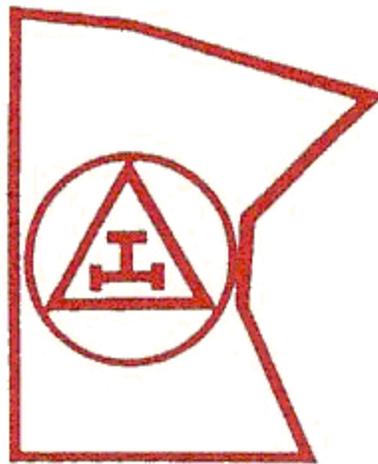


PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF MINNESOTA**



AT THE  
One Hundred Fifty Third  
Annual Convocation  
June 25, 2015

***A.D.2015~ A.L.6015***

# 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."

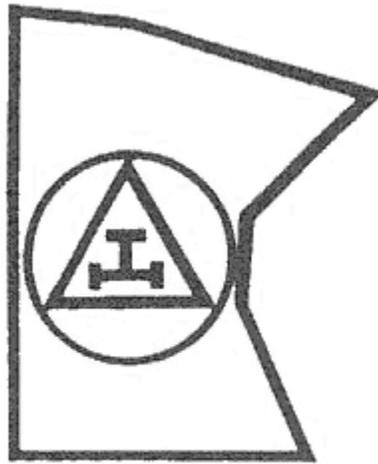
Scottish Rite:

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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ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

PRESIDING

Marvin W. Schendel – Grand High Priest  
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

ELECTED

L. Greg Schultz, Jr. – Grand High Priest  
Gary A. Odegard – Grand Secretary

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Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota  
11501 Masonic Home Drive  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

## 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.

# SYNOPSIS

## SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS 153rd ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 153rd Annual Convocation of the **GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS of Minnesota** was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota, Thursday, June 25, 2015. 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 Marvin W. Schendel, Grand High Priest, presiding. The Grand Chapter Officers 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 Louis E. Bartrand and the North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest Leland L. Burlison. MEC Raymond E. Mielke, Grand High Priest from Wisconsin, was also in attendance. Past Grand High Priests in attendance were; David D. Mahoney of Wisconsin and George E. Bauder and Richard A. McBride of South Dakota. Visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions included REC Ronald W. Guthrie, Grand King of Iowa, REC Stan Schwellenbach, Grand Scribe of South Dakota, EC Michael G. Mudrey, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin and EC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand Captain of the Host of Connecticut.

Eighteen (18) Chapters, in addition to King Solomon No. 133 U.D., answered the roll call with Tyrian No. 6, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt Nebo No. 39, Pierson No. 41, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, Rush City No. 87 and Glenwood No. 93 being absent. There were eight (8) High Priests, eighteen (18) PHPs, and ten (10) PGHPs registered. Total companions registered for the convocation numbered fifty-one (51), which included dual memberships; an additional ten (10) companions from other jurisdictions and guests were present for a grand total of sixty-one (61).

Minnesota membership, as of December 31, 2014 was 2,022, a net loss of 97 over the previous year. Thirty-three (33) companions were exalted last year with sixty-eight (68) deaths reported. Two chapters had a positive gain in membership recorded in 2014; Keystone No. 20 and Anoka-Shekinah No. 104.

The following Minnesota Grand Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Grand High Priest – L. Greg Schultz (15); Grand King – Clifford H. Isley (22); Grand Scribe – Joseph J. Anderson(9/104); Grand Captain of the Host – W. David Emery (60/104); Grand Treasurer/Secretary – MEC Gary A Odegard, PGHP (53); Grand Trustee (2018) – Gary H. Johnson, PGHP (101).

Appointed officers are: Grand Chaplain – Ronald J. Jensen (15); Grand Principal Sojourner – R. James Luchsinger, II (60); Grand Royal Arch Captain – Carl F. Lidstrom (53); Grand Masters of the Veils: 3rd Veil – Michael A. Hilgert (9); 2nd Veil – R. Sean Gardiner (1/103); 1st Veil – Randall L. Poulson (33); Grand Sentinel – (vacant); Grand Organist - William T. Hubbard (8); and Grand Lecturer - Mark A. Anderson (9/33). PGHP Hugh C. Swift, Jr. (33) was Installing Officer.

W. David Emery (60/104), R. James Luchsinger II (60) and Steven M. Braun (104) were presented with the Knight of the Royal Arch award. The recipient of the BRONZE MEDAL for distinguished service from the General Grand Chapter was EC Steven G. Partridge (15). The award was presented at the Saturday night Grand Banquet. A Memorial service for our departed Companions and Sir Knights was held on Thursday evening after the welcome and Youth Awards.

The Grand Chapter will hold its 154th Annual Grand Convocation as part of the Minnesota Grand York Rite Sessions on June 23, 24 and 25, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota.

Gary A. Odegard, PGHP  
Grand Treasurer/Secretary

Marvin W. Schendel  
Grand High Priest



MARVIN W. SCHENDEL  
GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
2014 - 2015

## MARVIN W. SCHENDEL

Marvin William Schendel, was born in 1946 in Minneapolis, MN, and grew up in Minnetonka, MN. He graduated from Minnetonka High School in 1965, and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1966 and served on the Ice breaker Mackinaw until 1970. The home port of the Mackinaw was Cheboygan, MI. In September of 1966, he married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Martin. After returning home from the service, Marv worked in the family business, Twin City Steel Treating, Co. He took up flying, and earned his commercial pilots license, single and multi-engine land, single engine sea, and instrument ratings. He also became a Certified Flight Instructor; airplane single and multi-engine, instrument. He and his wife, Marilyn, took up scuba diving at the age of 50, and have traveled to many top dive destinations throughout the world. During this time they earned their Century Diver, having logged more than 100 dives, Stress and Rescue diver, Wreck Diving, Night-Limited Visibility Diving, Navigation and Boat Diving specialties.

In 1973 Marv joined Wayzata Lodge #205 AF&AM, and was elected Master in 1978. He served as the President of the Hennepin Area Master's and Warden's Association in 1979. He was awarded the Hiram Award from Wayzata Lodge in 2010. He served on the Minnesota Masonic Foundation Board, and served as its Treasurer. He served as the Grand Sword Bearer in 2003. He is a past Monarch of Selim Grotto MOVPER. He is a past president of the Minnesota DeMolay Foundation, and was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor in 1988. He is a past dean of the Gopher Priory 1997-98, and served as the Associate Guardian of Bethel 93 Jobs Daughters, in 1983.

Marv joined the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1973. He is a past Commander of the Council of Kadosh, 1998-2000, was coronated a 33° Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2003. He served as the Orient Personal Representative of the SGIG in Minnesota, and was the Almoner for the Minneapolis Valley.

