone else. (I think we earned ourselves that trip to Las Vegas we have talked about!) We started with the joint Installation for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery together. We attended the

Regional meetings, and visited other State Jurisdictions together, all with the same call for York Rite Unity. Traveling around with you both has been so much fun for me, I almost wish we could do it again.

To our advancing line of Grand Chapter Officers, plan for our future. The Grand Chapter of Missouri goes beyond the time we serve in Office. Along with your Grand Council and Grand Commandery counterparts, plan a vision for the future, and do not be afraid to Innovate. If we continue to do the same things as we have always done, we will only get the same results. Which if you look at our membership numbers and their decline over the years, means we cannot continue as we have in the past. Innovation, and Adaptation, are two words that should not be taboo within the York Rite. We have a whole new generation of young Masons that are out there and are hungry to learn. To gain and maintain their interest, we need to provide something that will catch their eye and feed their passions for the York Rite. Maintain your communication with your Grand Council and Grand Commandery counterparts. Communication and cooperation will be key for our future growth. Some of the best things you can do is to attend the Regional Meetings within Missouri. Go to the South-Central Conferences, where you will meet your counterparts from other States, and attend their Grand Sessions when you can while advancing through this Grand Line. The chance to get to know them is one of the greatest things you can do. I have made many great friends doing this and you will have the chance to exchange ideas that can only make us all stronger. We tried some new things this past year, and some worked, some not so well. But perhaps going forward the things that did not work so well this year can be changed up a little and become as successful as hoped for.

It has also been my privilege to represent The Missouri Grand Chapter while attending the Grand Sessions of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, the Triennial of The General Grand Chapter, and the South-Central Conference; both of which happened with Missouri hosting the events. And while visiting the other Jurisdictions they are still talking about how much they enjoyed themselves.

Once again, I thank you for allowing me to serve you. The Grand Chapter of Missouri. It has been an Honor doing so. As I traveled around this State, I felt so welcome and so much Fraternal affection it was almost overwhelming at times. I will continue to serve wherever needed, but I am looking forward to my calendar clearing up a bit.

Necrology

We have had many losses this past year. The losses of MEC Harley Kropf and REC John Lambros hit me very hard personally. MEC Harley was an inspiration to me, because no matter his position within our Fraternity, he was a humble man, and with all his accomplishments and Honors, Harley was someone you could talk with about just about anything, and he would give you the best down to earth advice that you could ever ask for. REC John Lambros and I were both elected to join this Grand Chapter line at the same time, and he was one I had so much fun serving with, which is easy when one of us (John) was a clown and was always quick with a joke or humorous comment. You were my Friend and Brother, and I will miss you for the rest of my days. We also lost MEC Donald Trabue who had dedicated many years of his life to our Fraternity with 25 of those years serving as our Grand Treasurer.

A Memorial Service will be led by VEC Russell Bradshaw our Grand Chaplain, followed by a Hymn by our Grand Chorister VEC Daniel Quesenberry.

Memorial Service

The Masonic Funeral Service is a beautiful tribute to our departed Companions. It is a comfort to those who mourn the passing of our Brethren.

It starts with these words, "One by one they pass away, the Brothers of our adoption, the Companions of our choice. Brethren and Companions whose hand we have clasped in the bonds of fraternal fellowship have now passed from our sight. We shall meet them on Earth no more."

One of the hardest tasks our Creator asks each of us to do is to give back to Him our loved ones until we meet them again in His Eternal Kingdom.

That we must spend the rest of our days without them is the greatest sorrow we can experience in these our days on Earth.

We mourn the passing of our fellow Companions across this great State whom our Lord has called to their Eternal Home. We offer our prayers for the comfort of their families - the comfort that only our God can provide. In our meetings we will keep our memory of them alive. We give thanks to our God for their friendship, their fellowship, their companionship, and their brotherhood with us.

In the year since our last Annual Convocation, we have lost 92 Companions across the State. All of these Companions deserve our heartfelt tribute. In noting the passing of the following leaders, we also honor all of them.

Most Excellent Companion Bean, during your time of leadership, we have lost one of those who have served alongside you in the advancing line, REC John Samuel Lambros. We all are deeply saddened by John's passing this year but know his spirit continues to be with us as we forge ahead into the future. We will not forget him! We also lost many other notable Companions including Past Grand High Priest (2005 – 2006) Harley Lee Kropf. Our fraternity will never be the same, but our spirits can remain uplifted knowing they are seeing the Almighty face to face now.

It is appropriate that we pause and remember these Companions who were so dear to us, to honor them, and to thank our Lord and our Eternal Father for the gift of their friendship. The measure of our lives on this Earth is how we love and how we serve others. It is loving and caring service that makes us leave the world a better place. Those Companions who we honor by name today and those across this great State for which time does not allow us to honor by name have made this world and our communities better places to live. They were what the Royal Arch is all about. We honor them today, the brothers of our adoption, the companions of our choice.

Most Excellent Companion Mark, will you please call the Companions to attention, and may we all assume an attitude of reverence for prayer?

Let us unite our hearts together before our Lord as we pray.

Dear Lord, we can only begin to measure Your greatness by the vastness of Your creation. We can merely stand before you in reverent awe of Your Supreme Being and all that you have created. When we see the infinite detail of the universe, we know Your care for all that You have called into being. We know that You care for each one of us. We know that we exist because of Your boundless love. You created us and want us to be Yours forever. We know that You give us a purpose here on Earth; and that we will have a place and a purpose in Your Eternal Kingdom. We also realize from the brief time that we live this mortal life, how much we need You every moment as our Sustainer. Every breath we take, and every beat of our heart is Your gift of love.

Across the State of Missouri those 92 Companions who have passed from our Earthly presence to Your Eternal Kingdom brought their lives to share with us as our friends. We remember them and honor them, and we thank You, Lord, for them.

As we remember these dear Companions who are now with You, we thank You for their time among us. We thank You, Dear Father, even more for the sureness of Your promise that when we see them again, time will not be a factor, and we will never part from them again. We thank You that it will be in the glory of Your loving presence that we will meet them.

We offer a special prayer for those Companions who need Your healing touch and Your comfort.

We love you, Lord, with all our being. We love you with our heart, our mind, and our soul. We trust always in Your perfect love. We are grateful for the love that created us and sustains us. When You finally call us, we yearn to be with You eternally.

This we pray in Your Most Holy Name. Amen.

In closing, I extend my special thanks to Reverend Companion and Sir Knight Roy Gilkey, for letting me borrow from his Memorial Service text. Thank you, Roy.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Bradshaw, Grand Chaplain

(Reporting period 1/1/2023-05/12/2024)

Full Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Chapter
Abernathy, Dennis Arthur	1/6/42	6/16/23	3 - Liberty
Arrington, Jimmy Earl	11/11/58	9/23/23	93 - Triune
Bartley, Troy Elwood	7/4/66	2/11/24	10 - Lexington
Barton, Hubert Lynn	3/15/50	10/7/23	15 - Springfield
Blowers, Richard M.	1/7/33	1/1/24	146 - Keystone
Brantley, William Ray	2/27/58	5/7/23	17 - Columbia
Briggs, Marion L.	5/28/29	4/19/24	78 - Oriental-Rabboni
Burris, Edward E.	12/11/25	1/26/24	102 - Orient
Carter, Clinton Richard	2/9/42	3/16/23	53 - Caldwell
Coy, Charles Garton	1/11/35	12/28/23	25 - Bellefontaine
Crackel, Bobby Lee	1/17/30	2/14/23	114 - Poplar Bluff
Crawford Jr., Thomas Gentry	1/21/34	1/16/24	99 - Shelbina
Crawford, Scott Smith	8/2/60	2/3/24	10 - Lexington
Crume, James Lee	12/13/57	10/7/23	32 - Rolla
Culwell, Charles Michael	5/2/60	1/16/24	93 - Triune
Cundiff, Barry Vincil	6/18/61	4/1/23	53 - Caldwell
Cunningham, Clarence L.	9/17/30	3/4/23	52 - Tyrian
Dains, Jay Dee	11/12/29	10/26/23	99 - Shelbina
Dumont, Richard Edward	11/24/39	9/20/23	78 - Oriental-Rabboni
Endsley, Steven Ray	4/9/80	4/2/24	102 - Orient
Enloe, Dr. Marvin L.	8/11/26	9/21/23	34 - Jefferson City
Fleck Jr., John E.	1/1/41	2/13/23	14 - Mitchell
Frakes, Loma H.	9/16/35	1/27/23	3 - Liberty
Freeze, Mark Wayne	11/25/66	5/3/23	38 - Greenfield
Fry, William A.	11/12/40	10/24/23	52 - Tyrian
Fryer, Luther Harrison	9/8/37	2/28/24	32 - Rolla
Gibbany, James Burkham	4/8/38	7/30/23	80 - Bethany
Goede, Lionel Joseph	4/9/35	1/24/24	78 - Oriental-Rabboni
Griffin, Dwight Eugene	7/15/44	5/4/24	10 - Lexington
Grossnickle, John Benjamin	6/7/52	3/5/23	53 - Caldwell
Hess, Carrol E.	5/17/40	2/17/23	14 - Mitchell
Johnson, Robert J.	7/19/30	1/7/24	52 - Tyrian
Jones, Randall Jay	5/15/55	5/22/23	15 - Springfield
Keele, Charles E.	4/25/28	2/17/24	10 - Lexington
Keith, Terry Lacy	9/10/51	1/9/24	93 - Triune
Kilgore, Walahn	4/13/34	4/25/24	17 - Columbia
Kitchen, Gary Dennie	7/30/46	2/10/24	114 - Poplar Bluff
Kropf, Harley Lee	2/2/43	10/24/23	99 - Shelbina
Lambros, John Samuel	6/28/70	11/15/23	12 - Independence
Liberty, Clarence Henry	11/12/56	2/6/24	32 - Rolla
Manes, Allen K.	6/2/35	5/23/23	15 - Springfield

Mathews Sr., Richard Sullivan	9/3/31	2/7/23	43 - Wyoming
Mathis Jr., William Jennings Bryan	11/18/37	2/1/23	25 - Bellefontaine
Matthews, Donald E.	12/12/34	3/28/24	34 - Jefferson City
McClure, Henry Allen	3/19/41	1/25/24	15 - Springfield
McDowell, Harold Dwaine	1/22/34	3/4/23	34 - Jefferson City
McLees, Larry Clifton	12/4/39	2/4/23	25 - Bellefontaine
Melton, Marvin Wayne	10/8/31	9/23/23	32 - Rolla
Miller Jr., Richard Chas	9/14/36	5/16/23	99 - Shelbyna
Northington, Donald L.	1/1/27	3/18/23	10 - Lexington
Patton, Billie Ray	12/31/43	8/25/23	14 - Mitchell
Pettit Jr., Walter S.	11/11/26	4/19/24	15 - Springfield
Phelan, Ernest Jasper	4/16/42	12/15/23	114 - Poplar Bluff
Posey, James C.	9/7/45	3/16/23	53 - Caldwell
Pugh, James E.	12/25/36	1/23/24	15 - Springfield
Radford, Carl Lester	1/12/31	11/29/23	15 - Springfield
Raffety, Kenneth E.	3/18/30	5/5/23	14 - Mitchell
Ramsey, David L.	4/15/53	11/24/23	14 - Mitchell
Rehm, Marion Wade	11/1/31	3/1/23	53 - Caldwell
Rico, Raymond Louis	2/4/26	4/7/23	1 - St. Charles Missouri
Ridgley, Howard Edward	9/19/32	9/11/23	64 - Lebanon
Riley, Jon Allen	10/24/44	2/24/24	17 - Columbia
Ringer, James Arlen	3/6/36	4/7/24	14 - Mitchell
Rowland, Jerry Leon	10/2/40	1/19/23	53 - Caldwell
Sandroff, Earl A.	7/13/52	7/5/23	1 - St. Charles Missouri
Schell, Russell J.	1/1/38	4/3/23	61 - Meridian Sun
Shelley, George Rhoads	11/21/47	1/28/24	34 - Jefferson City
Shelton, Robert Eugene	3/6/34	9/20/23	93 - Triune
Shoemyer, Robert William	12/1/30	1/21/24	99 - Shelbyna
Smith, Orval Eugene	5/4/37	7/9/23	38 - Greenfield
Spann, John Karl	3/11/47	10/11/23	34 - Jefferson City
Stoner Jr., Leland K.	12/3/40	1/4/24	14 - Mitchell
Talbot, Donald Linwood	9/21/38	7/19/23	93 - Triune
Tharp, Edward Leon	6/14/43	1/31/24	32 - Rolla
Tinsley, Wayne L.	6/26/35	8/3/23	15 - Springfield
Trabue, Donald Leonard	9/12/37	11/30/23	34 - Jefferson City
True, Bertram Eugene	9/11/29	12/6/23	15 - Springfield
Wells, Marvin H.	12/21/41	6/23/23	15 - Springfield
Westfall, William Buchanon	10/3/21	10/1/23	15 - Springfield
Whitman, Robert Charles	9/19/32	12/23/23	1 - St. Charles Missouri
Wilson, Paul Eugene	4/12/41	3/22/23	32 - Rolla
Wood, Charles William	10/13/34	7/3/23	99 - Shelbyna

Visitations

June 3, 2023	Joint Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers for the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. Springfield
June 11, 2023	Installation of Officers, Liberty Chapter No. 3
June 11, 2023	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
June 12, 2023	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
June 12, 2024	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
June 17, 2023	Installation of Officers, Independence Chapter No. 12
June 18, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
June 22, 2023	Grand Session Missouri Jobs Daughters, Jefferson City
June 24, 2023	Grand York Rite Picnic and 3 Amigos Reception, Columbia
June 25, 2023	International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly, Springfield
June 26, 2023	Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia
July 2, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
July 8, 2023	Court of Discovery No. 80 Masonic Order of Athelstan, Fayette
July 8, 2023	Tipperary Council No. 62 Knight Masons, Fayette
July 8, 2023	LaFayette Council No. 392 Allied Masonic Degrees, Fayette
July 9, 2023	Grand York Rite Publication Zoom meeting
July 9, 2023	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
July 10, 2023	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
July 10, 2023	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
July 15, 2023	Missouri Priory No. 17 KYCH, Jefferson City
July 16, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
July 22, 2023	100 Year Celebration Scottish Rite Joplin
July 24, 2023	Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia
August 6, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
August 7, 2023	Visit Triune Chapter No. 93, Montgomery City
August 12, 2023	General Grand Chapter/Council Triennial, Branson
August 13, 2023	General Grand Chapter/Council Triennial, Branson
August 14, 2023	General Grand Chapter/Council Triennial, Branson
August 15, 2023	General Grand Chapter/Council Triennial, Branson
August 15, 2023	Official Visit to the Masonic Time Capsule, Branson
August 19, 2023	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York, Columbia
August 19, 2023	Heart of Missouri No. 188 York Rite Sovereign College, Columbia
August 20, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
August 22, 2023	Royal Arch Degree Conferral, Lebanon Chapter No. 64
August 26, 2023	Immanuel Chapel No. 10 Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Columbia
August 26, 2023	Missouri College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Columbia
August 28, 2023	Visited with MEC Harley Kropf and Lady Pat
September 4, 2023	Visit Rolla Chapter No. 32, Rolla
September 9, 2023	Region 7 York Rite Conference, Bolivar
September 10, 2023	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
September 11, 2023	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
September 11, 2023	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
September 15, 2023	South Central Regional Conference, Branson
September 16, 2023	South Central Regional Conference, Branson
September 17, 2023	Grand Lodge of Missouri, St Charles
September 18, 2023	Grand Lodge of Missouri, St Charles
September 19, 2023	Grand Lodge of Missouri, St Charles
September 23, 2023	Region 1 York Rite Conference - Hannibal

September 25, 2023	Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia
September 26, 2023	Candlelight Lodge by Adair Lodge No. 366, Kirksville
October 2, 2023	Triune Chapter No. 93 Fish Fry, Montgomery City
October 6, 2023	Royal Arch Research Assistance Gala, Liberty
October 8, 2023	Grand York Rite Publication Zoom meeting
October 8, 2023	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
October 9, 2023	Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78 Rededication, Webster Groves
October 14, 2023	Region 5 York Rite Conference, St. Louis
October 15, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
October 21, 2023	Region 3 York Rite Conference, Kansas City
October 23, 2023	Centralia Council No. #34, Columbia
November 4, 2023	Lord of Lords Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Jefferson City
November 4, 2023	St. Chrysostom Red Cross of Constantine, Jefferson City
November 6, 2023	Jefferson City Chapter No. 34, Jefferson City
November 10, 2023	York Rite Festival, Chapter Day, Independence
November 11, 2023	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York, Columbia
November 11, 2023	Heart of Missouri No. 188 York Rite Sovereign College, Columbia
November 12, 2023	Grand York Rite Publication Zoom meeting
November 12, 2023	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
November 13, 2023	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
November 13, 2023	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
November 18, 2023	Region 4 York Rite Conference - Columbia
November 25, 2023	Masonic Service for REC John S. Lambros, Independence
November 27, 2023	Centralia Council #34 - Columbia
December 3, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
December 7, 2023	Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Texas; Waco, TX
December 8, 2023	Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Texas; Waco, TX
December 9, 2023	Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Texas; Waco, TX
December 11, 2023	Columbia Chapter #No. 17, Columbia
December 11, 2023	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
December 17, 2023	Masonic Service for Brother William Volrath, Boonville
December 17, 2023	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
January 6, 2024	Grand Yeoman of York, Jefferson City
January 7, 2024	Kirksville York Rite Installation of Officers, Kirksville
January 7, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
January 14, 2024	Grand York Rite Publications Committee Meeting
January 14, 2024	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
January 19, 2024	Masonic Service for Tom Crawford 50-Year member, Shelbina
January 23, 2024	York Rite Bodies of Shelbina Installation of Officers, Shelbina
January 27, 2024	Chaplains Recognition Dinner, Columbia
February 2, 2024	Service for Elizabeth (Liz) Aman-Riepe, Peculiar
February 3, 2024	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York, Columbia
February 3, 2024	Heart of Missouri No. 188 York Rite Sovereign College, Columbia
February 4, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
February 5, 2024	Triune Chapter No. 93 Mark Master/Past Master Degree, Montgomery City
February 12, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
February 12, 2024	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
February 17, 2024	Grand Master's Royal Arch Class Practice, Jefferson City
February 17, 2024	Jefferson Chapter No. 34 Mark Master/Past Master Degree, Jefferson City
February 18, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting

