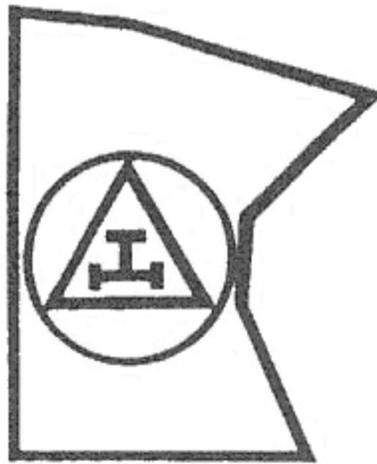


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MINNESOTA



One Hundred Fiftieth
Annual Convocation

June 23, 2012

BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

Gary A. Odegard – Grand High Priest
Dexter C Pehle – Grand Secretary

ELECTED

Allan F. Kauppi – Grand High Priest
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

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Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

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RULES OF ORDER

1. The M.:E.:H.:P.: shall take the chair every day, at the hour to which the Grand Chapter shall have adjourned on the preceding day, when the Journal shall be read, and, if necessary, corrected, unless otherwise ordered.
2. During the hours of business, the members are required to keep their seats, and observe strict order and decorum, and no member shall leave the hall without leave, or absent himself from the service of the Grand Chapter, unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.
3. When the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:, or presiding officer, rises, all debate shall cease, and silence shall be observed.
4. When a member is about to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the M.:E.:G.:H.:P.:.
5. The M.:E.:G.:H.:P.: shall decide all questions of order.
6. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, without permission of the G.:C.:.
7. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless excused by the G.:C.:; but no member shall vote on a question in the result of which he is personally interested.
8. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and no debate had thereon until it is stated by the Chair.
9. Every motion, at the desire of the Chair or Grand Secretary, shall be reduced to writing, with the mover's name endorsed thereon.
10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, or to amend which several motions shall have precedence in order here mentioned. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.
11. Any member may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends questions so distinct that one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the Grand Chapter; a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.
12. No report shall be received from any of the committees of the Grand Chapter, unless the same be reduced to writing. – *As amended 1870, page 181*
13. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the Grand Chapter, without special leave.
14. These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, may be altered, or amended at any Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by a vote of the majority of the members present.

FROM THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA [1860]

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SYNOPSIS

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS 150th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 150th Annual Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of Minnesota** was held at the Crowne Plaza Suites and Inn in Bloomington, Minnesota, Saturday, June 23rd, 2012. The Convocation was held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons and Grand Commandery of Minnesota, Most Excellent Companion Gary A Odegard, Grand High Priest, presiding. The officers of Ark Chapter #53 opened the Grand Chapter convocation in ample ritualistic form.

Distinguished Guests Present were MWB Brian Beermann, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota. Representing General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International were the General Grand High King REC Lewis E Bartrand; Deputy Grand High Priest for the North Central Region, REC John T Parsons (NE); REC Roderick Anderson, General Grand Trustee and PGHP of Wisconsin. Grand High Priests in attendance from other jurisdictions were: MECs Leland Burlison -Wisconsin, Richard Bowersox - Iowa, George Bauder - South Dakota, and Richard Laronde –Grand First Principal of Manitoba. Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; David R Grindle, of Idaho, Richard McBride of South Dakota, and Past Grand First Principal Lawrence R McInnes of Manitoba. Visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Prince D Selvaraj, Grand Superintendent of Ontario and Hugh B Edmond, Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and Grand Representative of Minnesota in Scotland.

Twenty-seven (27) Chapters, in addition to King Solomon No. 133 U.D. answered the roll call with Fergus Falls No. 27, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt Nebo No. 39, Pierson No. 41, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, Rush City No. 87 being absent. There were twelve (12) High Priests, thirty-seven (37) PHPs, and twelve (12) PGHPs registered. Total companions registered for the convocation numbered one hundred fourteen (114) which included dual memberships; an additional seventeen (17) companions from other jurisdictions were present for a grand total of one hundred thirty one (131).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2011 was 2,375, a net loss of 107 over the previous year. Forty-seven (47) companions were exalted this year with eighty-two (82) deaths reported. Two chapters had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2011. Corinthian No. 33 and Shekinah UD No. 52.

Highlighting this year Convocation was the issuance of Charters to Vermillion Chapter UD to become OVERSEERS Chapter No. 103 and to Shekinah Chapter UD to become ANOKA-SHEKINAH No. 104. A charter signing ceremony using commemorative pens and countersigned by Grand Master Beermann made for an unforgettable event. Several companions from both chapters were on hand to receive the new charters.

The following Minnesota Grand Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: GRAND HIGH PRIEST - Allan F Kauppi (1); GRAND KING - James F Edgar, Sr. (20); GRAND SCRIBE Adam T Stevenson (20); GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST – Marvin W Schendel (60); GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY – MEC Gary A Odegard, PGHP (53); GRAND TRUSTEE (2015) – Gray R Johnson, PGHP (101).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – Jack P Roberts (1); Grand Principal Sojourner – Lowell Gary Schultz (15); Grand Royal Arch Captain – Clifford Isley (22), Grand Masters of

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the Veil - 3rd Veil – James S McNeely, IV (2/103); 2nd Veil – Stephan A Johnson (42); 1st Veil – Richard S Gilchrist (1); Grand Sentinel – Steven M Braun (104); Grand Organist - William T Hubbard (8); and Grand Lecturer - Mark A Anderson (9/33). PHP John R Wentworth (22), GTE, was Installing Officer.

Following the Election, a resolution granting the title of Grand Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus to Dexter Pehle, retiring Grand Secretary/Treasurer was approved by the Companions. REC Pehle was then presented with a certificate and a handmade black walnut box and pen set.

The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for distinguished service awarded from the General Grand Chapter was MEC James O Burlingame, Sr. PGHP. The award was presented at the Friday night Grand Banquet. A Memorial service for the departed Companions and Sir Knights was held on Thursday evening after the Public Opening and Welcome.. Three Sweetheart Awards were given to the following ladies; Karen Odegard, Marilyn Schendel and Sharlene Swift.

One piece of legislation was presented for consideration regarding the changing of the Fiscal year to June 1-May 31. This change aligns the IRS tax year closer to the term year for planning purposes. The resolution passed.

The Grand Chapter will hold its 151st Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 27, 28, 29 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Inn and Suites- Bloomington, Minnesota.

Gary A Odegard
Grand Treasurer/Secretary

Grand High Priest

Allan Kauppi



GARY ALAN ODEGARD
APPLE VALLEY, MINNESOTA [53/33]

GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2011-2012

Biography of Gary A. Odegard

M.E.C. GARY A. ODEGARD Grand High Priest: 2011 – 2012 Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

Gary was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He attended Sioux Falls Washington Senior High School and graduated from South Dakota State University in 1968 with a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, Gary was employed by Univac, Defense Systems Division, as a Field Engineer on several Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps programs. Since leaving Univac in 1990, Gary has had various administrative jobs and is currently employed by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota as the Assistant Grand Secretary.

Gary became a Master Mason in Corinthian Lodge No. 67 in Farmington, Minnesota, in 1981. He later joined Minnehaha Lodge No. 165 where he was elected Worshipful Master in 2001 and currently serves as Treasurer. Minnehaha Lodge also honored him as a Hiram Award recipient.

Gary joined the Scottish Rite in 1983 and was very active on the Stage and Properties Committees for several years. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter Rose Croix for two years and is currently on the Board of Directors of both the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Foundation and the RiteCare Language Disorders Clinic. Gary was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 1995.

In recent years Gary has been very active in the York Rite bodies. He is a Past High Priest of Ark Chapter No. 53, Past Illustrious Master of Northfield Council No. 12 and a Past Commander of Minneapolis Mounted Commandery No. 23. He is also a member of many of the appendant bodies of the York Rite including Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Red Cross of Constantine, Knight York Cross of Honor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, York Rite College, Allied Masonic Degrees and Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Gary is a member of Zuhrah Shrine where he is a Past President of the Ceremonial Unit and a Past Director General. Gary is also on the Zuhrah Shrine Circus Management Committee.

Gary has been married to his lovely lady Karen for over 42 years. They have a daughter Laura, who is married to Ryan Lovald, and two grandsons Jacob, 6, and Thomas, 4.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2011-2012

ELECTED

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	Gary A. Odegard (53/33) [Karen]
GRAND KING	▲	Allan F. Kauppi (1) [Shirley]
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	James F. Edgar, Sr. (102)
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	Adam T. Stevenson (20) [Dawn]
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Dexter C. Pehle (53/77) [Muriel]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2012]		Gary H. Johnson (101) [Julie]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2013]		John R. Wentworth (22)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2014]		Loren R. Schroeder (93) [Kathy]

APPOINTED

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	▲	Marvin W. Schendel (60) [Marilyn]
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	▲	Greg Schultz (15) [Shirley]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	▲	Cliff H Isley (22) [Brenda]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	James S. McNeely, IV (15/2UD) [Anne]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Stephen A. Johnson (42) [Eileen]
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	Rich S. Gilchrist (1)
GRAND CHAPLAIN		John B. Studell (53)
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)
GRAND LECTURER		Mark A. Anderson (9/33) [Jeanette]

▲ = advancing line

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES 2011-2012	
<u>APPEALS & GRIEVANCES [5]</u>	<u>STATE OF THE RITE [3]</u>
Edimand C. Gilbertson PGHP*	James E. Turner PGHP*
Kevin V. Jones PGHP	Greg Schultz GRAC
Charles R. Marston PGHP	Nicholas R. Johnson
Allan F Kauppi, GK	
Vernon Schwalbe PHP	<u>CAPITULAR EDUCATION & PROMOTION [3]</u>
	Ronald A, Miles PGHP*
<u>CHAPTERS [5]</u>	Marvin W. Schendel GPS
Terrance J. Becker PGHP*	Mark A. Anderson GLec
Mark A. Anderson GLec	
Randall L Poulson, GM3V	<u>YORK RITE COOPERATION [3]</u>
James S McNeely IV, GM2V	Douglas A. Nygard PGHP *
Cliff Isley, GM3V	Raymond W. Hayward PHP
	John B Studell, Gchap
<u>CREDENTIALS [GS+2]</u>	
Dexter C Pehle, GTS*	<u>ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION</u>
Adam T Stevenson, GCOH	<u>[GSc+GCOH+3]</u>
George A. James, JR. PHP	James F Edgar, Sr, GSc*
	Adam Stevenson, GCOH
<u>FINANCE [5]</u>	Randall L Poulson, GM3V
Gary H. Johnson PGHP Trustee*	Joseph J. Anderson PHP
Kevin V. Jones PGHP	Carl Lidstrom. PHP
Ronald A. Miles PGHP	
John R. Wentworth PHP, Trustee	<u>CHARITY [3]</u>
Dexter C Pehle, GTS	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. PGHP*
	William R. Newell PGHP
<u>FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE [1]</u>	Marvin Schendel, GPS
Greg Schultz GRAC*	
	<u>NOMINATIONS [3]</u>
<u>JURISPRUDENCE [5]</u>	Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP*
Gary H. Johnson PGHP Trustee*	Douglas A. Nygard PGHP
Loren R. Schroeder PGHP Trustee	James F Edgar, Sr. GSc
John R. Wentworth PHP Trustee	
William R. Newell PGHP	<u>SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET [1]</u>
Kevin V. Jones PGHP	Michael Denke PHP*
SPECIAL COMMITTEES	
<u>TRIPLE TAU/KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH</u>	<u>RITUAL</u>
Peter P. Kloskowski PGHP*	Mark A. Anderson GLec*
Terrance J. Becker PGHP	Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP DGLec
Marvin W. Schendel GPS	Raymond F. Frandsen DGLec
	Steven J. Leinen DGLec
<u>NECROLOGY</u>	<u>YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS</u>
John Studell GChap*	Joseph J. Anderson PHP*
Peter P. Kloskowski PGHP	Cliff A. Isley GM3V
William T. Hubbard GO	

SCHEDULE OF GRAND SESSIONS-2012

2012 MINNESOTA GRAND YORK RITE SESSION

June 21, 22 & 23, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Bloomington, MN

147th Minnesota Grand Commandery Conclave Schedule

June 21

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration - BALLROOM FOYER

8:15 am - 11:45 am

Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

147th Grand Commandery Conclave - FIRESIDE/CORTLAND

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Joint Lunch - MCINTOSH

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Past Grand Commander's Lunch (MN only) -EXECUTIVE CONF. ROOM

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Knight Crusaders of the Cross - REGENT/WALDORF

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Masonic Speaker - CORTLAND

2:50 pm - 4:15 pm

Past Commanders Association - BEACON/DUCHESS

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

2012/2013 Grand Commandery Officers Installation -FIRESIDE/CORTLAND

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Dinner and Awards Presentations - MCINTOSH/JONATHAN

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Public Welcome and Memorial Service - MCINTOSH/JONATHAN

8:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE

8:45 pm - ?