Marv joined the York Rite in 1986. He is a past Illustrious Master of Minneapolis Council #2 Royal and Select Cryptic Masons, and is the current Treasurer of that Council. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree, and is the Past Master of that body. Marv received the ISH-SODI, and currently is a Past Master of that body. He is a past High Priest of Columbian Chapter #60 RAM, and is the current Secretary. He received the Order of High Priesthood and is the Master of Ceremonies of that body. He was awarded the Knight of the Royal Arch, and has received the Triple Tau award with five stars. Served as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota 2014 – 2015. He is also the Grand Representative from Nebraska to Minnesota for both the Grand Council and the Grand Chapter. He is a past Commander of Zion Commandery #2, and is the current Treasurer. Marv belongs to the MN Past Commander's Association, and is the Prior there. He is a Knight Crusader of the Cross member, and was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment in 2009.

Other Masonic bodies include: The Royal Order of Scotland where he is the current Screening Committee Chairman of MN. The Red Cross of Constantine, St Olaf Conclave, where he is the current Recorder and Standard Bearer. York Rite Sovereign College of North America # 39, where he is currently the Governor Elect and has received the Order of the Purple Cross. Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest, City of Justice Tabernacle #67 where he is the seventh Pillar. MN priory #24 Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Knight Masons MN Council #34, Allied Masonic Degrees – MN Council # 111 –currently serving as Sr. Warden, and he is a member of the Philalethes Society. He is also the current Master of Noble Stone Court # 104, Masonic Order of Athelstan.

Marv is a Past Potentate, 1993, of Zuhrah Shrine in Minneapolis, past president, 1983, of the Zuhrah Flyers, a Zuhrah Workhorse, he was the Recorder for Zuhrah in 2002 and 2007, in 2003 he was the Imperial Housing Chairman, and in 2014 he was the Imperial Deputy Director General. He is also a member of the National Sojourners. Marv currently serves as the Chimalma for Cey-Note'#23, Order of Quetzalcoatl.

# GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

**2014-2015**

## **ELECTED**

GRAND HIGH PRIEST	▲	Marvin W. Schendel (60) [Marilyn]
GRAND KING	▲	L. Greg Schultz (15) [Shirley]
GRAND SCRIBE	▲	Cliff H. Isley (22) [Brenda]
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST	▲	Joseph J. Anderson (9/104) [Anne]
GRAND TREASURER/SECRETARY		Gary A. Odegard (53) [Karen]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2015]		Gary H. Johnson (101) [Julie]
GRAND TRUSTEE [2016]		John R. Wentworth (22)
GRAND TRUSTEE [2017]		Ronald A. Miles (9) [Patricia]

## **APPOINTED**

GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	▲	W. David Emery (60/104) [Denise]
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN	▲	David W. Dahlgren (20)
GRAND MASTER OF THE 3RD VEIL	▲	R. James Luchsinger, II (60) [Candist]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 2ND VEIL	▲	Carl F. Lidstrom (53) [Sue]
GRAND MASTER OF THE 1ST VEIL	▲	Michael A. Hilgert (9) [Jodee]
GRAND SENTINEL	▲	R. Sean Gardiner (1/103) [Tracy]
GRAND CHAPLAIN		James O. Burlingame, Jr. (60)
GRAND ORGANIST		William T. Hubbard (8)
GRAND LECTURER		Mark A. Anderson (9/33) [Jeanette]

▲ = advancing line

# STANDING COMMITTEES

2014 – 2015 STANDING COMMITTEES

## APPEALS & GRIEVANCES [5]

Edimand C. Gilbertson PGHP\*  
Charles R. Marston PGHP  
Allan F. Kauppi PGHP  
James E. Turner, Jr. PGHP

James F. Edgar PGHP

## CHAPTERS [5]

Terrance J. Becker PGHP\*  
Mark A. Anderson GLec  
Joseph J. Anderson GCOH  
W. David Emery GPS  
Carl F. Lidstrom GM2V

## CREDENTIALS [2]

Gary A. Odegard PGHP, GTres/Sec\*  
David W. Dahlgren GRAC

## FINANCE [5]

Gary H. Johnson PGHP Trustee\*  
Ronald A. Miles PGHP Trustee  
John R. Wentworth PHP Trustee  
Gary A. Odegard PGHP GTres/Sec  
L. Greg Schultz GK

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE [1]

Clifford H. Isley GSc\*

## JURISPRUDENCE [5]

Gary H. Johnson PGHP Trustee\*  
Ronald A. Miles PGHP Trustee  
John R. Wentworth PHP Trustee  
William R. Newell PGHP  
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

William R. Newell PGHP\*  
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP  
Ronald L. Jensen PHP

## STATE OF THE RITE [3]

James E. Turner PGHP\*  
L. Greg Schultz GK  
Nicholas R. Johnson PHP

## CAPITULAR EDUCATION & PROMOTION [3]

Terrance J. Becker PGHP\*  
Mark A. Anderson GLec  
R. James Luchsinger GM3V

## YORK RITE COOPERATION [3]

Douglas A. Nygard PGHP \*  
David W. Dahlgren GRAC  
John B. Studell PHP

## ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION [5]

L. Greg Schultz GK\*  
Clifford H. Isley GSc  
Joseph J. Anderson GCOH  
W. David Emery GRAC  
Carl F. Lidstrom GM2V

## CHARITY [3]

Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. PGHP\*  
William R. Newell PGHP  
L. Greg Schultz GK

## NOMINATIONS [3]

Hugh C. Swift, Jr. PGHP\*  
Douglas A. Nygard PGHP  
L. Greg Schultz GK

## SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET [1]

Joseph J. Anderson GCOH

## CHAPTER RECOGNITION & AWARDS

L. Greg Schultz, GK\*  
Peter P. Kloskowski PGHP  
Michael A. Hilgert GM1V  
R. Sean Gardiner GS

# GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION [ 153rd ]

June 25, 2015

## OPENING

The High Priest of Columbian Chapter No. 60 declared the Chapter called from refreshment to labor. There was an alarm at the door. The Sentinel declared that Grand High Priest Marvin W. Schendel and his Grand Officers seek admission. They were admitted and welcomed. The Grand High Priest was escorted to the East. There he was introduced and given Grand High Honors. The hat and gavel were passed. GHP Schendel introduced William W. "Bill" Larson the High Priest and Robert R. Anderson, Jr. the acting Captain of the Host of Columbian Chapter No. 60.

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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

Gary H Johnson – 1978  
Jerry R Korstad - 1988  
William R Newell - 1989  
Kevin V Jones – 1990  
Robert R Anderson, Jr. - 1994  
Peter P Kloskowski - 1995  
Hugh C Swift, Jr. - 1998  
Ron A Miles – 2005  
Charles Marston - 2007  
James E Turner, Jr. - 2008  
Gary A Odegard – 2011

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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

MEC Raymond E. Mielke, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin  
MEC David D. Mahoney, PGHP of Wisconsin  
EC Michael G. Mudrey, Grand Chaplain of Wisconsin  
REC Ronald W. Guthrie, Grand King of Iowa  
REC Stan Schwellenbach, Grand Scribe of South Dakota

MEC George E. Bauder, PGHP and Grand Secretary of South Dakota  
MEC Richard A. McBride, PGHP of South Dakota  
EC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand Captain of the Host of Connecticut  
REC Leland L. Burlison, North Central Deputy General Grand High Priest  
and PGHP of Wisconsin  
MEC Louis E. Bartrand, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal  
Arch Masons, International, and Past Grand High Priest of Washington

Grand Honors were given; MEC Bartrand was invited to take a seat in the East and the other visitors were dismissed.