February 24, 2024	Immanuel Chapel No. 10 Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Columbia
February 24, 2024	Missouri College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Columbia
February 26, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia
February 27, 2024	Putnam Chapter No. 123 Mark Master/Past Master Degrees, Unionville
March 2, 2024	Grand Master's Royal Arch Class, Jefferson City
March 6, 2024	Visited Masonic Time Capsule, Branson
March 7, 2024	Grand York Rite of Arkansas; Little Rock, AR
March 8, 2024	Grand York Rite of Arkansas; Little Rock, AR
March 9, 2024	Grand York Rite of Arkansas; Little Rock, AR
March 10, 2024	Publications Committee Meeting
March 10, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
March 11, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
March 11, 2024	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
March 16, 2024	Grand Master's Cryptic Day, Jefferson City
March 23, 2024	175 Year Chapter Rededication of Lexington Chapter No. 19, Lexington
March 25, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia
March 28, 2024	Wallace Lodge No. 456 Fellowcraft Degree
April 5, 2024	York Rite Festival Chapter Day, Independence
April 6, 2024	Wallace Lodge Turkey Shoot Fundraiser, Bunceton
April 7, 2024	Celebration of Life for Christina M. Smith, O' Fallon
April 7, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
April 8, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
April 8, 2024	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
April 11, 2024	Wallace Lodge No. 456, Bunceton
April 13, 2024	Court of Discovery No. 80 Masonic Order of Athelstan, Fayette
April 13, 2024	Grand Master's Dinner, St Charles
April 14, 2024	Grand Master's Breakfast, St Louis
April 14, 2024	Grand York Rite Publications Committee Meeting
April 14, 2024	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
April 20, 2024	Grand Commandery Drill Competition, Columbia
April 21, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
April 22, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia
April 25, 2024	Grand York Rite of Oklahoma; Oklahoma City, OK
April 26, 2024	Grand York Rite of Oklahoma; Oklahoma City, OK
April 27, 2024	Grand York Rite of Oklahoma; Oklahoma City, OK
April 29, 2024	Rolla Chapter No. 32 Installation of Officers, Rolla
May 2, 2024	Grand York Rite of Kansas; Manhattan, KS
May 3, 2024	Grand York Rite of Kansas; Manhattan, KS
May 4, 2024	Grand York Rite of Kansas; Manhattan, KS
May 9, 2024	Wallace Lodge No. 456 Master Mason Degree Conferral, Bunceton
May 10, 2024	Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons PHA, Jefferson City
May 11, 2024	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York, Columbia
May 11, 2024	Heart of Missouri No. 188 York Rite Sovereign College, Columbia
May 12, 2024	Grand Chapter Officers Zoom meeting
May 13, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17, Columbia
May 13, 2024	St Graal Commandery No. 12, Columbia
May 19, 2024	3 Amigos Zoom meeting
June 3, 2024	Installed the Officer of Liberty Chapter No. 3, Liberty
June 3, 2024	Installed the Officer of Kansas City Chapter No. 28, Kansas City
June 5, 2024	Grand York Rite of Missouri; Springfield, MO

June 6, 2024	Grand York Rite of Missouri; Springfield, MO
June 7, 2024	Grand York Rite of Missouri; Springfield, MO
June 8, 2024	Grand York Rite of Missouri; Springfield, MO
June 9, 2024	Grand York Rite of Missouri; Springfield, MO

Past Grand High Priests

Do not forget about our Past Grand High Priests, the advice and support I received from these men as I was advancing through the Grand Chapter line has been invaluable to me. There is a wealth of experience to draw from, which is why I had asked them to serve as an advisor to each of our committees this year.

Membership Retention

Last year the Grand Chapter passed legislation that no member may be suspended for non-payment of dues until his Chapter's Retention Committee met with him and filed a report with the results of that meeting. Unfortunately, we have had several Chapters suspending members without filing the required reports.

Time Capsule

I had the opportunity to visit the Time Capsule on August 15, 2023 along with MW Richard Kaeser, M.:I.:C.: Paul Daniels, and Sir Knight Kevin Sample REGC. It was the first time in many years that the heads of all 4 York Rite Bodies had visited the Time Capsule at the same time. I found the area to be maintained and clean, there are a few loose pavers at the base of the monument that should be reset as a safety issue if nothing else.

I had the opportunity to see the Time Capsule again on March 6, 2024 along with Sir Knight Sample and found it to be in the same condition as on August 15th.

Edicts Issued

None issued.

Charters Arrested

None

Appointments

June 26, 2023	Appointed MEC Loren D. Lloyd to serve as Grand King for the remainder of the Capitular Year following the untimely passing of REC John S. Lambros, Grand King.
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Certificates of Good Standing

None .

Waiver of Jurisdiction

June 26, 2023	Requested a waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois to allow Bro. Robert Austin Davenport to join Wilson Chapter No. 75
August 17, 2023	Requested a waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas to allow Bro. Patrick Edward Proctor to join Orient Chapter No. 102
February 3, 2024	Requested a waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa to allow Bro. Kevin Dale Lloyd to join Putnam Chapter No. 123

Dispensations Granted

- July 23, 2023 Granted dispensation to Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61 to change their meeting time from 7:30pm to 7:00pm for 2023-2024.
- December 11, 2023 Granted dispensation to Wyoming Chapter No. 43 to change their meeting date from December 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024.
- December 27, 2023 Granted dispensation to Putnam Chapter No. 123 to change their meeting place to 106 South 15th Street, Unionville, MO 63565.
- January 25, 2024 Granted dispensation to Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 to change their meeting date from February 14th 2024 to February 6th 2024.
- January 25, 2024 Granted dispensation to Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of March 2024 and April 2024 instead of their regular meeting date of the 2nd Wednesday of March 2024 and April 2024.

Representations

- October 15, 2023 Issued a Letter of Introduction to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware requesting REC William G. Snyder represent the Grand Chapter at their Annual Convocation.
- October 16, 2023 Issued a Letter of Introduction to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia requesting REC William G. Snyder represent the Grand Chapter at their Annual Convocation.

By Law Changes, Subordinate Chapters

- February 22, 2024 Approved the by-laws update for Putnam Chapter No. 123
- February 27, 2024 Approved the by-laws update for Rolla Chapter No. 32
- April 17, 2024 Approved the by-laws update for Liberty Chapter No. 3

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,



Mark Alan Bean

Grand High Priest 2023-2024

Move that this report be received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

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

Companions, the committee on the address of the Grand High Priest would like to commend MEC Bean on a very successful year. His ability to work with the Grand Lodge of Missouri has shown the respect and the ability to accomplish his goals. He was very thorough in visiting other Chapter Jurisdictions in many states, representing the progressive activities of the Missouri Grand Chapter. We find that the Address of the Grand High Priest is in order and comprehensive. He has discharged the duties of his office with care, enthusiasm, and dignity. We wish him all the best in the future.

Fraternally submitted,
Kyle R. Palacios PGHP, Chairman

Jerry L. Miles, PGHP

Move that this report be accepted and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS

2023 FINAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Russel S. Hanson, Grand Treasurer

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Our first year with your new Grand Treasurer has been very challenging. I refer you to the Missouri Grand York Rite Financial Report and the three Missouri Grand York Rite Financial Accounts Detail Reports for the record of where we started and where we are now. These documents are hereby incorporated into this report by reference. We still have more work to do in this next year in order to resolve all of the remaining issues.

Grand Chapter Clerical Assistant

This year I moved paying Lady Debbie Hanson from monthly to quarterly in order to better align with the demands of reporting our Employee to the State and Federal Governments as well as making the requisite deposits/contributions.

I have established my credentials as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of Missouri and authorized employer representative with the IRS. I have gained access to the Federal EFTPS.gov web portal.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return forms for the four quarters of calendar year 2023 have been filed and all deposits made for Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Withholding Tax using the EFTPS portal. Included in those deposits were both the Employee and Employer monetary portions. In addition, the IRS 940 Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return form for calendar year 2023 has been filed and the deposit made.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return forms for the first calendar quarter of 2024 has been filed and the deposit made for Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Withholding Tax using the EFTPS portal. Included in that deposit was both the Employee and Employer monetary portions.

I have established my credentials with several State agencies as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of Missouri and authorized employer representative.

In June 2023, I reactivated our account with the Missouri Division of Employment Security (DES) and gained access to the DES uinteract.labor.mo.gov web portal. I have been filing the required quarterly unemployment insurance reports and paid the required contributions using the web portal.

I have also gained access to the Missouri Department of Revenue's (DOR) mytax.mo.gov web portal. I have filed the DOR MO-941 Employer's Return of Income Taxes Withheld for calendar year 2023 and paid the withholding tax, additions, interest, and processing fee using the web portal.

The 2023 W-2 Wage and Tax Statement for Lady Hanson and the 2023 W-3 Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements were filed and accepted by the IRS.

Grand Chapter IRS Tax Status

I have established my credentials with the IRS as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Treasurer of the Missouri Grand York Rite. I applied for and received a verification letter from the IRS confirming the Grand Chapter Employer Identification Number (EIN). I applied for and received a verification letter from the IRS confirming the Missouri Grand York Rite Employer Identification Number (EIN). These letters are required in order to establish business bank accounts in Missouri.

During the process of obtaining the verification letters, I was informed by the IRS that the Grand Chapter tax exempt status had been revoked due to failure to file IRS 990 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax forms for more than three years. I was told that we would need to complete and file an IRS 1024 Application for Recognition of Exemption form. I was informed that the processing cost was \$600.00 and that processing took six months. I began the process of completing the 42 page form, but ran into issues when I got to the Part V - Financial Data. I will not be able to proceed further until the financial state of the Grand Chapter is determined.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for the tax year ending March 31, 2024, was successfully filed and accepted by the IRS. In addition, the Grand Chapter Palmyra Chapter No. 2 IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for the tax year ending March 31, 2024, was successfully filed and accepted by the IRS.

Grand Chapter Missouri Certificate of Incorporation

The Grand Chapter has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. In addition, the Missouri Grand York Rite has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. These certificates are required in order to establish business bank accounts in Missouri.

I filed the 2023 Annual Registration Reports for a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation for the Grand Chapter and the Missouri Grand York Rite, and paid the required registration and processing fees. The reports were accepted by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

Grand Treasurer's Office

Your Grand Treasurer has worked diligently to bring transparency to the office. I attended all of the Grand Chapter Grand Officer Zoom meetings. During those meetings, I provided requested financial review briefings to the Grand Officers and answered questions that the Grand Officers asked concerning the finances of the Grand Chapter. In addition, I provided the Grand High Priest and the Chairman of Finance and Accounts with weekly reports on the work of the Grand Treasurer. Beginning in December 2023, I provided detailed reports on the financial status of the Missouri Grand York Rite to the Grand High Priest, the Chairman of Finance and Accounts, and the Chairman of Investments. Many of the recommendations and actions concerning changes to the financial plan of the Missouri Grand York Rite are documented in the separate Missouri Grand York Rite Financial Report incorporated herein by reference.

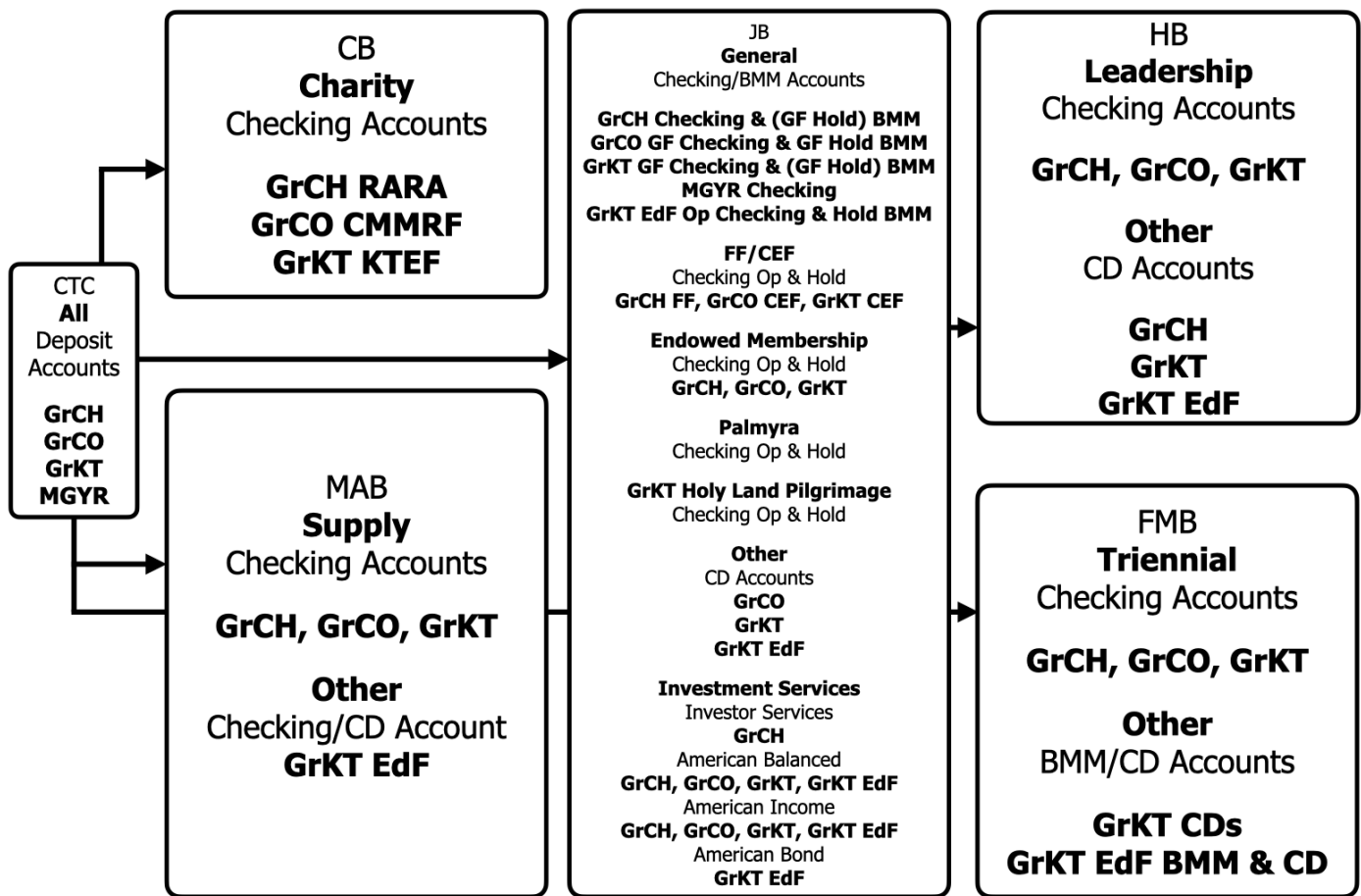
The Grand Treasurer's Office has received thirteen banker boxes of historical paper records from the office of the previous Grand Treasurer through the efforts of Companion and Sir Knight Harold F. Coots, PGC. I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the extraordinary patience and perseverance exhibited by Harold in wading through the process of providing these records. I also thank Lady Elsie Trabue for working with Harold to sort out the previous Grand Treasurer's office. In addition, the efforts of Harold, Elsie, and Tom Trabue (one of Don's sons) have provided approximately 290 GB of historical electronic records.

In addition, the Grand Chapter and Missouri Grand York Rite check books were transferred to the office.

The task of reviewing the mountain of documents is daunting. However, I hope to begin the process of scanning the important documents into electronic files for storage and future reference during the coming year.

Financial Summary of the Grand Chapter

Financial Plan of the Missouri Grand York Rite



Status of Grand Chapter Liquid Accounts - April 30, 2024

Commercial Trust Company (CTC)		
• MGYR Deposit Account		\$3,240.00
• GrCH Deposit Account		\$1,119.39
Central Bank (CB)		
• GrCH RARA Charity Fund (CF) Account		\$11,129.45
Mid America Bank (MAB)		
• GrCH Supply Fund (SF) Account		\$9,594.34
Jefferson Bank (JB)		
• MGYR Checking Account		\$162.59
GrCH General Fund (GF) Checking Account		\$77,499.73
GrCH Business Money Market (GF Hold) Account		\$74,939.48
GrCH Foundation Fund (FF) Op Checking Account		\$1,103.04
GrCH Foundation Fund (FF) Hold Checking Account		\$118,515.37
GrCH Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) Op Checking Account		\$3,698.00
GrCH Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) Hold Checking Account		\$29,335.06
GrCH Palmyra Fund (PF) Op Checking Account		\$1,488.82
GrCH Palmyra Fund (PF) Hold Checking Account		\$50.00
Hawthorn Bank (HB)		
• GrCH Leadership Fund Checking Account		\$3,198.16
First Mid Bank (FMB)		
• MGYR Savings Account		\$25,395.94
• GrCH Triennial Fund Checking Account		\$1,985.28
Total of MGYR Liquid Assets		\$28,798.53
Sub Total of GrCH Liquid Assets		\$333,656.12

Status of Grand Chapter Short-Term Accounts - April 30, 2024

Hawthorn Bank (HB)		
• GrCH HB CD 2 =	\$23,898.90	
Sub Total of GrCH Short-Term Assets		\$23,898.90

Status of Grand Chapter Long-Term Accounts

• Jefferson Bank (JB)		
• JB Investor Services - April 30, 2024		
• GrCH Putnam Mutual Fund		\$115,005.35
<i>Contains: GF</i>	\$27,601.28	
<i>Special General Fund (SpGF)</i>	\$69,003.21	
<i>SF</i>	\$18,400.86	
Capital Group 1 - March 31, 2024		
• GrCH American Balanced Mutual Fund		\$158,326.06
<i>Contains SpGF</i>	\$113,614.78	
<i>EMF</i>	\$44,711.28	

Capital Group 1 - March 31, 2024

• GrCH Income Fund of America Mutual Fund		\$100,312.77
<i>Contains EMF</i>	\$90,100.93	
<i>PF</i>	\$3,811.89	
<i>SF</i>	\$6,399.95	

Sub Total of GrCH Long-Term Assets **\$373,364.18**

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL GRAND CHAPTER ASSETS **\$731,199.20**

Fraternally submitted,
Russel S. Hanson, Grand Treasurer

Move that Preliminary Report of the Grand Treasurer be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

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

REPORTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Companions, following this narrative you will find the statistical reports of the Grand Secretary’s office. The statistical reports provide much institutional information as to the overall financial and physical health of the subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Annual Returns – Late: As of the time of this report, the following Chapters filed late returns and were assessed penalties: Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114; and Keystone Chapter No. 146.