Order of Lotus - REGENT/WALDORF

142nd Minnesota Grand Council Assembly Schedule

June 22

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration - BALLROOM FOYER

8:15 am - 11:00 am

Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

142nd Grand Council Assembly - FIRESIDE/CORTLAND

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ladies Lunch and Entertainment – MCINTOSH

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Men's Lunch - JONATHAN
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Thrice Illustrious Master - REGENT/WALDORF
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
ISH SODI - BEACON/DUCHESS
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
2012/2013 Grand Council Officers Installation -FIRESIDE/CORTLAND
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
Social - BALLROOM FOYER
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Grand Banquet - FIRESIDE/CORTLAND
9:15 pm - 10:30 pm
Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE

150th Minnesota Grand Chapter Convocation Schedule
June 23

8:00 am - 11:00 am
Registration - BALLROOM FOYER
8:15 am - 11:45 am
Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
150th Grand Chapter Convocation - FIRESIDE/CORTLAND
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Joint Lunch - JONATHAN
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
King Solomon No. 133, UD lunch – EXECUTIVE CONF. ROOM
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
2012/2013 Grand Chapter Officers Installation -FIRESIDE/CORTLAND
2:30 pm - 4:45 pm
Hospitality Room - APPLE TERRACE
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm
Order of High Priesthood - BEACON/DUCHESS
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
2012/2013 Grand Officers Reception - CORTLAND
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Renaissance Festival Performances - CORTLAND
7:30 pm
Grand Session overview Meeting – EXECUTIVE CONF. ROOM

GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [150TH]

June 23, 2013

OPENING

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was ritualistically opened in full form by Ark Chapter No.53 of Minneapolis, Excellent Companion Carl Lidstrom – High Priest presiding. He was assisted by the following officers: **[LIST OF OFFICERS?]**

King-	Bob Pemberton
Scribe-	Jack Wirkella
Principal Sojourner –	MEC Hugh Swift, Jr., PGHP
Chaplain-	Bill Near
Captain of the Host-	Foster Solum
Royal Arch Captain-	Chuck Munson
Master of the 3 rd Veil-	Doug Beach
Master of the 2 nd Veil-	John Harper
Master of the 1 st Veil-	Randy Poulson
Sentinel-	Joe Pollock

There was an alarm at the door. The Sentinel declared that Grand High Priest Gary A. Odegard and Officers seeks admission. They are admitted, welcomed and escorted to East. There they are introduced and given Grand High Honors. The hat and gavel were passed after which the Grand Officers replaced the Ark Officers in their stations and places. GHP Odegard introduced the Ark Chapter officers and others who had participated in the opening ceremonies. The assembly gave a round of applause of appreciation for a job well done by the participants.

The Grand Chaplain Studell offered an opening prayer which was followed by a Flag Tribute by Companion Joe Pollock. The Companions then pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States after which the National Anthem was sung. Most Excellent Companion Rick LaRonde, the Grand First Principal of Manitoba, presented the tribute to the Canadian Flag followed by the singing of O Canada.

Grand High Priest Odegard welcomed everyone to this, the 150th Grand Convocation. He explained why this was the 150th Convocation even though the Grand Chapter celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2009. He explained that there were no sessions in 1862, in 1869 and 1977; 1862 owing to the Civil War and absence from the state of Minnesota's First Brigade, and 1869 and 1977 because of a shifting of session dates that created longer terms of office.

GHP Gary thanked all the represented Chapters and those for other jurisdictions, Especially Right Excellent Companion Hugh Edmund from Scotland, who had traveled the farthest distance. Several of the Duluth area and Northern Minnesota companions were absent due to the flooding that has occurred from the recent storm.

INITIAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

Initial report of the Credentials Committee was requested. A Roll call of Chapters indicated that twenty-two (22) Chapters were represented of the thirty-four (34) Minnesota Chapters. The following Chapters did not answer the roll call:

Winona No. 5, Tyrian No. 6, Washington No. 17, Fergus Falls No. 27, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt. Nebo No. 39, Pierson No. 41, Fairmont No. 50, Triune No. 51, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, and Rush City 87.

GHP Odegard declared that a constitutional quorum was present and the 150th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota opened for the transaction of business.

A Roll Call of Past Grand High Priests was called with the following answering the call:

Gary Johnson - 1979,
Kevin Jones - 1990,
Barnes Sharitt - 1997,
Loren Schroeder - 2003,
Ron Miles - 2005,
James Turner - 2009,
Douglas Nygard - 2010,
Terry Becker - 2011

The Distinguished Guests and Visitors were assembled outside of the Chapter room and presented by the MEC Hugh C Swift, Jr. Acting Captain of the Host.

Roll call of Grand Officers who assembled in the East for introduction.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Distinguished Guests and Visitors were assembled outside of the Chapter room and then presented by the MEC Hugh C Swift, Jr. Acting Captain of the Host to the convocation. They were:

MEC Leland L Burlison, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin
MEC George E Bauder, Grand High Priest of South Dakota
MEC Richard Bowersox - Grand High Priest of Iowa
MEC Richard D LaRonde, Grand First Principal (Z) of Manitoba
REC David D Mahoney, Grand King of Wisconsin
REC Frank C Osdoba, Grand King of Iowa
MEC Richard A McBride, Past Grand High Priest of South Dakota
EC Raymond E Mielke, Grand Captain of the Host of Wisconsin
EC Herbert E Cook, Grand Orator of South Dakota
MEC Hugh B Edmond, Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Stirling and Clackmannan, Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland
REC Prince V Selvaraj , Grand Superintendent of the Grand Chapter of Ontario
MEC John T Parsons, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest – North Central – Royal Arch Masons, International; Grand High Priest of Nebraska
REC Roderick W Anderson, General Grand Trustee, of General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International , Past Grand High Priest of Wisconsin
REC Louis E Bartrand, General Grand King, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International, Past Grand High Priest of Washington,

GHP Odegard also introduced MEC James E Turner, JR., General Grand Ambassador

of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International, Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota

Grand Honors were given; REC Bartrand was invited to the East Dais and the visitors were dismissed. MEC Edmond from Scotland was invited to say a few words before he returned to his seat.

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I Thank you very, very much for that very very warm welcome you gave me when I visited here in Minnesota. It's a great pleasure to be here and seeing you all at your annual convocation. I would like at this time to bring a warm and fraternal greetings from First Grand Principal, Most Excellent Companion Ian Fraser. He knew I was coming and asked me if I would just do exactly that. And I now do it. I thank you for the opportunity to saying a few words and thank you very, very much for all the hospitality I have received while here. Thank you very much."

Next, Most Worshipful Brother Brian E. Beermann, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota was presented west of the altar. He has afforded Grand Masonic Honors. Since his schedule was very tight he was asked to address the Convocation at this time. He said "Sure." He was reminded that he did not have to talk.

"That's true, I'm usually at such a loss for words, Gary. I know that many of you have heard me complain about all the traveling I've had to do this year, but yesterday took the tops. I had to go play in a golf tournament for you, on your behalf for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. It was tough duty, you know. It was almost 80, and there were these wispy clouds in the sky. Almost as if the weather was bad."

Most Excellent Companion Gary, Right Excellent Companions, brethren companions all, I bring you greeting from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota Masons. As I said the other night, I can't think of a more superfluous thing, then bringing greetings from the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge itself. Our members are you. We are us. We are all in this thing together. A couple of quick remarks that I'll make here this morning. And I know you have business that's far more important than to listen to my blather. And I mean that very sincerely."

I am so impressed with the work we are doing here in the York Rite and the work the Chapter is specifically doing. Gary, I want to commend you on four Chapters under Dispensation. I was here to commend you on two. I said to Hugh, kind of off-handily in the hall: 'When you're Grand Master, I hear news that happened yesterday.' And it tends to be what it is and I was so proud of Sean and other brothers of Vermillion, and you gentlemen from Anoka and Shekinah, and I'm so glad to hear about Blue Earth, and King Solomon as well."

I see engaged, young, excited, Masons that are coming through the Chapters, are coming through the York Rite, all around the state; not just here in the Cities, and it makes me very, very, very pleased. The ties that we get, the multiplicities, the ways that we tie to each other, it's not like we are tying in knots, it's like that beautiful fabric of Masonry that is. It is those threads, those small threads that we bring, and that beautiful blanket that was woven for us, with Masonry as we move forward."

On my coin, there are two principal things you will all see on the coin. On the back of the coin, or the obverse as I call it, is the big tent of Masonry, The idea that our ancillary and concordant orders, and all those different orders of Masonry working together, our lodges, across the state, working together; we can do so much with the synergy that develops than we can working alone. And then on the front of the coin, many of you may not be aware, that is my actually my mark. My mark from Minnesota Chapter No. 1, which is a Mason never forgets, his duty to God and man. Masonry is duty my Brothers. Masonry, some may say, or some may falsely believe, that Masonry is a series of philosophy, of allegory, but Masonry is indeed those philosophies, those allegories, put

into action. It is the inculcation of those philosophies, those great moral duties, in our daily lives that is Masonry. Masonry is action; it not merely sitting around the coaches and chatting, it isn't about degrees. It is the practical application of those lessons in our daily lives. It is the practical application of these things every day that drives Masonry. It is what makes Masonry relevant to its members. It is what makes Masons relevant to our communities.

Most Excellent Companion Gary, Fellow Grand Master, doing double duty today, but as Gary is, our Most Excellent Grand High Priest is a humble. He is a wonderful Mason, and a wonderful friend. And I'm so very proud to be here for you Gary. I Think of the Gary and the word 'humble' comes to all of you minds, but effective. I'll tell you something else; I've never been involved in any project with Gary, where he hasn't shown up, done his job and done his duty. He is truly one of my favorite Masons in the state. Most Excellent Companion, my congratulations, on a terrific year. So proud to know you, and so proud to be here for us today. Thank you."

The preliminary credentials report was requested. Companion Carl Lidstrom reported that 73 ballots had been issued.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee report was given by Past Grand High Priests, Hugh C. Swift (33) and Gary H. Johnson, (101). The committee placed the following names in nomination for the offices of:

Secretary/Treasurer – Gary A Odegard (33), and for
Trustee – Gary Johnson (101)

Grand High Priest Odegard appointed the following Tellers:

PGHP Ron Miles – Chair
Vern Schwalbe
Richard Kaufmann

The Grand Secretary instructed the companions on the use of ballots. The Ballot was declared open and the companions informed that ballot would remain open until after the break

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

The next order of business was the report of the Chapters Committee, chaired by Most Excellent Companion Terrence J. Becker, Past Grand High Priest.

"Most Excellent Companion Gary, Right Excellent Companions, Companions all; as you saw in the Grand High Priest's remarks we have been a little busy. First of all, I would like to thank the committee, Mark Anderson, the Grand Lecturer, James McNeely, I V as we call him, and Cliff Isley. We have been pretty busy in the last two years as you know, and as outlined in the High Priest's notes and I won't draw it out so much.

First, when we started getting requests from defunct chapters, we came up with the idea of requiring a three-year plan, and in that we wanted, we requested an assessment and be addressed leadership, membership and finances. And our thought was, although we had the power to grant dispensations, we didn't want to grant dispensations that would

result in failure in a couple years, so we wanted an honest self-assessment, if they had the momentum and could really pull this off. So we asked for that.

We also pointed out, that dispensations are renewable and that there is no set time-frame to make these things work. We kept encountering other problems and it turns out I think they are problems that most jurisdictions would love to have, When these chapters under dispensation got to the point, they said 'OK, so how do we actually request to get a charter?' And we had to look into the Constitution because that hadn't happened in sixty plus years in Minnesota and one of the requirements said, well, they had to have a Certificate of Proficiency from the Grand Lecturers. Well, what makes a lodge proficient? So, we got our heads together and tried to get wrapped around that and there was a little give and take in discussion. And there was the complaint that came back 'Well, a lot of current chapters can't do the stuff that you're asking us to do.' And our response is that these new chapters are our flagships, they're our beacon, they're leading the way. They are setting the standard, so that bar is maybe a little higher than chapters that are struggling. But you know what, these chapters that requested their charters rose to the occasion. So if anyone wants to see any those documents, they are available from the Grand Secretary, or will be. And basically, they just recite the relevant sections from the General Regulations and the Constitution. They're highlighted and we just went down those details.

And then the final step was, 'OK, how do actually get that charter?', and then again we had to look at the Constitution. There are several steps required there. I will say that we, as a committee, have met mainly electronically, numerous e-mails and phone calls, and once again this year, as last year, we set aside several hours at Grand Lodge when it convenes, that when knew we would all be together and hash through some of these things. So let me give you a little report on the status.

As you know, King Solomon Number 133 is our holding chapter under dispensation, for members who nowhere else to be, and that will meet at luncheon this afternoon. A year ago we got the request and granted the dispensation for Blue Earth No. 7, Mankato, are in that process; they have developed their plan and they have been doing work. They have made some Mark Masters and are in the process of marching ahead. Number 2, Vermillion under dispensation, again continues to work, they have exalted companions and as you will hear in a moment have requested a Charter. Number 52, Shekinah under Dispensation, in Anoka, have worked very hard, same story, and have requested their charter. Give you a little update, last year we granted a charter, which had been suspended, not surrendered, to Marshall, Minnesota No. 65, and they are up working and we have chatted with them. And I'm happy to report that they are excited by, and agreed, to the mission of hosting a new joint venture with South Dakota, Nebraska, and hopefully Iowa called Quad-State that will probably take us a year to get it organized, but the main players are on board, and it will be similar to Tri-State, where these jurisdictions would get together once a year and do a Festival with the work, rotating between the States, and then presenting the work. It is our hope that Marshall would be one of these centers of York Rite Masonic excellence that you heard about yesterday. And these guys have agreed to be part of that. So Quad-State is in our future.

Other future things; this year we also came up in response to some requests with a plan to take another step to try to help chapters that may be struggling or failing and to support the interest that is elsewhere. We are in the final steps of granting a dispensation to temporarily move the charter from Rush City to Cambridge. They have a core group that has requested that, and we're going to do that on a trial basis. The Rush

City members have thought that the twenty-some mile drive is do-able, and there is interest in the lodge, Helios Lodge in Cambridge, so we've just got a few more things to iron out so were going to move that charter and if it works out eventually we would transfer that charter. We are in preliminary steps of doing the same thing with moving the charter, just the initial discussions, from Hallock to Roseau, up in our Far North, of moving the charter from Hallock to Roseau, where is great interest in that lodge in Roseau to do some things and get things going. So we'll be working on that. That would be Kittson no. 101, potentially, temporarily, moving its charter to Roseau to see if it will take root and takes hold.

We have also had requests and strong interest from the remnants of the old chapter in International Falls, who would like to request a Chapter under Dispensation, to see if they can follow the lead of Vermillion, Mankato, Shekinah, and come back to life. We have had the preliminary discussions, we weren't unfortunately able to meet before this session, but I would suspect that there will be a dispensation issued yet this year, for chapter under dispensation in International Falls. And it will take the work, support and help of these other re-born charters that have just done this and the other companions to help them get their core established and going. So it's great, to face these issues and have to struggle with them. I would think most jurisdictions would like to do that.

There has been another interesting question that's been directed to me on at least several occasions and I think this will be addressed later from our Right Excellent Companion, Louis Bartrand, and I think, and that's the question of Stand-alone, or 'Free' Mark Lodges. And that is something that should think about and I'll just say at this point, is that I have learned that they remain under the control of the Grand Chapter. They are used more in the outlying cares where a lodge has interest, and they only want to do the Mark work, because that's all they are capable of doing and that is possibly something that could mesh with our other ideas of Masonic Centers of Excellence. It's an interesting concept that we will hear more about. I'm still not sure if it will work for us.