Acting Grand Chaplain, Peter Kloskowski, PGHP, offered an opening prayer which was followed by a Flag Tribute by MEC Hugh Swift. The Companions then pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States after which the National Anthem was sung

Grand High Priest Schendel welcomed everyone to the 153rd Grand Convocation. GHP Schendel 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 nineteen (19) Chapters were represented of the thirty-three (33) Minnesota Chapters. The following Chapters did not answer the Roll Call:

Tyrian No. 6, Blue Earth No. 7 UD, Washington No. 17, Living Arch No. 28, Albert Lea No. 30, Mt. Nebo No. 39, Pierson No. 41, Brainerd No. 42, Fairmont No. 50, Marshall No. 65, Bemidji No. 70, Northern No. 82, Rush City 87 and Glenwood No. 93.

GHP Schendel declared that a constitutional quorum was present and that the 153rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was open for the transaction of business.

A Roll Call of Grand Officers was called. All were present except James O. Burlingame, Jr., Grand Chaplain, and John R. Wentworth, Grand Trustee.

A Roll Call of the Grand Representatives was called. They were asked to stand as their name was called. The GHP greeted and thanked all for serving our Grand Chapter.

MEC Schendel 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 thankyou's were given for Chapter Kings, Scribes and Secretaries.

## **READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 152nd CONVOCATION**

MEC Schendel 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 152nd Grand Convocation had been published and distributed, he moved that the named publication be accepted as the minutes of the 152nd Grand Convocation without a reading thereof. There was a second by EC Michael Denke and the motion passed.

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

The preliminary credentials report was requested. Companion Michael Powles brought in the report. Forty eight (48) ballots had been issued.

## **FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND**

MEC Gary Johnson gave the first reading of a resolution to increase the Per Capita from \$9.00 to \$12.00

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Nominating Committee report was given by Past Grand High Priests, Hugh C. Swift (33) and Douglas A. Nygard (22) and L. Greg Schultz (15) Grand King. The committee placed the following names in nomination for the offices of:

Secretary/Treasurer – Gary A. Odegard (33), and for  
Trustee [ 2018 ] – Gary H. Johnson (101)

Grand High Priest Schendel appointed the following Tellers:

PGHP Robert R. Anderson, Jr. – Chair  
PGHP Hugh C. Swift, Jr.  
EC William W. Larson

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

# GRAND HIGH PRIEST REPORT

M.: E.: Companion Marvin W. Schendel

June 26, 2014: Continuation of King Solomon Chapter No. 133 UD for the ensuing year  
July 17, 2014: Talked with MEC Terry Becker about a dispensation for Keystone Chapter to go to Tri State Convocation, in Wisconsin, and present degree work. Terry said that Keystone would send a request for the dispensation. To be Granted when it comes in.

Terry also talked about Quad State – dispensation, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska, which would be started in the fall, and supervised by the York Rite College. I stated that I would also grant that dispensation.

August 18, 2014: John Helcl asked me if a candidate from his Chapter, who has not been voted on, could go to Wisconsin and take all the degrees of the Chapter, Council and Commandery, and then come back and vote on him. My response was that he had to be voted on, and accepted by his Chapter at a regular meeting or at a One Day to Chapter event in MN. Or if he joined Wisconsin bodies at the one day in Wisconsin, then he could become a dual member in Minnesota, and then demit from WI. It would all depend on the regulations in Wisconsin as to resident status.

August 20, 2014: Terry Rybarczyk called me and asked the same question as John Helcl, the possible candidate is Terry's friend, I told him the same as I had told John.

Called MEC Gary Odegard, asked if he had received a request for dispensation from Keystone Chapter for the Tri State, he said that he had not. I asked him to go ahead and draw one up, and I could sign it on the 23<sup>rd</sup> when I would be at the Office, and we could then send it up to them.

Permission was granted to participate in and to recognize all the Degrees conferred at the Tri-State Festival on August 23, 2014, in Wausau, WI.

Also spoke with Terry about the Wisconsin one day and he was in agreement with me.

October 10 2014: Permission for Minnesota Chapter No. 1 to move the Charter to 4625 Nichols Rd, Eagan, MN, for its November 7th, 2014, convocation

Permission was granted to Overseers Chapter No. 103 to move the Charter to Acacia Lodge in Cottage Grove, MN, for its April Convocation.

Permission was granted to St Johns Chapter No. 9 to move the Charter to Corinthian Lodge in Farmington for its April Convocation.

Permission was granted to Bemidji Chapter # 70 to hold a special meeting on May 24, 2015 to hold a vote to move its Charter to International Falls.

Permission was granted to move Ark Chapter's charter for a picnic on June 10th to Richfield Legion Park.

## The Grand High Priest Remarks

My report is in the preprints and rather than reading the whole thing, I'll let you do that at your leisure. I know it's something that if you're having trouble sleeping, you can read through it quickly. But I did want to make a couple of comments. I want to thank the grand officers from this year. You pulled together and really, really worked hard trying to solve some of the problems that we have, which we all have. You've done a spectacular job. I just want to say thank you to each and every one of you who's volunteered to serve and to all of the committee chairs. Thank you. I can't say thank you enough and all of those that are volunteering and working in the chapters. Thank you. You're making it stronger. You're making the Grand Chapter stronger; you're making the chapters stronger.

Mark, I want to thank you for all your diligence this year. Mark Anderson has been working on the chapter book, code book. It's near completion and the first three degrees have been proof read. The Royal Arch Degree is going to be out shortly for the proof reading. We're planning on doing that in July. Then it goes to the printer. Again, thank you very much for that and once it is out, we'll have a book that is pretty darn good. There are very few errors that we're finding now.

So again thank you to everyone. Thank you for attending and joining this session today. Thank you to all the Past Grand High Priests that have led the way. I appreciate all of your counsel and all of the guidance you've given me. When I asked for help – I've never been turned down for help. I appreciate that very much and I just want to thank you. I want to thank all of our visitors today too, so thank you for coming. I really appreciate it and thank you for allowing me to serve.

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015, is attached. You will notice that we had a net operating loss of \$1,930.18. The budget was approved with an allocation of \$10,000.00 from the Investment Fund. We only took \$8,000 from the Investment Fund which accounts for our \$2,000.00 loss.

The Trustees allocated a Life Membership distribution of \$14,379.11 for 2014. See the Trustees report and the Finance Committee Report for the proposed budget.

