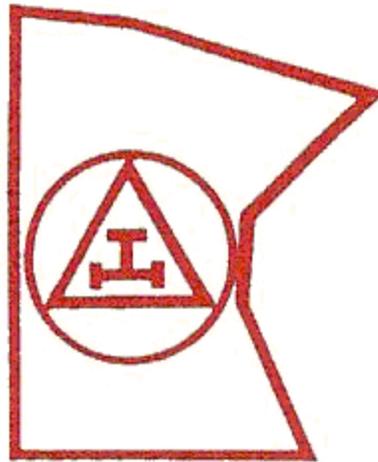


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MINNESOTA**



AT THE
One Hundred Fifty First
Annual Convocation
June 27, 2013

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MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons:

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it
Anno Lucis (AL), "in the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons:

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel.
Anno Inventionis (AI), "in the year of discovery."

Order of High Priesthood:

Date from the year of blessing of Abram by the High Priest Melchizedek, **Anno Benefacionis (AB)**, "in the year of blessing."

Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masters:

Date from the year, in which the temple of Solomon was completed,
Anno Depositionis (ADep), "in the year of deposit."

Knights Templar:

Commence their era with the organization of their Order,
Anno Ordinis (AO), "in the year of the Order."

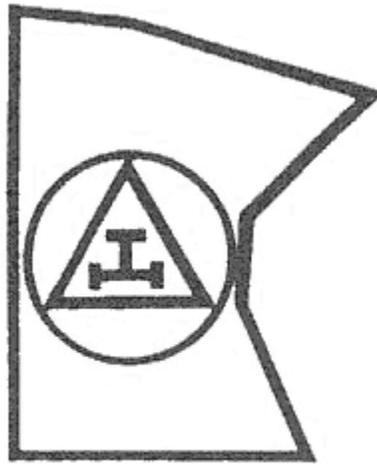
Scottish Rite:

Same as Ancient Craft, except that the Jewish chronology is used,
Anno Mundi (AM), "in the year of the world."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons:	Add 4,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2012 plus 4,000 = 6012
Royal Arch Masons:	Add 530 years to the Common Era Thus, 2012 plus 530 = 2542
Order of High Priesthood:	Add 1,913 years to the Common Era Thus, 2012 plus 1,913 = 2925
Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masons	Add 1,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2012 plus 1,000 = 3012
Knights Templar:	Subtract 1,118 years from the Common Era Thus, 2012 minus 1,118 = 894
Scottish Rite:	Add 3,760 years to the Common Era Thus, 2012 plus 3,760 = 5772

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BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

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

ELECTED

James F. Edgar, Sr. – 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.:G.: H.:P.: shall take the chair, at the hour to which the Grand Chapter shall convene.
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, 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, go to the closest microphone, state his name and Chapter Name and Number 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.

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SYNOPSIS

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS 151st ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 151st Annual Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of Minnesota** was held at the Crowne Plaza Suites and Inn in Bloomington, Minnesota, Thursday, June 27, 2013. The Convocation was held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, Most Excellent Companion Allan F. Kauppi, Grand High Priest, presiding. The officers of Minnesota Chapter #1 opened the Grand Chapter convocation in ample ritualistic form.

Representing the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International were the General Grand High Priest, MEC Edmund D. Harrison; Regional Deputy Grand High Priest for the North Central Region, REC John T Parsons (NE) and the General Grand Ambassador to Minnesota, REC James E. Turner, Jr. Grand High Priests in attendance from other jurisdictions were: MECs David D. Mahoney –Wisconsin and Frank C. Osdoba – Iowa. Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; George E. Bauder and Richard A. McBride of South Dakota. Visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Stephen M. Butterfield, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, EC Michael G. Mudrey, Jr., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin and EC Farrell D. Sexton, Grand Representative to Minnesota from the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Twenty-two (22) Chapters, in addition to King Solomon No. 133 U.D., answered the roll call with Winona No. 5, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt Nebo No. 39, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Triune No. 51, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Virginia No. 77, Northern No. 82, Rush City No. 87 being absent. There were eight (8) High Priests, forty-two (42) PHPs, and thirteen (13) PGHPs registered. Total companions registered for the convocation numbered sixty-seven (67) which included dual memberships; an additional ten (10) companions from other jurisdictions were present for a grand total of seventy-seven (77).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2012 was 2,251, a net loss of 107 over the previous year. Sixty (60) companions were exalted last year with eighty-seven (87) deaths reported. Three chapters had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2012; Corinthian No. 33, Alexandria No. 86 and Anoka-Shekinah No. 104.

The following Minnesota Grand Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: GRAND HIGH PRIEST – James F. Edgar, Sr. (102/20); GRAND KING – Marvin W. Schendel (60); GRAND SCRIBE – L. Greg Schultz (15); GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST – Cliff H. Isley (22); GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY – MEC Gary A Odegard, PGHP (53); GRAND TRUSTEE (2016) – John R. Wentworth (22).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – Forrest A. Miller (14); Grand Principal Sojourner – Richard S. Gilchrist (1); Grand Royal Arch Captain – Joseph J. Anderson (9/104); Grand Masters of the Veils: 3rd Veil – W. David Emery (60/104); 2nd Veil – Raymond W. Hayward, Jr. (1); 1st Veil – Roger D. Johnson (20); Grand Sentinel – David W. Dahlgren (20); Grand Organist - William T. Hubbard (8); and Grand Lecturer - Mark A. Anderson (9/33). PGHP James E. Turner, Jr. (1) was Installing Officer.

The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for distinguished service from the General Grand Chapter was EC Raymond W. Hayward, Jr. (1). The award was presented at the Friday night

Grand Banquet. A Memorial service for our departed Companions and Sir Knights was held on Thursday evening after the Public Opening and Welcome.

The Grand Chapter will hold its 152nd Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 26, 27 and 28, 2014, at the Double Tree Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota.



ALLAN F. KAUPPI
COON RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2012-2013

Biography of Allan F. Kauppi

M.E.C. Allan F. Kauppi Grand High Priest: 2012 – 2013 Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota

I was raised a Master Mason on June 29, 1973 in Macalester Lodge No. 290, served as Master in 1973 and Secretary 1979 to 1985.

I received the 32nd Degree in the St. Paul Valley Scottish Rite on December 19, 1973.

I was exalted to the sublime and honorable Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Minnesota Chapter No. 1 on February 23, 1974. I served as High Priest in 1979 and Grand Chaplain in 2004. I am Grand High Priest at the present time.

I was greeted as a Select Master in St. Paul Council No. 1 on March 2, 1974, served as Illustrious Master in 1983 and Grand Chaplain in 2005.

I was knighted in Damascus Commandery No. 1 on April 6, 1974. I was Commander in 1989 and 1999, Recorder 2000-2006 and the Grand Commander 2006-2007.

I walked the Hot Sands of Osman Temple on June 1, 1974. I was President of the Directors Staff in 1985 and the Treasurer 1998-2005.

I was initiated in Macalester Park Chapter No. 223 Order of the Eastern Star on February 10, 1977 and served as Worthy Patron in 1980 and in 1984 after consolidation with Carmel Chapter No. 127. I served as Worthy Patron in 2007 and 2008. I demitted to Martha Chapter No. 132 and served as Warder in 2010 and 2011.

I became a charter member of Minnesota Council of Knight Masons No. 34 in July 1988. I served as Excellent Chief 2007 and Treasurer from 2008-2012.

I am a member of the Minnesota York Rite College No. 39 and served as Governor in 2012. I received the Order of The Purple Cross in 2004.