So again, we had these problems to solve, so we asked for the plan, the three-year plan to grant the dispensation. We have the process for certification, and we came up with the process for the chapter.

At this time I would like to call forward, the members of our two chapters under dispensation that have requested their charter, Vermillion and Shekinah, to please come forward. Most Worshipful Brian, could you join us please. This is a great day. These guys have done tremendous, tremendous work, sometimes with a little gnashing of teeth, on all our parts, They have done hard work and in a moment we'll have them introduce their members,

So, Most Excellent Companion High Priest, in compliance with the requirement, I would like to read the following:

'Most Excellent Companions;

To the Committee on Chapters and to the Grand High Priest,

I hereby certify that the principal officers and designated lecturers of Shekinah Chapter UD of Anoka, Minnesota, meeting in the hall of Anoka Lodge No. 30, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to be proficient for the purposes of conferring all the Capitular work according to the Minnesota Ritual. Furthermore, I commend them to you as to their ability to open and conduct a chapter, and that their hall has the suitable Capitular appurtenances and equipment available.'

Signed by Mark A Anderson, dated this Second day of June 2012.

*'To the Grand High Priest and to the Committee on Chapters,
Most excellent Companions;*

I hereby certify that the principal officers and designated lecturers of Vermillion Chapter Under Dispensation of Hastings, Minnesota, meeting in the hall of Dakota Lodge No. 7, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to be proficient for the purposes of conferring all the Capitular work according to the Minnesota Ritual. Furthermore, I commend them to you as to their ability to open and conduct a chapter, and that their hall has the suitable Capitular appurtenances and equipment available.'

Signed by Mark A Anderson, dated this Second day of June 2012.

It is the recommendation, Most Excellent High Priest and companions, that Charters be granted to Shekinah and Vermillion Chapters under dispensation. That is the report of the committee."

CHARTER PRESENTATIONS

The Grand High Priest thanked Companion Becker for the report and invited the rest of the Chapters Committee to come forward, James McNeely, Cliff Isley, Mark Anderson. He then read one of the Charters:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Minnesota, To All whom it may Concern: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Minnesota, assembled in Grand Convocation in the city of Bloomington, in the state aforesaid, send greetings. Know ye, that the Grand Royal Chapter of the State of Minnesota do hereby authorize and empower our Trustee and well beloved Companions, R. Sean Gardiner - High Priest, Warren E White - King, and Bruce D Scott- Scribe to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter at Hasting, in the state of Minnesota to be known and designated on our register as OVERSEERS CHAPTER No. 103, and therein to exalt candidates to the august degree of the Royal Arch according to the Ancient Landmarks and usages of Royal Arch Masonry and not otherwise.

And we do further authorize and empower our said trustee and well beloved companions to open and hold under the jurisdiction said chapter lodges and confer the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master and therein to advance, induct, receive and acknowledge candidates according to the ancient customs and usages of the Craft and not otherwise.

And we do further authorize and empower our said trustee and well beloved companions to install their successors, duly elected and chosen, to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging and deliver them to the warrant of constitution and such successors shall in like manner, from time to time, install successors and proceed in the premises as above directed, Provided always that the above named companions and their successors do pay and cause to be paid, due respect and obedience to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Minnesota and to the edicts, rules and regulations thereof otherwise this warrant of constitution to be of no force or virtue.

Given in Grand Convocation Under the hands of our Grand Officers and the seal of our Grand Chapter in Bloomington this 23rd day of June in the Year of Light, 6012 and of the Discovery ,2542 Signed by the three Grand Principal Officers and attested by the Grand Secretary.

“And we’re lucky enough to have our Grand Master here, who will also sign as an attester to the document.

The Grand Officers signed the Charter; followed by the affixing the seal and signatures to attest by the Grand Secretary and Most Worshipful Grand Master Brian Beermann.

PGHP Becker spoke again to explain the change in names upon the granting of charters.

“To explain the name, you’ll remember last year, The discussion was, ‘What do we do with the names and numbers as they come back alive, and when these charters were surrendered for legal and constitutional reasons that name and number goes away. So what we decided was that if they wanted to maintain the original name and have that number it would have a two-hundred (2xx) series to designate the second iteration of that Lodge; or they could chose a new name and have a chapter number in our numbering succession, as previously Vermillion, now Overseers chose to do, So That’s to explain the name change and the number change.”

Overseers Chapter was presented their Charter by the Grand High Priest and Grand Master to thunderous standing applause from the Companions assembled.

Grand High Priest Gary that the second charter was then ready to be signed and he read the following excerpted paragraph from that second Charter:

“ Know ye, that the Grand Royal Chapter of the State of Minnesota do hereby authorize and empower our Trustee and well beloved Companions, Steven M Braun - High Priest, Donald J Nolly - King, and Trent B Gilbertson - Scribe to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter at Anoka, in the state of Minnesota to be known and designated on our register as ANOKA-SHEKINAH CHAPTER No. 104,”

PGHP Becker indicated that the chapter number was double the old number, 52, and that it *“just happened to work out that way.”*

The Grand Officers signed the Charter; followed by the affixing the seal and signatures to attest by the Grand Secretary and Most Worshipful Grand Master Brian Beermann.

The companions from Anoka were asked to remain while those from Hastings were seated. Excellent Companion Marv Schendel, Secretary of Columbian Chapter No. 60 came to the podium and spoke.:

“Shekinah merged with Columbian Chapter several years ago and in that process Shekinah turned over its records and books to Columbian for safe keeping. I have the original minute book from 1889, which is this, and I have the original photo album of their Past High Priests going back to 1889. They are in pristine shape. And we want to return them to your archives for your safe keeping”.

Companion Becker moved the adoption for the acceptance of the report of the Committee on Chapters. It was seconded and approved.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

Grand High Priest Odegard indicated that the script said it was time for the Grand High Priest’s final reports and that he thought that he could leave after giving it. His remarks follow:

“All I Can say is, Wow! That’s a hard act to follow. This has been a significant event in Minnesota Capitular Masonry There’s a lot of people worked hard for that event. I had very little to do with it except that every time we hit a road block from one side or the other, I kept pushing the Chapters or pushing the Chapters Committee to find a way to get around the road block. So both sides are very happy that this is over because they are tired of me pushing on them.

A couple of things I want to highlight in my report. It’s in the preprints and I’m not going to go through that. I just want to highlight a couple of things. We had a very successful festival on Feb 11 hosted by Shekinah 52 UD where we exalted 23 new companions. We also had another festival hosted by Owatonna chapter NO. 15 on June 2nd, which is earlier this month, where we exalted 10 new companions. Thanks very much to Hugh Swift and James McNeely and all the companions at Owatonna Chapter and all the other chapters around that helped with the fill-in parts on the degree work. There were multiple chapters that participated. But I would pretty like to highlight Albert Lea Chapter No. 30. They did a prologue to the Mark Master Degree and one of the things that were unusual about this was, especially in festivals, we don’t do the prologues. And we had all these new to be exalted companions sitting there and was a very, very well done prologue to the Mark Master degree that kind of opened the path of what they were going to see in the following degree. Three of the four guys that participated in that were brand new Royal Arch Masons. They were just exalted in the festival that was held in Anoka in February. And they participated and did their part in that prologue by memory. I wish we could do more of that. By that I wish we could do more of the prologues because they really add to the degree and I wish we could do more regional festivals. We’ve been talking all year and plan to talk next year in Council and Chapter about developing Regional centers where we have a good Blue Lodge, we’re going to get a good Chapter, a good Council and a good Commandery going. And when we all work together I’m sure we can get Regional Center of Excellence so that no matter where you live in the state you can get your York Rite degree work done without traveling a whole long distance.

I was little slowed down this year by physical problems. But thanks to all your prayers and well wished, I’m doing fine now. I didn’t get everything done this year that I wanted to do, but we had a great year.

I want to thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me, and I’ll never forget this year. Thank you.

The companions rose to their feet and gave the Grand High Priest a thundering applause of appreciation.

Grand King Kauppi called for a Motion to approve the report, Several companions offered the motion and its second and it was approved.

GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT

Grand Treasurer Dexter Pehle indicated to the Companions that his report was also in the Pre-Prints and that he would not be reading it to them. He indicated that there were some parts that he felt the companions should be better informed on and that need re-enforcement.

“Cash flow has been problem with the way we have been running the system. Most all of our revenue, with the exception of some added investment income, being drawn from,

comes from our per-capita, and that all comes in the first month or two of the calendar year. But we operate more on a term year, and so as we begin the last six months of the calendar year, our financial situation is sometimes extremely poor, yet we have expenses. And so I'm sure you will hear the Trustees address this problem when we discuss the budget in a few moments here.

Lifetime memberships were distributed again this year. We were able to have incomes from our investments which allowed us to pay out at about the six percent (6%) again for this year. We've been very consistent. However, not all of the checks have been cashed. In fact I have checks that have not been cashed from previous years. And it becomes extremely difficult for any Treasurer, and rather than say it again as Grand Secretary, we need you to stay on top of your own individual finances and activities and report them.

We have four chapters that have not paid their annual per capita from last year, at the present time. I know that at least one has indicated they are going to surrender their charter shortly after the first of July, after we've been having been trying to get them to pay their per capita and everything for now three years. It become extremely difficult for us to try and maintain when we don't get our 'real' revenues in, let alone having to go out and tap our investment accounts.

I must encourage you again, and I have tried contacting all of the Secretaries of chapters to pay attention to IRS Tax Exempt status. We have had chapters, and we have had councils in this state lose their tax exempt status as a 501 c (10), which we are, a fraternal organization, with the IRS. At least one has petitioned back to my knowledge at the reduced rate, because the IRS has been extremely forgiving this first, it's actually now in to second year, of the 100% reporting system. I have offered assistance, but nobody contacts me, and when you're not contacted it's hard to give assistance. I have had to work pretty much not on a pro-active, but on a reactive basis, in regards to these problems and as a result some of you have lost your IRS status and I would suggest that if you wish to get it back to please let me know, and we'll work with Gary, should he be elected, to get those thing back in order.

The accounting system has been simplified by using QuickBooks and we've tried to group it and present it accordingly. I would then show you exactly where we are. For the calendar year of 2011, if you'll go to page 26 and 27 you'll see from our expenses that our operating budget on an annual basis is roughly sixty thousand dollars. (\$60,000) plus or minus, this is what it has been running at.

The Grand Chapter, to operate it, through the General Grand per-capita, the awards , the charity donations, the insurance, the life memberships distributions and other sundry things has been running us about thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) a year. To operate the office, has been about eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) a year; Officer's expenses, about thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) a year; and miscellaneous expenses and other expenses, around six thousand (\$6,000) a year. As you see there, our net income versus loss shows us with a slight loss of about three hundred dollars (- \$300) for the calendar year 2011. To put it in a better perspective, one I think would be more understandable is from a term basis.

The Grand Treasurer then compared the term of PGHP Becker for 2010-11, with the first eleven months of GHP Odegard's 2011-12 term, both showing positive worth at the end of each term. He explained that the Trustees where directly responsible for the Grand Chapters investments and the maintaining the distributions. He reiterated that Life Memberships were for sale and that

arrangements for partial or incremental payments could be made since the cost of a life membership could be burdensome to on smaller incomes. He explained how that process would work and could benefit both the Chapter and the companion. Companion Pehle, moved for the acceptance of the report to be placed on file for future audit. The motion was seconded and approved .

GHP Odegard called on the Trustees for their report. . He first explained that the resolutions had been previously distributed to all chapters and were available in the pre-printed reports of this convocation. The judgment was rendered that this action constituted the 'first reading' of the resolutions, and that when the Jurisprudence reports on the resolutions it will treated as the second reading.

GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT

PGHP Gary Johnson, chair of the Trustees, explained that there was no form in pre-prints, due to problems at very last moment and that he would present a report similar to those in the past where the investments are broken out on a Calendar year comparison basis, for 2010 and 2011. He then presented the calendar year 2011 report.

He explained that the Trustees are responsible for the General Investment Fund, the Charity Fund, and the Life Membership fund of the Grand Chapter. He cited the following as balances on hands beginning January 1st.

	2,011	2,010	2,011	2,011
	GENERAL		CHARITY	LIFE
BOH 1/1/2011	198,934	193,233	26,311	339,953
increases				none
withdrawals	10,500	7,500		
bal for interest	193,684		26,311	339,953
int income	10,831		1,471	19,011
BOH 12/31/2011	188,434		26,311	339,953

The withdrawals were taken to balance the books in the Grand Chapter as it has been running in the Red for the past years. He explained that the timing of withdrawals effects how much of the earned interest is withdrawn, and that the accounts are managed on a quarterly basis. He noted that although the Constitution specifies the Charity Fund to maintain \$25,000 in the account, the account is actually higher at the discretion of the Trustees.

Most Excellent Companion Johnson explained that we previously had the accounts in Piper-Jaffrey, but was switched in 2009. The accounts are now with Securities America, Inc. There was no undistributed income in 2011. Interest income for 2011 was \$31,314, which was a 5.6% rate of return on the total investment package's Balance for Interest of \$559,949. A copy of the list of holdings is also available.

He explained how the market had fluctuated during the year and the impact on our investments. He explained why and how the bookkeeping system differs from market value. We needed the year 2011 with a net value (*ed. market value*) of \$411,256. It had been close to \$500,000 one time during the year. Based upon recovered financial worth of \$411,256, investment income has amounted to 7.61%. The Trustees feel very comfortable with the new broker. Because of our corporate structure, the transfer of accounts between brokers has been delayed and thus the

absence of the hard-copy report. PGHP Johnson said that the Grand Chapter is not operating profitably and has to draw from the Investment Fund each year. The new budget was put together with this action in mind.

In addition to the Investment management, the function of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota has been to provide a general oversight of the operations of the Grand Chapter. In that capacity they are responsible for an audit, and have made other decisions regarding the relocating of the Grand Office. The Grand Secretary has brought the operation of office into the 21st century to the point of on-line access to forms and records. He has updated the history and filled in the missing proceedings when possible. He has made it more efficient, but he is leaving. The Trustees realized that a new Secretary, and Treasurer, or a combined office, would be needed. Discussions have been held about how to proceed for the long run.

