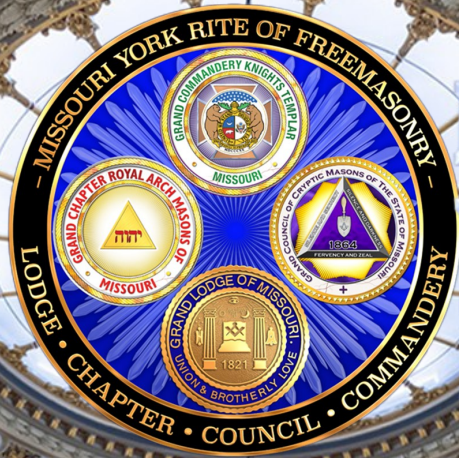


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A Message from the Grand High Priest

MEC Michael L. Dodd

Grand High Priest



Dear Companions and Brethren,

As you read this, Missouri has just finished its One Hundred Seventy Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons this past Saturday, June 8, 2024, which was held in Springfield, Missouri. At this session, many Great York Rite Masons along with our Masonic ladies were introduced and recognized for their outstanding Merits and leadership for the past year.

A very fine and extremely emotional tribute was shared on the late REC John Samuel Lambros, Grand King, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, while his family was present in the audience. It was a tearful moment for all. As we entered into our official session, it was brought to the floor that John be posthumously invested with the rank and dignity of Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. This was without a doubt the correct thing to do as the standing ovation showed when called to a vote.

Shortly following this important transaction, the annual elections of officers was called to the floor where I was elected, and graciously accepted, to serve this 2024-2025 Masonic year as your Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Thank you my Companions for bestowing this great honor upon me.

We have a GREAT LINE of officers that along with myself, will do all we can to reach out across this great state to visit, assist and support work, participate in Chapter rededication ceremonies, Symbolic Lodge recruitment, Chapter walkabouts, promoting the knowledge of Royal Arch Research Assistance through Central Auditory Processing Disorder, and regional conferences with new faces, fun, facts, history, and family.

We are already on the road as I have attended both the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly and presentation in Springfield and the JOBS Daughters Grand Session and presentation.

I plan to see many of you in regular lodges while raising the interest of RED. Remember that this is not about me, but all about you, the credit will be yours as you show the world that you are proud to be a ROYAL ARCH MASON! Remember: WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME!

Pray, Study, Mentor, and Serve.

Your Friend,

Michael L. Dodd





Message from the Grand Master

MIC Matthew D. Ruth
Most Illustrious Grand Master



Greetings my fellow Companions,

What a great time we had at our Annual Assembly, thank you to all those who were able to make it and if you missed it this year mark your calendar's now for next year in Kansas City!

It is truly an honor to be elected and serve as your Grand Master, it's hard to put into words the feelings of gratitude and responsibility one feels to be chosen by their peers to lead such an esteemed institution.

The officers of the Grand Council have hit the ground running and have some great things in store this year. We have a refreshed Council Merit Award, some exciting updates from our Charity Committee coming soon and the Launch of "THE VAULT PROJECT" a preservation program sponsored by Grand Master's Council No.0 research Council. We look forward to working alongside the Missouri Lodge of Research in the promotion, training, and support of preservation programs across the State that will include "Archival Kits" that can be ordered to assist in Preserving our Rich History.

My message for the year is to call back to the lessons we are taught in the first degree. The tenets of a Freemason's profession are laid out to the youngest entered apprentice and should be our guide in all of our future work.

Brotherly Love – To create meaningful connections based on purposeful engagements. This means doing something special in our Councils every year, holding a Cryptic event outside of our regular assemblies that strengthens the bonds from one companion to another. Truly embracing the idea of being a man of my choosing, someone we wish to spend our time with, and build true friendships.

Relief – The work of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is nothing short of miraculous and we must continue to spread the word to not only our fellow companions but all of society. Let us be the ambassadors of this great work and share the message of hope to all who can benefit from its research. To our co-workers, neighbors, relatives and friends both inside and out of the fraternity.

Truth – The lessons designed to be inculcated in our degrees are those of antiquity, veiled in tales of allegories, and illustrated by arcane symbolism. We must speak up and share from our hearts the esoteric meanings of our ceremonies. For they are the utmost of importance if we are to truly call ourselves craftsman in the erection of a spiritual temple, fitting as a dwelling place of the Divine!

To accomplish these aims we only need to keep in mind three simple goals, ones I am grateful to share from a friend, MIC Daniel Hantulla, PGM of the Grand Council of Oklahoma, who said

"Everything you do must accomplish three goals:

- 1. The organization must do something for the good of Masonry.**
- 2. You and your attendees must enjoy themselves.**
- 3. You must make someone wish they had attended."**

If we keep these 3 goals in mind in all that we do, then surely we will succeed in Preserving the Traditions of Freemasonry!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming Regional Conferences across the state and visiting your Councils this year.

By the Mysterious Alarm,

Matthew D. Ruth

Grand Master



Message from the Grand Commander

SK Bobbie E. White
Right Eminent Grand Commander



Greetings Sir Knights,

I can not tell you how humbled and yet exhilarated I am that you granted me the opportunity to serve you as Grand Commander for this year. I look forward to visiting with you all, working with all of you, and having some great fun this year.

I have some big shoes to try and fill this year. Following Superman Sample will not be easy. That man was every where and did almost everything possible and was one heck of a leader especially in working with Russell Hanson PGC to fix our finances. I probably won't make it every where but if your Commandery would like me to visit please send me an invitation and I will do everything I can to be there.

I am hoping we can have some good fun this year. We have instituted a Class D Drill team which only requires five (5) men so every Commandery should be able to put a team on the floor in Columbia, Missouri, this upcoming Saturday, April 19th, 2025. I also hope you will open up your Christmas and Easter Observances to bring in family and friends. I had a great time last year at the Ascalon/Ivanhoe Palm Sunday Grand Commanders Breakfast and Observance. It's really wonderful to have our families involved and see that we are Christian Masons.

My main theme this year is "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" from Matthew 5:9. We need to remember where we came from and our mission to keep the peace for pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land. Today we need to keep the peace in our meetings and our lives remembering that arguments get us nowhere, but good discussions can be fruitful.

Last year the Three Amigos talked about Unity and this year we continue but using the words of my good friend Mike Dodd "We are all in this together" so let's strive to see who can best work and who can best agree. Lastly the sale of my coins will be used to support the Coyote Hills Foster Care Ministries. We took an oath to defend the helpless orphans so that is my goal this year. I was in Law Enforcement for 43 years and one of the hardest things we had to do was send children to foster care, especially with large families as they were split up and sometimes would never see each other again. Coyote Hills doesn't do that and takes in families of all sizes so please join me in supporting this great cause.

Finally, the men of Liberty Commandery #6 are sponsoring an Official Reception for the Grand Commander on Saturday, July 27th, at the Liberty Lodge, 10 E Franklin St, Liberty, Missouri - Social hour at Noon with a light lunch at one o'clock- please notify SK Gilkerson at gilkersondon@gmail.com if you are attending so we can have enough food for everyone - I hope to see you there.

Please feel free to contact me or one of my aides if you have questions, ideas or an invitation. I look forward to greeting you when ever I can.

Fraternally,

Bobbie White, Grand Commander

2024 Missouri
GRAND YORK RITE
SESSIONS JUNE 5-9

Welcome to the first issue of the Beacon Magazine since the Grand York Rite Session. If you were there, you know of all the excitement that there was to be had. If you missed it, then you missed out on the a lot of fun.

Where to start, well, the first night we had a meeting with the Yeoman of York. Who might you ask are the Yeoman of York, it is an invitational body composed of highly dedicated and long serving York Rite Masons. Membership requires affiliation with the Knights Templar, and members must be Past Eminent Commanders of a Knight Templar Commandery. Originally, this body conferred 33 degrees, but now only one is conferred.

Next we had a gathering of the Allied Masonic Degrees. After the business meeting they conferred one of their stored degrees. The Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) are a series of Masonic degrees conferred by Councils of the Allied Masonic Degrees. The Allied Masonic Degrees form an appendant order of Freemasonry that exists in some Masonic jurisdictions; its degrees are conferred only by invitation.

Finally, we finished the evening with a little conferred degree of the Masonic Order of the Bath. Originally called the Wahoo Band, the Masonic Order of the Bath is a degree that would be labeled as "fun" and is open to all Master Masons in good standing. This group should not be confused with the chivalric order found in England. The first Band formed on June 21, 1921, in Red Bank, NJ, by nine brothers from Mystic Brotherhood Lodge No.21.

Then Thursday morning, our three Grand Officers threw an appreciation breakfast for our district and regional officers for all that they do for our fraternity.

We follow that by entering into the 158th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri were we greeted other grand officials, handed out awards, and conducted our normal yearly business. The results of the by-law changes may be found further into this magazine.

At lunch, we had a wonder presentation from Heather K. Calloway, Executive Director of University Collection at Indiana University on the Preserving of Fraternal and Religious Memorabilia and Collections. She enlightened everyone on their collection, what it takes to preserve such a collection, and it takes everyone to make such a operation work.

Once lunch was completed, we entered into the Order of the Silver Trowel, or Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree, which is typically worked on a District level and is bestowed upon a current or past Illustrious Master of the craft.

Upon returning to our session, we completed the needed business, followed by installation of the Grand Council Officers. Congratulations to MIC Matt Ruth and his line of officers for being installed as your Grand Line for the Royal and Select Masters.

Dinner was a spectacular and wonderful time of fun and food. We had a nice fiesta food bar, a pinata, and a Marvel vs. DC comics Trivia night. By the time it was done, everyone was relaxed and ready for a good night's sleep.

On Friday, we start with a wonderful breakfast bar and meeting with the Red Cross of Constantine. The Red Cross of Constantine is officially The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist, the latter two of which are called the Appendant Orders. There are also two chair degrees conferred on the Viceroy and Sovereign of a Conclave, and two honorary orders: Knight Commander of Constantine and Knight Grand Cross. The governing body of the Order for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction is styled The United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and Its Jurisdiction. This is an invitational Masonic Body.

After which, we walked down the hallway to the Grand Commandery of Missouri's Conclave. Many wonderful members were welcomed and a large group of visiting dignitaries were received. Many kind words were share by all before we entered into the passing out of awards. Upon completion, all none members of

the craft were excused and the Grand Commandery opened in their usual spectacular glory. As business was conducted, a wide variety of proposed by-law changes were offered and the outcoming decisions can be found in the following pages of this magazine.