The financial statements and documents were reviewed on June 2, 2015, and found to be in good order.

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.

There was a motion by Odegard to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Peter Kloskowski and passed.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MN  
Profit & Loss  
June 2014 – May 2015

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	
CHARITY FUND	1,091.42
INVESTMENT FUND	8,000.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	14,379.11
<b>Total INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	23,470.53
<b>OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	
ANNUAL PER CAPITA	15,515.00
CHAPTER DUES [133]	255.00
CHAPTER FEES	325.00
EXALTATIONS	495.00
INDIGENT CREDITS	-207.00
INVENTORY SALES	
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	245.10
<b>Total INVENTORY SALES</b>	245.10
LM ENROLLMENTS	2,000.00
<b>Total OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	18,628.10
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
DONATIONS	30.00
OTHER INCOME	25.00
<b>Total OTHER INCOME</b>	55.00
<b>Total Income</b>	42,153.63
<b>Gross Profit</b>	42,153.63
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>GRAND CHAPTER</b>	
AWARDS	7.55
CHARITY & DONATIONS	
YOUTH GROUPS	1,000.00
<b>Total CHARITY &amp; DONATIONS</b>	1,000.00
GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA	2,072.00

<b>GRAND SESSION</b>	
<b>COMPS</b>	761.27
<b>PGHP APRON/JEWEL</b>	359.00
<b>SESSION OTHER</b>	<u>352.45</u>
<b>Total GRAND SESSION</b>	1,472.72
<b>INSURANCE/BONDING</b>	1,104.75
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIPS</b>	
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	13,329.62
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<b>ENROLLMENT</b>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total LIFE MEMBERSHIPS</b>	15,329.62
<b>MEETINGS/FESTIVALS</b>	242.10
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	<u>94.27</u>
<b>Total GRAND CHAPTER</b>	21,323.01
<b>OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	
<b>PURCHASED</b>	<u>85.69</u>
<b>Total EQUIPMENT</b>	85.69
<b>OCCUPANCY</b>	2,538.00
<b>POSTAGE/SHIPPING</b>	214.03
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<u>63.72</u>
<b>Total OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>	2,901.44
<b>OFFICER'S EXPENSES</b>	
<b>GRAND HIGH PRIEST</b>	3,000.00
<b>GRAND KING</b>	800.00
<b>GRAND SCRIBE</b>	500.00
<b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>	6,000.00
<b>GRAND TREASURER</b>	1,200.00
<b>MISC EXPENSE-</b>	
<b>OFFICER'S</b>	<u>272.00</u>
<b>Total OFFICER'S EXPENSES</b>	11,772.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	
<b>BANK FEES</b>	20.00
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	
<b>PROCEEDINGS</b>	167.35
<b>RAM MAGAZINE</b>	
<b>SUBSCRIPTION</b>	<u>5,800.01</u>
<b>Total PUBLICATIONS</b>	5,967.36

	<u>2,100.00</u>
<b>Triennial</b>	
<b>Total OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<u>8,087.36</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>44,083.81</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-1,930.18</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>-1,930.18</b></u>

## **GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota  
The Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota present the following report of the Investment, Charity, and Life Membership Funds of the Grand Chapter for the 2014 year.

	2013	2014
INVESTMENT		
Balance on Hand 1/1/14	\$95,045.51	\$98,406.78
Addition		--
Subtraction**	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Subtotal	\$89,045.51	\$90,406.78
Balance for Interest**	\$93,545.51	\$96,406.78
Interest Income for 2014	\$3,361.27	\$3,147.13
Distribution of Interest		--
Balance on Hand 12/31/14	\$98,406.78	\$98,553.91
CHARITY		
Balance on Hand 1/1/14	\$6,311.24	\$6,311.24
Additions		--
Subtractions		--
Subtotal	\$6,311.24	\$6,311.24
Total of Fund for Interest**	\$6,311.24	\$6,311.24
Interest Income	\$1,272.60	\$1,091.42
Interest Income Distributed	\$1,272.60	\$1,091.42
Balance on Hand 12/31/14	\$6,311.24	\$6,311.24
LIFE		
Balance 1/1/14	\$46,243.96	\$46,243.96
Additions		\$400.00
Subtractions		--
Subtotal	\$46,243.96	\$46,643.96
Balance for Interest	\$46,243.96	\$46,643.96
Interest Income	\$6,746.89	\$4,379.11
Interest of Life Membership Distribution	\$6,746.89	\$4,379.11
Balance on Hand 12/31/14	\$46,243.96	\$46,643.96
** This is average quarterly income for interest distribution		
* Operating Expense		
Total Income for Distribution		
Income Distribution for 2014		\$3,617.66
Interest & Dividends for 2013	\$6,170.61	--
Income Undistributed for 2012	\$2,115.15	--
Total Income for Distribution	\$7,380.76	\$3,617.66

	Balance for	Interest	Interest	Balance 12/31/14
Investment Fund	196,406.78		8,147.13	198,553.91
Charity	26,311.24	????????????????????	1,091.42	26,311.24
Life Membership	346,643.96		14,379.11	346,643.96
Totals for 14	569,361.98		23,617.66	571,509.11

Based on the Balance for Interest for 14 of 569,361.98 with an interest income of 23,617.66 the rate of return was 4.15% for the year. Enclosed is a copy of the 12/31/14 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 that draw less interest. Our portfolio is secure. With low interest rates, securities have been prime investments, causing lower interest return. This fluctuation is being controlled by using a portion of funds in a fixed return.

Our broker Eric Hustad, after fourteen years as a financial advisor, opened his own brokerage, Hustad Wealth Management. He has partnered with FSC Security Corporation, a full-service broker/dealer founded in 1958, and a member of Advisor Group and AIG. Advisor Group is one of the industry's largest groups of independent financial advisors. We feel our broker knows our financial needs and is competently handling our funds. The rate of return, if figured on the total investment fund of 571,509.11 is 4.13%. If it is figured on our recovered financial worth of 454,842.72 it would be 5.19%. 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
	Undistributed	1,210.15
12/31/13	478,642.43	26,170.61
12/31/14	454,842.74	23,617.66

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 bonds and insurance required of Grand Chapter are complete. We are now reviewing contracts, equipment, and other needs. We thank Gary Odegard/Secretary-Treasurer for his assistance in providing information as we request.

MEC Gary H. Johnson  
 RE John Wentworth  
 MEC Ronald Miles

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**STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014**

GRAND CHAPTERS ROYAL - Unincorporated Assn  
 Account Number: SGH-024279

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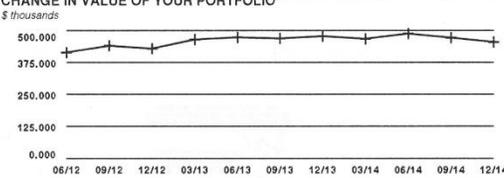
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Change In Value Of Your Portfolio information can be found in Miscellaneous Footnotes at the end of this statement.