The Trustees are recommending that the office be relocated to the Masonic Home, a more central location geographically, and where cost for space is about a wash and cost for storage would be picked up the Masonic Museum and Historical Society. In order of maintain the upgraded office we have achieved over the past few years, new equipment will be needed to augment what has been achieved and to be compatible with the Grand Lodge's system. The plan allows for the collocation of all the York Rite offices; the Grand Council at this time and possibly the Grand Commandery in the future, if they so choose. Other options include the hiring of a part-time assistance for clerical tasks. But, it costs money and since that is what the Investment Fund is for, it's time to make that investment.

The Trustees have also placed the name of Gary Odegard into nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer/Grand Secretary.

Most Excellent Companion Johnson moved the acceptance of the report. It was seconded and passed.

Grand High Priest Odegard, reminded the companions that the ballot box was still open and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared a fifteen minute recess.

RECESS

Grand High Priest Odegard rapped the gavel for order and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared the 150th Convocation at labor. He inquired if all who were entitled to do so had voted. Since there was no apparent rush, he declared the tellers to take charge of the ballot box and it was closed.

The report of the Grand Secretary was called for.

GRAND SECRETARY REPORT

Grand Secretary Dexter Pehle directed the companions to his pre-printed report. He indicated that he would not read it out loud in its entirety, but would be calling out certain things for additional comments.

"The year twenty eleven (2011) was highlighted by the continuing interest in restoring the charters of chapters that have been idled or given up. Most notably was the return of the charter to Marshall Chapter Number 65 of Marshall, Minnesota at the 2011 Grand

session. After a few years of inactivity, new interest kindled in the area that resulted in candidates and a passion to regain active status for the town and area. It was a success story that supports the philosophy of the holding chapter, King Solomon No. 133 UD. PGHP Terry Becker and the Chapters Committee continue to work with the under Dispensation chapters to define the requirements for organization, or re-organization, and the successful transitions to full charters, which you saw this morning, come to fruition with granting of those two new charters. It has really been a highlight and to see the interest.”

He then spoke of the downside, or those chapters in the state that aren't even opening. He spoke of his dual membership in a chapter that does open, but in proper form with only a handful of companions present, and in an informal setting. He indicated that it was disheartening not to see the work being done. Four (4) chapters have not filed annual reports for last year, a trend that needs serious attention.

The movement of charters to more active Masonic centers is under consideration, together with the consolidation of weaker chapters with stronger chapters. Finally, the movement of chapters into the holding chapter, King Solomon may be an answer.

REC Pehle, thanked the chapter secretaries for their support and those items they have forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary. He emphasized that reporting was essential for the proper operation of the office. Annual reporting could not be finalized because of missing data from a few chapters.

He referred to the following chart and indicated that membership had dropped by four per cent (4%) in Minnesota last year.

2011 MN RAM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS					
MEMBERSHIP 1/1/2011 *				2464	
<i>GAINS [+]</i>		<i>LOSSES [-]</i>			
EXALTED	47	DEMIT			27
JOINED	18	STRICKEN			63
RESTORED	3	SUSPEND			3
		DEATHS			82
TOTAL	68		TOTAL		175
NET				-107	-4.3%
MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2011 **				2357	
* FOUR (4) CHAPTERS NOT REPORTING					
**FOUR (4) CHAPTERS NOT REPORTING					

He then referred the companions to the Membership Abstract that shows the detailed reports by chapter, by category, and by quarter. He also pointed out the Active Chapter Genealogy showing consolidations over the years.

REC Pehle indicated that he was pleased with the nomination of his possible successor, MEC Gary Odegard. He indicated that they had worked together for some time, for the Univac Corporation, at Vandenberg AFB and the Twin Cities, and getting him to join our Minnehaha Lodge.

“Gary, should the election prevail, I pledge to you that you will not be alone in that office until such time as you are able to do it, because I know Sir, that you are going to be overwhelmed if I just put it on your desk; or as I was planning to do, hand the new Grand Secretary the keys to the bank building, the mail box and the office. But I will hang on to those until you are ready Sir, and at that time I will then turn them over to you. I pledge my support to you. Thank you for allowing me to work with you. “

Companion Pehle reinforced that he would assist in the office as best he could, but for personal reason he had to get away.

The Grand Secretary indicated that the digitizing of proceedings, both for the Cryptic Masons and the Royal Arch was done in an effort to establish an electronic database of our respective histories. This capability has been established within the Masonic Museum and Historical Society through the loan of the Cryptic Council purchased scanner and software. He indicated the George Washington Memorial Museum and Library in Arlington, VA had been contacted regarding its capability to scan documents. He indicated that it was a long term goal to get all of the proceedings digitized.

The database is base lined at this time to about 95% accuracy with the current membership roles for the past three years. He indicated that there is still over 50,000 index cards that should someday be entered into the system containing names, chapters and exaltation dates.

The function of the Grand Treasurer is now a stand-alone computer system that can be accessed remotely. Budget files were retrieved from that computer, this morning that were not in the pre-prints that had been awaiting final approval. The computer is in Virginia area and remotely accessible via the internet. The internet also expands our ability to access the social media such as Facebook and others to gain information and contact with our organization. We should be more involved in those avenues. We do have web sites that are pretty much brute force and lack sophistication for Royal Arch, for Cryptic and York Rite.

Companion Pehle indicated that his vision for the office was not universally shared and that he had taken criticism for trying to “do too much. “ He indicated that he was trying to raise the professionalism in the office. He equated the role of Grand Secretary to that of being a short order cook in a diner or hash house. Trying to juggle too much, sometimes things fall through as has happened this weekend. He indicated that he had not paid enough attention to the Grand Representative’s program. Things like the Grand Representatives, the newsletter, the web site, the foreign correspondence all need to be handed out to the Grand Officers as tasks they should do. The tasks that did do he felt needed to be done. He knows that the successors to the office will do things their way. He only asked that the successors honor the Order with their best effort.

Communication is the main job and that has been on a limited basis as some chapters don’t even have computers. He has received a hand-written roster from an 87 year old secretary fight health problems and appreciated the effort it took to do.

Companion Pehle spoke of the honor and commitment needed in the fraternity. We need to Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way. We all need to be mindful of some of our activities and the images that are cast there from much may border on inappropriate. He apologized for not

speaking up at the time and apologized to anyone who was offended. He thanked the companions for allowing him to serve this grand chapter.

***“Sis opus quartratum vis, angulos praecidere noli.
If you want square work (‘good work, true work’), don’t cut corners.”***

TELLERS REPORT

PGHP Ron Miles, Chair of the Tellers, reported that 59 unanimous ballots were cast for:

Allan Kauppi as Grand High Priest
James Edgar, Sr. as Grand King
Adam Stevenson as Grand Scribe
Gary Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary
Marv Schendel as Grand Captain of the Host
Gary Johnson as Grand Trustee [3 years]

Grand High Priest Odegard congratulated the newly elected officers, dismissed the tellers and ordered the Grand Secretary to destroy the ballots.

Companion Adam Stevenson indicated that he had no Triple Tau awards this year but that he had a few Knight of the Royal Arch award in his briefcase. He asked to postpone those awards to a little later. PGHP Peter Kloskowski gave a little history and said that anyone should be able to sign at least one petition to replace himself. Companion Peter indicated that he had recently signed his 174th petition. The assembly showed their appreciation with applause.

READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 149TH CONVOCATION

Past Grand High Priest Gary Johnson moved that the reading be dispensed with and the version sent out be accepted as the proceedings of the previous convocation. The motion was seconded and passed.

AWARD FOR INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Secretary indicated that the 2011-12 award goes to Corinthian Chapter No. 33 of Farmington. The certificate will be presented later. High Priest Nick Johnson gave some remarks on how they achieved the award..

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

[RESOLUTIONS- 2nd READING]

Chair of Jurisprudence, Past Grand High Priest Gary Johnson referred to the resolution in the Pre-Prints and indicated that this constituted the second reading. He then read the resolution shown below and explained the rational as aligning the fiscal year with the term year of Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENT ONE.
Amendment to the Constitution – Change of Fiscal Year.

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Amend by change the wording in the article to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII - OF GRAND CHAPTER FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year of this Grand Chapter shall end with the close of banking hours on ~~December~~ MAY 31st, beginning with the year ~~1992,~~ 2013, and It shall be the duty to close the books of accounts of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary as of that date and to submit the books to the Committee on Finance FOR AUDIT at such time and place as the Grand High Priest shall designate. The Committee on Finance shall submit acceptable ~~copies~~ SUMMARIES of the books of accounts AND SHALL REPORT ON SUCH AUDIT to the Board of Trustees ~~for audit who, then,~~ ~~shall report on such audit to the Committee on Finance at least one month~~ prior to the opening of the following Grand Convocation.

The resolution was placed on the floor for discussion. There being no discussion the vote was taken and the resolution passed.

Companion Johnson indicated that the Jurisprudence report really can't be done until the session closes as their task is to review all the reports and proceedings to ensure that everything is in proper form and properly done.

He expressed great joy in the awarding of the new charters and how pleased he was that King Solomon Chapter has accomplished exactly what it was designed to do. As a holding chapter, it was formed so we would not lose people and was formed so that those members would be able to go back and open up their chapter again. The moneys (e.g., Life Membership distributions) were set aside under the auspices of the Grand Chapter. He had been informed that those chapters that renewed have received their money back. It is only a holding chapter and does not allow you to qualify for KYCH.

One question that came up this year was the handling of a Life membership distribution when a companion is a dual member. The ruling was that the Life Membership stays with the Home chapter. The purchase of Life Memberships in each chapter is permitted and encouraged.

The Committee has reviewed the reports and audited the books and so far has given Grand High Priest Gary a 'thumbs-up.' Companion Johnson indicated that the report will be finalized at the end and moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded and adopted.

TRUSTEES BUDGET PRESENTATION

Past Grand High Priest Johnson displayed the budget for the year, the short 5 month year and the long seventeen month year. He explained that the budget was shown this way because of the legislation that just passed The motion to approve the budget was made by the Trustees and was approved.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

BUDGET							
				12/12	5/12	17/12	
	INCOME		est	annual	short year	long year	
	INVESTMENTS		32000				
	Life Members			20000	8,333	28,333	
	Charity			1800	750	2,550	
	General			10000	4,167	14,167	
				31800	13,250	45,050	
	OPERATIONS		22000				
	PER CAPITA			20500	8,542	29,042	
	Dues			250	104	354	
	Fees			500	208	708	
	Sales			500	208	708	
	other				0	0	
				21750	9,063	30,813	
			54000	53550	22,313	75,863	
	EXPENSES						
	GRAND CHAPTER		25000				
	AWARDS			100	42	142	
	CHARITIES			1500	625	2,125	
	GGC PER CAPITA			2250	938	3,188	
	GRAND SESSION			750	313	1,063	
	LM DIST			20000	8,333	28,333	
				24600	10,250	34,850	
						0	
	OFFICE OPERATIONS		10000			0	
	Equipment			500	208	708	
	Printing			600	250	850	
	Internet			600	250	850	
	Rent			4000	1,667	5,667	
	Postage			1500	625	2,125	
	Supplies			1500	625	2,125	
	Telephone			600	250	850	
	Web sites			400	167	567	
				9700	4,042	13,742	
	Officer Expenses		12500				
	GHP			3000	1,250	4,250	
	GK			800	333	1,133	
	GSc			500	208	708	
	GS/T			7200	3,000	10,200	
	Others			1200	500	1,700	
	Misc			600	250	850	
				13300	5,542	18,842	
	OTHER		5000				
	Bank fees				0	0	
	Memberships				0	0	
	Subscriptions			6100	2,542	8,642	
	Publications			300	125	425	
				6400	2,667	9,067	
			52500	54000	22,500	76,500	
	<i>GAIN/(LOSS)</i>		1500	-450	-188	-638	

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Grand Secretary Pehle made a motion to grant Honorary Memberships to those distinguished attendees who have attained that highest position of leadership in their various jurisdictions and had not previously received a honorary membership. The motion was seconded and passed

Grand High Priest of South Dakota – George Bauder
Grand High Priest of Wisconsin – Leland Burlison
Past First Grand Principal of Manitoba – Lawrence McGinnis
Grand Superintendent of Ontario - Prince Selvaraj
Grand First Principal of Manitoba - Richard LaRonde

The companions were recognized and greeted by Grand High Priest Odegard and informed that their certificates would be presented later.

A call was made for any further reports from standing committees needed to be given. There being none, the Grand Secretary, moved that all the remaining preprinted reports be received and printed in the proceedings. The motion was seconded and passed.

Grand High Priest Odegard called upon Past Grand High Priest Hugh C Swift, Jr for the following Motion:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, companions; It is with pleasure that I introduce this motion, that from here on forth, our retiring Grand Secretary will be known as Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota – Dexter C Pehle.”

The motion was seconded and passed. Companion Pehle was called forward where Grand High Priest Odegard presented Pehle with the certificated of Emeritus status. Companion Pehle thanked the companions for the honor and the presentation of a beautiful hand crafted black walnut box engraved with his name and status containing a hand crafted blinged pen set made the previous evening at the banquet.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012-2013

Grand High Priest Odegard called on the Grand High Priest Allen Kauppi to announce his appointments. The 2012-2013 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Principal Sojourner	Greg Schultz [15]
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Clifford Isley [22]
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	James McNeely, IV [15/103]
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Stephen Johnson [42]
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Richard Gilchrist [1]
Grand Sentinel	Steven Braun [104]
Grand Chaplain	Jack Roberts [1]
Grand Organist	William Hubbard [8]

Companion Kauppi announced that the installation of officers would take place at 1:30 pm.

GENERAL GRAND REMARKS

Grand High Priest Odegard called upon Most Excellent Companion John Parsons, North Central Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest for remarks. In his brief remarks, Parsons congratulated the newly elected officers and spoke of the upcoming North Central Conference to be held in Sioux Falls the last weekend in October. He also expressed his enjoyment of coming to our sessions and how it well the session had gone so far. He kept the remarks brief declaring that he was one of the obstacles keeping the companions from lunch.