An open lunch was sponsored by the Yeomen of York. Followed by the degree of the Past Commander's Association. It was a beautiful and moving degree which if any of you Past Commanders have not taken, you are missing out on a major part of your Masonic teachings.

We returned to session of the Grand Commandery and following its conclusion conducted its installation of the Grand Commandery Officers. Congratulations to SK Bobbie White and his line of officers for being installed as your Grand Line for the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri.

A short break gave us a chance for old friends and Brothers to catch up on each other's lives and happening before dinner at the Distinguished Guests Banquet. We celebrated this year in true Madi Gras fashion. After dinner, the celebration continued with some nice drinks and a wonderful karaoke session.

After a well earned night's sleep, we began a beautiful morning with a breakfast meeting for the KYCH or to dine on your own at the terrace breakfast buffet before a wonder gathering at the historical Palmyra Chapter Number 2.

After a brief meeting and installation of officers, we would turn our attention to the opening of the Grand Chapter of Missouri's 177th Annual Convocation. Before the formal opening we would receive distinguished guest, present awards for those Companions and Chapters that had earned them, and witness some moving presentations.

After the opening of our Grand Chapter, we would continue on with our regular business and presentations. New by-laws were presented and voted upon with the results following later in this magazine. As the noontime toll, we broke for a lunch that was open to all.

Short after which, the Order of High Priesthood was offered to those High Priest, past and present, who had not yet received the degree. It was wonderfully

performed by an amazing cast of Companions.

After a short break, we returned to complete the unfinished business with the Grand Chapter and a beautiful installation of officers was then conducted. Congratulation MEC Mike Dodd to you and your team of talented officers.

The evening would end with the Grand York Rite Banquet with a beautiful arrangement of various songs performed by a String Quartet from the Springfield Symphony orchestra. Following dinner, a large and varying amount of awards were presented to the companion and sir knights of the craft.

The next morning, a worship service and breakfast buffet were offered to the attendees, followed by a long drive home.

If you missed out on this year's Grand Session, you really missed out. However, next year's session promises to be just as fun. It will be held in June 2025 in Kansas City, Missouri. We hope you all can make it.





GRAND COMMANDERY of MISSOURI

*From the desk of S.K. Ashley W. Young, Eminent
Grand Standard Bearer
and Chairman of the Education Committee*

Sir Knights:

Over seventy years ago, Most Worshipful Brother and Sir Knight Ray V. Denslow wrote the following in his introduction to A Templar Encyclopedia: “The poorest informed Freemasons of the American or York Rite of Freemasonry are those belonging to the Order of Knights Templar. The reason for this lack of information is not the fault of the individual Templar, but because of the failure of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies to acquaint them with the facts regarding the formation of the Order and its associated degrees (or Orders as they prefer to call them). It is true there are encyclopedias of Freemasonry, but the average Templar is not going to spend his time searching through several thousand articles in an attempt to find something concerning the Orders of Christian Knighthood. And again, he might not recognize a Templar reference as such.”

Your Right Eminent Grand Commander, S.K. Bobbie E. White, has charged the newly-appointed members of the Grand Commandery’s Education Committee with – among other tasks – continuing the Grand Commandery’s work to rectify this issue, identified by S.K. Denslow all those years ago!

In future editions of The Missouri York Rite Beacon, your Education Committee will provide articles of chivalric education, concerning both the history of Masonic Templary, as well as the meaning of our ritualistic work. In the meantime – and beyond – the Committee encourages all Sir Knights to take advantage of the educational resources provided by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. You can find those resources by visiting templared.org and creating an account.

We close this introductory article where we began, with the words of S.K. Denslow: “The strength of

Templary is not altogether in its numbers, in its fulsome treasury, its waving plumes, or gaudy parades. Its strength is in the hearts of those thousands of its members who strive honestly and earnestly in their daily lives to exemplify those virtues taught by Jesus Christ who wore neither uniform, plume, sword nor gauntlet, and who carried no weapon to protect himself—no shield to defend his person.”

In hoc signo vinces,

Education Committee of the Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

S.K. Ashley W. Young, Chairman

S.K. W. Stuart English

S.K. Budd C. Gilfillen

S.K. Jessie Morrison

S.K. Christopher L. Story

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Ray Vaughn Denslow



On May 20th at the Regular stated Council Meeting the IM of Liberty Council #50 was pleased to present Council Veterans Awards to two Companions. In the photo IC Derek Pope is in the middle and on his right is Retired Major Budd C Gilfillen, US Army and on his left is former E-4 Jessie D Morrison, US Marine Corps. Thank you for your service Companions.



The Companions Caldwell Chapter No. 53 were joined by the Companions of Putnam Chapter No. 123 to receive and acknowledge four brethren as Most Excellent Masters, and subsequently exalt them to the degree of the Royal Arch, during a special convocation of Caldwell Chapter on May 11th, 2024, at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. Congratulations to our new Companions in Royal Arch Masonry

Pictured, front row, from left: Comp. Larry D. Baker, Scribe of Caldwell Chapter; Comp. Logan P.

Gatlin, a new member of Putnam Chapter; Comp. Chad V. Gatlin, a new member of Putnam Chapter; Comp. Derek W. Nelson, a new member of Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 R.A.M.; Comp. Jeremy W. Randall, a new member of Caldwell Chapter; and VEC Ashley W. Young, Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter and District Deputy Grand High Priest for Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Middle row, from left: VEC Charles E. Cooper, Chaplain and Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter and Past District Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Chapter; EC Tom G. Cupples, Jr., Past High Priest of St. Charles Chapter No. 1 R.A.M.; VEC W. Stuart English, Past High Priest of Jefferson City Chapter and Assistant Grand Sentinel and Regional Grand Lecturer West of the Grand Chapter; and Comp. Matthew N. Moore, Captain of the Host of Caldwell Chapter.

Back row, from left: EC Richard L. Mansfield, Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter; EC Craig A. Nowell, High Priest of Caldwell Chapter; REC Michael L. Dodd, Past High Priest of Shelbina Chapter No. 99 R.A.M. and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter; Comp. Clayton R. Furman, Companion of Caldwell Chapter; VEC Jeffrey L. Knight, High Priest of Putnam Chapter and District Deputy Grand Lecturer for Region One of the Grand Chapter; and EC William J. King, Recorder and Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter.



Region 7A Arresting the Traveling Keystone

On Wednesday June 19 a thing happened that is all too rare in Royal Arch Masonry. Twenty-six Companions gathered together in fraternal fellowship in attendance at the Stated Convocation of Bolivar Chapter No.5. Their purpose, aside from a general desire to meet and attend a meeting, was to Arrest the Traveling Keystone. Five members from Lebanon Chapter No.64 and five members from Springfield Chapter No.15 attended the meeting. According to the rules of the Traveling Keystone, if there is a tie in the number of visiting Companions, the Chapter that traveled the



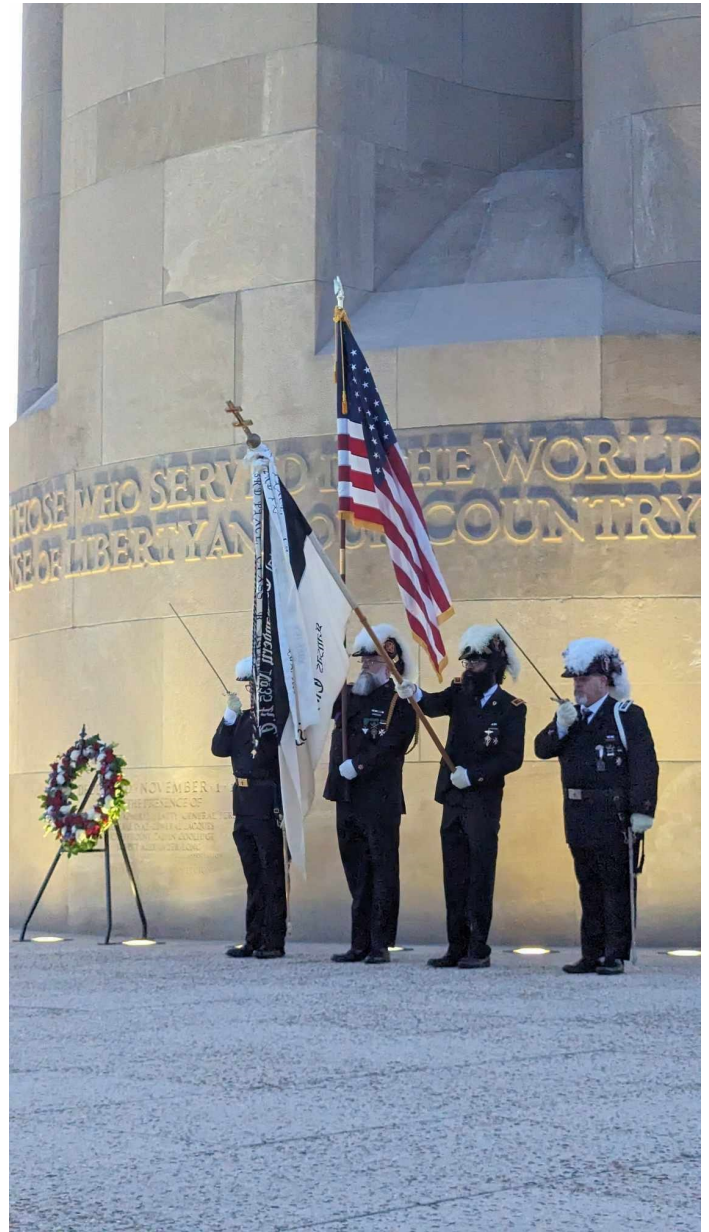
farthest receives the Keystone. Lebanon Chapter No.64 successfully Arrested the Traveling Keystone. Bolivar Chapter No.5 is to be commended for having no less than 16 members present as well.

The Traveling Keystone is an adaptation of the Traveling Gavel found in Symbolic Lodges. Its purpose is to generate Fraternal Fellowship and visitation between Chapters.

If your Region does not have one, or does not utilize the Traveling Keystone that you do have, I would encourage you to get it kick started once again!!



Five Commanderies from the Kansas City Metropolitan area were present at the Taps at the Tower event at the World War I Museum and Memorial.