I am a member of Star of the North Council No. 276 of Allied Masonic Degrees and I was the Sovereign Master in 2007.

I am a member of Minnesota Council No. 27 Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers, Inc., a member of Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 14 Royal Arch Mason and a member of St. Olaf Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2012-2013

ELECTED

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	Allan F. Kauppi (1) [Shirley]
GRAND KING	▲	James F. Edgar, Sr. (102)
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	Adam T. Stevenson (20) [Dawn]
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	Marvin W. Schendel (60) [Marilyn]
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Gary A. Odegard (53) [Karen]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2013]		John R. Wentworth (22)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2014]		Loren R. Schroeder (93) [Kathy]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2015]		Gary H. Johnson (101) [Julie]

APPOINTED

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	▲	Greg Schultz (15) [Shirley]
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	▲	Cliff H Isley (22) [Brenda]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	▲	James S. McNeely, IV (15/2UD) [Anne]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	Stephen A. Johnson (42) [Eileen]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Rich S. Gilchrist (1)
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	Steven M. Braun (104)
GRAND CHAPLAIN		Jack P. Roberts (1) [Jenny]
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)
GRAND LECTURER		Mark A. Anderson (9/33) [Jeanette]

▲ = advancing line

STANDING COMMITTEES

2012 – 2013 STANDING COMMITTEES

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES [5]

Edimand C. Gilbertson PGHP*
Kevin V. Jones PGHP
Charles R. Marston PGHP
Allan F. Kauppi GK
Vernon Schwalbe PHP

CHAPTERS [5]

Terrance J. Becker PGHP*
Mark A. Anderson GLec
Randall L. Poulson GM3V
James S. McNeely IV GM2V
Cliff A. Isley GM1V

CREDENTIALS [GS+2]

Dexter C. Pehle GTres-Secy*
Adam T. Stevenson GCOH
George A. James, JR. PHP

FINANCE [5]

Gary H. Johnson PGHP Trustee*
Kevin V. Jones PGHP
Ronald A. Miles PGHP
John R. Wentworth PHP, Trustee
Dexter C. Pehle GTres-Secy

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE [1]

Greg Schultz GRAC*

JURISPRUDENCE [5]

Gary H. Johnson PGHP Trustee*
Loren R. Schroeder PGHP Trustee
John R. Wentworth PHP Trustee
William R. Newell PGHP
Kevin V. Jones PGHP

STATE OF THE RITE [3]

James E. Turner PGHP*
Greg Schultz GRAC
Nicholas R. Johnson

CAPITULAR EDUCATION & PROMOTION [3]

Ronald A. Miles PGHP*
Marvin W. Schendel GPS
Mark A. Anderson GLec

YORK RITE COOPERATION [3]

Douglas A. Nygard PGHP *
Raymond W. Hayward PHP
John B. Studell GChap

ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

[GSc+GCOH+3]

James F. Edgar, Sr. GSc *
Adam T. Stevenson GCOH
Randall L. Poulson GM3V
Joseph J. Anderson PHP
Carl Lidstrom

CHARITY [3]

Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. PGHP*
William R. Newell PGHP
Marvin W. Schendel GPS

NOMINATIONS [3]

Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP*
Douglas A. Nygard PGHP
James F. Edgar, Sr. GSc

SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET [1]

Michael Denke PHP*

2012 – 2013 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

TRIPLE TAU/KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL

ARCH

Peter P. Kloskowski PGHP*
Terrance J. Becker PGHP
Adam Stevenson GCOH

NECROLOGY

John B. Studell GChap*
Peter P. Kloskowski PGHP
William T. Hubbard GO

RITUAL

Mark A. Anderson GLec*
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP DGLec
Raymond F. Frandsen DGLec
Steven J. Leinen DGLec

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Joseph J. Anderson PHP*
Cliff A. Isley GM1V

GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [151st]

June 27, 2013

OPENING

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was ritualistically opened in full form by Minnesota Chapter No. 1 of St. Paul, Excellent Companion Sean Gardiner – High Priest presiding. He was assisted by the following officers:

King	Monte Miller
Scribe	Ray Hayward
Captain of the Host	Terry Christiansen
Principal Sojourner	Stephen O'Day
Royal Arch Captain	Ed Morse
Master of the 3 rd Veil	Anthony VanWagner
Master of the 2 nd Veil	Robert Brown
Master of the 1 st Veil	Stephen Leinen
Sentinel	Drew Bjorklund

There was an alarm at the door. The Sentinel declared that Grand High Priest Allan F. Kauppi and his Grand Officers seeks admission. He was admitted, welcomed and escorted to the East. There he was introduced and given Grand High Honors. The hat and gavel were passed after which the Grand Officers were introduced and replaced the Minnesota No. 1 Officers in their stations and places. GHP Kauppi introduced the Minnesota 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.

Acting Grand Chaplain, MEC James E. Turner, Jr., offered an opening prayer which was followed by a Flag Tribute by MEC Turner. The Companions then pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States after which the National Anthem was sung

Grand High Priest Kauppi welcomed everyone to the 151st Grand Convocation. GHP Al thanked all the represented Chapters and those from other jurisdictions for attending.

INITIAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

Initial report of the Credentials Committee was requested. A Roll Call of Chapters indicated that twenty-three (23) Chapters were represented of the thirty-six (36) Minnesota Chapters. The following Chapters did not answer the Roll Call:

Winona No. 5, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt. Nebo No. 39, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Triune No. 51, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Virginia No. 77, Northern No. 82, and Rush City 87.

GHP Kauppi declared that a constitutional quorum was present and that the 151st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was open for the transaction of business.

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

Gary Johnson – 1978
William Newell - 1989
Kevin Jones – 1990
Peter Kloskowski - 1995
Barnes Sharitt – 1996
Leo Luettjohann – 1997
Hugh Swift - 1998
Loren Schroeder - 2002
Ron Miles – 2005
Charles Marston - 2007
James Turner - 2008
Douglas Nygard - 2009
Gary Odegard – 2011

A Roll Call of Grand Officers was called and they assembled in the East for introduction. The following Grand Officers did not answer the Roll Call:

Grand Scribe Adam Stevenson with MEC Nygard taking his chair
Grand Master of the 3rd Veil James McNeely with MEC Marston taking his chair
Grand Master of the 2nd Veil Stephen Johnson with MEC Miles taking his chair
Grand Chaplain Jack Roberts with MEC Turner taking his chair

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Distinguished Guests and Visitors were assembled outside of the Chapter room and then presented by Marvin Schendel, Captain of the Host, to the convocation. They were:

MEC David D. Mahoney, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin
MEC Frank C. Osdoba, Grand High Priest of Iowa
MEC Richard A. McBride, Past Grand High Priest of South Dakota
MEC George E. Bauder, PGHP and Grand Secretary
EC Michael Mudrey, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin
EC Stephen M. Butterfield, Grand Captain of the Host of South Dakota
EC Farrell D. Sexson, Grand Representative to MN from Missouri

MEC James E. Turner, Jr., General Grand Ambassador of the General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, International
MEC John T Parsons, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest – North Central –
Royal Arch Masons, International; Past Grand High Priest of Nebraska
MEC Edmond D. Harrison, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal
Arch Masons, International, Past Grand High Priest of New York

Grand Honors were given; MECs Harrison and Parsons were invited to take a seat in the East and the other visitors were dismissed.

A Roll Call of the Grand Representatives was called. They were asked to assemble in the East facing west as their name was called. The GHP and GK went down and greeted and thanked all for serving our Grand Chapter.