Annual Returns – No Return: The following Chapters have not filed an annual return as of the date of May 18, 2024 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 and Greenfield Chapter No. 38. As such, they have forfeited all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Convocation and will be assessed penalties. Given the extraordinary circumstances the Grand High Priest has granted special dispensation of Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 to representation and vote at the Annual Convocation.

Annual Returns – Not Received thirty days prior to Annual Convocation: As of the date of this report, the following Chapter filed an annual return, but not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convocation, has forfeited all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Convocation, and will be assessed penalties: None.

Annual Returns – Financial Statements: The following Chapters either failed to submit or filed an incomplete Financial Statement: None.

Annual Returns – RARA Donations (according to the annual returns): The following Chapters reported no contributions to RARA: Bolivar Chapter No. 5, Hannibal Chapter No. 7, Lexington Chapter No. 10, Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25, Greenfield Chapter No. 38, Lebanon Chapter No. 64, and UEL Chapter No. 129. In contrast Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78 contributed \$4,046.50 - \$46.51 per member; Triune Chapter No. 93 contributed \$19.62 per member; Independence Chapter No. 12 contributed \$6.06 per member; Springfield Chapter No. 15 contributed \$4.04 per member; Wyoming Chapter No. 43 contributed \$3.99 per member; and Rolla Chapter No. 43 contributed \$3.73 per member.

Annual Returns – Bonding: Only 5 Chapters reported that the Treasurer and Secretary **are bonded**: St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1; Liberty Chapter No. 3; Bolivar Chapter No. 5; Hannibal Chapter No. 7; UEL Chapter No. 129. Although there is no requirement by law that bonds be established, there is a necessity of ensuring the organizational officers who are responsible for your financial health are bonded.

Annual Returns – Inquiries and Examination of Accounts (Financial Reviews): The following Chapters did not file an Inquiry and Examination of Accounts as part of their Annual Return or if they did file an Inquiry and Examination of Accounts, it was incomplete: Caldwell Chapter No. 53.

Annual Return Seal Impressions: Article XII, Section 69. Seal. States that "Every chartered chapter shall have a seal, and all official papers shall be attested by an impression of the same." The following Chapters did not provide a Seal Impression on their Annual Return. Hannibal Chapter No. 7 and Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78;

Annual Returns - Signatories: The following Chapters report that there is not more than one signatory on the accounts of the Chapter: Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78; and Keystone Chapter No. 146. This failure is an extremely high risk to the Chapter. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – Dues: The following Chapters reported dues charged each member to be less than that required by Grand Chapter (\$35.60): None.

Annual Returns – 990 Status: The following Chapters did not file evidence of a completed 990 filing: St. Charles Missouri No. 1; Hannibal Chapter No. 7; and Keystone Chapter No. 146. Approximately 20% of Chapters did not include confirmation that their 990N filing was accepted, rather the IRS notice that the filing is required. Once your 990N filing is submitted, wait 7 minutes, then take a screenshot that shows your filing was accepted. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – Chapter Indebtedness: The following Chapters reported a negative cash on hand as of December 31, 2022: None.

I refer all of the above to the Grand Officers to address.

Growth Awards: There were 157 Exaltations during the 2022 calendar year, another amazing year!

10% Growth Awards will be presented to Kansas City Chapter No. 28 (10%) who Exalted 4 and Affiliated 2.

15% Growth Awards will be presented to Poplar Buff Chapter 114 (24%) who Exalted 5, Affiliated 3, and Reinstated 1; and Hannibal Chapter No. 7 (27%) with the highest % growth (27%) who Exalted 2, and Affiliated 3.

MMS: We feel that all Chapters are fully engaged and using MMS, either by the Chapter Secretary or the IT Representative designated for that purpose.

Summary: Companions, First, allow me to thank those who work with diligence and efficiency to make the Grand York Rite work, with attentiveness and thoughtfulness in all that they do. I thank Debbie for her patience and hard work throughout the year, to Kevin for his guidance and input, to Roger for his collaboration, and to Russell to whom the three Grand Bodies owe a debt of gratitude in his work in deciphering and re-architecting the finances of all three Grand York Rite Bodies.

The amount of work that goes into planning a Grand Session can be daunting but the tireless combined efforts of Debbie, Kevin, Roger, Tina, Tara, the first ladies Tina, Sherrie, and Chris have pulled together an outstanding Grand Session this year - thank you!

This is our 2nd year meeting in Springfield and it is our goal not to hold the Grand Sessions more than two consecutive years in the same location. We will continue to scout new locations around the State and continue to present the Grand York Rite Sessions as a celebration of the Missouri York Rite.

I recommend to all to review the statistical reports of our Chapters, they provide an accurate overview on the overview health of the Royal Arch in Missouri.

As the need to offer more and integrated digital service the need to add additional talent is necessary. If there are those who are professionally experienced the WordPress, design, and social media please reach out to me, we will put your skills and experience to work.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,
Donald MacCormick, Grand Secretary
Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP, Assistant Grand Secretary

Move that these reports be accepted, subject to correction, and referred to the appropriate committees and to the Grand Officers for follow-up action as deemed necessary.

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

Annual Statistical Report – Start: 1/1/2023 End: 12/31/2023
Grand Chapter of Missouri

Total Working Chapters = 33

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

Total number members on last return =	<u>1,853</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>89</u>
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>68</u>
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>20</u>
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Gain (+)	<u>177</u>
Total number DIMITTED =	<u>90</u>
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>81</u>
Total number DECEASED =	<u>77</u>
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Loss (-)	<u>248</u>
Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(71)</u>
Total number members (including Dual/Plural) =	<u>1,782</u>

Statistical Reports: The following reports represent the Tabular Returns of the Chapters, and from MMS are the Membership Counts by Chapter and following is the Average Age Report as of May 18, 2024 – pay particular attention to the first line on the Average Age Report – it speaks volumes about our future.

2023 Annual Returns

No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received	2022 Membership	Exalted	Admitted	Reinstated	Add Adjustment	Total Gains	Dimited	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled	Del Adjustment	Total Losses	2023 Net Gain / Loss	2023 Total Year End Membership
0	Missouri	At Large	June 8, 2016		Grand Session	N/A	0					0						0	0	0
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles	May 14, 2004	23-7526764	2nd Wednesday	28-Feb-24	78	0	3	1	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	78
2	Palmyra	At Large	September 14, 1848	23-7526765	Grand Session	N/A	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-2	25
3	Liberty	Liberty	October 16, 1847	43-0968049	3rd Monday	17-Feb-24	75	3	1	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	8	-4	71
5	Bolivar	Bolivar	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	3rd Wednesday	8-Feb-24	34	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	34
7	Hannibal	Hannibal	May 24, 1861	23-7526769	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-24	11	2	3	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	14
10	Lexington	Lexington	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	4th Monday	29-Feb-24	59	2	3	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	61
12	Independence	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	2nd Thursday	7-Feb-24	65	2	2	1	0	5	2	1	1	0	0	4	1	66
14	Mitchell	St. Joseph	May 23, 1849	23-7526774	1st Wednesday	10-Feb-24	163	0	14	1	0	15	0	10	4	0	2	16	-1	162
15	Springfield	Springfield	May 16, 1851	44-0443935	4th Monday	20-Feb-24	138	3	9	4	0	16	6	9	9	0	0	24	-8	130
17	Columbia	Columbia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	2nd Monday	12-Feb-24	73	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	76
25	Bellefontaine	Hazelwood	May 23, 1856	23-7526781	4th Tuesday		60	0	4	0	0	4	1	7	3	0	2	13	-9	51
28	Kansas City	Kansas City	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	1st Monday	1-Mar-24	50	4	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	55
32	Rolla	Rolla	May 24, 1866	23-7137509	3rd Monday	9-Feb-24	84	6	1	0	0	7	0	4	3	0	0	7	0	84
34	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	May 24, 1866	23-7382601	1st Monday	29-Feb-24	79	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	5	-3	76
38	Greenfield	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7137510	1st Thursday		63	0	0	1	0	1	2	11	2	0	6	21	-20	43
43	Wyoming	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	1st Monday	26-Feb-24	69	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	69
52	Tyrian	Neosho	October 7, 1869	23-7189747	3rd Monday	12-Feb-24	47	5	3	0	0	8	2	1	3	0	0	6	2	49
53	Caldwell	Kirksville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	2nd Thursday	1-Mar-24	98	1	1	1	0	3	0	2	6	0	0	8	-5	93
56	Nevada	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	2nd Monday	1-Mar-24	27	4	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	5	-1	26
61	Meridian Sun	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799	3rd Thursday	12-Feb-24	23	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	23
64	Lebanon	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	3rd Tuesday	23-Feb-24	71	1	1	2	0	4	1	11	3	0	0	15	-11	60
75	Wilson	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	1st Wednesday	29-Feb-24	58	4	1	0	0	5	3	6	1	0	0	10	-5	53
78	Oriental-Rabboni	Webster Groves	October 9, 1873	43-0443570	1st Monday	29-Feb-24	86	0	4	0	1	5	0	1	3	0	0	4	1	87
91	Joplin	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	1st Tuesday	27-Feb-24	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-2	32
93	Triune	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	1st Monday	26-Feb-24	43	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	-4	39
99	Shelbina	Shelbina	May 3, 1883	23-7526817	4th Tuesday	23-Feb-24	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	-5	61
102	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645	3rd Wednesday	29-Feb-24	40	3	1	3	1	8	2	4	1	0	0	7	1	41
114	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 27, 1893	23-7526825	2nd Thursday	21-Mar-24	21	5	3	1	0	9	0	2	2	0	0	4	5	26
123	Putnam	Unionville	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	4th Tuesday	22-Feb-24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	24
129	Uel	Farmington	April 28, 1909	23-7526833	2nd Tuesday	28-Feb-24	37	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	4	-2	35
146	Keystone	Mehlville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	2nd Monday	11-Apr-24	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1	36
	TOTAL						1841	46	68	18	2	134	37	78	67	0	13	195	-61	1780

2023 Annual Returns (cont.)

No.	Chapter	% of Growth	Exaltation Fees	Per Capita	2022 Debits	Dues Cards	Dues Cards Postage Fees	Total Per Capita, Fees & Debits	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Credit for Remissions and Life Members	GG Chapter Perpetual Mbrs & Not Endowed or 50-Yr Mbrs	General Grand Chapter Credit	2022 Credits	Total Credits
0	Missouri	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	\$ -	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	St. Charles Missouri	0%	0.00	2,386.80	0.00	34.58	10.50	2,431.88	0	8	7	459.00	2	6.00	0.00	465.00
2	Palmyra	-7%	0.00	765.00	0.00	13.68	16.29	794.97	0	0	21	642.60	0	0.00	0.00	642.60
3	Liberty	-5%	30.00	2,172.60	0.00	30.40	9.09	2,242.09	2	5	17	734.40	1	3.00	0.00	737.40
5	Bolivar	0%	0.00	1,040.40	0.00	15.96	7.64	1,064.00	2	5	14	642.60	0	0.00	0.00	642.60
7	Hannibal	27%	20.00	428.40	0.00	8.74	6.00	463.14	0	3	0	91.80	0	0.00	0.00	91.80
10	Lexington	3%	20.00	1,866.60	0.00	26.60	9.09	1,922.29	0	13	8	642.60	0	0.00	0.00	642.60
12	Independence	2%	20.00	2,019.60	0.00	28.50	9.09	2,077.19	0	4	17	642.60	0	0.00	0.00	642.60
14	Mitchell	-1%	0.00	4,957.20	0.00	69.92	10.75	5,037.87	7	23	33	1,927.80	0	0.00	0.00	1,927.80
15	Springfield	-6%	30.00	3,978.00	0.00	55.86	10.75	4,074.61	0	21	17	1,162.80	2	6.00	0.00	1,168.80
17	Columbia	4%	0.00	2,325.60	0.00	31.92	1.34	2,358.86	3	21	19	1,315.80	1	3.00	0.00	1,318.80
25	Bellefontaine	-15%	0.00	1,560.60	0.00	23.56	9.09	1,593.25	3	0	22	765.00	0	0.00	0.00	765.00
28	Kansas City	10%	40.00	1,683.00	0.00	23.18	9.09	1,755.27	0	7	2	275.40	0	0.00	0.00	275.40
32	Rolla	0%	60.00	2,570.40	0.00	36.86	10.50	2,677.76	1	3	24	856.80	2	6.00	0.00	862.80
34	Jefferson City	-4%	0.00	2,325.60	0.00	33.82	1.50	2,360.92	0	10	10	612.00	0	0.00	0.00	612.00
38	Greenfield	-32%	0.00	1,315.80	0.00	24.32	9.19	1,349.31	5	5	21	948.60	0	0.00	0.00	948.60
43	Wyoming	0%	0.00	2,111.40	0.00	30.02	9.09	2,150.51	2	9	5	489.60	0	0.00	0.00	489.60
52	Tyrian	4%	50.00	1,499.40	0.00	23.18	9.19	1,581.77	5	4	2	336.60	5	15.00	0.00	351.60
53	Caldwell	-5%	10.00	2,845.80	0.00	38.76	1.70	2,896.26	0	23	10	1,009.80	1	3.00	0.00	1,012.80
56	Nevada	-4%	40.00	795.60	0.00	13.68	6.84	856.12	0	4	2	183.60	0	0.00	0.00	183.60
61	Meridian Sun	0%	0.00	703.80	0.00	13.30	7.64	724.74	0	5	3	244.80	0	0.00	0.00	244.80
64	Lebanon	-15%	10.00	1,836.00	0.00	26.98	9.09	1,882.07	0	3	4	214.20	1	3.00	0.00	217.20
75	Wilson	-9%	40.00	1,621.80	0.00	23.56	9.19	1,694.55	1	8	1	306.00	0	0.00	0.00	306.00
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1%	0.00	2,662.20	0.00	36.86	10.50	2,709.56	0	7	26	1,009.80	1	3.00	0.00	1,012.80
91	Joplin	-6%	0.00	979.20	0.00	15.58	7.64	1,002.42	2	2	13	520.20	0	0.00	0.00	520.20
93	Triune	-9%	10.00	1,193.40	0.00	19.76	7.59	1,230.75	2	5	5	367.20	2	6.00	0.00	373.20
99	Shelbina	-8%	0.00	1,866.60	0.00	27.36	9.09	1,903.05	0	5	1	183.60	0	0.00	0.00	183.60
102	Orient	3%	30.00	1,254.60	0.00	18.24	7.59	1,310.43	3	5	3	336.60	0	0.00	0.00	336.60
114	Poplar Bluff	24%	50.00	795.60	0.00	12.92	6.89	865.41	3	0	3	183.60	0	0.00	0.00	183.60
123	Putnam	-4%	0.00	734.40	0.00	12.54	1.34	748.28	0	1	4	153.00	0	0.00	0.00	153.00
129	Uel	-5%	0.00	1,071.00	0.00	17.10	7.59	1,095.69	3	1	8	367.20	2	6.00	0.00	373.20
146	Keystone	-3%	0.00	1,101.60	0.00	17.10	7.59	1,126.29	0	4	10	428.40	1	3.00	0.00	431.40
	TOTAL	-3%	\$460.00	\$54,468.00	\$-	\$804.84	\$248.47	\$55,981.31	44	214	332	\$18,054.00	21	\$63.00	\$-	\$18,117.00

