

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

*One Hundred Seventy-Second
Annual Convocation*

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

State of Missouri

HELD

JUNE 7, 2018

CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI



GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

172ND ANNUAL CONVOCATION SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY)

ATTENTION: Due to circumstances outside of our control, the Grand York Rite Awards Banquet will be held on Friday night instead of our usual Saturday night and the Distinguished Guests Dinner will be held on Thursday night. All awards will be presented at the GYR Awards Banquet.

“Lapel Pins and More” and “Upon the Point” (vendors) will be on site for the whole event, Wednesday through Saturday, second floor, vendor room and in the Atrium

Joplin Room (conference room) will be available for small meetings as needed throughout the session except as otherwise scheduled on Friday and Saturday

Thursday, June 7, 2018

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast – Tall Cedars of Lebanon – Open to All (*Lincoln*)
- 7:00 a.m. Registration (Credentials Committee) – All 3 Bodies – until 11:00 am (*Atrium*)
- 7:30 a.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 8:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of Palmyra Historical Chapter No. 2 – Open to All Royal Arch Masons (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:00 a.m. Flag Presentation by Heroes of ‘76/Pledge/Anthem (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:15 a.m. Grand Chapter Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (*Capitol/Truman*)
- Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 10:30 a.m. Formal Opening of the 172nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
- 11:00 a.m. Election of the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers
- 11:30 a.m. Close Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 11:45 p.m. Grand Chapter Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Sponsored by Yeomen of York – Open to All – Special Presentation by Coyote Hill Christian Children’s Home (*Lincoln*)
- 1:30 p.m. Order of High Priesthood (*Carnegie*)
- 1:30 p.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Chapter Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any)
All Grand Chapter Awards will be presented at the Friday Grand York Rite Awards Banquet
- 3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Chapter Officers – Open to Ladies and Guests Pictures
- 4:30 p.m. Close of the 172nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri

6:30 p.m. Distinguished Guests Dinner and Ice Cream Social – 50's / 60's Sock Hop – 50's / 60's Dress, Live Musical Entertainment and Dancing – Open to All (*Missouri*)

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri
2017-2018**

Elected and Appointed Officers

Ronald L. Barrett.....	Grand High Priest
Jerry L. Miles	Grand King
David L. Leirer	Grand Scribe
Donald L. Trabue	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample.....	Grand Secretary
Dan G. Daniel.....	Grand Captain of the Host
Kyle R. Palacios	Grand Principal Sojourner
Clifton W. Wofford	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Mark A. Bean	Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
John S. Lambros	Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Michael L. Dodd.....	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
Dave Cox	Grand Organist
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Grand Historian
Kevin E. Weaver	Grand Lecturer
Clarence L. Jennings	Regional Grand Lecturer, Western Region
Michael L. Dodd.....	Regional Grand Lecturer, Eastern Region
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Grand Chaplain
Bobbie E. White	Grand Sentinel
Joseph S. Russell	Assistant Grand Sentinel

Living Past Grand High Priests

Charles A. Bottermuller (1971-1972)	Donald L. Trabue, Honorary (2005)
E. Allen Kohler (1976-1977)	Harley L. Kropf (2005-2006)
Gene M. Zinn (1981-1982)	William B. Stephenson, Jr. (2006-2007)
David A. Watson (1983-1984)	Robert E. Hardester (2008-2009)
Richard D. Carroll (1987-1988)	Christopher C. McLemore, III (2010-2011)
Ervin A. Drewing (1989-1990)	Steven C. Monrotus (2011-2012)
Frank P. Wilfley, Jr. (1990-1991)	Claude M. Eckert, Honorary (2012)
William E. Brenneman (1995-1996)	John E. Schofield (2012-2013)
Robert W. Schlichter (1998-1999)	Roy L. Gilkey (2013-2014)
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. (2000-2001)	Roy N. Thomas (2014-2015)
Roy A. Welshon, Sr. (2002-2003)	Loren D. Lloyd (2015-2016)
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2005)	John W. Siscel, III (2016-2017)

District Deputy Grand High Priests

David D. Powell District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 1, District A
Richard A. Taylor..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 1, District B
Richard G. Jones..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 2, District A
William W. Mier District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 2, District B
Donald E. Gilkerson..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 3, District A
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 3, District B
Ronald L. Skiles District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 4, District A
Donald H. Vandegriffe District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 4, District B
W. Larry Wilson..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 5
Tim Morgan..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 6
John W. Shoemaker..... District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District A
Paul L. Daniels District Deputy Grand High Priest, Region 7, District B

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

(Vacant)..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1, District A
Harley L. Kropf District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1, District B
Ronald E. Wood, Jr. District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2
Scott S. Crawford District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3, District A
Mark T. Schmidt..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3, District B
Michael C. Rohman..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4, District A
Timothy R. Lehnhoff..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4, District B
Dwight E. Wyatt..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5
Anthony Tomlinson..... District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6
Walter W. Doyle (Deceased) District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District A
John C. Kuehn District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7, District B

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand High Priest

John W. Siscel, Chairman

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Robert L. Schmidt

Terry R. Struse

Education

W. Larry Wilson, Chairman

Tom G. Cupples, Jr.

Kyle R. Palacios

Mark T. Schmidt

Aaron M. Shoemaker

Michael S. Smith

Christopher E. Tilley

Clifton W. Wofford

Finance

Jerry L. Miles, Chairman

Dan G. Daniel

David L. Leirer

Kyle R. Palacios

Finance/Investment

Jerry L. Miles, Chairman

E. Allen Kohler

Gail S. Turner

Jurisprudence

Glenn E. Means, Chairman
Walter W. Doyle (Deceased)
Robert W. Schlichter
Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.
C. Brent Stewart
Jerry F. Ward

Returns of Chapters

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Robert L. Schmidt

Terry R. Struse

Time and Place

Jerry L. Miles, Chairman
David L. Leirer
Dan G. Daniel

Triennial

Roy N. Thomas, Chairman
Harley L. Kropf
Kyle R. Palacios
Roy A. Welshon, Sr.

Special Committees

Audit

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman
Robert W. Schlichter
Grand Chapter Line Officers

Charity

Harley L. Kropf, Chairman
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Robert E. Hardester
Donald L. Trabue

Endowed Membership

Tom T. Herek, Chairman
Roy L. Gilkey
Robert E. Hardester
E. Allen Kohler
Donald L. Trabue

Grand Master's Royal Arch Class

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
Jerry L. Miles
Steven C. Monrotus
Kevin B. Sample

Illinois/Missouri Joint Royal Arch Class

Michael L. Dodd, Chairman
Dennis E. Fetter
Dennis L. Hammack
Kevin B. Sample

Membership and Youth Activities

Clifton W. Wofford, Chairman
Edward L. Choate

Mark T. Schmidt

Thomas A. D. Schmidt
Michael S. Smith
Kevin E. Weaver
W. Larry Wilson
Terry A. Yarbrough

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
Michael L. Dodd
Charles M. Huey
Clarence L. Jennings
John S. Lambros
District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman/Editor
Loren D. Lloyd
Jerry L. Miles

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Chairman
Dan R. Hatley
Steven C. Monrotus
Mark A. Bean

Social Media/Communications/Internet

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Donald MacCormick, Web Master
Kyle R. Palacios
Aaron M. Shoemaker

Strategic Planning

Kyle R. Palacios, Chairman
Ronald L. Barrett
Dan G. Daniel
David L. Leirer
Jerry L. Miles
Kevin B. Sample

York Rite Conference

Kyle R. Palacios, Chairman
David L. Leirer
District Deputy Grand High Priests

Order of High Priesthood

Kevin E. Weaver, Secretary/Treasurer

Grand Representatives

**Jurisdiction..... To Missouri
United States of America**

Alabama..... Claude M. Eckert
Alaska..... Alfred L. Mason
Arizona..... Jerry F. Ward
Arkansas..... Lionel J. Goede
California..... Louis L. Monken
Colorado..... Scott Crawford
Connecticut..... Thomas T. Herek
Delaware..... Kyle R. Palacios
District of Columbia.....
..... Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.
Florida.....
Georgia..... Roy N. Thomas
Hawaii..... Steven C. Monrotus
Idaho..... Andrew J. Dawson
Illinois..... Vacant
Indiana..... William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Iowa.....
Kansas..... Jack Timmons
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.....
Nebraska..... Guy D. Ross
Nevada..... Clark McLemore
New Hampshire..... Albert A. "Sony" Miller
New Jersey..... Vacant
New Mexico..... Roy L. Gilkey
New York..... David A. Watson
North Carolina..... John E. Schofield
North Dakota..... Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.
Ohio..... Christopher C. McLemore, III
Oklahoma..... Bobby L. Detherow
Oregon..... James E. McManigle
Pennsylvania..... Phillip W. Engel
Rhode Island..... Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
South Carolina..... Clifton W. Wofford
South Dakota..... Dan G. Daniel
Tennessee..... Charles A. Bottermuller
Texas..... Ralph P. Bunnell
Utah..... J. Joseph Hayes
Vermont..... Roy A. Welshon, Sr.
Virginia..... Harold J. Richardson
Washington..... Dennis N. Vogel
West Virginia..... Roy N. Thomas
Wisconsin..... Ronald L. Barrett
Wyoming..... Vacant

**Jurisdiction..... To Missouri
Canada/Mexico**

Alberta Canada Richard J. Holmes
British Columbia and Yukon.....
..... David L. Leirer
Manitoba..... Harley L. Kropf
Mexico Frank P. Wilfley, Jr.
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

**Jurisdiction..... To Missouri
Other Jurisdictions**

Argentina Robert E. Hardester
Austria..... LeRoy D. Unruh
Belgium..... Gary A. Phillips
Brazil..... Marion L. Briggs
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 David R. Vogler
Ireland Larry F. Walters
Israel Kevin E. Weaver
Italy Russell S. Hanson
Netherlands
New South Wales, Australia.....
..... Aaron M. Shoemaker
New Zealand..... Ervin A. Drewing
Panama..... Lewis C. Odneal
Paraguay Dennis L. Hammack
Philippines
Portugal..... William J. Bowser
Queensland, Australia..... M. Robert Berger
Romania..... John E. Trower
Scotland John W. Siscel, III
South Australia, Australia..... Edgar D. Piles
Spain Steven C. Monrotus
Togo Mark T. Schmidt
Venezuela William W. Mier
Victoria, Australia
Western Australia
..... Christopher C. McLemore, III



Ronald Lee Barrett
Grand High Priest, 2017-2018

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Ronald Lee Barrett was born in Kansas City, Missouri on March 30, 1949. He attended his elementary years of school in the North Kansas City School district, where he first met his wife in the first grade. Upon graduation from Oak Park High School in 1968 he enlisted in the United States Navy. While serving he returned home on leave in the winter of 1969 and married his love on December 19, 1969. From this union they were blessed to date with 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was employed by General Motors for 43 years during which time he completed several courses that were offered by the union.

- 1 – Midwest real estate Institute on home appraisals
- 2 – Understanding and optimizing your investment choices offered by Northwest State Community College
- 3 – Advanced investment methods offered by Northwest State Community College
- 4 – A course in ceramic tile and wood floors.

On the side he also completed a course from US trade school on auto body repair and a course in professional locksmithing along with a course in advance locksmithing.

He is a member of Claycomo Baptist Church and at this time he is the Chairman of the Zoning Commission for the Village of Claycomo, Missouri.

Masonic History

Symbolic Lodge

Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, 1979

Transferred to Liberty Lodge No. 31

Master, 2002

Order of the Past Master, September 23, 2002

Achievement Award on Masonic Education

Certificate of Meritorious Recognition September 23, 2002

President of the Building Board

Capitular Masonry

Life Endowed, Liberty Chapter No. 3, 1980

High Priest, 1990

Order of the High Priesthood

Lewis and Clark Award

General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award

Life Endowed, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Grand High Priest, 2017 – 2018

Cryptic Masonry

Life Endowed, Liberty Council No. 50

Master, 1998

Order of the Silver Trowel

Chivalric Masonry

Life Endowed, Liberty Commandery No. 6

Commander, 1988, 2005, 2011

Past Commanders Association

Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor

Lewis and Clark Award

Honor Commandery Award, 2004 – 2005

Other Masonic Organizations

Knights of the York Cross of Honor
Knight Masons
Red Cross of Constantine
Kilwinning Council Allied Masonic Degrees
Yeoman of York
Harry S Truman York Rite College

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

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

Companions, Ladies, and Distinguished Guests, good morning. I would like to welcome you to the 172nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. I hope that your time at this Grand York Rite Session of Missouri is enjoyable and memorable.