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There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Carl Lidstrom and passed.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota: The Report of Finance and Budget for the Ensuing Year:

## **BUDGET**

6/1/15 -  
5/31/16

### **INCOME**

#### INVESTMENTS

Life Members	*	20000
Charity	*	1500
General	**	10000
		31500

#### OPERATIONS

Per Capita	24264
Dues (KS 133)	255
Chapter Fees	325
Exaltations	450
Indigent Credits	-200
Sales	250
	25344

**56844**

### **EXPENSES**

#### GRAND CHAPTER

Awards	100
Charities	1500
GGC Per Capita	4000
Grand Session	1500
Insurance/Bonding	1400
LM Distribution	20000
	28500

#### OFFICE OPERATIONS

Equipment	500
Printing	400
Internet	100
Rent	2538
Postage	500
Supplies	1000
Telephone	0
Web sites	200
	5238

Officer Expenses		
GHP		3000
GK		800
GSc		500
GS/T		7200
Others		2800
Triennial	***	900
		<u>15200</u>

OTHER		
Bank fees		0
Memberships		0
Subscriptions		5800
Publications		300
		<u>6100</u>
		<b>55038</b>

**GAIN/(LOSS)** 1806

This is not a balanced budget. It is necessary to either increase per capita or draw from the general investment fund. This next year, we will have increased costs from General Grand Chapter.

\*\*\* This is the amount voted in past for Triennial expense that is to be set aside each year. This money is being placed in a separate savings account. It can only be used by the three designated participants.

\*\*This is drawing money from the Investment Fund. This is a budget figure, and the 10000 has not been withdrawn in total.

\*Income and distribution are no expense to Grand Chapter as they are just pass-through funds distributing Interest Income from the Charity Fund and the Life Membership Fund. The trustees do not handle any money of the three separate Investment Funds. All distributions and receipts are passed through the Grand Chapter finances so that checks and balances are always available for audit review. The audit was conducted by William R. Newell PGHP, Hugh Swift PGHP and Ronald Jensen. Thanks. Last year's figures were used as a guide for this year's budget.

Finance Committee  
 MEC Gary H. Johnson, Trustee, Chair  
 MEC Ronald A. Miles, Trustee  
 REC John R. Wentworth, Trustee  
 REC L. Greg Schultz  
 MEC Gary A. Odegard

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve the report. There was a second by Steve Partridge and the motion passed.

## PRELIMINARY JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

Gary Johnson, PGHP and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, gave the first reading of the nine resolutions. Grand High Priest Schendel struck resolution number 2015-4 as containing invalid data.

Grand High Priest Schendel 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 Schendel rapped the gavel for order and directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to attend at the altar. He then declared the 153rd Convocation at labor

## GENERAL GRAND REMARKS

General Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons International  
Louis E. Bartrand

I've been asked to talk a little bit about the General Grand Chapter but I'm going to discuss this in general terms and not go into a whole lot of detail.

One, the General Grand Chapter was chartered, actually formed, in 1797. So we have been around a little over 200 years. The State of Minnesota received its charter from the General Grand Chapter in 1859. So you have been part of the General Grand Chapter for a good long time.

Now what do we do? We have chartered most Grand Chapters. That is little understood and that is in both the United States and overseas. The preponderance of the overseas Grand Chapters wish to be a part of the General Grand Chapter for two reasons. One, because our ritual is unique. The other thing is it gives them freedom. That's something we don't think about in the United States. We are free and have been and hopefully will continue to stay that way but we are recognized as a regular grand body by almost all regular Grand Lodges. We establish and maintain our standards of ritual and protocol and that is absolutely necessary in the Masonic world. We find some organizations where they try to cut those corners and have in fact done that and we have had to pull their charters because of it.

We produce rituals in numerous languages: English, obviously, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Romanian, Croatian and Portuguese. We are in the process right now for interpreting some more for some other documents which I will talk about. We are in harmony with the Supreme Grand Chapters of England, Scotland and Ireland. I'm pleased to see the Grand Representatives and the Grand Representative program so well supported here in Minnesota. Now if you get into that you can learn to say such things (foreign language segment). Now if you can interpret that come up and see me later. That comes from the Grand Representative program.

We recognize a Grand High Priest at the completion of their duty. That means not beforehand but at the completion. In conjunction with that we give them a plaque, a pin that shows that they are Past Grand High Priest but we also give them a little card. And most people overlook that card. That card makes them a permanent member of the General Grand Chapter and allows them to vote. Now voting may seem irrelevant in most cases. But the General Grand Chapter does not impose anything on anyone. That's why we have a Triennial. When we're talking about monies, let's just talk about where they come from. They come from all Grand Chapters. Heretofore, we have a \$1 per capita, which you waste more than that probably on a cup of coffee every day. But overseas has more than double that. In voting we do not impose anything. That's why I said the Triennial is there. When we propose an increase in anything or a change in anything including our constitution, that must be voted on by the votary. Well the votary is the Past Grand High Priests. If they approve of what is brought on the floor then it passes. If they don't, it doesn't, pure and simple.

We provide recognition. We have the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze. What that medal is for is two things. The selection is slightly different in each jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest is normally responsible for selecting one person within his jurisdiction for the receipt of that Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze, yearly. In some jurisdictions it is by committee. But one person is recognized with that. The other two, the Distinguished Service Medal in Silver and the Distinguished Service Medal in Gold are issued or given out at the Triennial. They can be Masons; they can be people who work in your local communities. But there is an ill understood situation that each Grand High Priest within one triennium can make his recommendations for either the silver or the gold medal. Very seldom do we ever get one recognition, let alone three. But that option is open to you. We also have the ritualistic award. Now I have challenged quite a number of grand jurisdictions on this one. Not for my sake but from the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Now before I make my next statement, will all who have received that ritualistic medal please rise. It is very, very few people that take on that challenge. But why did I even bring it up? Because the Grand Chapter has one young companion who has taken it upon himself to get people within his jurisdiction in Nebraska that ritualistic medal. The last count I had, they had twenty-five. That is extraordinary. So you have a challenge from Nebraska to beat that.

We also have the Sweetheart Award. The thought process initially was that when we came out with the Sweetheart Award it was for one purpose and that is to get our wives off our back. Companions, that is the furthest from the truth that we can get. The real intent of that particular award is to recognize those ladies who support you in your chapters in your Grand Chapters to support you as an individual for anything. That can be recommended and purchased if you will by an individual, a chapter, a group of individuals or even a Grand Chapter. But it is to recognize those ladies who excel so that's why we furnished that.

We have a brand new award. It is called the Ephraim Kirby Award. The Ephraim Kirby Award is to recognize those past grand officers and I don't care where they come from. They can come

from the Grand Chapters, the Grand Councils or Grand Commanderies or the Grand Lodge. But it's to recognize those grand officers who once they complete their term of office who continue to work in the quarries. Last year we were able to recommend three per jurisdiction. This year it's two. Starting next year it is just one per jurisdiction. It is not an old boy thing because once the recommendation comes out of your jurisdiction it has to be voted on by the officers of the General Grand Chapter. And more than one has failed to receive that.