2023 Annual Returns (cont.)

No.	Chapter	Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2023 Credits	2023 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/23	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia
0	Missouri	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	St. Charles Missouri	1,966.88	0.00	1,966.88	1,966.88	0.00		1,966.88			2,786.02	0.00	5,000.00
2	Palmyra	152.37	0.00	152.37	0.00	0.00		0.00		152.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Liberty	1,504.69	0.00	1,504.69	1,504.69	0.00		1,504.69		0.00	3,139.60	44,696.80	753.00
5	Bolivar	421.40	0.00	421.40	482.60	0.00		482.60	61.20		19,172.63	32,453.28	2,000.00
7	Hannibal	371.34	0.00	371.34	371.34	0.00		371.34		0.00	794.56	0.00	0.00
10	Lexington	1,279.69	0.00	1,279.69	1,279.69	0.00		1,279.69		0.00	6,096.89	0.00	1,000.00
12	Independence	1,434.59	0.00	1,434.59	1,383.21	51.38		1,434.59		0.00	8,148.98	11,000.00	500.00
14	Mitchell	3,110.07	0.00	3,110.07	3,110.07	0.00		3,110.07	0.00		6,305.39	142,963.79	200.00
15	Springfield	2,905.81	0.00	2,905.81	2,905.81	0.00		2,905.81		0.00	5,238.44	4,584.99	7,000.00
17	Columbia	1,040.06	0.00	1,040.06	1,131.86	0.00		1,131.86	91.80		2,589.14	0.00	5,000.00
25	Bellefontaine	828.25	0.00	828.25	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Kansas City	1,479.87	0.00	1,479.87	1,479.87	0.00		1,479.87		0.00	3,584.39	0.00	15,000.00
32	Rolla	1,814.96	0.00	1,814.96	1,845.56	0.00		1,845.56	30.60		1,114.05	21,536.35	3,500.00
34	Jefferson City	1,748.92	0.00	1,748.92	1,748.92	0.00		1,748.92		0.00	2,034.07	23,115.97	5,000.00
38	Greenfield	400.71	0.00	400.71	0.00	0.00		0.00		400.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Wyoming	1,660.91	0.00	1,660.91	1,660.91	0.00		1,660.91		0.00	5,270.68	8,550.67	10,000.00
52	Tyrian	1,230.17	0.00	1,230.17	1,230.17	0.00		1,230.17			3,568.74	0.00	5,000.00
53	Caldwell	1,883.46	0.00	1,883.46	1,883.46	0.00		1,883.46		0.00	5,735.77	0.00	2,000.00
56	Nevada	672.52	0.00	672.52	672.52	0.00		672.52		0.00	2,649.40	0.00	500.00
61	Meridian Sun	479.94	0.00	479.94	479.94	0.00		479.94		0.00	3,176.14	0.00	800.00
64	Lebanon	1,664.87	0.00	1,664.87	1,664.87	0.00		1,664.87			8,779.80	0.00	2,560.00
75	Wilson	1,388.55	0.00	1,388.55	1,388.55	0.00		1,388.55		0.00	3,206.25	46,648.62	500.00
78	Oriental-Rabboni	1,696.76	0.00	1,696.76	1,696.76	0.00		1,696.76		0.00	10,820.57	43,746.35	0.00
91	Joplin	482.22	0.00	482.22	482.22	0.00		482.22		0.00	2,781.99	15,207.73	0.00
93	Triune	857.55	0.00	857.55	857.55	0.00		857.55		0.00	17,712.89	0.00	0.00
99	Shelbina	1,719.45	0.00	1,719.45	1,719.45	0.00		1,719.45	0.00		1,507.78	0.00	5,000.00
102	Orient	973.83	0.00	973.83	973.83	0.00		973.83		0.00	387.27	0.00	5,000.00
114	Poplar Bluff	681.81	10.00	691.81	448.72	243.09		691.81	0.00		1,485.11	0.00	0.00
123	Putnam	595.28	0.00	595.28	595.28	0.00		595.28		0.00	2,102.93	0.00	0.00
129	Uel	722.49	0.00	722.49	722.49	0.00		722.49	0.00	0.00	2,899.12	0.00	120.00
146	Keystone	694.89	20.00	714.89	694.89	0.00		694.89		20.00	(1,231.63)	4,901.63	0.00
	TOTAL	\$37,864.31	\$30.00	\$37,894.31	\$36,382.11	\$294.47		\$36,676.58	\$183.60	\$573.08	\$131,856.97	\$399,406.18	\$76,433.00

2023 Annual Returns (cont.)

No.	Chapter	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited	990
0	Missouri	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
1	St. Charles Missouri	706.00	0.00	8,992.02	70.60	150.00	Y	Y	Y	N
2	Palmyra	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00				
3	Liberty	1,171.75	0.00	49,761.15	47.25	94.90	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Bolivar	0.00	0.00	53,625.91	46.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Hannibal	55.00	0.00	849.56	55.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	N
10	Lexington	0.00	0.00	7,096.89	55.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
12	Independence	0.00	0.00	19,648.98	55.60	400.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	Mitchell	527.80	0.00	149,996.98	40.60	40.55	Y	Y	Y	Y
15	Springfield	2,580.00	0.00	19,403.43	86.00	525.05	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Columbia	80.00	0.00	7,669.14	40.00	118.00	N	N	Y	Y
25	Bellefontaine	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.60	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
28	Kansas City	969.00	0.00	19,553.39	51.00	48.35	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Rolla	0.00	678.15	25,472.25	48.40	313.60	N	N	Y	Y
34	Jefferson City	945.00	0.00	31,095.04	45.00	109.20	N	N	Y	Y
38	Greenfield	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00				
43	Wyoming	276.00	0.00	24,097.35	46.00	275.00	N	N	Y	Y
52	Tyrian	0.00	0.00	8,568.74	40.60	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
53	Caldwell	0.00	0.00	7,735.77	55.00	18.60	N	N	Y	Y
56	Nevada	100.00	0.00	3,249.40	50.00	65.70	N	N	Y	Y
61	Meridian Sun	27.80	0.00	3,997.94	40.60	36.50	N	N	Y	Y
64	Lebanon	0.00	0.00	11,339.80	51.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
75	Wilson	950.00	0.00	51,304.87	50.00	93.95	N	N	Y	Y
78	Oriental-Rabboni	0.00	0.00	54,566.92	80.60	4,046.50	N	N	Y	Y
91	Joplin	164.00	0.00	18,153.72	41.00	55.90	N	N	Y	Y
93	Triune	0.00	0.00	17,712.89	50.00	765.00	N	N	Y	Y
99	Shelbina	0.00	0.00	6,507.78	48.00	132.45	N	N	Y	Y
102	Orient	0.00	0.00	5,387.27	45.60	80.30	N	N	Y	Y
114	Poplar Bluff	0.00	0.00	1,485.11	41.00	18.25	N	N	Y	Y
123	Putnam	41.00	0.00	2,143.93	41.00	51.10	N	N	Y	Y
129	Uel	861.00	0.00	3,880.12	41.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
146	Keystone	0.00	0.00	3,670.00	96.00	0.00	N	N	Y	N
	TOTAL	\$9,454.35	\$678.15	\$466,969.37	\$1,508.45	\$7,438.90				

Membership Count 01

Parameter: Missouri, Royal Arch Masonry

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	Active Members	Petitioner	Candidate	Active no DOB	Active with DOB	*Average Age	Active Local Bodies	US Mailable
Missouri	1,796	3	114	6	1,790	67.9	32	1,785
0 - Missouri			64			.0	1	
1 - St. Charles Missouri	83		8		83	62.7	1	83
2 - Palmyra	25			1	24	81.9	1	25
3 - Liberty	72				72	67.3	1	72
5 - Bolivar	37		1		37	66.7	1	37
7 - Hannibal	14				14	68.2	1	14
10 - Lexington	56	1			56	69.3	1	56
12 - Independence	68	1	1		68	66.4	1	68
14 - Mitchell	162				162	74.3	1	162
15 - Springfield	121		1		121	65.9	1	120
17 - Columbia	74		2		74	71.5	1	74
25 - Bellefontaine	53			1	52	63.4	1	53
28 - Kansas City	56		1		56	56.8	1	56
32 - Rolla	94		5		94	64.2	1	93
34 - Jefferson City	79		3	3	76	71.1	1	79
38 - Greenfield	42				42	71.8	1	41
43 - Wyoming	69		1		69	70.3	1	69
52 - Tyrian	50		7	1	49	62.2	1	50
53 - Caldwell	93		1		93	71.4	1	91
56 - Nevada	29				29	69.0	1	29
61 - Meridian Sun	25				25	67.5	1	25
64 - Lebanon	61		3		61	62.1	1	60
75 - Wilson	54		5		54	69.1	1	53
78 - Oriental-Rabboni	86		4		86	66.0	1	86
91 - Joplin	32		1		32	68.4	1	31
93 - Triune	39		1		39	73.9	1	39
99 - Shelbina	59		3		59	67.3	1	58
102 - Orient	39				39	61.4	1	39
114 - Poplar Bluff	25				25	64.5	1	25
123 - Putnam	30				30	65.4	1	30
129 - Uel	35		1		35	72.2	1	33
146 - Keystone	34	1	1		34	72.9	1	34
Total Members	1,796	3	114	6	1,790	67.9	32	1,785
Total Plural Members	55							
Total People	1,741							

Average Age - Parameters: Missouri, Royal Arch Masonry

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Chapter	Active	Active	Avg.	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89		90-99		100+		Totals	
	No DOB	DOB	Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Missouri	6	1790	67.9	29	1.6	92	5.1	181	10.1	262	14.6	328	18.3	431	24.1	331	18.5	126	7.0	10	0.6	1790	100.0
1 - St. Charles Missouri	0	83	62.7	3	3.6	7	8.4	10	12.0	18	21.7	16	19.3	13	15.7	12	14.5	4	4.8	0	0.0	83	4.6
2 - Palmyra	1	24	81.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.2	3	12.5	7	29.2	5	20.8	7	29.2	1	4.2	24	1.3
3 - Liberty	0	72	67.3	2	2.8	5	6.9	4	5.6	14	19.4	10	13.9	22	30.6	8	11.1	7	9.7	0	0.0	72	4.0
5 - Bolivar	0	37	66.7	1	2.7	2	5.4	4	10.8	9	24.3	5	13.5	5	13.5	7	18.9	3	8.1	1	2.7	37	2.1
7 - Hannibal	0	14	68.2	0	0.0	1	7.1	1	7.1	3	21.4	3	21.4	2	14.3	3	21.4	1	7.1	0	0.0	14	0.8
10 - Lexington	0	56	69.3	1	1.8	2	3.6	4	7.1	5	8.9	17	30.4	12	21.4	9	16.1	5	8.9	1	1.8	56	3.1
12 - Independence	0	68	66.4	1	1.5	5	7.4	8	11.8	12	17.6	11	16.2	13	19.1	15	22.1	2	2.9	1	1.5	68	3.8
14 - Mitchell	0	162	74.3	1	0.6	2	1.2	7	4.3	12	7.4	33	20.4	44	27.2	43	26.5	20	12.3	0	0.0	162	9.1
15 - Springfield	0	121	65.9	0	0.0	5	4.1	18	14.9	23	19.0	23	19.0	27	22.3	19	15.7	6	5.0	0	0.0	121	6.8
17 - Columbia	0	74	71.5	1	1.4	4	5.4	6	8.1	5	6.8	16	21.6	16	21.6	16	21.6	9	12.2	1	1.4	74	4.1
25 - Bellefontaine	1	52	63.4	2	3.8	5	9.6	5	9.6	10	19.2	12	23.1	9	17.3	3	5.8	6	11.5	0	0.0	52	2.9
28 - Kansas City	0	56	56.8	2	3.6	7	12.5	12	21.4	14	25.0	10	17.9	5	8.9	1	1.8	5	8.9	0	0.0	56	3.1
32 - Rolla	0	94	64.2	1	1.1	6	6.4	16	17.0	15	16.0	16	17.0	22	23.4	14	14.9	4	4.3	0	0.0	94	5.3
34 - Jefferson City	3	76	71.1	2	2.6	1	1.3	5	6.6	7	9.2	19	25.0	26	34.2	7	9.2	9	11.8	0	0.0	76	4.2
38 - Greenfield	0	42	71.8	0	0.0	1	2.4	0	0.0	10	23.8	7	16.7	9	21.4	13	31.0	2	4.8	0	0.0	42	2.3
43 - Wyoming	0	69	70.3	0	0.0	5	7.2	6	8.7	8	11.6	10	14.5	18	26.1	13	18.8	8	11.6	1	1.4	69	3.9
52 - Tyrian	1	49	62.2	3	6.1	2	4.1	9	18.4	8	16.3	5	10.2	13	26.5	6	12.2	3	6.1	0	0.0	49	2.7
53 - Caldwell	0	93	71.4	0	0.0	4	4.3	5	5.4	12	12.9	15	16.1	22	23.7	31	33.3	4	4.3	0	0.0	93	5.2
56 - Nevada	0	29	69	0	0.0	1	3.4	3	10.3	3	10.3	6	20.7	8	27.6	8	27.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	29	1.6
61 - Meridian Sun	0	25	67.5	1	4.0	2	8.0	3	12.0	3	12.0	2	8.0	6	24.0	4	16.0	3	12.0	1	4.0	25	1.4
64 - Lebanon	0	61	62.1	4	6.6	2	3.3	10	16.4	9	14.8	14	23.0	13	21.3	9	14.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	61	3.4
75 - Wilson	0	54	69.1	0	0.0	1	1.9	10	18.5	9	16.7	6	11.1	13	24.1	9	16.7	5	9.3	1	1.9	54	3.0
78 - Oriental-Rabboni	0	86	66	0	0.0	7	8.1	10	11.6	9	10.5	23	26.7	21	24.4	14	16.3	2	2.3	0	0.0	86	4.8
91 - Joplin	0	32	68.4	0	0.0	2	6.3	2	6.3	3	9.4	8	25.0	9	28.1	6	18.8	2	6.3	0	0.0	32	1.8
93 - Triune	0	39	73.9	0	0.0	1	2.6	3	7.7	4	10.3	5	12.8	8	20.5	15	38.5	2	5.1	1	2.6	39	2.2
99 - Shelbina	0	59	67.3	1	1.7	2	3.4	3	5.1	14	23.7	9	15.3	21	35.6	8	13.6	1	1.7	0	0.0	59	3.3
102 - Orient	0	39	61.4	2	5.1	6	15.4	5	12.8	6	15.4	4	10.3	7	17.9	8	20.5	1	2.6	0	0.0	39	2.2
114 - Poplar Bluff	0	25	64.5	0	0.0	1	4.0	5	20.0	5	20.0	3	12.0	5	20.0	6	24.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	1.4
123 - Putnam	0	30	65.4	1	3.3	2	6.7	2	6.7	5	16.7	6	20.0	8	26.7	5	16.7	1	3.3	0	0.0	30	1.7
129 - Uel	0	35	72.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	8.6	3	8.6	8	22.9	12	34.3	6	17.1	2	5.7	1	2.9	35	2.0
146 - Keystone	0	34	72.9	0	0.0	1	2.9	2	5.9	3	8.8	3	8.8	15	44.1	8	23.5	2	5.9	0	0.0	34	1.9
Total	6	1790	67.9	29	1.6	92	5.1	181	10.1	262	14.6	328	18.3	431	24.1	331	18.5	126	7.0	10	0.6	1790	100.0

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(from the floor)

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

FINANCE

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

Please see the report of the Grand Treasurer for an in-depth report of the Grand Chapter Finances. New proposals are being presented this year to adjust investment strategies moving forward and with a new Grand Treasurer, we feel these adjustments in policy and procedure will advance the financial health of the Grand Chapter.

2024-2025 BUDGET

The budget and finance committees have monitored the income and expenses through the office of the Grand Secretary on a regular basis throughout the year. This office maintains a consistent and efficient program. Meeting on a regular basis allows us to keep ourselves in tune with the opportunities afforded us and maintain a streamlined budget.

The Budget Committee met on May 12, 2024 to finalize the Budget for the 2024-2025 capitol year, which was additionally approved by the Grand Officers. Key notes to be aware of, due to the realignment of accounts/funds with the new Grand Treasurer and the pending Investment Policy acceptance, we are unable to estimate investment income – we have left these at zero. However, we understand they will not be zero in the year’s recapitulation which will be reported next year. Additionally, the cost of the annual conclave continues to increase – we have adjusted the anticipated cost to cover that expense. Even though the proposed budget below shows a deficit, we anticipate it will be closer to zero at the end of the year.

Move that this section of the Report of Finance and Budget Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings, subject to audit.

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

The committee is therefore pleased to submit the following proposed budget for the next year:

Income	
Per Capita, Membership & Exaltation Fee	\$ 33,503.40
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ 0.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 0.00
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 8,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 41,753.40
Expenses	
Grand High Priest Stipend	\$ 3,500.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Secretary Stipend	\$ 4,000.00

Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 7,500.00
Employment Taxes	\$ 1,000.00
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00
Financial Review Committee	\$ 100.00
Ritual Committee	\$ 100.00
Education Committee	\$ 100.00
Office Expenses	\$ 6,500.00
Printing Services	\$ 1,600.00
Office Shared Expenses	\$ 2,400.00
Storage Shared Expenses	\$ 480.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	\$ 3,800.00
Annual Convocation	\$ 9,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Supply Fund Contribution	\$ 0.00
Past Grand High Priest Regalia	\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 72.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	\$ 500.00
Youth Organizations	\$ 900.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 103.00
MMS Support	\$ 800.00
Web Master	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 45,155.00
Total Income	\$ 41,753.40
Total Expenses	\$ 45,155.00
Balance	\$ (3,401.60)

Fraternally submitted,
Michael L. Dodd, Chairman
Loren D. Lloyd, PGHP
Donald MacCormick, Ex-Officio

Elected Grand Chapter Officers
Russell S. Hanson, Ex-Officio
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-Officio

Move that this section of the Report of Finance and Budget Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings, subject to audit.

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

Fraternally submitted,
Mark A. Bean, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson, Ex-Officio
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-Officio

Elected Grand Chapter Officers
Donald MacCormick, Ex-Officio
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-Officio

Move the acceptance of the report as a whole, subject to correction and audit.

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Greetings: The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Dispensations granted and By-Laws changes approved for subordinate Chapters and all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by the Grand High Priest.

Upon review of all timely submitted proposals for this Annual Convocation, and pursuant to Art. IX, section 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, Layover Proposal No. 3 shall be proposed in writing at this Annual Convocation, be published in the proceedings, and lay over until the next Annual Convocation. Adoption of any amendment to the Grand Chapter Constitution requires an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds vote of the eligible members present.