Companion Odegard then presented Most Excellent Companion Louis Bartrand, General Grand King, representing the General Grand High Priest, and asked him to give remarks.

Most Excellent Companion Bartrand declared that it always was a pleasure to come to Minnesota. He expressed that it *'was beyond belief'* and that he was particularly pleased to be present at the chartering of two new Chapters, *'one of those once in a lifetime'* experiences. He congratulated Grand High Priest Odegard and those involved in achieving that goal. Prior to this day he had only one chapter newly constituted.

Congratulations and good wished were extended from Most Excellent Edmund D.[Ted] Harrison, General Grand High Priest 2011-2014 who was in Kentucky with the DeMolay at their conference. Companion Bartrand thanked and congratulated Regional Deputy Parsons, General Grand Trustee Rod Anderson and our Minnesota Ambassador, James Turner, Jr. for the demanding work and travel they do on behalf of the General Grand.

Companion Bartrand than commented of the Under 40 group that was formed at the Triennial last year and how it is not working through the Ambassadors. General Grand is changing direction in its implementation by appointing person(s) to generate interest and gather the Under 40s to share ideas between themselves and to gather information to make recommendations to General Grand on how to involve and accommodate the youth in the future. Too many are being shut out by the older members from active involvement.

The Emerging Leaders program was initiated by Grand Encampment and has been very successful in providing leadership training to younger ambitious members seeking leadership opportunities. The free training is given at the regional conferences. The Grand High Priests recommend potential attendees to General Grand Chapter who will invite.

RARA, the Royal Arch Research Assistance program has taken a different avenue. The program now has three principal thrusts by providing grants: to the University of Connecticut CAPD (central auditory processing disorder) Research Project under the direction of Dr. Frank Muziek; to the Hearing Health Foundation permitting them to issue four grants to CAPD researchers; and to Autism Speaks to permit them to check for CAPD signs as they test Toddlers (ages 12 - 36 months) for Autism. The results to date are very encouraging and provide our charitable work with greater visibility to the world.

Companion Bartrand addressed the Royal Arch Magazine and commented on Minnesota's 100% subscription commitment. He explained that work is being done to improve the content and there is also an electronic version available.

He also emphasized attendance at the regional conferences and challenged all the members to attend. He cited one conference held in East Central where the two Grand Chapters sent every one of their elected officers to their conference.

General Grand has several award programs. He addressed the award for distinguished service, The Bronze Award, awarded at last night's banquet is by the Jurisdiction. He congratulated the Minnesota recipient Past Grand High Priest James O Burlingame, Sr. Companion Bartrand explained the significance of the Silver Award given by General Grand and the Gold Award given by the General Grand High Priest. Recommendations are to be submitted through the regional deputy. Other topics addresses were the Ritual medal and Sweetheart Awards and how these awards round out the involvement of the companions. He recognized the recipients of the Ritualistic Award and explained that requires have changed since the last Triennium. He spoke of the Sweetheart awards and acknowledged the three awards to be given out.

He had specific remarks about membership and spoke of experiments done in Utah with the constituting of a Mark Master Lodge. Also mentioned were programs in California and Nevada presenting the Mark Master degree to any Master Mason and then handing them a petition.

Companion Bartrand had solicited ideas from membership chairman or on programs in general. Only six Jurisdictional Programs were received. These are available for download on the General Grand Chapter's web site. He closed with congratulations to the incoming officers.

Grand High Priest thanked Companion Bartrand for his remarks and noted that he personally knew of people working on the Ritual Award and that next time he visited he would recognizing them.

Past Grand High Priest James O Burlingame SR., this year's recipient of the Bronze Medal, was introduced and acknowledged with applause. Companion James is the eldest Living Grand High Priest in Minnesota serving the Grand Chapter in 1974-1975.

Grand .Master Odegard apologized that some items had been omitted due to time constraints. He inquired of the Grand Secretary and Jurisprudence Committee if there was any unattended to business, Both indicated that there was no further business.

Grand High Priest Odegard declared the convocation at recess until the installation of officers. The Grand Principal Sojourner attended the altar.

INSTALLATION OF 2012-2013 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Saturday June 23rd, 2013 at Bloomington, Minnesota. At the appointed time the Installing Grand Officer, Right Excellent Companion John Wentworth, Grand Trustee, assumed the East and introduced the assisting installing officers:

Installing Grand Marshall	MEC Charles Marston, PGHP
Installing Grand Secretary	MEC Barnes Sharitt, PGHP
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC Peter Kloskowski, PGHP
Installing Grand Organist	EC William Hubbard

On order of the Installing Officer, and under the direction of the Installing Marshall, the 2012-2013 Grand Chapter Officers and their ladies were escorted into the room and seated. The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers.

2012-2013 Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest	Allan F Kauppi [1/104]
Grand King	James F Edgar, Sr. [102/20]
Grand Scribe	Adam T Stevenson [20]
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A Odegard, PGHP [53]
Grand Captain of the Host	Marvin W Schendel [60]
Grand Principal Sojourner	L Greg Schultz [15]
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Grand Chaplain	Jack P Roberts [1]
Grand Organist	William T Hubbard [8]
Grand Lecturer	Mark A Anderson [9/33]
Grand Trustee	Gary H Johnson, PGHP [101]

The officers were obligated by Installing Officer. John Wentworth. Installing Grand Chaplain Kloskowski offered a prayer.

Allan Kauppi was presented for installation. His duties as Grand High Priest were explained and he was invested with the Jewel of his office and conducted to his station in the Grand Chapter. There he was presented with the Constitution and the Grand Gavel and informed that he could now preside, if he so chose. He declined for the time being.

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The remaining officers were each presented in order of election. Each was instructed in their duties, presented with the jewel of office by their ladies and then conducted to their station or place in the Grand Chapter. Not installed was Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Stephen A Johnson [42] who was absent.

The Installing Grand Officer offered the following:

*“May this Grand Chapter become as beautiful as the Temple,
peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as the Most Holy Place.*

*May we be endowed with every good and perfect gift
while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally,
may we be admitted to the full enjoyment of life eternal.”*

The Installing Grand Marshal made the proclamation followed by the benediction by the Installing Grand Chaplain.

A Companion from Wisconsin came forward to speak about our friend and companion Richard Riley, Richard had surgery yesterday for throat cancer and that the surgery results appear

extremely good as the cancer was isolated to the esophagus and not the thyroid as originally thought. .Our best wishes are extended to him in his recovery.

The new Grand High Priest Kauppi received the gavel and rose to give his remarks and thanked the Installing Grand Officers for a great job with a little fun thrown in.

Outgoing Grand High Priest Odegard approached the Easy and presented the Grand High Priest's pocket jewel and informed Companion Kauppi of its value and that he should keep it under a pillow of some other safe place. Companion Odegard asked for the audience to remain after the installation as there were additional awards to be presented that did not get passed out in the preceding sessions.

Companion Kauppi introduced his wife of 59 years, Shirley, and had each of the officers introduce their ladies or guests.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Past Grand High Priest Odegard called the Most Excellent Companions, Louis Bartrand, General Grand King John Parsons, Regional Deputy General Grand Master forward to assist in the presentation. Ladies Sharlene Swift, Marilyn Schendel were escorted to the East. Companion Bartrand read from the citation and explained the symbolism contained within the pin. The husbands pinned the awards on their lady. .

Past Grand High Priest Gary Odegard and his lady Karen where escorted to the East where she was surprised by receiving the same, the Sweetheart Award. Companion Bartrand then presented Companion Odegard with his Past Grand High Priest plaque, certificate and other paraphernalia signifying the successful completion of this term of office.

.The Grand Chapter was closed informally.

PRE-SUBMITTED REPORTS

REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

M.:E.: Companion Gary A Odegard

TO: The Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

First of all, welcome to the 150th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. While it is our 150th Annual Convocation, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of our Charter in 2009 under the direction of PGHP Douglas Nygard. I want to thank each of the constituent Chapters for attending. I would also like to give a special welcome to all of our visiting Companions from the surrounding States and Provinces. Welcome to Minnesota.

I would like to thank all of the Companions of Minnesota for the tremendous honor that you bestowed upon me when I was elected your Grand High Priest. I hope that I have earned a portion of that honor. I would also like to thank the Officers of the Grand Chapter for all of your work and support this past year. I would especially like to thank the Chapters Committee. Under the direction of PGHP Terry Becker, Mark Anderson, James McNeely and Cliff Isley, the Chapters Committee has been working hard to develop and restore Chapters. We had the nice problem of determining how to restore or develop a new Chapter. It had not been done in Minnesota for about 60 years and there were no procedures or guidelines. Last year the Committee developed guidelines on how to develop a three-year business plan for Chapters Under Dispensation (UD). We did not want to issue Chapters UD status and then have them fail in two to four years for lack of a plan. This year the Committee struggled with what constitutes "proficiency". They developed a minimum definition of "proficiency" so that there would be a uniform standard from year to year for each Chapter UD. We actually are holding these Chapters under a higher standard of proficiency than many of our current Chapters. I know that the Chapters UD were getting frustrated with what they perceived to be a moving target. We have a couple of Chapters UD that are getting very close to receiving their Charters and I hope to be able to issue those this June.

One of the highlights of the year was attending the 68th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter under Emory J. "Smokey" Ferguson, the General Grand High Priest, and the 44th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council under Joseph Vale, the General Grand Master, from August 25 thru August 31 in Raleigh, North Carolina. I had the honor of carrying the Minnesota flag at the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was very impressive with flags from nearly every state and many foreign countries displayed across the front of the auditorium. If you ever get a chance to attend a Triennial Session, I highly recommend it. I also had the opportunity to attend the Grand Sessions at Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota. I really enjoy these visits with surrounding states; we meet many old friends and get to engage in Masonic discussions. Unfortunately, I did not get to travel as much as I wanted this past year. A partial listing of my activities is attached. The listing does not include normal attendance at my own Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite, or Zuhrah Shrine.

I issued the following dispensations during the year:

- Vermillion Chapter No. 2 granted UD status
- Blue Earth Chapter No. 7 granted UD status
- Shekinah Chapter No.52 granted UD status
- King Solomon Chapter No. 133 granted UD status

-Ark Chapter No. 53 permission to move charter for September 14, 2011, stated convocation to the Zuhrah Horsemen's Ranch

-Corinthian Chapter No. 33 permission to change stated convocation nights from the 1st Monday to the 3rd Monday for March thru May, 2012

-Minnesota Chapter No. 1 permission to ballot on a petition prior to a Mark Master Degree at Vermillion Chapter No. 2 UD in Hastings on March 9, 2012.

-Vermillion Chapter No. 2 UD permission to change the April stated convocation from April 13th to April 27th due to conflict with Grand Lodge

We had a very successful Chapter Festival on February 11 at Anoka Lodge hosted by Shekinah Chapter No. 2 UD. We exalted 23 new Companions that day. Thank you to Mark Anderson and everyone who helped make that day a great success. We are currently planning another Festival to be held in Owatonna on June 2, 2012. I know that with Hugh Swift and the companions from Owatonna doing the planning, that day will also be very successful.

As many of you know, our Secretary/Treasurer, Dexter Pehle, is retiring. This presents two problems. First, we have the large task of finding his replacement and secondly, we need to find a new office location. I have been working with the Grand Council to identify a new "permanent" office. I say "permanent" not because it will never move but because we do not want to move the office every time we get a new Secretary/Treasurer. One of the locations that we are considering is the Minnesota Masonic Home in Bloomington. We hope to have further information on this at the Annual Convocation. I want to thank my friend and companion Dexter for all of his support and advice over the past many years. It is going to be very difficult to replace Dexter. He has worked tirelessly to streamline and modernize the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. I wish Dexter and Muriel many more years of health and happiness together.

I ran out of time to get everything accomplished that I wanted to do. I will work with REC Al Kauppi next year to meet some of those objectives. I wish REC Al Kauppi and his Officers many successes in the coming year and I hope that I can continue to support Al and the Grand Chapter for many years to come.

And finally, I want to thank my wife Karen. She has allowed me to be gone many nights each week while the list of duties at home goes ignored. She has accompanied me on our trips over the years to other states and has worked hard in the planning of the hospitality room and women's programs at these Grand Sessions. Thank you Karen

Respectfully submitted,
Gary A. Odegard
Grand High Priest

ACTIVITIES OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

...attended St Johns/Lake Harriet Chapter No.9 where Ron Miles gave a speech on the history of Royal Arch Masonry. Presented EC Terry Rybarczyk with the Knight of the Royal Arch award.

...attended DeMolay Installation and Bruch at Gustavus Adolphus in St Peter. Presented donation to the DeMolay.

...attended Iowa Grand Chapter and Grand Council Sessions in Ames, Iowa

...attended General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council Triennial Sessions in Raleigh, North Carolina.

...attended Minneapolis Mounted Commandery meeting at the Zuhrah Horsemen's Ranch where pictures of the Commandery were taken in full uniform on horseback. Grand Master

Thomas Hendrickson, who is a member of Mounted, was present in uniform. The pictures were intended to replicate others taken in the 1940s.