We provide a unique Bible for all those who have retained the Past High Priest Award. That Bible has a very, very good story about Masonry in general capitular Masonry in its forefront. So it's a good thing to have.

We provide a website that has got more information about Masonry on it than anything I know. We also have in recognition of the General Grand Council, the Grand Encampment, but all other Masonic bodies are in there, recognized. But getting back to the chapters you go on the General Grand Chapter logo then you go to downloads. There's enough information there on membership that you should never have to worry about researching how to go about gaining members in your history. So please avail yourself of that.

Royal Arch Research Assistance. Although we use that as our major philanthropy, very few people know what we're talking about. We have had one thing advertised for well over two years and in the last two jurisdictions I've attended absolutely nobody recognized what I was saying and that is gift for gift. What is that? What it is, is providing music to your lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies when you confer degrees or orders. It is a contribution to Royal Arch Research Assistance of \$150 for those three DVD's. We have a Past Grand High Priest from Missouri who has also written a significant amount of original work. I have copies of it here. If anyone would like it for their music within any one of their bodies. So it's there. We have provided that.

We are supporting Central Auditory Perception Disorder. In a word, if you look up at those lights, they are emanating noise. If you have that problem, the noise coming from those lights is such that you cannot concentrate on what is being talked about around you. If you are in a crowd with multiple people talking you can't differentiate anything. That's what CAPD is. I will be coming out here very shortly because of the input that I have requested from these various bodies with a tremendous amount of information to be passed to your grand jurisdictions. Please use it.

We have Hearing Health Foundation. The lady that I deal with in New York City heretofore has had four researchers. These are not PhD Students; they are qualified researchers studying Central Auditory Perception Disorder. But they also are trying to find out the tie between the hearing problems with youth and Central Auditory Perception Disorder. Now the lady is trying to push us in a little different direction right now in that they are trying to get in hearing restoration. That affects literally half of the members of the Masonic world, because a lot of people cannot hear for various reasons. So that's being studied.

Autism Speaks is the third. They are working diligently now after a lot of bugging to provide us with a DVD. I have been told that it will be out in July. At that time I will provide our deputies with that information. If you would like a copy, see the deputy in your area. If that doesn't work contact me and we will get you a copy of that. But we're trying to get as much of this information out as we possibly can.

Training, I have a bugaboo with training and education. As a result, I imposed upon two of our companions to get two documents out. One is a capitular development course which had been

previously used in New York City or New York State. It is on Royal Arch Masonry and it can be used by anyone in the capitular world. And it can be obtained through LULU.com either in hardback or in Kindle form. The other is the operations and training manual for chapter officers and that is sort of an understatement. It is a fairly thick document. It has enough information in there to train your upcoming officers and your grand officers to any level at which you want them trained. It is a tremendous book. I urge you to get that. To get it you contact Most Excellent Larry Gray our General Grand Secretary and he will provide you one for \$25. It is well worth the time and the money.

Now the last thing that I will discuss is our travels. Because I have heard numerous times that we are traveling around indiscriminately using everybody's dime but ours. I will assure you this is not fact. I wish it was because it would make my pockets a whole lot lighter. But we are traveling in almost all cases where more than two-thirds to three-fourths of that money that we spend comes out of our pocket. We do get a stipend but it's like any other organization that we deal with Masonically. The leaders of that organization are reimbursed for whatever is in your code. The other thing is the overseas travel. If we are requested to go to certain jurisdictions overseas, in almost every case they pay for everything. It makes me a little bit nervous every time I come back from Brazil because they want me to bring back their per capita along with what they give me for my travel and time down there. And if you've done any overseas traveling you know you are restricted with a certain amount of money that you can bring back into the states. So it bothers me to do that. So I don't go over that amount.

Companions, that's just a little bit but I wanted to spell this we're traveling on everybody's dime. We are not. I wish it was but we aren't. If you have any questions that you would like to speak to me about I will talk with any one of you afterwards at my pleasure. Please take the time to do that.

Companions, thank you for your interest and thank you for the time that I've spent with you today.

## PRELIMINARY JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

The Convocation proceeded to ballot on the proposed resolutions.

Resolution No. 2015-1

Grand Chapter Per Capita  
Constitutional Amendment

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota charges a per capita fee of \$12.00;

Whereas, that fee currently includes the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons per capita fee;

Whereas, General Grand Chapter is increasing its per capita fees over the next several years;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That Article VII - Of Grand Chapter Finances, Section 3 - 4th, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota; be amended as follows:

For each Royal Arch Mason reported in good standing by a Chapter in its last preceding Annual Return, the per-capita dues of \$11.00 [**plus the General Grand per-capita fee**], excepting that no dues shall be charged upon indigent members in good standing, whose dues have been remitted by the subordinate Chapter and, providing that a list of those members be included in and made a part of such Annual Return and, provided further, that such exemption of dues to the Grand Chapter cover only such members as have their dues remitted for a period of such Annual Return. This amendment to be effective with the per capita payable on February 10, 2016 and shall, automatically, amend the By-Laws of all Subordinate Chapters by increasing the dues for all members by an amount equal to the increase in per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Sean Gardiner  
L. Greg Schultz  
Clifford H. Isley  
W. David Emery

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve Resolution 2015-1. It was seconded by Steve Braun and passed.

Resolution No. 2015-2

#### Foreign Jurisdiction Companion

Constitutional Amendment

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota is affiliated to and in good standing with the General Grand Chapter International;

Whereas, it is common practice to extend recognition to other Jurisdictions when those Jurisdictions are deemed regular;

Whereas, Foreign Grand Chapter Jurisdictions that are affiliated and in Good Standing with General Grand Chapter are regular;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That Article V - Of Degrees and Membership, Section 17, of the General Regulations; be amended as follows:

**Chapters are authorized to recognize the degrees of Foreign Jurisdictions when those Jurisdictions are affiliated and in Good Standing with General Grand Chapter, and on any Worthy Companion, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree; having been conferred those degrees shall be a regular Royal Arch Mason in this Jurisdiction.**

*Chapters are authorized to confer free of charge the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction, **but from a Grand Chapter in fraternal relations with the General Grand Chapter**, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree; and when so conferred upon such companion, he thereby is healed and becomes a regular Royal Arch Mason. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.*

Respectfully submitted,

R. Sean Gardiner  
L. Greg Schultz  
Clifford H. Isley  
W. David Emery

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve Resolution 2015-2. It was seconded by Steve Partridge and passed.