Layover Proposal No. 1 (proposed amendment of Art. II, Sec. 9A of the Bylaws) and Layover Proposal No. 2 (Art. II, Sec. 10 of the Bylaws) will lay over, as they would conflict with the Constitution as currently written.

In our opinion, the Grand High Priest has complied with the statutory duties, responsibilities, and inherent powers of his office. Our Grand High Priest is to be commended for his specific interest and attention to the Craft over the past year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thanks the Grand High Priest for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Chapter during the past year. His recommendations will be referred to the appropriate committees for review and we express the hope for his continued successes in the years ahead.

Our congratulations to Most Excellent Companion Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest, for a successful year in office. In our estimation, you have performed your duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

Fraternally submitted,
Todd Alan Schulze, Chairman
John Charles Caraker
Kevin Brian Sample

William Gene Snyder, Vice Chairman
Adam Michael Iwanow

Move that this section of the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 1

STANDING RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, Right Excellent Companion John Samuel Lambros, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri 2023-2024, has served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri with particular dedication and sense of responsibility for many years, and

Whereas, Right Excellent Companion Lambros most assuredly would have progressed to the office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter for the 2024-2025 year, and

Whereas, he was taken from us and passed to his eternal home on November 15, 2023, and

Whereas, the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri will forever remember fondly his friendship, his kindness, his infectious joy and laughter, and his incredible sense of duty to the Craft, and

Whereas, his admirable and self-sacrificing example of honor and courage, placing the welfare of the Order above all personal ambition, will remain in perpetuity an inspiration to all who wear the apron of Missouri Capitulary Masonry,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Right Excellent Companion John Samuel Lambros be posthumously invested with the rank and dignity of Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, with all honors and privileges thereto appertaining.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin M. Ritter, PHP, Springfield Chapter No. 15

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE IX Revenues of the Grand Chapter

Section 45. *Royal Arch Foundation.* There is hereby created a Foundation to be known as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri Foundation as the assignee and successor of the Bublitz Foundation Fund, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. All funds placed in the above named fund shall be separate and apart from the general fund of the Grand Chapter. The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the restricted base, as designated by the Finance Committee, in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs. All warrants drawn against this account shall be signed by the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to determine exactly how this money will be spent in regard to the foundation's original intent. Any monies considered part of the restricted base or not distributed or apportioned should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PHP, Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Jim McManigle, PHP, Bolivar Chapter No. 5

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE IX
Revenues of the Grand Chapter**

Section 44. Investments. ~~The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Finance~~ The Investment Committee is authorized, for and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, and in the name of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Chapter in ~~an amount not less than one-half of all investments in obligations of the United States, or in the securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange and rated "A": or better by Standard and Poore's or Moody's or by some equally well recognized investment rating service.~~ The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Budget/Finance/Investment ~~are is~~ authorized, for and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, and in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Chapter, in direct U.S. Government obligations, from time to time, as they may deem advisable, and from time to time sell, exchange, transfer, or reinvest such funds in direct U.S. Government obligations. such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs.

Statement of purpose

The Investment Committee is a specialized committee. There is no merit having a member of this committee based on the Grand Chapter office position they hold. All members of the Investment Committee should possess a knowledge of or acumen in financial matters. It must be assumed that the Grand High Priest will consider these qualifications when choosing these members. By his chair responsibilities, the chairman of the Finance Committee Finance should be knowledgeable in this area as well.

This does not mean the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or for that matter any other companion can't be a member of this committee. It just means that there is no merit for making a blanket, standing appointment based on a Grand Chapter office held.

In addition, the added language regarding the amount of assets placed in a specific investment is not necessary. The old language chose an arbitrary percentage of the surplus funds and locks the committee into taking a position REGARDLESS OF WHAT PREVAILING MARKET CONDITION AND CLIMATE may call for. A committee that is qualified will make the proper allocations based on what is appropriate at the given time.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PHP, Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Jim McManigle, PHP, Bolivar Chapter No. 5

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

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE X
Standing Committees**

Section 47. Duties of Committees

- I. The Committee of Investments. The committee will be comprised of at least three companions, preferably with a background or expertise in financial matters. One shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee; the others who shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest. Their duties shall be to manage the surplus, foundation, endowment, and any other funds which may be allocated to them.

Statement of purpose

To set qualifications for members of the Investment Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PHP, Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Jim McManigle, PHP, Bolivar Chapter No. 5

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

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE X
Standing Committees**

Section 46. Standing Committees

- I. Investments

Statement of purpose

The Investment Committee needs to be a standing, ongoing committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PHP, Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Jim McManigle, PHP, Bolivar Chapter No. 5

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

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE X
Standing Committees**

Section 47: Duties of Committees

E. *The Committee on Finance and Accounts* shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Examiner's report, and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Chapter; and no appropriations shall be made without having been considered and reported on by this Committee. It shall be a committee of three consisting of the Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Captain of the Host. Each year, the Grand High Priest shall appoint one of the aforementioned three officers as the chairman for the ensuing year. All remaining elected Grand Chapter Line Officers shall be ex- officio members of the Committee. The committee shall be authorized to determine and identify the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter and make them available to the Investment Committee for placement in appropriate investments and securities.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to determine exactly how this money will be spent in regard to annual needs and budgeting. Any monies not distributed or apportioned in the budget should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PHP, Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Jim McManigle, PHP, Bolivar Chapter No. 5

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

PROPOSAL No. 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE XVIII

Dues

Section 164. Endowed Membership.

G. All monies received by the Grand Secretary from the constituent chapters for the purchase of Endowed Memberships shall be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund. The principal of this Endowed Membership Fund shall be invested ~~in a manner determined by the Governing Body~~ by the Investment Committee in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to determine the restricted base and the amount of annual return of endowed monies to be returned to the individual chapters. Any monies not distributed should be placed to maximize their long-term return, while still providing an income component for annual distribution. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PHP, Bellefontaine Chapter No.25
Jim McManigle, PHP, Bolivar Chapter No. 5

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

PROPOSAL No. 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE VI

Grand Secretary

~~Section 30. Standing Resolutions.~~ He shall print on replacement pages all the standing resolutions and amendments, as adopted, and shall mail a copy to each secretary, Past Grand High Priest and officer of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Statement of Purpose

All standing resolutions and amendments, when adopted are provided online for download by all.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PHP, Kansas City Chapter No. 28

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

PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE II

Powers and Duties of the Grand High Priest

~~Section 20. Representatives. He may appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters and may receive and accredit representatives of such other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter. When such a representative shall fail to attend the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years, the Grand High Priest shall request the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction which he represents to declare the position vacant and recommend some suitable companion to be his successor.~~

Statement of Purpose

The Grand Representatives Program has not been active for several years, and the vast majority of the Grand Representatives do not visit their designated jurisdiction nor report to the Grand Chapter. The removal of this section of the Constitution and By-Laws will terminate the Grand Representatives Program.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PHP, Kansas City Chapter No. 28

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

PROPOSAL No. 10

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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Be It Resolved That: Standing Resolution No. 1 be repealed in its entirety.

Standing Resolution No. 1

Adopted May 14, 2004, Repealed June 8, 2024

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

Statement of Purpose:

I propose that Standing Resolution No. 1 be repealed. The former Retirement Fund was discontinued by legislative actions taken during the 2004 Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri on May 14, 2004. Since that date, the former Retirement Fund money has become known as the Special General Fund money. During the passing years the Special General Fund money has not always been invested with the earned gains being used for General Fund purposes. Therefore, it is now time to convert all of the Special General Fund money into General Fund money and discontinue the using Special General Fund as a separate fund label.

Fraternally Submitted:
Russell S. Hanson, PHP, Columbia Chapter 17

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

PROPOSAL No. 11

STANDING RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil having been previously elected to those stations by the Grand Chapter, and

Whereas, each would normally advance through each station to the Grand East, and

Whereas, those Offices are now appointed stations.

Therefore, be it resolved, that each elected Officer shall advance through each station as elected by the Grand Chapter. As the current Grand Master of the 1st Veil advances, the Office vacated shall become an appointment.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick PHP, Kansas City Chapter No. 28

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

Move that this section of the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

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

LEGISLATION TO LAY OVER TO THE 2025 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE II

Grand Officers

Section 9A. Elective Officers. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand High Priest,

Grand King,

Grand Scribe,

Grand Treasurer

Grand Secretary

~~Grand Captain of the Host~~

~~Grand Principal Sojourner~~

~~Grand Royal Arch Captain~~

~~Grand Master of the Third Veil~~

~~Grand Master of the Second Veil, and~~

~~Grand Master of the First Veil.~~

A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PHP, Kansas City Chapter No. 28
Mark A. Bean, PHP, Columbia Chapter No. 17
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II
Grand Officers

Section 10. *Appointive Officers.* The appointive officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand Captain of the Host,
Grand Principal Sojourner,
Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Grand Master of the Third Veil,
Grand Master of the Second Veil,
Grand Master of the First Veil,

Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,
Grand Organist,
Grand Chorister, and
Grand Lecturer.

They shall serve for one year under the Grand High Priest making the appointment. ~~They may succeed themselves by further appointment or may be elected to the progressive line as provided by Section 9.~~

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PHP, Kansas City Chapter No. 28
Mark A. Bean, PHP, Columbia Chapter No. 17
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE VI
Officers

Section 1. B. ~~Nominations for Grand Master of the First Veil shall be entertained at the time called for the election of officers. Past Grand High Priests may collectively select a single individual and introduce that individual to the Grand Chapter by means of a brief, verbally presented biography. Each Chartered Chapter, legally represented and registered with the Credentials Committee, may select and introduce one Companion by means of a brief, verbally presented biography.~~ Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Chapter desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Secretary a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Chapter(s) in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Chapter; and a photo, if available.

Such “Statement of Availability” shall be published on the Grand York Rite Website, Social Media, and shall be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all subordinate Chapters along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Chapter. However, this Grand Chapter may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PHP, Kansas City Chapter No. 28
Mark A. Bean, PHP, Columbia Chapter No. 17
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

Move that this section of the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

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

Move that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee as a whole be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

Your Committee on Education would like to thank MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest 2023-2024, for his successful year and programs. Additionally, we at your education committee would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter and the Craft. This year, we ended the monthly trestle board/education program, in place of the Grand York Rite of Missouri’s Beacon Magazine. We are pleased with its popularity and success. In an attempt to assist them in its growth, we have provided several articles to help in its developmental process.

This year has been a spectacular year for the submission of the Distinguished Chapter Award forms. After reviewing the activities of these Chapters, we are proud to announce that the following Chapters have received the subsequent Distinguished Chapter Awards:

Gold Level 1000 points and above:

Kansas City Chapter No. 28.....	Connor D. Mac Cormick.....	3390 points
Rolla Chapter No. 32	Gary R. Woodruff.....	3274 points
St Charles-Missouri Chapter No. 1	Adam M. Iwanow	2745 points
Hannibal Chapter No. 7	Brian E. Davis.....	2208 points
Springfield Chapter No. 15.....	James H. Arnold.....	2056 points
Shelbina Chapter No. 99.....	Kevin Earl Swon.....	1753 points
Orient Chapter No. 102.....	Steven D. Bright.....	1643 points
Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25	David R. Whittaker	1455 points
Bolivar Chapter No. 5.....	Kenneth Leible Jr.....	1410 points
Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78.....	Michael James Martin.....	1300 points
Independence Chapter No. 12.....	Gregory A. Walters.....	1285 points
Liberty Chapter No. 3	Larry F. Walters	1170 points
Lebanon Chapter No. 64.....	Gary G. White.....	1120 points

Silver Level 800 points to 1000 points:

Wilson Chapter No. 75	Robert G. Fisher.....	995 points
Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61	Caleb Zachary L. Taylor	845 points

Bronze Level 600 points to 1000 points:

Wyoming Chapter No. 43	Ronald L. Ponder	740 points
Caldwell Chapter No. 53.....	David D. Goring.....	729 points
Mitchell Chapter No. 14	Curtis E. Malotte.....	685 points
Triune Chapter No. 93	Michael W. Brandenburg.....	680 points

Congratulations to these Chapters for their hard work and dedication to our Craft. Your efforts and perseverance have proven your dedication to our Craft. Thank you so very much my Companions. You should be commended for your good works.

As always, your education committee continues to seek out new and innovative ways to educate and entertain you. If anyone is in need of our services or has any suggests, please feel free to contact us. We now respectfully submit this report for your review and consideration.

Fraternally submitted,
W. Larry Wilson, Chairman
James E. McManigle

Roy L. Gilkey
Nicholas R. Young

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

(See Reports of Grand Secretary)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

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

Companions, the committee has determined that the Grand Sessions for 2025 will be held at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 on June 11, 2025 thru June 14, 2025, with the Grand Chapter meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael L. Dodd, Chairman
Roger D. Fleer
Matthew D. Ruth

Donald MacCormick
Russel S. Hanson
Bobbie E. White

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

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

The General Grand Triennial was held in Branson, MO. in August of 2023. It was well attended by members of Missouri. The next Triennial is August of 2026 in Washington, D.C..

Fraternally submitted,
Kyle R. Palacios, PGHP, Chairman

Mark A. Bean

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

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

The Committee on Charity makes a recommendation on the amount of funds to be distributed to the Masonic Youth organizations: DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls.

Realizing that the youth are the future of our fraternity the Committee concurs with the 2023-2024 Budget of \$300 to each of youth organizations. Further, it recommends that the Budget be increased to \$500 for each youth organization.

Fraternally submitted,
In Memory of R.:.E.:.C.:. John S. Lambros

James E. McManigle, Chairman
Michael L. Dodd

Dr. John S. Siscel, III
Donald Gilkerson

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Russell S. Hanson, HPGHP, Chairman

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

REPORT OF EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

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

This has been a challenging year for the Grand Chapter with the untimely passing of our Grand King, REC John S. Lambros. But John would want us to carry on and carry on we shall.

The Grand Treasurer has been diligently working on our account to identify and balance the accounts. He has confirmed the accounts held at various financial institutions and recently reported that we now have accurate statements that are in total agreement with our banking institutions. This has been a very lengthy process, and the Grand Treasurer has regularly kept the Line Officers aware of the progress. He reports monthly on the status of the accounts with a quarterly in-depth review. Moving forward systems are in place to track and verify each transaction that will occur in our financial records. After an extensive review of the records we, the Examination Committee, feel that our cash account procedures are in keeping with sound accounting practices and the detailed records that have been developed will alleviate concerns in the future.

The Grand Treasurer has set in motion further steps so that there is more than one signer on the various accounts to allow for an easier transition should it be needed.

The Investment accounts are still under the direct control of the Grand Treasurer. These accounts need the same painstaking attention that has been given to the cash accounts. In that various accounts have deposits from more than one source, i.e. General Funds mixed with Endowment Funds and Charity Funds. The Grand Treasurer has successfully segregated these cash accounts and is now ready to proceed and apply the same policies to the Investment Accounts. But with pending legislation this is on hold till after the Grand Session.

All the work that has been done is a direct result of the dedication and attention to detail of the Grand Treasurer and working relationship between the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and the Grand York Rite Office.

One note of recommendation is that since the fiscal year ends after our Grand Session that a final report of the year be published as an addendum to the Preliminary Treasurer's Report presented at the Grand Session.

Fraternally submitted,
James E. McManigle, Chairman

Grand Chapter Line Officers

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

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

PRELIMINARY/FINAL REPORTS ANALYSIS

Since the formation of the Investment Committee, its' previous year's reports put forth recommendations regarding: the Report of the Treasurer; legislation surrounding the allocation of surplus funds; and who has that responsibility to allocate said funds; and modernization of the current investment practice. Many of these recommendations have been acted on by the presiding body, and this year we again submit six pieces of legislation for action.

We are pleased to say that for the first time in the history of the York Rite, there has been a stand-alone Investment Policy created to allow the ability to allocate funds as the financial markets may warrant, not by a preconceived cookie cutter approach.

Also, for the first time, we have had the opportunity to speak with the Financial Advisor managing our funds. The good news is (with one small exception), all our mutual funds were placed in one fund family which

provides us not only with discounted sales charges (if any), but also allows us the ability to move from one fund to another without any additional charges. Additionally, since we are so close to being able to take steps to balance our portfolio the decision was made to temporarily “pause” the automatic renewal of Certificates of Deposits. That is not to say the money may not end up there. It just made no sense to auto renew into a CD and be locked in for multiple years when we may have to take a liquidation penalty a few weeks later to allocate somewhere else. The great news is this money is currently sitting in Money Market accounts, whose rates currently are particularly good.

Several years ago, issues were identified with all our funds and their account placement in respect to the three York Rite bodies. Russell Hanson and several other companions have done an incredible job of tracing our funds to their original sources and placing them where they belong. This time consuming, tedious, and challenging work was done with excruciating detail (which is what was needed). Once the Finance and Account committee identifies the surplus funds, fixes the restricted bases, and turns the funds over to the Investment Committee for action, we can begin work.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman
James E. McManigle

Loren D. Lloyd
Jeffery A. Parrotte

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION

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

It has been a pleasure for the Membership and Retention Committee to serve Most Excellent Companion Mark Alan Bean, Most Illustrious Companion Dr. Paul Lee Daniels, and Sir Knight Kevin Brian Sample, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of the State of Missouri.

The Grand York Rite bodies saw a change in the Constitution and Bylaws and Laws and Regulations of the respective bodies. These changes mandate that each local and constituent York Rite body form a committee to investigate the reason for a member’s delinquency and see if there is a way that we can retain them as members. Then report these findings to the Membership and Retention Committee.

Membership continues to be a struggle within our fraternity and most organizations. We need to find new innovative ways to retain our current members making the York Rite of Freemasonry more attractive to both Craft Masons and non-masons alike. Freemasonry is still viable and has what men are looking for in benevolence, brotherhood, purpose, spiritual growth, ritual, and a rich history.