I would like to thank my wife for all the support I have received from her during my years in this Grand line. It has meant so very much to me. I would also like to thank all the Grand Line Officers and Committee Members for their support this year. The help and assistance I have received from them has meant a lot to me also.

I would like to thank Liberty Chapter No. 3 for the reception that was held for my wife and I on June 24, 2017. I enjoyed the food very much but most of all I enjoyed the face-to-face visitation with Companions from all over the State of Missouri. I also enjoyed attending the reception for MIC Joseph P. Elsen, Grand Master, at Shelbina Council No. 59.

On November 18, 2017 the fourth annual Missouri-Illinois Royal Arch Masons Class was held at St. Charles Masonic Temple. I would like to thank them for the use of their hall, and the excellent lunch that was provided. Companions from Illinois conferred the Mark Master and Past Master degrees, Missouri did the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Master degrees. The candidates received excellent degree work from both states.

The seventh annual Grand Master's Royal Arch Class was held on March 3, 2018 at Jefferson City Masonic Temple. I would like to thank them for hosting this event and for the excellent lunch. Excellent work was accomplished by all.

Necrology

Companions, I regret to report that since we last assembled, the passing of three of our Past Grand High Priests. Most Excellent Companion Ralph P. Bunnell, Past Grand High Priest 1996-1997, departed from this life on September 11, 2017. Most Excellent Companion George L. Duncan, Past Grand High Priest 2009-2010, departed from this life on June 24, 2017. Most Excellent Companion Walter W. Doyle, Past Grand High Priest 2004-2005, departed from this life on February 12, 2018. We also lost 102 members during the 2017 Capitular year.

Full Name	Date Of Birth	Date Of Death	Chapter
Baker, Robert E.	01/01/1931	12/06/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Barnhart, Paul C.	08/08/1935	12/12/2017	148 - Mt. Nebo, Missouri
Blankenship, Charles Gary	03/29/1942	10/11/2017	3 - Liberty, Missouri
Bloesser, Ralph Thomas	11/29/1934	05/14/2017	56 - Nevada, Missouri
Bone, Harry Leonard	03/06/1929	07/21/2017	136 - East Gate, Missouri
Brower, Blaine H.	10/17/1928	05/02/2017	137 - Mountain Grove, Missouri
Bunnell, Ralph Paul	11/24/1921	09/11/2017	102 - Orient, Missouri
Bunnell, Ralph Paul	11/24/1921	09/11/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Bunnell, Ralph Paul	11/24/1921	09/11/2017	2 - Palmyra, Missouri
Carpenter, James Arthur	10/26/1953	12/02/2017	137 - Mountain Grove, Missouri
Carroll, Thomas William	07/18/1923	06/10/2017	56 - Nevada, Missouri
Chellew, William A.	11/25/1929	11/22/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Chorn, Ariel Ernest	12/03/1938	07/06/2017	102 - Orient, Missouri
Clubb, Clyde Lee	05/18/1923	11/22/2017	114 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Cobble, Huber Eugene	03/22/1930	05/19/2017	52 - Tyrian, Missouri
Cook, L. L.	11/08/1922	04/09/2017	66 - Trenton, Missouri
Cox, William B.	07/26/1920	10/10/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Crawford, Russell N.	05/17/1950	05/04/2017	123 - Putnam, Missouri
Davidson, Virgil H.	10/13/1934	10/01/2017	12 - Independence, Missouri
Dowling, Kerry N.	07/08/1925	11/22/2017	93 - Triune, Missouri
Drunert Jr., Milton Frederick	07/17/1919	08/21/2017	1 - St. Charles Missouri, Missouri
Dugan, Stanley F.	01/01/1921	05/23/2017	129 - Uel, Missouri
Duncan, George Loren	09/18/1932	06/24/2017	3 - Liberty, Missouri
Duncan, George Loren	09/18/1932	06/24/2017	2 - Palmyra, Missouri
Duren, D. Keith	01/14/1921	05/31/2017	93 - Triune, Missouri
Eagan, Aubrey Allen	06/09/1939	06/11/2017	114 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Eckhoff, Lloyd R.	01/24/1929	05/10/2017	10 - Lexington, Missouri
Ernst, Johnny Monroe	03/15/1954	09/02/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Evans Jr., Daniel N.	05/20/1955	07/06/2017	53 - Caldwell, Missouri
Farrell, Forrest J.	05/29/1953	12/25/2017	53 - Caldwell, Missouri
Finn, Bruce N.	11/27/1936	04/18/2017	52 - Tyrian, Missouri
Goodell, Arthur Richard	12/26/1927	07/06/2017	43 - Wyoming, Missouri
Gregg, Smith I.	12/16/1925	04/20/2017	10 - Lexington, Missouri
Heins, Gerald L.	06/26/1931	04/22/2017	10 - Lexington, Missouri
Hendrickson, Martin C.	10/29/1929	12/19/2017	43 - Wyoming, Missouri
Hennessy, Richard D.	01/29/1925	04/10/2017	7 - Hannibal, Missouri
Henson, Bill D.	06/18/1931	11/15/2017	61 - Meridian Sun, Missouri
Hill, George E.	01/12/1921	12/06/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Hillebrenner, Robert Dean	04/15/1952	11/05/2017	61 - Meridian Sun, Missouri
Holloway, James A.	07/28/1935	08/04/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Horn, Wilburn C.	01/01/1924	08/09/2017	129 - Uel, Missouri
Hornback, Paul	03/29/1922	12/15/2017	61 - Meridian Sun, Missouri
Horton, Earl F.	11/02/1920	07/23/2017	75 - Wilson, Missouri
Hunt, James P.	01/01/1933	02/01/2017	99 - Shelbina, Missouri
Jannusch, Jesse J.	01/01/1928	02/03/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri

Johnson, Walter Carroll	08/20/1935	03/25/2017	53 - Caldwell, Missouri
Johnson, William K.	02/06/1934	11/02/2017	110 - Vincil, Missouri
Johnson, William K.	02/06/1934	11/02/2017	34 - Jefferson City, Missouri
Jones, Carl J.	01/01/1935	11/24/2017	61 - Meridian Sun, Missouri
Jones, Culus L.	09/14/1932	02/03/2017	146 - Keystone, Missouri
Kempf, Marvin C	04/07/1939	07/29/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Key, Kimber W.	12/25/1925	09/17/2017	148 - Mt. Nebo, Missouri
Koch Jr., William P.	10/28/1943	12/12/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Koffman, John H.	07/14/1931	11/20/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Lampertz, Russell J.	01/01/1925	11/20/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Lieneke, Clinton O.	09/17/1924	10/08/2017	10 - Lexington, Missouri
Livingston, Fred S.	11/16/1932	12/17/2017	15 - Springfield, Missouri
Lloyd, David Allen	11/12/1959	07/09/2017	123 - Putnam, Missouri
Long, Joseph T.	03/25/1938	04/22/2017	1 - St. Charles Missouri, Missouri
Lucas, William C.	11/08/1930	09/07/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Luera, William J.	10/31/1927	10/15/2017	25 - Bellefontaine, Missouri
Lyon, Harry G.	01/03/1934	07/04/2017	12 - Independence, Missouri
Mays, David Louis	09/09/1942	11/24/2017	114 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
McAuley, Myran Wayne	05/05/1948	04/22/2017	53 - Caldwell, Missouri
McNutt, D. T.	11/16/1923	07/28/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Metsker, Richard L.	09/10/1937	08/20/2017	61 - Meridian Sun, Missouri
Miller, Edgar W.	01/01/1917	10/11/2017	146 - Keystone, Missouri
Miller, Louis W.	01/18/1934	03/28/2017	129 - Uel, Missouri
Montgomery, Joel A.	03/25/1920	02/03/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Olson Jr., Edwin A.	01/01/1925	12/31/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Osborn, Ervin V.	07/10/1922	06/15/2017	80 - Bethany, Missouri
Parker, Charles Marvin	03/26/1946	02/15/2017	12 - Independence, Missouri
Parker, Charles Marvin	03/26/1946	02/15/2017	284 - Harry D. Brown Jr., Missouri
Patterson, Rupert	01/01/1923	09/24/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Payne, William D.	07/26/1925	06/04/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Perry, Michael E.	07/17/1979	06/14/2017	75 - Wilson, Missouri
Principe, Vincent	11/11/1946	04/13/2017	43 - Wyoming, Missouri
Pruitt, Andrew J.	06/17/1926	03/22/2017	110 - Vincil, Missouri
Rayfield, William E.	08/11/1940	12/12/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Roscoe, Wayne L.	11/28/1924	06/10/2017	78 - Oriental-Rabboni, Missouri
Sanders, Robert Lee	09/17/1933	11/25/2017	148 - Mt. Nebo, Missouri
Sansoucie, Dimon Lee	07/30/1938	08/03/2017	114 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Schmoll, James Richard	06/25/1955	11/05/2017	43 - Wyoming, Missouri
Searfoss Jr., Robert Lee	08/21/1921	11/10/2017	93 - Triune, Missouri
Sheffer, John Franklin	09/04/1928	09/27/2017	10 - Lexington, Missouri
Smith, Albert L.	08/19/1928	12/07/2017	14 - Mitchell, Missouri
Smith, Alfred R.	11/13/1931	05/15/2017	1 - St. Charles Missouri, Missouri
Smith, Fred J.	02/14/1940	11/16/2017	93 - Triune, Missouri
Steele, Davis T.	01/10/1923	04/04/2017	15 - Springfield, Missouri
Stuecken, Fred Florenz	08/15/1927	02/10/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Taylor, Keith D.	05/31/1950	01/30/2017	52 - Tyrian, Missouri

Truman, Thomas Leroy	05/27/1947	12/08/2017	12 - Independence, Missouri
Wade, James Glenn	12/02/1937	06/14/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri
Ward, Kenneth	03/26/1942	09/01/2017	7 - Hannibal, Missouri
Welsh, Joseph L.	04/08/1944	10/29/2017	53 - Caldwell, Missouri
Westbrook, Kenneth Lynn	07/29/1929	04/19/2017	53 - Caldwell, Missouri
Williams, Ralph A.	01/01/1939	08/23/2017	10 - Lexington, Missouri
Wilson, William Carroll	05/26/1942	12/12/2017	146 - Keystone, Missouri
Wisemore, Darrell Dean	06/21/1924	07/16/2017	12 - Independence, Missouri
Wolf, Willis	09/24/1933	09/06/2017	110 - Vincil, Missouri
Wommack, Jewell Vernard	08/07/1930	11/14/2017	5 - Bolivar, Missouri
Zobrisky, Steve E.	03/21/1925	11/30/2017	17 - Columbia, Missouri

Memorial Service

by Right Excellent Companion Ronald E. Wood, Jr, Grand Chaplain

(Not Available at Time of Printing)

Visitations

June 22, 2017	Job's Daughters Grand Session in Jefferson City
June 25, 2017	Rainbow Girls Grand Session in Springfield
July 11, 2017	Official Visit to Joplin Chapter No. 91
July 13/14, 2017	Illinois Grand Session
August 19, 2017	Region 3A and 3B York Rite Conference, Kansas City
September 5, 2017	Official Visit to Joplin Chapter No. 91
September 9, 2017	Region 7 York Rite Conference in Bolivar
September 14/15/16, 2017	60 th Annual South-Central York Rite Department Conference
September 23, 2017	Region 2 York Rite Conference, St. Joseph
September 30, 2017	Region 4 York Rite Conference, Jefferson City
October 2, 2017	Official Visit at Triune Chapter No. 93
October 14, 2017	Region 6 York Rite Conference, Farmington
October 28, 2017	Region 5 York Rite Conference, Webster Groves
November 9, 2017	Official Visit at Independence Chapter No. 12
February 7, 2018	Official Visit to Mitchell Chapter No. 14
May 26, 2018	DeMolay Grand Session, Jefferson City

Edicts Issued

None.