MEC Kauppi asked all Minnesota Chapter High Priests to stand and give their names and the Chapter that they represent. A warm round of applause was given. Similar thank yous were given for Chapter Kings, Scribes and Secretaries.

READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 150TH CONVOCATION

MEC Kauppi asked the Grand Secretary for a reading of the minutes of the last Grand Convocation. Grand Secretary Odegard responded that inasmuch as the Proceedings of the 150th Grand Convocation had been published and distributed, he moved that the named publication be accepted as the minutes of the 150th Grand Convocation without a reading thereof. There was a second by EC Ray Hayward and the motion passed.

The preliminary credentials report was requested. Companion Michael Powles brought in the report. Fifty three (53) 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 [2016] – John R. Wentworth (22)

Grand High Priest Kauppi appointed the following Tellers:

PGHP Peter Kloskowski – Chair
PGHP William Newell
PHP Mark Anderson

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

MEC Kauppi spoke on the efforts that had been expended by several Companions over the past year to move the Rush City Chapter No. 87 Charter to Helios Lodge in Cambridge and to merge the Triune Chapter No. 51 of Pipestone into Marshall Chapter No. 65. The Cambridge lodge seems very excited about starting Royal Arch work in their community.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

M.: E.: Companion Allan F. Kauppi

Installed St. Cloud Chapter No. 10 officers with the assistance of Companion Marvin W. Schendel
Attended Past Master Degree at Alexandria Chapter No. 86
Attended York Rite College No. 39
Installed Minnesota Chapter No. 1 officers with the assistance of Companion Rich S. Gilchrist
Attended the One Day to Masonry at Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite
Attended Most Excellent Master Degree at Alexandria Chapter No. 86 practice
Attended Ark Chapter No. 53 stated meeting
Attended Owatonna Chapter No. 15 stated meeting
Attended St. Peter Chapter No. 22 stated meeting
Attended Chapter Festival at Anoka Lodge hosted by Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104
Attended Council Festival at Farmington hosted by Northfield Council No. 12
Attended Rush City Chapter No. 87 stated meeting
Attended Companion Greg Schultz Hiram Award at Owatonna Chapter No. 15
Installed Rush City Chapter No. 8y officers
Attended Blue Earth Chapter No. 7 U.D. with Companion Marvin Schendel Grand Captain of the Host.
Attended St. Olaf Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in St. Peter
Gave Chapter Lecture at K.Y.C.H.
Attended York Rite College
Attended Commandery Festival at Minneapolis Scottish Rite hosted by Zion Commandery No. 2
Attended Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Attended Corinthian No. 33 stated meeting
Installed Anoka-Shekinah No. 104 officers with the assistance of Companion Steven W. Braun
Attended Star of the North Council No. 276 Stated Communication held at Mississippi River Community Park, in Anoka, MN
Attended Iowa Grand Chapter, Grand Council sessions in Ames, Iowa
Attended St. Olaf Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine at St. Peter
Dispensation granted to Keystone Chapter No. 20 to hold a special meeting to receive and ballot on petitions
Attended the One Day Class held at Duluth
Attended Companion Joe Anderson Hiram Award at Minneapolis Lodge No. 19
Dispensation granted to Corinthian Chapter No. 33 to move the meeting night for September, October, November and December from the 1st Monday to the 3rd Monday
Attended South Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions at Oacoma, South Dakota

Attended and participated in Select Master Degree at St. Paul Council No. 1
Installed the Officers of Overseers Chapter No. 103 with the assistance of Companion McNeely
Attended Grand Sessions planning meeting
Attended North Dakota Grand York Rite Session at Grand Forks
Attended Tri-State in Duluth
Attended Royal Arch Degrees at Columbian Chapter No. 60
Attended the 50th Anniversary of St. Olaf Red Cross of Constantine
Attended the North Central Regional Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Attended Mark Master Degree at Corinthian Chapter No. 33
Attended Eastern Star Grand Chapter at St. Cloud
Attended Rush City Chapter No. 87 at Cambridge
Attended Most Excellent Master Degree at Alexandria Chapter No. 86 with Grand Captain of the Host Marvin Schendel and Past High Priest Peter Kloskowski
Attended Overseers Chapter No. 103
Attended St. Johns/Lake Harriet Chapter No. 9 stated meeting
Attended the York Rite Bodies meeting Willmar with Most Excellent Companions Peter P. Kloskowski, Hugh C. Swift, Jr. and Grand Captain of the Host Marvin W. Schendel, Companions Lloyd Hansen, Al Midby, Dave Stuhr, Bill Bannon and Brad Nichols
Attended Rush City Chapter No. 87 at Cambridge
Attended Keystone Chapter No. 20, Grand King Jim Edgar filled the Secretary Office for Kevin Jones. R.E.C. Terry Becker and 14 Officers and Companions were present.
Attended Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104 stated meeting
Attended Memorial Day Service at Acacia Park Cemetery
Attended Marshall Chapter No. 65 stated meeting
Dispensation granted to Keystone Chapter No. 20 to host TRI-STATE
Attended Royal Arch Degree at Alexandria Chapter No. 86 Grand Captain of the Host Marvin Schendel was present
Attended Rush City Chapter No. 87 at Cambridge
Attended Wisconsin Grand York Rite Sessions at Green Bay

I issued the following dispensations during the year:

- Blue Earth Chapter No. 7 granted UD status
- King Solomon Chapter No. 133 granted UD status
- Corinthian Chapter No. 33 permission to move the March stated convocation from March 18 to March 25, 2013, due to bad weather
- Corinthian Chapter No. 33 permission to change stated convocation nights from the 1st Monday to the 3rd Monday for September thru December, 2012
- Rush City Chapter No. 87 permission to permanently move the charter from Rush City to the hall of Helios Lodge No. 273 located in Cambridge, Minnesota.
- Triune Chapter No. 51 permission to surrender their charter and to merge the Companions into Marshall Chapter No. 65

Grand King Edgar called for a Motion to approve the report. There was a motion, a second, and it was approved.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand Treasurer Gary Odegard reported that 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 in instruments that produce income annually. See the attached Trustees Report for investment results and for a proposed budget for FY 2013 (June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014).

The attached Profit & Loss Reports are for the fiscal year of 2012, for a short fiscal year of January 1, 2013, through May 31, 2013, and for the combined 17 month period. The combined report reflects a net income of over \$7,000.00. This is a bit misleading. Most of the Grand Chapter income is received during January. When we were on a calendar fiscal year, that was fine. Now we are on a fiscal year starting in June and we need to operate for over 8 months before any substantial income is received. I do not mean for this to sound negative, I think the current fiscal year is a better approach for the Grand Chapter.

The Trustees allocated a Life Membership distribution for 2012 of \$11,915.80 as compared to the 2011 Life Membership distribution of \$19,011.52. The Trustees are working on other investment vehicles to safely raise this distribution.

The books were audited on June 14, 2013, and found to be accurate. [See Audit Committee Report]

The Trustees and Finance Committee met and agreed on a proposed budget for the next fiscal year of June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014. The proposed budget is part of the Trustee's report.