However, the number of men seeking us out is declining and some do not know that we exist. We are no longer as prevalent as we used to be. So now it is up to us to carry our message to them. How do we do this? By getting out of our chapters, councils, and commanderies. Bring York Rite Masonry to them. Have open houses, present York Rite in Blue Lodges, get involved with your local chambers of commerce, participate in parades and other community functions, and invite Craft Masons and non-masons to your events.

There are York Rite bodies around the state that are taking the initiative and creating ways to keep and recruit members. This is an ongoing process and not a one-and-done approach. The ones taking the necessary steps are the ones who are seeing growth and/or engagement of their members. The ones that aren’t, are the ones struggling for quorums, and eventually closing their doors.

Special acknowledgments need to go out to The York Rite bodies of Rolla, Kansas City, 903 Harrison Street KC, Kirksville, and Cape Girardeau. These York Rite bodies are seeing an increase in growth and activity. Special recognition for Cape Girardeau for conferring the Templar Orders for the first time in over 30 years with a healthy class of members.

Your membership committee is here to assist you, but we cannot do the work for you. Please feel free to contact me at any time or contact one of the above-mentioned York Rite bodies to see what is working for them. The same approach will not work for everyone. Find what will work for your organization. Keep in mind that doing nothing has a guaranteed result.

Fraternally submitted,
Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Dr. Paul L. Daniels
District Deputy Grand High Priests

Mark A. Bean
Kevin B. Sample

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCES

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

Regional York Rite conferences were held on the following dates at the locations listed:

- Regions 7A and 7B, September 9, 2023, Bolivar
- Region 1, September 23, 2023, Hannibal
- Region 6, October 7, 2023, Jackson
- Region 5, October 14, 2023, St. Louis
- Region 3, October 21, 2023, Kansas City
- Region 4, November 18, 2023, Columbia
- Region 2, December 2, 2023, Lathrop

These York Rite conferences were completed in a timely manner and were very well done. The conferences were well attended, very educational, and were well received by the Companions. The District Deputy Grand High Priests and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers worked with their Council and Commandery counterparts to schedule, develop, and execute the programming for the conferences. These officers are to be commended for their efforts.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin Ritter, Chairman
Taz A. Meyer
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Terry Coppotelli
District Deputy Grand High Priests

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

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

My third year as Grand Lecturer started off like all of the others: with excitement and anticipation and a little anxiety on how to continuously improve the ritual around the state and build upon the success of years past.

My first task was a little unusual as I was asked about a rededication ceremony for Chapter halls. I would imagine just about all of us have seen a Lodge rededication by the Grand Lodge officers. I, for one, had never seen or heard of such a ceremony for a Chapter hall. I contacted the General Grand Chapter Secretary who was more than eager to assist me. I was able to take the ceremony from the General Grand Chapter and conform it to the Grand Chapter level and specifically the State of Missouri. Having passed the rough draft to the Grand Line officers, I then gave it to our experts in the state; our DDGL's and Regional Grand Lecturers. Once the feedback was received and changes made, the Grand Line was given the final version for their review and study.

Our first rededication ceremony came at Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No.78 in October to celebrate their 150th anniversary. I must say that it was an amazing event. The members of Oriental-Rabboni practiced on their own, filled in chairs of absent Grand Line officers and performed with the highest level of accuracy any Lecturer could ask for. A special thanks goes out to VEC Nick Young, GMIV for his organization and EC Randy David for preparing a spectacular meal.

Following that ceremony a list was acquired of all Chapters in Missouri along with their Charter dates. That information was used to communicate with each Chapter to remind them of their anniversary and to begin

planning for the Rededication ceremony to take place to celebrate that historic moment. Great assistance on this was received from VEC Jim McManigle who secured the Chapter charter date information from the Assistant Grand Secretary, Debbie Hanson.

The Grand Chapter Walkabout program was another endeavor set up this year. This program was designed by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York and has the purpose of taking all newly exalted Royal Arch companions through an explanation of the stations of the Chapter officers and tying it all together with the four degrees of Chapter. This program was modified for the State of Missouri and was piloted at Springfield Chapter No.15. From there it was exemplified at the Region 7 York Rite Conference where it was met with outstanding applause and praise. The program was then dispersed throughout the state to all of the Chapters and DDGM's to be implemented and presented to all new Royal Arch Masons. A copy of the Walkabout program was placed on the Missouri Grand York Rite website for easy access.

I had the opportunity to attend the South Central Department York Rite Conference in Branson, MO. It was very well attended especially by the Missouri Delegation which occupied an entire section of seven rows with eight chairs in each row. I think there may have been only seven empty chairs in that section!! It was a great time of fellowship and education.

The Grand Secretary and I discussed ritual cards and came up with an idea to promote the program. In the past, when a member earned a card it was submitted and the card and certificate was mailed to the member. The change implemented this year was the card and certificate were mailed to me and I then had the privilege of attending that member's Stated Convocation and presented it to him at his home Chapter. Presentations were made this year to VEC Corey Huntsucker, Orient Chapter No.102; VEC Jim McManigle, Bolivar Chapter No.5; VEC Don Gilkerson, Liberty Chapter No.3; VEC Stuart English, Jefferson City Chapter No.34.

Once again I had the pleasure of presenting a Grand Chapter School of Instruction for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. The event was hosted by Jefferson City Chapter No.34 and was very well attended. This practice will greatly benefit the Grand Master's Royal Arch Day.

I had the privilege and honor of taking part in the Mark Master degree and witnessing a superb Past Master degree by Rolla Chapter No.32 and Jefferson City Chapter No.34 on Saturday February 17 hosted by Jefferson City Chapter. We had great attendance of many Royal Arch Companions and 16 candidates were Advanced to the degree of Mark Master and later Inducted into the Oriental chair. It was a great day in Jeff City!!!

The annual Grand Master's Royal Arch Day, in honor of MWB Charlie Wiegert, was a huge success with 38 candidates receiving the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. The cast for each degree was the best I have seen across the state and in the last three years of organizing this day. There were robust congratulations to the entire cast and I would also like to thank all of those involved for their dedication to the craft and their volunteerism to give of their time.

On March 23 the Grand Chapter had the pleasure and honor of rededicating Lexington Chapter No.10. The attendance by the Grand line was exemplary and the members of Lexington Chapter were gracious and appreciative hosts. The Grand line looks forward to making this a regular occurrence with at least seven rededications over the next several years. The anniversaries can be celebrated at 100, 150, and 175 years and beyond or any other milestone the Chapter deems appropriate.

I will have one more official duty this year, prior to the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri and that will be to present yet another proficiency card to a deserving, dedicated, and hard working member of the Chapter. Companion James Bell demonstrated his proficiency in Part 1 - Opening and Closing of Chapter. These duties are the most memorable and exciting part of this office and I encourage everyone to set their goals to get, at the very least, the Part 1 Proficiency Card.

It has been an honor to once again serve this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Events and Visitations by the Grand Lecturer

July 24, 2023	Springfield Chapter No.15 Stated Convocation and Chapter Walkabout Presentation
August 16, 2023	Orient Chapter No.102 Presentation of ritual sub card to VEC Cory Huntsucker
August 22, 2023	Lebanon Chapter No.64 Royal Arch Mason Degree

- September 9, 2023 Region 7 York Rite Conference
- September 15, 2023 South Central Department York Rite Conference
- September 25, 2023 Springfield Chapter No.15 Presentation of ritual card to VEC Jim McManigle
- October 9, 2023 Chapter Rededication Ceremony at Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No.78 150th Anniversary
- October 17, 2023 Official visit to Tyrian Chapter No.52 and Mark Master Degree
- October 28, 2023 Chapter Day at Poplar Bluff Chapter No.114 with the conferral of all four Chapter Degrees
- November 6, 2023 Visit to Jefferson City Chapter No.34 Presentation of ritual card to VEC W. Stuart English, RGL
- January 5, 2024 Grand Lecturer’s School of Instruction for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master and Past Master degrees at Waynesville Lodge
- February 17, 2024 Grand Lecturer’s School of instruction for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees at Jefferson City Chapter No.34
- February 17, 2024 Rolla Chapter No.32 and Jefferson City Chapter No.34 joint Special Convocation for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees
- March 2, 2024 Grand Master’s Royal Arch Class in honor of MWB Charles Wiegert
- March 23, 2024 Chapter Rededication Ceremony at Lexington Chapter No.10 175th Anniversary

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,
Gregory J. Walker, Grand Lecturer

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

(No Reports Available at Time of Printing)

Kyle R. Palacios, PGHP, Chairman
Michael L. Dodd

Mark A. Bean

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNICATIONS / INTERNET**

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

Companions, the website as a communications tool and document sharing system continued to be stable this year. The changes were minor in nature and were primarily related to system and plug-in updates. We continue to encourage everyone to subscribe to the Grand York mailing lists where timely event notices and updates can be shared with all.

The Events Calendar is open to everyone to post their events of import, Official Visits by Grand Officers, and especially degree work, all of which will be moderated and if approved by the committee members, posted usually in less than 24 hours.

I would direct everyone to the very useful forms and documents located in the Document Library. If you find something missing, let us know and we will bring it up to date and post it for everyone’s use.

Our social media platform continues to grow in reach and content. We encourage all Chapters to send event information, pictures of newly Exalted Companions and Degree Teams, etc., to share with everyone.

We continue to add interactive online forms to make the filing of reports, Distinguished Chapter Awards, Communications, Event requests, and Missouri Beacon submissions. We will continue to increase our ability to move away from paper forms to electronic communications. We are actively looking to add to the team and are

searching for a new webmaster with skills in WordPress and Design. If you are interested in helping please reach out to the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, Chairman / Web Master
Gregory J. Walker

Kevin B. Sample

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

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

The strategic planning committee recommends continuing with the Grand Masters Invitational program. We have a fantastic relationship with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and this is a program which has brought in 156 new Royal Arch Masons this past year, and 662 since its inception three years ago. It costs our Grand Chapter nothing, but the results are valuable additions to our membership.

It is also recommended that we continue to look at utilizing online platforms. Many Chapters and Regions have already created Facebook accounts and we should look to expand this. It gives us the opportunity to share our events. This also gives us a larger footprint to attract new members, not just to the York Rite, but to Freemasonry as a whole.

Fraternally submitted,
Mark A. Bean, Chairman
Donald MacCormick

Michael L. Dodd

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTERS INVITATIONAL COMMITTEE

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

In March of 2024 we held our 3rd Annual Grand Masters Invitational which coincides with our 11th Grand Masters Class. For the third year in a row we had success with a large class!

We celebrate the fact that the Royal Arch and the York Rite as a whole, have reaped the benefits to the tune of several hundred new members. But what this ultimately means is we need to continue our efforts in what we can do to continue to grow our numbers!

The best part is the York Rite of Missouri is still strong and getting stronger! Royal Arch Masons around Missouri are driven to keep getting the job done... degree work being done without association to the Grand Masters Invitational as well as Red Coat Blitz's.

Keep up the good work and keep MISSOURI STRONG!

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle R. Palacios, PGHP, Chairman
Donald MacCormick

Mark A. Bean

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

This is an exciting time for the Missouri Grand York Rite and our Missouri Masonic Youth. The energy and excitement surrounding the desire to bring the Missouri Masonic Youth groups and the Missouri Grand York Rite bodies closer together is unparalleled. There have been very few youth-forward Masonic Leaders, in the state

of Missouri, like the current and upcoming leaders of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

There have been extensive discussions with the collective leaders of the Missouri Grand York Rite to synthesize the efforts between the respective bodies' Youth Committees and as a result of those discussions, I am proud to say that while each Grand York Rite body possesses its own respective Youth Committee all three Committees and their respective members are working together and toward a singular goal and with a unified and purposeful intent of growing Missouri Freemasonry and engaging with and empowering the Masonic Youth who are not only the future of Freemasonry but the future leaders of our Country.

2024 Masonic Youth Convention, Grand Assembly & Grand Session

- Missouri DeMolay's 2024 Annual Convention was held in Cape Girardeau Missouri on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27.
- Missouri Rainbow's 2024 Grand Assembly will be held on Friday June 14 – Monday June 17 (Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri)
- Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Session was convened on Wednesday, June 19 – Sunday, June 23 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson, City, MO

Companions and Sir Knights, your leaders, MEC Mark A. Bean – Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; MIC Paul L. Daniels – Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample – Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri represented you and the Grand York Rite in exemplary fashion. Each gave an energetic and dynamic presentation when awarding the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons'; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons' and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar's Youth Awards and presenting our annual donations. Our Grand York Rite leaders truly set the standard and the best part is, this is only the beginning.

The Grand York Rite is paving the way for the future of our Masonic Youth

One of the big questions presented to this Committee by your Grand York Rite leaders was, "How can we increase our presence and exposure within our Masonic Youth Groups?" As a result, this Committee has been coordinating actively and directly with the Masonic Youth Groups and with the Grand York Rite leaders concerning opportunities for organizational unique awards, presentations, programs, sponsorships, etc. Every action being taken by this Committee to develop the necessary infrastructure for long-term mutual success and development is intentional, deliberate and coordinated. We are excited about the future of the mutual relationship between the Grand York Rite and our Masonic Youth. As the Committee continues to meet and additional conversations are coordinated, the Committee will be presenting opportunities to the Grand York Rite and Masonic Youth leaders.

Fraternally Submitted,
Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
W. Larry Wilson
Larry F. Walters

Michael S. Smith
Thor J. Bodenstein

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

REPORTS OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 1

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

It has been a pleasure to serve MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest, and the companions of Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri as District Deputy Grand High Priest during the Year of our Lord 2023/2024; Year of the Discovery 2553/2554. The following is a report of my activities thus far this year, and of those I have planned for the remainder of the year. For the sake of brevity, this report excludes my activities in the other bodies of the American or York Rite of Freemasonry (i.e. the lodge, council, and commandery), its several appendant bodies, as well as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

- June 3rd, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I was installed as District Deputy Grand High Priest during the Joint Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri; and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO.
- June 11th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online.
- June 11th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.
- June 24th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: Lady Racheal and I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri Picnic, which served as the Official Reception for MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest; MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master; and S.K. Kevin B. Sample, Grand Commander, at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park), Columbia, MO.
- July 9th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online.
- July 9th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.
- September 10th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online.
- September 10th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.
- September 14th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the stated convocation of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO.
- September 23rd, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I organized and attended the Region One Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri in my capacity as District Deputy Grand High Priest for Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri (as well as Grand Sword Bearer for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri) at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, MO.
- October 8th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online.
- October 8th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.
- October 11th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the stated convocation of St. Charles Chapter No. 1 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in St. Charles, MO. The companions conferred the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master in full form under the leadership of EC Adam M. Iwanow, High Priest of St. Charles Chapter. From the Grand Chapter, VEC W. Larry Wilson, Grand Royal Arch Captain, was also in attendance.
- October 27th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Masonic Service for MEC Harley L. Kropf, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, 2005/2006, at the Greening-Eagan-Hayes Funeral Home in Shelbina, MO.
- November 12th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online.
- November 12th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.

- November 18th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the Region Four Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO.
- November 28th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I attended the stated convocation of Shelbina Chapter No. 99 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO.
- December 10th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: Lady Racheal and I attended the Knight Templar and Masonic Services for MEC Donald L. Trabue, Past Grand High Priest, 2005 (honorary) and Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, 1994/1995. I was honored to stand in vigil with VEC W. Stuart English, Assistant Grand Sentinel and Regional Grand Lecturer – West, in our capacity as brethren of the Valley of Columbia, A.A.S.R., prior to the services.
- December 26th, 2023 A.D. | 2553 A.I.: I made my official visit to Shelbina Chapter No. 99 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO. I was accompanied by VEC Jeffrey L. Knight, District Deputy Grand Lecturer for Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, and EC David D. Goring, High Priest of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M. From the Grand Chapter, REC Michael L. Dodd, Grand Scribe, was in attendance.
- January 4th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I organized and assisted with a joint presentation of Fifty-Year Service Awards to EC Zelwin B. “Zel” Eaton from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri (which I presented in my capacity as District Deputy Grand High Priest for Region One of the Grand Chapter); the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri (presented by EC David D. Goring in his capacity as Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Council); the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri (presented by VEC Jeffrey L. Knight, in his capacity as Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery); and the Valley of Columbia, A.A.S.R. (presented by Comp. William M. Shansey, in his capacity as Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Missouri), at Kirksville Manor Care Center in Kirksville, MO.
- January 4th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I made my official visit to Hannibal Chapter No. 7 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, MO. I was accompanied by VEC Jeffrey L. Knight, District Deputy Grand Lecturer for Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, and EC David D. Goring, High Priest of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M.
- January 7th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I organized and attended the Joint Installation of Officers for Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M.; Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M.; and Ely Commandery No. 22 K.T. (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. The officers were honored to be installed by MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; VEC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri; and MEC Kevin B. Sample, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, 2005 (honorary) and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.
- January 11th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I made my official visit to Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. I was honored to present EC William J. King, Secretary and Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter, with the Lewis and Clark Award for Region One for the 2022/2023 caputular year. This was the first convocation presided over by EC Craig A. Nowell, High Priest of Caldwell Chapter.
- February 27th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I made my official visit to Putnam Chapter No. 123 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. I was accompanied by VEC Jeffrey L. Knight, High Priest of Putnam Chapter and District Deputy Grand Lecturer for Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, and EC William J. King, Secretary and Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M. The companions conferred the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master in full form for the first time in approximately eighteen years on five candidates. From the Grand Chapter, REC Michael L. Dodd, Grand Scribe; MEC Loren D. Lloyd, interim Grand King and Past Grand High Priest, 2015/2016; and MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest, were all in attendance.