Dispensations Granted

November 7, 2017 Granted Dispensation: In anticipation of our joint Royal Arch Class, scheduled for November 18, 2017, and to be held at the Webster Groves Masonic Temple, 12 East Lockwood, St. Louis, MO 63119, we understand that distinguished companions of Missouri will be conferring the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, and distinguished companions of Illinois will be conferring the Mark Master and Past Master degrees. This office is aware of three candidates from Missouri to date. We will require information on all candidates to include full name and Chapter elected to membership. Please be sure to bring appropriate Chapter pennies.

We fraternally and most respectfully request authorization/dispensation for Missouri to confer the degrees of Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch on any Illinois candidates present, and additionally herein grant authorization/dispensation for Illinois to confer the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master on any Missouri candidates present.

February 26, 2018 Granted Dispensation to Palmyra Chapter No. 2 to remove from its domicile to the domicile of Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 located at 3211 Masonic Court in Jefferson City, MO for the purpose of opening the Grand Master's Royal Arch Class on Saturday, March 3, 2018. This dispensation additionally permits Palmyra Chapter No. 2 to change its meeting date to March 3, 2018 for this event only but does not preclude their requirement to meet during the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Finally, this dispensation permits the opening time to be determined by the Grand Lecturer and the Grand High Priest based on scheduling needs.

March 20, 2018 Granted Dispensation to Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78 to move their September 5, 2016 convocation, which would be the Labor Day holiday, to September 12, 2016.

Decisions

February 16, 2018 Approved the Consolidation of Webb City Chapter No. 119 with Tyrian Chapter No. 52.

March 20, 2018 Approved the Consolidation of California Chapter No. 58 with Jefferson City Chapter No. 34, effective January 1, 2018. Further that California Chapter No. 58 is relieved of any indebtedness to the Grand Chapter.

By Law Changes, Subordinate Chapters

December 1, 2017 Approved by-laws of Columbia Chapter No. 17.

Proposed Amendment to: “ARTICLE I – NAME AND
CONVOCATIONS, Section 2”

Section 2 currently reads as follows:

Sec. 2: The Stated Convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the Second Monday of each month, and the hour of meeting shall be at half past seven O’clock pm. Provided, always that by a majority vote of the Chapter, the stated convocations for the months of July and August may be omitted.

The proposal is to revise the section to:

1. Change the hour of the meeting from “half past seven O’clock pm” to “6:30 pm on odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November) and 7:30 pm on even numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December).”
2. Change the last sentence to add the month of June.

Section 2 as amended would read as follows:

Sec. 2: The Stated Convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the Second Monday of each month, and the hour of meeting shall be at 6:30 pm on odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November) and 7:30 pm on even numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Provided, always that by a majority vote of the Chapter, the stated convocations for the months of June, July, and August may be omitted.

Statement of Purpose:


This proposed amendment alternates the early opening time with St. Graal Commandery No. 12 and adds the option of going dark during the month of June.

January 21, 2018 Approved complete by-laws revision for Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137.

Appreciation

I would like to thank all the companions who have supported and assisted this Grand Chapter. All of the assistance I have received during my year as your Grand High Priest has been very much appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,



Ronald L Barrett

Grand High Priest 2017 – 2018

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

REPORT OF 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 Grand High Priest's Address is charged with reviewing the efforts, activities, commitment and dedication of the Grand High Priest of Missouri as, in part, reported in his official report to the Royal Craft at this session. We are honored to do so herewith.

We applaud the effort of MEC Barrett in the performance of his duties, especially given the significant health issues of both he and his lovely wife Barbara over the past few years. In spite of these problems, our Grand High Priest was on duty and working on OUR behalf.

His decisions relative to By Laws, Decisions, Dispensations and Edicts are referred properly to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Our Grand High Priest has discharged his duties with dignity, dedication, loyalty & good grace. We wish him the very best as he transitions from office.

Fraternally Submitted,

John W. Siscel, III, Chairman

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

Companions: All funds are invested in and/or thru banking institutions in Jefferson City. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution. Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed

by Sec. 44 of the By-Laws are being utilized (Investor Services, American Balanced Fund, and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

General Fund

<u>Total Assets, General Fund, June 1, 2017</u>		\$ 18,818.74
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 56,152.28	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.09	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	<u>\$ 1,374.02</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 57,526.39	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #xxxxxx8915	\$ 15,145.26	
Jefferson Act. #xxxxxx4544	\$ 31,709.21	
Jefferson Act. #xxxxxx3929 - Debits	<u>\$ 1,923.30</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 48,777.77	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	<u>\$ 8,748.62</u>	
<u>Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 27,567.36

Statement of Assets- General Fund, March 31, 2018

Interest Checking Account #xxxxxx8915, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 272.74	
Interest Checking Act. #xxxxxx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 492.47	
Interest Checking Act. #xxxxxx4325, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 23.09	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15 %	\$ 17,602.52	
Business Investment Act.#xxxxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.25%	\$ 209.02	
Investors Services (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	<u>\$ 8,967.52</u>	
<u>Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 27,567.36

General Fund (Special Account)

<u>Total Assets, June 1, 2017</u>		\$ 181,428.73
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 761.45	
Increase in Market Value, etc., American Balanced Fund)	\$ 6,558.08	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	<u>\$ 5,590.82</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 12,910.35	
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 12,910.35</u>	
<u>Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 194,339.08

Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2018

Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ (108.94)	
Business Investment Act.#xxxxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.25%	\$ 206.89	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 70,099.75	
Investors Services (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 37,141.03	
CD#xxxxxx3677, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.30%,Matures 10/3/18	\$ 10,648.52	
CD #xxxxxx0630, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.30%, Matures 1/15/19	\$ 21,939.81	
CD#xxxxxx0707, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 4/10/19	<u>\$ 54,412.02</u>	
<u>Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 194,339.08

Endowed Membership Fund**Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$ 154,976.92
Receipts: Memberships (7)	\$ 3,868.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 640.68	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Income Fund	\$ 3,251.00	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	\$ 2,293.94	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 10,053.62</u>	
Disbursements:	\$ -	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 10,053.62</u>	
<u>Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 165,030.54

Statement of Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 10,463.82	
Business Investment Act.#xxxxxx0211, Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 0.20%	\$ 499.64	
American-Income (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 59,416.55	
American-Balanced (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 28,085.31	
CD#xxxxxx5605,Providence Bank-Jefferson Ctiy,1.21%,Matures 10/21/18	\$ 15,370.63	
CD#xxxxxx3915,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.55%,Matures 9/13/19	\$ 30,536.03	
CD#xxxxxx4225,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.60%,Matures 10/7/19	\$ 20,658.56	
<u>Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 165,030.54

Foundation Fund**Total Assets, Foundation Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$ 150,520.29
Receipts: Grand Secretary, Etc.	\$ 1,187.50	
Interest Earned	\$ 1,660.06	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 2,847.56</u>	
Disbursements:	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 1,847.56</u>	
<u>Balance, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 152,367.85

Statement of Assets, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 1,895.33	
Business Investment Act.#xxxxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.25%	\$ 1,087.08	
CD#xxxxxx0926,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City,1.25%,Matures 4/4/18	\$ 36,281.65	
CD#xxxxxx6139, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.25%, Matures 6/23/18	\$ 53,014.34	
CD#xxxxxx9633,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City,1.25%,Matures 3/22/19	\$ 34,040.37	
CD#xxxxxx3920,Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 1.55%, Matures 9/13/19	\$ 26,049.08	
<u>Total Assets, Foundation Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 152,367.85

Palmyra Fund**Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$ 4,879.86
Receipts: Life Membership Returns	\$ -	
Interest Earned	\$ 2.77	
American-Income Fund (Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) Increase in Market Value, et	\$ 140.03	
Disbursements:	<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 142.80</u>	
<u>Balance, Palmyra Fund March 31, 2017</u>		\$ 5,022.66

Statement of Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 2,333.52	
Business Investment Act.#xxxxxx0211, Premier Bank-Jefferson City, 0.25%	\$ 129.88	
American-Income (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	<u>\$ 2,559.26</u>	
<u>Total Assets, Palmyra Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 5,022.66

Supply Fund

<u>Total Assets, Supply Fund, June 1, 2017</u>		\$ 18,365.82
Receipts: Inventory Sales	\$ 2,355.53	
Interest Earned	\$ (0.23)	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Income	\$ 235.48	
Increase in Market Value, etc. Investors Services	\$ 2,355.49	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 4,946.27</u>	
Disbursements:	\$ 3,466.99	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 1,479.28</u>	
<u>Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 19,845.10

Statement of Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2018

Monery Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 168.25	
Investors Services (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City) (Market Value)	\$ 15,373.06	
American-Income (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 4,303.79	
<u>Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 19,845.10

Triennial Fund

<u>Total Assets, Triennial Fund, June 1, 2017</u>		\$ 420.27
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 0.45	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 0.45</u>	
Disbursements:	\$ -	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 0.45</u>	
<u>Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 420.72

Statement of Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2018

Monery Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 420.72	
<u>Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 420.72

Leadership Fund

<u>Total Assets, Leadership Fund, June 1, 2017</u>		\$ 839.98
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 255.20	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.93	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 256.13</u>	
Disbursements:	\$ -	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:	<u>\$ 256.13</u>	
<u>Balance, Leadership Fund March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 1,096.11

Statement of Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2018

Monery Mkt. Act. #xxxxxx3929, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.15%	\$ 1,096.11	
<u>Total Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$ 1,096.11

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2018**\$ 565,689.42**

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

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, one wonders where 12 months can go so quickly. Although Russell, Debbie and I did not get some of the things we had planned to get accomplished this year, we did make some progress nonetheless.

Following this narrative, you will find the statistical reports of the Grand Secretary's office. Although the same recommendation is made every year, again, it would be of benefit to the grand officers and others to actually review and study these reports as they provide much information as to the overall financial and physical health of the subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Proceedings: We had a plan worked out to complete the 2017 proceedings this year and then start working our way back to get caught up, however this plan got changed early in the year – without going into much detail about it, it is our plan to put this into effect this year.

Protocol: As was stated last year, we are still experiencing a loss of understanding of Masonic protocol with regard to sending official correspondence to the Office of the Grand High Priest and his committees. Chapter Secretaries are sending requests for Dispensations and By-Laws changes directly to the Grand High Priest or Jurisprudence Committee. We would urge and respectfully request that normalized communications be reinstated – by sending your requests to the Grand Secretary's office wherein they will be appropriately distributed and tracked through to completion. We find this necessary when documenting and approving actions to be properly recorded by all involved. We strongly encourage Chapter Secretaries to follow protocol in order that the actions required by the Grand High Priest can be appropriately recorded.

In addition to the expected protocol mentioned above, it must be clearly understood that District and Grand Line Officers (unless commissioned by the GHP for specific purposes) do not have the authority to communicate requests for dispensations, to grant dispensations, authorize relocations or to speak on behalf of the Chapter High Priest or Secretary. We appreciate the help in facilitating communications, but official requests must come from the appropriate channels and follow the by-laws of the Grand Chapter and the by-laws of the subordinate Chapter.

This year our office had some help, for better or worse, whereby “others” attempted to communicate what the Grand Secretary would or would not do with regard to annual returns. I would remind Chapter Secretaries that you need to work with me directly on any issues you encounter. I will render my opinion which may or may not be approved by the Grand High Priest, however his decision will obviously stand. I would respectfully ask that “others” with opinions as to the official functions of my office refrain from interference.

Annual Returns – Late: As of the time of this report, the following Chapters filed late returns and were assessed penalties: Springfield Chapter No. 15; Nevada Chapter No. 56; Trenton Chapter No. 66; Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78; Triune Chapter No. 93; Putnam Chapter No. 123; East Gate Chapter No. 148; and Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148.