<https://www.kctv5.com/2024/06/17/kansas-citys-taps-at-the-tower-honor-continues-wwi-museum-memorial/>



Make your Mark through the nobility of labor

He who would rule others must first learn to rule himself

M.W.B. Charles F. Wiegert, Grand Master & M.E.C. Michael L. Dodd, Grand High Priest
invite you to experience the first two Degrees of the Royal Arch.

Missouri Grand Chapter Convocation 2023-2024



Missouri Grand Council Assembly 2023-2034



Missouri Grand Commandery Conclave 2023-2024



Grand York Rite Dinners 2023-2024



The York Rite is well represented at the Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls this weekend in Springfield, MO. The Grand High Priest, Grand Master, and Grand Commander gave out some Youth Awards to very worthy recipients and bring donations from each of the bodies. Nicely done!



2024 Grand Chapter Proposed Legislation

1. *John Lambros Resolution No. 15*
2. *Article IX Section 45*
3. *Article IX Section 142*
4. *Article X Section 47*
5. *Article X Section 46*
6. *Article X Section 47 – E*
7. *Article XVIII Section 164 – G*
8. *Article II Section 9A*
9. *Article II Section 10*
10. *Article VI Section 1B*
11. *Article VI Section 30*
12. *Article III Section 20*
13. *Repeal of Standing Resolution No. 1*
14. *Officers Resolution No. 16*

Standing Resolution Number 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin M. Ritter, PHP
Springfield Chapter No. 15

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

PROPOSAL No. 1

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE IX Revenues of the Grand Chapter

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

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli,
PHP Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25

Jim McManigle, PHP
Bolivar Chapter No. 5



PASSED

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

PROPOSAL No. 2

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE IX

Revenues of the Grand Chapter

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

Statement of purpose:

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Bellefontaine Chapter No.25

Jim McManigle, PHP
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 3

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE X

Standing Committees

Section 47. Duties of Committees

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

Statement of purpose:

To set qualifications for members of the Investment Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Bellefontaine Chapter No.25

Jim McManigle, PHP
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 4

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE X

Standing Committees

Section 46. Standing Committees

1. Investments

Statement of purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Bellefontaine Chapter No.25

Jim McManigle, PHP
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 5

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

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ARTICLE X Standing Committees

Section 47: Duties of Committees

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

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PHP
Bellefontaine Chapter No.25

Jim McManigle, PHP
Bolivar Chapter No. 5

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 6

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE XVIII

Dues

Section 164. ~~Endowed Membership.~~

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

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

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Bolivar Chapter No. 5



Legislation for Action at 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 7

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II Grand Officers

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

Grand High Priest,
Grand King,
Grand Scribe,
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary



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

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

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP
Kansas City Chapter No. 28

Mark A. Bean, PHP
Columbia Chapter No. 17

Kevin B. Sample, PHP
Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 8

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

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ARTICLE II Grand Officers

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

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

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



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

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

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Mark A. Bean, PHP
Columbia Chapter No. 17

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Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 9

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE VI Officers

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

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

Statement of Purpose

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP
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Columbia Chapter No. 17

Kevin B. Sample,
PHP Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 14

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Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal No. 10

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

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ARTICLE VI *Grand Secretary*

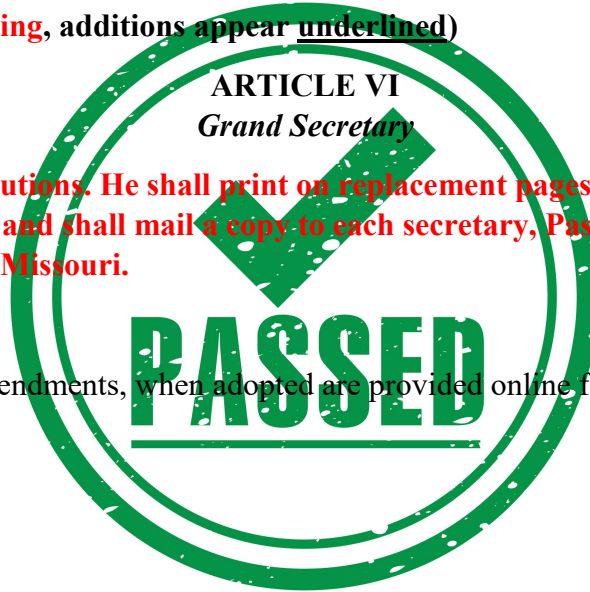
Section 30. Standing Resolutions. He shall print on replacement pages all the standing resolutions and amendments, as adopted, and shall mail a copy to each secretary, Past Grand High Priest and officer of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP
Kansas City Chapter No. 28



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal Number 11

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II Powers and Duties of the Grand High Priest

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

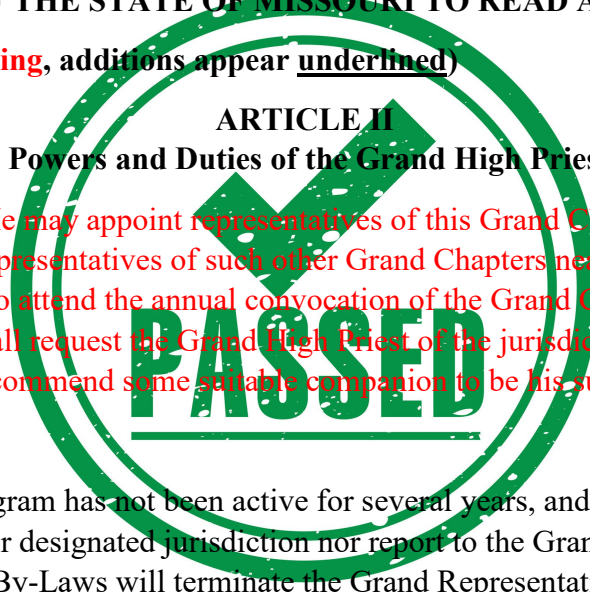
Statement of Purpose :

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PHP

Kansas City Chapter No. 28



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

PROPOSAL No. 12

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

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

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

~~Standing Resolution No. 1~~

~~Adopted May 14, 2004, Repealed June 8, 2024~~

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

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally Submitted:

Russell S. Hanson, PHP
Columbia Chapter 17

Standing Resolution

Number 16

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

Whereas, each would normally advance through each station to the Grand East, and **Whereas,** those Offices are now appointed stations.

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick PHP
Kansas City Chapter No. 28

WITHDRAWN

2024 Grand Council Proposed Legislation

1. *ARTICLE III Sec 18 (4)*
2. *ARTICLE III Sec 18 (11)*
3. *ARTICLE XVI Sec 140 (7)*
4. *ARTICLE XVIII Sec 142*
5. *ARTICLE I Section 5*
6. *ARTICLE I Section 7*
7. *ARTICLE I Section 8*
8. *ARTICLE I Section 11*
9. *ARTICLE II Section 20*
10. *ARTICLE VI Section 30*
11. *ARTICLE II Section 11*

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

Proposal Number 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

Grand Council Contracts. The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. (Added 5/13/15, 7/8/18)

Statement of purpose: This corrects the spelling of the word "contract."

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM
Jeremiah Council No. 48

Donald MacCormick, PM
Kansas City Council No. 45



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

(11) Investment Committee

A committee consisting of three companions preferably with a background or expertise in financial matters shall form the Investment Committee. One of whom shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts; the other two shall be appointed by the Grand Master. They shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

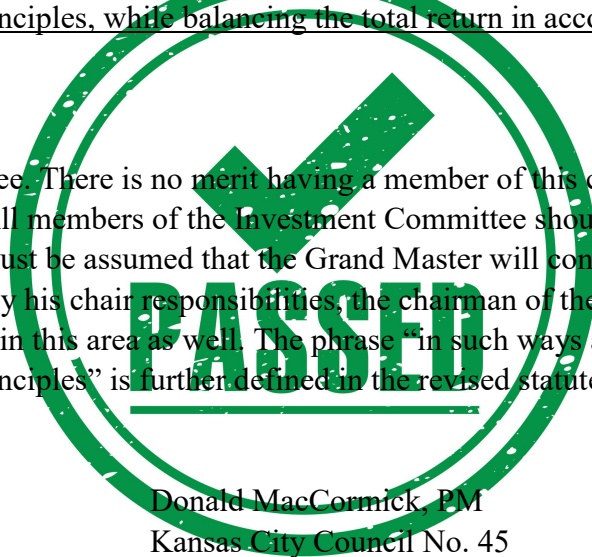
Statement of purpose

This is a specialized committee. There is no merit having a member of this committee based on the Grand Council position they hold. All members of the Investment Committee should possess a knowledge of or acumen in financial matters. It must be assumed that the Grand Master will consider these qualifications when choosing his appointments. By his chair responsibilities, the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts should be well versed in this area as well. The phrase "in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles" is further defined in the revised statutes of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM
Jeremiah Council No. 48

Donald MacCormick, PM
Kansas City Council No. 45



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE XVI.

Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)

SEC. 140. Endowed Membership.

7. All monies received by the Grand Recorder from the constituent Councils for the purchase of an Endowed Membership shall be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund. **The principal of this Endowed Membership Fund shall be invested in a manner determined by the Governing Body but not less than one-half of the principal must be in obligations of the United States or in securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri States. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equity securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange.** The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

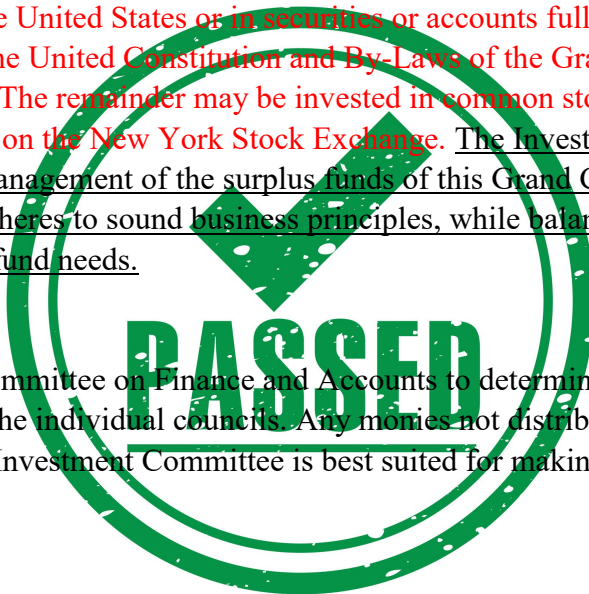
Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how they will structure the annual return of monies to the individual councils. Any monies not distributed should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM
Jeremiah Council No. 48

Donald MacCormick, PM
Kansas City Council No. 45



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE XVIII

Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt

SEC. 142. *Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt.*

There is hereby created a foundation to be known as the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. All funds placed in the above named fund shall be separate and apart from the General Fund of the Grand Council. The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the restricted base, as designated by the Finance Committee, in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, and in keeping with guidelines established in the Revised Statues of Missouri Section 402.132-134.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how these monies will be utilized. Any monies not utilized should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM
Jeremiah Council No. 48

Donald MacCormick, PM
Kansas City Council No. 45



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

PROPOSAL No. 5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 5. Grand Officers, Elective and Appointive. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Master
Deputy Grand
Master Grand
Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Treasurer Grand
Recorder **and**

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Grand Captain of the Guard. A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and all such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. The appointive officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
Grand Marshal,
Grand Steward,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,
Grand Organist and Grand Chorister.