I thank the companions for the trust they have bestowed on me. I hope to continue streamlining the office and will look at ways to reduce costs while still providing a service to the Chapters. I move that this report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

MNRAM [SEC/TREAS.]
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
CHARITY FUND	1,471.43
INVESTMENT FUND	8,000.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	19,011.52
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	28,482.95
OPERATIONS INCOME	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	19,613.64
CHAPTER DUES [133]	480.00
CHAPTER FEES	100.00
INVENTORY SALES	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	54.67
INVENTORY SALES - Other	108.18
Total INVENTORY SALES	162.85
LM ENROLLMENTS	6,630.00
OPERATIONS INCOME - Other	255.00
Total OPERATIONS INCOME	27,241.49
OTHER INCOME	
OTHER INCOME	0.06
REIMBURSEMENTS	421.78
Total OTHER INCOME	421.84
Total Income	56,146.28
Gross Profit	56,146.28
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	2,283.00
GRAND SESSION	
COMPS	875.47
PGHP APRON/JEWEL	342.00
SESSION OTHER	588.86
Total GRAND SESSION	1,806.33
INSURANCE/BONDING	1,177.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTI...	17,921.87
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLME...	6,630.00
Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	24,551.87
MEETINGS/FESTIVALS	39.86
PUBLICITY	50.00
Total GRAND CHAPTER	30,973.27
OFFICE OPERATIONS	
EQUIPMENT	
LEASED/RENTAL	255.82
PURCHASED	20.30
Total EQUIPMENT	276.12
GENERAL PRINTING	408.96
INTERNET	416.43
OCCUPANCY	3,793.00
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	590.67
SOFTWARE	85.49

MNRAM [SEC/TREAS.]
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12
SUPPLIES	118.61
TELEPHONE	876.09
WEB SITES	385.03
Total OFFICE OPERATIONS	6,950.40
OFFICER'S EXPENSES	
DISTRICT OFFICERS	529.00
GRAND HIGH PRIEST	3,000.00
GRAND KING	800.00
GRAND SECRETARY	5,500.00
GRAND TREASURER	1,100.00
MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S	893.88
OTHERS	369.86
Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES	12,192.74
OTHER EXPENSES	
BANK FEES	20.00
INTEREST CHARGES	5.50
LATE FEES	21.00
MEMBERSHIPS	106.05
MISC EXPENSE	75.47
PUBLICATIONS	
RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	6,087.51
Total PUBLICATIONS	6,087.51
Total OTHER EXPENSES	6,315.53
Total Expense	56,431.94
Net Ordinary Income	-285.66
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Moving Expense	1,287.91
Total Other Expense	1,287.91
Net Other Income	-1,287.91
Net Income	-1,573.57

MNRAM [SEC/TREAS.]
Profit & Loss
 January through May 2013

	Jan - May 13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
CHARITY FUND	910.42
INVESTMENT FUND	2,831.57
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	11,915.80
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	15,657.79
OPERATIONS INCOME	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	19,172.00
CHAPTER DUES [133]	105.00
CHAPTER FEES	40.00
EXALTATIONS	885.00
INDIGENT CREDITS	-270.00
INVENTORY SALES	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	65.00
RITUAL SALES	209.00
Total INVENTORY SALES	274.00
Total OPERATIONS INCOME	20,206.00
OTHER INCOME	
REIMBURSEMENTS	900.00
Total OTHER INCOME	900.00
Total Income	36,763.79
Gross Profit	36,763.79
Expense	
GRAND CHAPTER	
CHARITY & DONATIONS	
YOUTH GROUPS	1,000.00
Total CHARITY & DONATIONS	1,000.00
GRAND SESSION	
PGHP APRON/JEWEL	341.00
Total GRAND SESSION	341.00
INSURANCE/BONDING	1,144.70
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTI...	11,473.74
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLME...	182.00
Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	11,655.74
Total GRAND CHAPTER	14,141.44
OFFICE OPERATIONS	
INTERNET	97.92
OCCUPANCY	1,765.00
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	-22.84
SOFTWARE	85.49
TELEPHONE	598.14
Total OFFICE OPERATIONS	2,523.71
OFFICER'S EXPENSES	
GRAND HIGH PRIEST	3,000.00
GRAND KING	800.00
GRAND SECRETARY	3,000.00
GRAND TREASURER	600.00
MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S	450.60
Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES	7,850.60
OTHER EXPENSES	
LATE FEES	19.00
PUBLICATIONS	

MNRAM [SEC/TREAS.]
Profit & Loss
January through May 2013

	<u>Jan - May 13</u>
PROCEEDINGS	166.27
RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	3,333.13
Total PUBLICATIONS	<u>3,499.40</u>
Total OTHER EXPENSES	<u>3,518.40</u>
Total Expense	<u>28,034.15</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8,729.64</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,729.64</u></u>

MNRAM [SEC/TREAS.]
Profit & Loss
 January 2012 through May 2013

Jan '12 - May 13

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan '12 - May 13
Income	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
CHARITY FUND	2,381.85
INVESTMENT FUND	10,831.57
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	30,927.32
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	44,140.74
OPERATIONS INCOME	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	38,785.64
CHAPTER DUES [133]	585.00
CHAPTER FEES	140.00
EXALTATIONS	885.00
INDIGENT CREDITS	-270.00
INVENTORY SALES	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	119.67
RITUAL SALES	209.00
INVENTORY SALES - Other	108.18
Total INVENTORY SALES	436.85
LM ENROLLMENTS	6,630.00
OPERATIONS INCOME - Other	255.00
Total OPERATIONS INCOME	47,447.49
OTHER INCOME	
OTHER INCOME	0.06
REIMBURSEMENTS	1,321.78
Total OTHER INCOME	1,321.84
Total Income	92,910.07
Gross Profit	92,910.07
Expense	
GRAND CHAPTER	
AUDIT EXPENSE	300.00
AWARDS	265.21
CHARITY & DONATIONS	
YOUTH GROUPS	1,500.00
Total CHARITY & DONATIONS	1,500.00
GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA	2,283.00
GRAND SESSION	
COMPS	875.47
PGHP APRON/JEWEL	683.00
SESSION OTHER	588.86
Total GRAND SESSION	2,147.33
INSURANCE/BONDING	2,321.70
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTI...	29,395.61
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLME...	6,812.00
Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	36,207.61
MEETINGS/FESTIVALS	39.86
PUBLICITY	50.00
Total GRAND CHAPTER	45,114.71
OFFICE OPERATIONS	
EQUIPMENT	
LEASED/RENTAL	255.82
PURCHASED	20.30
Total EQUIPMENT	276.12
GENERAL PRINTING	408.96
INTERNET	514.35

MNRAM [SEC/TREAS.]
Profit & Loss
 January 2012 through May 2013

	Jan '12 - May 13
OCCUPANCY	5,558.00
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	567.83
SOFTWARE	170.98
SUPPLIES	118.61
TELEPHONE	1,474.23
WEB SITES	385.03
Total OFFICE OPERATIONS	9,474.11
OFFICER'S EXPENSES	
DISTRICT OFFICERS	529.00
GRAND HIGH PRIEST	6,000.00
GRAND KING	1,600.00
GRAND SECRETARY	8,500.00
GRAND TREASURER	1,700.00
MISC EXPENSE-OFFICER'S	1,344.48
OTHERS	369.86
Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES	20,043.34
OTHER EXPENSES	
BANK FEES	20.00
INTEREST CHARGES	5.50
LATE FEES	40.00
MEMBERSHIPS	106.05
MISC EXPENSE	75.47
PUBLICATIONS	
PROCEEDINGS	166.27
RAM MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	9,420.64
Total PUBLICATIONS	9,586.91
Total OTHER EXPENSES	9,833.93
Total Expense	84,466.09
Net Ordinary Income	8,443.98
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Moving Expense	1,287.91
Total Other Expense	1,287.91
Net Other Income	-1,287.91
Net Income	7,156.07

	Balance	for	Interest	Interest	Balance
					12/31/12
Investment Fund	191,059.49			6,611.02	195,045.51
Charity	26,311.24			910.42	26,311.24
Life Membership	344,368.46			11,915.80	346,243.96
Totals	561,739.19			19,437.24	567,600.71

Based on the Balance for Interest for 12 of 561,739.19 with an interest income of 19,437.24 the rate of return was 3.5% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/12 Statement of Account listing your portfolio of stocks, shares, and % of holdings. The following figures are presented to show you the progress of our funds during the past five years of the economic conditions. Our investment fund has been able to hold a good investment income return and is recovering once again from the year's market condition. Our life membership fund is invested in secure funds which draw less interest. Our portfolio is secure, but as market fell this year, so did earnings. This fluctuation is being controlled by using a portion of funds in a fixed return. With CD's at or below .5%, we feel our broker is competently handling our funds. Distribution of funds was slowed up by changes in officers and in our brokerage which is now complete. The rate of return, if figured on the total investment fund of 567,600.71 is 3.4%. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of 430,166.57, it would be 4.5%. We are confident that our investments and counsel are in good condition.