Annual Returns – No Return: As of the date of this report, the following Chapters have not filed a return and will be assessed penalties: Orient Chapter No. 102 and Uel Chapter No. 129. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – Financial Statements: The following Chapters either failed to submit

or filed an incomplete Financial Statement: Lexington Chapter No. 10; Springfield Chapter No. 15; Rolla Chapter No. 32; Trenton Chapter No. 66; and Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – RARA Donations (according to the annual returns): The following Chapters reported no contributions to RARA: Liberty Chapter No. 3; Hannibal Chapter No. 7; Lexington Chapter No. 10; Independence Chapter No. 12; Springfield Chapter No. 15; Macon Chapter No. 22; Jefferson City Chapter No. 34; Wyoming Chapter No. 43; Tyrian Chapter No. 52; Caldwell Chapter No. 53; Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61; Lebanon Chapter No. 64; Trenton Chapter No. 66; Wilson Chapter No. 75; Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78; Bethany Chapter No. 80; West Plains Chapter No. 108; Vincil Chapter No. 110; East Gate Chapter No. 136; Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137; Keystone Chapter No. 146; and Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148.

In contrast, St. Charles Chapter No. 1 was able to contribute \$3.65 per member for each of their members, and Triune Chapter No. 93 once again had the largest contribution of \$6.90 per member for each of their members and had the largest total contribution from all the Chapters.

One item of importance to mention – RARA donations according to Annual Return Financial Reports show total contributions of \$1,710.30, however total contributions received in 2017 through our office were actually \$2,652.30. Secretaries need to try to report accurately.

I would remind Secretaries, in accordance with **ARTICLE IX, Revenues of the Grand Chapter, Section 40. Annual Dues. B.** The Secretary of every Chartered Chapter will cause to be written and provided to each Companion on its rolls, including those whose dues have been remitted, 50 year members, and those that are endowed, an annual dues notice on which are written line items for the suggested voluntary contributions for the charities that are supported by the Grand Chapter. Such line items should include, but may not necessarily be limited to Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) with a suggested contribution of \$3.65. The Grand Secretary will issue each Subordinate Chapter a number of Penny-a-Day stickers to affix to the dues card of each Companion that donates at least \$3.65 to RARA. Subordinate Chapter Secretaries will affix such stickers to the Companion's dues card and send it to the Companion. Contributions collected are to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, the check written to the charity for which it was collected and in a timely and efficient manner.

Annual Returns – Bonding: The following Chapters reported that the Treasurer and Secretary are NOT bonded: Lexington Chapter No. 10; Independence Chapter No. 12; Columbia Chapter No. 17; Macon Chapter No. 22; Kansas City Chapter No. 28; Rolla Chapter No. 32; Jefferson City Chapter No. 34; Greenfield Chapter No. 38; Wyoming Chapter No. 43; Tyrian Chapter No. 52; Nevada Chapter No. 56; Lebanon Chapter No. 64; Trenton Chapter No. 66; Wilson Chapter No. 75; Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78; Bethany Chapter No. 80; Joplin Chapter No. 91; Triune Chapter No. 93; Shelbina Chapter No. 99; West Plains Chapter No. 108; Vincil Chapter No. 110; Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114; Putnam Chapter No. 123; East Gate Chapter No. 136; Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137; Keystone Chapter No. 146; Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 148, and Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter No. 284. 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 – Audits: The following Chapters did not file an Audit as part of their Annual Return: Lexington Chapter No. 10; Rolla Chapter No. 32; Trenton Chapter No. 66;

Bethany Chapter No. 80; and East Gate Chapter No. 136. This was largely reduced from the number failing to complete the Audit from 2016.

Annual Returns – Summary: Repeating from last year (nothing has changed), I would direct the Grand Officers' (as well as appropriate committees') attention to the several items in the statistical reports – Chapters who report no Cash on Hand; no Paraphernalia value; Chapters who show an indebtedness; and Chapters whose dues are extremely low or even less than Grand Chapter per capita. Several Chapters failed to record the amount of their annual dues. DDGHP's should take notice of those Chapters who failed to record any RARA donations and provide education. It would appear that Secretaries have forgotten (or were unaware) of the Penny-a-Day stickers our office provides for these charity donations. Finally, I would refer to the Grand High Priest and appropriate committees the list of Treasurers and Secretaries who are not bonded, and whose Chapters failed to submit an annual audit. We must start reviewing and addressing these statistical reports and what appears to be failures on the part of the Chapters, although we are sure most of these items could be remediated through training and education for the officers by the appropriate Grand Chapter officers.

Missouri Chapter No. 0: Again, I would encourage the Grand Chapter Officers to review the formation of this chapter and complete the process or repeal the law.

MMS: Last year we reported that our membership records were already in transition to the Masonic Membership Solution (MMS) membership database. I am most pleased to report that this was completed in September 2017. Training was conducted by John Elkington at the South Central York Rite Conference in St. Louis, and additionally 3 on-line classes were conducted.

Chapter Secretaries were informed on multiple occasions that they had until December 31, 2017 to correct their membership records. They were also afforded the opportunity to assign an IT representative (exactly as it has been handled with the Grand Commandery for the past 2 years) to assist with this effort. All were informed that the annual return would be modified from its traditional format and that bills would be presented based on the total year end membership. Finally, Monthly Reports were discontinued.

However, as is the case with all things this large and complicated, it was not without varying levels of discontent expressed by some of the Secretaries. Some failed to act at all to correct their membership records which resulted in some exaggerated bills. Many members were not added to our previous records over several years for varying yet unexplainable reasons. When these were added, even with prior year dates, it generated Exaltation Fees for this year. When these were made known to me, I worked with each Secretary to have the fees removed and corrected billing established. It is a complex process and we will work through it. There is no issue that we cannot resolve by working together.

As of the time of this report, several Chapter Secretaries and/or IT Representatives have made no changes to their membership since MMS was brought on line: St. Charles Chapter No. 1; Orient Chapter No. 102; Putnam Chapter No. 123 and East Gate Chapter No. 136. It is strongly recommended that immediate attention is directed to the membership records of these Chapters. Secretaries and/or IT Representatives of these Chapters are strongly encouraged to contact me so we can get your membership records up to date. We have the technology for desktop sharing for hands-on training so there is no reason why it cannot be accomplished.

Finally, this year I have submitted legislation to delineate the responsibilities of the MMS system which I hope will meet with everyone's approval.

Royal Arch Mason Magazine: With the deployment of the MMS system, we have finally been able to correct the Royal Arch Mason Magazine subscription list – based solely on those records – which has resulted in an immediate savings of about \$2,000.00 annually and which has finally got the magazine in the hands of those who have been waiting a long time. This accomplishment alone will pay for the system.

Palmyra Chapter No. 2 and MOLOR: Last year Palmyra Chapter No. 2 granted the Secretary approval to buy an architectural document storage cabinet to store all of our old charters. This was delivered to the Missouri Lodge of Research however it was severely damaged and had to be returned. We are still awaiting the new cabinet. A very special word of appreciation goes to Most Worshipful Brother John W.F. Hess who has reported that he has completed reviewing and indexing all of the historic annual returns and continues to post some of the details of those returns on the MOLOR web site. Additionally, MWB Hess was able to get some of the book shelves from the New Masonic Temple when they vacated that facility. He has created a section in the basement of the Grand Lodge where all of these documents and other historical artifacts of the Grand York Rite of Missouri can be found. This effort is still under way and we hope to hear more about this progress in Saturday's Lodge of Research luncheon by MWB Hess. We could really use some help on the MOLOR work days.

Appreciation: Lady Debbie Hanson continues to be the most valuable asset to the Grand York Rite of Missouri. This office would not function without her dedication. She is to be applauded, not only for putting up with both Russell and me, but for all the hard work she does and the "voice of reason" when Russell and I need counseling. I again thank REC Russell S. Hanson for his continued assistance in the business partnership that the leadership of the Grand York Rite agreed to when we developed the current business plan. I could not do this job without him.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, HPGHP, Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri

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

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2017 End: 12/31/2017
Grand Chapter of MissouriTotal Working Chapters = 41**The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.**

Total number members on last return =		<u>3,270</u>
Total number EXALTED =	<u>154</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>242</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>18</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>414</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>166</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>518</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>200</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>8</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>892</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(478)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural) on this report as of		<u>= 2,792</u>

STATISTICS (2016 Contrast)

Number of Chartered Chapters	45
Number of Members, December 31, 2015	2813
Number Exalted	62
Number Affiliated	31
Number Reinstated	7
Total Gains	100
Number Dimitted	34
Number Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct	1
Number Expelled	2
Number Suspended by Lodge	7
Number Suspended by Chapter NPD	98
Number Died	114
Total Losses	256
Total Members, December 31, 2016	2657
Net Loss	165

Statistical Reports: The first observation on the above report is that we ended up with more members than we started with. There are multiple corrections which must be observed this year which are a result of reconciling the membership database. We must disregard the number of Exaltations due to the fact that this number additionally includes “adding” members to the database from previous years. The same can be said with regard to all of the accounting for this first year. But it is a place to start from.

The following reports from MMS are the Membership Counts by Chapter and following is the Average Age Report as of May 24, 2018 – pay particular attention to the first line on the Average Age Report – it tells much about our future.

	Active Members	Petitioner	Candidate	Active no DOB	Active with DOB	*Average Age	Active Local Bodies	US Mailable
Missouri	2,758	1	42	55	2,703	69.5	41	2,723
1 - St. Charles Missouri	115		6	1	114	69.4	1	115
2 - Palmyra	24			1	23	84.1	1	23
3 - Liberty	95				95	70.7	1	94
5 - Bolivar	43		2		43	64.6	1	43
7 - Hannibal	18			1	17	68.3	1	18
10 - Lexington	131		1	2	129	71.8	1	131
12 - Independence	121			1	120	69.5	1	120
14 - Mitchell	186			10	176	72.6	1	184
15 - Springfield	204		1	1	203	67.6	1	202
17 - Columbia	108	1	3		108	69.8	1	107
22 - Macon	13				13	70.5	1	13
25 - Bellefontaine	22				22	68.0	1	22
28 - Kansas City	35				35	62.4	1	35
32 - Rolla	88		4	1	87	67.8	1	86
34 - Jefferson City	54				54	74.6	1	54
38 - Greenfield	31				31	67.6	1	29
43 - Wyoming	79				79	70.6	1	79
52 - Tyrian	76		7	5	71	65.2	1	75
53 - Caldwell	125			4	121	69.7	1	123
56 - Nevada	35			1	34	70.4	1	35
58 - California	54			2	52	69.1	1	54
61 - Meridian Sun	34			1	33	76.5	1	34
64 - Lebanon	76		2		76	65.4	1	74
66 - Trenton	42				42	77.7	1	42
75 - Wilson	66		3		66	69.5	1	63
78 - Oriental-Rabboni	127		2	3	124	69.4	1	124
80 - Bethany	21			1	20	62.3	1	20
91 - Joplin	41		1		41	67.2	1	40
93 - Triune	65		3		65	70.0	1	64

99 - Shelbina	64	5		64	67.6	1	63
102 - Orient	59		1	58	71.6	1	58
108 - West Plains	24		3	21	50.9	1	22
110 - Vincil	63			63	73.5	1	62
114 - Poplar Bluff	53			53	64.0	1	53
123 - Putnam	30			30	68.7	1	30
129 - Uel	74	1	3	71	67.9	1	72
136 - East Gate	75		4	71	73.7	1	74
137 - Mountain Grove	30		1	29	67.0	1	29
146 - Keystone	42			42	71.8	1	42
148 - Mt. Nebo	68	1	7	61	66.1	1	68
284 - Harry D. Brown Jr.	47		1	46	72.8	1	47
Total Members	2,758	1	42	55	2,703	69.5	41
Total Plural Members	65						
Total People	2,693						