They shall serve for one year under the Grand Master making the appointment, and such appointment shall in no way be construed to be prerequisite to election to any elective office at some future time.

Statement of Purpose:

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

Fraternally submitted,

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Kansas City Council No. 45

Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
Nevada Council No. 65

Kevin B. Sample, PM
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

Proposal Number 6

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 7. Grand Officers, How Elected. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall severally be elected by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast for that purpose, at each Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. Should there only be one Companion in nomination for each elective office, the election may be by acclamation.

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Fraternally submitted,

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Kansas City Council No.

Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
45 Nevada Council No.

Kevin B. Sample, PM
65 Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

Proposal Number 7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 8. Grand Officers, How Appointed. The appointive officers of the Grand Council shall be appointed by the Grand Master. **with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.**

FAILED

Statement of Purpose

Fraternally submitted,

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Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM
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65 Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

Proposal Number 8

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC 11. Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Council desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masters of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Council or Councils in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Council; and a photo, if available.

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

Statement of Purpose: To further democratize the election process and allow those worthy Companions a mechanism to step forward and serve.

Fraternally submitted,

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Nevada Council No. 65

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Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

Proposal Number 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE III.

SEC. 20. Reports, **Must Be in Writing.** **The reports of all the committees shall be submitted in writing, typewritten on sheets approximately 8 1/2x11 inches.** should be submitted electronically in Word, PDF, are any other editable electronic format. All reports must be submitted to the Grand Recorder at least 45 days prior to the Annual Assembly. They are to be printed and distributed by the Grand Recorder to each registrant at the Annual Assembly. It is acknowledged that some reports due to their nature cannot be completed and made available until the date of the Annual Assembly, and this will be permitted by recommendation of the Grand Master. (Amended 5/2/97)

Statement of Purpose: Committee reports are already submitted electronically to the Grand Recorder, this brings the bylaws inline with reality.

Fraternally submitted,

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Nevada Council No. 65

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Poplar Bluff Council No. 27



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Chapter Convocation

Proposal No. 10

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

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ARTICLE VI Grand Secretary

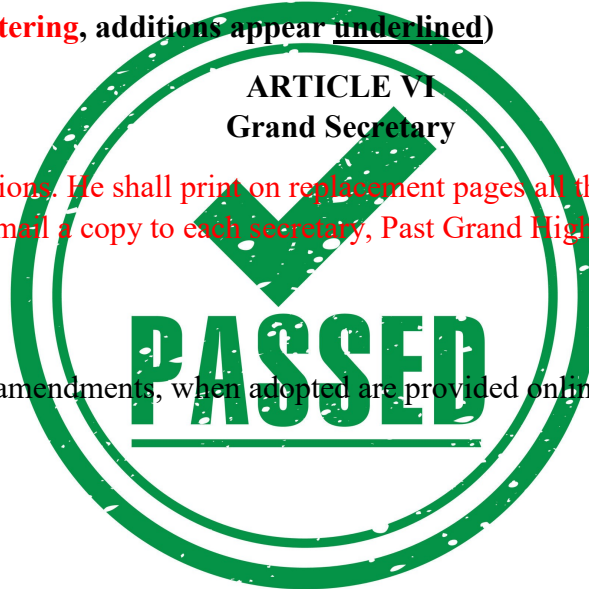
Section 30. Standing Resolutions. ~~He shall print on replacement pages all the standing resolutions and amendments, as adopted, and shall mail a copy to each secretary, Past Grand High Priest and officer of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.~~

Statement of Purpose

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
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Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Council Assembly

PROPOSAL No. 11

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 11. The Grand Master, Powers and Duties.

(2) ~~He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and may also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of this Grand Council. When a representative shall fail to attend two consecutive Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council, the Grand Master shall request the Grand Master of the jurisdiction he represents to declare the position vacant, and recommend and appoint a suitable companion to be his successor.~~

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PM
Kansas City Council No. 45



2024 Grand Commandery

Proposed Legislation

1. ARTICLE I Section 3
2. ARTICLE II Section 21.docx
3. Officers Resolution No xx.docx
4. ARTICLE II Section 27 H
5. ARTICLE IV Section 41 C

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Commandery Conclave

Proposal Number 1

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

(Deletions appear in red lettering, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE I

The Grand Commandery

Section 3. Of Whom Composed. The Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

- A. The Grand Commander
- The Deputy Grand Commander
- The Grand Generalissimo
- The Grand Captain General
- The Grand Senior Warden
- The Grand Junior Warden
- The Grand Prelate
- The Grand Treasurer
- The Grand Recorder
- The Grand Standard Bearer
- The Grand Sword Bearer
- The Grand Warder
- The Grand Sentinel



of whom the following shall be elected by ballot:

- The Grand Commander
- The Deputy Grand Commander
- The Grand Generalissimo
- The Grand Captain General
- The Grand Senior Warden
- The Grand Junior Warden
- The Grand Standard Bearer
- The Grand Sword Bearer
- The Grand Warder

who shall constitute the successive elective line, and

The Grand Treasurer
The Grand Recorder.

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

The following officers shall be appointed:

The Grand Senior Warden
The Grand Junior Warden
The Grand Standard Bearer
The Grand Sword Bearer
The Grand Warder
The Grand Prelate
The Grand Sentinel



and they shall serve one year under the Grand Commander making the appointment.

Statement of Purpose: To democratize the election process and shorten the Grand Commandery Line.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PC / Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Kevin B. Sample, PC / Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Commandery Conclave

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in red lettering, additions appear underlined)

Section 21. Election of Officers. Election of Officers of the Grand Commandery shall be held at each Annual Conclave, at an hour to be announced in the official notice. Any eligible member of this Grand Commandery desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Conclave, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Commandery or Commanderies in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Commandery; and a photo, if available.

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

Statement of Purpose: To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PC / Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Kevin B. Sample, PC / Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Commandery Conclave

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE II The Grand Officers

Section 27. H. H. Appoint and commission representatives of the Grand Commandery near the other Grand Commanderies and receive and accredit representatives from such other Grand Commanderies, who must be permanent members of the Grand Commandery. When the representative of any Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Missouri fails for two successive years to attend the conclave of this Grand Commandery without giving a satisfactory explanation to the Grand Commander, he shall notify the Grand Commander of the jurisdiction concerned.

Statement of Purpose

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

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick, PC
Kansas City Commandery No. 10

Kevin B. Sample, PC
Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67



Legislation for Action at the 2024 Grand Commandery Conclave

PROPOSAL No. 4

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in **red lettering**, additions appear underlined)

ARTICLE IV

Revenue and Compensation

Section 41. Financing.

C. **Grand Commandery General Fund Endowment.** ~~That an endowment fund be established in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to make available at any future time a partial source of funds which may be used for general fund purposes. This fund shall be invested as per the direction of the Investment Committee. The right is reserved to amend, modify or repeal any or all parts of this section for any reason.~~ (Adopted 05/19/06, Amended 06/01/23, Repealed 06/07/2024)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I propose that Section 41, Paragraph C be repealed. The former Retirement Fund was discontinued by legislative actions taken during the 2006 Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri on May 19, 2006. Since that date, the former Retirement Fund money has become known as the Special General Fund money. During the passing years the Special General Fund money has not always been invested with the earned gains being used for General Fund purposes. Therefore, it is now time to convert all of the Special General Fund money into General Fund money and discontinue the using Special General Fund as a separate fund label.

Fraternally Submitted

SK Russell S. Hanson, PC St. Graal Commandery No. 12

Standing Resolution No. 13

Whereas, the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Warder having been previously elected to those stations by the Grand Commandery, and

Whereas, each would normally advance through each station to the Grand East, and **Whereas**, those Offices are now appointed stations.

Therefore, be it resolved, that each elected Officer currently elected shall advance through each station as elected by the Grand Commandery. As the current Grand Warder advances through each station, the Office vacated shall become an appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald MacCormick PC / Kansas City Commandery No.10

Kevin B. Sample, PC / St. Graal Commandery No. 12

Grand Officers Coins for Sale

The Grand York Rite has numerous items for sale. One of which is the Grand Officers coins. For a small donation of \$20.00 you may obtain their coin or \$60.00 for all three coins through our Grand York Rite Offices (660) 248-5100.



MEC Mike Dodd, Grand High Priest Coin 2024-25



MIC Matthew D. Ruth Most Illustrious Grand Master Coin 2024-25



SK Bobbie White, Right Eminent Grand Commander Coin 2024-25

These coins are in limited production. So, hurry and purchase one now as they will soon be out of stock. All donations go to the Grand Officer's charity. Thank you for your consideration.



The Missouri Grand York Rite Office is asking for your help

Did you know that you can make changes to your own MMS Profile Page?

You can!

Simply go to <https://www.masonic-web.com/mms/memberbio/default.aspx> and use your membership number which can be found on the side of any of your York Rite dues cards with your name and date of birth. You have only one Profile Page which links to each Chapter, Council, and/or Commandery where you have a membership.

The information on your Profile Page helps us stay in contact with each of you. Please carefully check the information on your Profile Page:

- **Full name:** First, Middle, Last (No Abbreviations) with any prefix or suffix.
- **Birth location:** City and State.
- **Current Address:** Where mail comes.
- **Phone Numbers:** Home and/or Cell
- **Email Addresses:** Home and/or Work
- **Spouse's name:**
- **Her Date of Birth:** Month and Day (We like to send birthday cards!)
- **Your children's Names:**
- **Information about your job (Optional)**

Our office will not share this information with any person, business, or other institution. This is YOUR Profile Page.