	Total Investments	Income
12/31/06	491,756.45	35,947.79
12/31/07	467,829.83	38,798.87
12/31/08	352,832.22	33,511.58
12/31/09	473,405.27	31,070.72
12/31/10	498,126.57	38,712.48
12/31/11	411,256.32	31,314.52
12/31/12	430,166.57	19,437.24

The General Accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer are reviewed and verified. The Assets and Property of the Grand Chapter have been audited and verified. The move to our new site is almost complete. The bonds and insurance required of is complete. We are now reviewing contracts, equipment, and other needs. We thank Gary Odegard/Secretary-Treasurer, Dexter, and all other Companions who helped in the move, set-up, audit, and other assistance. It has been appreciated.

MEC Gary H. Johnson
 RE John Wentworth
 MEC Loren R. Schroeder

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 Account Number: SGH-024279

YOUR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE IS: ERIC HUSTAD RR#: 1D2	For questions about your accounts: Local: 701 282 3100	TOTAL VALUE OF YOUR PORTFOLIO	\$430,166.57
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Change In Value Of Your Portfolio information can be found in Miscellaneous Footnotes at the end of this statement.

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There was a motion by Gary Johnson to accept the Trustees Report. The motion was seconded by Marvin Schendel and passed.

Gary Johnson then presented the proposed budget for 2013 – 2014.
 To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand
 Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota:

BUDGET	6/1/13 - 5/31/14
INCOME	
INVESTMENTS	
Life Members *	20,000
Charity *	1,500
General	**10,000
	<u>31,500</u>
OPERATIONS	
Per Capita	20,232
Dues (KS133)	300
Chapter Fees	320
Exaltations	750
Indigent Credits	-243
Sales	250
	<u>21,609</u>
TOTAL INCOME	53,109
EXPENSES	
GRAND CHAPTER	
Awards	100
Charities	1,500
GGC Per Capita	2,200
Grand Session	1,200
Insurance/Bonding	1,150
LM Distribution	20,000
	<u>26,150</u>
OFFICE OPERATIONS	
Equipment	500
Printing	600
Internet	600
Rent	3,100
Postage	1,250
Supplies	1,250
Telephone	600
Web sites	400
	<u>8,300</u>
OFFICER EXPENSES	
GHP	3,000

GK	800
GSc	500
GS/T	7,200
Others	600
Triennial	300
	<u>12,400</u>
OTHER	
Bank fees	0
Memberships	0
Subscriptions	5,972
Publications	250
	<u>6,222</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	53,072
<i>GAIN/(LOSS)</i>	<i>37</i>

**This is drawing money from the Investment Fund.

*Income and distribution are no expense to Grand Chapter as they are just pass-through funds distributing Interest Income to the separate funds. The trustees do not handle the monies of the Investments, but are used by the Grand Chapter. The audit was conducted by John Wentworth Trustee, Bill Newell, and Hugh Swift. Thanks. Figures used were based on last year and they are used as a guide to operations.

Finance Committee
 MEC Gary H. Johnson, Chair
 RE John Wentworth
 MEC Loren R. Schroeder
 MEC Gary Odegard
 MEC Ronald Miles

There was much discussion on the pros and cons of 100% participation in the RAM Magazine. MEC GGHP Ted Harrison rose to speak on behalf of communicating with the Companions. There was a motion by Gary Johnson to accept the budget as proposed. There was a second by Harland Brand and the motion passed

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

M.: E.: Companion Gary A. Odegard

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

To say that this has been a challenging year is a bit of an understatement. I would not recommend anyone to be a head of one of the Grand York Rite bodies, the Grand Secretary/Treasurer of another and still be working full time. The major activity this year was moving the office from Virginia to Bloomington. We identified a location in the Masonic Home that may eventually house all three Grand York Rite Offices. The Masonic Home wanted to do some repairs and refurbishment to the area before we moved in. Those activities were not completed until October. On October 9, Hugh Swift and I went to Virginia with Hugh's pickup and enclosed trailer. After loading the truck and trailer beyond their capacity, we had not even put a dent in the amount of stuff to be moved. On October 31, we rented a truck and James McNeely and I went back to Virginia. Hugh met us there and we filled the rental truck and Hugh's pickup before we were done. I want to thank Dexter and Murial for their wonderful hospitality while we were in Virginia. I would like to also thank the Virginia Masonic Lodge for helping Dexter pack the boxes; also to Hugh for the use of his truck and trailer; and to Rolf Widstrand for the use of his piano dollies to move the heavy fire safes.

The office still needs much work done to organize files and information. The greatest challenge is the upgrading of the computer equipment, which needs to be done this year. The database needs much work and the websites need to be reconstructed. We need to find a companion who will take responsibility for the website. I would like to thank all of the Chapter secretaries for supporting me with information when requested. Many times I was asking for information which they had already provided. Membership dropped again this year. We had a net loss of 107 companions in 2011 and the same loss of 107 companions again in 2012. The summary for the year is:

<i>MEMBERSHIP 1/1/2012 *</i>		2358	
GAINS[+]		LOSSES[-]	
EXALTED	60	WITHDREW	38
JOINED	4	STRICKEN	44
RESTORED	0	SUSPEND	2
		DEATHS	87
TOTAL	64	TOTAL	171
	NET	-107	-4.50%
<i>MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2012**</i>		2251	

There are 3 Chapters that have not submitted an annual report but Tyrian No. 6 in Faribault and Mt. Nebo No. 39 in Willmar have paid several years of past dues and are now current. I have attached detailed gains and losses by Chapter, reported exaltations and reported deaths.