Chapter	Active	Active	Avg.	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89		90-99		100+		Totals	
	No	DOB	Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Missouri	55	2703	69.5	36	1.3	108	4.0	245	9.1	337	12.5	514	19.0	679	25.1	516	19.1	254	9.4	14	0.5	2703	100.0
1 - St. Charles Missouri	1	114	69.4	3	2.6	2	1.8	13	11.4	19	16.7	16	14.0	24	21.1	23	20.2	12	10.5	2	1.8	114	4.2
2 - Palmyra	1	23	84.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.3	1	4.3	3	13.0	12	52.2	6	26.1	0	0.0	23	0.9
3 - Liberty	0	95	70.7	1	1.1	2	2.1	7	7.4	11	11.6	19	20.0	28	29.5	19	20.0	8	8.4	0	0.0	95	3.5
5 - Bolivar	0	43	64.6	0	0.0	5	11.6	4	9.3	10	23.3	5	11.6	9	20.9	7	16.3	3	7.0	0	0.0	43	1.6
7 - Hannibal	1	17	68.3	0	0.0	2	11.8	0	0.0	3	17.6	2	11.8	6	35.3	4	23.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	0.6
10 - Lexington	2	129	71.8	2	1.6	2	1.6	9	7.0	20	15.5	26	20.2	28	21.7	18	14.0	22	17.1	2	1.6	129	4.8
12 - Independence	1	120	69.5	4	3.3	3	2.5	9	7.5	17	14.2	22	18.3	30	25.0	24	20.0	9	7.5	2	1.7	120	4.4
14 - Mitchell	10	176	72.6	0	0.0	2	1.1	10	5.7	15	8.5	41	23.3	57	32.4	38	21.6	12	6.8	1	0.6	176	6.5
15 - Springfield	1	203	67.6	6	3.0	8	3.9	25	12.3	24	11.8	40	19.7	46	22.7	38	18.7	15	7.4	1	0.5	203	7.5
17 - Columbia	0	108	69.8	1	0.9	6	5.6	10	9.3	12	11.1	22	20.4	19	17.6	23	21.3	15	13.9	0	0.0	108	4.0
22 - Macon	0	13	70.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7	2	15.4	2	15.4	4	30.8	4	30.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	0.5
25 - Bellefontaine	0	22	68.0	1	4.5	0	0.0	1	4.5	5	22.7	5	22.7	4	18.2	3	13.6	3	13.6	0	0.0	22	0.8
28 - Kansas City	0	35	62.4	1	2.9	6	17.1	6	17.1	6	17.1	2	5.7	5	14.3	4	11.4	5	14.3	0	0.0	35	1.3
32 - Rolla	1	87	67.8	1	1.1	5	5.7	9	10.3	7	8.0	22	25.3	22	25.3	16	18.4	5	5.7	0	0.0	87	3.2
34 - Jefferson City	0	54	74.6	0	0.0	1	1.9	3	5.6	2	3.7	12	22.2	16	29.6	10	18.5	9	16.7	1	1.9	54	2.0
38 - Greenfield	0	31	67.6	0	0.0	1	3.2	3	9.7	7	22.6	5	16.1	8	25.8	6	19.4	1	3.2	0	0.0	31	1.1
43 - Wyoming	0	79	70.6	1	1.3	3	3.8	7	8.9	7	8.9	14	17.7	22	27.8	19	24.1	6	7.6	0	0.0	79	2.9
52 - Tyrian	5	71	65.2	1	1.4	8	11.3	11	15.5	8	11.3	10	14.1	12	16.9	16	22.5	5	7.0	0	0.0	71	2.6
53 - Caldwell	4	121	69.7	2	1.7	3	2.5	10	8.3	10	8.3	26	21.5	45	37.2	20	16.5	4	3.3	1	0.8	121	4.5
56 - Nevada	1	34	70.4	0	0.0	1	2.9	3	8.8	5	14.7	6	17.6	10	29.4	4	11.8	5	14.7	0	0.0	34	1.3
58 - California	2	52	69.1	2	3.8	3	5.8	2	3.8	6	11.5	11	21.2	10	19.2	11	21.2	7	13.5	0	0.0	52	1.9
61 - Meridian Sun	1	33	76.5	0	0.0	1	3.0	2	6.1	1	3.0	5	15.2	7	21.2	12	36.4	5	15.2	0	0.0	33	1.2
64 - Lebanon	0	76	65.4	0	0.0	3	3.9	11	14.5	15	19.7	14	18.4	20	26.3	9	11.8	4	5.3	0	0.0	76	2.8
66 - Trenton	0	42	77.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	4.8	2	4.8	6	14.3	13	31.0	9	21.4	10	23.8	0	0.0	42	1.6
75 - Wilson	0	66	69.5	0	0.0	4	6.1	8	12.1	5	7.6	13	19.7	16	24.2	11	16.7	8	12.1	1	1.5	66	2.4
78 - Oriental-Rabboni	3	124	69.4	0	0.0	5	4.0	9	7.3	21	16.9	25	20.2	26	21.0	28	22.6	10	8.1	0	0.0	124	4.6
80 - Bethany	1	20	62.3	2	10.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	3	15.0	6	30.0	3	15.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	0.7
91 - Joplin	0	41	67.2	1	2.4	1	2.4	4	9.8	7	17.1	10	24.4	11	26.8	3	7.3	4	9.8	0	0.0	41	1.5
93 - Triune	0	65	70.0	0	0.0	2	3.1	7	10.8	9	13.8	10	15.4	18	27.7	13	20.0	6	9.2	0	0.0	65	2.4
99 - Shelbina	0	64	67.6	1	1.6	4	6.3	4	6.3	10	15.6	17	26.6	12	18.8	8	12.5	8	12.5	0	0.0	64	2.4
102 - Orient	1	58	71.6	0	0.0	3	5.2	8	13.8	3	5.2	11	19.0	11	19.0	12	20.7	9	15.5	1	1.7	58	2.1
108 - West Plains	3	21	50.9	2	9.5	5	23.8	4	19.0	2	9.5	5	23.8	2	9.5	1	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	0.8

110 - Vincil	0	63	73.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.6	8	12.7	13	20.6	21	33.3	14	22.2	6	9.5	0	0.0	63	2.3
114 - Poplar Bluff	0	53	64.0	1	1.9	4	7.5	8	15.1	7	13.2	8	15.1	17	32.1	8	15.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	53	2.0
123 - Putnam	0	30	68.7	0	0.0	1	3.3	2	6.7	4	13.3	11	36.7	4	13.3	5	16.7	3	10.0	0	0.0	30	1.1
129 - Uel	3	71	67.9	0	0.0	3	4.2	4	5.6	18	25.4	14	19.7	17	23.9	14	19.7	0	0.0	1	1.4	71	2.6
136 - East Gate	4	71	73.7	0	0.0	3	4.2	10	14.1	2	2.8	12	16.9	14	19.7	14	19.7	15	21.1	1	1.4	71	2.6
137 - Mountain Grove	1	29	67.0	1	3.4	1	3.4	2	6.9	4	13.8	5	17.2	10	34.5	4	13.8	2	6.9	0	0.0	29	1.1
146 - Keystone	0	42	71.8	0	0.0	2	4.8	3	7.1	2	4.8	4	9.5	21	50.0	6	14.3	4	9.5	0	0.0	42	1.6
148 - Mt. Nebo	7	61	66.1	0	0.0	1	1.6	9	14.8	12	19.7	11	18.0	18	29.5	8	13.1	2	3.3	0	0.0	61	2.3
284 - Harry D. Brown Jr.	1	46	72.8	2	4.3	0	0.0	4	8.7	5	10.9	5	10.9	10	21.7	14	30.4	6	13.0	0	0.0	46	1.7
Total	55	2703	69.5	36	1.3	108	4.0	245	9.1	337	12.5	514	19.0	679	25.1	516	19.1	254	9.4	14	0.5	2703	100.0

No.	Chapter	Location	Chartered	EIN	Stated Convocations	Annual Return Received	2016 Membership	MMS Initial Adjustment	2016 Revised Membership	Exalted	Admitted	Reinstated	Add Adjustme	Total Gains	Dinitied	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled	Delete Adjustment	Total Losses	2017 Net Gain / Loss	2017 Total Year End Membership	% of Growth
0	Missouri	At Large	June 8, 2016		Grand Session		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
1	St. Charles Missouri	St. Charles	May 14, 2004	23-7526764	2nd Wednesday	26-Feb-18	90	-23	67	5	47	0	0	52	2	0	2	0	0	4	48	115	72%
2	Palmyra	At Large	September 14, 1848	23-7526765	Grand Session		9	17	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-2	24	-8%
3	Liberty	Liberty	October 16, 1847	43-0968049	3rd Monday	1-Mar-18	106	28	134	7	1	0	0	8	18	26	3	0	0	47	-39	95	-29%
5	Bolivar	Bolivar	October 4, 1877	23-7526768	3rd Wednesday	5-Feb-18	48	-1	47	6	0	1	0	7	1	8	3	0	0	12	-5	42	-11%
7	Hannibal	Hannibal	May 24, 1861	23-7526769	1st Tuesday	28-Feb-18	16	20	36	2	0	0	0	2	0	8	7	0	0	15	-13	23	-36%
10	Lexington	Lexington	October 13, 1848	23-7526771	4th Monday	1-Mar-18	54	81	135	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	8	0	0	10	-8	127	-6%
12	Independence	Independence	October 13, 1848	23-7526773	2nd Thursday	12-Feb-18	108	29	137	0	2	2	0	4	9	7	5	0	0	21	-17	120	-12%
14	Mitchell	St. Joseph	May 23, 1849	23-7526774	1st Wednesday	14-Feb-18	206	47	253	12	1	1	0	14	1	71	7	0	0	79	-65	188	-26%
15	Springfield	Springfield	May 16, 1851	44-0443935	4th Monday	21-Apr-18	148	52	200	6	2	0	0	8	1	0	3	0	1	5	3	203	2%
17	Columbia	Columbia	October 10, 1867	23-7526776	2nd Monday	20-Jan-18	115	29	144	1	3	0	0	4	3	19	15	0	2	39	-35	109	-24%
22	Macon	Macon	May 23, 1854	23-7526780	1st Tuesday	23-Feb-18	12	5	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	-5	12	-29%
25	Bellefontaine	Hazelwood	May 23, 1856	23-7526781	4th Tuesday	2-Feb-18	21	2	23	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	-1	22	-4%
28	Kansas City	Kansas City	May 19, 1859	23-7137508	1st Monday	22-Feb-18	24	30	54	7	3	1	0	11	12	11	8	0	0	31	-20	34	-37%
32	Rolla	Rolla	May 24, 1866	23-7137509	3rd Monday	27-Feb-18	105	-9	96	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	99	3%
34	Jefferson City	Jefferson City	May 24, 1866	23-7382601	1st Monday	27-Feb-18	65	39	104	0	0	0	0	0	8	41	1	0	0	50	-50	54	-48%
38	Greenfield	Greenfield	October 8, 1868	23-7137510	1st Thursday	5-Feb-18	30	10	40	2	2	0	0	4	7	4	2	0	0	13	-9	31	-23%
43	Wyoming	Pleasant Hill	October 8, 1868	23-7526790	1st Monday	1-Mar-18	92	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-2	90	-2%
52	Tyrian	Neosho	October 7, 1869	23-7189747	3rd Monday	24-Feb-18	61	13	74	6	33	0	0	39	2	21	6	0	0	29	10	84	14%
53	Caldwell	Kirksville	October 7, 1869	43-0203985	2nd Thursday	20-Feb-18	139	84	223	9	1	1	0	11	5	92	10	0	0	107	-96	127	-43%
56	Nevada	Nevada	October 6, 1870	23-7526796	2nd Monday	16-Mar-18	38	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	-4	35	-10%
58	California	California	October 6, 1870	23-7526797	1st Thursday		45	9	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0%
61	Meridian Sun	Carthage	October 6, 1870	23-7526799	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-18	36	6	42	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	4	0	1	9	-7	35	-17%
64	Lebanon	Lebanon	October 6, 1870	23-7526800	3rd Tuesday	28-Feb-18	72	22	94	7	0	1	0	8	2	25	0	0	0	27	-19	75	-20%
66	Trenton	Trenton	October 6, 1870	23-7526801	3rd Thursday	4-May-18	30	13	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	42	-2%
75	Wilson	Cape Girardeau	October 11, 1872	23-7526808	1st Wednesday	16-Feb-18	67	17	84	10	2	0	0	12	1	23	6	0	0	30	-18	66	-21%
78	Oriental-Rabboni	Webster Groves	October 9, 1873	43-0443570	1st Monday	16-May-18	127	-55	72	8	96	1	0	105	1	4	34	0	1	40	65	137	90%
80	Bethany	Bethany	October 9, 1873	23-7526812	3rd Tuesday	22-Feb-18	22	27	49	3	0	0	0	3	0	16	15	0	0	31	-28	21	-57%
91	Joplin	Joplin	May 7, 1880	23-7526814	1st Tuesday	1-Mar-18	45	20	65	0	0	1	0	1	7	18	0	0	0	25	-24	41	-37%
93	Triune	Montgomery City	May 5, 1881	23-7080440	1st Monday	19-Mar-18	47	10	57	1	30	0	0	31	4	14	4	0	0	22	9	66	16%
99	Shelbina	Shelbina	May 3, 1883	23-7526817	4th Tuesday	10-Feb-18	59	11	70	9	0	2	0	11	3	7	7	0	0	17	-6	64	-9%
102	Orient	Kansas City	May 3, 1883	44-0415645	3rd Wednesday		64	-3	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	60	-2%
108	West Plains	West Plains	June 8, 2016	81-3905504	1st Tuesday	1-Mar-18	22	-15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0%
110	Vincil	Springfield	May 10, 1888	44-0506699	1st Thursday	5-Feb-18	49	70	119	0	0	0	0	0	7	39	13	0	0	59	-59	60	-50%
114	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 27, 1893	23-7526825	2nd Thursday	1-Mar-18	62	10	72	0	1	0	0	1	0	15	4	0	0	19	-18	54	-25%
123	Putnam	Unionville	April 26, 1905	23-7526829	4th Tuesday	3-Mar-18	31	-4	27	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	30	11%
129	Uel	Farmington		23-7526833	2nd Tuesday		87	-3	84	5	2	1	0	8	0	14	4	0	0	18	-10	74	-12%
136	East Gate	Kansas City	April 12, 1922	23-7526839	3rd Thursday	17-May-18	22	57	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	78	-1%
137	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove	April 12, 1922	23-7526840	3rd Friday	28-Feb-18	42	-17	25	2	7	1	0	10	1	1	5	0	0	7	3	28	12%
146	Keystone	Mehlville	April 27, 1959	23-7149433	2nd Monday	22-Feb-18	45	0	45	2	2	0	0	4	2	0	3	0	0	5	-1	44	-2%
148	Mt. Nebo	Robertsville	April 29, 1975	51-0180560	2nd & 4th Wednesday	9-Mar-18	43	29	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	71	-1%
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	Kansas City		23-7526847	1st Monday	26-Feb-18	52	20	72	0	3	1	0	4	2	24	3	0	0	29	-25	47	-35%
	TOTAL						2556	678	3234	120	242	15	0	377	101	520	196	0	6	823	-446	2788	-14%