Thank you,

Debbie Hanson
Executive Assistant



We are still reeling with the passing of MEC John Lambros HPGHP. Earlier this month, we were honored to have his family at our Grand Session. After which we came across one of John's wife Jenny's Facebook posts, which really touched us. It is posted below:

This past weekend, Kara, Max, and I went to the Grand York Rite of Missouri grand session. John Lambros absolutely loved being a Master Mason. If you're not familiar with the York Rite, let me give you a quick rundown. York Rite members are Master Masons, but not all Master Masons are members of the York Rite. You have to maintain your membership in the Blue Lodge to be a member of the York Rite. It's made up of three different bodies, and one of them is the Royal Arch Masons, which John really connected with as an adult. The Royal Arch Masons have a philanthropy called the Royal Arch Research Association, or R.A.R.A. John was really passionate about their mission, especially the work they do for children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. If you haven't checked them out yet, you can learn more at <https://moyorkrite.org/royal-arch-research-assistance/>

Many of you know John was on track to become the top officer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri—a position that takes a 10-year commitment. Sadly, he passed away 7 months before he could achieve his dream. Despite this, the wonderful members of the organization honored him by naming him an Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the State of Missouri.

There were mix of emotions this weekend. All of them. I am so grateful for the love, support, and co passion that Kara, Max, and I received this past week-

end. I know I was an emotional wreck at times and maybe a couple of times taken off guard. There were a few things I wasn't expecting, but I really do appreciate it all. Please know that all of us are healing a tiny bit each day. Thank you immensely.

If you've read this far and you're not a Master Mason, or you're a Mason not involved in the York Rite, you should definitely consider it. There isn't a greater organization out there. They really do amazing work.

Thank you Jenny for your wonderful and kind post about us and our organization. Our love continues to go out to you and your family. And, if you read this, we want you reassure you that we will always be here for you all. We will be check in on you, but remember, we are but a phone call away if you are in need of anything.



MEC John Lambros HPGHP Coins

The Grand York Rite is offering this coins in memory of MEC John Lambros HPGHP. All proceeds go to the Lambros family. For a small donation of \$20.00 you may obtain this coin and help his family. This coin may be obtained through your Grand York Rite Offices at (660) 248-5100. Brothers taking care of Brothers.



I would like to start out by congratulating all the Companions, Sir Knights, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies on all your hard work and dedication to our fraternity. The following are some of those whose dedication was recognized at the Grand Session. If I missed anyone, I am sorry. With all the happenings at our session, it is easy to miss one or two happenings. With that being said, congratulations to all of our award winners.

GRAND CHAPTER
DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER AWARD

GOLD

Kansas City Chapter No. 28
Connor Duncan MacCormick
3390 points

Rolla Chapter No. 32
Gary Ray Woodruff
3274 points

St Charles-Missouri Chapter No. 1
Adam Michael Iwanow
2745 points

Hannibal Chapter No. 7
Brian Eric Davis
2208 points

Springfield Chapter No. 15
James Horace Arnold
2056 points

Shelbina Chapter No. 99
Harley Lee Kropf
1753 points

Orient Chapter No. 102
Steven Douglas Bright
1643 points

Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25
David R. Whittaker
1455 points

Bolivar Chapter No. 5
Kenneth Lee Leible Jr
1410 points

Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78
James M. Svaglic
1300 points

Independence Chapter No. 12
Gregory Adam Walters
1285 points

Liberty Chapter No. 3
Larry Fred Walters
1170 points

Lebanon Chapter No. 64
Gary G. White
1120 points

SILVER

Wilson Chapter No. 75
Robert Gene Fisher
995 points

Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61
Caleb Zachary Lee Taylor
845 points

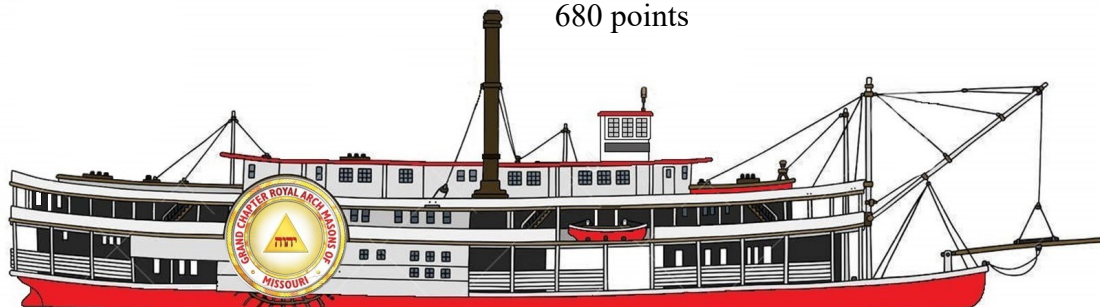
BRONZE

Wyoming Chapter No. 43
Ronald Leve Ponder
740 points

Caldwell Chapter No. 53
David Darrell Goring
729 points

Mitchell Chapter No. 14
Curtis E. Malotte
685 points

Triune Chapter No. 93
Michael W. Brandenburg
680 points



GRAND CHAPTER LEWIS AND CLARK

Region 1 Jeffrey Lee Knight Putnam Chapter No. 123
Region 2 Lloyd Glen Lyon Lexington Chapter No. 10
Region 3 Steven Douglas B. Orient Chapter No. 102
Region 4 Michael J. Estright Rolla Chapter No. 32
Region 4 Russell A. Bradshaw Columbia Chapter # 17
Region 5 David R. Whittaker Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25
Region 6 Robert G. Fisher Wilson Chapter No. 75
Region 7A Randy W. Presley Bolivar Chapter No. 5
Region 7A David W. Jones Meridian Sun Chapter #61

2024 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARDS

5-10% Increase Kansas City Chapter No. 28 (10%)
10% or Higher Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114 (24%)
10% or Higher Hannibal Chapter No. 7 (24%)

GRAND CHAPTER MASONIC UNITY AWARD

Larry Fred Walters

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SWEETHEART AWARDS

Tara Ornsbey
Tina Woolsey
Carolyn J. "Cookie" Hams
Debbie Lynne Hanson
Jenny Lambros

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER BRONZE AWARD

Dennis Wayne Houck



GRAND COUNCIL 2024 GRAND COUNCIL MERIT AWARDS

Hiram Council No. 1 / Steven K. Statham
St. Joseph Council No. 9 / Curtis Evan Mallote
Shekinah Council No. 24 / Mitchell Eugene Carter
Zabud Council No. 25 / Christopher Leroy Story
Rolla Council No. 39 / Michael Joseph Estright
Carthage Council No. 41 / Caleb Zachary Lee Taylor
Kirksville Council No. 44 / Jeffrey Lee Knight

Kansas City Council No. 45 / Matthew Trent Dowd
Trinity Council No. 47 / Kyle Leigh Schneider
Jeremiah Council No. 48 / John Charles Caraker
Independence Council No. 49 / Larry Fred Walters
Liberty Council No. 50 / Derek Wayne Pope
Lebanon Council No. 56 / Gary G. White
Shelby Council No. 59 / Brian Eric Davis

2024 GRAND COUNCIL LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS

Region 1 Ashley W. Young/Kirksville Council No. 44
Region 2 Martin L. Mauldin / John F. Houston Council No. 42
Region 3 Mitchell E. Carter / Shekinah Council No. 24
Region 4 Gary R. Woodruff / Rolla Council No. 39
Region 5 Jacob W. Thompson / Hiram Council No. 1
Region 6 Douglas C. Rose Jr. / Poplar Bluff Council No. 57
Region 7A Christopher L Story/Zabud Council No. 25
Region 7B David W. Jones/Carthage Council No. 41

2024 Membership Increase Awards

5-10% Increase John F. Houston Council No. 42 (8%)
5-10% Increase Kansas City Council No. 45 (7%)
5-10% Increase Neosho Council No. 46 (5%)
5-10% Increase Nevada Council No. 65 (5%)
10% or high Increase Poplar Bluff Council # 27 (10%)

GRAND COUNCIL MASONIC UNITY AWARD

Steven Francis Eberharter

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Larry Fred Walters

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

Carolyn "Cookie" Hams
Mary Davis
Sherrie Daniels
Karen Lloyd

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Steven Francis Eberharter

**GRAND COMMANDERY
HONOR COMMANDERY AWARDS**

Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4
SK Douglas Hastings Reece, Commander

Excalibar Commandery No. 5
SK Kyle Leigh Schneider, Commander

Liberty Commandery No. 6
SK Aryk Neilson Sandridge, Commander

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
SK Keith George Tomazi, Commander

Kansas City Commandery No. 10
SK Mark Russell Franklin, Commander

St. Graal Commandery No. 12
SK Russell Alan Bradshaw, Commander

Ascalon Commandery No. 16
SK Michael Lester Vanlandingham, Commander

Palestine Commandery No. 17
SK Richard Alan Riepe, Commander

St. John's Commandery No. 20
SK Christopher Leroy Story, Commander

Ely Commandery No. 22
SK Jeffrey Lee Knight, Commander

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29
SK William Stuart English, Commander

Jasper Commandery No. 31
SK Caleb Zachary Lee Taylor, Commander

Lebanon Commandery No. 33
SK Gary G. White, Commander

Oriental Commandery No. 35
SK Steven Douglas Bright, Commander

St. Elmo Commandery No. 43
SK Franklin Edward Merica, Jr., Commander

Malta Commandery No. 72 SK Brian Eric Davis,
Commander

**GRAND COMMANDERY
LEWIS AND CLARK AWARDS**

Region 1 Roger Lynn McGregor (Excalibar No. 3)
Region 2 Michael Eugene Wheeler (Liberty No. 3)

Region 3 Steven Douglas Bright (Oriental No. 35)
Region 4 Michael Joseph Estright (Rolla No. 59)
Region 5 Tommy Glenn Cupples, Jr. (Ascalon No. 16)
Region 6 Homer Ivan Markhart, Jr. (Cape Girardeau
No. 55)
Region 7A Randy Wayne Presley (St. Elmo No. 43)
Region 7B Chad Eric Wagoner (Jasper No. 31)

COMMANDERY GROWTH AWARDS

5% Increase DeMolay Commandery No. 3
5% Increase Oriental Commandery No. 35
9% Increase O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15
11% Increase Kansas City Commandery No. 10
12% Increase Neosho Commandery No. 57
15% Increase Jasper Commandery No. 31

COMMANDERY YORK RITE UNITY AWARD

SK Dennis Wayne Houck

**COMMANDERY CLASS B
DRILL COMPETITION AWARDS**

96.4 Liberty Commandery No. 6
95.4 St. Graal Commandery No. 12
95.3 Rolla Commandery No. 59
93.2 Ascalon Commandery No. 16
92.4 Ely Commandery No. 22
91.5 Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29
91.2 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT
COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARD**

Christopher Davis Yunick
Jenny Lambros
Stephanie Cooper

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT
KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE**

Russell Alan Bradshaw
Harold Franklin Coots

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHT TEMPLAR
CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

Corey Bennett Huntsucker

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHT GRAND
CROSS OF THE TEMPLE AWARD**

Russell Scott Hanson (Never before awarded in Mis-
souri)

thanks, dad.