Resolution No. 2015-3

#### Convocation Requirements Constitutional Amendment

Whereas, Many Chapters have adopted an alternative meeting schedule in order to better fit the Companions commitments and time;

Whereas, the current constitutional meeting requirements do not meet the needs of the constituent Chapters;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That Article IX - Of Subordinate Chapters, Section 15, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota; be amended as follows:

Every Chapter must provide for at least [four] ~~one~~-stated convocation[s] in each calendar [year] ~~month~~, and any Chapter failing to hold such convocation[s] [each year] ~~for more than three consecutive months~~, shall be liable to have its charter, and all rights there under forfeited.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Sean Gardiner  
L. Greg Schultz  
Clifford H. Isley  
W. David Emery

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve Resolution 2015-3. It was seconded by Carl Lidstrom and passed.

Resolutions 2015-5, 6 and 9 were withdrawn.

**Resolution No. 2015-7**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF ALL ANNUAL REPORTS**

**WHEREAS**, the constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, rely on the effective actions and communication of the Grand Chapter and Grand officers, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility, and duty of the Grand Chapter to effectively report its actions and duties at the annual Grand session to the general membership, and;

**WHEREAS**, constituent Chapters and their Companions have a reasonable expectation to receive and review all annual reports of the Grand Chapter by Companions in their respective Chapters to enable open discussion of items contained within while convened to determine the actions of their Chapter's voting members of the Grand Chapter prior to the Grand Session;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Regulations of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota be amended by inserting the following text immediately after Article 1, Section 11:

"Article 1, Section 12

**ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, ITS COMMITTEES, AND ACTIONS**

All annual reports of the Grand Chapter, its Officers, and all its Committees, including those of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, shall be compiled and distributed to all High Priests and Secretaries of constituent Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and from them to the membership of their constituent Chapters. This action shall be done no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Stated Communication of the Grand Chapter to allow time for the constituent Chapters to receive dispensation, if required, and open Chapter for the review of all annual Grand Chapter reports prior to the Grand Chapter annual Stated Communication"

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Overseers Chapter 103*

Excellent Companion Bruce Scott, High Priest  
Excellent Companion John Helcl, II; Secretary

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve resolution 2015-7. It was seconded by Steve Braun. EC John Helcl spoke for the resolution. Past Grand High Priests Jerry Korstad and Gary Odegard spoke against. The resolution was defeated.

## **Resolution No. 2015-8**

### **ASSURANCE THAT NO FEE OR ADMISSION BE ASKED FROM, OR CHARGED TO, ANY OBLIGATED ATTENDEES TO THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA**

**WHEREAS**, the elected dais officers, being the Scribe, King, and High Priest of constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota are obligated to attend the Grand Chapter's Annual Convocation by mandate of the Grand Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, these constituent officers have the constitutional right to ballot and vote in Grand Chapter elections and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Chapter decree that attendance of these constituent officers is compulsory, thereby forcing these Companions to pay an entrance/attendance fee to engage in their rights guaranteed under the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota is an unreasonable requirement for engagement in the democratic process held in dear regard by all regular Masons;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Regulations of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota be amended by inserting the following text immediately after Article 1, Section 11:

*“SECTION 13*

*As the attendance of the Scribe, King, and High Priest of each and every constituent chapter of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota is required at the Grand Chapter’s annual Convocation, and the secretary of constituent chapters is highly encouraged; and that the constitutionally guaranteed right of balloting and voting by these constituent officers, or their proxies, within the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota occurs at the annual Grand Convocation; the Secretary, Scribe, King, and High Priest of each of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota’s constituent chapters shall not be charged any fee to attend, or vote at, the annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.”*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Overseers Chapter 103*

Excellent Companion Bruce Scott, High Priest  
Excellent Companion John Helcl, II; Secretary

There was a motion by Gary Johnson to approve. It was seconded by Terry Christensen. EC Helcl and EC Christensen spoke for the resolution. PGHP Korstad ad EC Lidstrom spoke against. The resolution was defeated.

Grand High Priest Schendel inquired if all, who were entitled to, had voted. He declared the ballot box closed and directed the tellers to take charge of the ballot box.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

M.: E.: Companion Gary A. Odegard

Thanks to a very generous benefactor, we have a new computer and software for the Royal Arch office. We now have files spread across 5 computers and an effort is ongoing to consolidate and remove duplicates. The database is getting better thanks to all of the Chapter secretaries for supporting me with information when requested. Membership dropped again this year. We had a net loss of 132 companions in 2013 and a net loss of 97 in 2014. The summary for the year is:

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		<b>1/1/2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	
GAINS			LOSSES	
EXALTED		33	WITHDREW	150
JOINED		123	STRICKEN	30
RESTORED		0	SUSPEND	5
			DEATHS	68
	TOTAL	156	TOTAL	253
		NET	-97	-4.6%
	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>12/31/2014</b>		<b>2022</b>

Last year there were 6 Chapters which did not submit annual reports. This year there are also 6 Chapters but they are not all the same Chapters. They are: Tyrian No. 6, Washington No. 17, St Peter No. 22, Mt Nebo No. 39, Brainerd No. 42 and Alexandria No. 86.

The attached membership table by Chapter needs a couple of comments. Of the 123 Joins and 150 Withdraws, 119 are due to Virginia No. 77 and Pokegama No. 102 merging with Keystone No. 20. Of the 22 Indigents listed, 7 are Active Duty Military whose per capita dues are waived.

I have attached detailed gains and losses by Chapter, reported Exaltations and Reported Deaths. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary A. Odegard, PGHP  
Grand Secretary

There was a motion by Odegard, seconded by Steve Partridge, to approve this report. The motion passed.