No.	Chapter	Exaltation Fees	Per Capita	2016 Debits	Total Per Capita, Fees & Debits	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Credit for Remissions and Life Members	GG Chapter Perpetual Mtrs	General Grand Chapter Credit	2016 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Chapter	Paid
0	Missouri	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1	St. Charles Missouri	50.00	2,944.00	34.90	3,028.90	1	4	12	435.20	5	15.00	-	450.20	2,578.70	-	2,578.70	2,578.70
2	Palmyra	-	614.40	278.60	893.00	0	0	2	51.20	0	-	-	51.20	841.80	-	841.80	-
3	Liberty	70.00	2,432.00	-	2,502.00	1	12	21	870.40	1	3.00	117.60	991.00	1,511.00	-	1,511.00	1,511.00
5	Bolivar	60.00	1,075.20	82.60	1,217.80	3	7	14	614.40	0	-	-	614.40	603.40	-	603.40	603.40
7	Hannibal	20.00	588.80	10.00	618.80	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	618.80	-	618.80	400.00
10	Lexington	20.00	3,251.20	-	3,271.20	0	32	9	1,049.60	0	-	-	1,049.60	2,221.60	-	2,221.60	2,221.60
12	Independence	-	3,072.00	-	3,072.00	2	15	21	972.80	0	-	70.40	1,043.20	2,028.80	-	2,028.80	2,028.80
14	Mitchell	120.00	4,812.80	-	4,932.80	14	28	45	2,227.20	0	-	46.80	2,274.00	2,658.80	-	2,658.80	2,658.80
15	Springfield	60.00	5,196.80	54.80	5,311.60	0	0	18	460.80	3	9.00	-	469.80	4,841.80	20.00	4,861.80	4,851.80
17	Columbia	10.00	2,790.40	-	2,800.40	4	29	24	1,459.20	1	3.00	-	1,462.20	1,338.20	-	1,338.20	1,338.20
22	Macon	-	307.20	-	307.20	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	307.20	-	307.20	307.20
25	Bellefontaine	20.00	563.20	8.00	591.20	0	0	9	230.40	1	3.00	-	233.40	357.80	-	357.80	357.80
28	Kansas City	70.00	870.40	-	940.40	5	8	1	358.40	0	-	-	358.40	582.00	-	582.00	582.00
32	Rolla	20.00	2,534.40	-	2,554.40	0	0	28	716.80	2	6.00	274.00	996.80	1,557.60	-	1,557.60	1,557.60
34	Jefferson City	-	1,382.40	4.00	1,386.40	0	15	8	588.80	0	-	-	588.80	797.60	-	797.60	797.60
38	Greenfield	20.00	793.60	-	813.60	2	5	8	384.00	0	-	39.20	423.20	390.40	-	390.40	390.40
43	Wyoming	-	2,304.00	-	2,304.00	0	0	2	51.20	0	-	-	51.20	2,252.80	-	2,252.80	2,252.80
52	Tyrian	60.00	2,150.40	2,681.80	4,892.20	0	0	2	51.20	19	57.00	16.20	124.40	4,767.80	-	4,767.80	4,662.00
53	Caldwell	90.00	3,251.20	-	3,341.20	2	14	8	614.40	2	6.00	200.30	820.70	2,520.50	-	2,520.50	2,520.50
56	Nevada	-	896.00	0.80	896.80	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	896.80	10.00	906.80	896.80
58	California	-	1,382.40	1,436.40	2,818.80	0	0	3	76.80	0	-	-	76.80	2,742.00	-	2,742.00	-
61	Meridian Sun	10.00	896.00	-	906.00	0	0	2	51.20	0	-	107.20	158.40	747.60	-	747.60	747.60
64	Lebanon	70.00	1,920.00	21.20	2,011.20	2	9	4	384.00	1	3.00	-	387.00	1,624.20	-	1,624.20	1,624.20
66	Trenton	-	1,075.20	-	1,075.20	0	0	1	25.60	0	-	-	25.60	1,049.60	30.00	1,079.60	1,049.60
75	Wilson	100.00	1,689.60	-	1,789.60	4	15	3	563.20	1	3.00	39.20	605.40	1,184.20	-	1,184.20	1,184.20
78	Oriental-Rabboni	80.00	3,507.20	-	3,587.20	0	0	7	179.20	6	18.00	48.40	245.60	3,341.60	30.00	3,371.60	3,361.60
80	Bethany	30.00	537.60	116.20	683.80	0	4	4	204.80	0	-	-	204.80	479.00	-	479.00	479.00
91	Joplin	-	1,049.60	-	1,049.60	0	0	14	358.40	1	3.00	-	361.40	688.20	-	688.20	688.20
93	Triune	10.00	1,689.60	622.20	2,321.80	1	11	10	563.20	3	9.00	14.20	586.40	1,735.40	10.00	1,745.40	1,735.40
99	Shelbina	90.00	1,638.40	-	1,728.40	2	14	2	460.80	0	-	-	460.80	1,267.60	-	1,267.60	1,267.60
102	Orient	-	1,536.00	465.80	2,001.80	0	0	13	332.80	0	-	-	332.80	1,669.00	-	1,669.00	-
108	West Plains	-	179.20	-	179.20	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	179.20	-	179.20	179.20
110	Vincil	-	1,536.00	-	1,536.00	7	19	26	1,331.20	0	-	-	1,331.20	204.80	-	204.80	204.80
114	Poplar Bluff	-	1,382.40	2.00	1,384.40	13	1	5	486.40	0	-	-	486.40	898.00	-	898.00	898.00
123	Putnam	30.00	768.00	0.40	798.40	0	0	3	76.80	0	-	-	76.80	721.60	10.00	731.60	721.60
129	Uel	50.00	1,894.40	80.40	2,024.80	0	0	13	332.80	2	6.00	-	338.80	1,686.00	-	1,686.00	-
136	East Gate	-	1,996.80	-	1,996.80	0	0	1	25.60	0	-	-	25.60	1,971.20	30.00	2,001.20	1,971.20
137	Mountain Grove	20.00	716.80	784.00	1,520.80	0	0	2	51.20	0	-	-	51.20	1,469.60	-	1,469.60	800.60
146	Keystone	20.00	1,126.40	134.20	1,280.60	0	0	13	332.80	2	6.00	-	338.80	941.80	-	941.80	941.80
148	Mt. Nebo	-	1,817.60	-	1,817.60	0	0	15	384.00	0	-	315.60	699.60	1,118.00	10.00	1,128.00	1,118.00
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	-	1,203.20	-	1,203.20	0	10	3	332.80	1	3.00	21.60	357.40	845.80	-	845.80	845.80
	TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 71,372.80	\$ 6,818.30	\$ 79,391.10	63	252	376	\$ 17,689.60	51	\$ 153.00	\$ 1,310.70	\$ 19,153.30	\$ 60,237.80	\$ 150.00	\$ 60,387.80	\$ 52,335.40

No.	Chapter	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2017 Credits	2017 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/17	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Chapters	Annual Dues	RARA Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Secretary Bonded	Audited
0	Missouri	\$ -		\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
1	St. Charles Missouri	-		2,578.70		0.00	3,727.74	15,285.00	2,000.00			21,012.74	58.00	416.57	Y	Y	Y
2	Palmyra	-		-		841.80											
3	Liberty	-		1,511.00			3,698.34			968.50		4,666.84	37.25		Y	Y	Y
5	Bolivar	-		603.40		0.00	19.19		1,000.00			1,019.19	36.00	7.30	Y	Y	Y
7	Hannibal	-		400.00		218.80	495.71			325.00		820.74	25.00		Y	Y	Y
10	Lexington	-		2,221.60		0.00											
12	Independence	-		2,028.80			16,760.95					16,760.95	65.60		N	N	Y
14	Mitchell	-		2,658.80	0.00		4,093.45	95,406.72	200.00	420.00		100,120.15	30.00	69.35	Y	Y	Y
15	Springfield	-		4,851.80		10.00									Y	Y	Y
17	Columbia	-		1,338.20			1,643.48			560.00	2,100.00	103.48	35.00	90.00	N	N	Y
22	Macon	-		307.20		0.00	465.72	3,668.31				4,334.03	29.60		N	N	Y
25	Bellefontaine	-		357.80		0.00	1,451.57		2,500.00			3,951.57	33.60	18.25	Y	Y	Y
28	Kansas City	-		582.00			5,000.00					5,000.00	46.00	50.00	N	N	Y
32	Rolla	-		1,557.60										159.98			
34	Jefferson City	-		797.60			15,473.22	9,617.06	5,000.00			30,090.28	35.00		N	N	Y
38	Greenfield	-		390.40		0.00	2,898.18		1,000.00			3,898.18	38.00	73.00	N	N	Y
43	Wyoming	-		2,252.80			2,215.76			900.00		3,115.76	29.50		N	N	Y
52	Tyrian	-		4,662.00		105.80	4,238.59			240.50		4,479.09	18.50		N	N	Y
53	Caldwell	-		2,520.50					1,000.00			1,000.00	55.00		N	N	Y
56	Nevada	-		896.80		10.00	1,217.44		500.00	91.00		1,808.44	37.00	25.55	N	N	Y
58	California	-		-		2,742.00											
61	Meridian Sun	-		747.60			1,697.50		1,500.00			3,197.50	35.50		Y	Y	Y
64	Lebanon	-		1,624.20			2,521.41		8,000.00	400.01		10,921.42	40.00		N	N	Y
66	Trenton	-		1,049.60		30.00											
75	Wilson	-		1,184.20			2,390.86					2,390.86	45.00		N	N	Y
78	Oriental-Rabboni	-		3,361.60		10.00	(106.60)	57,541.13	2,000.00			59,434.53	65.50		N	N	Y
80	Bethany	-		479.00		0.00	36.40					36.40	38.00		N	N	N
91	Joplin	-		688.20			2,185.00	21,750.00	1,777.00			25,712.00	30.00	33.00	N	N	Y
93	Triune	-		1,735.40		10.00	948.65					948.65	37.00	455.00	N	N	Y
99	Shelbina	-		1,267.60		0.00			2,000.00			2,000.00	33.00	88.55	N	N	Y
102	Orient	-		-		1,669.00											
108	West Plains	-		179.20		0.00	2,155.85					2,115.85	40.00		N	N	Y
110	Vincil	-		204.80	0.00		13,405.16		1,000.00			14,405.16	38.00		N	N	Y
114	Poplar Bluff	-		898.00			732.40		5,000.00			5,732.42	35.00	86.15	N	N	Y
123	Putnam	-		721.60		10.00	1,692.09					1,692.09	33.00	65.70	N	N	Y
129	Uel	-		-		1,686.00											
136	East Gate	-		1,971.20		30.00			800.00			800.00	29.00		N	N	N
137	Mountain Grove	669.00		1,469.60		0.00									N	N	Y
146	Keystone	-		941.80		0.00	1,994.63	13,000.00		585.00		14,689.63	45.00		N	N	Y
148	Mt. Nebo	-		1,118.00		10.00	797.19					797.19	47.10		N	N	Y
284	Harry D. Brown Jr.	-		845.80			5,616.10					5,616.10	65.60	71.90	N	N	Y
	TOTAL	\$ 669.00		\$ 53,004.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,383.40	\$ 99,465.98	\$ 216,268.22	\$ 35,277.00	\$ 4,490.01	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 352,671.24	\$ 1,265.75	\$ 1,710.30			