Happy Father's Day



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**Philanthropy of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of the State of Missouri & General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons International**

Since its conception in 1974, Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) has been the world's leading philanthropy dedicated to helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. R.A.R.A., through the contributions of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, supports the Able Kids Foundation.

The Able Kids Foundation is a Colorado-based nonprofit that partners with local, national, and international corporations and organizations to remove barriers for people with disabilities.

The Central Auditory Research Center concentrates on exploring causes and solutions for individuals with central auditory processing disorder (CAPD). Thanks to generous support from the Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc., a philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, International, audiologists certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and researchers work with the Director, Dr. Joan Burleigh, to develop the next generation of diagnostic tests and effective treatments and technologies.

The Beginning

At the 1972 Triennial meeting in Las Vegas, Most Excellent (M.E.) Edward Selby, Past Grand High Priest (P.G.H.P.) of Ohio and Grand King of the Gen-

eral Grand Royal Arch Chapter International, proposed at the Grand King's meeting that General Grand Chapter should have a unique and unified Philanthropy, one that would not conflict, detract or duplicate existing charities.

In 1974, the R.A.R.A. was born after extensive investigation. The plans were implemented in 1975 during M.E. Gordon Merrick's term.

How can I help?

If you would like to take part in helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders, share this information with your friends, coworkers, family and your local school system. Your financial contribution will allow you the satisfaction of knowing that this invaluable research and service to humankind will continue for years.

If in Missouri, send your R.A.R.A. contributions to your Chapter Secretary who will forward it to the Grand Secretary. Otherwise, send your R.A.R.A. contributions to the address at the bottom of this page.

Certificates are designed for contributions of \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00. A \$1000.00 contribution receives a very impressive pin with a keystone in the center. Additional contributions of \$500.00 add a small diamond to the pin. Certificates and pins are awarded to both individual donors and donating organizations. Donations are IRS deductible.

Other than the pin, a greater incentive might be that the research you have funded in part might very well have brought a better life to some one who were affected with CAPD, an important learning disability.

Contributions can be sent to:

**RARA, MGYR Office
107 S. Williams Street
Fayette, MO 65248**





CMMRF

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Science of Growing Muscle and Tissue

Research, through funds provided by CMMRF, has proven that we can grow new muscle for people that have lost muscle tissue. This is great news for victims of trauma, such as our soldiers and injuries from motor vehicle accidents. 3D printers are now developed and can be used to 'print' forms for the repair of muscles, ears, noses, and even blood vessels.

These 3D printers can be used just like an inkjet printer, an extrusion molding device, or even made through laser assisted printers. Once the cellular or other material is printed into the form that they need, they can then place the desired cell structures inside of it where it will start to act like the cells they are replacing.

Think of your child as the 3D printer and their Legos are the cells. After telling the child what they need to build, the Legos become the structure and the little round parts on the Legos are the cells that are trained to become the replacement cells. And just as a Lego creation can be just a few pieces or a huge masterpiece, the same is true with these stem cell replacement pieces. These 'bio-materials' are the key pieces to what is known as 'regenerative medicine.'

CMMRF is right in the middle of this technology, and with our donations they can continue to change the face of medicine! Donate to CMMRF today!

Did We Just Cure Diabetes?

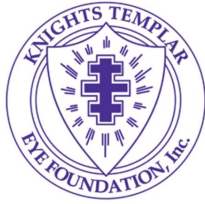
Cryptic Masons, through our charity Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation CMMRF.org, provided a major portion of funding for Dr. Michael Murphy and his all-star team, may have done just that! Of course it is still too early to say that we have cured diabetes, but the science is pointing that direction. Im-

agine your family and friends no longer watching everything that they eat, no longer checking their blood sugar multiple times a day, and no longer injecting insulin. About 9% of the American population has diabetes. The side effects of diabetes is also brutal... vision loss, impaired kidney function, decreased circulation in the legs, etc.

Is this too good to be true? Since it hasn't been tried in humans, it's too early to say definitively. But hope is in the air! Dr Murphy's team may have found the cause of the 13th leading cause of death, ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, as well as developing a vaccine for it! Might as well throw in the treatment of heart failure, COPD, spinal cord injury, Stroke patients with a 36 hour window after onset of symptoms, treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and Peripheral Artery Disease, fetal alcohol syndrome, necrotizing enterocolitis, as well as using a 3D printer to create structures for human tissue repair. These discoveries might have even lead another team to find the trigger for Multiple Sclerosis, and once the trigger is found, the treatment is not far behind!

Every Masonic organization is tied to a charity, but this may be one of the best kept secrets in Masonry! And just like every other charity, it cannot continue without funds. These donations aren't getting lost in some rich guy's pocket or paying for a night of drinks. They are used to purchase lab equipment and to supplement the cost of finding and treating these trial patients.

CrypticMasons.org and CMMRF.org are not asking for much, just a few bucks to equal the price of a fancy coffee, a lunch out, or a small family dinner. We all know that nothing in the medical field is cheap, but with adequate funding, Dr Murphy's team can continue to advance these breakthroughs. And who knows... maybe cancer is next?



The mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is to provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, or sex provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eye. This includes the correction of strabismus in children up to the age of 16 years.

Funds for the operation of the Eye Foundation are obtained in part from an annual assessment of each Knight Templar, contributions made by Masons from throughout the Masonic Family, fund-raising activities, memorials, wills and bequests, donations from endowment funds or similar sources. Special award programs for contributions include the Grand Master's Sword of Merit \$25,000, Golden Chalice \$10,000, Grand Master's Club \$1,000, Grand Commander's Club \$1,000 in \$100 annual installments, Patron Certificate \$100, Associate Patron Certificate \$50, & Life Sponsor \$30. Those who are designated Life Sponsors or above are relieved from the annual assessment.

Since 1956, over \$98 million has been spent on subjects, and applications have been received from 80,000 people. Research Grants totaling in excess of \$9.2 million have been awarded to researchers working in the fields of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Ophthalmic Genetics.

Application for assistance from the Foundation can be made through a Knight Templar who is a member of one of over 1,200 Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Encampment. Information is available from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I, Schaumburg, IL 60173, Phone (847) 490-3838. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is a co-sponsor of the Seniors Eye Care Program with Eye Care America, a Public Service Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The Seniors Eye Care Program helps those 65 years or older who do not have an Ophthalmologist. Anyone wishing to contact the Seniors Eye Care Program may

do so by calling 1- 800-222-EYES and telling them you were referred to by a Knight Templar.

MISSOURI KNIGHT OF SILOAM

The Knight of Siloam special award program in Missouri was created by Sir Knights J. Edward Blinn, REPGC, and Danny L. Ferguson, REPGC, during the 93-94 Templar year as a means of recognizing those Missouri Sir Knights who make substantial contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and to encourage others to do so. A special medal and patent is presented to those who donate \$500.00 or more in a lump sum or in installments. The jewel is designated as a meritorious service jewel and may be worn on the Knight Templar uniform. Friends and relatives may honor any Sir Knight with the Knight of Siloam by making a like donation in his honor.



The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, provides financial assistance in the way of low cost student loans to college juniors and seniors, as well as trade school students.



The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund is used to pay the expenses of sending a Minister to the Holy Land under the provisions of the Grand Encampment. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of the Grand Commandery can provide more information about qualifying Ministers.

The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund is an endowment, the interest of which is used to generate income for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund (above). Commandery Recorders are to ask each Sir Knight on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 towards the Holy Land Endowment Fund, and Commanderies are encouraged to have fund raisers to generate money for this fund.



Articulating the goals, purposes, benefits of Freemasonry isn't easy. Encapsulating the history, the meaning, the symbolism, and esoterism doesn't come as part of an elevator speech. Why are you a Freemason, and what you get out of it isn't a soup question.

Let your story resonate with those who want to be part of something larger than themselves, who want to grow spiritually, who want to be better and do better, who need to be - and should be a Freemason.

Each of us passed through the West Gate for a different reason. For myself, I became a Mason as the result of a pretty bad day. My best friend, Col. Jim Trafton, was killed on Easter Sunday, 2010. Our families vacationed together, we hunted, fished, traveled, and shared adventures and stories.

As a measure of my friend's character the funeral procession from Church to the Leavenworth National Cemetery was several miles long. State Troopers blocked all highway ramps and stood to attention and saluted as a sign of respect. Even the trooper that called me that night wanted to talk about his service with Jim, and what it meant to him.

At the funeral service Col. Cliff Silsby delivered his Eulogy and spoke to his military career, his leadership skills, his role as a life coach and mentor to so many, and his many other virtues.

But I was surprised when Cliff said, with emphasis, several times "and he was a Freemason". That spoke to me, and it struck me that was the extra spark that made the difference from a leader to an inspirational leader, from someone that directs and manages to a true life-coach and mentor.

It was additionally significant as until that moment I did not know my friend was a Freemason. That why I knocked on the door and passed through the West Gate.

Each of us has a story as why we joined the craft. For some it will have been due to a family legacy in Masonry, for others simply because Dan Brown writes a good book.

But I would hazard a guess that the majority of us are here because of the example and inspiration from a good man in our past lives. I encourage everyone to share your story; as when you do so we will understand the draw of Masonry, learn how to articulate it, and understand a little bit more who should become a Freemason in the future.

M.:I.:C.: Donald MacCormick, PGM
Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter
Grand Recorder, Grand Council



After my retirement from the army it left a huge hole in my soul you could park a bus in. One day a few years back my son's girlfriend invited us over and I got to know her father. Salt of the earth type, we've all met him, that type is in every family, you can't help but love him. A bit later down the road my son and her are no more, but we all stay steady friends. One day he slides me an application for the degrees. Explains that, he thinks I have what it takes to be a Brother. I had heard of Masons in the Army, served with a few, and grew up with Monticello Lodge #58 in

in my head; That building was a sticking point in my mind, I'll explain later.