- March 2nd, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I attended the Grand Master's Royal Arch Class at the Masonic Temple in Jefferson City, MO. Four companions from Region One – all from Putnam Chapter No. 123 R.A.M. – were exalted to the degree of the Royal Arch during the event.
- March 10th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.
- April 6th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I attended the York Rite Festival hosted by the York Rite bodies of Independence, at the Masonic Temple in Independence, MO, although I did not make the Festival in time to witness the conferral of the capitular degrees.
- April 11th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I attended the stated convocation of Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO.
- April 14th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I attended the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.

Planned activities for the remainder of the year.

- April 27th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I plan to attend the Grand York Rite of Missouri Regional Officer Training at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO.
- May 2nd, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I plan to attend the stated communication of Memphis Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M. along with EC David D. Goring (in his capacity as Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri), and VEC Jeffrey L. Knight (in his capacity as Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri) to present on the York Rite of Freemasonry to the brethren assembled.
- May 11th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I plan to organize and participate in the conferral of the degrees of Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO.
- May 12th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I plan to attend the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online.
- May 12th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I plan to attend the Grand Chapter Officers Meeting online.
- June 8th, 2024 A.D. | 2554 A.I.: I plan to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO, as Lady Racheal and I attend the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Missouri.

Again, it has been an honor to serve the companions of Region One.

Fraternally Submitted,
Ashley W. Young, District Deputy Grand High Priest

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

REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 2

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

We had a very successful year this year for Region 2. We held our first regional meeting in many years in Lathrop, MO. We saw Chapters opened in full form, with a lot of young Companions enjoying the Royal Arch and are willing to learn and step up.

I see nothing but great things coming forward, learning from our older members and teaching our new members. The ritualistic capability of Region 2 continues to growing stronger and stronger.

I can't wait to see what next year brings.

Fraternally submitted,
Larry F. Walters, District Deputy High Priest

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REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 3

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

It has been my pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and M.:E.:C.: Mark Allen Bean.

As with most chapters and districts, Region 3 sometimes struggles for participation in convocations and district events. It is said the definition of insanity is to continue to do the same thing expecting different results. We must find new and innovative ways to move our craft forward while maintaining its foundations. To continue to do what we have been doing for hundreds of years will not be fruitful.

I was reflecting on the working tools of a Royal Arch Mason; the crow, the pickaxe and the spade. While the ritual does not expound on these working tools, there are lessons there. I take them as we are to continually work on our temple, progressively and perpetually bettering ourselves. We can also apply this to our chapters. If we continually labor to improve our gatherings, whether it be the convocation, a fraternal night out, our ritual and our degree conferrals. We may just find that interest in our craft will heighten and slowly, but surely, our numbers will grow.

Companions, it is up to us as individuals to preserve our craft. It starts with you and me, which carries into our Chapters, and pours over into our districts, and the Grand Chapter. We can do this.

Fraternally submitted,
Corey B. Huntsucker, District Deputy Grand High Priest

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

REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 4

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

In the central portion of Missouri, the Grand Chapter of Missouri - Royal Arch Masons has four (4) separate Chapters which primarily exist to help spread the joy and excitement of introducing other Masonic Brethren into the journey/path of the York Rite of Freemasonry Degrees. The wonderful companions who are members of Columbia Chapter No. 17; Jefferson City Chapter No. 34; Rolla Chapter No. 32; and Triune Chapter No. 93 all work together with each other to help bring the tenets of our beloved fraternity alive in their individual communities and the world abroad as well. They do a fantastic job!!

I personally applaud each companion in the region for their untiring efforts to our craft and would also like to remind everyone no matter where you go in life to use your individual God given gifts to the best of your ability each day. Someone is always watching your actions so make sure you live your life in such a way that it will be a positive influence on others. The last two years for me while being in the position of DDGHP for Region 4 of the Grand Chapter of Missouri – Royal Arch Masons has been a real honor and privilege! Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

- June 1– 4, 2023: Annual Grand Session of Grand York Rite of Missouri in Springfield, MO
- August 7, 2023: Official Visit with MEC Mark A. Bean at Triune Chapter No. 93 in Montgomery City, MO
- September 4, 2023: Official Visit with MEC Mark A. Bean at Rolla Chapter No. 32 in Rolla, MO
- September 11, 2023: Official Visit with MEC Mark A. Bean at Columbia Chapter No. 17 in Columbia, MO
- October 2, 2023: Triune Chapter No. 93 Annual RARA Fish Fry in Montgomery City, MO
- October 9, 2023: Conferral of Mark Master & Past Master degrees for the Grand Master's Invitational Offer at Columbia Chapter No. 17 in Columbia, MO
- November 6, 2023: Official Visit with MEC Mark A. Bean at Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 in Jefferson City, MO
- November 18, 2023: Region 4 York Rite Conference in Columbia, MO

- February 5, 2024,: Conferral of Mark Master & Past Master degrees for the Grand Master’s Invitational Offer at Triune Chapter No. 93 in Montgomery City, MO
- February 17, 2024: Conferral of Mark Master & Past Master degrees for the Grand Master’s Invitational Offer at Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 In Jefferson City, MO
- March 2, 2024: Grand Master’s Royal Arch Day in Jefferson City, MO

Fraternally submitted,
Russell A. Bradshaw, District Deputy Grand High Priest

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REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 5

(No report received at time of printing).

REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 6

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

This year Region 6 had its share of success and failures. Let’s highlight what went well, what didn’t go as well, and how we can improve this region and prepare for success in the following years.

REC Robert Fisher and I conducted our official to UEL Chapter No. 129 in September 2023. UEL Chapter is in need of a major overhaul. There is no sense of urgency or wanting to continue as a Chapter. Later during our year they voted to merge with Wilson Chapter No. 75. The future regional leaders in this region will continue to keep a footprint in this area of the state.

In October 2023 we conducted our official visit to Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114. After years of struggling, we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114 wants to succeed, and we can see their hard work start to pay off.

During the official visit to Wilson Chapter No. 75 in Cape Girardeau, we could see many new members and some continued improvement in their ritual work. With the loss of some senior members, we noticed some of the younger ones taking charge. Cape should continue to grow and become a strong chapter in Southeast Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
Dennis W. Houck, Region 6 District Deputy Grand Lecturer
Robert G. Fisher, Region 6 District Deputy Grand High Priest

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

REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 7A

(No report received at time of printing).

REPORT OF THE DDGHP FOR REGION 7B

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

I want to thank all the Companions of Region 7B for their efforts to grow Capitular Masonry in southwest Missouri. Your fervency and zeal is much appreciated. I was able to visit each Chapter in 7B twice this year and am encouraged by the potential for growth in this region. Visits were made to Meridian Chapter No. 61 in Carthage, Tyrian Chapter No. 52 in Neosho, Joplin Chapter No. 91 in Joplin and Nevada Chapter No. 56 in Nevada.

Fraternally submitted,
Christopher L. Story, Region 7B District Deputy Grand High Priest

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REPORTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

(No Reports Available at Time of Printing)

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRESTHOOD

The Order of High Priesthood is an association for past and current High Priests of local Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, sometimes referred to as the Anointed Order of High Priesthood. In antiquity, this degree was known as the Order of Melchizedek. The Holy Order of High Priesthood degree tells the story of Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and his encounter with Melchizedek, High Priest of Salem. The candidate is then solemnly anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. If you were, or currently are, the High Priest of your chapter, you should consider receiving this degree. It furthers your knowledge and understanding of the Royal Arch Degrees.

We now have a strong leadership line, and the utilization of a special ceremonial cast has made this arguably the best of the chair degrees. Last year we conferred the degree on a total of 9 candidates.

Since then, much time has been spent by Kevin Ritter and Greg Walker updating and clarifying our ritual, and it greatly surpasses what we used to use, assuring continued quality work for years to come. Management of our finances (including raising the membership fee) has allowed us to continue to do benevolent activities, including the purchase and presentation of the Past Grand High Priest apron.

Of note, this year we began scanning and forwarding copies of our historical records to the Grand York Rite office to provide a permanent, safe location that is easy to access. All records will be updated in MMS.

In closing, the attaining of Order of the High Priesthood should be the goal of every High Priest. If you are not a member, you should be. Petitions are available at the literature desk.

Fraternally submitted,
Companion Terry D. Coppotelli, Secretary and Chair

**AWARDS – HISTORICAL
CHAPTER LEWIS & CLARK**

1987-1988

- 1 Clarence Houser (Hannibal 7)
- 2 Wade Miller (Tabernacle 54)
- 3 Donald Venable (Liberty 3)
- 4 Roy Davidson (Rolla 32)
- 5 Hugh Roy (Rabboni 131)
- 6 Howard Brewington (Solomon 130)
- 7 Wallace Hamilton (Lebanon 64)

1988-1989

- 1 Arthur Carlson (Shelbina 99)
- 2 Robert Irwin (Mitchell 14)
- 3 Harold Baker (William F. Kuhn 139)
- 4 Harry Schmid (Orion 49)
- 5 Verble Johnson (Oriental 78)
- 6 George Miller (Uel - Median 129)
- 7 B. K. Swingle (Bolivar 5)

1989-1990

- 1 Emery Welsh (Putnam 123)
- 2 Delbert Gentry (Trenton 66)
- 3 Denver Kennedy (Grandview 145)
- 4 Abner Gwinn (Jefferson City 34)
- 5 Carl Hoening (St. Louis - Mo 1)
- 6 H. Cline Carter (Kingsway 144)
- 7 Robert Hughes (Greenfield 38)

1990-1991

- 1 Woodrow Dodson (Canton 88)
- 2 Wilfred Beckett (Cameron 67)
- 3 Joseph Nolte (DeMolay 26)
- 4 Joseph Murtagh (Fayette 94)
- 5 Oscar Hageman ()
- 6 Kenneth Sample (Poplar Bluff 114)
- 7 C. C. McLemore (Greenfield 38)

1991-1992

- 1 Kenneth Ward (Pike 86)
- 2 Robert Kottman (Weston 4)
- 3 Ralph Cantrell (Independence 12)
- 4 Luther Fryer (Rolla 32)
- 5 Lester Williams (Oriental 78)
- 6 Roy Welshon (Cope Stone 33)
- 7 Sam Shafer (Mountain Grove 137)

1992-1993

- 1 None
- 2 Arland Haynes (Gallatin 11)
- 3 Steve Anderson (Kansas City 28)
- 4 Stewart Sinclair (Triune 93)
- 5 David Cook (Rabboni 131)
- 6 None
- 7 James Nunn (Vincil 110)

1993-1994

- 1 William Bruce (Putnam 123)
- 2 William Arney (Bethany 80)
- 3 Mark Schroer (Lexington 10)
- 4 Robert Hudson (Jefferson City 34)
- 5 Jack Durham, Sr. (Rabboni 131)
- 6 None
- 7 Grant John (Lebanon 64)

1994-1995

- 1 Ronald Miller (Caldwell 53)
- 2 Bernie Cabra (Gallatin 11)
- 3 George Blansett (William F. Kuhn 139)
- 4 Robert Bray (Fayette 94)
- 5 Floyd Ward (Rabboni 131)
- 6 Roger Schlime (Wilson 75)
- 7 James Loomis (Meridian Sun 61)

1995-1996

- 1 John Mendenhall (Marceline 118)
- 2 Robert Hogan (Mitchell 14)
- 3 Danny Ferguson (Clinton 73)
- 4 Michael Glawson (Orion 49)
- 5 Theodore Buckwick (St. Louis - Mo 1)
- 6 Douglas Bothmann (Cope Stone 33)
- 7 Leland (Pete) Pyle (Bolivar 5)

1996-1997

- 1 Russell Kohl (Macon 22)
- 2 Richard Remelius (Mitchell 14)
- 3 Dean Wisemore (Independence 12)
- 4 Kenneth Dingman (Rolla 32)
- 5 Richard Behr (Oriental 78)
- 6 Cecil O. Blaylock (Wilson 75)
- 7 Carroll Hendrickson (Meridian Sun 61)

1997-1998

- 1 Amos G. Asmussen (Hannibal 7)
- 2 Leo G. Whitaker (Trenton 66)
- 3 James C. Rodgers (East Gate 136)
- 4 James G. Wade (Columbia 17)
- 5 Wayne E. Wilson (Bellevue 25)
- 6 None
- 7 Joe E. Hunt (Greenfield 38)

1998-1999

- 1 Clyde Bondy (Putnam 123)
- 2A Glenn Chandler (Trenton 66)
- 2B Herman Collins (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Robert Whitney (Independence 12)
- 3B Harry D. Brown (William F. Kuhn 139)
- 3C Jack Timmons (Wyoming 43)
- 4A Robert Schmidt (Triune 93)
- 4B Larry D. Wyatt (Jefferson City 34)
- 5 James W. Elam (Keystone 146)
- 6 None
- 7 Donald Doss (Springfield 15)

1999-2000

- 1A Charles Lee (Caldwell 53)
- 1B Clement Gunn (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B John Thraikill (Bethany 80)
- 3A Melvin J. Sanders (Independence 12)
- 3B Frank B. Chester (William F. Kuhn 139)
- 3C James W. Williams (Wyoming 43)
- 4A Will Brantley (Columbia 17)
- 4B Edward Poecker (California 58)
- 5 Kenneth Green (Keystone 146)
- 5 Lionel J. Goede (Keystone 146)
- 6 Bobby Roloff (Wilson 75)
- 7A Joseph Slater (Mountain Grove 137)
- 7B Jack Brown (Joplin 91)

2000-2001

- 1A Barry Cundiff (Caldwell 53)
- 1B Rodger D. Goings (Shelbina 99)
- 2A Don Peyton (Trenton 66)
- 2B Carroll Henson (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Joseph Bittiker (Mt. Washington 142)
- 3B Quinten D. Hinton (William F. Kuhn 139)
- 3C None
- 4A Marvin L. Painter (Columbia 17)
- 4B Breck Summerford (California 58)
- 5A William Townley (St. Charles 111)
- 5B Ronnie E. Green (Oriental 78)
- 6 Chester Herrington (Wilson 75)
- 7A Leslie P. Rea (Vincil 110)
- 7B Everett Felkner, Jr. (Lamar 101)

2001-2002

- 1A None
- 1B Darrell A. Wilham (Shelbina 99)
- 2A Berl Williams (Lone Star 30)
- 2B None
- 3A Ronald L. Barrett (Liberty 3)
- 3B None
- 3C None
- 4A None
- 4B Nelson Morgan (Rolla 32)
- 5A David H. Lewis (Oriental 78)
- 5B Stanley Dugan (Cope Stone 33)
- 6 Ronald G. Cunningham (Wilson 75)
- 7A Winston Allison (Bolivar 5)
- 7B James R. Leonard (Nevada 56)

2002-2003

- 1A None
- 1B Carl W. Lasswell (Shelbina 99)
- 2A Donald G. O'Dell (Lone Star 30)
- 2B None
- 3A None
- 3B William E. Rodgers (William F. Kuhn 139)
- 3C None
- 4A Phillip W. Engel (Triune 93)
- 4B Columbus Craft (Rolla 32)
- 5A Richard G. Grisham (St. Louis Missouri 1)
- 5B James L. Inukai (Rabboni 131)
- 6 Bill A. Humble (Poplar Bluff 114)
- 7A Loyd V. Wagner (Greenfield 38)
- 7B Ted W. Blanchard (Lamar 101)

2003-2004

1A Loren D. Lloyd (Putnam 123)
1B Roger McGregor (Hannibal 7)
2A Larry T. Odum (Trenton 66)
2B J B Seevers (Mitchell 14)
3A Lester J. Brown (Liberty 3)
3B Robert W. Brizendine (East Gate 136)
3C John Pfeffer (DeMolay 26)
4A Walter D. Straight (Columbia 17)
4B George E. Ornsbey (Rolla 32)
5 David R. Vogler (Oriental 78)
6 Arthur C. Highman (Uel Midian 129)
7A Arthur A. Whitman (Mountain Grove 137)
7B Floyd G. Eaves (Lamar 101)

2004-2005

1A None
1B Michael L. Dodd (Shelbina 99)
2A None
2B Lloyd F. Waller (Mitchell 14)
3A Frank von Geyso, III (Liberty 3)
3B None
3C Michael R. Lundeen (Grandview 145)
4A Richard A. Mills (Mexico 27)
4B Stephen C. Derendinger (California 58)
5 Wilfred G. Soutica, Jr. (Keystone 146)
6 None
7A G. Stanley Greene (Springfield 15)
7B Bill D. Spiva (Tyrian 52)
7B Gary L. Jones (Nevada 56)

2005-2006

1A None
1B None
2A None
2B William F. Maugh (Mitchell 14)
3A William G. Snyder (Independence 12)
3B None
3C Russell L. Helmig (Wyoming 43)
4A None
4B Andrew L. Wyatt (Jefferson City 34)
5 Kevin E. Weaver (Mt. Nebo 148)
6 James L. Woodfin, Jr. (Uel 129)
7A None
7B Orvie L. Conner (Tyrian 52)

2006-2007

1A Thomas C. Yunick (Caldwell 53)
1B Fred F. Stuecken (Moberly 79)
2A George T. Teeter (Lone Star 30)
2B William W. Mier (Mitchell 14)
3A Glenn E. Means (Independence 12)
3B Orville Newberry (East Gate 136)
3C Roy N. Thomas (Grandview 145)
4A Russell S. Hanson (Columbia 17)
4B Wesley C. Schneider (California 58)
5 Eugene H. Sam (Mt. Nebo 148)
6 Harold J. Richardson (Uel 129)
7A Michael E. Day (Lebanon 64)
7B Henry A. Freund (Tyrian 52)

2007-2008

1A David A. Lloyd (Putnam 123)
1B Richard A. Taylor (Shelbina 99)
2A Dan Daniel (Bethany 80)
2B Daryl L. Price (Mitchell 14)
3A Clayton Riley (Liberty 3)
3B David E. Miller (East Gate 136)
3C Ferrell D. Sexson (Wyoming 43)
4A Jerry Bradford (Triune 93)
4B George R. Shelley (California 58)
5 Terry F. Kraft (Keystone 146)
6 John V. Crampton (Wilson 75)
7A John W. Shoemaker (Greenfield 38)
7B Lee W. Smith (Joplin 91)