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS

(No Grand Officer Reports Available at Time of Printing)

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

(from the floor)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Companions, the committee met on March 18, 2018 and again on April 1, 2018 to finalize the budget. The committee is very pleased to submit the following proposed budget for the 2018–2019 Caputular year.

2018-2019 Grand Chapter Budget**Income**

Per Capita, Membership (1,919 @ \$25.60)	\$	49,126.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$	3,900.00
Exaltation Fees (75 @ \$10.00)	\$	1,000.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$	310.00
Grand Session, Meals Income	\$	4,000.00
Grand Session, Program Book Income	\$	150.00
Miscellaneous	\$	250.00
Total	\$	58,736.00

Salaries and Allowances

Grand High Priest Expense	\$	3,500.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine Editor Expense	\$	50.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$	1,000.00
Grand Secretary Salary	\$	5,800.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	\$	7,500.00
Employment Taxes	\$	980.00
Bonding Insurance	\$	100.00
Audit Committee	\$	500.00

Ritual Committee	\$	1,500.00
Education Committee	\$	200.00
Office Expenses	\$	4,000.00
Printing Services	\$	500.00
Office Rent	\$	2,400.00
Storage Rent	\$	480.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita (2,244 @ \$3.00)	\$	6,700.00
Annual Convocation	\$	8,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$	1,000.00
Past Grand High Priest Jewel	\$	100.00
Royal Arch Magazine	\$	8,000.00
Triennial Fund (1,919 @ \$0.07)	\$	280.00
Grand High Priest Endowment to Palmyra	\$	500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund (1,919 @ \$0.10)	\$	280.00
MMS Annual Maintenance Fee	\$	500.00
Web Master	\$	250.00
Miscellaneous	\$	250.00
Total	\$	54,370.00
 Total Income	 \$	 58,736.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$	54,370.00
Investment Funds	\$	3,500.00
Balance	\$	866.00

Fraternally submitted,
Dan G. Daniel
Kyle R. Palacios

David L. Leirer
Jerry L. Miles, Chairman

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

Greetings, the Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Edicts issued, Dispensations granted, 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. 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.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thanks the Grand High Priest for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Chapter during his 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 Ronald L. Barrett, Grand High Priest, for a very successful year. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter
Jerry F. Ward

Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.
Glenn E. Means, Chairman

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2018 GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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 XII, *Chartered Chapters*, Section 103. *Annual Returns*. ~~Each chapter shall, on or before the first day of March of each year, make and transmit by mail to the Grand Secretary an annual report, according to the form furnished by the Grand Secretary. On or before December 31 each year, Chapter Secretaries will submit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of remissions for their Chapter to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with~~ **Section 163. Remission of Dues.** On or before February 1 each year the Grand Secretary will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with an invoice for the calculated fees due the Grand Chapter. The invoice will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Exaltation Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Chapter Perpetual Memberships as verified by the Grand Secretary, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 104A. *Annual Audit***) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms will be completed and returned to the Grand Secretary along with ~~Included as an attachment with the annual return shall be a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N and a check or money order for all fees due the Grand Chapter. Failure to make such file a complete~~ return as provided herein shall subject the chapter to a fine of ten twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld. Any Chapter that does not submit an a complete annual return and/or any late filing fees to the Grand Secretary's office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Session Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the annual Grand Session

~~Grand Session~~ Annual Convocation.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XII, *Chartered Chapters*, Section 103. *Annual Returns.* On or before December 31 each year, Chapter Secretaries will submit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of remissions for their Chapter to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 163. Remission of Dues.** On or before February 1 each year the Grand Secretary will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with an invoice for the calculated fees due the Grand Chapter. The invoice will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Exaltation Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Chapter Perpetual Memberships as verified by the Grand Secretary, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 104A. *Annual Audit***) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms will be completed and returned to the Grand Secretary along with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N and a check or money order for all fees due the Grand Chapter. Failure to file a complete return as provided herein shall subject the chapter to a fine of ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld. Any Chapter that does not submit a complete annual return and/or any late filing fees to the Grand Secretary's office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall forfeit all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Convocation.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: With the completion of all Chapter membership records being transitioned into and maintained in MMS, the annual return process has changed considerably. Chapter Secretaries will manage all membership changes in MMS as they occur. The Grand Secretary will generate subordinate chapter returns based on MMS records as of December 31 each year and bill accordingly. It is the responsibility of each Chapter Secretary to maintain their membership records in MMS.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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 VI, *Grand Secretary, Section 29. Grand Secretary.* F. He shall furnish each chapter ~~duplicate blanks for annual returns~~ return forms.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE VI, *Grand Secretary, Section 29. Grand Secretary.* F. He shall furnish each chapter annual return forms.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Annual return forms are emailed to each Chapter Secretary, who can make as many copies as they desire.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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 XII, *Chartered Chapters, Section 155D. Dual/Plural Membership – Duties of Chapter Secretaries and of Grand Secretary.*

A. The Secretary of each Missouri Chapter ~~chapter of Missouri~~ shall:

~~1. Forward to the Grand Secretary the personal application for Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~2. Forward to the Grand Secretary the Certificate of Good Standing for the Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~3. Notify the Grand Secretary upon the election of dual/plural member or the formation of a new chapter containing one or more dual/plural members;~~

4. Notify the Grand Secretary of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a dual/plural member;

5. Notify the Grand Secretary of the reinstatement to good standing of a dual/plural member;

~~6. Notify the Grand Secretary of the issuance of the Certificate of Withdrawal of a dual/plural membership;~~

7. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from chapter of “original membership” to the Grand Secretary for certification and transmittal;

~~8. Submit the Report of Dual/Plural Members as of December 31 of each and every year with the Annual Return. (Adopted May 3, 1997)~~

B. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri shall:

~~1. Forward the personal Application of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership to the chapters of this Jurisdiction and/or other Jurisdictions for the attention and action of the members, respectively;~~

~~2. Receive and transmit the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership which shall accompany the Petition for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~3. Notify the other chapters involved of the election of a dual/plural member, or the formation of a new chapter containing one or more dual/plural members;~~

4. Notify the other chapters involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, or the expulsion of a dual/plural member;

5. Notify the other chapters involved that a dual/plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

6. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the chapter of “original membership” to the chapter to be regarded by the member as the chapter of “original” or “parent” membership.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XII, *Chartered Chapters*, Section 155D. *Dual/Plural Membership – Duties of Chapter Secretaries and of Grand Secretary.*

A. The Secretary of each Missouri Chapter shall:

1. Notify the Grand Secretary of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a dual/plural member;

2. Notify the Grand Secretary of the reinstatement to good standing of a dual/plural member;

3. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from chapter of “original membership” to the Grand Secretary for certification and transmittal;

B. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri shall:

1. Notify the other chapters involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, or the expulsion of a dual/plural member;

2. Notify the other chapters involved that a dual/plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

3. Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the chapter of “original membership” to the chapter to be regarded by the member as the chapter of “original” or “parent” membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As membership records are now maintained in MMS, there is no need for these communications. The subordinate Secretaries can validate an applicant’s membership status in MMS. Additionally, none of the deleted items are being complied with. If adopted, the items above will be renumbered accordingly. Secretaries are reminded: **Section 155E. *Suspension of Dual/Plural Member for Non-Payment of Dues:*** A member shall become suspended in all Chapters for non-payment of dues when he fails to pay dues in either the original Chapter or the Chapter/Chapters he holds dual/plural membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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)

Section 158. Notice to Council and Commandery. ~~The secretary of each subordinate chapter within this jurisdiction is hereby required to send official notice of the suspension, expulsion, dimit, or reinstatement of any its members to the council of Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of Knights Templar within whose jurisdiction such chapter may be situated.~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This is no longer necessary since Secretaries and Recorders can now validate a member's prerequisite membership in MMS.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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 XVIII, Dues, Section 167. Annual Dues. Each chapter in this jurisdiction has the right to assess and collect from its members in the manner provided by its by-laws, such annual dues as may be deemed necessary to defray the proper expenses of the chapter however the minimum dues of any chapter shall not be less than \$10.00 plus Grand Chapter per capita and fees in addition to per capita of the General Grand Chapter.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To ensure the financial health of subordinate chapters.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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 XXIV, *Fees, Salaries and Allowances*, Section 203. *Allowances: General Grand Chapter.* There shall be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter such sum as may be required by the General Grand Chapter as ~~dues per capita~~, for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of each chartered chapter of this jurisdiction as shown by the annual returns of such chapter, except for those otherwise exempted by the General Grand Chapter in the form of remissions or General Grand Chapter Perpetual Memberships.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The General Grand Chapter does not charge dues, they charge per capita. Additionally, the General Grand Chapter allows for exemptions for remissions and Perpetual Memberships. Therefore, we do not actually pay “per capita” on each Royal Arch Masons borne upon the rolls of each chartered chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 7

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

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ARTICLE III, 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: I propose the entire section be repealed. The Grand Representative program has not been functional for many years. Those appointed as Grand Representatives rarely meet the expectations of the program, those of traveling to the respective jurisdiction, communicating with their counterpart, and filing an annual report with the Grand

Secretary's office concerning the activities and news of interest of their Grand Chapter to be included in the annual reports of our Grand Chapter. Additionally, many jurisdictions are doing away with the program since the transactions of their meetings can be found online in jurisdictional web sites and the primary role of a Grand Representative is null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

PROPOSAL No. 8

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

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

ARTICLE IX, *Revenues of the Grand Chapter*, Section 40. Annual Dues. Paragraph B.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: All charity checks as written would be in conformance with that as written in ARTICLE IX, SECTION 40. Paragraph C.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, PHP, Jefferson City Chapter No. 34

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

PROPOSAL No. 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE 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)

Addition of new ARTICLE XXIX, *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)*

Section 228. *Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)*. MMS will be the official repository of all membership records of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

Section 229. *Use of Data/Content*. Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the MMS system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

Section 230. *Users Must*.