I filled out the application and before I knew it, knocked on that West gate. I was raised in St. Francisville #588, my home Lodge, April 2019. I had no idea that hole in my soul was mending, the first night I showed up the fellowship and brotherhood made me whole again. The Craft has all the benefits of service without the more unsavory stuff you suffer while in uniform. My very next visit home to the mom and dad. I went to hug dad and he stopped me, he instead gave me the TG of a Master Mason, and embraced me as a Father and a Brother. When he gave me that grip I imagine my eyes were as big as saucers. I had no idea he was a Mason. I was shocked still to find out he was also a Past Master of Monticello #58. He had stopped going to Lodge in the 80s when failing health prevented him from safely climbing stairs.

That Lodge, to my young eye, looked like a abandoned civil war relic. There was never a vehicle there, it was mowed but wasn't manicured like someone lived there. It was a strange building in a town of 102 people, that no one talked about or seemed to pay mind to. Very strange indeed. Dad gave me struck instruction "you WILL stay away for that building, it's historical you WILL respect it" in the blur of youth I obeyed him. I always wanted to know what was in it, later I got my wish! I attended Lodge there and helped pass a Brother that night. That was a truly awe inspiring event. After that night, I endeavored to do my part and to be a good Mason in his eyes. In that quest; I have learned many roles and lectures, been honored to give Masonic Funeral Services to many in and out of our district. My most memorable one a year ago for Dad, at his bedside, shortly after he passed as he was to be cremated after. My eyes wept but my soul beamed with pride to have known such a great man and fulfill my Obligation to him. Today I serve as JW for our Worshipful Lodge, am 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, and a Royal Arch Companion, I have petitioned Cryptic & Commandry awaiting degree's, and last but not least my Wife and I are of The Order of The Eastern Star. If your not a member, consider it. Chapter is like a family reunion, but no one is wrote out of the will, and family it truly is. So very far away are the days of youth, without it as all must do, I have clearer

sight. With that clarity, I better serve my Brothers and Sisters... as we all keep a watchful eye to the East.

Matthew N. Moore

My Masonic Story

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Share you story through the Grand Council of Missouri's survey at:

<https://s.surveypal.com/4TGg6d7zz>



Message from the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of your Beacon Magazine after our Grand Session. This Masonic Year we have many wonderful plans for your Magazine. However, I don't plan on sharing them quite yet. Let's leave them as a surprise for you.

In this issue, we have a report on the Grand Session, results from the various votes on by-law changes, photos from various functions and Grand Session, a new Masonic Story, an article from the Grand Commandery, and many many more such pieces of literature.

I would also like to thank our Grand Officers for reappointing me to the head of your publication committee. This give the Committee and I an opportunity to further our work for the craft. I promise you all that we will work hard to provide our Brethren the best material that we can possibly present.

Furthermore, we hope that you will enjoy this issue and all further issues that you Committee on Publication can provide. Well, until next time, we will be seeing you all on down the trail.

Publication Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2024

Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.: York Rite Sovereign College, St. Joseph Masonic Center

Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.: Installation of Officers-Independence York Rite Independence
Masonic Temple

Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: Knight Masons-Limerick Council No. 88, Freedom Temple

Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 7:00 a.m.: MEM & RA Degree, Kirksville Masonic Temple

Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.: York Rite Sovereign College-Harry S. Truman No. 167, Buckner
Masonic Lodge

Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.: Knight Masons,-Charlemagne Council No. 79, Buckner Masonic
Lodge

July 2024

Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: Red Cross of Constantine-Mary Conclave, Buckner Masonic Lodge

Sunday, July 7-9, 2024: Great Smokies Assembly of York Rite Masons-Maggie Valley, North Carolina

Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan, Fayette

Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.: Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons, Fayette Masonic Temple

Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.: Marquis de LaFayette Council No. 392 & Robert Harris Bray Council
No. 513-Allied Masonic Degrees, Fayette Masonic Temple

Friday, July 19, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.: Templar Fest: Tyson/Paul Fight and Race Weekend: The Sir Knights of
Oriental Commandery no.35 invite you & your family plus friends to
join in weekend . Ozarks International Raceway. See posting on Grand
York Rite of Missouri's website.

Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.: Grand Council RDGL School of Instruction, Jefferson City Masonic
Center

Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.: Missouri Priory No. 17-KYCH Jefferson City Masonic Lodge

Saturday, July 27, 2024: Welcome to Masonic Con Kansas—Masonic Con is a relaxed, Masonic conference
where Masons and friends, regardless of expertise, unite for a day of immersive
and enjoyable top-tier Masonic Education. Join us for a gathering that celebrates
camaraderie, offering a blend of intensive learning and lighthearted fun for every
one interested in Freemasonry's rich tapestry of knowledge and tradition. Kansas
Masonic education at it's finest! Rosedale Lodge No. 333, Mission, Kansas.

York Rite in Missouri by Regions

Region 1

Chapters

Hannibal Chapter No. 7
1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Hannibal Masonic Temple
1102 Central Avenue
Hannibal, MO 63401
Roger McGregor, Secretary
mcgregorclan@charter.net

Caldwell Chapter No. 53
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Kirkville Masonic Temple
217 East Harrison
Kirkville, MO 63501
William J. King, Secretary
kvyorkrite@gmail.com

Shelbina Chapter No. 99
4th Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
Shelbina Masonic Lodge
313 South Center
Shelbina, MO 63468
Darrell A. Wilham, Secretary
kwilham@centurytel.net

Putnam Chapter No. 123
4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Hartford Masonic Lodge Hall
38428 Deerwood
Hartford, MO 63565
Loren D. Lloyd, Secretary
lorenlloyd69@gmail.com

Councils

Kirkville Council No. 44
2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Dark June, July, and August
Shelbina Masonic Temple
313 S. Center
Shelbina, MO 63468
Darrell A. Wilham, Recorder
kwilham@centurytel.net

Trinity Council No. 47
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Hannibal Masonic Temple
1102 Central Avenue
Hannibal, MO 63401
Roger McGregor, Recorder
mcgregorclan@charter.net

Shelby Council No. 59
4th Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.
Shelbina Masonic Lodge
313 South Center
Shelbina, MO 63468
Darrell A. Wilham, Recorder
kwilham@centurytel.net

Commanderies

Excalibur Commandery No. 5
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Hannibal Masonic Temple
1102 Central Avenue
Hannibal, MO 63401
Roger McGregor, Recorder
mcgregorclan@charter.net

Ely Commandery No. 22
2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Kirkville Masonic Temple
217 East Harrison
Kirkville, MO 63501
William J. King, Recorder
kvyorkrite@gmail.com

Malta Commandery No. 72
4th Tuesday at 9 p.m.
Shelbina Masonic Temple
313 S. Center
Shelbina, MO 63468
Darrell A. Wilham, Recorder
kwilham@centurytel.net

Region 2

Chapters

Liberty Chapter No. 3
3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Liberty Masonic Temple
10 East Franklin
Liberty, MO 64068
Don Gilkerson, Secretary
gilkersondon@yahoo.com

Lexington Chapter No. 10
4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Lexington Masonic Temple
126 1/2 North 11th Street
Lexington, MO 64067-0283
Martin L. Maulden, Secretary
mauldinmartin@gmail.com

Mitchell Chapter No. 14
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Masonic Center
605 Robidoux Street
St. Joseph, MO 64501
James Jeffers, Secretary
jimjeffers25@gmail.com

Councils

St. Joseph Council No. 9
1st Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Masonic Center
605 Robidoux Street
St. Joseph, MO 64501
James Jeffers, Recorder
jimjeffers25@gmail.com

John F. Houston No. 42
4th Monday at 8:00 p.m.
Lexington Masonic Temple
126 1/2 North 11th Street
Lexington, MO 64067-0283
Martin L. Maulden, Secretary
mauldinmartin@gmail.com

Liberty Council No. 50
3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Liberty Masonic Temple
10 East Franklin
Liberty, MO 64068
Don Gilkerson, Recorder
gilkersondon@yahoo.com

Commanderies

DeMolay Commandery No. 3
4th Monday at 9:00 p.m.
Lexington Masonic Temple
126 1/2 North 11th Street
Lexington, MO 64067-0283
Lloyd G. Lyon, Recorder
lexingtonyorkrite@gmail.com

Hugh DePayens Commandery No. 4
1st Wednesday at 9:00 pm
St. Joseph Masonic Center
605 Robidoux Street
St. Joseph, MO 64501
James Jeffers, Recorder
jimjeffers25@gmail.com

Liberty Commandery No. 6
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Liberty Masonic Temple
10 East Franklin
Liberty, MO 64068
Don Gilkerson, Recorder
gilkersondon@yahoo.com

Region 3

Chapters

Independence Chapter No. 10
2nd Thursday at 7 p.m.
Independence Masonic Temple
120 South Pleasant
Independence, MO 64050
Larry Walters, Secretary
larryfred61@gmail.com

Kansas City Chapter No. 28
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Masonic Temple
8640 Holmes
Kansas City, MO 64131
Donald MacCormick, Secretary
kcyorkrite@gmail.com

Wyoming Chapter No. 43
1st Monday @ 7:30 p.m. Except
September on 2nd Monday.
Jewel Lodge No. 480
1480 Broadway
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080
John D. Toynton, Secretary
johtoynton@yahoo.com

Orient Chapter No. 102
3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Kansas City Masonic Temple
903 Harrison Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
Corey Huntsucker, Secretary
yorkmason903@gmail.com

Councils

Shekinah Council No. 24
4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Kansas City Masonic Temple
903 Harrison Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
Corey Huntsucker, Recorder
yorkmason903@gmail.com

Kansas City Council No. 45
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Masonic Temple
8640 Holmes
Kansas City, MO 64131
Donald MacCormick, Recorder
kcyorkrite@gmail.com

Independence Council No. 49
4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Independence Masonic Temple
120 South Pleasant
Independence, MO 64050
Larry Walters, Recorder
larryfred61@gmail.com

Commanderies

Kansas City Commandery No. 10
3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Ivanhoe Masonic Temple
8640 Holmes
Kansas City, MO 64131
Donald MacCormick, Recorder
kcyorkrite@gmail.com

Palestine Commandery No. 17
1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Independence Masonic Temple
120 South Pleasant
Independence, MO 64050
John D. Toynton, Recorder
johtoynton@yahoo.com

Oriental Commandery No. 35
1st Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Kansas City Masonic Temple
903 Harrison Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
Corey Huntsucker, Recorder
yorkmason903@gmail.com