2012 EXALTATIONS AND DEATHS

REPORTED EXALTATIONS			2012			
MINNESOTA	#1	12	Chris Zalomsky	2/11/12	Mark Dryer	6/1/12
			Christopher Zack	6/1/12	Jeff Koltveit	6/1/12
			Drew Bjorklund	6/1/12	Forrest Sexson	6/1/12
			Kay Moss	6/1/12	Chris Elmquist	6/1/12
			Andrew Brown	6/1/12	Dylan McIntosh	6/1/12
			David Holstrom	6/1/12	Philip Gatlin	6/1/12
TYRIAN	#6	1	Jason LaVoi	6/2/12		
ST JOHNS/LAKE HARRIET	#9	2	Brian Lang	2/11/12	Jason Long	2/11/12
ST CLOUD	#10	3	Jon Asplund	6/2/12	Robert Holly	6/2/12
			Wallace Kramersmeier	6/2/12		
AUSTIN	#14	1	Noah Hawkes	2/11/12		
KEYSTONE	#20	8	Austin Driscall	1/3/12	Nicholas Rogers	1/3/12
			Frank Edwards	8/25/12	Bruce Compton	8/25/12
			Harry Poster	8/25/12	Marcus Hardin	11/20/12
			Christopher Stockland	11/20/12	Thomas Buck	1/4/11
ALBERT LEA	#30	7	Timothy Carroll	2/11/12	Orvin Drangstveit	2/11/12
			Dustin Garduño	2/11/12	Troy Goodwater	2/11/12
			Gerald D Pineau	2/11/12	Cohen Rautenkranz	6/2/12
			Brian Vairma	6/2/12		
CORINTHIAN	#33	11	Joseph Kivens	4/2/12	Timothy Boche	6/2/12
			Richard Waldie	6/2/12	Eric Aasen	12/17/12
			Dan Ball	12/17/12	Merle Cole	12/17/12
			Scott Cummings	12/17/12	Robert Howard	12/17/12
			Joel Porter	12/17/12	Kayihan Seran	12/17/12
			DeAndre Slater	12/17/12		
ARK	#53	3	Nicholas Bates	2/11/12	Conrad Seibert	2/11/12
COLUMBIAN	#60	5	Christopher Wendover	2/11/12	Shannon Stitt	2/11/12
			Matthew Anderson	2/11/12	Edward Warbachowski	9/12/12
			Jacob LaBelle	9/12/12		
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	7	Brian Dimatteo	2/11/12	Aileen Golder	2/11/12
			Jamie Hanson	2/11/12	Hans Neisz	2/11/12
			Kirk Nelson	2/11/12	Michael Poeston	2/11/12
			Anthony Heimer	2/11/12		

REPORTED DEATHS		2012				
MINNESOTA	#1	14	John Magnuson, Jr	02/09/2010	Archer Hohenwald, Jr	05/13/2010
			Donald Swanson	11/18/2010	John Rutz	07/30/2011
			Thomas Stochl	08/15/2011	Lawrence Pennington	11/01/2011
			J. Robert Collier	01/11/2012	Brian Olson	01/17/2012
			John Swanson	03/07/2012	Lloyd Hecht	07/05/2012
			Samuel Bates	07/21/2012	Austin Harris	08/19/2012
			James Melander	09/02/2012	Daniel Peloquin	10/30/2012
WINONA	#5	3	Harold S Streator	08/16/2011	Norman W House	06/07/2012
			Raymond Benedett	07/13/2012		
TYRIAN	#6	5	Theodore Lysacker	08/12/2010	Earl West	11/04/2010
			Tom Rode	12/01/2010	John Evert	06/04/2011
			Gaylen Jensen	11/10/2011		
HALCYON	#8	2	Lyle S Freiderich	06/05/2012	Ralph Wiehr	10/17/2012
ST JOHNS/LAKE HARRIET	#9	4	Gerald Brown	12/28/2011	Robert O'Donnell	01/05/2012
			Russell Medin	01/16/2012	Herbert Hoverstad	01/28/2012
ST CLOUD	#10	2	Richard Peterson	04/06/2012	Donald Lemke	10/04/2012
AUSTIN	#14	1	Gene Van Denver	06/18/2012		
OWATONNA	#15	6	Stephen Lange	04/09/2012	Maurice Hecht	08/08/2012
			Glen Nelson	09/28/2010	Harold Dinesen	10/16/2011
			Glenn Edin	10/31/2012	Wallace Tripp	11/30/2012
WASHINGTON	#17	1	Jeffrey Sherburne	10/13/2012		
KEYSTONE	#20	5	Robert J John	05/09/2012	William Garrett	06/21/2012
			John LeVasseur	06/28/2012	James Stark	08/08/2012
			Eugene Borgeson	11/09/2012		
ST PETER	#22	1	Jerry Sandberg	01/22/2012		
FERGUS FALLS	#27	3	Kurt Langbehn	09/30/2012	Charles Dohman	11/13/2012
			John Good	11/14/2012		
LIVING ARCH	#28	3	Melvin Smook	12/28/2011	Floyd Hanson	01/28/2012
			Howard McCausland	11/19/2012		
ALBERT LEA	#30	3	Charles W Pingry	03/15/2012	Wayne Oothoudt	05/01/2012
			Albert Harper	05/05/2012		
CORINTHIAN	#33	3	J. Richard Peterson	01/28/2012	Robert R Vance	02/14/2012
			Wallace Swanson	05/15/2012		
FAIRMONT	#50	2	Robert G Donnelly	08/01/2012	Calvin H Gould	08/27/2012
TRIUNE	#51	2	Russell Buhler	02/03/2012	Gerald Merrill	12/31/2012
ARK	#53	5	Norman L Svea	01/29/2012	Clinton O Larson	03/10/2012
			Lawrence H Muschamp	05/01/2012	Lumirr C Proshok	05/31/2012
			Leonard Mathison	12/22/2012		
COLUMBIAN	#60	7	Milan Bozony [2011]	03/21/2011	D Richard Johnson [2011]	01/15/2011
			Melvin Ree	05/07/2012	Robert Papas	06/25/2012
			Harold Warneke	07/26/2012	Frank Petrik	08/21/2012
			John Fossum	12/10/2012		
MARSHALL	#65	2	Leonard Skewes	05/26/2009	Vern Stewart	05/21/2010
BEMIDJI	#70	2	Daryl Knoer	07/06/2012	Russell Larson	08/29/2012
VIRGINIA	#77	4	Derral Thompson	01/14/2012	Charles Martell	03/11/2012
			Eli Knezovich	04/07/2012	Russell Christensen	08/06/2012
RUSH CITY	#87	1	Glenn Anderson	03/10/2012		
HUTCHINSON	#90	1	James Corson	11/23/2012		
GLENWOOD	#93	2	David Vandersteeg	05/31/2012	Gerald Vandersteeg	09/16/2012
KITTSOON	#101					
POKEGAMA	#102	3	Dale Hirt	04/11/2012	David Carlson	09/19/2012
			Robert Fernandez	10/07/2012		
		87				06/19/2013

AWARD FOR INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Secretary indicated that the 2012 award for the largest percentage gain goes to Anoka – Shekinah Chapter No. 104

Grand High Priest Kauppi 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 Kauppi rapped the gavel for order and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared the 151st Convocation at labor. He inquired if all who were entitled to do so had voted. Since there was no apparent rush, he declared the ballot box closed and directed the tellers to take charge of the ballot box.

TRIPLE TAU/KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH REPORT

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. Companions Peter and Marvin Schendel reported that Columbian Chapter No. 60 had two new Triple Tau awards for Verl Raap and Ralph Luchsinger and additional stars for Ervin Moser and Marvin Schendel. Knight of the Royal Arch awards were presented to Companions Greg Schultz, Sean Gardner and Steven Leinen.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Grand Secretary Odegard 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 Wisconsin – David Mahoney

Grand High Priest of Iowa – Frank Osdoba

General Grand High Priest – Edmund “Ted” Jarrison

The companions were recognized and greeted by Grand High Priest Kauppi 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.

TELLERS REPORT

Companion Mark Anderson reported that 50 of 53 possible ballots were cast for:

James Edgar, Sr. as Grand High Priest
Marvin Schendel as Grand King
L. Greg Schultz as Grand Scribe
Gary Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary
Cliff Isley as Grand Captain of the Host
John Wentworth as Grand Trustee [3 years]

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

Companion Anderson gave a report on the activities of the Grand Lecturer and the status of the updated Ritual.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2013-2014

Grand High Priest Kauppi called on the Grand High Priest Elect James Edgar to announce his appointments. The 2013-2014 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Principal Sojourner	Richard Gilchrist
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Joe Anderson
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	W. David Emery
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Raymond Hayward
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Roger Johnson
Grand Sentinel	David Dahlgren
Grand Chaplain	Forrest Miller
Grand Organist	William Hubbard

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

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

PGHP Gary Johnson stated that the actions of the Grand High Priest and other officers were complete and accurate throughout the year.