- A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.
- B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.
- C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.
- D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.
- E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such.
- F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.
- G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.
- H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

Section 231. *Your Login and Password*. To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name and password. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Secretary immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

Section 232. *High Priest Responsibilities*.

- A. Shall ensure the utilization of MMS to manage all membership records of the Chapter

in a timely manner.

B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a chapter's membership records and will comply with **Section 233. Chapter Secretary Responsibilities.**

C. Shall notify the Grand Secretary immediately of any changes to the office of Secretary or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

Section 233. Chapter Secretary Responsibilities.

A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the MMS Administrators and the Grand Secretary's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the MMS system.

B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all chapter membership records in MMS, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.

C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Chapter.

D. Secretaries and IT Representatives shall log in to MMS no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.

E. Shall submit to the Grand Secretary a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Secretary by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

Section 234. Grand Secretary Responsibilities.

A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner.

B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Chapter.

C. Shall report to the Grand High Priest any deficiencies in utilization of MMS by any Chapter.

D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Chapter immediately following the close of the reporting year.

E. Shall generate a bill for each Chapter based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Chapter, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with **ARTICLE XII, Chartered Chapters, Section 103. Annual Returns.**, presenting said bill to the Chapter Secretary no later than February 1.

F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Chapter Secretary or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership records.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Chapter of Missouri formally adopted the MMS solution as our official membership database program. We need to establish rules governing the use of the system.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PHP, Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114

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

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

Fraternally submitted,
Robert W. Schlichter
Jerry F. Ward

Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr.
Glenn E. Means, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE/INVESTMENT

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

Companions, The Committee on Education would like to thank MEC Ronald L. Barrett, 2017-2018 for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter as members of this committee. At this time, there were no changes made to the Distinguished Chapter Award Form for 2018-2019. All chapters are reminded that parts of the DCA are mandatory and must be completed on or before the dates listed in order for the award to be considered.

Distinguished Chapter Award Winners for 2017-2018

Gold Level 1000 points and up:

Independence Chapter No. 12	Richard Alan Riepe	2017 points
St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	Taz Meyer	1140 points
Kansas City Chapter No. 28	Frank Bradley Fowler	1050 points
St. Charles Missouri Chapter No. 1	Bruce Hubbard	2016-2017 Masonic Year

Silver Level 600 points to 999 points:

Keystone Chapter No. 146	Ron Hartoebben	895 points
Lebanon Chapter No. 64	Dale R. Roller	845 points

We would like to congratulate these chapters for their efforts to further the cause of Royal Arch Masonry. A monthly education program has been submitted to all chapters that had working e-mail addresses associated to their chapter. We hope that it has been fun and educational for the

membership. As always, your education committee is open to all feedback and suggestions for improvement. We now respectfully submit this report for your consideration.

Fraternally submitted,
W. Larry Wilson, Chairman
Mark Schmidt
Tom G. Cupples
Christopher Tilley

Kyle R. Palacios
Aaron Shoemaker
Michael Smith
Clifton Wolford

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

(See Reports of Grand Secretary)

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Roy N. Thomas, Chairman

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

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 Session for 2018 will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City Missouri on June 5, 2019 thru June 9, 2019, with Grand Chapter meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Fraternally submitted,
Jerry L. Miles, Chairman

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

James L. Woodfin, Jr., Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

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

The Committee, per discussion with the Grand Treasurer, recommends we will donate \$500.00 to each youth group next year.

Fraternally submitted,
Harley L. Kropf, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

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

Companions, this year we had 5 new companions that purchased an Endowed Membership. As of this writing we have a total 635 members. This gives us a total value of \$147,599.90 for the year. We currently have 371 Living and 253 deceased Endowed Members. This means Chapters are receiving from 253 deceased members.

I want to thank MEC Trabue for his dedication in all his endeavors to keep this fund running on the plus side and distributing funds to Chapters that are due funds. I thank the committee for all their help.

Remember you can take out an Endowed membership in a lump sum or on payment plan with your Chapter. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.

Fraternally submitted,
Thomas T Herek PHP Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARCH CLASS

(No Report Available at Time of Printing, see Report of Ritual Committee)

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSOURI/ILLINOIS JOINT ROYAL ARCH CLASS

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

Companions, the Missouri/Illinois Joint Royal Arch Class was held at the St. Charles Masonic Temple on November 18, 2017 with the following slate of officers (List provided by Larry Simmons who served as host for the day):

Missouri St Charles Chapter No. 1 opening:

High Priest.....Larry Wilson
King.....Tom Cupples
Scribe.....Darren Beck
Treasurer.....George Merkle
Secretary.....Kevin Sample
Principal Sojourner.....Mike Dodd

Captain of the Host Mike Castle
Royal Arch Captain Jerry Miles
Master of the 3rd Veil Phil Cary
Master of the 2nd Veil..... Mike Smith
Master of the 1st Veil Mike Hartnet
Chaplain Glenn Parker
Sentinel Tom Tilley

Most Excellent Master Degree:

Right Worshipful Master..... Clifton Wofford
Senior Warden.....Tom Cupples
Junior WardenDraped
Secretary Phil Cary
Marshal.....Chris Tilley
Senior Deacon Jake Thompson
Junior Deacon..... Mike Smith
Master Overseer Chris Tilley
Senior OverseerDavid Leirer
Junior Overseer..... Jim Woodfin
Prologue..... Kevin Weaver
Lecture..... Jerry Miles
Craftsmen John Siscel, Ron Barrett,
Joe Elsen, Kenny Schumard, Dick Nelms
Sentinel Tom Tilley

Royal Arch Degree:

High Priest-Jes Jerry Miles
King-Zer..... Larry Wilson Stevens
Scribe-Hag Clifton Wofford
Treasurer Kyle Palacios
Secretary Phil Cary
Principal Sojourner Bill Humble
Royal Arch Captain Kevin Weaver
Master of the 3rd Veil Robert Schlichter
Master of the 2nd Veil..... Mike Rohman
Master of the 1st Veil Clarence Jennings
Lecture Bill Humble
Key Lecture..... Jerry Miles
Working Tools Jerry Miles
Apron Presentation Jerry Miles
Chaplain Phil Cary
Organist..... David Cox
Sentinel Tom Tilley

I would like to express a very special Thanks to Ron Barrett for this opportunity and even more to those above who displayed the work of the craft with precision and skill making this a very successful day.

I will now announce that Illinois will be hosting 2018, stay tuned for time and place. Thank each of you again for your dedication to the craft.

Fraternally submitted,
Mike Dodd, Regional Grand Lecturer East
Assisted by:
Dennis Fetter

Dennis Hammack
Kevin Sample

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

Companions, there is no report at this time from the Membership Committee.

Clifton W. Wofford, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

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

Companions, the Grand Chapter held its two annual festivals once again this year. In the fall, we gathered with Companions from Illinois to confer all the work: Illinois conferring the Mark and Past Master degrees with their ritual; Missouri being responsible for the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch. Under the leadership of VEC Michael Dodd, it was a fine success. During this year, Illinois will be the host, and Missouri will confer the first two degrees.

It was my pleasure to assist in a School of Instruction for the Kansas City Regional York Rite Conference with REC Don Gilkerson, but that was the only opportunity that was afforded at any of the Conferences that I was able to attend.

On March 3, the Grand Master's Royal Arch Class was held in Jefferson City. While the responsibility for assembling those casts were assigned to the Grand Lecturer, illness throughout the winter months and a trip to the ER in February hampered those responsibilities. REC Jerry Miles stepped up at the request of the Grand High Priest and brought together the casts and the day was most successful. My thanks to REC Miles for bailing me out!

The Grand High Priest also authorized the committee to investigate and discuss the possibility of moving the Pledge of Allegiance from its current place after the opening of the Chapter, to the very beginning of our convocations, as in the other York Rite bodies. While it

was my hope to have that meeting after Easter, my schedule at church between hospitalizations, emergencies and funerals; together with other Masonic gatherings prevented that meeting. I am planning to have that meeting before we get too involved with the York Rite Conferences this fall.

I encourage the Companions to have at least Regional Schools of Instruction in the coming year; local schools in your individual Chapters would be even better. If there is anything that I can do to assist in accomplishing that goal, or if you as members have any questions concerning the ritual, you have but to ask.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin E Weaver, Grand Lecturer

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

Your committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance(RARA) is pleased, honored & proud to report to you of this all-important activity here in the Show Me State.

Since 1974 the General Grand Chapter has designated Central Auditory Perception Disorders (CAPD) as its sole charity. Seven years ago, the board of directors moved its research to three charities to wit, Autism Speaks, University of Arizona & Dr. Frank Musiek and Hearing Health Foundation. These premier institutions have done a tremendous job in developing research on our charity!

How does this connect with us, and more importantly, you? Your Grand Chapter is your conduit to this research; it does so by forwarding on YOUR contributions to RARA. They are to wit:

2016-2017	\$2,256.80
2017-2018	\$2,292.80

Individual Chapter numbers are recorded both with MECs Don Trabue, Grand Treasurer, and Larry E. Gray, General Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri maintains both its dedication and loyalty to elimination of CAPD as early as possible.

Ralph Cantrell, PGHP
Mark A. Bean
John W. Siscel, III PGHP, Chairman

Dan Hatley
Steven C. Monrotus, PGHP

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, not many changes were made this year to the Grand York Rite web site which is a testament to the good work of our web master. We again continue to update our social media notifications. We extend to VEC Donald MacCormick our most sincere appreciation for his hard work and dedication as our web master.

We encourage everyone to “subscribe” to the Grand York Rite email distribution list and Like us on Facebook so you can receive the timeliest notices.

The Calendar of Events 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.

There are a number of very useful forms and documents located under the Document Library which I would direct everyone to. The big one we added this year is the MMS Training video for all Secretaries and Recorders.

This year we tried something new with the EventBrite on-line meals registration. I was personally aware of two complaints about its difficulty to use. We apologize if things were not clear, but the majority of you that used it seemed to be able to navigate the system just fine. I understand from our web master that next year will be even better.

If you find something missing, let me know and we will bring it up to date and post it for everyone’s use.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Kyle R. Palacios

Donald MacCormick, Web Master
Aaron M. Shoemaker

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

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

The Strategic Planning Committee is happy to report that a couple of our larger issues that were discussed last year have been implemented and we are already reaping the benefits!

1) For several years the Grand Chapter has struggled with balancing the budget to keep up with inflation and other costs that affected the efficiency of the body. The increase in per capita has helped the Grand Chapter implement a balanced and fair budget for the ensuing year and should also benefit our budget for several years to come.

We had some issues with wording that are being remedied by the Jurisprudence committee going forward. We anticipate no other issues and expect the increase to provide the much-needed assistance for which it was intended.

2) Getting an updated and comprehensively sound database has been a real thorn in our productivity and accountability. No more! With the diligence of the Grand Secretary, the new MMS database has been inducted into service. The results of this move have been substantial and immediate!

- the implementation has resulted in giving us a streamlined, detailed and ACCURATE count of Missouri Royal Arch Masons.
- the TRUE accountability has given us an accurate baseline for the Royal Arch Magazine, resulting in adjusted billing which saves the Grand Chapter hundreds of dollars!
- in addition to the savings, many companions are now receiving the magazine for the first time!
- the new MMS allows us to coordinate our database with other Masonic databases making our accountability tighter across many jurisdictions.
- ultimately this will also make chapter secretary reporting more streamlined and accurate.
- we are able to use the conferencing options more efficiently, which is already assisting our communications state-wide!

3) Streamlining the Grand Chapter Grand Session is another task we are working on and once again we were able to start this year by reducing the overall sessions by one day. This will continue to be a living hot item for the ensuing term as well.

Finally, know that the Strategic Planning Committee is here for you to receive and discuss any ideas which would ultimately lead to a better and more efficient Grand Chapter.

Fraternally Submitted,
Kyle Palacios, Chairman
Jerry Miles
Dan Daniel

Ronald Barrett
David Leirer

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Kyle Palacios, Chairman

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