...attended South Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions in Oacoma, South Dakota.
...attended Minnesota Chapter No.1 educational night where Scott Wolter gave a speech on the Kensington Rune Stone and the Hooked X symbol.
...attended St. Olaf Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in St Peter.
...attended St. Paul Council No. 1 Table Council meeting
...attended Macalester Lodge No.290 Hiram Award presentation to Al Kauppi
...attended Scottish Rite KCCH honors awards at St Paul Masonic Center
...gave Chapter Lecture at KYCH
...attended York Rite College
...attended DeMolay Legion of Honor at Minnehaha Lodge
...attended HRAKTP at Minnehaha Lodge
...attended Grand Amaranth Court Banquet and Opening Session
...attended Scottish Rite 33 Degree awards and was the class conductor
...installed Ark Chapter No.53 Officers
...installed Owatonna Chapter No.15 Officers
...installed Minnesota Chapter No.1 Officers
...installed St Johns/Lake Harriet Chapter No.9 Officers
...attended Grand Lodge One-Day-to-Masonry Class and held Grand Chapter Officers meeting
...attended Chapter Festival at Anoka Lodge hosted by Shekinah Chapter No.52 UD
...attended Council Festival at Farmington hosted by Northfield Council No.12
...attended Commandery Festival at Minneapolis Scottish Rite hosted by Zion Commandery
...installed Corinthian Chapter No.33 Officers
...gave Chapter Lecture at KYCH
...attended York Rite College
...attended Alexandria Chapter No.86 stated convocation and helped EC Marv Schendel with a mini school of instruction on the Mark Master Degree
...attended Grand Lodge Annual Communication
...attended North Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions at Mandan, North Dakota
...attended St Paul Masonic Bodies membership open house
...attended Vermillion Chapter No.2 UD stated convocation and witnessed their formal opening and closing of a chapter

REPORT OF THE GRAND KING

R.:E.: Companion Allen F Kauppi

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

The trip to Raleigh North Carolina for the Triennial went well. We got there just before the rain started on Friday. We got checked into the hotel and the bell hop was bring our luggage to the hotel when it started to rain, he told me that was the the first they had in two months, so he didn't mind getting wet. It rained off and on Friday night and all day and night on Saturday, on Sunday it was clear blue sky and bright sun.

I attended the North Central Conference held in Des Moines Iowa in October.

I want to thank Excellent Companion Marvin Schendel for the rides to St Cloud Chapter No. 10 and Alexandria Chapter No. 86.

Shekinah No. 52 UD hosted a One Day Festival on February 11th. Shekinah No. 52 UD with some help put the Mark Master Degree on. Corinthian No. 33 put the Past Master Degree on.

St John's Lake Harriet No. 9 put the Most Excellent Master Degree on. Columbian No. 60 put the Royal Arch Degree on.

Northfield Council No. 12 hosted a one Day Festival on February 25th.

Zion Commandery No. 2 hosted a One Day Festival on March 17th.

I had the honor to Install Excellent Companion Dave Emery and his Officers at Columbian Chapter No. 60 on December 14th.

I attended two Grand Officers meetings.

I attended the Nebraska Grand York Rite Sessions and the North Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions.

I plan on attending Wisconsin Grand York Rite Sessions in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan F. Kauppi
Grand King
Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

R. : E. : Companion Dexter C Pehle

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

The year twenty eleven (2011) was highlighted by the continuing interest in restoring the charters of chapters that have been idled or given up. Most notably was the return of the charter to Marshall Chapter Number 65 of Marshall, Minnesota at the 2011 Grand session. After a few years of inactivity, new interest kindled in the area that resulted in candidates and a passion to regain active status for the town and area. It was a success story that supports the philosophy of the holding chapter, King Solomon No. 133 UD. PGHP Terry Becker and his Chapters Committee continue to work with the UD (Under Dispensation) chapters to define the requirements for organization, or re-organization, and the successful transitions to full charters.

On the down side, it is recognized that there are chapters within the state that have not opened or actually been able to conduct legitimate business due to a lack of a quorum. As of this report, four chapters have not filed an Annual Report for 2011. In addition, there are three (3) chapters that have not filed an Annual Report for 2010. This trend needs serious attention. The moving of charters to more actively Masonic areas is being considered along with consolidations of weaker chapters with stronger chapters. Also under consideration is the moving of one or two of the chapters to the King Solomon Chapter for holding action.

Overall, I can only praise our Chapter Secretaries for the work they do to keep the chapters involved. The submissions of the Quarterly reports provide great assistance to the up-to-date maintenance of the database. Their response to updating and clarifying active rosters had been greatly appreciated. Thanx companions.. Membership in Minnesota dropped again this last year with a decrease of 4.3 %. The statistics for the year are:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MN RAM

2011 MN RAM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS					
MEMBERSHIP 1/1/2011 *					2464
<i>GAINS [+]</i>		<i>LOSSES [-]</i>			
EXALTED	47	DEMIT	27		
JOINED	18	STRICKEN	63		
RESTORED	3	SUSPEND	3		
		DEATHS	82		
TOTAL	68		TOTAL	175	
NET					-107 -4.3%
MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2011 **					2357
* FOUR (4) CHAPTERS NOT REPORTING					
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Attached to this report is a list of the Exaltations by Chapter for the year 2011. Also attached is the list of 2011 reported deaths.

As the Grand Chapter moves forward, it will be necessary to increase the computing power within the office. Most of the current records are either generated in electronic formats or are being reduced to the same. When the office was relocated to Virginia, Minnesota, as laptop computer was purchased to upgrade the computing power. A philosophy of data storage to external hard drives was adopted when the laptop suffered a major problem. On-line backup storage was secured for 80% of the data. The next step in the upgrade is to secure a current state-of-the-art desktop. Compatibility will be a requirement. .

Minnesota's Grand Council of Cryptic Masons purchased a special book scanner and appropriate software to scan lost proceedings for their office files. This equipment is available for use by Grand Chapter to record its proceedings into electronic searchable media. If done professionally, the cost could be about \$4,500, prohibitive at this time. The solution would be to train volunteers to do the work. Another volunteer project would be the data entry of over 50,000 index cards that serve as the data base of the Grand Chapter in the years prior to the 1970s. These cards contain the name, exaltation date, chapter and chapter registration numbers of companions, along with disposition caused by demit, death, merger, et al.

The equipment within the office is a collection of discarded and obsolete items. The copy machines have been reconditions but do not maintain their functions, thus work-around and alternate solutions have added to the time and cost, while reducing efficiency.

The function the Grand Treasurer has been transferred from the main laptop computer to a stand-alone computer. This was done to provide both a separation between the offices and integrity of the financial data. The Treasurer's computer is a refurbished desktop with current operating system and QuickBooks software. The system shares with the Grand Council Treasurer's office. Economy of scale allowed the single package of Cryptic Masons' purchased software to host additional companies. The files of the Grand Chapter were added to the

QuickBooks databases. The package permits a clearer snapshot of the financial picture of each of the “companies,” and simplifies reporting.

The involvement and advice of the Grand High Priest has been extremely helpful this last year. The active committees and district officers have provided insight into the health of the fraternity. The Grand Lecturer has taken on the updating and reprinting of the Minnesota Ritual as well as assisting in the successful staging of festivals. It would be my assessment that Royal Arch Masonry in Minnesota is mostly healthy, but has a few aches and pains that still need attention.

I would like to offer a few words about the Office of the Grand Secretary. I had a notion of the work that was needed to be accomplished by any Grand level organization's office, having been exposed over the years in a variety of different organizations including National and International levels. The one vision I always maintained was, that the office needs to be professional in all it does. That means that an image of professionalism must be fostered. It's the way you appear to the public; the impression as they contact your organization. When I assumed the role of Grand Secretary the office still functioned as it did throughout the middle years of the last century, essentially functioning with paper and pencil. Yes, there was computer system on-board. It was state-of-the-art, but for 1975. It was running a pseudo database of the organization in a collection of records operating in the DOS language. Here we are in the new millennium, still running DOS software. The Grand Treasurer's files were also resident on the DOS computer and were in a recent vintage simplistic bookkeeping system. I determined to drag the organization into this new millennium. The Trustees purchased a new computer, a laptop, to aid in the transition. It has been an excellent decision as it has allowed the development of a more modern database, which now incorporates both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. It has permitted the development of tools and forms to make the tasks easier for both the Grand and Chapter Secretaries. An example is the ability to pull an active roster of a chapter instantly; it is the ability to PRINT names and Chapter information on the dues cards. And yes, we are even able to 'sign' dues cards for one Chapter Secretary who had over 100 members. One Chapter Secretary developed the computer version of the Quarterly Report as a fill-in form for the web-site. It is posted and chapters are using it. A hats off to EC George James of Ark Chapter for the work. *[Under full disclosure, it's-my home chapter]*

I realize that my vision of the office may not be shared by others and I have received criticism for “trying to do too much.” Yes, being Grand Secretary is a little like being a short-order cook in a very busy diner or “hash-house.” A little here, a little there, and “OH, by the way, will you sweep the floor too.” Trying to juggle all the balls in the air at the same time, some may fall to the floor. That has happened while I have been Grand Secretary. I have disappointment in that more attention has not been paid to the Grand Representative program, or the Web-site, or the newsletter, or the Foreign Correspondence. These are functions that could and should be farmed-out to Grand Officers, or Past Grand Officers, who want to preserve and maintain our order. It is something to consider.

I do not regret any of the actions and tasks that I have taken on in behalf of the Grand Chapter. I believed them to be needed. Others in this office will change some, drop some, enhance some, and even come up with new ones; as it should be. I only ask that they continue to honor the order with their best effort. There are specific tasks that did not get completed, but that have great significance. Obviously the database is the keystone to the whole information retrieval system. A rudimentary system has been developed with separate tables for Royal Arch and Cryptic that utilize a common approach, running under the Microsoft® Access program. The tables are 'base lined to current' from 2009 forward regarding membership. As changes occur these have been added and significant added data incorporated such as degree dates. The office has extensive, paper and pencil files dating from the initial chapter is 1853. It will be a

major undertaking to reduce those file to electronic media such as data entry or scanned files. A new approach is needed for these types of projects. The Life Membership files need to be purged and reconciled. The card file was used for many years but fell into disuse and thus there are data voids, wrong allocations to chapters, or even a clear understanding of operation in the past. Chapters merged, consolidated or a companion died. Instances have been found where moneys are being credited to the wrong chapter. The office has been carried Chapter balances that are not currently reconciled. Although the differences are not huge amounts they should be corrected.

Communications is probably the single area that will require attention. Technology has allowed the contacting of everyone through electronic means. Perhaps the biggest obstacle is to get the chapters and the Secretaries on computer based systems. Contact via e-mail with the ability to transfer files back and forth with fewer errors and in a timelier manner would be helpful. At the present time, Through e-mails and cell-phones, Twitter, Facebook, et al., contacts can be made. The MNRAM web site has over 8,000 hits since it was put on-line to augment the data on the national York Rite Sites. One vision is the development of a standard but simplified database for the local chapters to use. The chapter secretary could fill in the chapter data and then transmit it to the Grand Office for collection and recording purposes. As mentioned before, this exists today in a somewhat limited format with the Periodic Reports in an EXCEL file developed by EC George James of my chapter, ARK No. 53. This file is on the web for use. Very few are using it. There has never been a comprehensive list of e-mail addresses, nor have it been requested; a project that begs accomplishment. The bottom-line is that all these items take time and effort. In the priorities of life and work, some items have to be at the bottom of the list.

Other items not requiring immediate attention surround the historical records of the Grand Chapter. The library of Proceedings, both for General Grand and for our own Grand Chapter are reasonably complete with only the years of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 not available in a hard copy. These years have synopses written and serve as a partial record of the transactions. Recorded tapes may still exist for those years, however, none has been identified in the collection of tape cassettes in storage. The differences in binding techniques make handling difficult. Since the last quarter of the last century, the proceedings have been individual booklets. Consolidation of multiple years into a bound volume should be accomplished; however, modern bookbinding skills are difficult to locate. There are two (2) Chapters that will reach the Centennial Milestone this October, Northern Chapter in Thief River Falls and Alexandria Chapter in Alexandria. Congratulations for the dedication of the Companions in keeping these two chapters viable.

I humbly thank the companions for the trust reposed in me. I have attempted to do my best and bring the office into an updated modern era. While I was only partially successful, I think I have done the groundwork for those who come after to have a solid foundation on which to build.

Sis opus quartratum vis, angulos praecidere noli.

“If you want square work (‘good work, true work’), don’t cut corners.”

Fraternally submitted,
Dexter Pehle
Grand Secretary

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REPORTED DEATHS		2011				
MINNESOTA	#1	15	Morris D Humphries, Jr	3/29/2011	Ralph R Pendegras	1/14/2011
			Robert W Achterling [2010]	10/12/2010	Rueben H Roelofs [2008]	3/19/2008
			Kenneth R Anderson [2007]	10/4/2007	Chester R Schoenrock [2010]	11/11/2010
			Edward C Butz	2/21/2011	Eugene D Tate [2010]	1/1/2010
			Lester R Klos [2010]	3/28/2010	Ronald E Wallgren [2010]	6/9/2010
			Albert J Melberg	5/27/2011	William H Whitney [2009]	4/1/2009
			Harold O Peterson	1/3/2011	Gustav H Anderson [2010]	3/14/2010
			Richard G Westman [2008]	4/26/2008	Donald P Selleck [2005]	00/00/2005
			Alan T Greene	11/29/2011		
ST JOHNS/LAKE HARRIET	#9	2	Dennis Paseuric	--	G Waldo Emerson	--
ST CLOUD	#10	5	Harold C Hornbrook	-	Robert S Rekedal	-
			Louis R Hird	-	Richard Brown	7/20/2011
			Jay Kerr, Jr.	-		
AUSTIN	#14	3	Harold H Harmon [2009]	6/28/2009	Gilford A Thompson	1/30/2011
			Allan E Tonding	8/15/2011		
OWATONNA	#15	3	Ludwig Gillespie	12/14/2011	Keith Phelps	3/10/2011
			George Ruble	10/7/2010		
WASHINGTON	#17	2	Robert Collins [2010]	6/1/2010	Robert L Elmstron [2010]	6/15/2010
KEYSTONE	#20	1	Bruce Tyacke	8/5/2011		
ST PETER	#22	3	Herbert M Engdahl	2/3/2011	Donald F Meyer	6/14/2011
			Rev. E R Klautdt	10/24/2011		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	6	Duane Ellis	1/13/2011	Robert K Kohlhasse [2006]	12/31/2006
			Ronald R Stabnow	1/13/2011	David W Schafer	7/23/2011
			Wayne Lance	5/26/2011	John Stromberg	3/11/2011
LIVING ARCH	#28	1	William T Hedeem	10/11/2011		
ALBERT LEA	#30	2	Larry H Offenbecker	6/6/2011	Ordean Klingbeil	7/6/2011
CORINTHIAN	#33	1	Gerald Jones	11/19/2011		
PIERSON	#41	1	Marlin Denison	1/13/2011		
FAIRMONT	#50	2	Robert E Nelson	3/10/2011	Robert Christianson	6/17/2011
ARK	#53	3	Raymond E Johnson [2010]	2/23/2010	John V Bakke	3/21/2011
			Douglas E Johnson	7/31/2011		
COLUMBIAN	#60	7	Robert W Delorey	1/11/2011	Hans V Mickelson [2010]	11/23/2010
			Richard B McCready	2/22/2011	John C Asmus [2010]	9/23/2010
			Lorin L Coolidge	2/12/2011	Richard F Hunt	12/20/2011
			Larry E Anderson	4/8/2011		
MARSHALL	#65	1	Dean Leedom	4/11/2011		

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BEMIDJI	#70	1	Chester Swedmark	3/12/2011		
VIRGINIA	#77					
NORTHERN	#82	2	Ralph Foster	5/17/2011	Lynn Josephson	9/20/2011
ALEXANDRIA	#86	0				
RUSH CITY	#87	1	James Konkler	4/3/2011		
HUTCHINSON	#90	3	George R Smith	7/3/2011	Earl Raske	7/9/2011
			Donald L Holtberg	12/10/2011		
GLENWOOD	#93	3	Hans Ingebretson	10/24/2011	Max Kaufman [2010]	5/14/2010
			William Kelly [2010]	12/28/2010		
KITTSO	#101	4	William E Krumholz	3/29/2011	Jay C Bergh [2010]	1/27/2010
			Byron C Hanson [2009]	11/xx/2009		
POKEGAMA	#102	1	Orville Swelland	5/16/2011	Richard Newton	1/26/2011
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133					
WINDOM	#48	1	CR Duroe, Jr.	12/10/2011		
MONTEVIDEO	#96	1	John E Qualley	3/20/2011		
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OTHER NOTABLE DEATHS						
			James Hall - PGHP (Saskatchewan)			
			Past Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest			
			North Central Region			

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

R. E. Companion Dexter C Pehle

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

The finances of the Grand Chapter are stable in spite of the economy of the United States. The Trustees of the Grand Chapter continue to invest into instruments that have not lost their value and produce income annually.