2008-2009

1A Clyde Francis Bondy, III (Putnam 123)
1B Joe Peter Elsen (Shelbina 99)
2A None
2B Elbert Franklin Turner, Jr. (Mitchell 14)
3A Stanton Thayer Brown, II (Independence 12)
3B Forrest Gilbert Lowe (East Gate 136)
3C Richard Lee Alexander (Wyoming 43)
4A Jerry W. Hunter, Sr. (Columbia 17)
4B William Clyde Woolsey (Rolla 32)
5 Edward J. Fesenmeyer, Jr. (Keystone 146)
6 Charles Matthew Huey (Wilson 75)
7A Larry Roy Clemens (Lebanon 64)
7B David Allen Smothers (Greenfield 38)

2009-2010

- 1A Kenneth Darrell Rongey (Caldwell 53)
- 1B Jerry Dwayne Hartel (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B Loyd LeRoy Salmon (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Forest Wayne Dugan (Liberty 3)
- 3B William Bryant Van Meter (East Gate 136)
- 3C Glen Roy Osborn (Wyoming 43)
- 4A Matthew Wayne Price (Columbia 17)
- 4B Ralph Lenwood Davis (Rolla 32)
- 5 Robert Leon Wright (Mt. Nebo 148)
- 5 Walter Lawrence Wilson (St. Charles Missouri 1)
- 6 Harry Lee Tripp, Jr. (Uel 129)
- 7A Jeffrey Franklin Boyce (Bolivar 5)
- 7B None

2010-2011

- 1A Melvin L. Hall (Putnam 123)
- 1B Jerry Lynn Miles (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B Edward L. Colvin (Mitchell 14)
- 3A None
- 3B None
- 3C Donald Joseph Donovan (Wyoming 43)
- 4A Matthew Bert James (Columbia 17)
- 4B None
- 5 Richard J. Holmes (Bellefontaine 25)
- 6 Mark Randell Stevens (Uel 129)
- 7A Clark Andrew McLemore (Greenfield 38)
- 7B Paul Lee Daniels (Nevada 56)

2011-2012

- 1A Richard L. Mansfield (Caldwell 53)
- 1B Gene W. Wescott (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B Dennis N. Vogel (Mitchell 14)
- 3A None
- 3B None
- 3C Clarence L. Jennings (Wyoming 43)
- 4A None
- 4B Clifford R. Dobbins (Jefferson City 34)
- 5 Norman G. Schlagenhauf, Jr. (Keystone 146)
- 6 J. Joseph Hayes (Uel 129)
- 7A Bradley T. Hicks (Lebanon 64)
- 7B John C. Kuehn (Webb City 119)

2012-2013

- 1A Matthew Jacob McAuley (Caldwell 53)
- 1B Doug Lewis (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B Harry Wayne Vogel (Mitchell 14)
- 3A F. Wayne Dugan (Liberty 3)
- 3B Charles A. Farris (Harry D. Brown Jr 284)
- 3C None
- 4A None
- 4B Timothy Lehnhoff (Rolla 32)
- 5 Gale Morrison St. Charles Missouri 1)
- 6 James E. Snavely (Uel 129)
- 7A None
- 7B Alvin Wellington Shaw, III (Webb City 119)

2013-2014

- 1A None
- 1B Donald E. Sanford (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B Marion H. Boydston (Mitchell 14)
- 3A None
- 3B Kenneth D. Best, Sr. (Harry D. Brown Jr 284)
- 3B Timothy J. Holmes (Harry D. Brown Jr 284)
- 3C None
- 4A None
- 4B Sam L. Land (Jefferson City 34)
- 4B Donald Vandergriffe (Rolla 32)
- 5 Thomas T. Herek (Keystone 146)
- 6 Clifton W. Wofford (Uel 129)
- 7A Gary L. Walden (Lebanon 64)
- 7A David W. O'Dell (Lebanon 64)
- 7B None

2014-2015

- 1A None
- 1B None
- 2A None
- 2B Larry Chambers (Mitchell 14)
- 3A None
- 3B Donald MacCormick (Kansas City 28)
- 3C None
- 4A None
- 4B None
- 5 Dennis L. Hammack (Keystone 146)
- 6 Ernie D. Wilson (Poplar Bluff 114)
- 7A None
- 7B None

2015-2016

- 1A Abdon R. Navarro (Caldwell 53)
- 1B James D. Mazingo (Shelbina 99)
- 2A Clifford W. Addison (Bethany 80)
- 2B James D. Jeffers (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Michael Wheeler (Liberty 3)
- 3B Richard Riepe (Wyoming 43)
- 4A None
- 4B Wayne B. Fryer (32)
- 4B Obed Wayne Brown (32)
- 5 Charles G. Coy (Mt. Nebo 148)
- 5 Dwight E. Wyatt (Keystone 146)
- 6 Anthony Tomlinson (Uel 129)
- 7A James E. Portwood (Lebanon 64)
- 7A Andres Dawson (Mt. Grove 137)
- 7B None

2016-2017

- 1A None
- 1B Martin Eugene Lund, Jr. (Shelbina 99)
- 2A None
- 2B Patrick C. Squires (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Matthew L. Quesenberry (Independence 12)
- 3B None
- 4A None
- 4B James B. Stephenson (Rolla 32)
- 5 Louis L. Monken (Keystone 146)
- 6 None
- 7A Daniel Hartley (West Plains 108)
- 7B None

2017-2018

- 1A None
- 1B None
- 2A None
- 2B Alvin K. Patterson (Mitchell 14)
- 3A None
- 3B Aaron E. Rose (Orient 102)
- 4A None
- 4B None
- 5 David W. Getty (Mt. Nebo 148)
- 6 None
- 7A None
- 7B None

2018-2019

- 1 Kenneth L. Shumard (Shelbina 99)
- 2 Emmett J. Bryson (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Jon F. Abshier (Lexington 10)
- 3B Jeffery A. Fielder-Bey (Kansas City 28)
- 4A Frank Lukenbill (Columbia 17)
- 4B James W. Woods (Rolla 32)
- 5 Michael S. Smith (St. Charles Missouri 1)
- 6 Dennis W. Houck (Wilson 75)
- 7A Gregory J. Walker (Springfield 15)
- 7B Mathew D. Ruth (Tyrian 52)

2019-2020

- 1 None
- 2 Douglas Hastings Reece (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Larry Fred Walters (Independence 12)
- 3B Adam Anthony James (Kansas City 28)
- 4A None
- 4B None
- 5 None
- 6 None
- 7A Daniel Patrick Dubree (Springfield 15)
- 7B None

2020-2021

- 1 None
- 2 None
- 3A None
- 3B None
- 4 James Edward Ashby (Rolla 32)
- 5 Nicholas Young (Oriental-Rabboni 78)
- 6 Alfred Lavern Mason (Wilson 75)
- 7A Jeff Allen Stokes (Lebanon 64)
- 7B None

2021-2022

- 1 Charles Edward Cooper (Caldwell 53)
- 2 Donald Jay Schnitker (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Corey Bennet Huntsucker (Orient 102)
- 3B Benjamin Robert Caimi (Kansas City 28)
- 4 Michael Christopher Rohman (Jefferson City 34)
- 4 Ronald Lee Townley, Jr. (Rolla 32)
- 5 Terry Dean Coppotelli (Oriental-Rabboni 78)
- 6 John Enos Crites (Wilson 75)
- 7A Christopher Leroy Story (Springfield 15)
- 7B Ronald Larry Bunzel (Tyrian 52)

2022-2023

- 1 Brian Eric Davis (Hannibal 7)
- 1 William Joseph Kin (Caldwell 53)
- 2 Curtis Evan Malotte (Mitchell 14)
- 3A Bruce Alan Olds (Orient 102)
- 3B Gregory Adam Walters (Independence 12)
- 3B Frank Bradley Fowler (Kansas City 28)
- 4 Steven Francis Eberharter (Rolla 32)
- 5 Jacob William Thompson (St. Charles Missouri 1)
- 6 Christopher Alan Wehrenberg (Wilson 75)
- 7A Jackie Wells (Lebanon 64)
- 7B Chard Eric Wagoner (Meridian Sun 61)

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER BRONZE AWARD

1952	Harley L. Wilson	1988	Elmer C. Owens
1953	Richard H. Ramsey	1989	John B. Browning
1954	Grover C. Layne	1990	Hurbert R. Baumgarth
1955	Earnest E. Browning	1991	Woodrow W. Blunt
1956	Emmitt L. Robinson	1992	Cletus E. Kueffer
1957	E. Jere Deal	1993	Michael W. Klipp
1958	Russell L. Dearmont	1994	Melvin I. Weems
1959	R. H. Amberg	1995	Paul W. Kittle
1960	John J. Bowman	1996	Paul A. Delozier
1961	Henry Egbert Miller	1997	George A. Blansett
1962	Henry W. Fox	1998	D. Keith Duren
1963	John Burle	1999	George L. Duncan
1964	John S. Smarr	2000	James C. Keethler
1965	Francis A. Ely	2001	Unknown
1966	Harry S. Kline	2002	Unknown
1967	Rex. M. Whitton	2003	Unknown
1968	Robert H. Arnold	2004	Unknown
1969	George V. Welch	2005	William R. Probst
1970	H. Roe Bartle	2006	Arthur E. Carlson
1971	Leif J. Sverdrup	2007	Kevin E. Weaver
1972	M. Graham Clark	2008	John E. Crites
1973	William Wilmer Martin	2009	Russell S. Hanson
1974	Cal Hubbard	2010	Ronald L. Barrett
1975	Elden J. Loveland	2011	Walter W. Doyle
1976	Joseph W. Nickle	2012	James E Snavely
1977	Lester Williams	2013	Bob L. Detherow
1978	Howard McHenry	2014	Fred M. Harle
1979	Ambers L. "Red" Dalton	2017	Dennis E. Fetter
1980	Ernest C. Cottle	2018	Donald Eugene Gilkerson
1981	Charles C. Bybee	2019	W. Larry Wilson
1982	James Craig Rhea	2020	Gregory James Walker
1983	Alfred Whitfield Griffith	2021	Carlin Lorane Smittle
1984	Fred F. Stuecken	2022	James Edward McManigle
1985	Howard D. Watkins	2023	Steven F. Eberharter
1986	Joseph H. Collison		
1987	Emory J. Hampel		

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY, OBJECTIVES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

SCOPE OF THIS INVESTMENT POLICY

This statement of investment policy reflects the investment policy, objectives, and constraints of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, also referred to as the Grand Chapter.

PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

To outline a philosophy and attitude which will guide the investment management of the assets toward the desired results. It is intended to be sufficiently specific to be meaningful, yet flexible enough to be practical.

This statement of investment policy is set in order to:

1. Define and assign the responsibilities of all involved parties.
2. Establish a clear understanding of the investment goals and objectives of Fund assets.
3. Offer guidance and limitations to all *Investment Managers* regarding the investment of Fund assets.
4. Establish a basis for evaluating investment results.
5. Manage Fund assets according to prudent standards.
6. Establish the relevant investment horizon for which the Fund assets will be managed.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Grand Chapter is a fiduciary and is responsible for directing and monitoring the investment management of assets. As such, the Grand Chapter is authorized to delegate certain responsibilities to professional experts in various fields. These include, but are not limited to:

1. **The Investment Committee**, as defined in the Grand Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, is charged with establishing investment policy, objectives, and guidelines; selecting investment managers; reviewing such managers over time; measuring and evaluating investment performance; and other tasks as deemed appropriate by the Grand High Priest.
2. **The Investment Manager** is a licensed Financial Advisor or company who will advise, and at the Investment Committees direction, purchase, sell, or hold the specific securities that will be used to meet the Fund's investment objectives. They may also perform regular accounting of all assets owned, purchased, or sold, as well as movement of assets into and out of the Fund accounts.
3. Additional specialists such as attorneys, accountants, auditors, actuaries, consultants, and others may be employed by the Grand Chapter to assist in meeting its responsibilities and obligations to administer Fund assets prudently. All expenses for such experts must be customary and reasonable and will be borne by the Fund as deemed appropriate and necessary.

The Grand Chapter will not reserve any control over investment decisions, with the exception of specific limitations described in these statements and in the Grand Chapter Constitution and By-Laws. Investment Managers will be held responsible and accountable to achieve the objectives herein stated. While it is not believed that the limitations will hamper investment managers, each manager should request modifications, which they deem appropriate.

DEFINITION OF RISK

The Grand Chapter realizes that there are many ways to define risk. It believes that any person or organization involved in the process of managing the Fund's assets understands how it defines risk so that the assets are managed in a manner consistent with the Fund's objectives and investment strategy as designed in this statement of investment policy. The Grand Chapter defines risk as:

High volatility (fluctuation) of investment returns and or loss of principal

LIQUIDITY

To minimize the possibility of a loss occasioned by the sale of a security forced by the need to meet a required payment, the Grand Chapter will periodically provide the Investment Committee an estimate of expected net cash flow. The Grand Chapter will notify the Investment Committee in a timely manner, to allow sufficient time to build up necessary liquid reserves.

FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

1. Assisting in the development and periodic review of investment policy.
2. Conducting investment manager searches.
3. Providing "due diligence", or research, on the Investment Manager(s).
4. Monitoring the performance of the Investment Manager(s) to provide the Grand Chapter with the ability to determine the progress toward the investment objectives.
5. Communicating matters of policy, manager research, and manager performance to the Grand Chapter.
6. Reviewing Fund investment history, historical capital markets performance and the contents of this investment policy statement to the Grand Chapter on a regular basis, at a minimum of once per year.

GENERAL INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

1. Investments shall be made solely in the interest of the beneficiaries of the Fund.
2. The Fund shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the investment of a fund of like character and with like aims.
3. Investment of the Fund shall be so diversified as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Conservative - Consistent with their respective investment styles and philosophies, investment managers should make reasonable efforts towards long term conservative growth while limiting volatility, understanding that losses may occur in individual securities.
2. Risk Aversion - Understanding that risk is present in all types of securities and investment styles, the Grand Chapter recognizes that some risk is necessary to produce long-term investment results that are sufficient to meet the Fund's objectives. However, the investment managers are to make reasonable efforts to control risk and will be evaluated regularly to ensure that the risk assumed is commensurate with the given investment style and objectives.
3. Adherence to Investment Discipline - Investment managers are expected to adhere to the investment management styles for which they were hired. Managers will be evaluated regularly for adherence to investment discipline.

GOAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

The goal of the Grand Chapter is to achieve a total rate of return sufficient to provide current distribution potential and to allow for the growth necessary to increase future distribution potential. The Grand Chapter recognizes that its funds exist to provide a perpetual resource of funds, and that its investment decisions should support that aim.

SPECIFIC INVESTMENT GOALS

Over the investment horizon established in this statement, it is the goal of the aggregate Fund assets to exceed:

An absolute rate of return after all distributions and expenses, equal to or greater than the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 2%.

The investment goals above are the objectives of the aggregate Fund and are not meant to be imposed on each investment account arbitrarily. The goal of the investment manager, over the investment horizon, shall be to:

1. Meet or exceed the market index, selected, and agreed upon by the Investment Committee that most closely corresponds to the particular Fund.
2. Display an overall level of risk in the portfolio which is consistent with the risk associated with the benchmark specified

SPENDING POLICY

This Grand Chapter places the highest emphasis on meeting its obligations. As such, the Grand Chapter regards spending in dollar terms from year to year unpredictable. As spending is unpredictable, expected investment returns from "riskier" portfolios are not consistent and predictable. Therefore, in order to reduce the likelihood of underperformance and excessive deterioration of real principal during such periods an unexpected large expense may occur, some Funds may tend toward a more "conservative to moderate" investment strategy than might be the case if periodic large expenditures were not possible.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

To meet its needs, the investment strategy of the Grand Chapter is to emphasize total return; that is, the aggregate return from capital appreciation and dividend and interest income.

Specifically, the primary objective in the investment management for Fund assets shall be:

Long-Term Growth of Capital -To emphasize long-term growth of principal while avoiding excessive risk. Short-term volatility may be tolerated in as much as it is consistent with the volatility of a comparable market index.

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

Allowable Assets Assets chosen should be selected in such ways as such the Investment Committee, in its judgment, considers prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Chapter fund needs.

Prohibited Assets Prohibited Assets investments include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Annuities or Other Guaranteed Return Strategies
2. Commodities and Futures Contracts
3. Private Placements
4. Options
5. Limited Partnerships
6. Venture-Capital Investments
7. Real Estate Properties
8. Interest-Only (IO), Principal-Only (PO), and Residual Tranche CMOs
9. Cryptocurrency

Prohibited Transactions Prohibited transactions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Short Selling
2. Margin Transactions

DEFINITIONS

1. "Fund" shall mean the investable assets of the Grand Chapter of Missouri deemed surplus. The term "Fund" is inclusive of the aggregation of all separate accounts under the control of the Investment Committee.
2. "Grand Chapter" shall refer to the governing board established to administer the Fund as specified by applicable ordinance.
3. "Fiduciary" shall mean any individual or group of individuals that exercise discretionary authority or control over fund management or any authority or control over management, disposition, or administration of the Fund assets.
4. "Investment Manager" shall mean any individual or group of individuals, employed to manage the investments of all or part of the Fund assets.
5. "Securities" shall refer to the marketable investment securities, which are defined as acceptable in this statement.
6. "Investment Horizon" shall be the time period over which the investment objectives, as set forth in this statement, are expected to be met. The investment horizon for the Fund is 10 plus years.

FUNDS AND RESTRICTED BASE TO BE ASSIGNED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

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