He expressed 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.

The Committee has reviewed the reports and audited the books and so far has given Grand High Priest Al a 'thumbs-up.'

GENERAL GRAND REMARKS

Right Excellent Companion John T. Parsons, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, thanked Minnesota for all the hospitality and friendships that had been extended to he and his wife. John invited all present to attend the Regional Conference to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in October and to bring Companions who had never attended a regional conference along with them.

MEC Edmund D. (Ted) Harrison, General Grand High Priest

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, distinguished visitors, Most Excellent John, Companions all and even a representative from Grand Encampment.

It's a delight for me to be here and have an opportunity to meet with so many of you again I recognize so many familiar faces. It's been very fascinating to listen to the reports and the things that have been going on.

I am here to give you some strange news. Things are great in Royal Arch Masonry. Things are moving forward, things are alive and things are growing. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International is expanding further and further around the world and doing more and more to help you in your leadership and growth situations.

You've heard the announcement about the regional conference. There are challenges in every Grand Chapter. There are challenges of membership and challenges of intention and a great number of Royal Arch Masons that see fit to die without permission causes problems for all of us but there are answers to these issues. Your Grand Lecturer gave some very fine ideas to lead us to expand upon.

I'm going to give you a little story. I don't like to throw foreign jurisdictions into your laps but I had an experience this past February, March. First of all we went to Austria, to welcome Austria back into the General Grand Chapter. They had dropped out because of some ritualistic issues with them. But they came back to us on bended knee please can we come back into General Grand Chapter. They really felt the issue was affecting them by not being a member.

The great joy for us is Austria is the most prominent Grand Lodge in Europe and consequently the most prominent Grand Chapter. And we were received with great distinction and the presentation they put before us of their work and the opportunity to demonstrate the universality of freemasonry across all the political borders of Europe and it was a great. We had 20 representatives from 20 jurisdictions there as well as a good delegation from Virginia that regularly interchanges visits with Austria. That was a great experience of rejoining and an experience of cementing our relations with one of the oldest masonic traditions in Europe.

But from there I went to the other side of the fence, to two grand lodge jurisdictions that are only 5 years old. One in Madagascar & the other in Mauritius. Many of you may not even know where Madagascar & Mauritius are. And there is no reason in particular why you should they happen to be off the southeast coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean. Madagascar is the 3rd largest island in the world, with a population of 8 million people. Mauritius is a much smaller island, much more advanced, and in quite a luxury resort area. They each have, as I say, a grand lodge that was chartered only 5 years ago.

They came to us. They wanted the American Royal Arch system. So we have a process for doing this. We don't just wave a wand and say OK here's a charter. We have a grand lecturer over there. You'll like this guy's job. He went down to Madagascar & Mauritius for a week in each country with diagrams and description on how to build the furnishings for a chapter. Bear in mind they had nothing. They couldn't go next door and borrow it from a closed chapter because there weren't any closed chapters. Can you imagine that, a jurisdiction without any closed chapters? So he instructed them how to build this stuff and then he went home.

Then he came back a month later and they had constructed everything. Now when I say everything I'm talking about the Ark of the Covenant, and the arch, and the keystone, and the veils, and all the costumes and everything. And they had to make everything from scratch. Right from the start they didn't buy anything from anybody. So they had great pride in what they had accomplished. They made beautiful stuff.

So he then spent a month in each country training these guys how to do the ritual. Bear in mind they had only received, they had only been exalted, in October in Devon when we chartered the Grand Chapter of Devon. So we had about 15 guys in each county that had to learn this work. And their challenge was to learn the work to do it for me. I had to come down and inspect it. Well let me tell you guys I was not going all the way down to Madagascar and Mauritius to have a vacation. I was going down there to see what the heck these fellows had been up to. Well I have never been so surprised in all my life. They did the 4 degrees in full form with costumes and all the appropriate furnishings entirely from memory, flawlessly, flawlessly. There were no books in the room no references to anything. It was the same in each country. As was the same when I witnessed the work in October in Devon. Now I say to you my companions, if they can do it, why can't we? And why don't we? They have a passion and a pride and they are so honored to be members of the American Royal Arch system and they're so grateful to being accepted into our General Grand Chapter. And they will each become Grand Chapters by the triennial.

It looks like we're going to have, could have somewhere between 8 & 10 new grand chapters in the General Grand Chapter this year. Now many of you may say, why does General Grand Chapter spend so much time in foreign jurisdictions? Actually we don't. And I want to assure you that my expenses and the expenses of the Grand Lecturer in doing all this work and making these trips were paid entirely by Mauritius & Madagascar. Nothing came out of the General Grand Chapter Treasury to the development of this work. And it's the same in most of our major new areas we are going into. It's not costing you anything. But how do we benefit? Here's how we benefit because our growth for the most part is coming in foreign jurisdictions. And the forming jurisdiction paid 4 times the per capita that you pay, 4 times. That is how we are able to subsidize drops in membership in domestic jurisdictions by the increase in membership at a higher per capita in the foreign jurisdictions. So I submit that as a challenge.

Now let's come back home. I am confident that MN is enjoying the growth in masonic membership that every other jurisdiction in this country is. There is an appeal, there's an attraction especially to younger people. What we have in masonry which we give away so

cheaply and probably don't recognize the value that we have in ourselves. The value is that we provide a bonding opportunity that is almost non-existent in other parts of the world today. The family structure is broken down in so many cases, the church membership is dropping, and young people today that automatically go through high school into college into a job and all of a sudden they are out there in the world locked into texting, emails, computers and frequently can go through a whole day without having any actual communication with another human being. That's not a joke. It's a reality. That's not human. And we offer to all of them the opportunity to bond with other people to come into that hallowed ground where upright men may meet in harmony and frank fellowship without fear of discussion of sectarian or personal differences. That's what we offer. Now it's happening if guys are going into the lodges. Now are you capitalizing on that? Let me bring a couple of points to your attention.

I recently proposed a couple of candidates into my lodge in New York. It was the night of the 3rd degree. The two of them were in the preparation room. I went in to wish them well. One of them turned around and he said Ted! What happens after the 3rd degree? Think about it companions. Do you have an answer? No reflection on the lodges. Because the Lodges are challenged in most cases these days just to get candidates raised. And then they hold them by the hand through the first degree, and the second degree and the third degree. And then they're left. Far too many lodges do not have mentoring programs, do not have educational programs, do not have anything to attract these new members and to satisfy their curiosity for why they came in the first place which was to look for the philosophic, symbolic and esoteric aspects of the craft. That's where their curiosity is. It's not in listening to minutes being read, it's not in listening to discussions over whether we should pay \$5.75 to the secretary for having sent an express mail envelope somewhere. They want to know what masonry is all about. Now we've forgotten to give it to them.