Cash flow remains a concern since the revenue for the Grand Chapter is front-end loaded in the first quarter of the calendar year. Expenses are essentially straight lined throughout the year, excepting those years when the officer's expenses are paid in lump sum. This occurs normally around the annual Grand Convocation to the outgoing Grand Officers. Cost reductions are being made when feasible however, inflation erodes the successes.

The Office of the Grand Treasurer operates using the checking account and a credit card for bill paying. Since the checks are now printed via the computer using QuickBooks, the credit card provides a quick means of paying for supplies and services such as the automatic payment of the telephone bill. Ordering items such as Aprons, pins rituals etc, can all be done via the credit card. Monthly payments clear the account to a zero balance. A reserve line of credit is available at the \$5,000 level, but has never been used.

The attached FY2011 Income/Expenses form shows a year-end deficit of about \$300. Using rough order figures, the annual operations income is about \$25,000 and is derived from per capita, sales, and donations. Annual expenses are made up of three areas, Grand Chapter Operations at about \$8,000, Office operations at about \$11,000, Officer expenses at \$13,500, and finally other expenses such as RAM Magazine, etc., at \$4,500, for a total of about \$35,000; hence the deficit. The deficit was made up by drawing \$10,000 from the investment account income, without depleting the total investments income for the year. Fourth Quarter Officer expenses were not paid due to cash flow concerns. These were paid in 2012.

The Trustees allocated Life Membership distribution for 2011 at an amount fifteen percent (15%) lower than the 2010 distribution.

YEAR END 2011 BALANCES (not including Trustee's Investments)	
US Bank – Checking Account	\$ 1,524.87
Reserve Line of Credit	5,000.00
Virginia, MN	
US Bank – Savings Account	413.39
Virginia, MN	
VISA Account [Payable]	(536.74)
US Bank – Virginia, MN	

The books were audited in April 2012 and found to be accurate. [See Audit Committee Report]

Reporting on the calendar year basis does not properly reflect the way the Grand Chapter operates. Operations are geared toward the term year rather than the calendar year. To better illustrate that, the Term Year of 2010-2011 of Grand High Priest Terry Becker is attached showing the Income/Expenses for his term, along with the income of the Income/Expense for the present term of Grand High Priest Gary Odegard. Note that present term is partial and only shown through 31 May 2012.

Legislation is being presented at this year's session to change the fiscal year of Grand Chapter from the calendar year basis to a fiscal year ending May 31. Lacking any problems, there is sufficient time to close and audit the accounts for the year prior to the Grand Convocation. At Grand Convocation time, the new budget cycle is in its first month and has sufficient time to adjust the budget being approved at that Convocation. This will require a single short year filing with the IRS in 2013, to put the tax year in synchronization with the accounting year.

One Minnesota Chapter has lost its IRS tax-exempt status this year due to non-filing of the appropriate 990 forms; Brainerd No. 42. [Two Cryptic Councils suffered the same fate.] All Chapters were informed and instructed on what to do, or to contact the office for assistance. Forms are available to apply for reinstatement at a reduced fee, if filed in a timely manner.

The Accounting systems for both Royal Arch and for Cryptic Masons share a common computer and software engine, QuickBooks. The transition from Peachtree was accomplished without problem. Peachtree proved to be too cumbersome and awkward to use. Specifically, periods for custom reporting (Terms) could not be accomplished.

The Trustees and Finance Committee met and agreed on a proposed budget for the next term year of 2012-2013. The proposed budget is part of the Trustee's report.

I thank the companions for the trust they have bestowed on me. I have done the best I can under the conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Treasurer

Attachments:

FY 2011 Profit/Loss
Term Year 2010-2011
Term Year 2011-2012

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

2011 MNRAM Profit/Loss

		Jan - Dec 11	1 of 2
Income			
INVESTMENT INCOME			
	CHARITY FUND	1,829.49	
	INVESTMENT FUND	10,000.00	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	22,458.08	
	Total INVESTMENT INCOME		34,287.57
OPERATIONS INCOME			
	ANNUAL PER CAPITA	21,233.37	
	CHAPTER DUES [133]	90.00	
	CHAPTER FEES	344.22	
	EXALTATIONS	540.00	
	INDIGENT CREDITS	-189.00	
	INVENTORY SALES		
	CHAPTER SUPPLIES	540.70	
	RITUAL SALES	374.55	
	INVENTORY SALES - Other	8.08	
	Total INVENTORY SALES	923.33	
	LM ENROLLMENTS	410.00	
	Total OPERATIONS INCOME		23,351.92
OTHER INCOME			
	DONATIONS	500.00	
	OTHER INCOME	241.18	
	PROMOTIONAL POSTAGE	0.00	
	REIMBURSEMENTS	1,878.79	
	OTHER INCOME - Other	703.78	
	Total OTHER INCOME		3,323.75
	TOTAL INCOME		60,963.24
Cost of Goods Sold			
	Cost of Goods Sold	166.00	
	Total COGS		166.00
	Gross Gain		60,797.24
Expense			
GRAND CHAPTER			
	AUDIT EXPENSE	200.00	
	AWARDS	100.00	
	CHARITY & DONATIONS		
	CHARITY	1,000.00	
	YOUTH GROUPS	1,000.00	
	Total CHARITY & DONATIONS	2,000.00	
	GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA	2,429.00	
	GRAND SESSION		
	COMPS	745.91	
	PGHP APRON/JEWEL	349.00	
	SESSION OTHER	79.20	
	Total GRAND SESSION	1,174.11	
	INSURANCE/BONDING	1,164.85	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION	22,081.32	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT	228.00	
	Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	22,309.32	
	MEETINGS/FESTIVALS	480.29	
	PUBLICITY	550.00	
	Total GRAND CHAPTER		30,407.57

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

2011 MNRAM Profit/Loss

	OFFICE OPERATIONS				
	EQUIPMENT				2 of 2
	LEASED/RENTAL	303.69			
	PURCHASED	<u>1,597.58</u>			
	Total EQUIPMENT		1,901.27		
	GENERAL PRINTING		598.50		
	INTERNET		612.94		
	OCCUPANCY		3,749.00		
	POSTAGE/SHIPPING		1,366.76		
	SOFTWARE		328.64		
	SUPPLIES		1,342.38		
	TELEPHONE		612.96		
	WEB SITES		<u>370.64</u>		
	Total OFFICE OPERATIONS			10,883.09	
	OFFICER'S EXPENSES				
	GRAND HIGH PRIEST		2,778.91		
	GRAND KING		624.88		
	GRAND SCRIBE		679.67		
	GRAND SECRETARY		7,600.00		
	GRAND TREASURER		800.00		
	MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S		74.00		
	OTHERS		<u>1,054.58</u>		
	Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES			13,612.04	
	OTHER EXPENSES				
	BANK FEES		22.79		
	FEDERAL TAXES/PENALTIES		160.00		
	INTEREST CHARGES		8.95		
	LATE FEES		97.00		
	MEMBERSHIPS		160.00		
	MISC EXPENSE		1,016.22		
	PUBLICATIONS				
	PROCEEDINGS	337.24			
	RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	3,832.13			
	PUBLICATIONS - Other	<u>312.68</u>			
	Total PUBLICATIONS		4,482.05		
	OTHER EXPENSES - Other		237.98		
	Total OTHER EXPENSES			<u>6,184.99</u>	
	TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>61,087.69</u>	
	Net Income gain/(loss)			<u>(290.45)</u>	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

TJB TERM 2010-2011 [1 of 2]

		Jul '10 - Jul 11	
Income			
	INVESTMENT INCOME		
	CHARITY FUND	1,829.49	
	INVESTMENT FUND	10,000.00	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	22,458.08	
	Total INVESTMENT INCOME	34,287.57	
	OPERATIONS INCOME		
	ANNUAL PER CAPITA	21,233.37	
	CHAPTER DUES [133]	90.00	
	CHAPTER FEES	344.22	
	EXALTATIONS	540.00	
	INDIGENT CREDITS	-189.00	
	INVENTORY SALES		
	CHAPTER SUPPLIES	488.28	
	RITUAL SALES	256.55	
	Total INVENTORY SALES	744.83	
	LM ENROLLMENTS	410.00	
	Total OPERATIONS INCOME	23,173.42	
	OTHER INCOME		
	DONATIONS	500.00	
	OTHER INCOME	241.18	
	PROMOTIONAL POSTAGE	0.00	
	REIMBURSEMENTS	1,068.46	
	OTHER INCOME - Other	703.74	
	Total OTHER INCOME	2,513.38	
	TOTAL INCOME	59,974.37	
	Gross Profit	59,974.37	
Expense			
	GRAND CHAPTER		
	AUDIT EXPENSE	200.00	
	AWARDS	100.00	
	CHARITY & DONATIONS		
	CHARITY	1,000.00	
	YOUTH GROUPS	500.00	
	Total CHARITY & DONATIONS	1,500.00	
	GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA	2,429.00	
	GRAND SESSION		
	COMPS	745.91	
	PGHP APRON/JEWEL	349.00	
	SESSION OTHER	79.20	
	Total GRAND SESSION	1,174.11	
	INSURANCE/BONDING	1,164.85	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION	22,081.32	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT	228.00	
	Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	22,309.32	
	MEETINGS/FESTIVALS	480.29	
	PUBLICITY	550.00	
	Total GRAND CHAPTER	29,907.57	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

TJB TERM 2010-2011 [2 of 2]

	OFFICE OPERATIONS			
	EQUIPMENT			
	LEASED/RENTAL	223.79		
	PURCHASED	<u>1,597.58</u>		
	Total EQUIPMENT		1,821.37	
	GENERAL PRINTING		492.16	
	INTERNET		357.49	
	OCCUPANCY		2,397.00	
	POSTAGE/SHIPPING		901.62	
	SOFTWARE		328.64	
	SUPPLIES		1,077.25	
	TELEPHONE		357.50	
	WEB SITES		<u>194.98</u>	
	Total OFFICE OPERATIONS			7,928.01
	OFFICER'S EXPENSES			
	GRAND HIGH PRIEST		2,778.91	
	GRAND KING		624.88	
	GRAND SCRIBE		179.67	
	GRAND SECRETARY		5,600.00	
	GRAND TREASURER		400.00	
	MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S		74.00	
	OTHERS		<u>694.58</u>	
	Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES			10,352.04
	OTHER EXPENSES			
	BANK FEES		2.79	
	INTEREST CHARGES		5.32	
	LATE FEES		39.00	
	MEMBERSHIPS		160.00	
	MISC EXPENSE		801.53	
	PUBLICATIONS			
	PROCEEDINGS	218.72		
	RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	<u>2,897.63</u>		
	Total PUBLICATIONS		3,116.35	
	Total OTHER EXPENSES			<u>4,124.99</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>52,312.61</u>
	Net Income - Gain/(Loss)			<u>7,661.76</u>

During 2010, \$7,500 was drawn from the Investment account to balance the fiscal year budget. The \$10,000 shown in this term was used to balance 2011, and provide for positive cash flow at year-end.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

GAO TERM 2011-2012 [1 of 2]

		<u>Jul '11 - May 12</u>	
Income			
INVESTMENT INCOME			
	CHARITY FUND		1,471.43
	INVESTMENT FUND		10,000.00
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		19,011.52
	Total INVESTMENT INCOME		30,482.95
OPERATIONS INCOME			
	ANNUAL PER CAPITA		19,613.64
	CHAPTER DUES [133]		285.00
	CHAPTER FEES		50.00
	INVENTORY SALES		
	CHAPTER SUPPLIES	100.39	
	RITUAL SALES	124.00	
	INVENTORY SALES - Other	116.26	
	Total INVENTORY SALES		340.65
	LM ENROLLMENTS		5,910.00
	OPERATIONS INCOME - Other		255.00
	Total OPERATIONS INCOME		26,454.29
OTHER INCOME			
	OTHER INCOME		209.92
	REIMBURSEMENTS		1,139.08
	OTHER INCOME - Other		0.04
	Total OTHER INCOME		1,349.04
	Total Income		58,286.28
Cost of Goods Sold			
	Cost of Goods Sold		166.00
	Total COGS		166.00
	Gross Profit		58,120.28
Expense			
GRAND CHAPTER			
	AUDIT EXPENSE		300.00
	AWARDS		265.21
	CHARITY & DONATIONS		
	YOUTH GROUPS	500.00	
	Total CHARITY & DONATIONS		500.00
	GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA		2,429.00
	GRAND SESSION		
	COMPS	745.91	
	PGHP APRON/JEWEL	342.00	
	SESSION OTHER	224.85	
	Total GRAND SESSION		1,312.76
	INSURANCE/BONDING		1,177.00
	LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION	18,467.37	
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENTS	5,910.00	
	Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		24,377.37
	PUBLICITY		50.00
	Total GRAND CHAPTER	54	30,411.34