Region 4

Chapters

Columbia Chapter No. 4
2nd Monday Odd Months at 6:30 p.m.
and even at 7:30 p.m.
York Rite Masonic Temple
#3 North Masonic Drive
Columbia, MO 65202
Russel S. Hanson, Secretary
hansonr@missouri.edu

Rolla Chapter No. 32
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Rolla Masonic Temple
400 East 2nd Street
Rolla, MO 65401
Steven F. Eberharter, Secretary
sfeberharter@gmail.com

Jefferson City Chapter No. 34
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Jefferson City Masonic Temple
3211 Masonic Court
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Harold Coats, Secretary
hfcoats@gmail.com

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Region 4

Chapters

Triune Chapter No. 93
1st Monday at 7:30 p.m.
No meeting if falls on Holiday
Montgomery Lodge #246
2nd and Sturgeon Street
Montgomery City, MO 63361
Phillip Engel, Secretary
Jrwahl_jyr@sbcglobal.net

Councils

Ezra Council No. 32
1st Monday at 8:00 p.m.
Jefferson City Masonic Temple
3211 Masonic Court
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Harold Coots, Recorder
hfcoots@gmail.com

Centralia Council No. 34
4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
York Rite Masonic Temple
#3 North Masonic Drive
Columbia, MO 65202
Ronald Skiles, Recorder
rskiles@centurytel.net

Rolla Council No. 39
3rd Monday at 7:50 p.m.
Rolla Masonic Temple
400 East 2nd Street
Rolla, MO 65401
Steven F. Eberharter, Recorder
sfeberharter@gmail.com

Commanderies

St. Graal Commandery No. 12
2nd Monday Odd Months at 6:30 p.m.
and even at 7:30 p.m.
York Rite Masonic Temple
#3 North Masonic Drive
Columbia, MO 65202
Russel S. Hanson, Recorder
hansonr@missouri.edu

Prince of Pride No. 29
3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Jefferson City Masonic Temple
3211 Masonic Court
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Harold Coots, Recorder
hfcoots@gmail.com

Rolla Commandery No. 59
3rd Monday at 8:40 p.m.
Rolla Masonic Temple
400 East 2nd Street
Rolla, MO 65401
Steven F. Eberharter, Recorder
sfeberharter@gmail.com

Region 5

Chapters

St. Charles-Missouri Chapter # 1
2nd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
St. Charles Masonic Temple
2051 Collier Corporate Parkway
St. Charles, MO 63303
Philip R. Cary, Secretary
Stcharlesmissourino1ram@yahoo.com

Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25
2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Louis Masonic Center
15977 Clayton Road
Ballwin, MO 63011-2146
Michael S. Smith, Secretary
mikessmith66@gmail.com

Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78
1st Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Webster Groves Masonic Temple
12 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119
Michael Gmoser, Secretary
secretary@or78ram.org

Keystone Chapter No. 146
2nd Monday @ 10:00 a.m.
Freedom Masonic Temple
4557 LeMay Ferry Road
Mehlville, MO 63129
David L. Jacobi, Secretary
oket14@scbglobal.net

Councils

Hiram Council No. 1
4th Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.
Freedom Masonic Temple
4557 LeMay Ferry Road
Mehlville, MO 63129
Christopher Newbold, Recorder
hiramcouncil1stl@gmail.com

York Council No. 40
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Jan, Feb, May, June, Sept, Oct
Wentzville Masonic Temple
602 Meyer Road
Wentzville, MO 63385
Michael S. Smith, Recorder
mikessmith66@gmail.com

Jeremiah Council No. 48
3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Webster Groves Masonic Temple
12 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119
Terry Coppotelli, Recorder
terry_coppotelli@hotmail.com

Commanderies

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Beacon Masonic Temple
7251 North Hanley Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
Michael S. Smith, Recorder
mikessmith66@gmail.com

Ascalon Commandery No. 16
1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Saint Louis Masonic Center
15977 Clayton Road
Ballwin, MO 63011-2146
Roger Fleer, Recorder
fleerroger@gmail.com

Region 6

Chapters

Wilson Chapter No. 75
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Excelsior Lodge No. 441
204 South High Street
Jackson, MO 63755
Kyle W. West, Secretary
kwwest@live.com

Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Poplar Bluff Masonic Temple
2303 North Main Street
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
Tony DePriest, Secretary
poplarbluffyorkrite@gmail.com

Uel Council No. 129
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Farmington Lodge No. 132
211 West Columbia Street
Farmington, MO 63640
Clifton Wofford, Secretary
woffordclifton60@gmail.com

Councils

Cape Council No. 20
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Excelsior Lodge No. 441
204 South High Street
Jackson, MO 63755
Kyle W. West, Recorder
kwwest@live.com

Popular Bluff Council No. 27
2nd Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
Poplar Bluff Masonic Temple
2303 North Main Street
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
Tony DePriest, Recorder
poplarbluffyorkrite@gmail.com

Bonne Terre Council No. 43
2nd Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
Farmington Lodge No. 132
211 West Columbia Street
Farmington, MO 63640
Clifton Wofford, Recorder
woffordclifton60@gmail.com

Commanderies

Cape Girardeau Commandery#55
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Excelsior Lodge No. 441
204 South High Street
Jackson, MO 63755
Kyle W. West, Recorder
kwwest@live.com

DeSoto Commandery No. 56
2nd Tuesday at 9:00 p.m.
Marcus Masonic Building
126 South Main Street
Farmington, MO 63640
Clifton Wofford, Recorder
woffordclifton60@gmail.com

Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67
3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
Poplar Bluff Masonic Temple
2303 North Main Street
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
Tony DePriest, Recorder
poplarbluffyorkrite@gmail.com

Region 7A

Chapters

Bolivar Chapter No. 5
3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Bolivar Masonic Temple
261 South Killingsworth Avenue
Bolivar, MO 65613
Randy Presley, Secretary
pantherdad2772@gmail.com

Springfield Chapter No. 15
4th Monday at 7 p.m.
Except in December, 2nd Monday
Masonic York Rite Temple
1930 West Catalpa
Springfield, MO 65807
Christopher L. Story, Secretary
cstory@arvest.com

Greenfield Chapter No. 38
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Washington Masonic Temple
#5 South Allison
Greenfield, MO 65661
G. Timothy Black, Secretary
tblack@penningtonseed.com

Lebanon Chapter No. 64
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Laclede Masonic Temple
191 West Second Street
Lebanon, MO 65536
Gerald R. Hill, Secretary
flwabic@gmail.com

Councils

Zabud Council No. 25
4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Masonic York Rite Temple
1930 West Catalpa
Springfield, MO 65807
Dale R. Lovelace, Recorder
dalelovelace@gmail.com

Lebanon Council No. 56
3rd Tues at 7:00 p.m.
Laclede Masonic Temple
191 West Second Street
Lebanon, MO 65536
Gerald R. Hill, Recorder
flwabic@gmail.com

Bert S. Lee Council No. 58
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Washington Masonic Temple
#5 South Allison
Greenfield, MO 65661
G. Timothy Black, Recorder
tblack@penningtonseed.com

Commanderies

St. John's Commandery No. 20
4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Masonic York Rite Temple
1930 West Catalpa
Springfield, MO 65807
Gregory J. Walker, Recorder
gregoryjwalker@gmil.com

Constantine Commandery No. 27
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Washington Masonic Temple
#5 South Allison
Greenfield, MO 65661
G. Timothy Black, Recorder
tblack@penningtonseed.com

Lebanon Commandery No. 33
3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Laclede Masonic Temple
191 West Second Street
Lebanon, MO 65536
Gerald R. Hill, Recorder
flwabic@gmail.com

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Region 7A

Commanderies

St. Elmo Commandery No. 43
3rd Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.
Bolivar Masonic Temple
261 South Killingsworth Avenue
Bolivar, MO 65613
Randy Presley, Recorder
pantherdad2772@gmail.com

Region 7B

Chapters

Tyrian Chapter No. 52
3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Neosho Masonic Temple
4080 LaQuesta Drive
Neosho, MO 64850
Matthew D. Ruth, Secretary
matt.ruth@rocketmail.com

Nevada Chapter No. 56
2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Osage Masonic Lodge No. 303
221 West Walnut
Nevada Mo 64722
Gary L. Jones, Secretary
No e-mail address

Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Carthage Masonic Temple
1339 Oak Street
Carthage, MO 64836
Chad E. Wagoner, Secretary
cwagoner1865@gmail.com

Joplin Chapter No. 91
1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Joplin Scottish Rite Building
505 South Byers
Joplin, MO 64801
Royce P. Wahl Jr., Secretary
jrwahl_jyr@sbcglobal.net

Councils

Jasper Council No. 30
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Joplin Scottish Rite Building
505 South Byers
Joplin, MO 64801
Royce P. Wahl Jr., Recorder
jrwahl45@sbcglobal.net

Carthage Council No. 41
3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Carthage Masonic Temple
1339 Oak Street
Carthage, MO 64836
Chad E. Wagoner, Recorder
cwagoner1865@gmail.com

Neosho Council No. 46
3rd Tuesday of each quarter
at 8:00 p.m.
Neosho Masonic Temple
4080 LaQuesta Drive
Neosho, MO 64850
Matthew D. Ruth, Recorder
matt.ruth@rocketmail.com

Nevada Council No. 65
2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Osage Masonic Lodge Building
221 West Walnut
Nevada Mo 64722
IT: Courtney Black
courtney28@sbcglobal.net

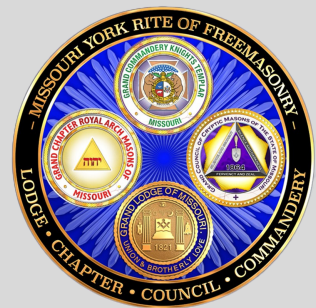
Commanderies

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15
2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Osage Masonic Lodge Building
221 West Walnut
Nevada, MO 64772
Gary Jones, Recorder
No e-mail address

Jasper Commandery No. 31
3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Carthage Masonic Temple
1339 Oak Street
Carthage, MO 64836
Chad E. Wagoner, Secretary
cwagoner1865@gmail.com

Ascension Commandery No. 39
1st Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
Joplin Scottish Rite Building
505 South Byers
Joplin, MO 64801
Royce P. Wahl Jr., Recorder
jrwahl_jyr@sbcglobal.net

Neosho Commandery No.56
3rd Tuesday at 9:00 p.m.
Neosho Masonic Temple
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Neosho, MO 64850
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matt.ruth@rocketmail.com



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