REPORTED EXALTATIONS		2014				
MINNESOTA	#1	9	Brian J Hoffman	02/08/14	James Beavers	05/02/14
			Tony V Dennison	05/02/14	Neal L Dodge	05/02/14
			Jay W Koelsch	05/02/14	Sean D Lipscomb	05/02/14
			Thor MacBain	05/02/14	Raoyl E Schander	05/02/14
			Leonard C Steidel	05/02/14		
HALCYON	#8	1	Kurt V Walleser	02/08/14		
ST JOHNS	#9	6	Kenneth Diwa	02/08/14	Randell Hamborg	02/08/14
			John McMahon	02/08/14	Jerome Pagulayan	02/08/14
			Ivan Smith	02/08/14	Scott Wood	02/08/14
OWATONNA	#15	3	Patrick Kritzer	10/16/13	Aaron Louks	11/19/14
			Allen Mark	11/19/14		
KEYSTONE	#20	5	Jaason M Reid	08/23/14	Jerry Acker	11/18/14
			Timothy J Aunon	11/18/14	Daniel J Heintz	11/18/14
			Drew A Valle	11/18/14		
ALBERT LEA	#30	2	Wayne Bellrichard	02/08/14	John Winter	02/08/14
ARK	#53	1	Edward J Coppersmith	02/08/14		
COLUMBIAN	#60	2	Ryan S Regnier	02/08/14	James Russ	02/08/14
ANOKA-SHEKINAH	#104	4	Christopher L Hoffer	02/08/14	Thomas D Knof-Bigelow	02/08/14
			Karl E Nestler Jr	02/08/14	Michael W Smith	02/08/14
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REPORTED DEATHS		2014				
MINNESOTA	#1	12	Aaron W Burchell	05/27/08	Gary G Henry	11/25/08
			Wesley C Johnson	01/27/11	Paddy R Theis	07/06/12
			Russell O Paulson	07/13/12	J. Lewis Davis	01/01/13
			Warren Nelson	10/21/13	Willaim B Korstad	11/10/13
			Harvey A Ramlow	11/23/13	Earl J Holcomb	02/12/14
			Patrick V Walsh	08/01/14	Donald J Flood	11/29/14
WINONA	#5	2	Fredric J Henry	06/01/14	Roger G Chrch	10/07/14
HALCYON	#8	2	Donald T Franke	09/25/13	Charles W Walters Jr	12/13/14
ST JOHNS	#9	5	Marshall Ginther	05/08/14	Donald Hodgdon	04/14/14
			John E Peterson	09/16/12	Carroll Sather	06/30/13
			Timothy Dill	07/30/14		
ST CLOUD	#10	1	Arthur Stambaugh	08/09/14		
AUSTIN	#14	2	Gilbert B Krafy	03/25/14	Palmer Schneider Jr	12/17/14
OWATONNA	#15	5	Rodney Searle	01/15/14	Wolfgang Rieger	02/20/14
			Wayne Yule	06/01/14	Thomas Springmeyer	08/16/14
			William Kottke	09/13/14		
KEYSTONE	#20	4	Myron A Lidberg	06/12/07	Charles Bell	02/25/14
			LeRoy Holmberg	03/02/14	Daniel P Grambush	12/25/14
FERGUS FALLS	#27	1	Gerald Stine	10/02/14		
LIVING ARCH	#28	7	Elwood D McQuiston	02/03/13	John L Nickelson	04/16/13
			Harold W McNab	07/11/13	Donald M Danielson	11/17/13
			Robert J Dorn	06/23/14	Albert C Martin	08/09/14
			Gilbert C Bomgaars	11/10/14		
ALBERT LEA	#30	4	Donald E Jacobson	04/12/14	Clarence J Schroeder	04/18/14
			L Richard Bryson	05/09/14	Andrew G Sanders	12/06/14
CORINTHIAN	#33	1	Otto Mortenson	09/18/14		
PIERSON	#41	1	Amos Larson	02/19/13		
FAIRMONT	#50	1	Wm G Konrad	05/01/14		
ARK	#53	3	Winton H Hansen	05/13/04	Jerome T Anderson	05/10/09
			James W Freeman	05/28/13		
COLUMBIAN	#60	2	Clyde Braden	06/28/14	Donald C Hoglelund	11/08/14
MARSHALL	#65	1	?			
BEMIDJI	#70	2	Willard F Leaf	03/25/14	Charles Thomas	07/26/14
VIRGINIA	#77	4	Harrison E Law	02/21/13	Ernest E Maki	09/05/14
			Arnold C Maki	09/25/14	Donald E Heisel	10/16/14
NORTHERN	#82	2	Milton J Reierson	03/10/14	Ernest L Swanson	07/03/14
HUTCHINSON	#90	1	Leonard G Johnson	10/07/14		
GLENWOOD	#93	1	George S Piorier	04/16/14		
KITSON	#101	3	James B Thibido	03/01/14	Curtis W Miller	04/11/14
			Robert K Severson	07/18/14		
POKEGAMA	#102	1	Richard Brown	10/15/14		
KING SOLOMON U.D.	#133 UD	3	Orland Johnson	08/21/13	Russell E Vieregge	01/25/14
			Dudley Keech	04/15/14		
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# 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. Peter stated that he had signed 187 petitions. Companions Peter and Greg Schultz reported that Companions W. David Emery, R. James Luchsinger II and Steven M. Braun had been nominated to receive the Knight of the Royal Arch Award.

## 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 an honorary membership. The motion was seconded and passed

Grand High Priest of Wisconsin – Raymond E. Mielke

Deputy GGHP, North Central – Leland L. Burlison

General Grand High Priest – Louis E. Bartrand

The companions were greeted by Grand High Priest Schendel and presented their certificates.

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

MEC Robert R. Anderson, Jr., reported that a vast majority of the ballots were cast for:

L. Greg Schultz, Jr. as Grand High Priest

Clifford H. Isley as Grand King

Joseph J. Anderson as Grand Scribe

Gary A. Odegard as Grand Treasurer/Secretary

W. David Emery as Grand Captain of the Host

Gary H. Johnson as Grand Trustee [3 years]

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

## APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015-2016

Grand High Priest Schendel called on the Grand High Priest Elect L. Greg Schultz to announce his appointments. The 2015-2016 Appointed Officers are:

Grand Principal Sojourner	R. James Luchsinger II
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Carl F. Lidstrom
Grand Master of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Veil	Michael A. Hilgert
Grand Master of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Veil	R. Sean Gardiner
Grand Master of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Veil	Randall L. Poulson
Grand Sentinel	(Vacant)
Grand Chaplain	Ronald L. Jensen
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard
Grand Lecturer	Mark A. Anderson

## 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 had seen nothing wrong throughout the Convocation and made a motion to approve their actions. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

## INSTALLATION OF 2015-2016 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers for Minnesota Royal Arch Masons took place on Thursday, June 25th, 2015, at Rochester, Minnesota. At the appointed time the Installing Grand Officer, Most Excellent Companion Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PGHP, assumed the East and introduced the assisting installing officers:

Installing Grand Captain of the Host	MEC Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Installing Grand Secretary	MEC Ronald A. Miles, PGHP
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC James E. Turner, Jr., PGHP
Installing Grand Organist	EC William Hubbard

On order of the Installing Officer, and under the direction of the Installing Marshall, the 2015-2016 Grand Chapter Officers and their ladies were escorted into the room and seated. The Installing Secretary called the roll of officers.

**2015-2016 Grand Chapter Officers**

Grand High Priest	L. Greg Schultz, Jr.
Grand King	Clifford H. Isley
Grand Scribe	Joseph J. Anderson
Grand Secretary/Treasurer	Gary A. Odegard, PGHP
Grand Captain of the Host	W. David Emery
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. James Luchsinger II
Grand Royal Arch Captain	Carl F. Lidstrom
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Grand Sentinel	
Grand Chaplain	Ronald L. Jensen
Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard
Grand Lecturer	Mark A. Anderson
Grand Trustee	Gary H. Johnson

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

L. Greg Schultz 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.

The other officers were obligated by Installing Officer Swift.

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.

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 Schultz received the gavel and rose to give his remarks and thanked the Installing Grand Officers for a great job.

Outgoing Grand High Priest Schendel approached the East and presented the Grand High Priest’s pocket jewel and informed Companion Schendel of its value.