So here is an opportunity for you. And this comes to what you were saying about programs to introduce Royal Arch Masonry to the lodges. You mentioned your program. You look on the General Grand Chapter website you'll find two other programs, the Fervency and Zeal and the Peculiar Stone programs are each programs designed for 4 or 5 Royal Arch Masons to go into the lodge to make a 15 minute presentation. And I guarantee, absolutely guarantee you'll come out of that meeting with petitions. Absolutely guarantee it. And remember, you've got new young members in the lodge that are seeking what you have to offer. It's already presold. They want you, you just have to give them the opportunity to come into the chapter. Now last night further to my discussions with Jim who gave me an update in 15 minutes about everything that is going on in masonry in MN. He spoke very fast. I had an opportunity to call the grand master. Now we have made a deal. Grand Lecturer, don't fall off your seat. But we're actually going to change the ritual in the 3rd degree. And you know what that should mean. Now this is not a modification, this is a change in the ritual of the 3rd degree. We're going to insert in the 3rd degree ritual a new line that says, "Behold the worshipful master approaching from the East with a petition for the royal arch."

Obviously that is said in jest but there's more truth than jest to it. You've got to recognize my companions that younger people of today are on a fast track. They're not going to sit around waiting. You better move and get them involved in things. If you can't get them involved in the lodge get them involved in the chapter because otherwise you're going to lose them not only for the chapter but for the lodge as well. We can't sit around and say OK now you guys should spend a year or 2 years or 3 years or whatever the lodge, before you can come into the Royal Arch. Do that at your peril. It meant well because it was a good idea in its time but if you try to do it today, as I said before you're going to lose them. You'll lose them for the chapter and you'll lose them for the lodge as well.

Now to encourage part of the problem that we are all, many jurisdictions are faced regarding education. John mentioned the education programs going on at the regional conference. There is another very, very serious significant program that is being offered to you and you probably don't even know about it although it has been in effect for 2 years. First of all let me preface this by saying that in the world today you have a united York Rite. Now don't fall off your seats. We actually have a united York Rite. Jeff Nelson grand encampment, working under Dave Goodwin as Grand Master, Larry Weaver as the Grand Master to the General Grand Council, and myself, we stand together as a united York Rite and we are working together as a united York Rite to provide what you need in the Grand Chapters and Grand Councils and Grand Commanderies. Jeff, I'm proud to have you sitting here, thank you very much for being with us. We stand together to serve you.

Now the first action we're taken in this united York Rite is to provide you with the emerging leaders program. Now far too often we elect somebody who happens to be a good old guy and he's friendly and he knows everyone and he buys everyone a beer and he should be voted in but he may not know anything about leadership. Which is our fault, because we didn't teach him in the first place. Well, we are trying to correct that fault. The emerging leaders program is available to any companion in chapter, council or commandery who is showing signs of leadership. He's a young man, it's not necessarily young, maybe a middle aged man but this is not a program for our past grand high priests. They are basically lovely guys but they are over the hill and we don't need them. I fit into that category.

Let's look at the younger guys that are coming up. The Grand High Priest recommends those people to essential coordinators. Steve Rubenstein and his name is on the website how to reach him and he will send the personal invitation to each one with the details of the program and where it's going to take place. It will take place at the regional conferences. It's a full day program taught by John Palmer who has been Past Grand Master of Tennessee and current editor of the Knights Templar magazine, and a professional motivational speaker trainer. He has two associates that also train with him, Carl Jackson from the University of Louisiana and a trainer for the southern masonic jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite and Steve Rubenstein who is the coordinator for the whole program and a former instructor at the New York University. So we've got three qualified people. It's a full day program for one year. If you qualify you come back for the 2nd year. So you've got two years of training. The third year you're required to attend the conference and participate and send in a report of your experiences at the conference and what you feel you've been able to contribute based on your learning experiences of the past two years. The 4th year you'll be challenged to present a project with you as a mason would like to effect in your district jurisdiction chapter, council or Commandery, whatever it may be. You must identify that project, report on it during the year and then send in a full and complete example of that project to be examined at the end of the 4th year you get appropriately awarded.

This is professional training my companions. These instructors are on the caliber of what you expect to find in industry and commerce today in the real world. Teaching basically leadership skills which even if never use in masonry you will use in your own life. That emerging leaders program is one of the most important things that the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and General Grand Encampment are bringing to you together jointly.

So I urge you Grand High Priest elected but not installed to find out from these people here who they feel are the most likely to benefit from the emerging leaders program. There is no limit. You can send 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 give me 20 guys. We'll work on them. It will only be to your benefit. And the only obligation for those people is they've got to show up at the regional conference. They have to register, pay the registration fee which is usually quite nominal. If they want to stay over in the hotel that's up to them. There is no cost for the course, no cost for the books and the

follow through and all the work that goes along with the training, following up on the emerging leaders program. I encourage you to be there. The other reason to be there my companions is just learning. The presentations will be well worth your time and effort. And the companionship, the guys who are visiting here. I commend you. You're getting the best part of being in the leadership element of masonry. The opportunity to go to different jurisdictions and visit. So now my companions just before closing, we must remember our obligation to the lodge and to the chapter. You took an obligation in the most excellent master degree to spread further light in masonry. Think about that for a moment, are you doing it. The challenge was made to get one more member. Get two more members, get three more members. It can be done if you make an effort to do it. Did you make an effort to do it in the past year? Ask yourselves, do we need to be getting into the lodges bringing the members into the chapter. Doing that to help the lodge and the Chapter. And always remember, when you tie about your waist the red bordered apron of a Royal Arch Mason you're symbolically tying about your waist the white lambskin apron of a master mason.

For your first duty is now, always had been and shall be forever the old mother lodge. There you received the highest degree you'll ever receive this sided of paradise, the degree of master mason. The beautiful ceremony so that you may pass into the Royal Arch and the warm glow that bathes your soul in the reception of those degrees carries with it a solemn obligation that you take back to your mother lodge your new found inspiration and illumination. Thus you'll become a better Royal Arch Mason and a better master mason.

My companions in closing a word from the order of malta this frail organization though here subject to the many ills the flesh adheres to possesses an immortal soul that shall soar to realms of endless bliss beyond the power of change to live forever.

Thank you my companions.

GHP Kauppi 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 Kauppi declared the convocation at recess until the installation of officers. The Grand Principal Sojourner attended the altar.

INSTALLATION OF 2013-2014 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Thursday, June 27th, 2013 at Bloomington, Minnesota. At the appointed time the Installing Grand Officer, Most Excellent Companion James Turner, Jr., PGHP, assumed the East and introduced the assisting installing officers:

Installing Grand Marshall
Installing Grand Secretary
Installing Grand Chaplain
Installing Grand Organist

MEC Hugh Swift, Jr., PGHP
MEC Kevin Jones, PGHP
MEC Peter Kloskowski, PGHP
EC William Hubbard

On order of the Installing Officer, and under the direction of the Installing Marshall, the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter Officers and their ladies were escorted into the room and seated. The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers.

2013-2014 Grand Chapter Officers

Grand High Priest	James F. Edgar, Sr.
Grand King	Marvin W. Schendel
Grand Scribe	L. Greg Schultz, Jr.
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Captain of the Host	Clifford H. Isley
Grand Principal Sojourner	Richard S. Gilchrist
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Joseph J. Anderson
Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	W. David Emery
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Raymond W. Hayward
Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Roger D. Johnson
Grand Sentinel	David W. Dahlgren
Grand Chaplain	Forrest A. Miller
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard
Grand Lecturer	Mark A. Anderson
Grand Trustee	John R. Wentworth

The officers were obligated by Installing Officer. James Turner. Installing Grand Chaplain Kloskowski offered a prayer.

James Edgar 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, Raymond Hayward, and Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Roger Johnson, who were 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.

The new Grand High Priest Edgar 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 Kauppi approached the East and presented the Grand High Priest's pocket jewel and informed Companion Edgar of its value and that he should keep it under a pillow or some other safe place.