GAO TERM 2011-2012 [2 of 2]

OFFICE OPERATIONS			
EQUIPMENT			
	LEASED/RENTAL	173.34	
	PURCHASED	32.05	
	Total EQUIPMENT		205.39
	GENERAL PRINTING		304.06
	INTERNET		563.30
	OCCUPANCY		3,814.00
	POSTAGE/SHIPPING		864.88
	SOFTWARE		85.49
	SUPPLIES		578.50
	TELEPHONE		563.30
	WEB SITES		455.06
	Total OFFICE OPERATIONS		7,433.98
OFFICER'S EXPENSES			
	DISTRICT OFFICERS		529.00
	GRAND HIGH PRIEST		3,000.00
	GRAND KING		800.00
	GRAND SCRIBE		500.00
	GRAND SECRETARY		5,500.00
	GRAND TREASURER		1,100.00
	MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S		682.27
	OTHERS		690.00
	Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES		12,801.27
OTHER EXPENSES			
	BANK FEES		20.00
	FEDERAL TAXES/PENALTIES		160.00
	INTEREST CHARGES		9.13
	LATE FEES		58.00
	MEMBERSHIPS		131.05
	MISC EXPENSE		250.16
PUBLICATIONS			
	PROCEEDINGS	118.52	
	RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	4,943.13	
	PUBLICATIONS - Other	312.68	
	Total PUBLICATIONS		5,374.33
	OTHER EXPENSES - Other		237.98
	Total OTHER EXPENSES		6,240.65
	Total Expense		56,887.24
	Net Income		1,233.04

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER - MNRAM

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION 2011

		2011 INTEREST BEARING											
	TOTAL 2010	base \$ days	q1	q2	q3	add \$ days	2010 total \$ days	2011 DIST	CK #	q4	TOT 11	2011 Y/E TOTALS	
#1	66,559.80	23,961,528.00				0.00	23,961,528.00	3,718.29	6409		0.00	66,559.80	
#2 UD	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
#5	3,023.87	1,088,593.20				0.00	1,088,593.20	168.93	6410		0.00	3,023.87	
#6	4,015.02	1,445,407.20				0.00	1,445,407.20	224.29	6411		0.00	4,015.02	
#7 UD	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
#8	6,062.90	2,182,644.00				0.00	2,182,644.00	338.70	6412		0.00	6,062.90	
#9	34,216.00	12,317,760.00				0.00	12,317,760.00	1,911.44	6413		0.00	34,216.00	
#10	11,353.90	4,087,404.00				0.00	4,087,404.00	634.27	6414		0.00	11,353.90	
#14	8,477.30	3,051,828.00				0.00	3,051,828.00	473.58	6415		0.00	8,477.30	
#15	8,009.10	2,883,276.00				0.00	2,883,276.00	447.42	6416		0.00	8,009.10	
#17	4,226.55	1,521,558.00				0.00	1,521,558.00	236.11	6417		0.00	4,226.55	
#20	13,923.50	5,012,460.00	182.00			49,140.00	5,061,600.00	785.45	6418	182.00	0.00	14,105.50	
#22	15,151.05	5,454,378.00				0.00	5,454,378.00	846.40	6419		0.00	15,151.05	
#27	7,899.90	2,843,964.00				0.00	2,843,964.00	441.32	6420		0.00	7,899.90	
#28	4,489.80	1,616,328.00				0.00	1,616,328.00	250.82	6421		0.00	4,489.80	
#30	17,161.90	6,178,284.00				0.00	6,178,284.00	958.73	6422		0.00	17,161.90	
#33	6,654.20	2,395,512.00				0.00	2,395,512.00	371.73	6423		0.00	6,654.20	
#39	3,294.70	1,186,092.00				0.00	1,186,092.00	184.05	6424		0.00	3,294.70	
#41	1,816.40	653,904.00				0.00	653,904.00	101.47	6425		0.00	1,816.40	
#42	5,547.10	1,996,956.00				0.00	1,996,956.00	309.88	6426		0.00	5,547.10	
#50	1,556.40	560,304.00				0.00	560,304.00	86.95	6427		0.00	1,556.40	
#51	1,495.80	538,488.00				0.00	538,488.00	83.56	6428		0.00	1,495.80	
#52 UD	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
#53	10,407.30	3,746,628.00				0.00	3,746,628.00	581.39	6429		0.00	10,407.30	
#60	41,354.10	14,887,476.00				0.00	14,887,476.00	2,310.20	6430		0.00	41,354.10	
#65	3,999.40	1,439,784.00				0.00	1,439,784.00	223.42	6431		0.00	3,999.40	
#70	1,743.80	627,768.00				0.00	627,768.00	97.42	6432		0.00	1,743.80	
#77	10,598.20	3,815,352.00				0.00	3,815,352.00	592.06	6433		0.00	10,598.20	
#82	6,475.20	2,331,072.00				0.00	2,331,072.00	361.73	6434		0.00	6,475.20	
#86	1,864.65	671,274.00				0.00	671,274.00	104.17	6435		0.00	1,864.65	
#87	2,196.52	790,747.20				0.00	790,747.20	122.71	6436		0.00	2,196.52	
#90	4,950.60	1,782,216.00				0.00	1,782,216.00	276.56	6437		0.00	4,950.60	
#93	4,496.30	1,618,668.00				0.00	1,618,668.00	251.18	6438		0.00	4,496.30	
#101	3,091.70	1,113,012.00				0.00	1,113,012.00	172.71	6439		0.00	3,091.70	
#102	6,514.50	2,345,220.00				0.00	2,345,220.00	363.93	6440		0.00	6,514.50	
#133													
#38	1,204.00	433,440.00				0.00	433,440.00	67.26	EC ROW		0.00	1,204.00	
#48	8,930.50	3,214,980.00				0.00	3,214,980.00	498.89			0.00	8,930.50	
#96	7,420.00	2,671,200.00				0.00	2,671,200.00	414.51			0.00	7,420.00	
	\$340,181.96	122,465,505.60	182.00	0.00	0.00	49,140.00	122,514,645.60	\$19,011.52		0.00	182.00	\$340,363.96	
FORMULAS		\$ x 360	\$ x 270	\$ x 180	\$ x 90	Total \$ Days	Sum \$ x days	SUM \$DAYS x FACTOR		\$	\$ In 2010	cum \$	
						2011 factor	0.0001551775	DIST \$SUM \$DAYS					
						2011%	5.569%						

GRAND OFFICER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

E.:C.: Marvin Schendel

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

Secretary of Columbian Chapter No. 60
Other Activities outside of Columbian Chapter
[District Officer]

June 2011

23-24-25 Grand York Rite Sessions

August 2011

24 Glenwood Chapter
30 St Cloud Chapter

September 2011

5 Alexandria Chapter

November 2011

7 Alexandria Chapter
29 St Cloud Chapter

December 2011

5 Alexandria Chapter

February 2012

6 Alexandria Chapter – Meeting canceled
11 One Day to Chapter – Shekinah Chapter UD [Anoka]

March 2012

5 Alexandria Chapter-practice for Mark Master Degree

April 2012

2 Alexandria Chapter-practice for Mark Master Degree [w/GHP Odegard]
25 Glenwood Chapter

May 2012

7 Alexandria Chapter-Mark Master Degree, well done,
first performed since 1984

Fraternally,

Marvin W Schendel, PHP, KRA

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

E.:C.: John B Studell

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

It has been a busy and fulfilling term of Office.

Prayer requests began on the very day of installation. These requests set the tone for what would be a year in which both joyous and at times quite sad aspects of the human condition would present themselves. The Office of Grand Chaplain by its very nature dictates that understanding and compassion must be in ready supply. My fervent desire was to render help and to be of service to those who requested assistance. I hope that my humble efforts in support of individuals and families have in some way been effective. It may be said that a Chaplains greatest or most effective quality is to be a good listener. I am still working on my listening abilities.

My continued involvement in our Degree Work is very rewarding. The resurgence of uniform and quality Work has proven to be very satisfying. I was happy to have participated in Work performed at my home Chapter. I was also pleased to have participated in the Work and events of other Royal Arch Chapters. Opportunities to visit other locales have been plentiful. Traveling within the State has proven to be very educational. Interest in the York Rite is growing and I pray that our organizational growth will continue.

Another aspect of my continuing education has taught the harsh lesson of mortality. Commiserating with Brethren and families who have felt the sting of loss has confirmed my belief that the Chaplains duties are not always easy or lighthearted. The service of "remembrance" or the necrology report becomes our opportunity to respectfully and reverentially commemorate our departed Brethren. The performance of such duties serves to confirm our fraternal bond. I am sure that the Chaplains of the several Bodies will draw together in a concerted effort to render a memorable and uplifting service.

John Studell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE [Part I- Resolutions]

The following legislation has been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and has been found in proper form for consideration. In compliance with the Constitution and General Regulations, the legislation is presented in a timely manner for informational purposes prior to Grand Convocation Action in June of 2012.

AMENDMENT ONE.

Amendment to the Constitution – Change of Fiscal Year.

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Amend by change the wording in the article to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII - OF GRAND CHAPTER FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year of this Grand Chapter shall end with the close of banking hours on ~~December~~ MAY 31st, beginning with the year ~~1992, 2013,~~ and It shall be the duty to close the books of accounts of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary as of that date and to submit the books to the Committee on Finance FOR AUDIT at such time and place as the Grand High Priest shall designate. The Committee on Finance shall submit acceptable ~~copies~~ SUMMARIES of the books of accounts AND SHALL REPORT ON SUCH AUDIT to the Board of Trustees ~~for audit who, then,~~ shall report on such audit to the Committee on Finance at least one month prior to the opening of the following Grand Convocation.

RATIONAL

With the changing of the Grand Sessions to mid-year (Late June) the annual budget for a fiscal year based upon the calendar year has been rendered insignificant as it relates to the Grand Chapter's term year. Six months of expenditures have been spent prior to the approval of the new budget. There is no significant correlation between the budget and the term. By changing the fiscal year to end one month prior to annual convocation the new term is only one month old when its budget is approved. There has been no consideration of switching the Grand Sessions to more align with the present fiscal year.

Being Tax-exempt, the Grand Chapter merely has to continue reporting its 990 based upon the fiscal year it selects; thus FY 2012 will be filed as a twelve (12) month year prior to May 15, 2013. The Grand Chapter will then file a short year ending May 31, 2013 and file the 990 prior to five (5) months due date for the new fiscal year [October 15]. Subsequent filings will be based upon the new fiscal date of June 1 through May 31. IRS Form 1128, although not required, will be filed, with the 2011 form 990EZ to declare the intent to change.

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Treasurer/Secretary
on behalf of the Trustees

16 March 2012

REPORT OF THE APPEALS & GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

Nothing has come before the committee as of April 16, 2012
Edimand Gilbertson, PGHP, Chair

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

The Checking Account balance from the bank Records is \$1,524.37 as of 12/31/2011.

Check #6286 [3/10/11], Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 39 - \$229.72 is outstanding. The balance would be \$1,295.15 which matches the Sec/Treas report.

All records and information were in good order.

s/
Kevin Jones, PGHP [20/102]
Rolf Widstrand [77]
James Marcucci [77]

24 April 2012

Original on file in office.

**REPORT OF THE CAPITULAR EDUCATION & PROMOTION
COMMITTEE**

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

I would like to express the thanks of our committee members to Most Excellent Companion Gary A. Odegard for appointing us as members of this committee.

Although nothing was presented to us to address this past year from our Chapters, their respective officers, or general members, we are to remind ourselves that one small request for education topics, materials, or a general presentation by one of our members to your Chapter can reap rewards of encouragement, enlightenment, and enthusiasm. We are simply exists to serve our fellow Companions.

Please, reach out to us. If you are looking for certain information on the Royal Arch, have an idea for a brochure, power point presentation, or video to assist you, your members, or prospective members of your Royal Arch Chapter we will assist you.

Remember to practice the three E's of education with your Chapter members: Encouragement, Enlightenment, and Enthusiasm.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ronald A. Miles, PGHP, Chairman
Marvin W. Schendel, Grand Principal Sojourner
Mark W. Anderson, Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

The table below shows the 2011-2012 contributions to Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) by the constituent chapters of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota and other York Rite related bodies within Minnesota. Particular appreciation is expressed to the companions of Austin Chapter No. 14 who continue to make a 100% per capita gift to RARA. This contribution continues their record of successive giving for over 15 years.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>DONATING CHAPTER</i>	<i>CHECK NO.</i>	<i>MEMORY OF</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
				Subtotal 2nd Quarter 2011
				\$0.00
				Subtotal 3rd Quarter 2011
				\$0.00
December 21, 2011	Columbian Chapter No. 60	1313		\$178.00
				Subtotal 4th Quarter 2011
				\$178.00
January 12, 2012	St. John's -- Lake Harriet Chapter No. 9			\$10.00
January 12, 2012	Virginia Chapter No. 77			\$69.50
February 1, 2012	Austin Chapter No. 14	1145		\$42.00
				Subtotal 1st Quarter 2012
				\$121.50
April 11, 2012	St. John's -- Lake Harriet Chapter No. 9	4842		\$5.00
				Subtotal 2nd Quarter 2012
				\$5.00
				Total Contributions 2011-2012
				\$304.50

Once again, appreciation is expressed to the companions of the Grand Chapter for their support. The Companions are to be commended for the very generous attitude as documented in this report. This year has been excellent for giving to RARA; let us keep up the effort in 2012-2013.

This year your attention is directed to the new brochure that the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International has developed describing the three charities that are supported through Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA). These three charities have been selected to provide us with the maximum functional return for the funds that are donated to them. Please take a supply of these brochures with you to familiarize the companions of your chapter with our new three Royal Arch charities.

Respectfully submitted,
 Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. PGHP
 Chairman

APPENDICES

